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Looking back at Iroquois and District over the year 2002

Looking back is always special and we utilize this issue to reflect together on those activities, meetings and events that shaped 2002 in Iroquois and the surrounding area.

Change is part of our world and as we head into 2003, we face new challenges and look to the future as a clean slate waiting to be written upon. We have no way of telling what lies ahead, only time can tell.....

In this special year-end issue, we have attempted to capture some of the good times that made 2002 what it was in Iroquois, Matilda, Morrisburg, Williamsburg, Mountain, Winchester, Cardinal and area. As we look back, we also look to the year ahead...2003 looms on the horizon waiting for us to create memories throughout the days ahead.

We hope you enjoy this "Looking Back" issue as a special reminder of those things that made the past year memorable. As we face 2003 we look forward with anticipation.

January

Official Plan Land Designations were on the minds of the members of South Dundas Council as there are lands designated agricultural that council felt should not be. Planner Donald Lewis has spent much of the year dealing with the Official Plan.

Alight at Night attracted thousands to Upper Canada Village. The idea that saw the historic buildings covered in over 100,000 Christmas lights turned out to be one of the most popular events at the Village. Over 25,000 people flocked to the Village to enjoy the sights.

Marcie Venema, Jillian Link, and Jenna Murphy all threw their hat in the ring for the Matilda Carnival Queen Contest. Marcie was crowned Matilda Carnival Queen, Jenna was named runner up and Jill won Miss Congeniality.

The St. Lawrence Parks Commission won the Canadian Boating Federation Silver Cup, voting Mille Roche as the Best Race of the Year. Hosting two classes of hydroplane Championship races during the summer, the Parks were honoured to be recognized.

Ontario Heritage Foundation Awards were given to deserving volunteers including; Kirsten Gardner, Bev Sabourin, Lyall Manson, Ed Thompson, Henry Lalonde, Glen Cunningham and Bob Dowson. They were honoured for their work on projects in South Dundas which included; Murals, Save the Train, Carman House and the South Dundas Antique Festival.

Lorne Strader was the first recipient of the Garry Shaver Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award for 2002.

Cardinal Legion Receives $18,000 Trillium Grant. The money was used to install two new wheelchair accessible washrooms, a much needed renovation for the facility.

The Dundas Family Resource Centre voiced their intentions of using old North Dundas Council chambers as a home for their pilot project drop in centre. Council was glad to have the space used for such a purpose and decided to go ahead with necessary renovations.

OPP Sgt. Linda Bootsma announced a new foot patrol initiative at a North Dundas Council meeting, which includes about 800 hours per year. Council was very positive about the initiative as it is one of the best ways to "keep the kids in check," said Mayor Claude Cousineau.

Water Project Funding was updated at South Dundas Council as Rick Eamon met with council to inform them that the Ontario Government had indicated that they had approved fifty percent of their share of the water project funding. In addition they notified the municipalities that they would cover 2/3 of the cost of engineering studies, and provided the township with $1 million in financial assistance, as an advance given to all funding applicants.

Seaway high teacher, Brenda Millard retired after a successful career that spanned 26 years as Literacy Week was celebrated in local schools.

Robbie Burns Day was celebrated at the Morrisburg Curling Club as the curlers were piped onto the ice and everyone enjoyed the haggis.

Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers hosted a 10th Anniversary party. Cgt. Dave MacDonald OPP coordinator for the local chapter was recognized for his efforts over the years as he stepped down from his position.

Mike's ValuMart was ready to roll as the new grocery store in Morrisburg had their shelves filled and staff in place to serve the public.

Cardinal Legion hosted a 75th Anniversary dinner at the Branch and the Heart and Stroke Supplement recognized the campaign.

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"I did it for Joe"

Ted Grattan was the winner of the First Annual Joe McDonald Cribbage Tournament held at the Iroquois Legion. Ted accepts the trophy from Ida Donnelly loving companion of Joe. Ted was Joe's longtime partner in many Cribbage games and tournaments.

Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts

Ultrafiltration membrane tender awarded in S. D.

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Thompson Rosemount Group attended the last meeting of South Dundas Council to discuss the quotation packages for the provision of ultrafiltration membrane equipment for the water treatment facility to be constructed in Morrisburg and providing service to both Iroquois and Morrisburg.

A quotation request was made to three suppliers in late September and was received in November. The quotation request evaluated the capital and operating costs as well as the qualitative issues associated with the supply of the membrane including performance, after sales service and ease of operation.

The Capital cost would be funded through the Provincial and Federal Government at 2/3 the quoted price.

The ancillary capital cost were evaluated based on the additional equipment and building requirements that would be associated with each systems. Some systems are installed directly into the tank, while others are mounted on skids, therefore the cost varies due to installation fees and additional equipment required. This cost would also be funded through the one-third, one-third, one-third funding program.

The operating and maintenance costs were evaluated based on the equipment provided, visits to other sites utilizing the systems. These costs will be funded entirely by the Township and are therefore very important in the final evaluation of the systems.

The qualitative criteria were studied and based on the following,the pilot performance score was based on how well the equipment operated, the ease of operation and the organization in providing equipment and support in a timely manner. This is important in seeing how well the system would operate on a full scale level.

The full scale operation was based on visits to other locations and site visits with other operations.

The ultrafiltration membrane system provided by KOCH Membrane Systems scored high in all of the necessary requirement and The Thompson Rosemount Group recommended that based on the detailed evaluation of both cost and quality they be awarded the contract at a total cost of $2,129,-689.00.

Council then went in camera at the meeting to discuss the final land purchase agreement and the location of the Water Filtration Plant.

Royal Bank's gift to WDMH

The Winchester Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada is hosting a special day of celebration on Friday, January 10, 2003 as the Regional District Manager, along with local Branch Managers and Staff present RBC's Foundation Gift to representatives of the Renewing the Vision Campaign for Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

In 1948, thanks to the dedication and support of local residents, Winchester District Memorial Hospital began providing healthcare services to the community.

Today, WDMH faces critical needs and once again is seeking dedicated support from the community.

Major reconstruction at the Hospital has not taken place in many years and despite a substantial investment in Life Safety Systems, the building is dated and inhibits efficiency. To continue to deliver quality health care it requires that the Hospital do two things: one is the renovation of existing departments and the second is the construction of a new addition.

The Renewing the Vision Campaign is a volunteer initiative and an extraordinary undertaking in the life of the community. The campaign goal is to raise at least $15 million in gifts and pledge donations payable over a 3-5 year period.

While the commitment from private individuals in the area to date has been very generous, the committee is also counting on support from area corporations. Corporate citizens such as RBC are leading the way in this regard. RBC's generous corporate gift of $50,000 today is helping build a strong and secure healthcare future for all of the communities served by the Winchester District Memorial

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Cantata Performed

The Timothy Christian School held their annual Christmas Concert at the church in Williamsburg to celebrate the Christmas Season. Here Sherri Harrison, Rachel Oosterhof and Kristina Tibben nervously await their turn to take the stage. The Cantata was very well done and enjoyed by all present including parents, grandparents and friends.

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Happy New Year 2003

The Chieftain wishes all its readers a very happy and healthy New Year. The Stationery Store will be open Tuesday, December 31, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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February

South Dundas Economic Development hosted a meeting to gauge the interest of rural residents of having high speed Internet. Rural access is a possibility with the installation of towers and radio systems. Four businesses in the Brinston area expressed an interest, so the SDEDC decided to go ahead with an application for funding for the project.

Counterfeit money showed the first signs of becoming a problem in South Dundas as the new $10 became the main target of counterfeiters.

Four local girls invented a board game called "Up in Flames." The game developed by Stacie Beaupre, Heather Johnston, Leighanne Irvine and Kasey Bennett was good enough to be copyrighted, and a professional board developed.

A new venue for the South Dundas Antique Festival, was discussed at Council. On hearing Heritage Coordinator, Kirsten Gardner's reasoning and planning for the move council agreed that the festival would be held at the Matilda Hall.

Seaway District High School became the home of two championship teams in the same afternoon. The Junior Girls Volleyball team and the Senior Boys Basketball team both won SD&G championship games. The boys defeated the General Vanier Vikings for the basketball title and the girls defeated Tagwi.

North Dundas Council moved on down the road as they relocated their meetings to the township's newly acquired former Hydro building. Office staff would follow a few months later after the completion of renovations.

Bullying was on the agenda as local school committees met to discuss implications and come up with ideas on curbing the problem.

Thompsons' TIM-BR-Mart recognized a 20-year employee, as Joyce Bartholomew shyly accepted a token of appreciation from Jamie Thompson and Ken Hasson.

Defiant 338, Cardinal Sea Cadets changed commander as Lt. Barton left and Sub. Lt. Lepage took over.

Dundas FoodBank presented certificates of appreciation to donors who ensure that the Bank is available for those who need the help.

March

MP Bob Kilger announced funding for upgrades to the baseball diamonds in North Dundas Township. The investment made was through the Canada - Ontario Infrastructure Program.

IBET - The Integrated Boarder Enforcement Team launched their united effort between all authorities to take a harmonized approach to targeting cross-boarder criminal activity.

South Dundas municipal taxes increased by 5.57%, as council approved the 2002 budget. In the capital budget details, the fibre optics project made up the biggest part, getting more money than roads, with $191,139 designated for the extension of fibre optic service in South Dundas.

One man was fatally injured in a shootout with SD&G police. During a routine traffic stop along the 401, an OPP officer was shot and the male suspect was fatally injured.

Extensive Damage was left at Seaway District High School after a break and enter. The tech lab and auto shop were the hardest hit.

Ontario Public Service Employees (OPSEU) were walking the picket lines at various provincial public service locations, including the St. Lawrence Parks Commission.

The Cardinal Convenience Store was the victim of an armed robbery. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Seaway District High School Teacher Mark Lewis was honoured with the prestigious Leadership in School Sport Award for his contribution to sports and the high school community.

April

Winchester District Memorial Hospital announced that they are bringing a four station hemodialysis unit to our community capable of treating up to sixteen patients a week.

South Dundas Economic Development Coordinator Anne Marie Waddell expressed her extreme concern with Council over their decision to move the South Dundas Antique Festival to the Matilda Hall at Dixon's Corners, calling it "a punishment" for Morrisburg.

The South Dundas Chamber of Commerce hosted a Spring Home and Trade Show held at the Canadian Tire Store in Morrisburg. Organizers were pleased with the attendance, calling the Canadian Tire venue "perfect."

Winchester Arena renovations were underway as community volunteers and politicians were on hand for the official ground breaking.

Chieftain Editor Sandra Lee Johnston was the recipient of the Mary Knowles Award for Community Service from the Ontario Community Newspaper Association.

The Winchester District Memorial Hospital Renewing the Vision Campaign kicked off it's "public phase," for much needed renovations to the aging hospital.

Iroquois Fire Department bid farewell to a retiring Firefighter

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as Jack McQuigge handed in his fire axe after a long volunteer stint with the local Fire Department.

May

The Iroquois Golf Clubhouse was sold at a special meeting of South Dundas Council. The Golf Clubhouse was sold by tender with the understanding that the building will be demolished. A new clubhouse will be built with the proceeds from the sale.

The Iroquois - Matilda Lions Club performed in their bi-annual play. Murder Most Fouled-Up was the title of this year's hit.

Ontario Public Service employees ratified a new collective agreement with the Ontario Government, ending their 54 day strike.

The WDMH Ladies Auxiliary got the Renewing the Vision Campaign off to a great start presenting them with a cheque for $250,000.

The World Youth Day Pilgrimage passed through Iroquois on its way to the rally in Toronto. Twenty portageurs left Montreal on foot, on a 43 day journey to Toronto.

Iroquois was the site of two mural unveilings as the Caldwell Mural featuring the past and present of the local industry and the Lions Mural featuring a depiction of the old town were erected along the Carman Road.

Area Lions Clubs gathered in Winchester after a Bike-a-thon to pledge $272,000 to the WDMH Renewing the Vision Campaign.

A delegation from the Iroquois Golf Club spoke with council about their proposed location for the new clubhouse. The site proposed is located just off Elizabeth Drive, across the road from Church Street.

Margaret Reynolds of Morrisburg was honoured with the VON Caring for Life, lifetime achievement award as a tribute to a woman who willingly gives of her time and resources to care for others.

June

Morrisburg Public School Students and Local Law Enforcement officers participated in a torch run in support of Special Olympics. The torch run is an annual event.

Naval cadets of Defiant 338 celebrated their Third Annual Review as they showed their stuff to friends and family who came out to celebrate with them.

Medical staff at WDMH donated a CADD Medicine Pump to the hospital in memory of a colleague, Doctor Don McMillan who they lost to cancer earlier this year.

Upper Canada Village held their Christening ceremony in remaining true to their era, as they bring regular events to life each year.

Upper Canada Playhouse was set to present The Odd Couple on stage as the Season of Laughter continued to draw crowds to the local theatre.

Popular Principal at Iroquois Public, Dick Turner called it quits as his retirement loomed when the final bell rang for this year.

A $745,000 investment was made by the Federal Government of Canada to the SD&G Community Futures Development Program. Don Boudria and Bob Kilger were on hand for the announcement.

Rick Leroy, Jack Notman, and Eldon Horner announced that they conditionally purchased the Iroquois Golf Clubhouse property with the intent of building a 25 unit up-scale condominium.

Richard Zandbergen organized a public meeting about the proposed location of the new Iroquois Golf Club House. The meeting served as a forum for the opinions of residents and concerned citizens.

Seaway High School students celebrated their prom with pretty dresses and suits, flowers and laughter.

Iroquois Point Memorial hosted at the Cemetery as Don Graham spoke to an appreciative crowd as people gathered to remember loved ones departed..

Pilot Insurance Company broke ground for their new office in Morrisburg. OPP Senior Constable Al Lummiss was recognized with an award.

The Morrisburg CTC store celebrated their first anniversary in business in South Dundas as the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg celebrated their 50th year in Dundas County.

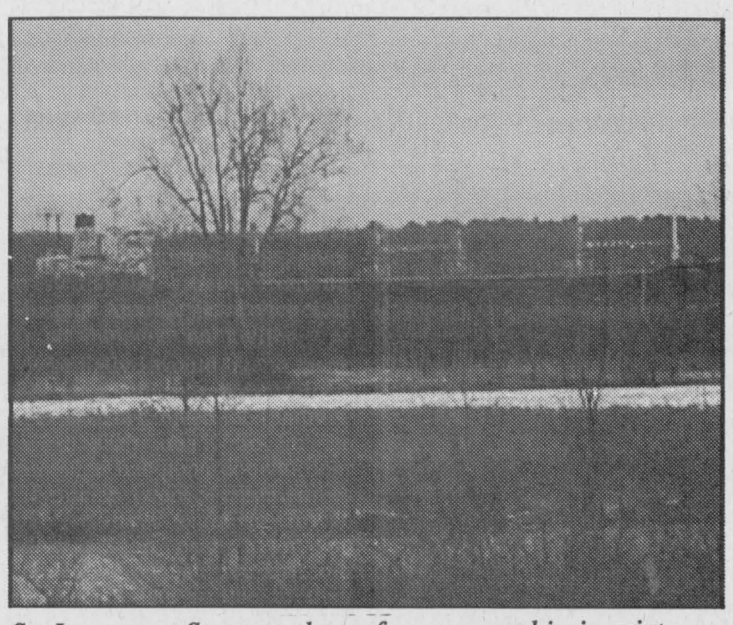
Williamsburg had their banners flying along Bank Street welcoming visitors to the hamlet.

Iroquois Marina played host to a number of Antique Boats from New York State, something organizers hope will grow into an annual event.

Timothy Christian School held their graduation exercises as did Iroquois Public School

July

Canada Day was celebrated in South Dundas with the usual flair we have come to expect.



St. Lawrence Seaway closes for season-ship in mist.

Aboriginal Day was celebrated at Upper Canada Village with a native canoe maker demonstrating how to create a birch bark canoe from scratch.

DCPS and St. Cecilia students took part in their annual graduation ceremonies.

The local Playhouse was gearing up for Maggie's Getting Married, a show that would prove an unqualified success in spades.

Concerned residents of Iroquois, Richard Zandbergen and Keith Fisher presented their issue to South Dundas Council, concerning the relocation of the Iroquois Golf Clubhouse. Their main concerned with the location of the new clubhouse were it's proximity to local schools, their lack of planning and budgeting, and an apparent conflict of interest.

North Dundas Council finalized their budget. Residents were hit with a 7.5% overall tax increase. The increase was unavoidable as the township has faced a large number of one time expenditures. This is the first major increase for North Dundas since amalgamation as they had long tried to keep any increase to rate payers at a minimum.

Mysteriously signs advertising the upcoming South Dundas Antique Festival started to disappear only a couple of weeks before the event. **The United Counties road crew, removed the signs to enforce a by-**law under the direction of the roads committee which included Dennis Fife, Heine Bruining, Bill Franklin, Frank Prevost, Heather Roebuck, Claude Cousineau and Cam Martel.

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"Renewing the Vision"

by Bill Smirle
Co-chair Renewing the Vision Campaign

"Renewing the Vision" for Winchester District Memorial Hospital has been a very passionate and rewarding experience for Mike McInnis and me. Just over a year ago, we were approached by the WDMH Foundation to co-chair this landmark project for our hospital community. At first the size of the project seemed daunting. However, any task is achievable when residents believe in and support the project. You have been just super.

Mike and I quickly realized that as community residents, you want and expect excellent health care. And you have experienced this over the years, delivered by very involved and exceptional doctors, nurses and staff members throughout the facility. You appreciate the benefit of our positive relationship with the Ottawa hospitals and their specialists. You have heard hundreds of people describe the wonderful care or have been recipient of this care, at our hospital. You've also heard the enthusiastic comments about our hospital from persons outside our area.

Congratulations and thanks to each and every one of you for your generous involvement and support. Special mention must be made to the many Renewing the Vision volunteers in our community. Endless hours have been, and continue to be, given every day by groups, from the Hospital Auxiliary to service clubs to our campaign committee.

Especially I would like to thank the community representatives who have organized the fundraising in each area. So far the campaign has gone door to door in almost twenty communities and we have eight to fifteen volunteers in each town and hamlet. You can see that our success to date is due to their dedication and your generosity.

As the New Year approaches, we are just over the $11.5 million mark. Looking forward, our goal of $15 million seems within reach, but only if we can maintain the momentum and energy over the next six months.

On behalf of our committee, I hope you had a Merry Christmas and here's wishing you a healthy happy New Year. Thank you so much for your caring and support.



Cookie Walk Popular

Christmas baking is a festive favourite at every house, the trouble is who has time? The South Mountain United Church solved this dilema as they hosted a "cookie walk" where the baking is done for you. Choosing their treats these ladies had marvellous cookies to pack up and take home, one terrific idea!

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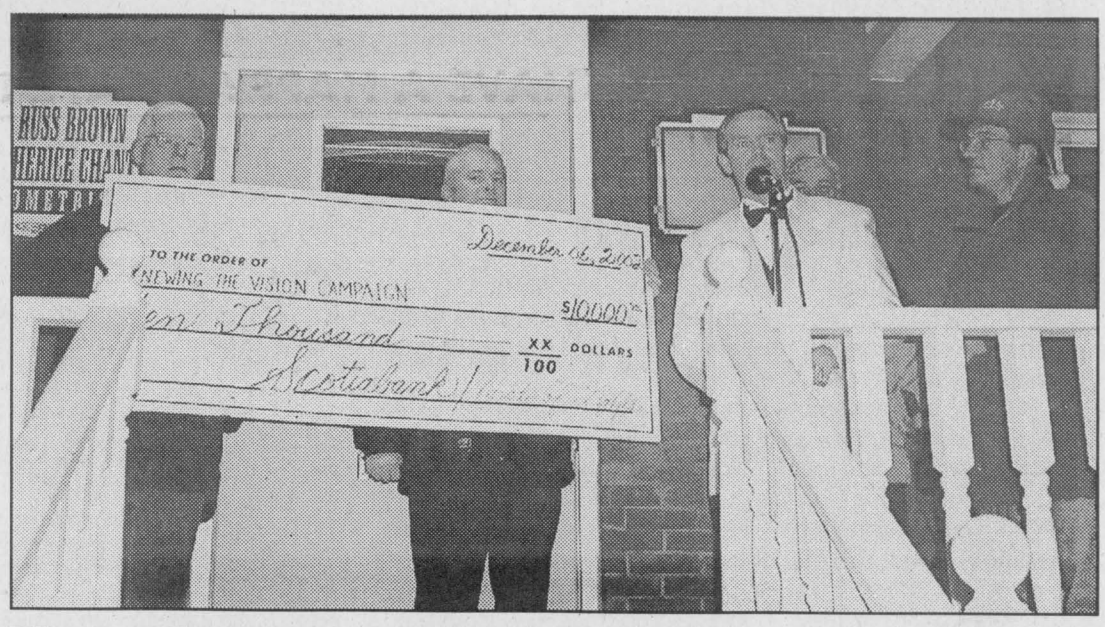

Vision Continues to Grow

Local Scotiabank branches donated $100 for each float entered in the Winchester Parade of Lights. Thus the 100 entered in the colourful display early in December resulted in a $10,000 donation to add to the previous $15,000 contributed by the Chesterville, Morrisburg, South Mountain, Avonmore, Russell and Osgoode Scotiabanks. Dr. Dwayne Justus and Campaign Co-Chair Bill Smirle accept the cheque from Earl McBean (Chestrville Branch Manager) just before the Parade began. Joel Steele and John Adams of the Parade Committee joined them.

—POLICE

Charges Laid

(South Dundas) On the 21st of December 2002, police were set up for a RIDE Program in the area of a local establishment situated on Fifth Street in Morrisburg. Once there,a vehicle was observed attempting to leave the parking lot but upon noticing the police, pulled back into the lot. At this time the male driver fled from his vehicle while being followed by police. The male then entered a business at this location. Once inside, as police attempted to speak with the driver, and altercation occurred as patrons of this establishment confronted police. As a result of this incident, several charges were laid and are as follows. The 23-year old male driver of the Morrisburg area was charged with Impaired Driving, assault with intent to Resist Arrest and Escape Lawful Custody contrary to the criminal code.

A 23 year old Dundela man and a 20 year old Iroquois man were arrested and charged with Obstruct and Resist Police and Assaulting a Peace Officer. A fourth male, 20 years old from Iroquois area was charged with Obstruct and Resist Police and Theft under $5000.00. All charges are contrary to the Criminal Code. The accused are to appear in court of February 4th, 2003.

A 23 year old Glen Becker man and a 20 year old South Mountain man also face charges of Being Intoxicated in a Public Place under the LLA as a result of the incident Constable J. Brodie and Constable M. Lalonde are investigating.



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Kindergarten's fav toys



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Miniature horse in parade



Clownin' around for Christmas



Sandy Row in seasonal spirit

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New Years hopes for 2003

Well here we are again. It just seems I was planning our New Years Eve Party for 2002 and now it's time to pull out the party hats, noise makers and confetti to ring in the 2003 year.

What does this New Year hold in store? For the pessimists among us the biggest topic is war. Will there be war? How involved will Canada be? How will it effect the economy of our country? Of course the ever present threat of terrorism. Will there be another attack like the Twin Towers of September 11? Will the terrorism come in the form of chemical terrorism for example anthrax sent in the mail and put in the water systems?

For we optimists the New Year holds a whole realm of possibilities. Will we be able to finally quite smoking before the government of Ontario tells us we have to?

How about the ever present weight loss resolution? Can you imagine trying to lose weight after just polishing off turkey, dressing, cranberries, fourteen different kinds of pies, cakes, cookies, squares, candies and of course the ten boxes of Black Magic, Dairy Box, Turtles, Chocolate Covered Cherries, Toffee and assorted other chocolates we receive. This also takes care of the eating healthy resolution, my personal favorite that I have made for the past ten years and always manage to break five minutes after the New Year is rung in and the spinach dip is brought out.

Now comes my all time least favorite resolution, the dreaded exercise and take care of my health resolution. Okay starting January 1st 2003, I will get up and walk to my neighbours driveway. Okay I'm looking out my window into the dark, cold morning air and yes I am snuggling a little farther under the blankets. I guess I'll have to visit the neighbours another time when I drive over. My exercise program will probably include getting up off the couch to look for the darn remote control, bend over and pick it up off the floor and return to the sitting position. Enough exercise for this day.

Whatever your view on the New Year let's hope it brings health and happiness to every one.

L.R.

Tis The Season

Christmas is over for another year, even the Boxing Day sales are history...what person, man-woman or child would put themselves through a BD sale? This would seem to be cruel punishment for anyone, man or beast.

There is nothing that could entice me to shop right after Christmas, nothing, no sale sticker big enough to take me to the mall to drive round and round searching for a parking spot, then stand in line for hours to purchase an item, stand again for who knows how long to pay and then back track to get home, knowing full well that if it does not fit, is the wrong colour or does not suit, there is no taking back for refunds...

When the Christmas shopping is completed, it is finished. If the only reason you want to go back to the mall to shop is for the experience, forget it, just watching the hub bub on the tube is enough to turn most respectable folks off. Seeing grown people race to the door of stores, wait with their tongues drooling until the lock is switched open and then plow one another down to get to the best buy is pretty sad.

Why would people degrade themselves this much?

What satisfaction is there in that kind of behaviour?

Would we want our children to act in this way? I think NOT!

What a horrific example to set for our young people to follow.

Let's settle down folks and think about how we are acting. What sale is worth this?

Bah humbug! Christmas is not about this type of thing at all. We need to get back to the basics of the season...now.

S.L.J.

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Christmas celebrations over for this year

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

You know the editor is sick when she does not iron her jeans and has grown fingernails, well bingo on both counts! Folks I am definitely under the weather...

Just when you think you have celebrated Christmas in as many varied ways as possible, then comes another year and this one perhaps taken the proverbial cake. Judge for yourself how Christmas 2002 stacks up...we had known since September that son number two and his girlfriend would be home early and leave for Christmas week to spend it with her folks in beautiful British Columbia. So plans had been discussed to celebrate on the Sunday prior to Christmas Day so we could all be together and afterall, it is simply a day on the calendar. So as the time drew closer, the young people arrived and we laid in the provisions for the big meal. Then the brothers and their families, the mom and dad got involved and everyone would bring an item or so to contribute tc the meal. Sounded great until the Friday before Christmas.

Up and at work early since we were utilizing a Tuesday on that Friday, which meant we were producing the weekly effort. Working away at a good speed, things with the old body did not feel completely great, but assuming it was sleep deprivation and an anxiousness about Christmas (The editor had left some shopping to be accomplished the Saturday before Christmas), the fingers continued to be busy on the keyboard. Then, just before lunch it happened, the sweats, the dizziness, the nausea and the rush to the bathroom. The visit did not go well there and a mad dash home was necessitated. After a lie down, things settled a bit and it was back to work to complete the issue for printing. The chills and the sweats interchanged throughout the rest of the day, coupled with frequent stops at the washroom and finally it was home to lie under piles of blankets and just be sick, for some hours. Apparently the Norwalk Virus had come to visit the old editor whose immune system is almost nonexistent. Thanks to the Syndrome I experience everyday, my immune system seems to be a welcome host for bugs and this one was a dooozy. Once the throwing up subsided, and the stops in the bathroom ceased, the aches and pains took over, the headaches, the sore face, the toothaches, the muscle pains, the chills and the sweats continued and an overall sense of feeling rotten ensued.

Saturday was not much better and the weakness that accompanied this illness had me flat on my back on the couch most of the day. Usually it is not a disaster to be under the weather, but the big guy has been enduring incredible pain in his leg and hip area with that suspected pinched nerve. Prone on the carpet a lot of the time, in pain and unable to navigate very well, he needs help with a variety of routine events in his day, so it was difficult for us both when I was on the couch unable to become mobile and he was on the floor in a similar condition. So it was that the university kid and his gal pal were home first and got to be the cooks. Explaining how to prepare dressing, they worked well following my instructions and made a tasty stuffing. The turkey went into the oven extremely early Sunday morning when I was moving under my own power, albeit slowly and carefully. Having dropped some 15 pounds in a couple of days thanks to the virus, I was a bit weak and not craving any food. Warm tea was my diet and since it stayed down, I was thankful.

Santa understands these times when change is a part of life and he found us early, so that Sunday morning the sons and the girls had presents to open. Some were saved for Wednesday when some of us would celebrate again. With a hobbling hubby, and the help of the children we were ready when folks arrived. This had to be the first Christmas dinner he nor I enjoyed, although everyone else seemed to. Not feeling well, he retired to bed to rest while others played games and I rested. Making the trip to the paper to transfer photos later that evening was a tough task, but one I had no choice about. When I arrived home there was still no sign of the big guy and so a painful trek upstairs rewarded me with the knowledge he was sound asleep. The reason became clear later when he needed a pail by the bed...he had contacted the virus. I was weak yet and with no food in three days beginning to won-

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the bottom line

THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR THER SEASON on December 26, 2002, with the passage of the downward ship, CSl Laurentien, through the St. Lambert Lock near Montreal, Quebec. The Seaway opened its 44th shipping season on March 26 and remained open for 276 days in 2002. Iron Ore took first place this year among commodity shipments, with cargoes amounting to 9.6 million metric tonnes, up 11.4%

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WDMH IS NO LONGER ON "OUTBREAK STATUS" FOR THE NORWALK virus. Hospital officials are pleased to announce that effective Friday, Dec. 20 WDMH resumed normal operations and the doors are now open to visitors. Visitors are asked to use good judgement about coming to the hospital. Anyone who has experienced gastroenteritis remains contageous for 48 hours after symptoms end...beware who you infect!

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THE HOSPICE SENT A LTTER TO THANK THE NEWSPAPERS FOR THEIR coverage. They appreciate the attention given to their needs when they call to request a photo or a story. Working on promotional efforts we strive to assist and make every effort to achieve the desired goal. The support we give to their requests is never too much.

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der. Monday he was worse and had appointments with the bone cruncher and the doctor. Cancelling these, he was in no shape to go anywhere, some heavy painkillers were prescribed for the leg pain. A SCAN will be done in February, if he can wait that long...and then some healing can begin.

The university kids had left at 4am for their flight to BC. The college kid volunteered to take them, there was no way their dad or I could have taken them. Work on Monday was a no show, for unable to be mobile indoors, there was no way to go to work.

Then there was the job of getting the car to the garage, an appointment had been set up earlier in the week. A couple of brothers came to the rescue. One went for the prescription and the two parents remained prone, sleeping a lot and drinking plenty of fluids to keep dehydration from setting in.

Tuesday was another story. The writer was up and feeling alive for the first time. A trip to town for cash, mail and a parcel at Sears for the real Christmas Day. A few stops to wish folks Merry Christmas and I was home again fast. Weak and not really set to be out too much, still no food and no energy. The bad news at the Post Office was that our Christmas parcel from overseas had been ransacked when the B and E occurred there. Attempting to piece together what my cousin would have sent us from the box of items left behind, I have yet to get through via phone to ask her what in fact she did send. Funny how you write a police report and do not truly connect with the information...then it ends up being you who was innocently robbed and it is like a door slamming in your face. Some letters were torn open and with no way to trace them, families will not get their messages from loved ones, nice Christmas present for sure.

Christmas Day dawned and after breakfast at Grammas we relaxed at home while the number one son went to the girlfriends to share Christmas with her family. Number two son called to wish us a Merry one and let us know he was okay. A car sickness fiend, he had called from Winnipeg and Calgary while the plane was grounded to let us know he had no gravol and had endured so far. He also called upon landing and leaving with the host family for the house. He called later in the day to let his old mum know he was experiencing viral symptoms. "Merry Christmas, eh?!!"

Christmas dinner at the folks was fun, and the big guy and I ate sparsely which was good, we both lost a pile of weight being sick and would do well to keep it off. A rather strange twist for a holiday when eating is a bad habit! A couple of folks joined us for dinner since they were going to be alone, a very nice thing for my mom to invite them, she is one amazing lady for sure.

As I type this I am in my new office chair courtesy of son number two who felt sorry for his old mum and wanted her to be comfortable when working. Son number one knows my love of Harry Potter and so I have a chess set from the movie, along with a variety of other "Harry" items. Music was a biggie this year with cds which were mentioned but not expected, I am very fortunate. A book on creating Inukshuk will come in handy since I want some of these fellows around the ranch as well. Everyone must have listened to my every word when I was expressing my wish lists. What a great bunch.

A very sore face has accompanied my virus. Then a tingling, stinging sensation overtook my lips and skin, and sure enough a blister the size of a mountain erupted. Drawing upon my entire face this huge pain has been a additional burden which has attempted to ruin a holiday, but the spirit is much stronger than any pain, and we enjoyed a special Christmas for sure. The travellers will return on Sunday afternoon and we will all celebrate New Year's Day together.

It was not a white Christmas and this is often a bone of contention for me, but being ill, I did not really care one way or the other. Funny how things change when circumstances alter.

To my chum Cooke, I had planned to visit over the holiday, but would not want to bring germs to you, so will be over when the symptoms are one. To our Godson, we have your gift and will get it to you when the germs dissipate, you were in our thoughts and prayers as always though, especially at this time of year.

A gift we did not need this season was news that the pool needs a new liner come spring, that should handle any extra funds we find lying around! Always something!!

Take care and PLEASE, DO NOT drink and drive. Enjoy New Year's Eve 2003 as you ring in the new year, but, when you are ready to head home, grab a drive with a "dd" or call someone to come and get you, safer for everyone on the roadway.

The wisdom comes from the good book where it tells us in Matthew 5:8 "What is moral is what you feel good after."

Til next year...see yuh!

Royal Bank

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Hospital.

In addition to the corporate pledge, RBC's local employees are doing their part through initiatives such as $2 scrubs Fridays to ensure that the ambitious redevelopment initiative succeeds.

South Dundas Council Notes

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Karl Deamond of Haystead Road at R.R. #2 Ingleside attended the last South Dundas Council meeting seeking compensation for a loss of livestock due to a wolf attack. Mr. Deamond owns a herd of bison on his farm and when out checking fences he discovered the carcass of one bison heifer that had been dead for awhile.

Mr. Deamond saw large tracks and noticed that the bison had been chased through the fence taking out the post. Mr. Deamond has shot and killed one wolf and has seen at least three others on his property. The dead bison was surrounded by large tracks and council will compensate Mr. Deamond for his loss.

Council was approached by CISD radio station located at Seaway District High School concerning a donation for the silent auction fundraiser. Council agreed to donate a set of boxed medallions to be auctioned for the radio station.

Mr. Don Lewis the Township Manager of Planning commented on the nice job done at the corner in Brinston in removing the old apartment building. "It looks just great" he said. Future plans for the site are unknown at this time.

Council also agreed to continue leasing the top floor of the Old High School Building in Morrisburg to the O.P.P. as a training facility for the officers.

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W.I. Renewing the Vision

Pictured are Betty VandenBosch, Renewing the Vision Campaign Committee member, Florence Hoople, Dundas District Women's Institute President and Cathy Groves, DDWI P.R. Officer as the DDWI presented $1000 to the WDMH Campaign. *Courtesy Photo*

Looking back

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A system of reflectors designed to decrease the number of car-deer collision was installed, and OPP and participating insurance company representatives gathered to update the project and install new signs at the perimeter of the plot to make motorists aware of the pilot project project. A few collisions have been reported in the target area east of the Upper Canada Golf Course, but significantly fewer than before the installation of the reflector system.

The annual Chad Kilger celebrity golf tournament took place at the Upper Canada Golf Course. Dick Irven, Todd White, and Marc Crawford were among the participants. The tournament raised over $25,000 for the Special Olympics.

CTC in Morrisburg hosted a Cruise Night that drew large crowds to check out the vintage autos.

The Iroquois Business Group with the assistance of Frank Ault and Brian Cooper installed a ship's mast style flag pole in front of the plaza. The flag standard installed to beautify the shopping area was designed as a ship's mast to recognized Iroquois' Seaway Heritage.

$7.8 Million had been raised so far for the Renewing the Vision Campaign, whose initial goal for the much needed hospital update was $12 million. Though campaign coordinators were happy with what had been done, they found that money was coming in much more slowly than when the campaign first kicked off.

Rick Leroy, Eldon Horner, and Jack Notman held a series of public meetings to gauge local interest in their proposed development of the Iroquois Golf Club House Property. The developers presented floor plans, and costs for owning condominium units. The group stressed the fact that they needed to sell twenty units before the August 31, 2002 deadline for the project to proceed as planned.

The Fourth Annual Antique Festival was the place to be as the Annual South Dundas Festival drew record crowds to it's new venue at Dixon's Corners. The new venue proved to be a successful venture for organizers, dealers, participants and buyers alike. Most involved visited from outside of South Dundas. Dealers commented on the brisk business, as buyers certainly attended in force. An antique tractor show, was an added attraction that well suited the venue. A Heritage Fair and Appraisers were also available on site.

The 2002 Ontario Scholars from Seaway District High School were Susan Bouwan, Allen Chung, Abram Deighton, James Delegarde, Kyle Gervais, Ryan Henry, Rebecca Hollands, Ryan Johnston, Kevin Joldersma, Emily Millard, Victor Schraner, and Sarah Stitt.

Cindy Wolfe became the first female to own an Autopro franchise. Wolfe purchased the Morrisburg Autopro that she once managed.

Weekend Comedy hit the stage at the Upper Canada Playhouse. A retired couple and newlywed couple rent a cabin for a weekend, only to find it double booked. A hilarious comedy is the end result as the couples spend the weekend together.

Ron Gilmer celebrated his 75th birthday. Pharmacist in Iroquois for the past 45 years, he has passed his knowledge and business savy

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SPORTS

~Junior "B" Lions Hot
~Chubbs Tourney A Hit
~Curling Rocks Onward

A SPORTING LOOK BACK OVER THE YEAR 2002

January

The Junior "B" Lions Continued to vye for a playoff spot in their division with some pretty good efforts as they faced the Rebels and Glens, Wolves and 73s. As the month drew to a close, hopes began to dwindle for playoff action.

Curling was heating the ice as players kept rockin and rollin at the local arena. The Heart and Stroke Bonspiel was played raising more money than last year's event. The Bantam Boys Team went to the Regional Playdowns but lost in semi-final action on the "B" side.

The Atom "C" Lions were crowned "B Champs at the Long Sault Tourney and remained unbeaten in League play.

February

The Flamingos came out on top as the Annual Chubbs Tourney was played in Morrisburg.

Senior curlers continue to rock and roll and Wayne Garlough showed his leadershp qualities as he led the Junior "B" Lions to victory as they work for the last playoff spot.

Two female curling teams from Morrisburg returned home with the Broder Cup "B" Championship. The senior men did not fare as well, coming home empty handed.

Things picked up for the Junior "B" Lions as they closed in on a playoff position. Their final regular season game was in sight...

The skaters in the Morrisburg and District Figure Skating Club were showing well in local competitions as they wore medals proudly. Kurt Delegarde was a young man from Iroquois on the way up. Lindsay Gilmer and the Thompson girls did well too.

Atom "B" Lions came home Tourney Champs from the Loyalist Atom "B' Tourney.

Atom "C' Lions capped a great season by being named Division Champs while the PeeWee "C" Lions clinched first place in the East.

Courtney and Jessica Thompson again did the Skating Club proud as did Cameron Keicks.

March

Morrisburg Senior Men Curlers brought home the Parnell Cup, and the Jim Fraser Trophy.

Atom "C" Lions advanced to the Eastern finals with a win. The SDHS senior boys are headed to OFSSA.

Little Rocks are the top rollers at the rink as they win bonspiel. Larry Cooper's team won Open Division in Ottawa.

Cardinal figure Skaters did well in competition and in testing.

Atom "B" Lions were named Ronald MacDonald House Champs.

The 4th Annual AA/AAA Bantam Tourney hosted in Cardinal and Prescott was a success.

Elementary Schools competed in a day long basketball tourney, which Inkerman won.

April

Morrisburg Minor Hockey Awards Banquets and Honours saw the various teams pay homage to their best players and coaches.

The Minor Hockey Association hosted their annual elections and debated a variety of issues of concern to coaches and parents.

Skaters were also honoured at their own Banquet and recognition shown to those deserving of same. Curlers hosted their awards evening and trophies went to those earning them for exceptional play.

Cody Casselman was invited to the ODHA's Annual Branch Camp in April at the Brian Kilrae Arena.

May

Morrisburg Public School dominated Junior Floor Hockey.

The Atom "B" Lions were crowned League Champs. Interbranch Dart awards were handed out to recognize local darters.

Cardinal held their Annual Pike Derby, Bob Jones won with a 14 pound 15.5 ounce lunker.

The Junior "B" Lions held their awards banquet and recognized their finest players. Cardinal dart players were also recognized for excellent play.

Chico Dingwall and Stephane LaFrance split twin 20s in racetrack opener at Cornwall Speedway. Defending champ at Brockville, Lee Gill was an early fav to repeat.

Heart and Stroke Golf Tourney brought out the players. The Jokers led in Slo- Pitch action in Iroquois as things got going.

June

James Delegarde and Natalie Byker were named Top Male and Female Athlete at Seaway's Awards ceremony.

Elementary Track and Field Meet saw some terrific efforts from IPS students. Top Juniors were Brittney Elliott and Adam Ceasar of St. Cecilia.

The Garry "Mutt" Shaver Memorial Ball Tourney was won by the Markell squad, the team Garry had played for.

Bill Mullin scored his first feature win of the race season at Cornwall Speedway.

July

Lloyd Travis won the Cardinal Fish and Game Club Small Mouth Bass Derby.

Iroquois golfers won the Ottawa Valley Golf Association Regular Intersectionals 2002, Section L playdown.

The Jokers remained on top of the Iroquois Slo-Pitch League one slim win holding them above Shavers, until the second week of play in the month when they pulled even..

Barry DeGray was named Head Coach and General Manager of the Smiths Falls Bears Junior "A" hockey team

August

Chico's Mad Scramble for Cancer was played at Cedar Glen and resulted in a $1142 donation to Volley for Cancer.

Morrisburg Minor "A" Champs and Williamsburg the Ma[illegible] Gal Champs were crowned in Iroquois as the Mountain Mets were runnersup. Iroquois were also able to play their way to runnersup position to the Morrisburg team.

Iroquois Galop Canal Marina hosted a Fishing Derby and Brandon and Barry Elliott along with Emma Hanson and Clint Ryan were top fishermen and women.

The Jokers captured their first Slo-Pitch Championship as they defeated Shavers as they attempted to defend their title.

September

Iroquois Golf Club hosted the Governor's Cup and defended their title.

The Morrisburg Major boys were named League Champs.

Mike Stewart, Anthony McMillan and Kevin Barkley found the checkers at the grass drags as their snowmobile had the right stuff for victory.

Rick MacKenzie was honoured at the Golf Club in Iroquois for his volunteer efforts through the years with the Brouse Award.

Cardinal hosted an awesome Soap Box Derby for the local youngsters.

The Annual Terry Fox Run netted some $21,000, over $5,000 coming from South Dundas.

The Iroquois Golf Club honoured their own as awards were presented to those deserving players.

October

Bernie Brunt and Jim Fraser were awarded Life Memberships in the Morrisburg and District Curling Club.

The Elementary Cross Country Track and Field event was hosted at the Point again this year with over 700 young people putting forth their best effort.

Junior "B' Lions tie game against Glens and lose close one to the 73s who are a tough team to beat as they keep pace to be among the leaders when the finals roll around. Victory seems to be within reach and the team is working well together.

The Junior Co-Ed Soccer team from IPS were "A" Champs at the Grenville Christian College invitational. The Senior Girls brought home Silver from a Kemptville Tourney, soccer is alive and well.

November

The IPS Junior Boys were Soccer Champs in Morrisburg Tourney, there is a soccer wave in the Seaway town.

Midget House Gold posted back to back victories as the PeeWee "C" Lions defeated Long Sault while the junior "B" Lions had a disppointing weekend earning only one point.

Nathan Last skated to an overall prenovice title in the Eastern Ontario Sectional Championship in Bowmanville. His gold medal performance earned him a keeper trophy and a trip to the Eastern Challenge in New Brunswick and the Canadian Winter Games in Guelph.

December

The Junior "B' Lions tarded goalies with the Akwasasne Wolves as Sean Pollard changed pipes with Matt Vanegmond, who played a great game for the Lions his first time for the Morrisburg squad.

Figure Skaters from the Morrisburg Club wore medals of every hue as they did an excellent job competing in the Morrisburg Invitational and when they traveleld to Athens as well.

Benson Public School won the Volleyball Regional Championship "A" while Iroquois came away "B" Champs.

Morrisburg Lions Day was a great day for all youngsters involved in the Hockey program ion South Dundas. From Initiation to Junior "B" level the teams shwoed they can play the game.



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Tibben Equipment of Brinston hosted their annual Open House to show the new line of Polaris Snowmobiles to the general public. A family business on County Road 16 in downtown Brinston, the whole family was on hand to show everyone the finer points of the new machines. Doug, Darlene and their children; Matthew, Kristina and Nicholas welcome everyone to stop by and check the new Polaris line.

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Thompson Yamaha Open House

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along to his son, Doug and daughter, Tracey.

Spirit Walks were underway at the Migratory Bird Sanctuary as the Friends of the Sanctuary presented some local history come alive.

A wedding took place at Upper Canada Village as part of their scheduling that truly makes it an 1860s Village.

Preparations for the battle re-enactment at Crysler Farm were in place as Iroquois Marina was the scene of an invasion by the Americans.

Vandals had been at the Morrisburg Dock area causing problems, the Annual Fly-In Breakfast was hosted at the Iroquois Air Strip, Vacation Bible School was operational at St. John's Anglican Church and Road names were being changed to help the 911 call system locate people in South Dundas easier.

August

Don Boudria, Bob Kilger, and Brian Coburn presented $7.5 million to the Township of South Dundas, as their clean water investment for the construction of a new water treatment plant for the municipality.

Team Farlinger paddled their way to their fourth Tubie title. They beat the McCooeye entry by only a minute, for one of the closest battles in a number of years.

The Thank You Canada Tour made a stop in Iroquois. The group travelled from Belgium to raise the awareness of Canadians of the contribution Canadian Veterans made in helping to liberate Belgium in 1944-45. The group showcased their collection of military vehicles and shared stories with locals at a Legion breakfast hosted in their honour.

The Seaway Locks Interpretive Centre hosted an Open House to let people get to know what is happening in the former Lock Masters House.

The Glengarry Highland Games were another hit as crowds came from around the world to join the pipes and drums in a very historical event.

Upper Canada Playhouse added a show to their season lineup, so popular was Maggie's Getting Married, the demand called for additional shows, so in the fall it was to happen,

The United Counties and Renewing the Vision Campaign coordinators worked out the details surrounding their pledge to match dollar for dollar monies raised by the community, to a maximum of $4 million.

The 14th Edition of Dairyfest was held in Winchester, and the celebration was another success. Weather cooperated, as the sun shone on all of the planned activities including sidewalk sales, the ball tournament, and the crowd favourite Moo-vivor Challenge.

The Seaway Kids' Initiative, Volley for Cancer, and the South Mountain Fair made for a weekend filled with something for everyone in Dundas County.

Max Keeping made appearances at the South Mountain Fair as parade marshall, and was the featured guest speaker at the first annual Seaway Kids Day, where he spoke to raising awareness of the difference you can make in the life of a child.

The 110th edition of the South Mountain Fair was billed as the biggest and the best and the much improved fair lived up to it's billing. The fair offered several new activities. Everyone who attended was impressed with the activities and improvements.

Seventy-two teams participated in Volley for Cancer, and annual event with humble beginnings hosted yearly by Carl and Ruby VanAllen. Participants competed in three divisions with the Kamikaze's, the Horndog's, and the Dead Presidents, earning top standing in each of the divisions. Gerry Houde and Robert LaPointe teamed up to win top spot in the horseshoe tournament. MP Bob Kilger, Mayor Johnny Whitteker, and several local OPP officers set themselves up as targets in the ever popular dunk tank.

The purchasers of the Iroquois Golf Club House, Rick Leroy, Eldon Horner, and Jack Notman were granted a request for an extension of their conditional purchase of the property. Council unanimously granted them their request.

The Jokers were crowned Iroquois Slo-Pitch champions. After a winning season, the Jokers continued their dominance of the league in playoff tournament play. They beat Shavers in the finals, 13-6 in the final to take home the trophy.

The Diabetes 2002 Tour hit South Dundas as a father and son who suffers from the disease bicycled across the country raising funds for research and a cure.

Mayor Johnny Whitteker was honoured by his church for years of dedication and service. The Lutheran Synod presented him with an award.

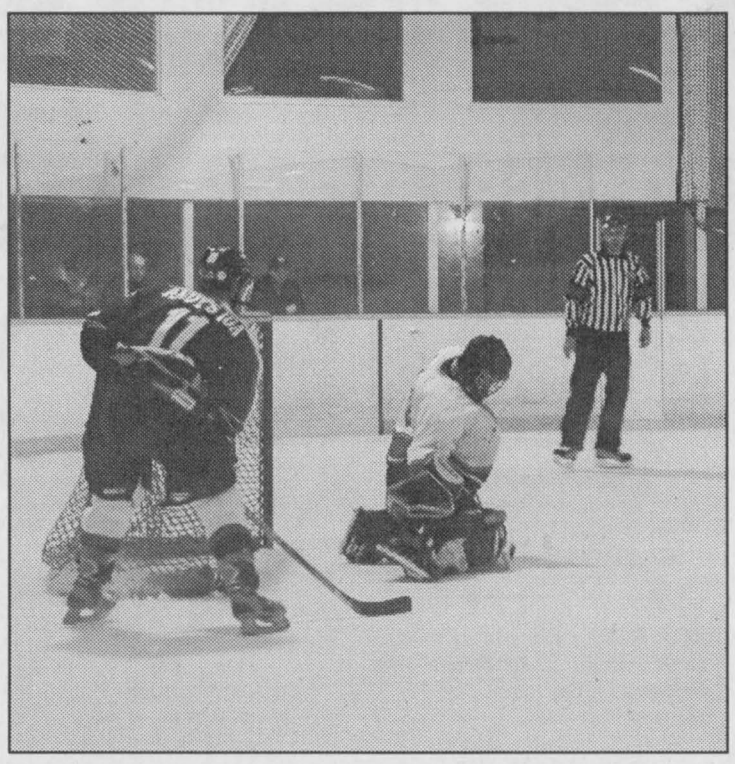
On the Flight Path written and performed by Norm Foster was on stage at The Playhouse. A unique experience for theatre goers, Fosters' wife was his co-star.

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobilers opened a District Office in South Dundas.

The Bank of Montreal hosted a birthday party as they celebrated 100 years in Iroquois.

Edwardsburgh/Cardinal council were working on how best to handle the issue of smoking by hosting a public meeting to get some feedback from the voters.

WDMH received approval for the construction of a new Satellite Dialysis Unit at the facility. Work was to commence early in September.



Nice Save!

Morrisburg Lions goalie made a nice save on this pass through the goal crease by a Winchester Hawk's number 11. The Hawks went on to win this game 3-2 to further extend the Morrisburg Lions losing streak. *Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts*

The Seaway Management Corporation erected a plaque and planted a tree in memory of a lost worker from the construction days of the Seaway in Iroquois as William George Palmer was recognized

September

The Iroquois Golf Club hosted their annual charity golf tournament for CHEO. Their fund-raising effort surpassed that of all other years as a cheque for $13,000 was presented to CHEO representatives in attendance.

Cardinal's Labourfest was celebrated in traditional fashion with a few new events added to keep locals interested. Erin Knapp was crowned Miss Cardinal Labourfest, as six young ladies vied for the title. The Parade was the main event. Willow Wood had the best decorated carriage, Tyler and Mackenzie Gill had the best decorated bicycles, Guin Taylor grew the biggest sunflower, and Jim Sayeau sported the best beard. Todd Wood made the best chili and Evelyn Mallett had an award winning carrot/zucchini loaf.

North Dundas is suffering from a doctor shortage. Dr. Adamson met with council to discuss the problem of recruiting new doctors to the area. He suggested that council should consider an incentive for new doctors, similar to those offered by other communities as the new doctor market is a competitive one. Councillor agreed to form an advisory committee to examine the issue.

Yet another mural was unveiled. Brinston unveiled their mural depicting the settlement of European Immigrants to the area. The history of the immigration, and their contribution to the agricultural community.

Members of the Cardinal in Bloom Committee handed out awards and prizes to recognize the efforts in gardening and landscaping in and around the village.

The Iroquois Legion Branch 370 held its mortgage burning ceremony. The 25 year mortgage was paid off in ten years through the hard work and generosity of the area and the Legion members.

Spencerville Fair celebrated 147 years of fun. There was no shortage of activities to entice folks to come out to the country fair.

The Iroquois Golf Club hosted their annual Year End Awards, recognizing the high calibre of play which is exhibited each day by the club members.

A good sized crowd attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Iroquois Fire Department to officially open the newly expanded facilities. The $232,306 expansion resulted in a space nearly double the original facility.

DCPS created new playground equipment for the students to enjoy with funds raised through a variety of events at the school.

The Fall Fair was held at Upper Canada Village , and they had staged a Play in the Garden outside the main gate as Romeo and Juliette was performed by the St. Lawrence Stage Crew.

Jim's Performance Plus hosted their Annual Open House to introduce potential buyers to the newest Skidoo lineup for 2003.

DCPS welcomed a new Vice-Principal, as Penny Levesque came onboard, filled with energy and new ideas, she will have things well in hand throughout the year.

Ann Marie Crawford, Publisher of The Chieftain passed away suddenly after suffering a heart attack at the Kemptville District Hospital. She was 46 years old.

A 19th century interpretation of death was presented at Upper Canada Village as part of its series on celebrations of life and death.

October

Ronald Pitt Junior and his wife Andrena came across the ocean to be present at the unveiling of a plaque in memory of his father Officer Ronald Pitt who died in the line of duty in 1957.

Tim Hortons opened its new store #2301 in Morrisburg with new owners Denise and Robert St. Denis of Long Sault.

Volley For Cancer presented the final total to the Canadian Cancer Society in a cheque for $43,000. Since its inception in 1995 the organization has raised over $200,00.

Local lad, Brandon Cassell had won the Ontario Cup Downhill Mountain Bike Championship showing a definite affinity for this rough sport.

Laurie MacElharen took her place as Principal of Iroquois Public School. A lifetime resident of South Dundas, it was like coming home for her to take the reins over after Dick Turner retired.

Williamsburg celebrated the season with their Fall Festival and the crowds came to help them. WaterFowl Day at the Bird Sanctuary was also a hit with people who came to learn and have fun.

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OBITUARIES

Nettie Hutt

On Sunday, December 15, 2002, Nettie Hutt of Morrisburg at the Ottawa General Hospital. Born in Brinston, Ontario on December 4, 1930, she was 72 years of age.

Daughter of the late Alfred and Grace (nee Pemberton) Gamble, she married Donald Hutt on June 12, 1950 at Lakeshore United Church Manse in Morrisburg. He survives his beloved wife.

Her family moved to Morrisburg when she was only three years old. She went to school in Morrisburg. She and Don lived in Arnprior, Winchester and Iroquois before returning to Morrisburg three years ago. Nettie wanted to spend her remaining years in Morrisburg where she felt most at home.

A housewife until her youngest daughter, Angela was born. She then took a job at the drugstore in Arnprior. After moving back to Winchester, she worked as a receptionist for Dr. Byers and Dr. Wells for a period of time before taking a job as executive secretary to the Nursing Supervisor at Winchester Hospital. She retired from the Hospital in 1986.

Predeceased by a great-grandson, Joshua Mabo-Hummel; a brother, Alfred and sisters; Betty MacDonald, Irene McIntosh, Shirley Eastman and a brother-in-law, Gordon McIntosh, Nettie enjoyed swimming, skating, playing sports (especially ball) and fishing with her dad in her earlier years. Fun and recreation in the 1940s and 50s could be found every Saturday night at Casselman's Dance Hall which is where she met her husband Donald. After she and Don were married, he went away to the Korean War, returning in 1951. After marriage, sports for Nettie centred around bowling and in later life lawn bowling., She played an active role as hockey mom for the Winchester Hawks Junior "B" team, never missing a game in 8 years. Her love of sports continued through the years and she attended all of her childrens' sporting events. One of the greatest thrills for her came when her granddaughters Tanya and Amanda Mabo broke the norm and played boys hockey. In the past few years, her love of sports continued as she watched sports on TV. Over the years there were many changes, but one thing that never changed was her love for her family and she will be dearly missed by each and every member of her family.

Along with Don, she will be sadly missed by her children; Debbie (Don) Mabo of Morrisburg, Robert of Morrisburg, Brian (Dawn) of Ottawa, Barry of Kingston and Angela (Mike) Holmes of Morewood. A brother: Dick Gamble (Doris Marcellus) of Johnstown and a sister; Joyce McIntosh of Winchester as well as brothers and sisters-in-law; Raymond McIntosh of Winchester, Francis (Elaine) Hutt of Kingston, Norbert (Diane) Hutt of Winchester and Doreen (Gay) Alexander of Kemptville mourn their loss. Nettie will fondly remembered by grandchildren; Tanya, Amanda, Amber, Tobi, Colin, Hunter and great-grandchildren: Cassie, Julenea, Mia and Maddison.

Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital were appreciated by the family. A private family service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Wednesday, December 18 with Rev. Mark Ehlebracht officiating followed by cremation. Interment of cremated remains was at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville.

Jim Fraser

Peacefully at the Winchester Hospital on Saturday, December 7, 2002, James Forrest Fraser of Morrisburg in his 105th year.

Sadly missed by nephews and nieces, Ian (Carolyn) of Smiths Falls; Allan (Mary) of Morrisburg; Sheila (Terry) McDermid of Brockville; Janet (Wesley) Stitt of Heuvelton, New York and Douglas (Patricia) of Arnprior as well as numerous other nieces and nephews in England and Scotland dear sister-in-law, Nell Fraser of Scotland.

Predeceased by sisters; Annie and Margaret and brothers; William, John, Thomas, Peter and Robert.

Friends were received in the James Fraser Hall at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 48, Morrisburg where a memorial service was held with Rev. Darren May officiating. Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital were acknowledged by the family. Parker Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements. Gord McGregor played the bagpipes and the Morrisburg Legion Mens' Choir sang several pieces. The Legion was filled to capacity, a testament to a "life well lived."

Rev. May spoke of Jim with love and respect: "Jim Fraser's life was a life well lived. Here we are today gathered in a hall named after him. A recent newspaper article about him featured a photo of him draped in his medals. Over his lifetime he received plaques for life achievements, France's Legion De Honneur Award, notes and letters from the Queen and local dignitaries and he was on hand for the ribbon cutting to open the final stretch of the Veteran's Memorial Highway. This was a man to whom we could ascribe much honour. But, although he is not undeserving of much praise, I don't think he might well appreciate it. He was a very modest man.

Though he was a man of many stories, with a well coloured life, richly textured by over 104 years of experience, he was a humble, shy Scotsman. He was proud that the Queen had signed a certificate for him in his name, but I suspect that he was much humbled by it too, with almost a sense that the fact that it was "for him" made him uncomfortable.

Jim was a man who looked to others and was ever mindful of his fellow humans. He was a foot soldier in World War I, but he never believed that he himself played a large role in preserving our freedom. His reflections on the war were always a lesson for others, those who didn't make it home. He spoke with school aged children about war, telling them how horrible it was. Jim was very good with children and related well with them. No matter your age, it seemed whatever life story he shared there was always a lesson to be heard.

A very socially minded man, many will know that whether at the Golf or Curling Club, Legion, singing or rifling, Jim was always concerned with the well being of those around him. When I first met Jim, some seven months ago, our initial visit was spent assuring him I enjoyed Morrisburg, a little town he loved so much, then it was explaining my levels of interest in golf, curling, singing and so on. He dedicated himself to welcoming and incorporating people into the community as best he could. Many consider him a "Morrisburg Icon" and all would agree his passing is a great loss to the community.

An intelligent, well read, quick witted man with a grand, although very dry sense of humour. A humble, modest and practical man with a keen interest in people, Jim was ever faithful to his family, his Scottish heritage and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He served as a church elder at one time. His family recalls the time he was taking up the offering, as he made his way up and down the aisles, it seemed he was having trouble with his arm. When asked later if he was alright, he bashfully admitted he had purchased his suit on sale and was trying to cover a discolouration in it. A man of impeccable faith according to his family, Jim's father was a lay preacher thus providing Jim with a religious upbringing with a solid biblical knowledge.

Jesus Christ was a perfect example of spiritual meekness, an attitude of humility and submission God. I guess many of us can gain a glimpse of Jesus through Jim and his approach to life (But, don't tell him I said such a grand thing about him!).

Jim credited his longevity and good health to, among many things, "Pride, Poverty and Piety." A caring man who has lived well and touched many hearts and lives with his love. He was a man to be honoured, but more than that, he was a humble gentleman. On Saturday evening when he called his family, he said it was time, he was going and he knew it. A kind and gentle man right to the end. Jim will be missed by the entire community."

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Rooney Feeds celebrated 40 years of business. It was in 1962 Frank and Marg Rooney purchased Merkley Feeds, and then passed it on to Louis and then Spencer.

The Township of Edwardsburg/Cardinal was presented with a cheque for $752,274 from the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program to upgrade the Cardinal Water Treatment Plant.

Giant Tiger the newest howl in the area, celebrated their first anniversary in South Dundas.

The Williamsburg Historical Society hosted a Food Fair extravaganza as a fundraiser for the local group.

The eighth South Dundas Mural was unveiled in Winchester Springs. The mural features the beautiful Winchester Springs Sanitorium named for the sulphur springs that ran through the hamlet

Staff at the House of Lazarus Outreach Mission in Mountain were shocked when they received their supplementary tax bill totaling $16,000. The new amount is based on a recent increase in their property tax assessment which has risen from $93,000 to $261,000.

Seaway District High School's graduation ceremonies took place over Thanksgiving weekend. Kyle Gervais was named outstanding student and Emily Millard was valedictorian.

South Dundas is faced with building a new water treatment facility to come in line with Ontario drinking water regulations. Neither Iroquois nor Morrisburg's water plants met the new standards.

North Dundas Council supported the House of Lazarus by making a $1,000 donation in hopes that the organization could regain its charity status.

Dundas County Hospice celebrated 10 years of making a difference through volunteering. With the consent of the patient, Dundas County Hospice provides trained volunteers, seven days a week. Some services include bereavement counselling throughout illness and after death as well as fostering a close relationship with doctors and other health care providers.



Celebrating Retirement
Pastoral Director of the House of Lazarus Shirley Nichol (middle) celebrated her retirement on Monday, December 23 with a luncheon held in her honor. Here, she is with Board Chair Edith Jenkins (left), Board Member Gayle Hartling (right) and the cake made for her. *Chieftain Photo byTheresa Roach*

Pastoral Director Shirley Nichol retires from House of Lazarus

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Pastoral Director of the House of Lazarus, Shirley Nichol celebrated her last day of work before retirement on Monday, December 23.

A luncheon was held in her honor on December 23 and everyone was welcome to attend. There were refreshments, a cake made for her and many kind words said to her.

She was presented with a gift by House of Lazarus Board member Gayle Hartling. Nichol thanked everyone, saying "I would like to thank the many people who supported me. It takes many people to make everything work."

Chair of the Board, Edith Jenkins said "I would like to thank Shirley on behalf of the board for all the work she has done and we wish you well."

Nichol has been at the House of Lazarus since the summer of 1993 and has been Pastoral Director since the summer of 1994. Starting in January the new Pastoral Director will be Pauline Pratt.

"I am thrilled to be retired. There are a lot of things that I want to do and now I have the time to do them. I want to write a book for my grandchildren," she said.

One of the things that she has planned is a three week trip to visit her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren in Texas in February. She added that a little later on she would like to do Pastoral Care at one of the local hospitals.

Nichol says she told the new director at the House of Lazarus to feel free to give her a call if needed. She says she was "really impressed with the new director and I was really happy when I found out she got the job. She is a great person and sensitive to people's needs. I think she will do a good job."

Her hopes for the House of Lazarus is that it will continue to grow and be the warm place that it is. She added, "It would be nice if there would come a day that we would no longer need the food bank part of the mission and that no one would need it anymore, but I can't foresee that."

Nichol says the part that she will miss the most about her job is the clients because she got very close to a lot of them and she will miss that.

"It's hard to say what my best memory is from my time there because there were so many hurdles we made it over that I remember the triumphant feeling of being on the other side," said Nichol.

"Some of the hurdles we overcame were the move to Mountain, our government taxes getting taken away and most recently the big tax bill we got. My biggest memories are making it over these hurdles," she said.

She added that, "the different challenges have helped us to understand how our clients faced similar challenges."

November

Four local OPP officers received Commissioner's Citations for Bravery. Senior Constable Dan Brisson, Senior Constable Harvey Blokland, Auxiliary Constable Sid Blokland, and Senior Constable Ed McGraw for their acts of bravery at the March shootout along Highway 401. On March 10, 2002 Sr. Constable Harvey Blokland accompanied by Aux. Constable Sid Blokland was on patrol when he stopped a speeding car with two males inside on Highway 401 near Morrisburg. The driver indicated he could not speak English, so a french speaking officer was requested at the scene. The driver was placed in the rear of the police cruiser, with Aux. Const. Blokland in the cruiser to guard the man. A short time later, french speaking officer Brisson arrived on the scene. Sr. Const. Blokland briefed the other officers before they approached the stopped vehicle to speak to the passenger. Asking the passenger to exit the car, a discrepancy arose, between information given to them and what the driver said. The passenger pulled out a .45 calibre pistol, pointing it at the officers. Const. Brisson was subsequently shot twice, once in the back of his body armour, the second grazed the side of his head. Wounded, he fell to the ground and the weapon was aimed at the other officers. In the ensuing exchange of gunfire the gunman was fatally wounded. Follow-up investigations revealed that the gunman had handguns in his possession, and had ties to an outlaw motorcycle gang.

The newest business in South Dundas, The Bread Basket opened for business west of Iroquois along County Road 2, as Roger Levesque started baking in his brick oven.

Brinston resident, Bob Stephenson received his "Thank You Canada" Anniversary medal for service overseas in WWII. The medal came from the Netherlands in appreciation for their liberation by Canadian forces.

North Dundas Council recognized their Firemen with years of service pins at a regular meeting.

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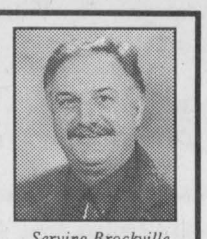

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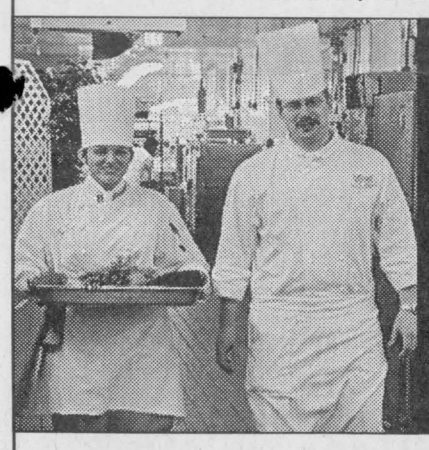

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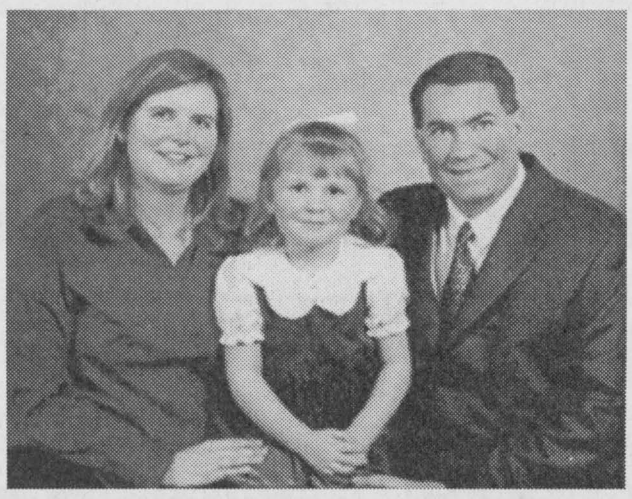

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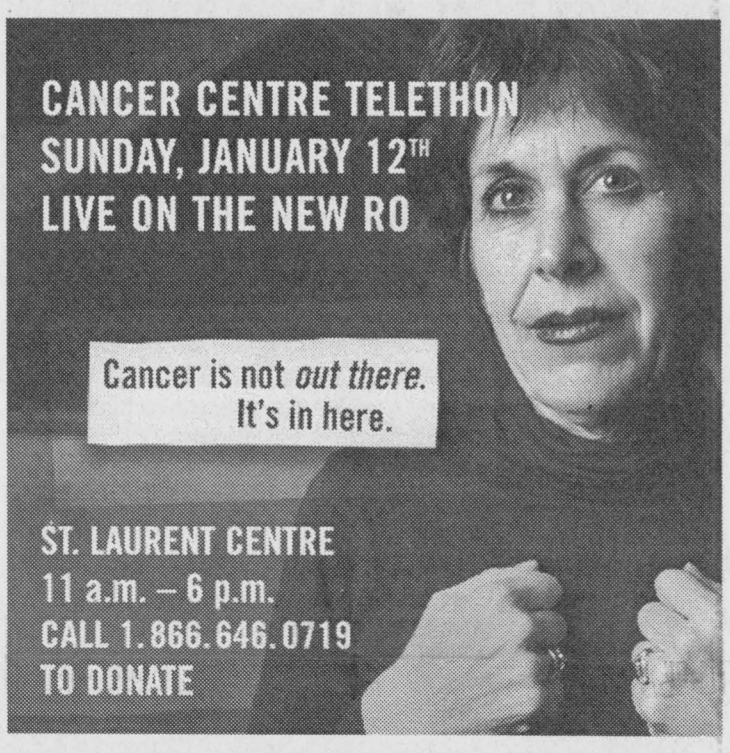

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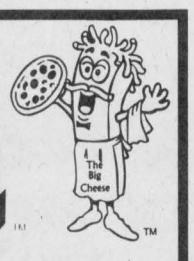

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CAO Bill Horner's retirement was celebrated by friends and co-workers as he was "roasted and toasted," at the Matilda Hall. Bill bids farewell after a twenty-seven year career.

A historical bus tour of South Dundas was held for the first time. Two tour buses were filled to capacity with locals interested in sharing the history of their community, as told by local experts.

Cardinal Legion members celebrated their 50th with a banquet and awards evening, as Iroquois Branch 370 held their Honours and awards Banquet as well as commemorating Remembrance Day.

The Seaway District High School Spartans won the local basketball title. The girls dominated the season and were rewarded for their efforts.

Iroquois Public School had their most successful season ever with each of their teams bringing home trophies and medals for each of their respective performances.

Mayor Johnny Whitteker, Senator Jack Marshall, Margaret Reynolds, and our own Sandra Lee Johnston were honoured for their contributions to the community as they were presented with Golden Jubilee Medals.

Thanks to the great generosity of the people in the area Renewing the Vision Campaign Coordinators decided that they would try to meet their original plan of raising one-half of the estimated cost of the project through donations and pledges. Thus setting their sites at the $15 million mark before the campaign is completed in June 2003.

Canadian Women's Hockey Gold Medalist Lori Dupuis spoke at the Canadian Club meeting, sharing the highlights of her career and her experiences.

Council used the words "witch hunt" as they described the situation between Antique Festival organizers and the Chamber of Commerce. Council agreed with Heritage Coordinator, Kirsten Gardner, on moving the event to the Matilda Hall. The event ran quite successfully, but Chamber members were still trying to decide whether or not they could put their support behind the Township of South Dundas event.

News came from radio station CISD FM 107.7 that they would be up and running on the air in early January.

Alight at Night is back at Upper Canada Village for another year after it's inaugural year proved so successful. The show offers some special new features to those wanting to "see the village as it has never been seen before."

Upper Canada Playhouse's Gift Auction was a terrific success again as support came flooding into the local venue.

The Chieftain took part in the Take Your Kid to Work program for grade 9 students across the province. A great way to help the students and learn yourself as a employee what is coming along in the work force, this is a great way for all to benefit.

In an unprecedented move the Winchester District Memorial Hospital was closed to all visitors, volunteers and non-essential services due to an outbreak of gastroenteritis.

Keith and Millie Beaupre handed over the keys to the plaza store to son, Jeff as they take time to rest and relax from the work-a-day world.

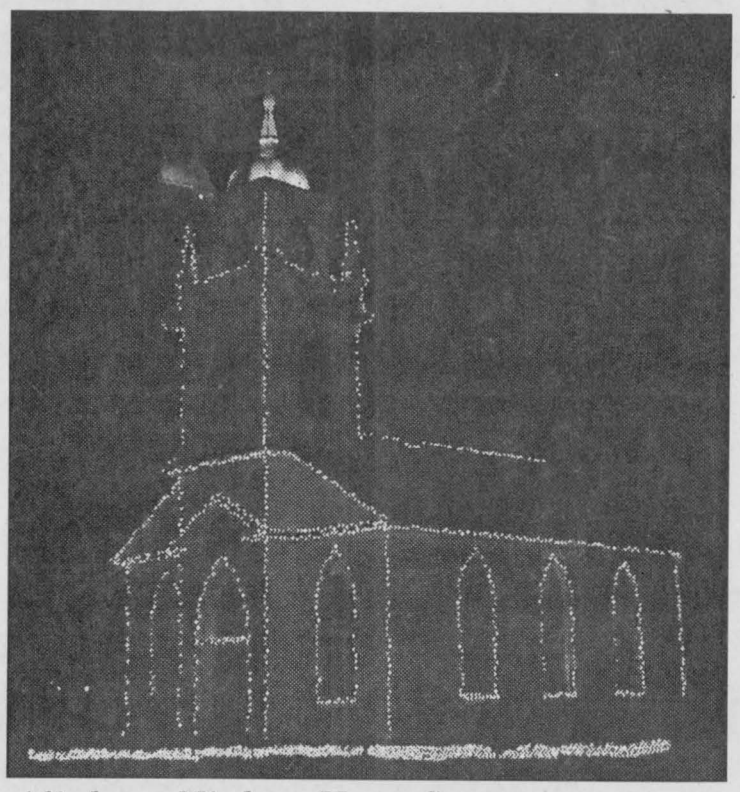
The Cardinal Post Office was vandalized by a Break and Enter, many Christmas gifts were lost and the OPP are investigating.

December

Operation Christmas Child received 3 million Canadian shoe boxes. Locally 215 families registered for the Christmas Exchange program in our area.

South Dundas Council welcomed a new Chief Administrative Officer, Andy Brown. Andy replaces longtime CAO Bill Horner. Andy comes to South Dundas after serving nearly a decade as CAO in Prescott.

Anne Marie Waddell the South Dundas Economic Development Commission Coordinator reports that there was an increase of jobs in South Dundas this year and the outlook is optimistic for the future. **The Christmas Season kicked off with the fifth annual Country** Christmas Tour which was free once again.



Alight at Night a Huge Success
The church is one of the Heritage Buildings at Upper Canada Village "Alight at Night." The concept has gone over extremely well in its inaugural year at Upper Canada Village. The lights are scheduled to do out January 6th, so make sure and see it soon.
Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

Health Fair 2002 was held at Seaway High School as a course requirement for their Physical Education Class. The event was organized by two OAC students Amanda Byvelds and Samantha Boone.

Bonnie Parker of Parker Funeral Homes in Morrisburg made a special presentation to OPP Sergeant Brent Mattice in recognition of all that the OPP do for the community, which is often above and beyond the call of duty.

A small but enthusiastic crowd gathered to witness t Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony as the Dundas County Players sang carols to herald the Christmas Season.

The Thompson Rosemount Group held a public meeting at the Cardinal Municipal Building to discuss plans to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant. Upgrades include providing standby power, upgrading the current filtration system and improving the disinfection system.

Poor road conditions were the main discussion at North Dundas Council Meeting. From a request to police to report on roads to discussing a new form of ice removal called brining Council wants the roads improved.

Christmas Parades were evident in the area as Morrisburg held their annual Santa Claus Parade, and the very popular Country Christmas Parade of Lights was held at Winchester. Events enjoyed by the young and old in our area.

Marc Cardinal owner of Frametastic Gallery in Prescott put together a cookbook featuring 250 recipes, with sales raising money for the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital Palliative Care Unit in Brockville.

Children involved in Lions Hockey at any level gathered at the arena to celebrate Minor Hockey in the community. The game was enjoyed as it was meant to be, "Just for Fun".

Parents, teachers, college and university representatives gathered at Seaway High School to discuss the double cohort graduation that will occur this year. Don Lewis a Guidance Counsellor with the school told parents to rest assured that the government has made many provisions to handle this situation.

Canadian Astronaut Doctor Dave Williams is set to fly into space in November of 2003 to conduct three space walks as construction of truss and solar panels on the space station continues.

Upper Canada School Board Chair Joan Hodge was pleased to see the Ontario Government taking quick action in providing additional funding for special education, responsible collective bargaining and transportation.

The local tag draw took place at area businesses. The draw was a promotion by area businesses to encourage shoppers to spend their money locally.

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