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Mary Knowles Award Recipient

As National Volunteer Week is upon us, our editor Sandra Lee Johnston travelled to Toronto to accept the Mary Knowles Award for Community Service from the Ontario Community Newspaper Association. The award was presented to Sandra Lee by Mary Knowles' family including her daughter, sister and mother. *Chieftain Photo by R. Johnston*

Third Annual Trillium Dinner hosted by local Liberal Association

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Brian Lynch, President of the Association welcomed MPP John Cleary, South Dundas Mayor Johnny Whitteker and his wife Audrey and invited John to introduce the guest speaker for the evening, Liberal Education Critic and MPP Gerard Kennedy. A graduate of Trent and Alberta Universities, Mr. Kennedy is married and lives in west Toronto with his wife and their daughter. Explaining a long list of credentials among which he included "News Maker of the Year in 1993, first elected in 1996, reelected in 1999, Housing and Health Critic on separate occasions, CEO of the Year, an advocate of a Public Health Care system and Executive Director of the Food Bank for ten years in Toronto, he is active in his church and feels social services are vital to this country's future.

Kennedy spoke of the "outstanding need for the Liberal approach to education." He explained how he feels about the situation, "There is not a more meaningful time, nor a more vital time to look at the education policy in this province. There is no higher priority except the obvious one, and that of course is Healthcare that needs immediate attention also."

The Liberal Party calls their program, "Excellence for All... the Liberal Education Peace and Improvement Plan." The message was well received by the room full of party faithful who had paid $100 a ticket to hear him as they showed their support for the party when and if the Tories call an election.

Kennedy continued explaining how his party feels the government must support the teachers in this province. "By treating teachers as professionals and not as political punching bags, by providing direct support and **Please turn to page 7**



Education Critic Speaks

MPP Gerard Kennedy gets a hearty welcome from his colleague MPP John Cleary. Kennedy is the Education Critic for the Ontario Opposition at Queen's Park. Speaking to the local liberal association he brought education reform ideas to light. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

South Dundas Twp. to control Open Burning

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

South Dundas is adding some conditions to open burning in the township. The conditions have been added after meetings with the fire chiefs. "We're looking for more control," says clerk Brenda Brunt. There will no open burning in the hamlets and if you are planning to burn outside of those areas you must fill out a burning permit at the township office in Williamsburg.

Approval to open burn is subject to the following terms and conditions; a burn must be supervised at all times, and will take place between sunrise and sunset. Only clean wood and brush or uncontaminated wood waste is permitted to be burned.

Burning shall be conducted in a safe, controlled manner, in small separate piles if required, in a safe, secure area where the likelihood of spreading to the natural environment is minimal.

Fire extinguishing equipment is to be present, in working order, maintained, and readily available on site. It must be of sufficient size and quantity to extinguish the amount being burned on the site at any time.

Smoke and odour caused by burning as well as wind speed and direction shall be observed at all times to ensure that adjacent properties and residents are not impacted or affected by the smoke or odours.

Routine inspections of the property boundaries are to be performed, and the burning reduced or extinguished if wind and smoke conditions persist in causing adverse effects on neighbouring properties or people.

Burning is only to continue when wind conditions allow so without causing adverse effects on neighbouring properties or people.

The appropriate Fire Department is to be notified immediately if the burning gets out of control or spreads to unintentional areas.

Approval to open burn from the township does not relieve the applicant of any responsibilities. In the event that the Fire Service responds to a call and is required to extinguish any open fire which has gotten out of control or if any of the provisions of the permit are not being followed, the owner of the property could be liable for the cost of the attendance of the Fire Service at a rate of $350 per vehicle/unit per hour for the first hour and $175 per vehicle/unit for each half hour thereafter.

The township is also interested in working with contractors to reduce the problems associated with pile burning. If any pile burning is to occur, a pile burning permit must be filled out at the township office. This permit asks for several details surrounding the burn. You must disclose **Please turn to page 7**

WDMH - Time is taking its toll on the Hospital

Despite constant and vigilant maintenance, Winchester District Memorial Hospital is starting to show its age. , Despite the work done through the H.E.L.P. campaign, major work must still be done to WDMH's physical plant. A survey commissioned by the Hospital in 1999 determined that most mechanical systems were :aging and failing." It must be remembered that parts of WDMH are over fifty years old. The plumbing, ventilation and air conditioning (H.V.A.C.) systems are in such a state that most of the time it is no longer practical to fix or repair them anymore.

Phil Marleau, Vice President of Planning and Support Services at WDMH explains, "The H.E.L.P. campaign was extremely important in maintaining the Hospital's physical plant, and many of the repairs and renovations made will last for years to come, especially those related to electrical or life safety. But not every system was upgraded or repaired. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems weren't worked on and need to have extensive work performed on them now. Our ability to improve humidity and meet required air exchange standards are very limited. As parts are no longer available for these systems, it just isn't cost effective to repair them anymore."

But, it's not just the mechanical systems that are being adversely affected by age. The design and layout of Winchester District Memorial Hospital no longer match today's healthcare needs and standards of delivery.

Doctor Paul Collican, President of the Medical Staff comments, "The original layout and design of the Hospital was based on an outdated model of healthcare delivery. Winchester was built on an acute care model of overnight stays in the Hospital. But, with new procedures and technology, more and more patients can be treated on an outpatient basis- they don't require an overnight stay in the Hospital. When you add in the fact that the various departments are not laid out in a rational manner, this really **Please turn to page 9**



Liberals Open Office

MPP John Cleary, Mayor Johnny Whitteker, Anne Marie Waddell (SDEDC) and MP Bob Kilger cut the ribbon to officially open a new constituency office at 141 Main Street in Morrisburg. Increased exposure for the SDEDC and closer availability of our representatives is good. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Resolutions & By-Laws at S. Dundas Council

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Deer Population Needs to be Controlled

The Township of South Stormont is seeking support from neighbouring municipalities with regards to the deer population and the havoc being caused to agricultural properties and traffic accidents caused by deer collisions on local roads.

South Stormont is petitioning the Ministry of Natural Resources to increase the number of deer tags (doe) issued in the Zone 65 hunting area, to reduce the deer population.

South Dundas council agreed wholeheartedly that deer are definitely getting to be a problem and the MNR needs to do something about the deer population, so they supported South Stormont's resolution, as did North Dundas council at their earlier meeting.

Official Plan Lessons

While on a roll with discussing issues in the forefront of council's thoughts the hospital discussions led into discussions on the official plan. The official plan is now in it's second draft stage. Mayor Whitteker had a very clear message about the official plan, "it's up to you to let them know if there is a mistake ... Every person should look at the map and make sure it's (your land) right, if not, get it changed ... if you don't say anything you have to accept what is put down on paper."

Fire Safety Guidelines

Public Fire Safety Guidelines for emergency response times to single family dwellings are "minimum staffing guideline of 10 firefighters in 10 minutes" when pressurized water sources "hydrants" are near by, with the rural equivalent being "14 firefighters in 10 minutes" 90% of the time.

Councillor Ewing said, "this should be quite a concern to us." Ewing expects that this will be used by insurance companies to file action against municipalities. Councillor Gillard pointed out that the guidelines don't make sense for a rural municipality as it is difficult to get to the extreme ends of the township if there was a paid fire department let alone expect a volunteer department to meet the guidelines. Ewing will collect comments from the fire **Please turn to page 7**

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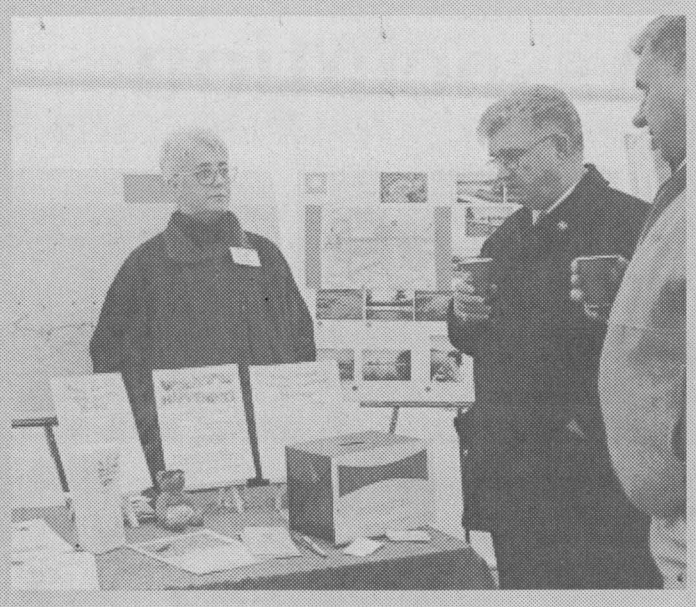

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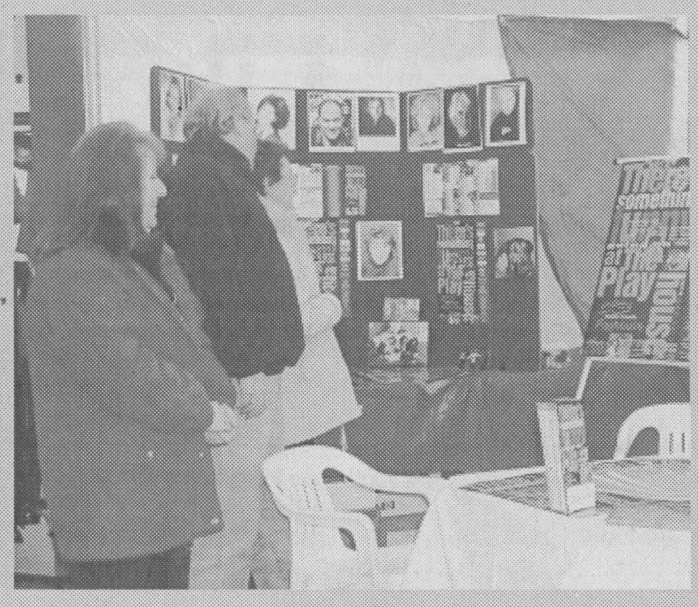

Upper Canada Playhouse new season ready



Friends of the Bird Sanctuary - Margaret

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Great entertainment at Iroquois Good Companions meeting

President Len Roberts welcomed 40 Good Companions to the Civic Centre April 9th. With Muriel McGruder at the piano everyone sang O Canada and Grace then enjoyed a delicious pot luck dinner.

Eight lively ladies "The Cornwall Cloggers" provided super entertainment. During intermission they encouraged all to join in a sing song. These ladies have been here before and we always look forward to welcoming them back.

The minutes were read and approved followed by the treasury report. Birthday and 50th anniversary wishes were extended to Clare Dunbar and Ron and Leona McIntosh.

Volunteer kitchen convenors for May will be Mary Bright, Anna Wynands and Muriel McGruder. Luella Gilmer won the tooney-draw.

Guy Cromie read an article from a Cornwall paper concerning a Bell Canada Alert. Another scam has hit the area. If someone calls saying they are an A.T. & T. service technician testing your phone and asks you to push 90 and the pound sign # and then to hang up, please do not do so. By pushing 90# this gives the caller access to your phone line which allows them to place long distance calls billed to your phone number. This scam has been originating from many of the local jails and prisons. Do not push 90# for anyone.

The meeting was adjourned following the singing of God Save the Queen.

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Volunteer of the Year

Glen Cunningham received this plaque honouring him as South Dundas Volunteer of the Year 2001 from Mayor Johnny Whitteker. Glen was given this award for the pivotal role he played in saving the train, as well as for his work on the South Dundas heritage mural project. "If it wasn't for Glen the train wouldn't still be sitting where it is," explains Whitteker. Of the mural project the mayor has been know to say, once you get him started you can't hold him back. Glen's enthusiasm for his volunteer work is evident every time you talk to him. Morrisburg will be the home of three new murals this year their locations will be the east end of the mall, the Beer Store, and Giant Tiger. Murals will also go ahead in Winchester Springs and Riverside Heights. Glen is also in the planning stages for an education mural for the high school in Iroquois. Thanks to Glen murals will be popping up all over South Dundas.

Canada has 6.5 million reasons to celebrate National Volunteer Week. According to Statistics Canada there are just over 6.5 million volunteers contributing to non-profit and charitable organizations. That's 27 percent of all Canadians 15 and older. More than half of all volunteers helped to organize or supervise events for an organization and 40 percent took part in canvassing, campaigning or fund-raising.

Almost all the volunteers surveyed said the reason they volunteered was to help a cause they believe in. About eight out of ten volunteers wanted to put their skills and experience to use, and over two-thirds said they had been personally affected by the cause supported by the organization.

In total, Canadian volunteers contributed just over one billion hours, an amount equal to 549,000 full-time, year-round jobs. Yet, the statistics show, only seven percent of all Canadians gave 73 percent of all volunteer hours.

This year's National Volunteer Week is highlighting how many Canadians are turning to volunteering as a way to gain - and give - the benefits of experience.

Older adults have a lifetime of knowledge and skills to share as they move from the workplace to retirement. For many newly-retired people, volunteering helps make the transition a more positive experience by helping them to create and maintain relationships, use their valuable skills, give back to their communities and mentor others.

Younger people are volunteering to gain experience as they, in turn, transition from school to the workplace, or from high school to higher education. 78% of youth looking for work felt that volunteering would help them get a job. Employers have increasingly recognized how volunteer experience can make for a happier and better-trained workforce.

This year, National Volunteer Week runs from April 21 to 27. This special week is set aside to honour all individuals who share their time and talents.

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

Only fifteen players showed up for Cribbage League play in the Lounge last Saturday. Bob Esford pegged 1062 points to capture first place while Wilf Summers claimed second with a score of 1048, Roger Coulter pegged 1042 to eek out third place honors by one point over Ken Palmer. Hope the "Bridesmaid" gown fits O.K. Ken! Only eight skunks dropped by during the afternoons competition but Joe McDonald and Bob McKee snatched a pair each.

Just one week of regular Crib League competition remains and it appears that Duane Kirker has first place over-all locked up, although Wilf Summers has the outside chance to catch him. We hope to see a large turnout for this Saturdays competition.

At the Euchre tables played on Tuesday evening. April 9th there were fourteen tables being occupied and the first prize went to Elsie Bron, while Barb Wichmans captured the second prize and Carol Thompson ended up with the Door Prize. Even though Spring has eventually sprung, the skunks kept their distance for none made an appearance around the Branch.

At the Duplicate Bridge (played on the same evening), There were four tables being played and at the end of the evening the high winners were Laura Burgess and Mildred McGInn.

On Saturday April 20th there will be a Mixed Double Dart Tournament held at Br. 370. This will consist of 1 man, 1 woman per team. The first thirty teams will be accepted. The cost is $20. per team and all entry money will be returned in prizes. The registration will be from 11:45 to 12:45 with play starting at 1:15 p.m. Anyone may play. Hope to see you there. Oh, by the way, the Ladies Auxiliary will be having a canteen going also!

On the weekend of April 19, 20, and 21st, the Legion District Convention will be taking place at Pembroke. We will be having representation from our own Branch at this event.

We recently advertised for a part-time bartender and it was quite interesting as we had fifteen applications handed in. In the near future we will let you know who was fortunate enough to get the job.

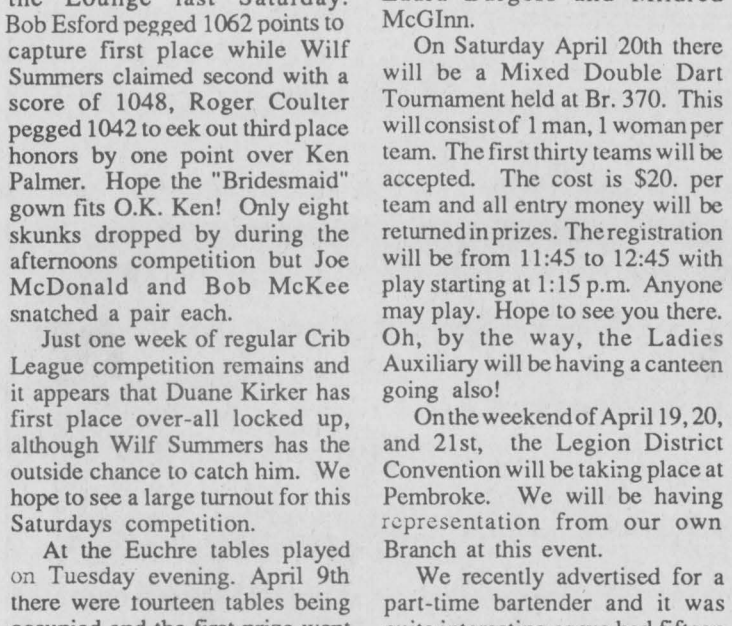
NEEDED!!! We need at least three or four volunteers to help at Bingos. Due to illness and other reasons we are now short some helpers at our Bingos which we really can't afford. We have three teams and need eight players on each team. So if any of you people feel you can give a few hours of your time to help, we'll be glad to have you. Should you be interested, contact Duane Kirker at 652-2276 for any more info.

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Joe Roberts,a comrade and friend of the Iroquois Legion...he will be sorely missed.

This weeks' activities include:

Mon: Bingo at 1pm at Johnstown Bingo Hall.
Tues: Bridge in Small Hall at 7pm.
Euchre in Main Hall at 7:30pm
Wed: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm
Thurs: Legion General Meeting 7:30pm
Fri: Mixed Dart Leagues at 7:30pm
Sat: Cribbage at 1pm sharp! in the Lounge

Have a great week!

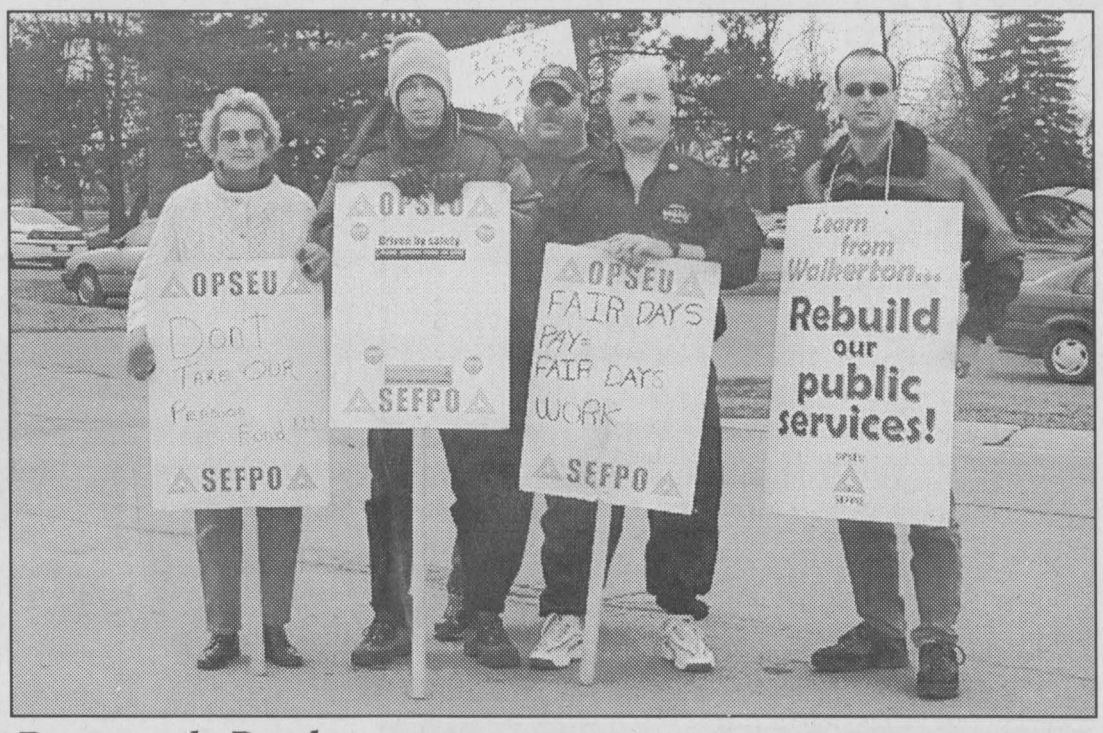


Bee Keeper

Alvin Runnalls spoke to Grade 4 classes from local schools on keeping bees. Part of the Farm Fair, the youngsters learned about drones, queen bees, royal jelly, smokers, nectar, honey combs, bees wax, centrifuge and apriary. Other stations were organic growing, eggs, pork, dairy herds, beef, and soil. No, I'll not be a bee keeper but it was interesting! *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

POLICE

South Dundas - On April 9, 2002 police received a report of a break and enter which had occurred in South Dundas Township. Sometime since last fall an entry had been made into a garage at a private residence located along Grantley Road in the township, which resulted in the theft of a Kawasaki Generator, valued at $2,100.00. Sr. Const. P. Como is investigating the incident.



Protocol Broken

Late last week tempers flared on the picket line at UCV as protocol was broken when management denied to honour the line. Prior to the establishment of the line protocol was signed. The picketers lengthened waiting time for administration to enter, a confrontation ensued, OPP were called and the matter was settled. Picket lines remain, a blackout on talks and we all wait for things to return to normal. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

United Counties earmarks $4 Million for WDMH

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

At the last South Dundas Council Meeting Mayor Whitteker brought up discussions on hospital funding. County council will soon have to decide how hospital funding for the counties will be structured. Right now the recommendation is that they match funds dollar for dollar with those raised by the hospital. Since Winchester Hospital is asking for $8 million, the counties will raise $4 million through assessments and the other $4 million will be raised by the hospital through fund-raising and donations from area residents. In addition, every tax bill will have a $31 charge per $100,000 assessment on their property taxes to cover borrowing costs for the next ten years.

The second option is that the hospital is responsible for raising $3 million and the counties put in $4.8 million through assessments, which would amount to $37 per $100,000 assessment to cover borrowing costs.

No matter which option county council opts for, "we'll pay for it one way or the other," summarized councillor Gillard. Mayor Whitteker expressed concern for the amount of money that commercial taxpayers will have to put out as borrowing costs, as it would be a significant amount of money. Nevertheless, we are still waiting on the counties decision of how the funding will be structured. Mayor Whitteker bluntly stated that, "if the people are not prepared to pay the dollars, they should be prepared to close the hospital."

At Monday night's County Council meeting a majority vote put the dollar for dollar funding plan in place. The counties will match public fundrasing money. $4 million of County money is earmarked for the Winchester Hospital project - the lion's share of the funding. The chair of the executive restructuring committee was surprised at the amount given to Winchester; more money to a smaller population.

CRIME STOPPERS

This week crime stoppers is asking for your help in solving a theft from a garage at a private residence on Grantley Road in South Dundas Township. The incident was reported on the 9th of April and occurred sometime in the fall. A Kawasaki generator valued at $2100.00 was taken. If you have any information on this crime or any other crime please call crime stoppers at 937-8477 or for long distance callers 1-800-222-8477.

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Volunteering

National Volunteer Week is celebrated April 21-27 this year. The theme is Experience Matters as many Canadians whether 15 or 55 are turning to volunteering as a way to gain and give the benefits of experience.

Older adults have a lifetime of knowledge and skills to share as they move from the workplace to retirement. For many newly retired people learn, volunteering can make the transition a positive experience by helping them create and maintain relationships, use their valuable skills, give back to their communities and mentor others.

Younger folks are volunteering to gain experience as they in turn, transition from school to the workplace or from high school to higher education. Over 75% of students polled in a national survey felt that volunteer experience helped them get a job.

Employers have increasingly recognized how volunteer experience can make for a happier and better-trained workforce, the same survey indicates that more than one-quarter of all volunteers in this country say their employers now allow them to modify their work schedule to accommodate volunteer hours.

Almost all volunteers will tell you they do it to help a cause they believe in. Some want to put their skills and experience to use and some have been affected by the cause supported by the organization.

It staggers the mind to think that 6.5 million people volunteer in this country just over one billion hours of volunteer time, equivalent to 549,000 full time, year round jobs.

This week is set aside to honour all individuals who share their time and talents.

Volunteering gives one such a terrific feeling, there are no words to explain how great it is to see a youngster smile after you give your time and skill to work with them at camp, on a canoe trip, in Guides, Scouts, Cadets, Church Groups or as you stand beside them to canvass for Heart and Stroke or the Cancer Society. Delivering Meals on Wheels to an elderly shut-in who looks forward to seeing you arrive can be a reward in itself when you are hugged or your hand is squeezed by a frail yet loving hand. Ensuring that events run on time, and involve your community can reap benefits you don't even know about.

Such great people as Ghandi said, "The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Winston Churchill said, "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."

Another fellow who shares wisdom is Aesop who noted, "No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted."

S.L.J.

Bylaw After Bylaw

This week South Dundas Council passed a burning bylaw and are working on a dog-bylaw, a sewer use bylaw and we already have a yard clean up bylaw. As a resident of South Dundas, I'm starting to feel a little over regulated.

Some of the bylaws seem to have some validity as they work to protect the safety of the residents of the municipality, such as the open burning bylaw but others seem to be like a case of nosey neighbours.

I'm wondering what right a municipality has to dictate to it's residents how many pets they can keep. Obviously it is given every right simply by the fact that they have the power to create bylaws. But, is that why we elect municipal governments, to rule every part of our life because we can't look after ourselves. I don't really think that is what we have in mind when we mark our X beside someone's name on the ballot.

The yard clean-up bylaw, is one that I would assume would be difficult to determine whether problems are real, or manufactured by feuding neighbours. A bylaw shouldn't be the product of a neighbours concern over how someone else's property looks. It should be the product of a need to protect all of it's residents.

Our neighbouring Township, North Dundas does not pro-actively get involved with property standards issues, as they have no desire to get caught in the middle of feuding neighbours, while here in South Dundas they seem ready to step right into the middle of it all.

If you worry about your dogs and your yard, and I worry about my dogs and my yard we wouldn't have to have our elected officials worrying about our dogs and our yards, creating bylaw after bylaw.

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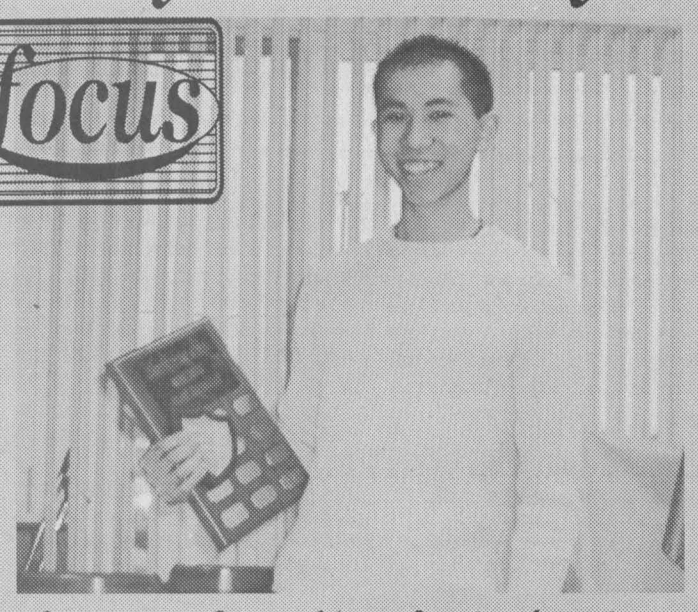
Morrisburg Figure Skating Awards Night



Dance award winners



Competitive Senior Mens Singles Award



Canskate award winners



Awarded Skate Canada Bursaries



Freestyle award winning skaters



Skills award winners

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Editor is humbled by Mary Knowles Award



This was "my" weekend, as many readers were aware this past Saturday evening was the presentation of the Mary Knowles Award at the Annual Spring Convention of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA). A prestigious award, of that I was fully aware, but the scope that it involved was boggling. A small town editor could not have been prepared for the welcome, the enthusiasm and the generous accolades which would be bestowed upon her.

The trip to the big city of Toronto began after the hair was styled and the bags packed. Westward on 401 in the driving rain that let up only for brief moments throughout the entire day was not great. One stop for lunch, a dash between rain drops (afterall the hair had to remain in place an looking good until later that evening and damp weather and rain was definitely not what I needed to ensure this!) Traffic was okay and the directions given by the OCNA lady were bang on, we took the Dixon Road ramp off 401 and hit the exact set of lights turned and were in the hotel yard.

Our room and parking were covered by the OCNA (part of the package for winning the award!) and so we went into check things out. This would be an adventure we would both enjoy especially since we realized once we were safely in our room that it has been almost 25 years since we stayed in a hotel! Our room was not ready when we arrived, but it gave us time to check things out. Locating the lady I was to meet was no hassle and then I was to get a taste of what the evening would bring...as I was introduced to the OCNA staff and they almost seemed in awe of me since I was the Mary Knowles winner!

Once the country bumpkins figured out how to work the credit card style keys, we were there... A suite on the ninth floor overlooking the airport, king sized bed, chairs, footstools, tables, TV, coffee maker, bottled water, books on what services are available in the hotel, marble floor in the bathroom, an ironing board and iron (they must know how I like to iron!!), it was wanting for nothing, we felt pretty important for sure! The lights in the halls were body sensitive, toilets flush by themselves, wow! we are amazed at the simplest things.

A call home to let them know we arrived safely and we were getting ready for the evening's agenda. In the room a quick few sentences to mutter as I accepted the award and a joke to lighten the affair. Time fleets when you wish it would slow and the toilet roll would not come off the roller. It was part of the talk and until we located the arrows on the end and figured out how to dislatch it, panic was starting to settle in. Gotta get this off...yes! We were ready to change and head back to the ballroom area. Sure, how many people would be trying to use the elevator right now? We managed to get a lift and were looking as good as we could.

Registration accomplished we picked up our tickets to the dinner and gala presentations and visited with folks we knew from various other local newspapers. Once the doors swung open the ballroom was decorated so marvellously, black and whites, colourful panels and creations. Each table was so simply done and yet so effectively, black top-hat filled with coloured tissue paper, plastic slinky toys stretched and wired were stuck in the hat and bright helium filled balloons darting here and there as people walked past. On stage was a huge screen operated via computer and two white flower pots, the big outdoor type filled with crepe paper leaves, outlined with shiny gold paper, held straight with a dowel. The white screen panels in the four corners of the room were back lit and had fireworks in pictures on black backgrounds while the opposite two had huge gold leaf stars on creative yellow backgrounds. Again, an easy concept, but masterful designs.

The table cloths were black with pewter accessories, silverware that glistened and white dishes. Seated with the members of the Mary Knowles family, (she passed away due to breast cancer at an early age) her daughter who is 16 and Mary's mother who would present me with the award, Mary's sister who would snap pictures; Caroline from OCNA who would introduce me and her husband and Loraine (a very special person for sure) who arranged the weekend for me along with her husband. Everyone was so very nice to us, it was like a dream.

They purchased wine to share with us and after a welcome from MC Joe Banks, Caroline was on stage reading from the nomination sent in by my co-worker for the award. Now the knees began to shake and the palms to sweat. If I manufactured tears, they

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the bottom line

SEAWAY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE ISSUING THEIR MID-TERM report cards on Monday, April 22, 2002. Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday, April 24, 2002 from 6 pm until 9pm. A new format this time will include time slots for parents that can be filled in by student monitors at the classroom doors.

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THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT HOSPITAL WILL ONCE AGAIN PROVIDE A Diabetic Information Session on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 at 7pm in the Conference Room, Lower Level at the Hospital. Guest speaker this evening will be Rachelle Charlebois and everyone is welcome.

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THE STORMONT, DUNDAS NDP RIDING ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING THEIR nomination meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 at the Navy Club in Cornwall at 6pm. Note change in time!! Their candidate Gary Besner will be on hand. Associated with the CAU, and VP of Local 414, he is set to run in the election as soon as it is called, come and hear his platform. Also on hand will be guest speaker, Buzz Hargrove, head of the CAU. Sounds like an exciting evening to come out and meet the candidate and hear Buzz.

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THE 2002 SEAWAY HIGH SCHOOL PROM COMMITTEE WILL HOST A colourful spring fashion show on Thursday evening at 7pm. Come out and check out the latest fashions and see what is hot for the season while helping the Committee raise funds for the prom. Always a great show, students do the modelling and the action is always electrified.

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AGAIN, THE PC PARTY ASSOCIATION FOR STORMONT-DUNDAS-Charlottenburgh will host their annual general meeting at 6pm on April 18, 2002 at the Chesterville Legion. As well as the meeting, the evening will include dinner, a guest speaker and entertainment by farmer comedian, Paul Mussel. Call the PC Action Centre in Cornwall at 936-8037 or 1-888-805-9788 for tickets.

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would have been welling up in the eyes, "Was this really me she was speaking about?" Then the spotlight caught this old editor and I was escorted to the stage in a blaze of white. Toilet roll in hand and I was accepting the lovely marble and glass etched award from a couple of people with memory tears in their eyes. Then I was at the podium, explaining how a newspaper editor came to the OCNA convention without any paper and so used the roll to create a speech (not really, but it got a laugh) which would not be too long! Eh! Expressing appreciation to the OCNA and the Mary Knowles family and encouraging them to continue this award, I also thanked my family, for where would any volunteer be without a supportive husband, children and extended family? I told everyone, some 400 in attendance!! that volunteers give of their time and talent for the smiles, the hand squeezes, the hugs, the laughter and to give back to their community, certainly not for an renumeration. "Recognition like this is simply icing on the cake as it were, since volunteering requires nothing in return." Telling this crowd that I have always been a community person, who feels we all need to give back, to make a difference, no matter how small and having the unique position of local newspaper editor to help out, it is easy to encourage others to do the same. "It is such a rewarding thing to do." I went on to say that although I never met Mary, she must have been a great lady to be remembered in such a special way: whose memory will endure through this beautiful award. Dropping a few words about some of the volunteer fun I have had, dressing like a Clown to deliver Meals on Wheels on Hallowe'en, camping with Scouts in -42 degree winter snow, enduring a tornado at camp, 26 hours on a bus with 40 Scouts, canvassing for Heart and Stroke, Cancer Society and working on Summer Festival activities tickled a few funny bones. It was like Joe said at the beginning of the evening, it was not the Oscars, but it had the correct atmosphere, I felt like a star, it did have the red carpet and I was tempted to thank God and my family...but as son number one said, "It is a good thing you didn't, it would have been tacky, Mom!!" Humbled by this, I was feeling better when I sat down to enjoy the meal, served by waiters wearing white gloves, wow! I should have had tea and not coffee with my meal since the tea bags come to you in a walnut box and you choose your taste. Had I known!!! Fogged in when we woke up, it dissipated and we headed home after a scrumptious Sunday brunch in the hotel dining room, from eggs to salad, from shrimp to mussels, from beef to salmon, from fruit to cheese, from cake to vegetables there was something for everyone.

Arriving home with time to unpack, show off the award to family and friends who we could contact and we were ready for a long sleep. The joints do not travel well anymore and after that long mine were stiff and sore. The big guy hurt his back and so he too was glad we have lumbar seats, but he was sore as well when we hit Swampview. A great weekend, long to be savoured, thanks to everyone who helped make it possible for an old editor from a small town paper to be recognized in such a stupendous manner...I will never forget.

Son number one was busy all weekend with end of term assignments and when we called enroute home he trepidly told us all was well...at least what was not was something we had gone through before. We did not learn until in the house that the jets on the tub had leaked through the kitchen ceiling and so we will need a plumber to locate the problem and repair it, then the ceiling will need to be fixed too. His car was laid up with ball joint problems and so he took maws' car to school Monday, drove in late (not unexpected) and handed me the keys, suggesting he could wreck another this week...a flat tire was changed and we have to get another since the spare is one of those toy tires. Great!! Take care and stay cool!! The wisdom this week comes from Leigh Hunt who said, "A pleasure so exquisite as almost to amount to pain."(my weekend!!)

LETTERS

State of Healthcare

Dear Editor,

I have a bats and roses observation that I would like to share with your readers concerning the state of our health care in Ontario. I recently fell and broke my hip, allowing me a first hand view of some of the aspects of the system I had until then only read about.

I would start with the roses. These go to the emergency response team who were at my house whisking me off to the hospital in record time with excellent care. Arriving at Winchester Memorial Hospital, again the attention in the Emergency Room by the nursing staff and Doctor Flowers was without fault. I was accessed, x-rayed and diagnosed quickly. Thanks to all of the above.

Unfortunately we do not have orthopedic facilities in our local hospital, or I am sure that roses would have been my only thought when I decided to share my experience.

At this point things became, to say the least, difficult. I spent the entire day in the E.R., as my attending doctor became more and more frustrated as he tried to find a hospital to transfer me to, to have the necessary surgery to repair my hip. There were no orthopedic beds available from Toronto to the Quebec border and so late that day, I was admitted to WDMH for the night on the hope that something could be found next morning. The good doctor was in my room the next morning informing me that he would be contacting something called Crita Care out of Toronto whose job it is to locate rooms and surgeons for cases such as mine when there is nothing available locally.

About 10:30am, a nurse came into my room to inform me that once again there was not yet a bed available in Ontario, so I resigned myself to being there another day before being sent off to have surgery. "No," in fact the nurse said, "You are going to Massena, New York to have your surgery done there."

There, you have all the roses: ER teams, local hospitals, nurses and doctors.

The bats go to our Ontario Government through whose wisdom and cut backs in the medical fields have necessitated that our doctors waste precious time which could be better spent treating patients, pulling their hair out all the while attempting to locate treatment sources for their patients. The shortening of hours allowed for surgeons to utilize operating facilities and the closing of so many beds in existing hospitals have made it necessary for patients to be sent OUT of Country for treatment of something I have been told is not a major operation, but a necessary one which should be done as soon after the injury as possible to lessen the chance of further complications...

Added to the stress of an already tense situation is the fact that although you are sent out of the country because of a lack of facilities, you also wonder, "Is this going to be covered by OHIP (Ontario Health Insurance Plan) or am I going to get a big surprise bill when I get home?" No one alerted me to the fact either way.

I did, after a week and a half being home recovering, receive notice from OHIP that my stay would be covered for the emergency care, but any other contact would have to be pre-approved. Here I was with no orthopedic doctor on this side of the river to do follow-up and since I had no permission to return to my surgeon who knows my case to follow up on my progress.

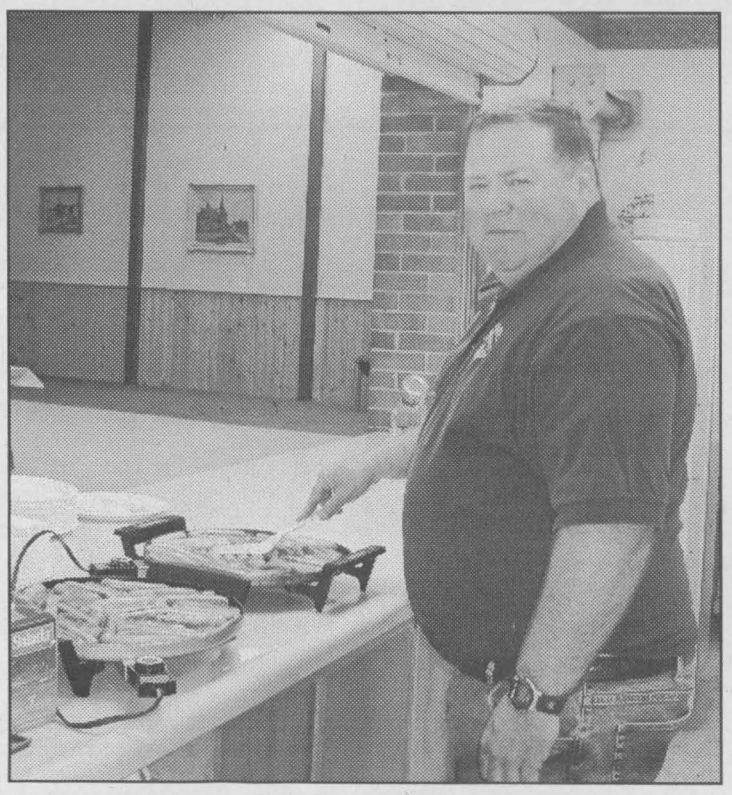
My main aim in writing this letter is not to complain about the men and women on the front lines of the medical profession, but to compliment them on being able to function as well as they do with all the obstacles our government places in their way.

I wonder also how many of our government officials, if placed in my shoes would want to rethink what is happening to the healthcare system in Ontario, a system which not so very long ago was thought to be one of the best around...

I now have a better understanding of why so many of our Canadian doctors and nurses are leaving for greener pastures south of us. My surgeon was from, believe it, Montreal and I was informed that a good portion of the hospital staff cross the border each day to work at Massena Memorial. I spoke with nurses when in hospital who had worked in Cornwall for many years, until all the cut backs began and they were forced to rethink whether they were going to work and be able to accomplish their jobs, helping people or if they would simply become part of an assembly line due to short staffing and other cut backs made necessary by the Ontario Government. They seemed to think that the drive across the bridge each day was well worth it.

My hope in writing this letter is to have those who read it realize that any of us could be caught in a similar situation and maybe like me feel inclined to write our Minister of Health and Member of Parliament to say we want some changes made to correct a system that requires us to be sent out of our own country to receive treatment.

Sincerely,
Pat Levere.



Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Iroquois-Matilda Lions hosted a pancake breakfast Sunday morning. Pancakes and sausages were the menu of the day. Lion Paul Robertson did a great job frying up some tasty sausages for everyone to enjoy.

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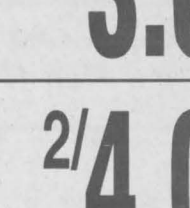

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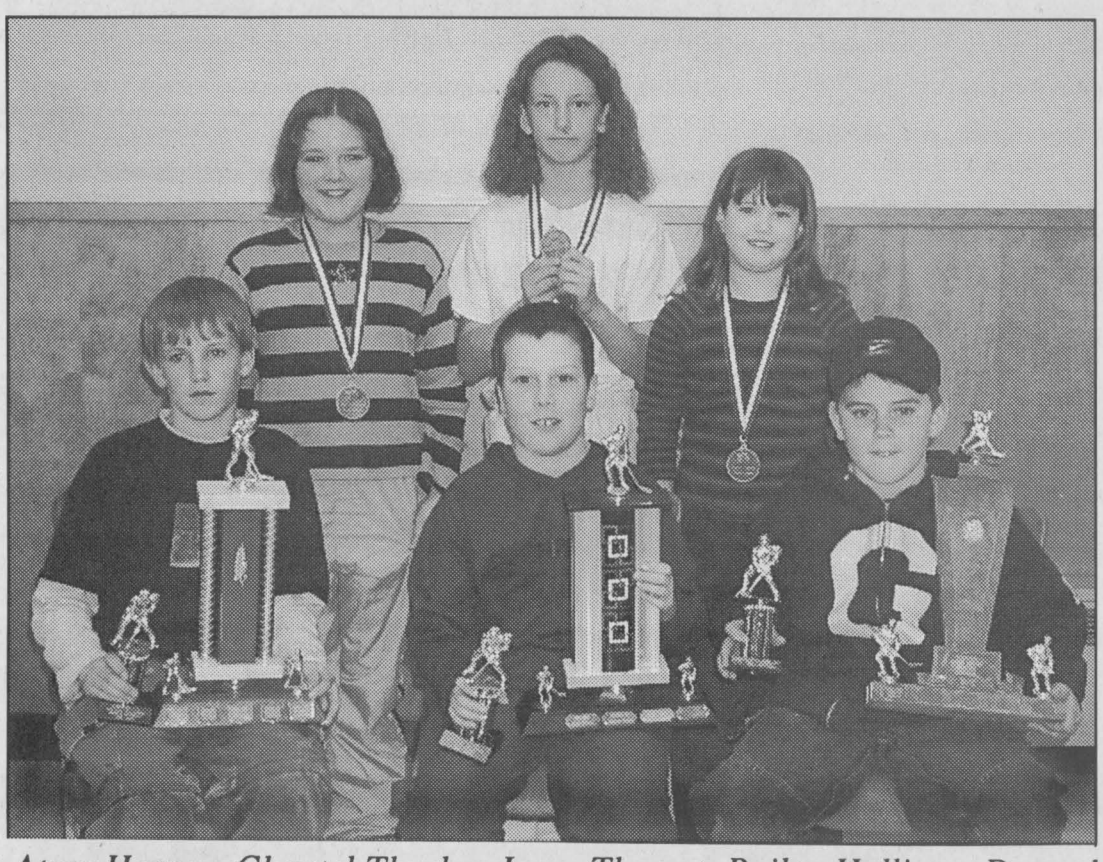
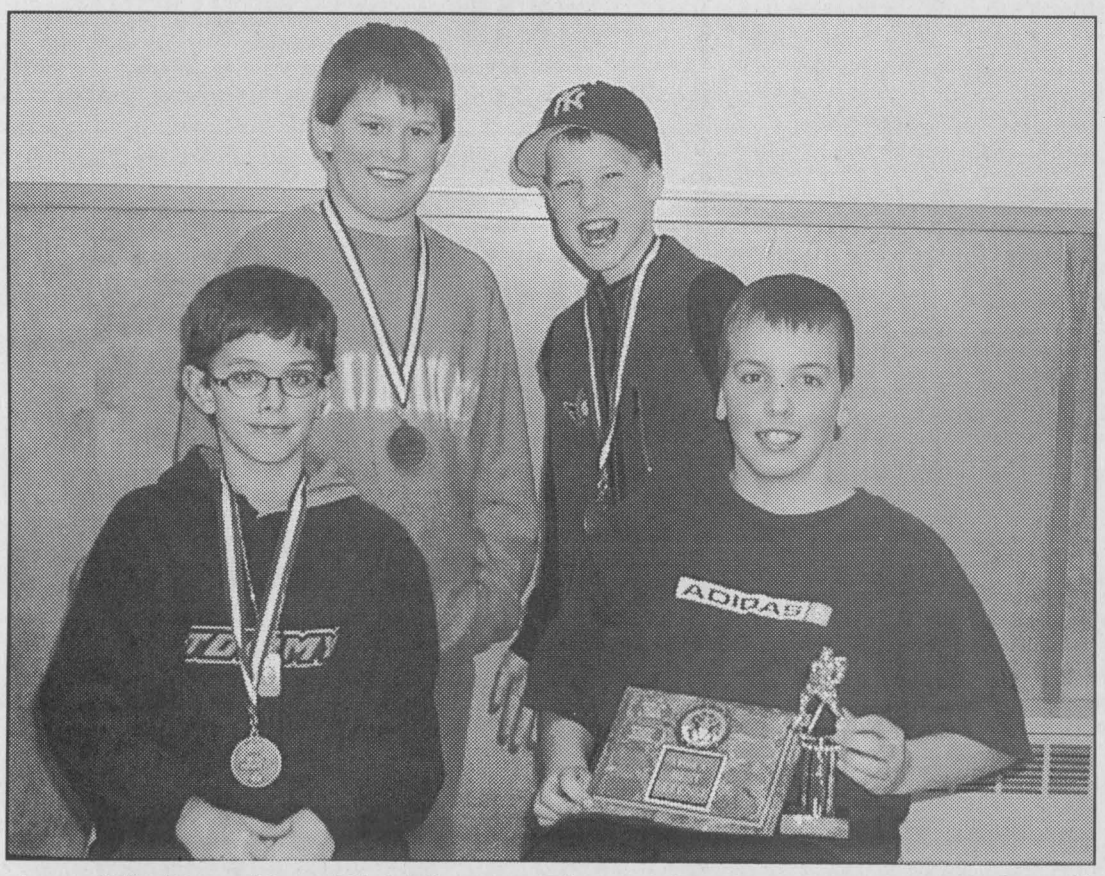


Atom House - Chantel Thurler, Josee Theoret, Bailey Hollister, Derreck Thompson, Matt Hanson, & Jordan DeRue.



PeeWee 'C' - Isaac Streit, Scott Speer, Colin Chesbro, Sheldon Beckstead, Ryan Morrow and Andrew Adlington.



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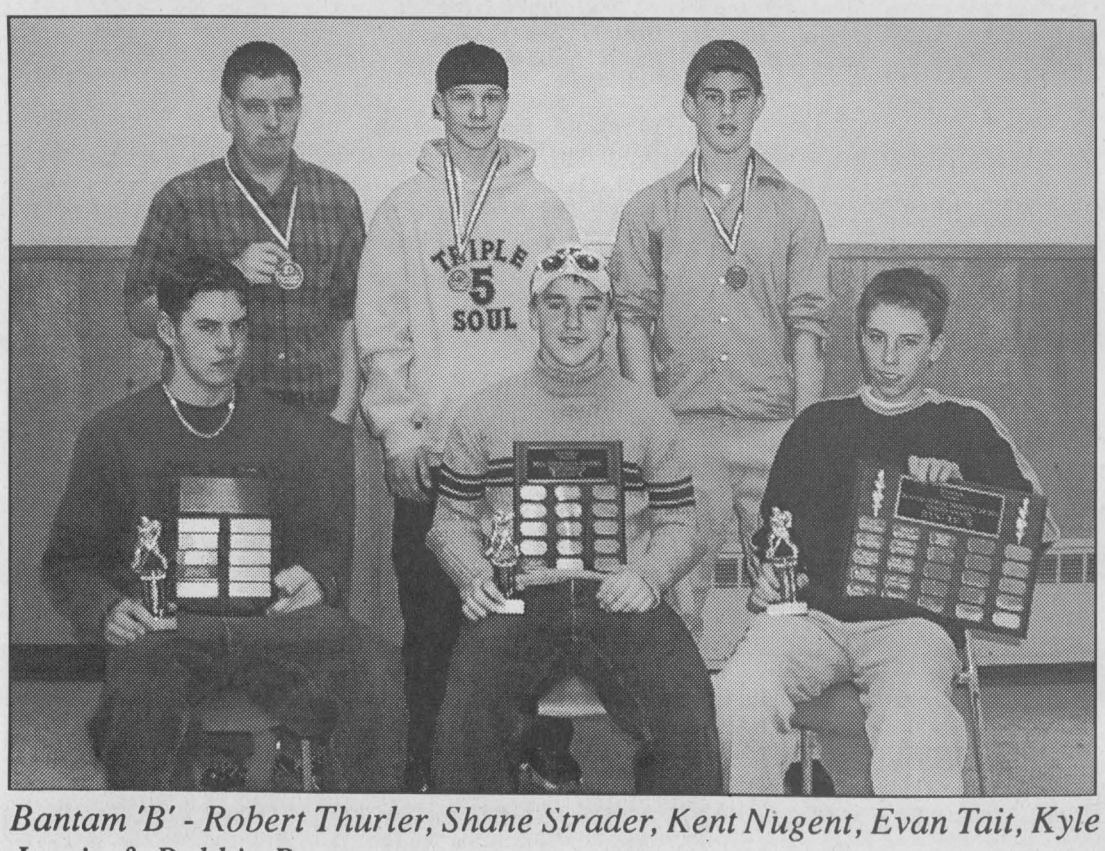


Bantam 'B' - Robert Thurler, Shane Strader, Kent Nugent, Evan Tait, Kyle Jarvis & Robbie Bongers.

Senior Minor Hockey Awards recognize players skills and talent

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Newly installed President, John Hanson of the MDMHA thanked his predecessor, Barb Levere for her guidance and encouragement as well as John Lortie who was referee in Chief. He praised others who had been on the executive, including Cathy Baldwin who as John noted, "Was the glue that held many meetings together." Also mentioned were Dale Adams who moved up to 2nd Vice President this year, to Laurie Hough who handled registration, Jim Adams and Diane Galinger, Jim Adlington and Barry Keicks for all their time and efforts.

John also introduced the incoming executive which along with himself and Adams includes Rosemary Van Allen (Sec), Nancy Baldwin (Trophy & Awards), Tom Tindal (Equip), Kevin Saunders (2nd Vice), Perry Swank (Treas), Greg Workman (coaching), Galinger (Ice Scheduler), Laurie Hutt (Reg), Rod McGill (Ref in Chief), Susan Whitteker and Andy Thomas will also be a part of the new exec.

John thanked Mayor Whitteker and the S.D. Council for their support of Minor Hockey and invited the Mayor to say a few words. Mayor Johnny congratulated each player and stated that everyone is a winner just for competing whether they get a trophy or not. He then thanked the volunteers who make the program work. "People like you are what makes this Township tick!" said the Mayor.

The guest speaker for the banquet as John Shorey, President of the Rideau/St. Lawrence League who wrote "Hockey Made Easy" a book that helps serious players get better at the game. Playing his minor hockey in and near Brockville, John was a small player who needed to hone his skills to remain in the lineup. He played with the Brockville Braves, being named Rookie of the Year, and was drafted by the Toronto Marlboros, but broke his leg early in the season. He played in Europe for Holland and Italy and was Assistant Coach with the Junior Brockville Tikis, Head Coach for some 17 years, owned it for some years then sold it and has seen players he coached continue to higher levels, earn scholarships and do themselves and him proud. He gave tips on using motivation to get better, suggesting the youngsters listen to their coaches and parents and reads as well as watch videos to better understand the moves and how game plans work. The book includes skills like skating, passing, shooting, scoring and checking the effective use of each on the ice. His website can help, check it out at www.hockey made easy.com.

The Midgets were up first and even though their coaching staff agreed, "It was the best of years, it was the worst of years" they improved despite themselves. Top Offensive Player-Brett Derue who also won the Coach's Trophy: Top Defense went to Josh McElheran and then the medallions which went to Brandon McKendry (Most Improved), Pat Dillabough (Most Dedicated), and Tyler Norgaard (absent-Sportsmanlike Player).

Bantam "B" winners were Evan Tait (Defense), Kyle Jarvis (Offence), Rob Bongers (Coach's Award). Robert Thurler (Most Dedicated), Kent Nugent (Sportsmanlike) and Shane Strader (Most Improved). Joe McCooeye, Randy Mullin and Gerald Whitteker handled bench duties for this group.

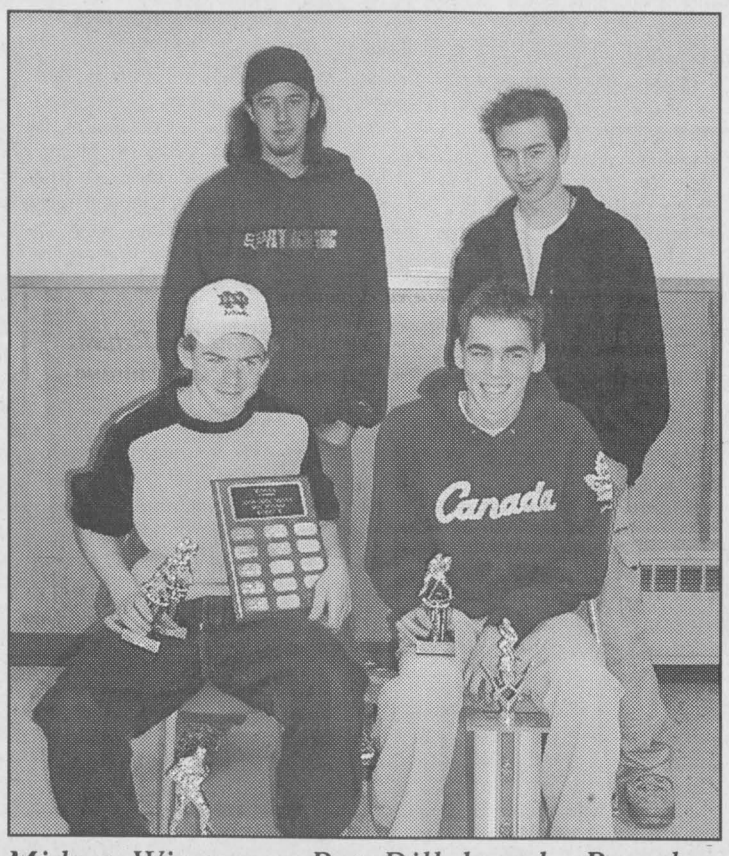
PeeWee "C" staff, Mike McManus, Dale Tupper and Kevin Baldwin mentioned that the team got off to a slow start, but did very well once they got on track. Medallions were presented to Colin Chesbro (Sportsmanlike), Isaac Streit (Improved) and Scott Speer (Dedicated). Sheldon Beckstead was named Best Defensive Player, Ryan Morrow top Offensive man and Andrew Adlington earned the Coach's Award.

Atom "C" players, Michel Thurler was named Best Offence, Nathan McDonell Best Defence and Lucas Stewart who was away playing in an Atom "B" tourney earned the Coach's trophy. Thomas Corden was Most Improved, Drew Hutt Sportsmanlike and Nick Thomas Most Dedicated. The staff, Mitch Hutt, Andy Thomas, Bill Morrow and Scott Corden had nothing but good to say about this team and their efforts on the ice.

Atom House Team was up last as John Cooke and Gord Hawn did the honours. Mitch Theoret was absent. Jordon Derue earned the Coach's Award. "He was seriously injured early in the first week of play and yet came back to give the top scorer a run for his money!" stated Hawn.

Matt Hanson earned Best Offensive Player, Derrick Thompson was named Best Defensive Player and then the medallions were handed out. Bailey Hollister was Most Improved, Chantel Thurler Most Dedicated and Josee Theoret Most Sportsmanlike.

John Hanson thanked everyone and mentioned the great support that Hartley's Sport Shop provides the banquet and the teams throughout the season, then everyone chowed down. A fitting end to a great season of minor hockey. The smiles on the faces of the youngsters as their names are called to get their rewards tells the whole story.



Midget Winners - Pat Dillabough, Brandon McKendry, Brett DeRue, & Josh McElheren.

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Iroquois Golf Club Ladies Opening Dinner and Meeting, Wednesday, April 24 at the Clubhouse. Call Brenda 652-4243, Kim 652-1331 or Evonne 652-1388 for more information.

Knox Pres. Church will hold a Rummage Sale at the Iroquois Civic Centre, April 25 to April 27. Drop off items after 11 am on April 25. Rummage Sale Hours: April 25 from 2 pm - 9 pm; April 26 from 9 am - 8 pm; , April 27 from 9 am - 11 am.

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Annual Morrisburg Figure Skating Club Banquet

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Figure Skating Club held their annual banquet where they handed out awards. President Cathy Gilmer took the podium with a message of appreciation. Appreciation for those children who take the ice with such inspiring enthusiasm and excitement, appreciation for the dedication of their parents and volunteers who dedicate their time to the skating club, appreciation for the executive who look after the business of the MFSC, and finally the professionals, the coaches, and their assistants who make sure things run smoothly on the ice. They didn't forget to thank anyone, as Don, Chris, and David, the recreation guys who look after the rink were called to the stage and given gifts from the skating club.

Every skater received participation medals for their dedication to the sport. The Canskate program has 53 skaters who achieved more than 80 badges successfully this year. Three awards were given to deserving skaters chosen by their coaches and their assistants. Sophia Currier and Michaela Morrow received the "Spirit of Skating" awards for passion and commitment to figure skating. The "Canskater of the Year" award is awarded based on talent and skill, and this year's winner is Kaitlyn Thompson.

In order to thank the coaches and their assistants for the work they put in to the Canskate program each was given a carnation as a token, and a bit of recognition for all the influence they give to the young skaters.

Intermediate and senior skaters were given participation medals as well. Trophies were handed out in dance, skills, and freestyle categories. Recipients of the Preliminary Dance trophy were; Kurt Delegarde, Janice Stevens, Brianna Stewart, and Jessica Thompson. Junior Bronze Dance winners were; Meghan Adams, Kelsey Hall, Kaitlyn MacDonald, Hilary McQuaid, and Amy Veltkamp. Courtney Thompson received the Senior Bronze Dance award. The Junior Silver award was shared by Kristen Phifer and Karen Stevens. Cameron Keicks took home the Senior Silver Award.

Skills award winners included; Meghan Adams, Lorie Casselman, Kelsey Hall, and Amy Veltkamp who shared the Preliminary Skills award. The Junior Bronze Skills award was given to Lindsay Gilmer and Courtney Thompson while Kathleen German took home the Senior Bronze Skills award. Karen Stevens and Kristen Phifer once again shared an award, this time for Junior Silver Skills. Kristen was also the co-recipient of the Senior Silver Skills award with Cameron Keicks. Cameron also took home the Gold Skill award and the Junior Bronze Artistic award.

The Preliminary Freestyle award was shared by Meghan Adams, Lorie Casselman, Hilary McQuaid, Brianna Stewart and Amy Veltkamp. Kristen Phifer was well decorated this evening and her final award was the Senior Bronze Award.

Allen Chung has finished his final year at the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club, where he has dedicated so much of his time. He was given a token of appreciation from the club who are sad to see him go. He was also the award winning Competitive Senior Mens Singles skater.

More than tokens, bursaries were given to a handful of skaters. Skate Canada presented the MFSC with a $300 bursary. The Skate Canada legacy of the 2001 Vancouver World Championships allowed Skate Canada the opportunity to award a bursary totalling $300 to a deserving skater or skaters. Skate Canada established a set of guidelines. The selection criteria were established by a selection committee consisting of no less than three people. The bursary, if divided could be for no less than $50 per skater. The executive decided that two skaters from each level would be chosen based on tests passed and competition results by a point system.

Six skaters were awarded bursaries. Canskate bursaries were awarded to Logan Patterson and Alisha Vanhoof. From the intermediate skating program Meghan Adams and Jessica Thompson were given the bursaries and from the senior program Kristen Phifer and Lorie Casselman were bursary recipients.

Congratulations to all of those who took home awards, and bursaries and to the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club who put on an excellent banquet for it's skaters and all those involved.

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incentives for teacher training and development including a master teacher program (encouraging hard work and reward high achievement through principal and teaching professionals assessments, along with student and parental evaluations, not written tests) instead of the costly and punitive re-certification exams proposed presently which cause turmoil and conflict in the system. Teachers should be expected to carry out ongoing professional development, and are willing to do so. "Better teachers mean better students. Children achieve at the highest levels when taught by qualified teachers who are dedicated, energetic, lifelong learners," noted Kennedy as he spoke to a room filled with supporters. "What is needed are the right kind of expectations, supports and incentives from government for teachers to recognize those who pursue the best for their students. Partnerships between established and new teachers is beneficial to everyone as are networking conferences and virtual mentoring programs. Effective use of resources, experience works. Afterall we allow teachers the biggest trust in our society, our children, why not give them a chance to do their job? Teachers are professionals who deserve the same respect as other professionals. Our children deserve no less!"

We have to put back the trust in the system which has been lost, public respect where it is deserved.

He suggested, "We must make education a priority over tax cuts alone so we can have the best jobs and the best citizens. A significant investment in education in preference over much of the $4.5 Billion in unfulfilled tax cuts presently being suggested."

"Providing the best start for students possible means a class size reduction that is realistic. Establishing a hard cap of 20 students per class from JK to grade 3 and by celebrating public education's capacity for excellence while decentralizing control we would be able to reestablish an education system we could all be proud of," stated Kennedy. Ensuring everyone understands that kids are safer in smaller classes, they learn better and concluding they deserve smaller classes so that individual attention allows them to excel. Eluding to studies in the US and England that prove the above, he spoke with a conviction about education in this province and what it would mean five years down the way if the Liberals had a chance to implement them...more productive, satisfied citizens.

He was adamant about the funding being suggested by the government for private schools. "Why would we pay people to put their children in private schools? We would instead provide education alternatives through Public School Choice (any student attend a publically funded school within their Board), flexibility is as essential as parental choice of where their children attend school.

The idea is boosted by the potential spread of excellence through Lighthouse Programs where schools that innovate and succeed will share among schools as they light the way for others to follow. Turnaround Teams to support and assist schools which are struggling. Schools that consistently fail will see their administration replaced with people who can better get the job done. All students must be prepared to meet the challenges of the future, no school can be allowed to fail."

He added that a standardized curriculum does not mean standardized children..."with a core curriculum teaching the basics of reading, writing and math every day and devoting remaining class time to allow innovation by classroom teachers and communities, we would celebrate learning in this province. Allowing creativity and innovation at the local level without approvals from Toronto, where local success would not necessarily mean Toronto success (there is no real comparison between rural and urban and it is time this was realized) would provide freedom for achievement and challenge."

"Take responsibility...we need a government in Ontario that is willing to put an end to blaming school boards, teachers and students, and get on with the task of taking responsibility for its role in the success of Ontario's scholars.

Mr. Kennedy was thanked and presented with a gift basket of locally grown and produced items.

MP Bob Kilger and his wife attended this dinner meeting as well.

Resolutions

chiefs and a resolution against the guidelines will be sent to David Turnbull, Minister of the Solicitor General.

Council Notes

** $1 million in OSTAR funding has been received by the Township of South Dundas. $100,000 was held back.
** Don Lewis has been acting recreation manager for three months now. He will officially become recreation manager on the recommendation of CAO Bill Horner, with many compliments.
** Bill Horner will be leaving South Dundas Township at the end of October after more than 27 years of service.
** The Fire Department has been authorized to take their vehicles out of the area for the Tulip Parade.
** Council is trying to "line up all the players" to get moving on necessary repairs to the cracked floor at the Iroquois Fire Hall.
** The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club invited the mayor and councillors to celebrate the 55th anniversary with them on May 11th.
** Councillors Gillard, Martel, and Ewing will attend a Municipal Act training program in Kingston.
** Council will conduct their annual road tour this month.
** County road repairs on slate for this year include; the Hilliard Creek Drain, Carman Road guard rails, and paving east of Boucks Hill according to Mayor Whitteker.

Dog By-Law

The details of a dog by-law are being ironed out. It has not been passed yet, but will be in the near future. The by-law will include such details as number of dogs, containment and control issues, kennel licences and their conditions.

So far it looks like people will only be able to keep a maximum of three dogs before requiring a kennel licence and the dogs must be registered purebreds in order to be eligible for the kennel licence. Dogs must be kept on a leash when they leave the property. Those used for hunting purposes must be kept under control.

Councillors and the mayor seem willing to pass the new by-law and it will probably be read and passed in open council at the next meeting.

Burning

when and where the burning will take place, how long it will last, how it will be ignited, a list of the extinguishing equipment on hand, what the boundaries are, and a list of those notified that the burn will take place.

A fire chief must be notified the previous day to burning, however the permit holder and/or person listed on the permit as in charge is responsible for all cost associated with property damage and firefighting costs that result from any escaped fires.

The purpose of these permits is to ensure that the burns are properly planned to reduce the risk of fire escaping thus causing hardships for others.

A burning plan includes notifying the occupants or owners of adjacent land before starting the fire, and making sure enough people and extinguishing equipment are on hand to control the burn.

The township is also interested in discouraging windrow burning as the pile burning method is preferred. Although it generally costs more to pile than to windrow, piles are preferable to windrows because access within the area if no problem, planting is easier, burning is safer, and most important, smoke problems are significantly reduced since piles burn out much quicker.

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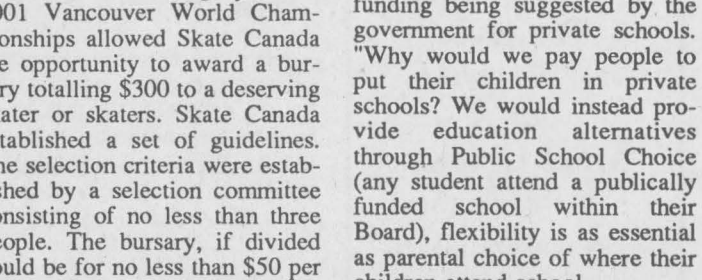
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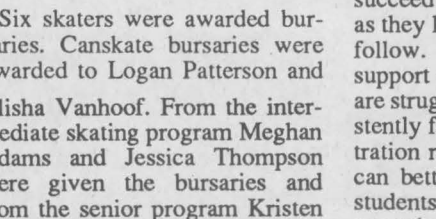
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Cards of Thanks

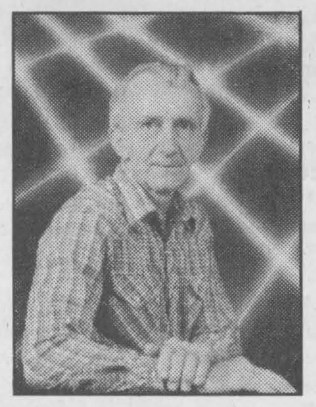
COULTER: A most sincere thank you from the bottom of my heart for the flowers, visits, gifts, and most of all for the many cards which contained so many words of encouragement. As well, my family and I truly appreciate the numerous phone calls and enquiries during my hospital stay and since my arrival home. Thank you also to God's "Earth Angels" of whom there are many in Iroquois and area who have offered their precious time and assistance in my time of need. I also thank the many prayer networks for their successful efforts on my behalf. It feels incredible to have my life touched by so many wonderful people.
Lise Coulter
A17-1tp

JOHNSTON: I want to thank everyone who called, dropped by or sent cards on my receiving the OCNA Mary Knowles Award for Community Service. Special hugs go to my family, for without their patience, understanding and support I could not begin to volunteer my time to my community as I have thro' the years. It was an honour to be presented this award in Toronto at the Annual Ontario Community Newspaper Association Spring Convention. Accepting it from the family of the late Mary Knowles, a young newspaper lady who volunteered unselfishly and who succumbed to breast cancer was a humbling experience. Thanks to Rebecca who nominated me and to Wendy, Lori, Gloria, Sharron and Dave at work for the special attention. Thanks Mom, as always you were there for me, and Roger, where would I be without you?! Lorraine at OCNA and her husband, Caroline and everyone at OCNA were amazing and their help was great. It was extremely pleasant for an old editor to be unexpectedly treated so grandly as I was last weekend.
Sandra Lee Johnston

Cards of Thanks

SMOLLETT: I would like to especially thank my family for the surprise party for my 80th birthday. Also thanks to the radio amateur friends who attended and others for phone calls and cards. Sure was a surprise!
Ray Smollett

In Memoriam



HALL: In loving memory of our Dad, ***Clifford Hall,*** who passed away on April 21, 1995.
Though your smile has gone forever,
And your hands we cannot touch.
Still we have so many memories,
Of the one we loved so much.
Your memory is our keepsake,
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God has you in His keeping,
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Always loved by the family.
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Auctions

Auction Sale
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2211 Dundas Street East
Cardinal
Saturday, April 20
10:00am

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Many Other Small Items
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Terms: Cash or Approved Cheque
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Preschool Corner

Spring has finally arrived. At the Morrisburg PreSchool we have been learning songs, finger plays and reading about spring. The youngsters have painted umbrellas, gone puddle stomping, and we have as well kept a close eye on the bulbs we planted outside last fall.

The children enjoyed the water play table and we went "fishing" too! A little girl pointed out to me how many fish she has caught, then went on to say, "When dad goes fishing, catches none!" Children do indeed say the best things.

The children are helping with the spring cleaning at the school. They are washing dishes and pots and pans in the housekeeping centre.

The school runs an "Open Door" program. Feel free to drop by any morning to find out what is involved with our school programs. If interested in registering your child, call Jo-Anne at 543-4000.

OBITUARIES

Aldema Merrikin



A lifetime resident of the Morrisburg area, Aldema Merrikin (nee Phillips) passed away at the Winchester Hospital on Monday, April 8, 2002, after a brief illness. She was 83 years of age. Born in Froatburn on August 17, 1918, she was the eldest daughter and second child of Hattie Bradley and Earl Phillips. She had 3 brothers and 2 sisters-Carl, Denzil, Ruth, Kenneth and Joyce. Her father was the water manager for the town of Morrisburg and the family lived in the pump house on the canal bank.

In her late teens, Aldema went to Hamilton to live with the Mehlenbacher family. She was a nanny to the Mehlenbacher children while she attended business college in Hamilton. Upon returning to Morrisburg, she met a young man from the Williamsburg area, Ernie Merrikin through Lutheran League. They were married at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Manse in Morrisburg on September 19, 1942 and Aldema became a farmer's wife on a farm west of Williamsburg. Together they were blessed with 3 daughters: Betty, Sandra and Margie.

Aldema was a very busy lady in those days because she would rise early to milk cows, she worked side by side with Ernie on the farm throughout the day and she still managed to carry out all of her household duties. She always had a huge vegetable garden in which she grew rows and rows of beans, potatoes and peas, etc.

Aldema and Ernie sold the farm in the early 1970s and moved to 21 Third Street in Morrisburg. Ernie passed away in December 1988, but Aldema was able to remain in her own home right up until her recent illness. She was a proud and loving Nanny and she was thrilled with every one of her grandchildrens' achievements. She loved their energetic nature and she always made time for them, whether it be to teach them the fine art of making pies or the joy of spending some spare time fishing.

Aldema was a member of St. paul's Lutheran Church during her childhood, a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Williamsburg during her years living on the farm and she returned to St. Paul's as a parishioner when she and Ernie moved back to Morrisburg. She was an enthusiastic member of the St. Paul's Womens' quilting group right up until she became ill a short time ago. Aldema was a quiet, self sufficient woman who enjoyed a long productive life, she enjoyed her life on the farm and she enjoyed her children and grandchildren. She was an unusual mother-in-law in that she never interfered or passed judgement in the affairs of her daughters and their spouses.

Aldema will be sadly missed by her daughters; Betty (Garth) Hazlett of Toronto, Sandra Merrikin (Gordon "David" Wolford) of Nepean and Margie (John) DeJong of Nepean. Nanny will always hold a special place in the hearts of her grandchildren Nicholas and Danica DeJong. She is survived by her sisters, Ruth Bates of Brockville and Joyce (Les) Cozens of Toledo. She was predeceased by her brothers Carl, Denzil and Kenneth phillips.

Friends called at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Morrisburg on Thursday from 10 to 11am. A Memorial Service followed at 11 with Rev. Joachim-Barkley-Probst officiating. Interment of cremated remains was at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Morrisburg. Pallbearers were Garth Hazlett, Gordon "David" Wolford, John and Nicholas DeJong. Donations to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital were appreciated by the family.

Irene Ball

Suddenly at Winchester District Hospital on Thursday, March 21, 2002, Irene Ball of Winchester Springs. Born in the Springs on March 25, 1927, Irene was 74 years of age.

A lifetime resident of Winchester Springs, Irene was predeceased by her parents, the late Clarence and Mable (nee Casselman) Thompson, and her beloved husband, Lorne Ball whom she wed in Winchester Springs United Church on September 19, 1945. She was also predeceased by a granddaughter Victoria: a sister, Evelyn McLaughlin and brothers, Lyle and Raymond Thompson.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Winchester Springs United Church and the Dundas Rebekah Lodge #387, Chesterville for over 35 years.

Mourning the loss are children: Lorna (David) Timmons of Winchester Springs, Nancy Sheedy of Chesterville, Alan of Winchester Springs and Winston (Karen) of Chesterville as well as brother William (Fern) Thompson of Perth. She was the loving grandmother of Sherri, Tracey, Heather, Sarah, Erin, Kelsey, Shannon and great-grandmother of Derrick. Jamie. Kelly, Joshua, Jessica, Bailey, Trinity, Kaitlyn and Daniel who will miss her very much. Irene is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

An avid reader, Irene also enjoyed gardening. She was a talented seamstress who enjoyed needle craft.

Memorial donations to Winchester Hospital, Winchester Springs United Church or the Diabetes Society were appreciated by the family.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where a Rebekah Lodge Service was conducted on Friday evening at 8:45pm. Service was held at the Funeral Home on Saturday, March 23, 2002 with Rev. Carol Poley-Delisle officiating. Interment followed at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville. Pallbearers were Clair Robinson, Eric and Larry Steele, Ralph Winterburn, Robert Barkley and Barry Fawcett. Honourary pallbearers were all members of the Dundas Rebekah Lodge #387, Chesterville and included: Alice Munro, Helen Carr, Ann McMillan, Sharon Casselman, Marlene Droppo, Helen McIntosh and Jeanine VanOers.



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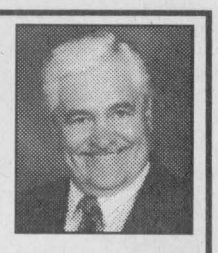

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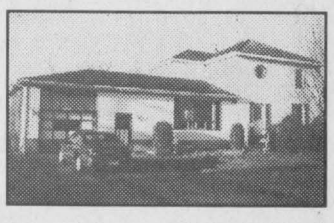

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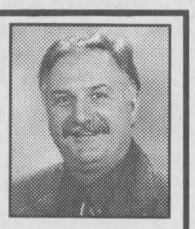

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Cardinal Blooming this spring

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

It's Spring, so the Cardinal in Bloom Committee is gearing up for another great season of events and festivities.

One of the first fund-raising events for this year will be a Wine tasting held on May 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Cardinal Legion. The wine featured will be from Pelee Island and there will be a lot of great door prizes. The biggest prize will be a one night stay in a Pelee Island VIP suite and a tour of their winery. Tickets for the wine tasting will be $15 per person which includes admission and wine tastings. The bar will be open for non-wine drinkers as well. Tickets are available at the General Dollar in Cardinal or from committee members who include; Lori Pennell, Marj Kempffer, Mary Walsh, Scott Kuipers, Debbie Johnston, Tyler Deschamps, Nicole Cameron, and Debbie Grant. Tickets will be available at the door as well.

Other fund-raising activities for Cardinal in Bloom this year may include; raffles, barbecues, compost days, and yard sales. All of the funds raised from their activities go back to improvements in the area.

The focus of Cardinal in Bloom this year will be to continue to work on the recommendations made by the Judges of Communities in Bloom, to maintain and possibly increase floral displays in the village, work to continue to improve the cleanliness of the village, and more aggressive tree planting.

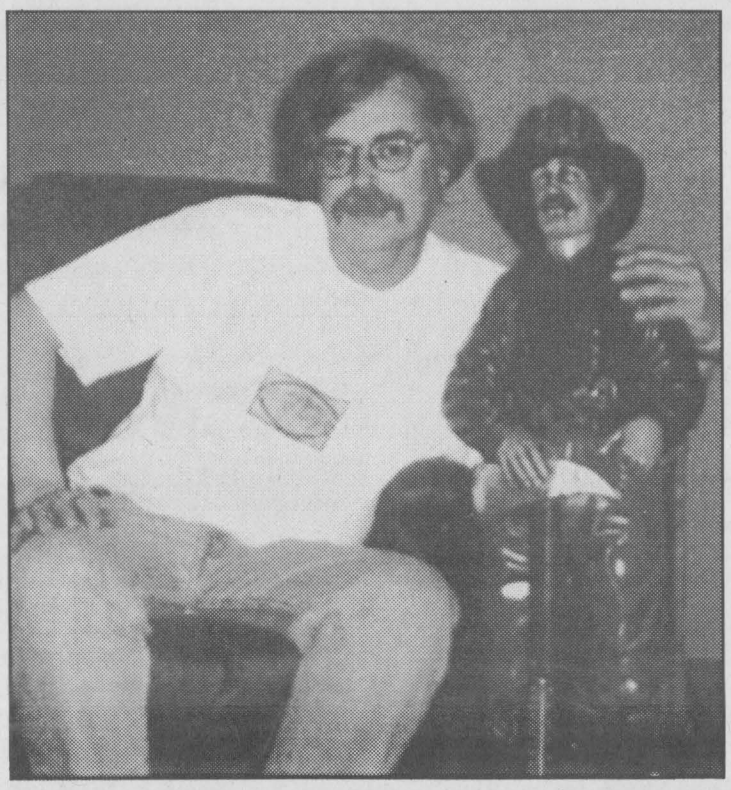
The Adopt-a-spot volunteers are returning this season. In this program council buys plants for the village but the volunteers plant, weed, and water them all summer.

This year the local Cardinal In Bloom contest will be judged August 11th with Awards being handed out the evening of August 12th. The general criteria for judging is use of space, colour, health of plants, neatness, and creativity.

This year there is no need to register for the competition, as the entire area including; the Village of Cardinal, Highway #2 from Blair to Marine Coast Rd, Marine Coast Rd., Froom Rd, Scott Rd, and Blair Rd., Shanly Rd. up to Highway #401.

Prizes will be awarded in several categories including "flowered homes (front yards)" with 1st place receiving a patio set, second a set of Muskoka Chairs and third a bird bath. Ten honourable mentions will also be awarded in this category. The winner in the "best container garden (visible from the front yard) category" will win garden ornaments. Winners in the "businesses/service organizations/churches" category will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place plaques for their efforts.

The final category is for the elementary school children. They will be judged Labour Day Weekend (Aug 31) for "largest sunflower face." The winner will participate in the Parade with the Cardinal In Bloom Float.



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Close friends recently got together to recognize one of Iroquois' finest. Jack McQuigge, after 25 years of loyal and dedicated service, has retired from the Iroquois Fire Department. "It was time", said Jack. On behalf of your community Jack, we wish you all the best and thank you for your dedication.

COMING EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE
The Morrisburg/Iroquois Catholic Women's League
will be holding their
Annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 20 from 8 am - 12 noon
at the Allan Hall (United Church) Morrisburg on Lakeshore Drive.
Items may be dropped off on Friday, April 19 from 3 pm - 5 pm and 7 pm - 9 pm.
Stop in and shop, help us to help others who are less fortunate in our community.
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ROAST BEEF DINNER
Saturday, April 20, 2002
St. John's Anglican Church Iroquois at 5 pm
Adults $9, Children 12 and under $4.50, over 12 $6.50
4 years and under Free
Take-out available
Tickets available from church members.
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CAR RALLY, MATINEE, EUCHRE & SUPPER
Saturday, April 20
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Car Rally Registration: 11-2
Euchre: 1 p.m.
Matinee: 3 p.m.
Supper: 5 p.m.
Music by This Old Heart
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on Sunday, April 21, 2002.
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Monday, April 22, 2002
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Desserts served from 1:10
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Our Irena birdwatcher notes that as she began installing her bird boxes Tree Swallows were already checking them out for suitability. She saw a Killdeer, 3 White Breasted Nuthatches (usually these fellows travel in pairs), 2 Hairy Woodpeckers dropped by for a taste of suet, and a Downy also came by as well to grab a snack. A Robin started building a nest by her chimney and so she will watch things happen here. She sounded pleased that this Robin had been enjoying worms after the rain on Saturday, finally they can feast on their chosen meal. A Racoon ran across in front of her car as she returned from Euchre at Brinston Thursday evening.

The big news for the writer is that the male Cardinal was back for a bit to eat early on Tuesday morning, he sat in the apple tree and literally sparkled in the sunshine that snuck through the fog. He is a beauty. A pair of Canada Geese are nesting in the shoreline of the swamp.

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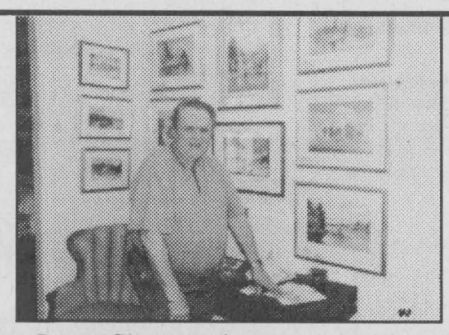
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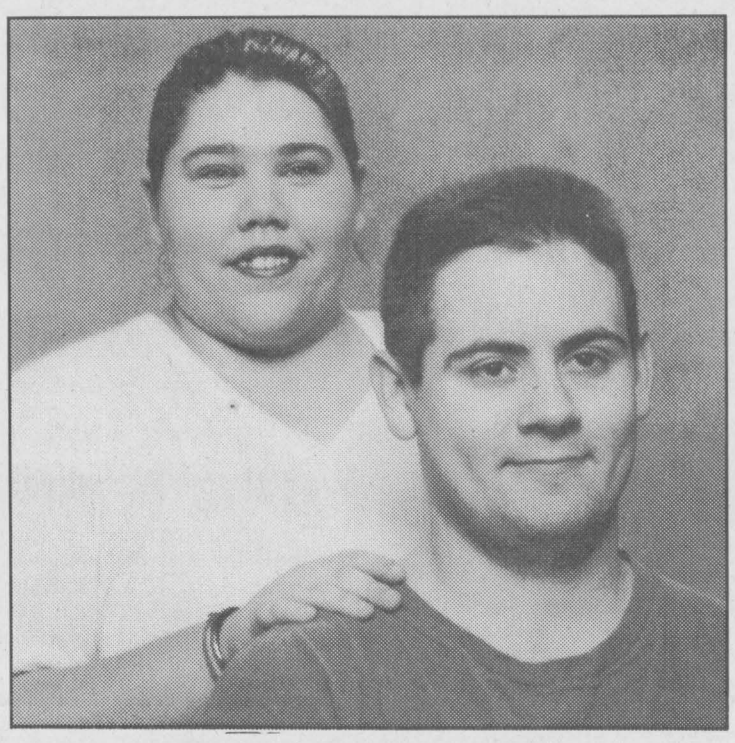

McLaughlin ~ Lavallie

Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Casselman and Mrs. Rose Lavallie are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, ***Amanda McLaughlin (Casselman) and Ryan Lavallie.*** The wedding will take place on June 8, 2002 at the Pentecostal Church on Lakeshore Drive, Morrisburg at 2 p.m. Reception will follow at the Iroquois Legion.

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** Select the best shots and use software such as Microsoft Picture It! or Adobe Photoshop to edit or crop the pictures. You can even enhance colour and add dialogue bubbles or create special effects.

** If you don't have access to a digital camera, scan the official wedding photographs to create digital images which you can then edit and e-mail.

Get Creative:

** Send a collage of the best photos to the wedding guests in an e-mail attachment.

** Post your wedding highlights on the web. Internet service providers like Sympatico provide free web space to customers. Once you activate your web space, an FTP program (file transfer protocol) will allow you to drag and drop images into your web space. Then just e-mail your guests the URL, and they can view your photos from an Internet-connected PC, anywhere in the world.

** Make an exciting slide show, adding text, effects and music using a presentation program such as Microsoft Power Point or Lotus Freelance Graphics. Then burn it on a CD and send it to friends and family.

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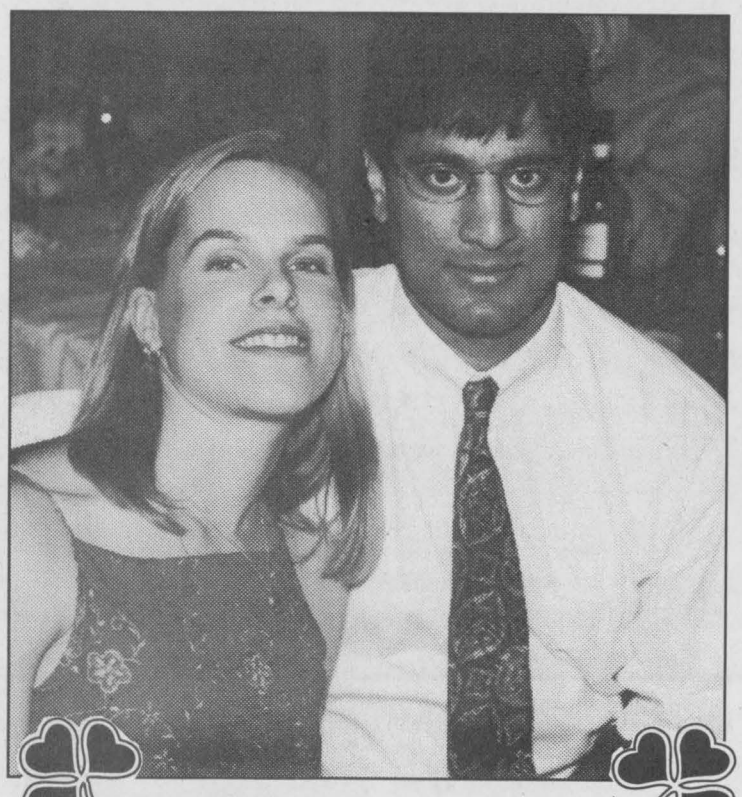

O'Brien ~ Chaudhari

The families of ***Brooke O'Brien and Prakash Chaudhari*** are very pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children which will take place on July 13, 2002 in Toronto, Ontario. Brooke is the daughter of Gerard (Dap) and Sharyn O'Brien of Cardinal, Ontario. Prakash is the son of Arun and Rajani Chaudhari of Peterborough, Ontario.

Don't forget about the groom, he's there too

Weddings are all about the bride, right? Afterall, "Here Comes the Bride" is played, she walks down the aisle with a special escort, while the groom hangs out to watch all of the festivites unfold. Actually, a wedding celebrates the union between two people who will be spending their lives together, therefore it is important to make the groom feel included. Even though many of the magazines are geared toward the bride, the major wedding issues include tips for the groom as well, notobly a listing of his responsibilites leading up to the big day. Here are some of those responsibilities, courtesy of YourWeddingPlan.com.

*Announce engagement to family and friends.
*Choose and pay for engagement and wedding rings with your fiance.
*Draw up a guest list with your family.
*With fiance, meet the celebrant and discuss the ceremony, legal requirements and any pre-marital counseling that may be required.
*Choose your Best Man and Ushers.
*Discuss honeymoon destinations-check passport validity, visas and vaccinations required.
*Choose your wardrobe and arrange for the male members of the bridal party to provide sizes.
*Pre-book accommodations for out-of-town guests and attendants.
*If you're having a bridal registry, help your fiance choose your preferred styles.
*Arrange to pay for bride's bouquets, corsages and boutonnieres.
*Confirm and reconfirm honeymoon arrangements, pick up travel documents, travellers cheques and, if travelling overseas, exchange at least $100 of foreign currency.
*Attend (and try to survive) bachelor party two weeks before the wedding.
**Pick up suits and arrange their return (Usually via the Best Man).
*Plan and practice your speech.
*Place celebrants fee (and other on-the-day expenses) in an envelope and give to the Best Man.
*Make sure the Best Man has the rings-then make sure again!
*Be on time, and be understanding when your bride is not.

Wedding Flowers

The bridal bouquet often sets the tone for all the wedding flowers, and the official colour scheme is at the root of it all. It's a good idea to bring a fabric sample to your florist to ensure that the bouquets and outfits blend well together.

The arrangements of the bridal bouquet depend largely on the style of the gown and the general style of the event. Some styles are more popular than others, but the variety of different arrangements offers something for everyone. Formal weddings often require a traditional bouquet, while modern weddings may call for a contemporary design and simple weddings demand restraint.

It is the bride who sets the tone for all the flower arrangements, both for the wedding party and the reception hall. She must also decide whether to opt for artificial flowers, natural ones, or a combination of the two. It is recommended to consult a florist at least two months ahead of time for artificial flowers; one month ahead for natural ones.



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