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Checkin' It Out

Officer Harvey Blokland explains the clutch operation on the OPP Skidoo. Blokland took the lead explaining all the ins and outs of the snowmobile, rules of the trail and how to deal with emergency situations that may be encountered on our local trails. These officers will be patrolling the local trails, trying to keep snowmobilers safe. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Snowmobile training course for OPP Officers

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Earlier this month, OPP officers from across East Region gathered at Long Sault Detachment to attend a two-day training session for snowmobile operators.

The program started with classroom presentations in relation to winter survival, ice hazards, emergency First Aid and hypothermia. The afternoon session dealt with the students honing their trailering skills, in addition to the performance of physical checks and preparation of the snowmobiles prior to riding.

On day two the students learned those skills needed for handling the snowmobiles while on patrols throughout the entire region as trails cover a vast area. The day was spent completing courses designed to test their ability as well as ensuring the safe operation of the vehicles.

At present, 20 officers in SD&G are trained as snowmobile operators.

In Ontario there are some 47,000 kilometres of trails which are utilized by more than 200,000 snowmobilers during a snow blanketed winter season.

The number of snowmobile fatalities in Ontario is alarmingly high. In the past, statistics have shown that alcohol is involved in approximately 70 per cent of the accidents involving snowmobiles. The risk of injury to riders and passengers in collisions is ever present, due in part to the limited safety equipment available and the addition of alcohol and or speed as a contributing factor to the collision only escalates this risk.

This year, the OPP snowmobile patrol will be continuing its efforts to ensure a safe season on the trails. The S.T.O.P. program (previously reported in The Chieftain) is also active in the area and so the statistics should be better after this winter of snowmobiling as riders and drivers are being monitored much more closely.

Rural high speed internet access is a possibility

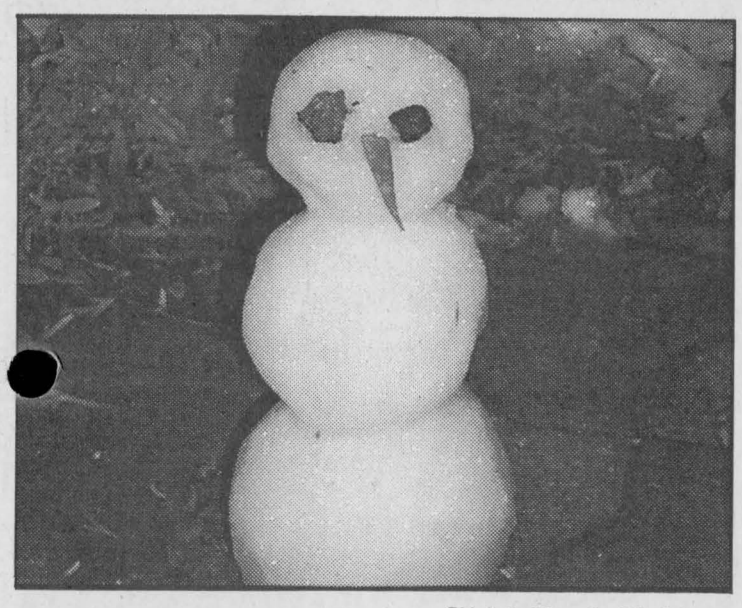
by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Now that high speed internet is available within the towns of South Dundas the next step is to make this high speed access available to the rural parts of South Dundas. Councillor Cam Martel and South Dundas Economic Development Coordinator Anne Marie Waddell hosted a meeting at Matilda Hall to try and gauge the interest of rural businesses in the Brinston area in this high speed service.

A Prophet Technologies representative explained that rural access is a possibility with the installation of towers and radio systems. A tower in the Brinston area would serve approximately 5 km around it depending on the terrain. In order for the project to go ahead it would have to be cost effective. That is, there would have to be significant business interest. Four businesses in Brinston have already said that they would be interested in the service, some have even said that it would be hard to continue operating their current businesses without it.

The advantage of high speed access is downloading time. "It is a powerful tool that eliminates down time," explained Waddell. Martel gave examples of businesses that are already benefitting from the service; including a real estate company that can now download necessary information in minutes rather than hours, and a trucking company that can successfully find and get return loads for their trucks that they couldn't before with their slower internet access. A lot of large companies that are suppliers for businesses in our area are going paperless to save money. They rely on the internet. "This will become a serious issue and we will have to act to keep our businesses here," explained Martel.

If there is enough interest in the Brinston area, the people are willing to support the project, and everyone involved can act fast there is the possibility of acquiring funding for the project through a rural economic development program. The time line for the funding application is tight, about a month. If the community is willing to support this project and put a little effort into it, high speed internet could come to Brinston. If you want to show your support you have to act quickly, they will be holding another meeting February 12, 2002 at 8 pm at the Matilda Hall to determine whether or not to go ahead with the application for funding the project.



A Small Sentinel *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

This wee symbol of the season stood guard at my house on the weekend. He was barely six inches tall. He and a clone were at the bottom step of our veranda. Winter fun gets us all through!

Dundas Federation of Agriculture welcomed Provincial Minister

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

President of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, Corry Martens spoke to a larger than expected roomful of members in Chesterville on Friday evening last. The weather played havoc with the driving and so some who planned to were unable to attend.

She nonetheless welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting and banquet. She took those present back to look at what the DFA has accomplished in the year just ended as well as mentioning plans for the future that will be history the next time members gather like this.

She noted that the DFA had represented farmers' interests on a number of issues. An example she gave was their input on the first draft of the United Counties Official plan.

She mentioned that many farmers participated in rallies which brought the message of the farmer to the public as well as to the government resulting in an ad-hoc program and more attention for a National Agricultural Policy. Such a policy provides a road map to help farmers determine where they want to go. Using Brazil as an example of utilizing such a map, she continued," Their potential is just beginning to emerge. They farm on 150 feet of topsoil and have millions of acres of scrubby grassland waiting to be cleared for cropping. Although restricted by strict environmental rules for 25 cents a pound and even when 10 cents is added for transport to markets, she asked if anyone would want to compete with these farmers."

Then she asked a number of thought provoking questions, "Do we need to compete? Do we need to speak with one voice? Is a cookie-cutter Ontario farm operation the answer? Is there strength in diversity?"

In answer to her own queries, she went on, "Maybe we need to look at other jurisdictions where food safety, a secure food supply, maintaining the rural landscape and infrastructure are all part of an agricultural policy supported by the general public."

She stated that it is crucial to look at the domestic markets and get the support of consumers behind the farmers. "We need to tell them what we are doing to make the food supply stable, explain how we are doing it and what the real cost of their food bill is." She reiterated, "As long as people like to eat several times a day, we should be able to get their attention."

Quoting from a recent OFA (Ontario Farmers Association) convention she said, "Independent research found that more then 65% of the population is in favour of paying more taxes IF the funds were used directly to support family farms."

Contact with Consumers is a communication strategy being developed by the OFA to build bridges between the farm and urban communities. The farmer will continue to produce safe, healthy, high quality food and the consumer will focus on purchasing Ontario/Canada grown foods. At the same time the community will provide public investment in a long term agricultural policy that will maintain family farms.

She suggested that one problem facing farmers is that consumers lack knowledge and this in turn puts pressure on farm practices. "Issues are ignored, but they will not go away and need to be

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Counterfeit money circulating in area

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On January 25, 2002 police were called to the Royal Bank at the Iroquois Plaza in connection with the recovery of another counterfeit $10 bill. This is the latest in a number of fake $10 bills that have been found in circulation in SD&G. The bill was seized and forwarded to the RCMP. Constable R. McGillis is investigating.

There are counterfeit bills in circulation and the best way to protect yourself from getting stuck with one is to educate yourself. With advances in computer technology more counterfeit bills are being produced, but counterfeiters cannot copy all of the key security features that are found in genuine bank notes.

Current series $20, $50, $100, and $1000 notes have a colour change patch which changes from gold to green when tilted that cannot be peeled off.

Random dots called "planchettes" appear randomly on these bills which glow under ultraviolet light. These will peel off if they are scratched.

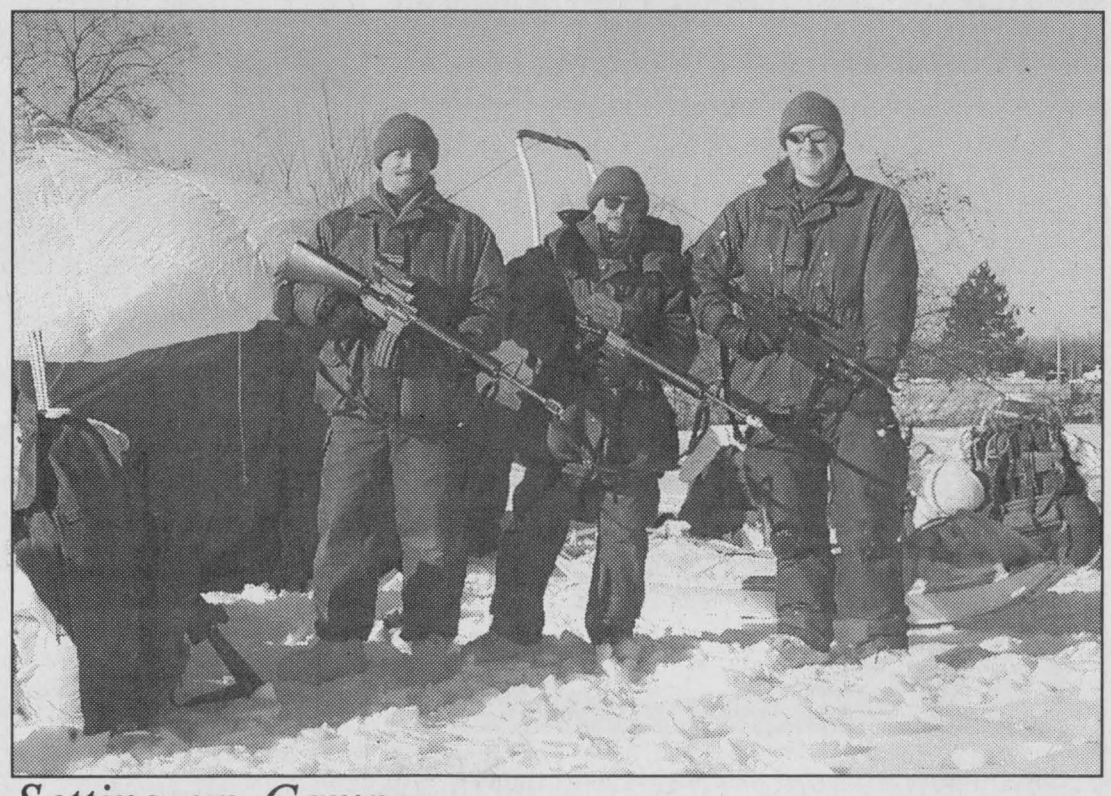
The clarity and sharpness of images and printing on our currency is hard to duplicate. Especially the raised ink which is used on the numerals, portrait, coat of arms, broad bands and vignette of the Parliament Buildings, they all feel thicker to the touch. There is also a remarkable sharpness around they eyes on the portrait, and fine lines in the hair and face.

The new $10 note also has many of these same key security features including raised ink, and iridescent maple leaves. The new $10 even has a hidden number that is visible if you hold the note at eye level and tilt it at a 45 degree angle.

All bills have security features such as micro printing, serial numbers, special paper, and special colour/tint.

If you detect a counterfeit you are advised by the Bank of Canada to retain the note if possible, record the details of the note, the description of the passer or the licence plate of their vehicle and contact your local police and surrender the note to them asking for a receipt.

Generally, if you compare a genuine bank note to a counterfeit you will recognize a difference. As long a you remember a few of these characteristics you will not be stuck with a counterfeit note, but you have to protect yourself.



Setting up Camp *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Lt. Jason Radmore, Corporal Lloyd Baker and Rifleman John Bush were busy setting up camp at SGDHS. Here they take a bit of time to pose with their weapons, note the white covers on their backpacks. Their snow shoes and sleds are white as well as their helmet covers and the tent fly...thus ensuring they will not be seen from any air surveillance in a war situation. The ground was not too hard and the pegs were secure that steadied the tent in case the wind came up. Using their winter skills they were tested as everyone stayed overnight in the tents.

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Mike's Valu Mart Grand Opening

Mike Vrab now has his name on the Valu Mart sign, and celebated by hosting a grand opening Saturday at his Valu Mart in Morrisburg. Vrab offered some excellent deals to his customers. There were special raffles, coffee and cake, and some excellent samples for all those who dropped by. Dairy Manager Richard Lafortune showed up on his day off, to spend the day greeting customers as a clown with the Kids Club mascot. Everyone who came out to enjoy the celebration had a great time. Mike himself was on hand to greet everyone.

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addressed, one being Biosolids...-golden potential or long term liability? A workshop March 12 or 13 sponsored by the DFA and SFA will be held in Chesterville at the Ag Hall.

Another workshop on Emergency First Aid will be sponsored by the OATI and The DFA will be hosted March 4 at the Ag Hall and anyone interested is to register by calling 448-2636. The cost is only $5.

A workshop on Farm Insurance will be will be offered on February 28 at Purvis Hall in Kemptville.

She thanked all the Directors, past and present for their dedication and commitment for the support from their families and members in supporting the Dundas Federation of Agriculture.

Newly elected DFA Board of Directors includes: Alvin Runnalls, Leo Loughlin and Keith Durant from North Dundas and Stephen Mellon, Derrick Richmire, David Pemberton and Carole McDermott from South Dundas. Corry Martens returns as President, John Roosendaal is VP and Gordon Garlough remains as Provincial Director.

The gathering then turned their attention to the guest speaker for the evening, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Brian Coburn.

He began with an overview of 2001 when Bill 87 became law. "The Food Safety and Quality Act will ensure Ontario's agri-food industry is in front of food safety issues taking the first steps to potential problems which could have negative impacts on our agriculture sector," said Coburn. Continuing he noted, "It will make us more competitive in the world's markets. Not that we are not presently competitive or our products are not safe or of poor quality, for we continue to leased the nation in terms of overall productivity and exports and the goal is to maintain and even enhance that position."

He suggested that the province looks to continually improve and stated, "By working together we will."

Regulations under this legislation have yet to be developed. The province is committed to do this in consultation with members of the agri-food industry.

He noted how the government recognizes not only the efforts of farmers, but also the investment in the food processing industry made especially last year by six major players. "Some $280 million went into the construction of new facilities and the expansion of existing ones.

He assured everyone that the government has invested significantly in the agri-food sector and in the rural communities which are a major part of the industry. Initiatives like the Rural Youth Job Strategy, Ontario Small Town and Rural Development and the Healthy Futures for Ontario Agricultural program resulted in an investment of more than $398 million.

He commended the OFA for its efforts to enhance water quality and safety in rural Ontario, through the two water well projects undertaken in partnership with his Ministry.

He then spoke to the proposed Nutrient Management Act, Bill 81. "I intend to make its passage a priority when the Legislature resumes this spring," stated Coburn, "I am firmly committed to providing clear and consistent standards regarding land application of materials containing nutrients. We need them, it is how we will ensure sustainable growth, safeguard the environment and attract new investment to rural Ontario."

He was adamant when he said, "I believe the Act is necessary but not at the expense of our land, soil or water quality."

He eluded to the O'Connor Review (Walkerton events) that recognizes the importance of environmental farm plans and the role of nutrient management plans in controlling and managing manure. "I look forward to the results of the second phase of the inquiry when detailed recommendations will come down. These will probably influence the regulations we develop following the passage of Bill 81.

He assured everyone that the Ministries of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Environment and Municipal Affairs and Housing will continue to work with municipalities regarding by-laws in this area, including those that affect the siting of large livestock operations. He added, "My Ministry will, as a service to municipalities continue to review nutrient management plans for new and expanding operations as well as to deliver our education and information transfer programs to farmers."

He earned applause from the room as he said, "Working together, we can ensure that Ontario's agriculture industry shows the world how to best protect our natural resources and sustain a healthy agriculture sector."

However when he suggested that he shares the knowledge with farmers that the last couple years have been difficult and t[illegible] he understands the very pressing short-term need, he earned loud agreement.

He explained how the federal government's response to proposals believed to be effective if implemented, as far as safety net programs for the short-term, the response has been disappointing. Other provincial and territorial ministries and even the feds have been more open to long-term needs of the industry though, according to Coburn. "I want you to know I am committed to securing a package of safety net programs that effectively meet the needs of Ontario's producers for the long-term. A formula has been designed to move the industry beyond crisis management to long-term financial stability. Our goal is to make Canadian agriculture a world leader in food safety, environmental protection and innovation." He concluded by saying, "I believe Ontario farmers and food processors are already well on the way to realizing that goal!"

"Together we have built a firm foundation and we will continue to build a bright future!"

President Corry Martens noted that Minister Coburn was ready to listen to and seemed to understand farmers. "He did not just talk to us, he really seemed to listen to what we had to say," says Corry.

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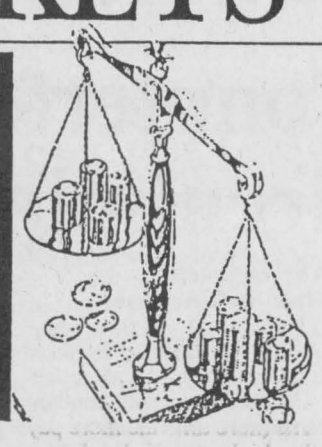

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Complaints in the financial community regarding undue constraint on the foreign content limits have been partially redressed by legislative changes and by the ingenuity of mutual fund managers investing in derivative products. Complaints that the limits are too low - i.e. 18% of earned income to $13 500 annually really is sufficient.

Use of the RRSP in retirement strategy is for most Canadians and particularly those who are not the beneficiaries of a quality defined benefit pension is essential. The RRSP is not a perfect vehicle and there is room to improve but it is still the most prudent plan for the average Canadian and it plays a fundamental piece of your retirement strategy. Do not allow March 1 to pass without adding to or beginning an RRSP.

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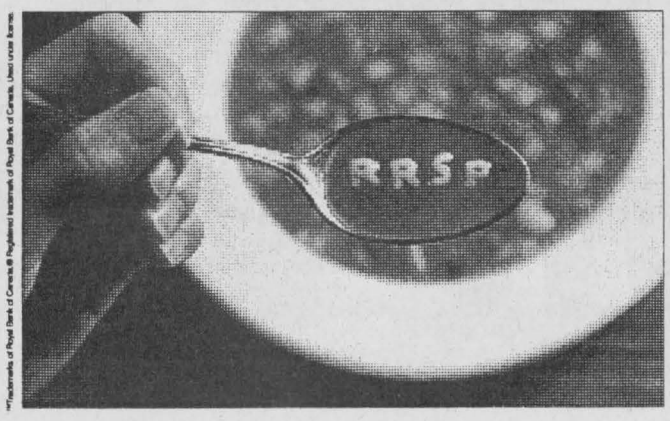

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Halt!

Sgt. Mark Pearce was handling the entrance and exit of vehicles from the secured area. He is also a member of the Brockville Police Services. He enjoys the outdoors and the sense of adventure and comradery the Brocks affords. A team player, it is a lot like Police work.

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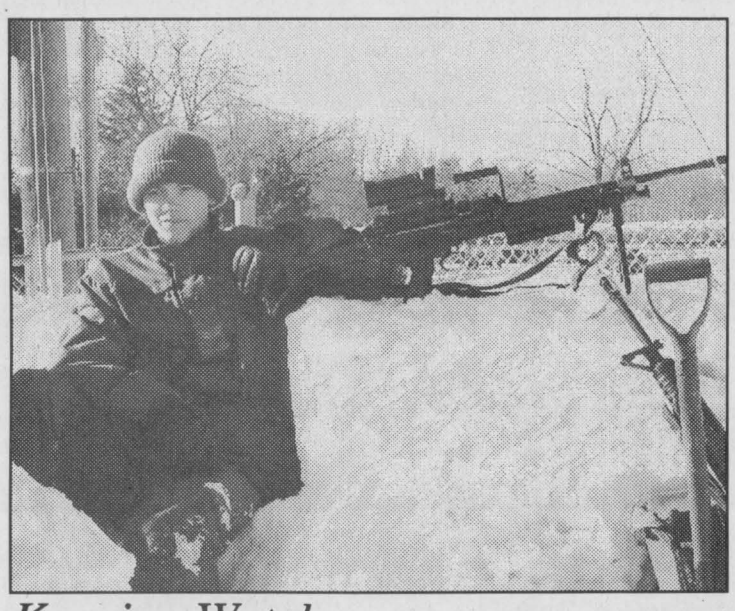

Keeping Watch

Corporal Jim Hamilton has the sites of his C-9 Light Machine Gun trained on the perimeter of the encampment. This young man volunteered for overseas duty in Bosnia, an experience of a lifetime. He wanted to use his training in a 'real' situation. He received a medal fo his volunteer service.

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Anyone not aware might have thought we were under attack by terrorists last weekend as they drove past South Grenville District High School. If the wire at the entrance did not catch your attention, the machine guns settled into the snowbank in the north west corner of the parking lot were certain to grab a second look.

Members of the Brockville Rifles (Army Reserve) were conducting a military exercise on the high school grounds over the weekend.

The Brocks as they are known were practising vital point security and confirming winter warfare skills during Exercise Trillium Wolf. This exercise is part of an overall training program that ensures Army Reservists are ready to support local agencies in times of crisis. Such times have seen the reservists called into duty, like the 1998 Ice Storm and the Manitoba Floods in 1997 where emergency situations saw the volunteers called into action.

The Media along with the general public were invited to observe the Brocks in action at SGDHS. Public Affairs Officer, Second Lt. Scott Costen mentioned as he toured this reporter through the encampment that the exercise was part of a winter test of 17 reservist regiments in Eastern Ontario representing 33 Canadian Brigade Group. Each regiment was due for a visit from brigade headquarters during the weekend as well.

It is noteworthy that the Brocks received a vote of approval from Lieutenant Colonel Michel Simard who dropped by Saturday to examine the encampment from where the Rifles maintained security around the school.

Officer Costen explained that the scenario given the Brocks was that the school was a water treatment plant which had been threatened. Their task was to secure the area and so there were reservists patrolling the perimeter continually. With the added responsibility of determining the level of the rifles preparation as well as providing experience winter techniques, the men and women were kept busy. Maintaining proper nutrition on a rations only diet as well as being able to establish camp, refill lanterns and safely light them are examples of what the men and women were tested on. Camouflaging the encampment in white to blend in with the snow, all the way down to their knapsacks and helmets would cause trouble locating them from the air as they camp against the white backdrop of the snow.

The snowfall and the wild chill helped provide realistic conditions for the exercise to be carried out in.

Officer Costen smiled broadly as he confirmed, "This is the type of training we have been doing for years. The Brocks have always been ready and willing to respond in any emergency."

Another objective of the weekend exercise was to raise the profile of the Brockville Rifles as a recruitment officer was also on the grounds. People from the entire area have over the years joined the reserve force of the Canadian Armed Forces. "If you enjoy challenges that are both mental and physical, you too can be part of a winning team...join the Brockville Rifles. A limited number (35) of openings for training are available right now. You have to be good to make it, but for the right candidates this is no problem. A soldier in the Canadian Army Reserve you are given the chance to serve your country, earn good money on a part time basis (guaranteed year round) with opportunities for full time employment in the summer (guaranteed full time employ July and August for $4-5000), Free dental plan after 3 months, a medical plan, severance package after 10 years, reimbursement for education up to 50% of tuition fees to a max of $2000 per year for up to four years...all university programs qualify and some college ones as well and the possibility in time for volunteer peacekeeping duties overseas. (twenty per cent of all reservists do so). To be eligible to join you must be 16 to 53 years of age, a Canadian Citizen or landed immigrant, have a minimum of 15 high school credits, pass a security, medical and fitness screening.

When asked what personal benefits one could expect it was clear everyone agreed, Leadership training, self discipline, self confidence, time management and interpersonal skills along with technical training.

Speaking to the young men and women taking part in the exercise, it was evident they are pleased with their decision to be a part of the Brocks. Numerous times visitors heard green clad personnel say how great the weather was for the exercise. "I have seen much worse conditions when we went on overnight exercises," stated one young man. Another member of the Brockville Rifles confided in this reporter how much they have matured since joining. "Not only am I more self sufficient, I have made long lasting friendships, I seem more in control of my life now." Perhaps the best thing I heard was , "What you gain through your experience in the reserves, translates well into your civilian life."

The Commanding officer of the Brockville Rifles stated, "The reserves are a perfect fit in a variety of ways to a number of different people, each finds what they need and learn how to use it in their lives. We have a lot to offer a broad segment of the population."

Speaking to the recruiting officer, this reporter learned that those who join the reserve make no commitment and can opt out at any time. "It is totally volunteer service, you can get out at any time. People have gotten all packed and ready for their summer training session and decided not to go through with it, that is fine. We only ask you give things your best shot, nothing more and nothing less. If you sign up and go ahead, you must be available the first summer to train at Meadford near Barrie (for which you get paid day by day)...where else can you make good money and have fun at the same time? After this summer you volunteer your time, when you can. We meet Thursday evenings and weekends and you join us when you are able. The more time the more pay and the higher skill level you attain." He even explained that if young people join the Brocks this summer and leave for university in the fall they can continue at various other reserve forces in their new location.

2nd Lt. Costen concludes our tour by saying, "The reserve environment makes you a better person, there is no doubt in my mind. Where else can you learn and have fun as well as get paid for it?"

After leaving it was clear to this reporter the Brocks are a great character builder. Meeting some of the nicest young men and women I have had the honour of being with in along time, each of the young people showed respect for themselves, their fellow reservists, their officers and even an old journalist from a small town newspaper disrupting their routine...a refreshing deviation from what many see young people as being.



Break Time

Private Heather Marriott, Rifleman Robin Walker, Private Mike Harris and Private Derick Greer were on a break. Inside the tent was warm and rather hazy. Water was boiling on a couple of stoves near the air hole and candles flickered in a pole fixture. They all spoke in glowing terms of their experiences as Army Reservists.

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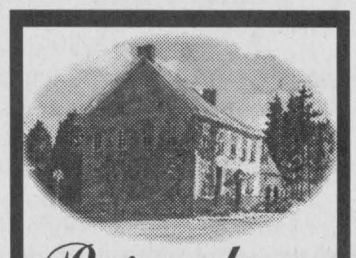

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Sincerely, Matilda Recreation
Bev Sabourin, Janice Gilmour, Jackie Fawcett

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Careful Now!

This is not the Editorial I had planned for this week. But the news reporters, and the headlines in the dailies upset me. Therefore I will expound on the issue of the deplorable accident that took five lives in one swoop.

All accidents are terrible, there is no question. But do we need to know the four who were struck by the out of control vehicle were holiday bound? Other than beefing up the horror of the entire thing, it is no ones business where they were headed. Most readers and or listeners can do nothing about what happened and this piece of info does not lend itself to helping the grieving process.

The make and model of the vehicle have little to do with anything either, but every writer and reporter had to tell us it was a Ford Explorer.

That she was talking on her cellular phone was not the reason such a horrific accident occurred.

Everyone is aware that driver distractibility is a real issue on our highways.This is not 2002 news, it has been a fact since their inception and almost everyone knows it. If you need to talk, you need to pull over to the side of the road to do it. Why would you want to endanger your own life, the lives of your passengers and others on the roadway. The cause of the accident was as usual driver error. A major misjudgement on the young lady's part to talk and drive, but not the phone's fault. It is after all an inanimate object, which works only when a human activates it.

There are innumerable reasons that could be sited as to why so many have to deal with so much loss.

The thrust of the investigation is the cell phone and the useage thereof. How many accidents will have to happen before something concrete happens to stop people from using cell phones as they drive? Passengers could make the all important call, safely and without threat to others on the road. If people cannot think clearly for themselves, then the law has to do it for them, but the hands of justice move so very slowly. How many more lives will be sacrificed before action is taken? And when it comes, what will those in authority do? Who will enforce whatever they decide? Would it be a complete ban on useage in vehicles or a partial restricted useage idea?

Then the entire story hinges on the fact that the young lady who was driving lost control and swerves onto the grassy medium, crashed through the guard rails and crushed a van killing all occupants. The van continues and strikes a Jeep in which a woman and two youngsters escape any injury. The focus of the accident is not the lives lost, the fact the driver was only 20 and must assuredly have been speeding to travel as far and as fast as she did. The most important issue at stake is the fact that she was talking on a cellphone. What??

Millions of dollars will be spent on studies and reports to tell us what is staring each of us who drive right in the face. What about the people who have been caught reading as they drive, putting on their makeup, shaving or combing their hair? You may wonder, but, sadly these are facts documented and all by law enforcement officers.

The use of any handheld phones has been banned in Israel, Italy, Spain and South America as well as New York State in the USA among others who see the dangers posed.

The cell phone companies compare the distraction to that which young children may be while in a vehicle, is this fair?

Adding to the time frame is the fact that the provinces oversee rules of the road while the federal government deals with the Criminal Code. This will create a longer period of time before anything can be established, piles of red tape and too many fingers in the discussion pie.

You have seen those who walk down the mall talking on their cell phone. We did without the call while shopping, while driving, while in a meeting or while waiting for a ride before there were cell phones. How did we manage then? How did we get into such a rut so rapidly? Cells are great for emergency use but what else is so vital we need to put ourselves and others at risk? Think people! Think!!

We are all human, we all make mistakes, but we do not need to invite death over a phone call. If it is that major to call or receive a call, pull to the side of the road. A driver at a stop light the other day was talking on the phone, the light went green and there he sat holding up a line of vehicles, some of whom might have been on a schedule. A great mix for trouble. Do you lay on the horn and get his attention, or worry you will scare him into a bad move?

S.L.J.

The House of Lazarus inspires Director to write two books

focus

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Since she started as Pastoral Director at the House of Lazarus in 1994, Shirley Nichol, has accomplished much and has many fond memories of the time she has spent at the mission.

It all started for her when she retired from accounting and decided to go through school to become a licensed lay pastoral minister. She started out volunteering at the House of Lazarus and eventually started working there.

Nichol decided to keep working at the mission until an opening became available at a church, but when the Pastoral Director left, she felt that the staff, volunteers and clients had become like family and she could not leave.

Since she has been at the House of Lazarus, Nichol has met many people and heard many different stories. She decided to combine them into her first book called "Angels On My Windowsill," which is a collection of short stories about the mission.

This past November, she compiled her second book of stories about the House of Lazarus and called it "The Angels Continue to Appear." The books are printed at Algonquin College and cost $12 each.

They are available at the mission, The Anchor Christian Book Store and JT's Books. All proceeds from the book go to the House of Lazarus.

"The miracles that happen here everyday are the inspiration for the books. For the second book, people came in wondering about a second book and it was their encouragement that helped me write it," she said.

When she first started at the mission every time she would pray with a client she would give them an angel ornament. In return, angel ornaments would start to arrive at the House of Lazarus. This is how Nichol came up with the titles for her books.

In the past year, the House of Lazarus has accomplished a lot starting with their move from South Mountain to 2245 Simm Street in Mountain in October 2000. The current building is much more spacious and bright enabling clients to browse more.

"I have seen such a difference in the people coming into the House of Lazarus. People of every different age and occupation are coming out and shopping," said Nichol.

She will be retiring from the mission at the end of December 2002 and says her hope is that they will find someone else who will carry on the dreams of the House of Lazarus.

"It gets to be like a family and that will be the hard part about leaving. It will be good because I can do things with my life, but hard because I have seen people reach their goals," she said.

Some of the greatest joys, she has are when the clients open up to her about their lives and they pray together. Each morning, the staff and volunteers start the day by praying in Nichol's office with her.

"It seems to start the day off with a good feeling. The most important thing to me is that people have a place where they can open up and know it's confidential," she said.

Any stories that happen between now and her retirement, she plans to write up and give to the volunteers at Christmas time.

The House of Lazarus also rents the former Presbyterian Church in South Mountain and has renamed it the Matilda Resource Centre.

In her latest foray into the literary world, Shirley once again brings to her readers some of the most touching stories about local people you could want to enjoy.

Stories with happy endings and stories tinged with laughter, tears, despair and humour make this a good little book.

Her daily activities could fill volumes and it is a wonderful gift she provides by putting some of them into print. Allowing all who read the book to be able to share those precious moments, she allows us to touch the lives of some less fortunate. She does this in a caring manner, with such evident love and support for the people she deals with, readers close the pages feeling so great.

Stories that tell of youngsters who leave the House of Lazarus with broad smiles on their small faces bring a warm fuzzy feeling to readers. Those that touch a heart chord or explain how a garmet discarded by one can bring such happiness to another allow some of us who will never witness such miracles to be a small part of this magical sphere in Mountain.

Before she retires, Nichol is hoping to further the programming at this centre and she plans to do her best to reach out in whatever way she can. For instance on April 21 they will be having a fashion show at the centre.

"My biggest hope is that whoever they hire feels comfortable with the clients and that they be able to realize they can learn a lot from them. I have learned a lot. When you first start working, it feels like there's me and there's them, but after awhile it turns into us," said Nichol.



Shirley Nichol signs her latest book. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Heading into a Krispie Kritter Feb. cold

Just Plain Livin' with Sandra Lee

Winter Struck with a Vengeance

Well, those folks who were whining about having no winter 2002 should be more than happy now. We have been struck as if Old Man Winter has a grudge against us! Snowmobiles can be heard as engines rev along the trails and lights shine through barren trees. Children can be found playing on patches of ice cleaned with hasty swipes of shovels and scrapers. Snowmen dot various lawns and as the wind whips across open fields snow piles against anything and everything in its path.

Speaking of snowmen, as I was, arriving home on Friday evening, the fact that the snow was packy caused thoughts of snowmen to cross my mind. It would be a perfect night to create snowmen. Since the children at our house are either away at school or adults, the idea seemed silly. The closer I got to the driveway, the better I liked it and wondered if the big guy was up for a snowman building adventure. It would be brief since we were headed out on an assignment in Chesterville in about an hour and a half. When I began the trek to the veranda, I saw them, standing straight and short, like miniature sentinels. Two extremely small snowmen were situated at the bottom of the steps, one on either side, they were correct in every tiny detail, two black eyes, a carrot nose, black buttons and a smile to die for! They were so cute!! As the storm raged later that night and into Saturday, they became melted into a complete unit, one tumbled, but the other, even after losing his nose and one eye remained steadfast in his task of guarding the place. The big guy even shovelled the walkway and tossed the snowmen onto the lawn. These are one pair of tough, little fellows, they lay sadly on their backs when the reporter came home later Sunday evening. I could not help myself, I placed them where they began their lives on the walkway, at the bottom of the steps...and they were still there on Monday morning when I headed for work.

Funny how number one son and his old maw seem to be on the same wave length once in a while!!! It was so cool and they are just well, he is becoming a graphic designer, and his talent comes through in the most wonderful ways. Thanks Rudi, it brought a smile to my face and that helped after a very trying day at work.

On the topic of work it is often difficult to make choices where your job is concerned. I knew better than to strike out on Friday evening for Chesterville. The winds were tossing things around like styrofoam, but the assignments was there and so after much debate, the big guy and the editor struck off northward. The open fields were wind swept and the where the winds were not inhibited in any way, they pushed the truck off to the edge of the roadway more than once. Thankfully there were few other fools out and about to avoid, but the winds made driving a tough job nonetheless. Then as we crossed the bridge near South Mountain, rounded the corner and headed eastward on County Road 3, things were some better. We made it without incident to Inkerman. As we approached the hamlet it was evident they were experiencing a snow fall as well as the driving winds. The pavement was covered with snow that swirled and created a wild picture under the streetlights. We calmly, and slowly drove through the quiet street and were on our way north, expecting the worst, knowing the open areas along here...we could not have imagined anything like what we drove into. The snow was pelting down as the wind tossed, twisted and drove it at us, around us, behind us and simply everywhere...A complete white-out. There was no more pavement, no yellow line to mark the centre of the road, no dark shadows to indicate the edges of the pavement, no front of our own hood. All there was, was white. We were in a white world of our own. And we were all alone in it. All of a sudden there was a pair of headlights shining right in the centre of the truck, I swerved to the right and three vehicles crawled past me, probably saying a silent prayer of thanks like we were that no one got hit. It was undoubtedly the worst weather we have ever been caught in and in thirty odd years we have been in some storms. Having travelled this road frequently we knew the turn eastward on Fawcett Road was coming up, but in this white wonderland it seemed too far away. Finally we located what we imagined to be a sign and after

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the bottom line

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IN IROQUOIS HOSTED A EUCHRE party last month. They want to thank everyone for their continued support. Winners included ladies-in order from first to second which was a tie, Myrtle Johnston, Keitha Crozier and Millie MacDonald. Congrats to the fellows, Clare Easter and John Beltman who finished first and second. Elsie Bron took home the door prize. These Euchre parties remind many of days gone by when such events were a routine part of everyones' social calendar. Those were the days!!

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WHETHER WE WILL HAVE A SHORTENED WINTER OR NOT IS ANYONES guess. The groundhogs could not agree, but those who dislike the deep freeze, think of the fellow who predicted an early spring. No matter folks buck up, winter always lasts until spring takes over and it will do the same thing this year. We have to all agree we have had an easy winter, little snow to shovel and warm temps. Bundle up and enjoy what is left of our Canadian winter.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 7PM SHARP THE WINCHESTER AND District Memorial Hospital will host another of their Diabetic Information Sessions. This time the topic is Medication and Diabetes...What is new? What is right for you? The featured speaker is Catherine Van Vliet, Pharmacist. These sessions can help everyone, as many people are being diagnosed with Diabetes, the information may well become useful.

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YES!!"FUN WITH BOOKS" IS COMING TO THE SOUTH DUNDAS JUSTICE Building in Morrisburg on Thursday, February 7th starting at 10am. The Eastern Ontario Health Unit is hosting the Family Literacy Project as part of its "Watch Me Grow Program." The Program helps teach parents how to make the most out of their childrens books as a means of helping prepare them for reading. It also provides quality time for parents and their youngsters.

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Livin'

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slowing down to walking speed, we did get around the corner. The wind was wilder this way than it had been. When we came to a house, it was evident we were on the wrong side of the road and headed for the ditch. It was not difficult to get disoriented in all the white. The wind driving the truck wherever it pleased did not help any either! Fearing even more for our safety as this road is a hill-gully type where you could meet someone on a high spot or in a dip on a good day, we decided to turn around had hopefully get home. The journey had taken over an hour and we would be late no matter. Then too, what it the storm worsened, or we got stranded, or was so bad when we reached Chesterville we could not strike for home??? Too many what-ifs and we were turning in a yard, narrowly missing their driveway markers, sliding in a free glide on the ice blown bare of snow by the wind. The drive home was no treat as the storm seemed to follow us all the way. There was no white out as we neared home, but more than a few close calls as we headed for the ditch, 4-wheel drive in operation, and we both agreed it was best to be home. Some frantic calls in the morning would get a story and thanks to friends at the Chesterville Record, we have pictures (I owe you guys and gals one!). Their reporter had a wild drive as well and a lot fewer kilometres to go than we did. Others did not make it either, and we will chalk it up to using our better judgement. Although the editor wonders if we had left earlier if we could have, would have missed the worst of the storm and made it to Chesterville?! The hazards of reporting, who would think?

Saturday was bright and cold and talk about the snow crunching when you walked on it, the snow was brittle, when you stepped on it you were afraid it would splinter, it was that cold! Dressed warmly the old editor trekked to South Grenville High to gather info for a story on the Military. The Brockville Rifles were on manoeuvres and it made a great afternoon as I was toured around, spoke to the various members of the team and learned loads.

Sunday I was in church in Dixon's. Always a warm welcome here and I thoroughly enjoyed the service, the young people were marvellous and the guests truly brought a message of hope to all.

Skating on the agenda as I watched more than my share this past weekend. The professionals are allowed to go beyond the boundaries and they certainly do. I enjoy it a lot.

How about the football in Cajun Country? I don't watch a lot of this game, but once in a while and why no the Super Bowl? The Patriots are closer to us and were the underdogs going in. If I had any cash, I would have bet on them. They played well and deserved to win, by a larger margin I might add, but they got the job done. A good game, although the boys in the stripped shirts need to less aware of the cameras and the fans. Some calls were not necessary. A game should not be decided by the referees. I also caught some of the All Star hockey on Saturday, and even though it is great to see North America win, one of my fav players is Sundin and he was hot for the World team. I did not like the sweaters this year, not that has any bearing on the game, but usually they are pretty sharp.

The number two son was in touch, yes, he needed money. Last weekend was College Weekend (Trent U is divided into smaller units-colleges for intramural activities) and that means party time. Such events are part and parcel of university life. What can a parent do? Hopefully we taught him enough that he behaves like an almost mature adult at these things?! We will call this week to see how things went. His buddy is getting engaged and we wish John and his lady the best. He is a good kid and she must be as well, although we only met her once. Hopefully they will wait to take the big plunge at least until after school is complete.

A good friend of the number one son has also given the gal the diamond and Scott, we surely wish you two the very best in the future.

We must be getting old, these youngsters are old enough to be getting married, wow!! Seems like the other day the big guy and I walked down the red carpet, guess it was a while ago!

The Sojgrens has been acting wild and crazy. A new item to contend with has become tingling in the extremities, especially the toes. Speaking to another who endures the Syndrome we agreed on this being a part of the pains and weird happenings we live with. Sometimes it is good to talk to someone who bears the same burdens as you especially as far as health goes. Doctors have precious little time to deal with everything and a chronic disease seems to get put on the back burner more often than not.

On the topic of doctor, number one son was under the weather and after seeing the medical man was diagnosed with Vertigo, which gives a sensation of whirling, dizziness and a tendency to lose balance, nausea feeling and unwellness. It has passed and he did not miss any school... a better man than I for sure. I had it once and it got me down for a complete day.

This past weekend I completed the first three Harry Potter books. Amazing her imagination, for the third was even more fun and exciting than either of the other two. I have not yet purchased the big version yet, the final one in the group, but I will have to because you just want to read more and I am anxious to learn all there is about the boy wizard. I hope more movies are made with info from the books. The initial one was terrific and the next ones can only be better.

Take care, the time grows late. Keep smiling, bundle up warmly as the cold cuts straight through you these days. The wisdom this week comes from Frank Moore Colby who said, "Men will confess to treason, murder, arson, false teeth or a wig. How many will own up to a lack of humour?"



Inukshuk *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

A unique way to advertise for your business. This fellow from the far north does a great job. He caught my eye at the Cass Bridge, along County Road 31. It is not made of rocks either. Good job!

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

There were just eleven entries for Cribbage League play last Saturday, as eight of the regulars were in Kingston for Legion District G competition. Topping the small field in the Lounge was Wilf Summers with a score of 1084, placing second with 1072 points was Jack Coulter while Roger Coulter pegged 1064 to finish third, Big Bob Esford had to squeeze into the "Bridesmaid Gown" with his score of 1038. Only seven skunks appeared all afternoon, but Gary Easter and Art Ault roped a pair each. Art wasn't too pleased to discover that one of his skunks was of the "Double-Striped" variety.

The two Iroquois teams that competed in District competition in Kingston were unsuccessful in their bid to advance to Prov. Cribbage in Beaton, Ontario. Better luck next year guys!.

At Duplicate Bridge there were four table being occupied and the high winners ended up being Laura Burgess and Mildred McGinn.

The Ladies Aux. are gearing up for their Annual Valentines Tea and Bake Sale that's taking place this coming Sat. Feb. 9 at 11 am. The letters have all been mailed out and we hope to have a good response of baked goods, BUT most of all we hope to have a good response from you the public. Comrade Joyce will have a good size pot of soup on the go, plus a great variety of sandwiches.

Due to the lousy weather last Friday the Friday luncheon was cancelled but will be taking place this Friday at the noon hour. Chef Norma will be serving up a good serving of Beef Stew and Dumplings. She does a fantastic job!

Don't forget our Annual Dart for Hearts! This will be taking place on Feb. 16 with registration being from 11am till noon, and play starting at 1 pm. The cost is $5 per person with a Blind Draw for mixed teams. This has always been a well attended event with all proceeds going to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Oh Yes! I almost forgot to mention that Br. 370 is planning on having a Car Rally and Dinner and possibly a Dance too!. This is going to take place on March 2, and the Ladies Aux. will do the Dinner. Plans are in the making now so I'll have more to tell you within the next couple of weeks.

Then on Sat. Mar. 23rd we are planning on having an "Indoor Garage Sale". Over the years we have accumulated a lot of items of no use to us anymore. Plus the Ladies Aux. have given the Branch money to get new tables, so all the old tables in the hall will be in the sale plus other items. Keep this date in mind cause we might just have something of interest for you.

Coming activities for this week: Mon. 1pm Bingo at Johnstown, Bingo Hall. Tues. 7pm Bridge in small hall. 7:30pm Euchre in main hall. Wed. 7:30pm Iroq. AmateurRadio Club Meeting. Fri. 7:30pm Mixed Dart League. Sat. 11am Valentine Tea & Bake Sale. 1pm SHARP! Cribbage League in the Lounge.

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SPORTS

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Flamingos tops at Annual Chubbs Tourney on Sunday



Key Face Off for Bud Division Honours

Beckstead's defenseman Gene McInnis and Hummel's winger Mark Stevens readied themselves for a key face off. Stevens was a pivotal player contributing to Hummel's 4-3 victory over Beckstead's in the Bud Division at the annual Chubbs Tournament. Beckstead's did all they could to come back in the final minutes but Hummel's held them off. *Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The finals for the annual Chubbs tournament were set for Sunday afternoon. Prizes were given to winners in four divisions. The Chubbs Alumni faced off against Jamie Mac for the Bud Light division honours. The Bud division match up had Beckstead's meeting Hummel's. The Bootleggers and Wolves competed for top honours in the Blue Light division. The top teams in the tournament played in the Blue division, with the Flamingos, and the Sharks winning the rights to battle for the title.

Bud division finals were first on the agenda. A couple of local teams competed for top honours in their division. Beckstead's and Hummel's battled back and forth, with Beckstead's getting on the board first. Trevor Beckstead knocked in a rebound at the 8 minute mark of the first period. Hummel's, not wanting to get behind came right back off the centre ice face off as the Mark Steven's line combined for a goal, tying the game at one. This effort swung the momentum Hummel's way as they added a one timer past Beckstead's goalie with 2 minutes remaining, and a third goal with only seconds left in the period making it 3-1.

In the final period Jeff Hyndman set up Trevor Beckstead to pull them within a goal. Shortly there after Beckstead's goalie screened by his own player let another shot go by letting Hummel's go up 4-2 with 10 minutes remaining. Barry DeGray netted one for Beckstead's again pulling them within one, but that was a close as they would get, ending the game with Hummel's up 4-3. Each team was awarded prizes for making the finals. Beckstead's player of the game was Trevor Beckstead, and Brian Cochrane was Hummel's player of the game. Each received a hockey stick donated by Hartley's Sport Shop.

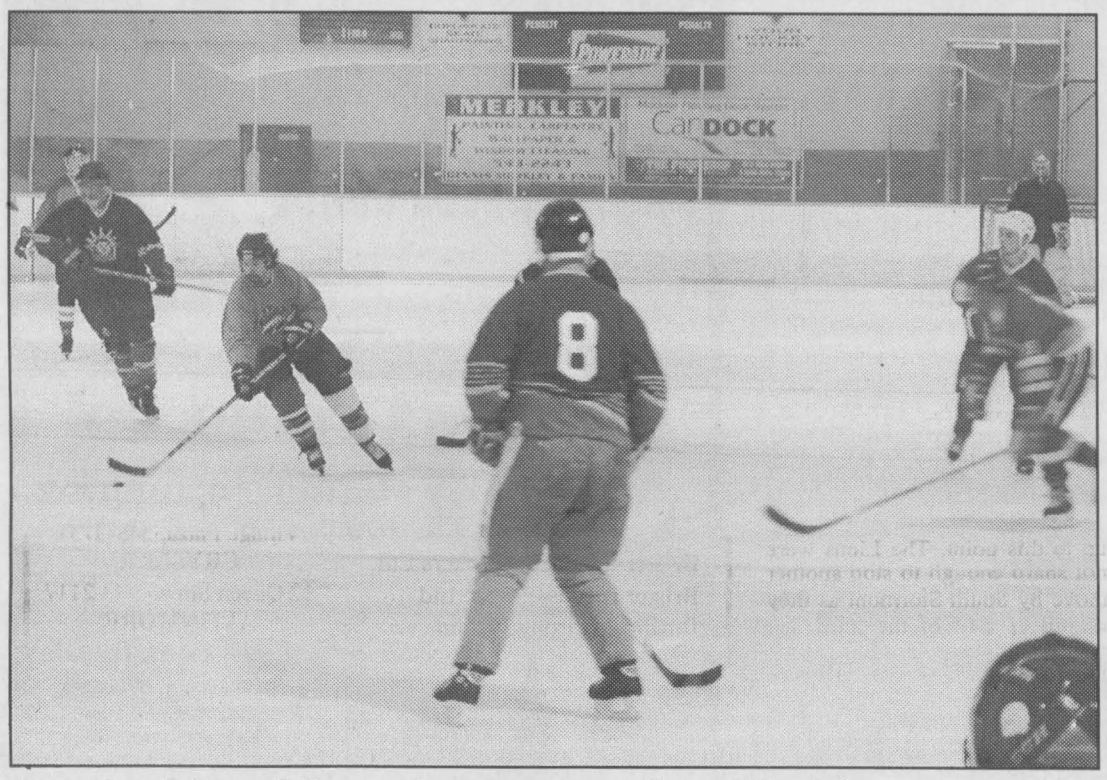
The Bud Light Division finals brought the host Chubbs Alumni and the Jamie Mac team to the ice. Jamie Mac was first on the board as Steve Casselman carried the puck in from the blue line and slipped it past Chubbs net minder Jack Bjergso only minutes into the game. Jamie Mac had the stronger team and scored again as Brian Shaver crashed the net, and the puck found it's way over the goal line, making it 2-0 only five minutes into the game. Jamie Mac was relentless in their attack and never let off. Team captain Jamie MacIntosh skated end to end with the puck only to be stopped by Bjergso, but Brian Shaver was quick to jump on the rebound. This was Shaver's game to shine as he set up another goal putting Jamie Mac up 4 nil. Bjergso was stopped most of the initial shots with ease but was coughing up a lot of rebounds that the quick Jamie Mac team pounced on quickly. As the Chubbs tired Jamie Mac's team kept up their high energy game, never relenting, breaking in two on none, and three on none in the dying minutes of the game despite their huge lead. Jamie Mac beat the Chubbs Alumni 6-1 with Frank Hummell scoring the Chubbs lone goal. Brian Shaver was named player of the game.

The Chesterville Wolves and the Mountain Bootleggers met up in the Blue Light division final. Both teams played very skill full defensive games. Goals were hard to come by. The Wolves scored first with only a few minutes remaining in the opening period, and then the defensive game continued. The Wolves put one more on the board in the final period, as the puck was knocked over the goal line as they crashed the net. The game finished 2-0 as the Wolves took home the hardware for this division. Dwayne Backes was named player of the game.

The crowd gathered to see the final game of the tournament which pitted the Morrisburg based Flamingo squad against a young Shark squad brought to town by a couple of younger former Lions. The Blue division final was the one everyone was waiting for. The winner of this division is the tournament winner. In regular tournament play these team met the day before, where the Sharks handed the Flamingos an embarrassing 6-1 loss. The talk among spectators was that they Flamingos couldn't keep up with the younger team. Despite their predictions the spectators all stayed to see the outcome, and cheer for the underdog Flamingo team. The Flamingo's hit the ice full of energy, and ready to do all they had to to win, as the loss the day before left a bad taste in their mouth.

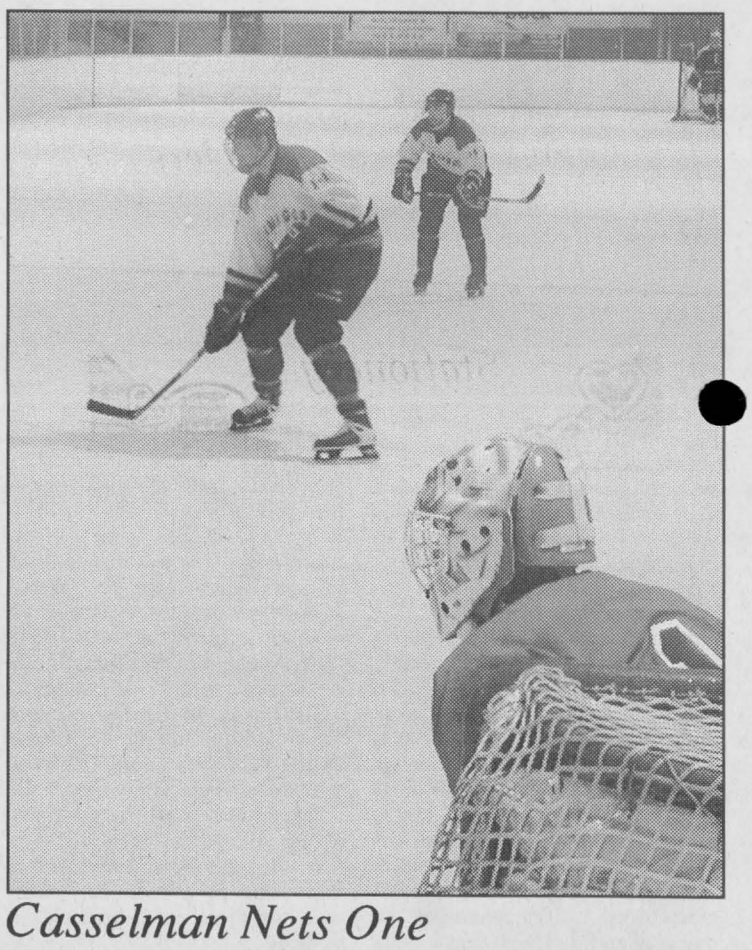
Smith knocked one past the Shark's net minder early putting the Flamingos on the board first. Midway through the first the Flamingos put another point up on the score board. It wasn't pretty, but it was a result of hard work. In the last few seconds of the first period, a long hard shot along the ice found the corner of the net. The first period ended with the Flamingos up 3-0.

As the final period got under way the Sharks frustration showed, unable to get the puck past the Flamingos strong goal tender they started to get rough, with scrums after most whistles. A fight even broke out between one of the Flamingos and the Shark's best player. Each was ejected from the game. Missing their best player the Flamingos had their way with the Sharks for the remainder of the game. Robbie Casselman blasted one from the hach marks making it 4-0. The Flamingos added two more before the game was over shutting out the Sharks 6-0. Andy Lee was named player of the game, the Flamingo's goalie was named goalie of the tournament, and Robbie Casselman was named player of the tournament. The old home town boys, and the under dogs pulled together as a team to pull out a win, deserving the title of Chubbs Tournament Champions.



Jamie Mac Victorious over the Chubbs

Jamie McIntosh streaked in blasting one at the Chubbs net minder. Brian Shaver jumped on the rebound to score one of several goals of the game. Jamie Mac romped the host Chubbs Alumni team to take the Bud Light Division crown. Shaver was named player of the game for his efforts in this match up. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*



Casselman Nets One

Flamingo Robbie Casselman was name tournament MVP. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

Garlough leads Lions to victory

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions travelled to Akwesasne for one game over the weekend, where the Lions faced off against the last place Wolves.

The two teams were closely matched in the first period, each team playing well defensively, worked hard at keeping the puck out of their own net. With under two minutes remaining in the first the Lions finally got their offence going as Jamie Ledger put one past Wolves goalie Andrew King on a feed from Matt Bergeron. They quickly added another by Assistant Captain Matt Collins from Matt Bailey, who added another point to his effort to stay among the top ten scorers in the division. Things looked good for the Lions as they went to the dressing room up two goals.

The Lions came out in the second with Matt Bergeron quickly adding another marker to the board on a pass from Captain Wayne Garlough. This 3-0 lead got the Wolves attention, and they stepped up their efforts finally netting one half way through the second. Morrisburg kept up the pace as Wayne Garlough scored his first goal of the game with 1:47 remaining in the period. With under a minute to go in the second the Wolves put one more on the board, pulling to within a couple of goals before they went to the dressing room.

This goal put momentum of the Wolves side as they came out in the third flying, scoring three goals in the first ten minutes of the third period, giving them a 5-4 lead. In the dying minutes of the game the Lions pushed to get something going offensively to make up for the lead they blew. Team Captain Wayne Garlough stepped up and scored the tying goal with only 1:13 remaining with Jon Chambers assisting, sending them into overtime with his second goal of the game.

Fans enjoyed tension filled end to end hockey in overtime. Garlough, liking the role of hero, again stepped up potting the over time winner with only 3 minutes remaining. This over time goal also gave Garlough the natural hat trick, and four points on the night.

The season is winding down for the Lions with only a couple more chances to catch the action in Morrisburg. Winchester comes to town Sunday, February 10th at 2:15 pm, and the final home game will be on Friday, February 15th at 8:15 pm when the Lions host Alexandria.

Good turnout for Senior Bonspiel

by Steve Thompson

The Morrisburg Club hosted another successful senior mixed bonspiel last Wednesday. Twelve teams from Brockville, Metcalfe, Prescott, Russell, Maxville, Smiths Falls and Richmond entered. After their first game, each group had the usual hot meal before returning to the fray. Following some top-notch curling and hard-fought wins, the champions were Metcalfe's Bob and Marg Thompson and Ron and Fran Hamson, the other draw being won by Peter Romme, Carol Geoghegan and Jim and Shirley Sullivan from Russell. As always, the volunteers made the day a success, and their work and donations of food helped keep expenses down and raise a good deal of money for the Club.

Three new signs have been added to the walls of our Curling Club: Mike's Valu Mart, the Morrisburg Subway Restaurant and Doug Byers' Furniture Store in Iroquois, Again we invite members and others to patronize these and the others who support our Club in this way. As well, their signs will appear on our web site, which is not only accessed in our area, but has had hits from Europe, Asia, South America and Australia.

The Canadian senior championships are underway in St. Thomas. While Morrisburg's men's representative was defeated earlier this year in Zone play, the eventual Ontario champion had the lead after the early rounds of the national playdowns. On the women's side, Agnes Charette of Buckingham had the early lead.

Next weekend sees the start of the Winter Olympics, and our Canadian curlers will have their hands full if they hope to come home with gold medals. The Swedes are the early favorites in both divisions,. Elisabet Gutafson is a four-time world champion, and will give Kelly Law of Canada a run for her money. Kevin Martin has never won on the world stage and will have to contend with Peter Lindholm, twice the world's best. Look forward to some great curling, with upsets a distinct possibility.

Back in Canada, Ottawa's John Morris, who finished second in Ontario last year, defeated Daniel in the final on Sunday to win the Nokia Cup. Morris will represent Ontario in March at the Calgary Brier, the Canadian Men's Championship.

Since we have space today, how about a few bits of curling etiquette? Here goes. Stand or walk at the side of the sheet of ice so that the view of the opposing skip and the curler delivering the rock are not obstructed. Remember to clean your rock's running surface before delivery. This helps to prevent those embarrassing "picks" as the rock decides to follow its own course. Don't leave your hand or knee on the ice during delivery as this will melt the surface and affect the path of future forty-two pound stones. Finally, leads and seconds always remain between the hog lines unless sweeping. Good Curling!

Iroquois and District COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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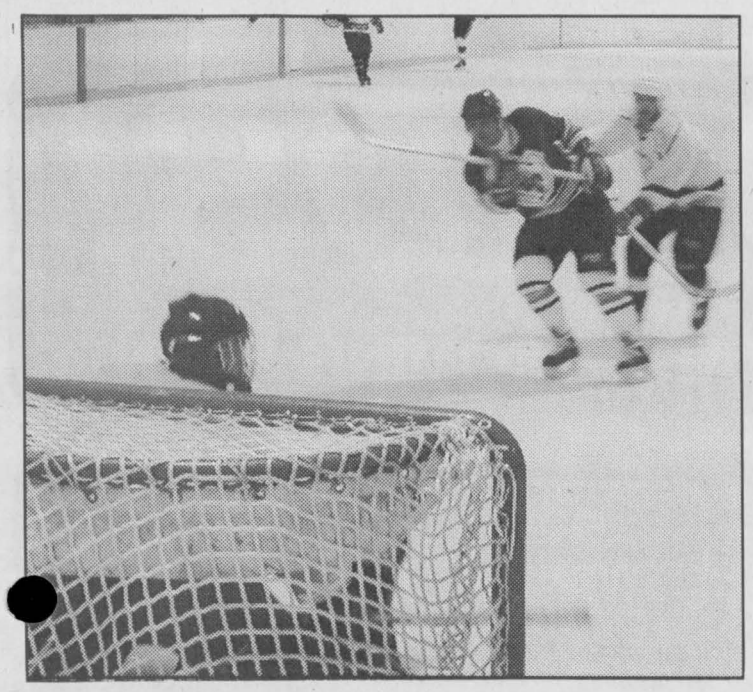

Missed Opportunities

Missed opportunities were the story of the game in the host Chubbs Alumni first matchup of the tournament. Jeff "Skunk" Cassell managed to break in alone on the Loan Sharks goaltender, but couldn't manage to score. Perhaps some of the guys were showing some signs of rust.

Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

If you are a hockey fan, Morrisburg was the place to be this past weekend. It was Morrisburg hockey's "old home week" remarked one spectator. All of the area hockey talent was out to participate in the annual Chubbs Tournament. A large crowd gathered Saturday afternoon as a couple of the most popular teams in Morrisburg's recent hockey history hit the ice.

The Chubbs Alumni took to the ice for the first time on Saturday afternoon. The crowd reminisced as noted goal scorer Dave "Tarzie" Myers put the Chubbs on the board first. The opposing Loan Sharks weren't long returning the favour tying the game at one. Jack Bjergso was outstanding in the net for the Chubbs but couldn't hold off the Loan Shark attack for long.

At the beginning of the second and final period in this tournament's format Doug "Mookie" Wilson put one past the Loan Sharks net minder who covered the puck after it bounced back out of the net. The only person the goalie fooled was the one that mattered. The referee called no goal on the play, so the score remained tied half way through the final period. During these scoreless minutes the Chubbs got chance after chance but failed to capitalize. In the final five minutes of the game the Loan Sharks found a way to beat Bjgergso and put up two quick markers to finish the game 3-1 over the host Chubbs Alumni.

The Bill's 77s, another crowd favorite took the ice as well on Saturday afternoon. This team is famous in Morrisburg hockey circles because of their depth of talent and their winning ways. The Bill's faced off against another talented, younger squad put together by Ernie Beckstead.

This game was action packed, and fast paced. The Bill's 77s were first on the board as "Shack" Gary Jarvis blasted one past Beckstead's net minder. Tommy Hodgson put the Bill's up by two as he crashed the net and knocked one in. Bobby Jack Hart brought Beckstead's back into contention as he shot one past the Bill's net minder on a set up from Gene McInnis. Bobby Jack wasn't satisfied with one streaking in on a breakaway beating the Bill's net minder again tying up the game at two all.

"Shack" set up Art McElheran to put the Bill's ahead again in the final period. Beckstead's had tied the game once before and would do so again on a solo effort from Jeff Hyndman as he showed off his talent as he carried the puck the length of the ice deeking everyone including the goalie. Inspired by his effort Beckstead's quickly knocked in another one to go up by one, making it 4-3 for Beckstead's. In the dying minutes of the game Scott Corden made no mistake, one timing a blast past Beckstead's net minder on a set up from Kevin Prentice. The game ended in a four all tie.

An Iroquois contingent also hit the ice Saturday afternoon, sponsored by KBD trucking. The local guys were matched up against the Hummel's from Morrisburg. Hummel's were first on the board, and showed no mercy quickly going up three nothing thanks to the efforts of Mark Stevens who had a hand in all three goals. Tug Mullen finally got KBD on the board, but that was all the scoring they had in them and Hummel's weren't through. They added two more markers, ending the game up 5-1.

Chubbs tournament action started Friday night and continued through the weekend. Players competed in four divisions. Games consisted of two fifteen minute periods. Division playoffs were set by points. Winners were crowned Sunday afternoon.

Two wins and a tie for Peewee Lions

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Sunday, January 27, the PeeWee "C" Lions hosted the South Grenville Rangers and after two overtime periods sent them home defeated. The Lions got on the board first as Collin Chesbro teamed with Ryan Morrow to count the first goal of the game. Before the first frame ended the Lions were able to count another as the Iroquois connection shifted into gear. Bryce Fournier nailed a fast one past the Ranger netminder to add to the Lions tally, assisted by Scott Speer. Some great Lions defence kept the Rangers from scoring in the first.

As the second began the Lions again counted one on a Craig Duvall play helped by Darren Balwdin and Ryan Morrow. The Rangers found the twine, beating Andrew Tupper to get on the board. The Lions came in fast and scored as Andrew Addlington found space after taking the puck from teammate Baldwin who once again was in the right place at the right time. The Lions bulged the twine again when Craig Duvall found his mark as he skated in solo to put the Lions up by 3 goals. As the second wound down, the Rangers again found their mark and the board read 5-2 for the Lions.

The third belonged to the Rangers as they scored three counters. The Lions could muster only one as Duvall again found his target taking the pass from Ryan Morrow ensuring the win.

Bulging the twine in all three periods, the PeeWee C Lions ended up winners as they faced North Dundas. Andrew Addlington got things started as he scored. Taking the puck from TJ McManus and Darren Baldwin he made no mistake at 14:22. After this the period belonged to North Dundas as they counted two goals. Then at 3:11 of the second, it was Craig Duvall who skated in alone and scored to knot the count at 2. The final buzzer was set to sound when Darren Baldwin went in fast with Sheldon Beckstead, a Lions victory.

On Saturday, February 2, the Lions travelled to South Stormont. A tie was all they could earn as the first period went scoreless. The second saw the Lions go up by one score. Darren Baldwin scored first as he skated in alone at 13:44. Then at 8:06 Sheldon Beckstead teamed with Collin Chesbro and Bryce Fournier to count the second goal and put his team up two. But at 6:46 South Stormont found twine behind Andrew Tupper who had been strong in the pipes for the Lions up to this point. The Lions were not sharp enough to stop another move by South Stormont as they scored at 4:14 of the third, the only counting play of the final frame giving them a tie with the Lions.



Carnival Princess and Queen

The Hallville Winter Carnival was held on Saturday, February 2 and included many events for people of all ages. Some of these were, skating races, a chili cookoff and the Carnival Queen and Princess Competition. Here, this year's Princess was Darby Ace and the Queen was Kelsey Erwin. *Chieftain photo by T. Roach*

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God took her home, it was His will,
Within our hearts, she liveth still.
Love Tom, Enid, Barry and Randy
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SHAVER: In loving memory of a dear grandfather, ***Charlie,*** who passed away on February 6, 1999.
We often sit and think of him,
When we are all alone,
For memory is the only thing,
That grief can call its own.
Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by granddaughter Sandra Lee, Roger and boys
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Cards of Thanks

BOLTON: The family of the late Muriel Elizabeth Bolton would like to express our sincere thanks to all friends, family and neighbours for their cards, flowers, donations and many prayers. Special thanks for the wonderful care given to Mother by the Red Cross caregivers -- Sherry Smyth, Ann Hutt, June Reid. We express our gratitude to Winchester Memorial Hospital and staff for their excellent care. Thanks is not enough especially to Dr. Paul Coolican and colleagues, their compassion and care was outstanding. A very special thank you to David Lapier and staff at Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home also Rev. Bob K. Fillier for his comforting service. We were deeply grateful to Sandra Barkley Probst for her music and solo.
Gloria Peggy and Family
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FISHER: I would like to thank my friends for remembering me with cards, notes, calls and donations to the several charities following the death of my beloved mother, ***LAURINE 'McGINNESS' KING.*** At such a sad time these kind expressions of sympathy are greatly appreciated.
Shirley Fisher

VENEMA: Thank you note from Marcie Venema, Matilda Carnival Queen..... I would like to thank my sponsor, Dundas Agri Systems, my sidekick, Kristin DeJong for being my escort, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Angie and Tracey, for doing my makeup and to Matilda Recreation, Janice Gilmer, Bev Sabourin and Jackie Fawcett. Thanks also to Caldwell Linen Mill, Gilmer's Pharmacy, The Hair Studio, The New Centennial Restaurant, Country Girl, Classic Cuts and Oma's Country Crafts. Last but not least, thanks to Callery and Runaway Train for letting me sing a couple of songs with them on Saturday night.
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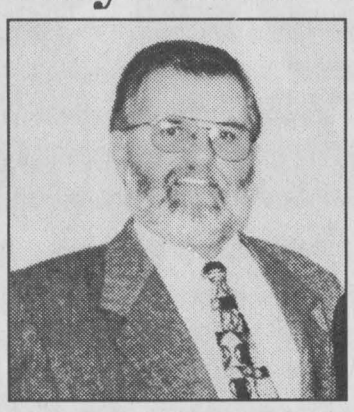

Suddenly on December 17, 2001, Raymond D. Coughler of RR3, Merrickville at the young age of 51. Ray was an employee of Statistics Canada, Print Shop for the past 12 years. He was an active member of the Wednesday and Thursday evening Kemptville Dart Leagues. A proud member of Sunday morning meetings as a successful, recovering alcoholic. Ray had a tremendous desire to become the next Tiger Woods as a member of the Sandy Row Golf Course. Those who knew Ray in his youth recall his famous "Donald Duck" impersonation which always made children laugh. He loved fast cars, Ford trucks and life.

Ray gave much more than he ever received in life wherever he was and no matter who he was with. He will be deeply missed and remembered by his wife of six and a half years, Brenda Nixon and his only son, Peter Slater (Tammy) of Ottawa. The loving son of Darwin (Pete) and Betty (nee Casselman) Coughler of Winchester, Ray is mourned by his brothers and sisters: Glenn (Vivian) of Winchester, Danny (Suzanne) of Renfrew, Carol Thompson (Bill Flowers) of Smiths Falls, Marlene Baird (Jerry) of Winchester, Wanda Bryon (Tom) of Mountain; nieces and nephews; Uncles Harold and Lyle Coughler of Williamsburg; Stepmother Helen Fournier of Renfrew and dear friends Scott Nixon, Jennifer Margetts, Paul and Alana Marcil of Ashton as well as Vickee (Dan) Villeneuve of Franktown, Glenna (Chris) Tysic as well as his mother-in-law Catherine Nixon.

Interment service for Ray was Saturday, January 26, 2002 at Iroquois Point Columbarium and was conducted by Pastor Dan Massey of Kemptville. The pall was laid to rest by Ray's son Peter. Until then...we miss you and love you dear Ray...

Olive Allin

At Sarnia General Hospital on Saturday, January 19, 2002, Olive Allin of Sarnia Ontario (for the past four years). Born in Montreal, Quebec, on April 1, 1915, she was 86 years of age.

A homemaker who had lived at RR2, Iroquois for some 26 years as well as in Montreal, she was a member of St. John's United Church in Cardinal and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 105, Cardinal.

Predeceased by her parents, the late Samson and Elizabeth (nee Bell) Elliott, her beloved husband, John Allin whom she married in Montreal in July of 1955; her stepson, John Allin Jr and stepdaughter Norma Madden, she will be missed by a stepson, Edward (Janet) Allin of Sarnia and a stepdaughter, Lillian Harrisson (Bernie Pelletier) of Morrisburg. As well 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren will miss her.

Donations to Charity of Choice were acknowledged by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal on Tuesday, January 22, 2002, where service was conducted by Rev. Arlyce Schiebout. Interment followed at St. John's Riverside Cemetery, Cardinal. Pallbearers included Lance, Blair and Darrell Allin, Michael Harrisson, Dorothy Cote and Donna Harrisson.

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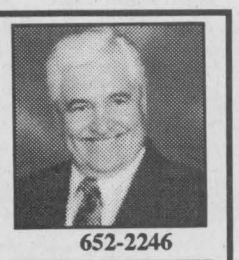

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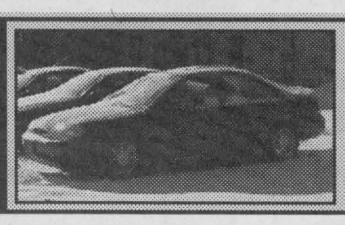

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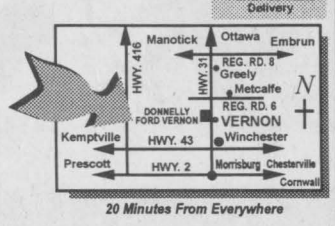

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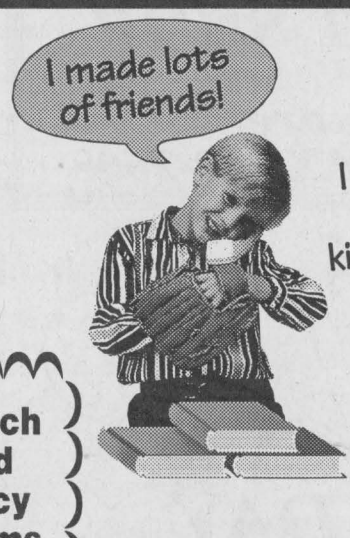

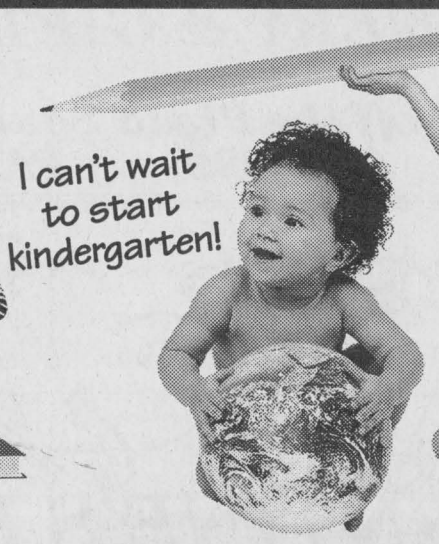





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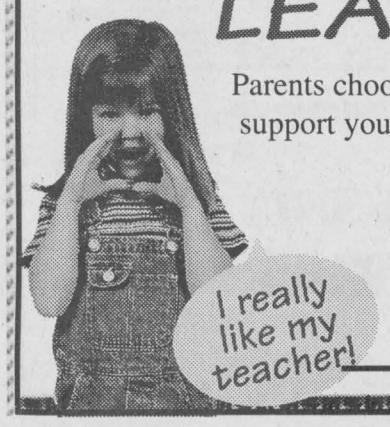

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R.R. 2, Prescott
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Principal: Rick Skinner

Merrickville Public School
306 Drummond St. E., Merrickville
269-4951
Principal: Nancy Hanna

Morrisburg Public School
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543-3166
Principal: Jack Barkley

Nationview Public School
Box 140, South Mountain
989-2600
Principal: Shawn Lehman

New Dublin Public School
R.R. 2, Addison
342-0119
Principal: Ralph Brown

North Edwardsburg Public School
R.R. 4, Spencerville
658-2011
Principal: Sheila Fawcett

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50 Water St., Oxford Mills
258-3141
Principal: Kyle Taugher

Pineview Public School
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924-2055
Principal: Angela Quinn

Prince of Wales Public School
210 Pearl St., Brockville
342-3718
Principal: Neil Hunt

South Branch Public School
Box 2009, Kemptville
258-1919
Principal: Stephen Elliott

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R.R. 3, Prescott
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342-6310
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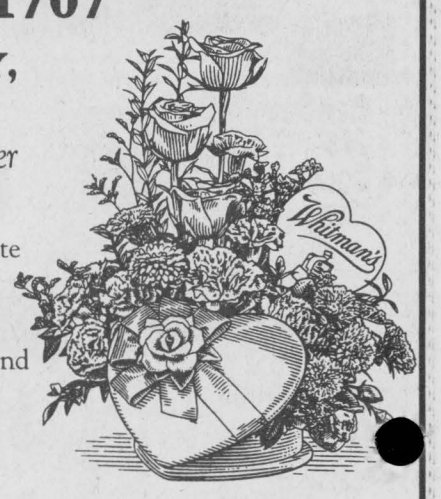

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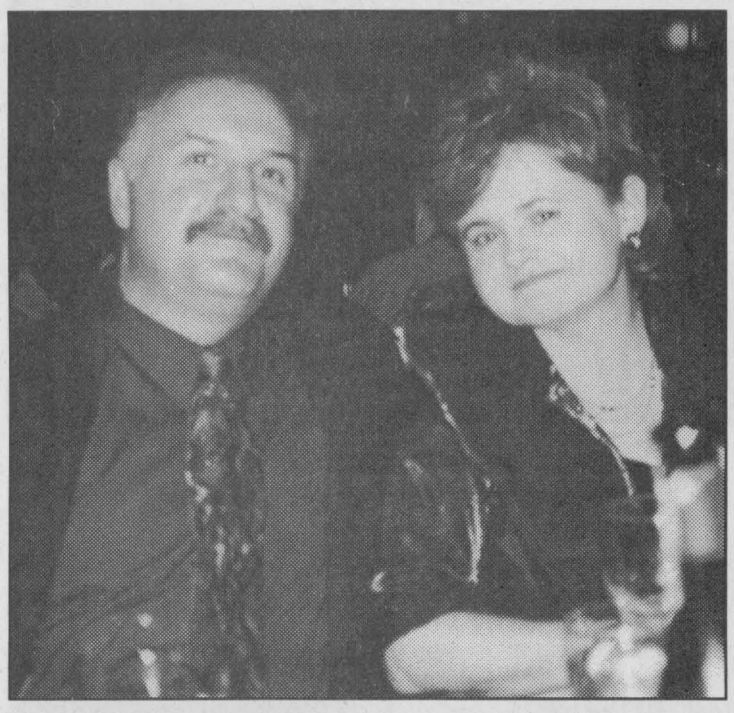

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Mural Committee hosting a community meeting

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

South Dundas Township's two Lions Clubs, the Mural Committee, and South Dundas Council have jointly embarked on a Trillium Foundation Grant application. The purpose of the grant is to help with the South Dundas Mural Project.

The project has had a great deal of success so far. Six murals are complete, with four of them already in place. The other two murals are complete and will be erected in Iroquois this spring.

The grant application that has been made will help the mural project continue it's successful trend. The money will be used to help with; historical research, the purchase of brochures, history booklets, and tapes for a driving tour of the historical areas of South Dundas. According to Glen Cunningham, Mural Committee Chair, "we may be allowed to use some of the funds to help with murals in rural areas and supply and install signs for historical events in our community."

Several mural inquiries for the coming year have been made already. The Mural Committee is holding a meeting at the Iroquois Civic Centre on February 6th at 2:00 pm, and are encouraging everyone to attend. The community is a very important part of this project. The meeting will provide information on the project's accomplishments, and goals for the future.

The Mural Committee needs leaders, researchers, idea people, and especially the input of people who believe in our community. So, be sure to attend.

Back to back shutouts for Atom C goalie Stewart

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On January 28, the Lions travelled across the river to take on Ogdensburg at the Golden Dome and came away with a solid 5-0 win. Scoring for the Lions were Michel Thurler who came in with two counters, Brad Munro who nailed one as did Conner Hodgson and Nick Thomas, each shooting true for the victory. Assists went to Spencer Peters who helped with two, and to Patrick Chesbro, Drew Hutt and Thomas Corden who were credited with one each.

On February 2, the Atom "C" Lions were in Finch to face the North Glengarry Stormont (NG-S). The Lions roared once again and came home with a resounding victory 7-0. Bulging the twine for the Lions this time were Brad Munro who put the puck in the net twice. Scoring one each were Michel Thurler who also earned an assist. Spencer Peters counted one as did Nick Thomas. Conner Hodgson and Patrick Chesbro. Earning assists were Drew Hutt with three, Nathan McDonell with two and one each to Evan Harper and Thomas Corden. Lucas Stewart, hot in the crease, for the second straight game recorded the shutout.

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Birds Anonymous

This week our Haddo bird watcher reports there is a large **Woodpecker** hanging on for dear life on the suet bell in the midst of the storm. The bell sways in the harsh wind, but manages to cling tightly. Three **Woodpeckers** are seen playing a game hiding along the rails and peering at the others. The next bird goes up and down along the rails as if in search of the others. Once a Woodpecker is discovered he lets out a loud squeak (very much like a pet toy that you squeeze to hear the sound) and flies up and the game goes on. The writer cannot help admire their skills and agility.

Suddenly we learn all the birds rush away with urgency. One lone Woodpecker is standing very still, partially hidden by the bell, he stands perfectly motionless. They were aware of danger. The lone Woodpecker knows that his life depends on his camouflage. The last time this happened there was a large **Red-Tailed Hawk** in the tree by their shed. After he flew away, all the birds returned.

A **Red Squirrel** is back under the veranda looking in the workroom window. He/she is looking straight at the birdwatcher, seemingly unafraid. How do you get rid of a vermin who has decided to become a squatter in my garage attic? Little does he know that the resident cat loves to walk the garage strappings and rafters!

You know the weather was harsh for our fine feathered friends this last week, they are in mass at our feeders. Unable to count all the **Doves** that flew away when the door opened to refill the feeders was evidence of this. **Chickadees, Starlings, Sparrows** etc. are all enjoying the munchies.

Hearing from our birder from the west is always a treat and this week she tells us she saw a pair of **White Swans** at the inlet just east of the Bridgeview Marina near the elevator.

She also sighted a flock of **Starlings** as well as a flock of **Crows.**

While driving through the area to the north of Cardinal, she saw two flocks of **Snow Buntings,** one on the Shanly Road north of Pittston and one on the Ventnor Road just west of that hamlet.

She also reports the usual **Chickadees** and a **Cardinal** along with a pair of **Slate Grey Juncos.**

Our ever faithful Irena birder reports 4 **Gold Finches,** 2 **Chickadees** and 10 **Mourning Doves** dropping by as the snow storm raged the other day. Fourteen **Red Polls** (some with loads of white and pink on their heads the thumb print on their heads and some on the breasts). She also had an orangie coloured male **Cardinal** sitting in an evergreen tree where he was very noticeable. Three **Tree Sparrows** were noted as were her two **Woodpeckers,** both are large, one with red on the back of his head the other more of a pink tinge rather than red. (perhaps one is older than the other?) On Monday 3 **Juncos** decided to take a break and sunbathe on a table she has under her feeder bell. They'd not want to be there on Tuesday! A huge **Blue Jay** dropped by for a few seeds enroute to some destination.

Keep those reports coming, it is exciting to hear what birds are frequenting the local feeders and you meet some of the nicest people when talking to bird watchers. Call in your info to SLJ at 652-4395 before 11am on Tuesday. Thanks and enjoy the birds!

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CASINO TRIP to
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Friday, February 8, 2002
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Saturday, February 9, 2002
I.O.O.F. Hall, Williamsburg
8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
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Saturday, February 9, 2002
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