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Williamsburg IOOF Helps

The Williamsburg IOOF #349 hosted their annual "Surf and Turf" Supper and Auction in February. Always a popular event, the proceeds were donated to the Renewing the Vision Campaign at WDMH. Here IOOF members, Dave McIntosh and Wayde Roles present Dr. Chuck Adamson with a cheque for $5500.

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Winchester Hospital opens Dialysis Unit

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

As monies continue to flow into the Renewing the Vision Campaign in encouraging amounts, and as canvassers continue their dedicated tasks and community support the generosity has co-chairs marvelling at the big hearts and deep pockets of area residents and business people alike.

Good news on the horizon coming out of the Hospital these days has 13 kidney patients currently using the brand new dialysis unit there. The first patient was treated on March 6 of this year, a milestone for everyone concerned. This fundraising effort seemed to be a dry run for the $15 million sought by the Renewing the Vision Campaign. The Hospital Foundation has directed its full attention to the Vision Campaign now that the Dialysis Unit is up and running.

Bringing the Dialysis Unit to reality in Winchester took some $300,000 from the community (matched by the Ministry of Health) and about two years to complete. Before having this treatment available in Winchester, patients were forced to travel to Ottawa, Brockville or Cornwall numerous times each week. Lynne Wilson, Co-ordinator of the WDMH Foundation smiled as she noted,"The day the first patient was treated at our new, local facility, March 6 was an awfully snowy day and had the person been faced with the drive through the snow to Ottawa, well, it made the reasons for wanting to bring dialysis here right on target and evident to each of us involved."

A Satellite unit of the Ottawa Hospital, the Winchester facility is a very vital part of the overall health care system in place in our community. Specialists from the Ottawa Nephrology Department were instrumental in bringing the expertise necessary to set up the Winchester unit. In fact the WDMH staff who will work in the Unit are trained at the Ottawa Hospital.

Fitted with five dialysis machines, and the capacity to add

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Doran Bay Resort still on hold after two years

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Bert Cunningham, owner of Doran Bay Resort has been waiting for two years for a rezoning on his property located east of Iroquois to allow a R.V. Park to be built.

Cunningham feels that the numerous delays have resulted in lost revenue of approximately $300,000. South Dundas Council in the past has fully supported the plan so Cunningham questions where the fault for the delay lies.

The planner's recommendation states that no development shall take place within the one hundred year flood plain limit plus an addition fifteen metre horizontal setback. Cunningham questions why the Municipality, MNR and Ontario Power Generation have not enforced the additional fifteen metre buffer of other R.V. parks between Iroquois and Cornwall. He has sent detailed maps to the Municipality, MNR and Ontario Power Generation, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing highlighting campsites and RV parks, which have been allowed to locate at elevations at or below the required 245' elevation.

Cunningham also noted that many of these sites have permanent structures, docks and sewage treatment facilities and utilities. Upon further examination of the maps, it showed that residential homes and their tile beds have also been constructed below the recommended 245' elevation. Despite follow-up, none of the agencies involved have responded to Cunningham for obvious reasons.

He hopes that the Municipality will reconsider the logic of enforcing both the 100 year flood line and the 15 metre horizontal buffer on his property considering it will only be used for season RV sites. The property is situated immediately downstream from the Iroquois Dam and there will be no RV's on the property during the potential flood season of May.

The proposed access road has also been an issue for Cunningham, with a portion of it being within the 15 metre buffer from the wetlands. It was recommended that the road be moved along the east line next to the existing cottages. Cunningham feels that this will cause a safety threat to the cottagers. Councillors agreed that this could cause problems to cottagers and support the first plan given by Cunningham.

The Municipality also requires a detailed plan of all facets of the proposed development, including the alternative roadway, the RV site arrangement, other uses and activity areas and a sewage disposal sites and services, before a public meeting can be held. Cunningham has already provided the Municipality with these plans and feels that the cost to develop the plan is to great when he does not know what precise setbacks he must design around.

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Sap starting to run in Crysler Park Sugar Bush

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Open for business after being closed (loss of profitability) for the past 10 years, the Crysler Park Sugar Bush is extremely popular. The weather has yet to cooperate, in order for the sap to run, it is necessary for the days to be 2 C or warmer with the temps falling back to -3C or lower. There is a delicate balance going on since, if it warms too much the buds will come out on the sugar maples. If this happens, the flavour of the sap changes causing the syrup produced from it to have a bitter, burnt taste, often referred to as a buddy flavour. The sap goes up to the buds, they take what they need and the rest runs down the trunk to be funnelled into buckets.

Whether the sap is running or not the crowds are coming out to check out how syrup was and is made. On weekends, visitors can enjoy a pancake meal outdoors with tasty maple syrup topping them off. Groups of 20 or more can schedule an outdoor feast on weekdays as well. If the new pancake shack is a success this year, a more permanent restaurant might be constructed another year.

The plan behind opening the sugar bush this season is in hopes of creating a viable educational and tourist destination. Apparently the focus on education is working since a number of schools have booked groups in to visit the bush this season.

A walk through the sugar bush will introduce you to nature at her best. First along the trail is the aboriginal site where the story of how the first people in this country came upon the precious liquid that flows deep inside the maple tree. They referred to sugaring time, the arrival of the sweet sap as the "Season of the Melting Snow" as well as "Maple Moon" and "Sugar Moon." With food supplies running low at this time of the year, the sap was a welcome liquid. Once boiled into syrup which was sued to season their food, the original people passed down a variety of tales on the way they came upon the sweet taste of tree sap. Whether it happened after a hunting axe was removed from the trunk of a maple allowing the sap to run, and be tasted, why it was heated and the sweet syrup created, no matter, today we are thankful they came upon it, as they must certainly have been as well. Channelling the sap, after v-notches cut in the maples through folds in the bark as long, wooden chips or shingles driven into the trees acted as spiles and long troughs, birchbark baskets sealed with spruce gum, woven baskets and unglazed jars were used to collect the sap. By the early 1700s through bartering and trading with the Europeans as

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Taxes to increase in South Dundas

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Lorna Siebert, Treasurer for South Dundas put forward her draft budget at the Council Meeting Thursday morning, March 12th and announced a possible three per cent hike in municipal taxes for South Dundas ratepayers.

Mrs. Siebert stressed, "This raise is only on the municipal portion of the tax bill, and does not include the County or School Board portion to ratepayers. As well, this increase does not include the levy on the urban water and sewage project, slated for Iroquois and Morrisburg."

This means on a residential piece of property assessed at $100,000.00 would see a tax increase of approximately $17.35. Rural farm land property will see a projected increase of $4.34 on a $100,000.00 property assessemnt.

The 2003 budget figures will be finalized at the next regular (open to the public) meeting of Council which will be held on March 27th, at 9:30 a.m. in council chambers in Williamsburg.

Edwardsburgh/ Cardinal hears from R.E.I.D. President

by Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Prior to the regular, monthly meeting of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Township Council on Monday evening in Spencerville, township employee James Wonch celebrated his retirement. Having worked for the Municipality of the Village of Cardinal prior to amalgamation, he continued thereafter for the new Township. Accumulating some 22 years of dedicated service, Mr. Wonch held a variety of positions including the most recent which was Maintenance and Landfill Supervisor. Mayor David Dobbie presented James with a watch in recognition of his work over the years. "This is a chance for us to say Thank You as well as bid farewell to a committed Township employee," said the Mayor. Wonch replied, "I want to thank all the guys who worked for me. I enjoyed my time spent with the Village and the Township."

President of R.E.I.D.(Residential Emergency Information Database), Carole Dubeau attended the meeting to explain to council how her program works. R.E.I.D. is a service that provides "vital information about your home and family to firefighters and police in the event of an emergency."

The information put into the database of R.E.I.D. is provided by the subscriber on a voluntary basis meaning that it will be accurate and only what the person wants included. The cost to hook the entire Township up to the system would be $2800. There would also be a $60 per household per year cost involved according to Dubeau. The Mayor asked if her intent was to go Township wide with her system, to which she answered in the

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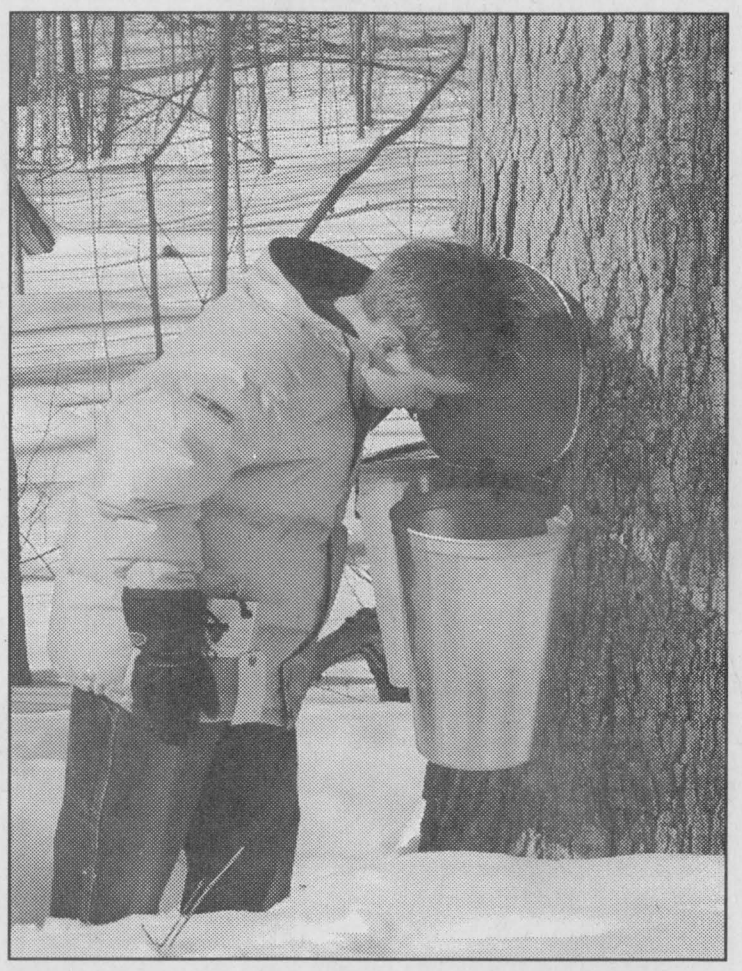

Checking Out Sap

Aiden Mathieu, a seven year old from Ottawa enjoyed his time at the Sugar Bush. A perfect afternoon as the sun filtered through the tall maples, he and his folks learned about an industry as old as our country. The sap in the bucket was "okay" but not very sweet.

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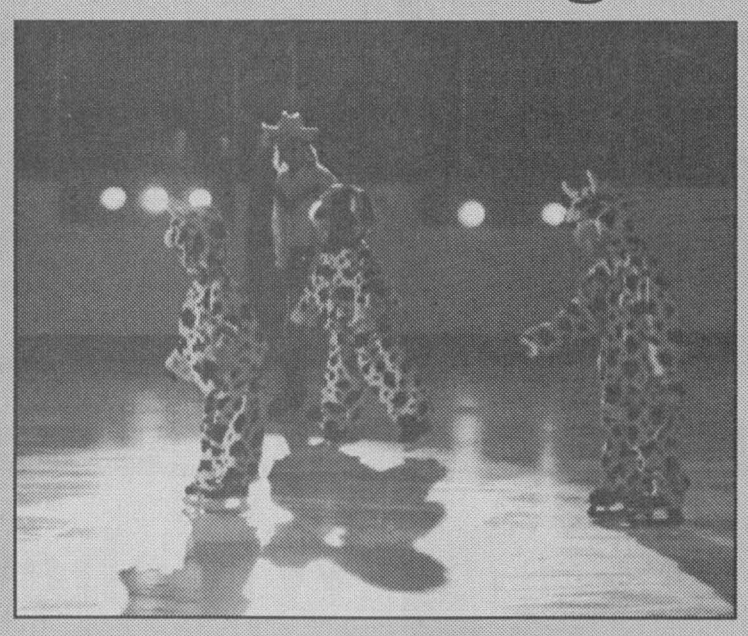

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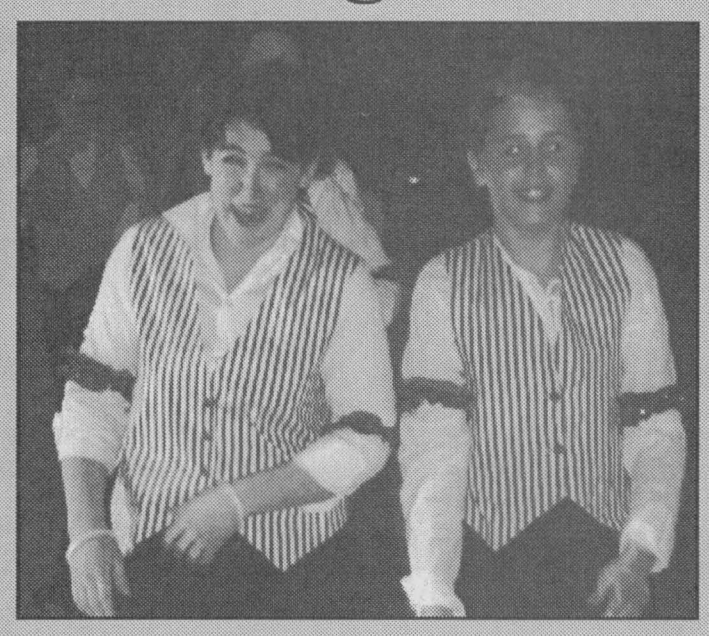

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Majorettes on ice



A spring garden

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Dialysis

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another if the patient demand necessitates it, the machines are about three feet tall. Patients sit in comfy chairs during their dialysis process which takes about four hours to complete.

On Thursday, March 20, the opening of the Ottawa Hospital Satellite Hemodialysis Unit at the Winchester Hospital will begin at 9:30am. Presentations by WDMH Administrator, Andre Rodier and Doctor Jack Kitts, President and CEO Ottawa Hospital as well as Dr. Nadler, Medical Director of Dialysis; John Orr, Executive Director of the Kidney Foundation of Canada and Cheryl Keaney, Clinical Director of Nephrology. A brief tour of the Unit will follow. Located on the main level adjacent to the Intensive Care Unit, everyone is invited to join the celebration.

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Iroquois 5	171
Iroquois 7	146
Cardinal 2	132
Cardinal 4	131
Prescott 1	128
Prescott 3	71
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Joel Adams	4
Bob Juby	4
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Gary Bradford	3
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R.E.I.D.

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affirmative. Deputy-Mayor Marie Thomson noted, "I just know that a lot of the people who need this service the most are the ones who won't be able to afford to hook up." Dubeau said the aim is to keep the cost as low as possible so that it is accessible to everyone, and she is even looking into help from a service group to ensure no one is left out. The mayor thanked her for her presentation noting that Council will soon be entering into budget deliberations and will look further at this system.

The Friends of the Edwardsburgh Public Library reported to council on their accomplishments over 2002. Completing the vestibule and ramp at the Spencerville facility as well as maintaining the garden through the summer months were on the list. Regular maintenance was done through general fundraising efforts which included installing concrete curbs for parking a garden bench and started a newsletter for Friends/Library members. A garden tour and a yard sale were hosted to help raise necessary funds. Children's books were purchased at a special price as were books on Carpentry. Art in the Library is a program whereby childrens' art work is displayed along with adult efforts on a rotating basis. A summer reading program was well received during the summer months as well as a Christmas one and a book club for adults started. Arts Awards were presented to Kevin Beach and the Spencerville Community Choir. A Spring Concert in March and shared monthly Bingos with the Spencerville Mill Foundation assisted with the fundraising needed to keep things going. Office improvements were begun as two computer chairs for patrons and two floor protectors for the office area were bought. An active group, council was pleased with the activity being pursued by the Friends.

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Gang activity in Winchester

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A small group of teenagers who are "well known to the police" have been causing problems in the Winchester area and at North Dundas High School.

In a report given by Constable Mike Burton at the last North Dundas Council Meeting, Burton described these youths as a "quasi-gang, who perceive themselves to be bigger than they actually are."

He said that the police are currently investigating two separate assaults, one which took place in the Village of Winchester, and the other at North Dundas High School.

There have been at least three or four incidents involving the teenagers in and around the Winchester area. Indications are that there are a few groups of teenagers who see themselves as gangs which can lead to confrontation.

"The victims are very reluctant to come forward," Burton told Council members. "People are afraid of further ramifications from the youths if they help to identify them."

Members of the police are working in the High School and also increasing foot patrols in the village in hopes of bringing this problem under control.

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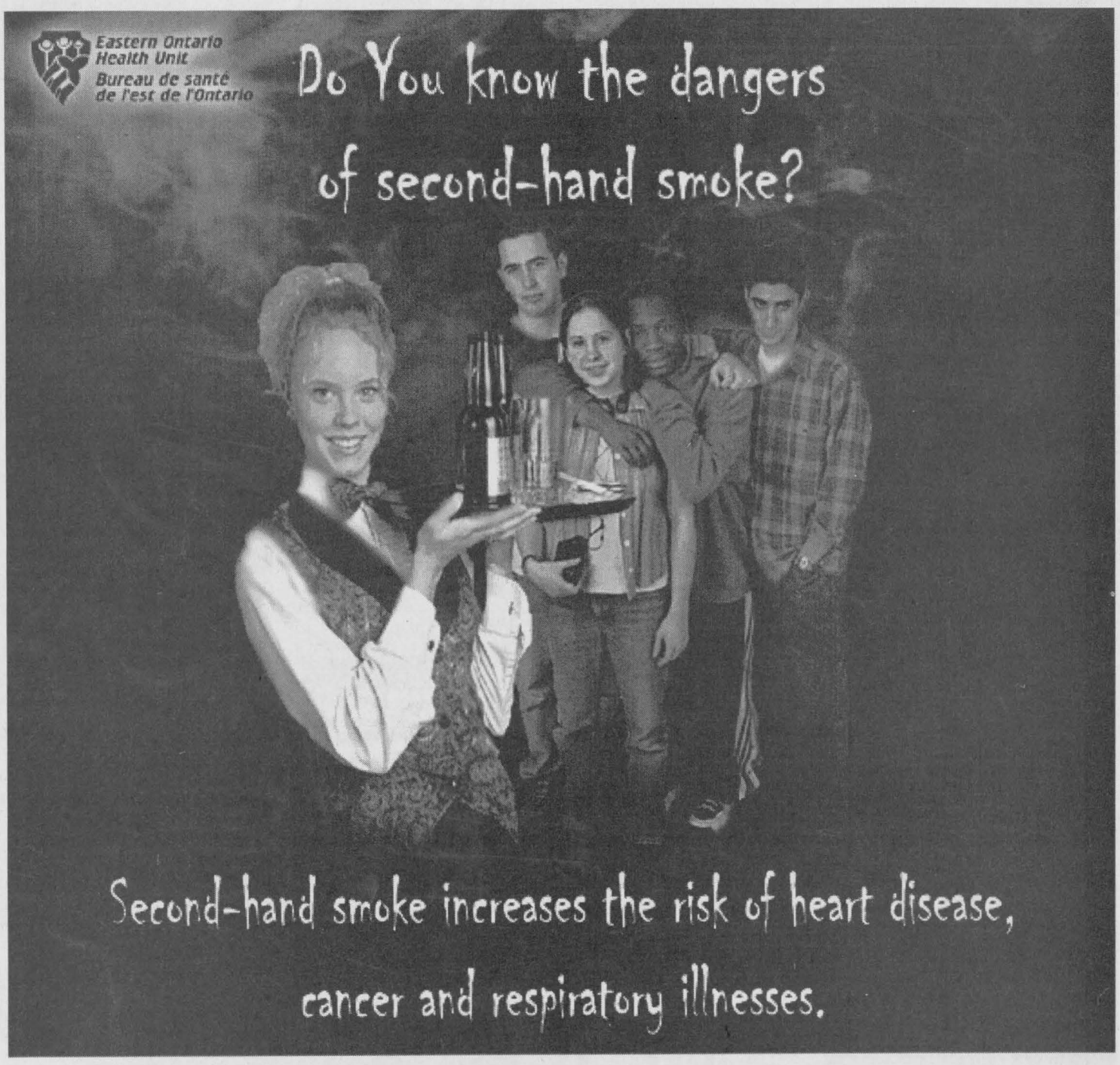

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CISD FM 107.7 *The Storm* returns to local airwaves

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On January 9th after being silenced for one year Seaway District Community Radio (CISD)-The Storm was relaunched. Based at Seaway District High School CISD serves the residents of South Dundas and the eastern part of Grenville County.

CISD offers students at Seaway High School a unique and meaningful educational experience in all aspects of operating a radio station while providing the community with local radio service that is both diverse and relevant.

The station is a training facility for students and a forum for all members of the community. The objectives of the radio station along with giving students the unique opportunity to operate the station is also to act as a news distributor and information guide for the residents of South Dundas, including urgent or emergency items. The station will also create an avenue for sharing diverse ideas, opinions and points of view along with creative expression for community members. It also provides an opportunity for residents of the area to continue their education in the fields related to broadcasting. Service organizations and groups of the South Dundas area are able to do promotional work over the airwaves as well.

With a broadcast range of approximately fifteen kilometres from the Village of Iroquois where the fifty watt transmitter is located, the target group is all six hundred students who attend Seaway and a community of approximately 10,000 potential listeners.

Presently, CISD broadcasts from 10:00 a.m.to 7:00 p.m., with a wide range of programs aimed at all segments of the population.

CISD has been fortunate to have received donations of goods, funding and "sweat equity"from a variety of service clubs. The silent auction on opening night raised approximately $2000. However the need for more funds to cover additional start-up costs and program-related expenses is much needed. Some of the program expenses include hats, jackets and t-shirts to identify reporters, travel allowance for reporters and also portable recording equipment and clipboards, tapes and batteries to cover local events. An isolated telephone line and answering machine are also needed as well as a fax machine. Office equipment is another necessity as well as music CDs.

The whole community benefits from the radio station. Students have the opportunity to put into practice the language skills, speaking and writing skills, business expertise and technological knowledge they have learned. All 600 Seaway students are affected, whether they're program presenters reading a story to preschoolers, members of the sports teams making the news or members of the listening audience. All members of the community benefit by having access to the first local radio service that reflects community interests and activities. Programs ranging from agricultural reports, to municipal politics to news of local service clubs will keep South Dundas residents in touch in a way no city radio station would even consider.

Some of the programs on the CISD schedule include video news an update on the latest video releases. Outdoor recreation news, which updates local tournaments and activities. Preschoolers can listen to stories being read aloud, and for the adults, "talking book" provides the service for visually impaired listeners."Within an hour" works in conjunction with local newspapers detailing entertainment activities available for the weekend, within an hours drive of South Dundas. Service Club News is a round up of activities and events at local service clubs, and Call & Trade gives members of the community an opportunity to call in and post items that they are selling, giving away or trading.

Programs that are being worked on for the future include Seaway Drama, short skits written for radio and performed by members of Seaway's drama classes. A pre-recorded church service from a local church and a homework helper program are also in the planning stage. A daily program called Rural Route is also is the works providing the agricultural community with farm information and popular music. Motor World will interview local mechanics on vehicle maintenance while those with a green thumb can turn onto Garden/Plant. A Seaway sports round up is part of the future programming along with a mystery contest in which a short story is presented with the ending missing, audience members will be asked to call in and correctly find the ending.

With a little help and perseverance CSID plans on making community radio a thriving reality in South Dundas.



Local Radio Station Buzz

CISD The Storm, Radio 107.7 FM hosted an Open House to thank those community people who have rallied support to being the station back to the local air waves. Pictured are Jim Millard (Chair of Board) and Kelly Potvin (Program Director). Seaway District Community Radio is alive and well thanks to a caring area. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

By Dar

There were twenty-one gents and ladies entered for Cribbage League play in the Lounge last Saturday. Art Ault stored away his ice fishing equipment and pegged 1079 points to capture first place. Roger Coulter scored 1074 to claim second place for the second week in a row, while Linda McKee pegged 1063 to snag third. Just three points behind Linda was Wilma Montroy in the "Bridesmaid" position. Only seven skunks appeared all afternoon and Don Hutt roped a pair of them, while Noella Kirkwood snuggled up to one of the "Double Striped" variety when she could only muster up fifty three points in her seventh game. Just five weeks of regular play remain in the Cribbage League schedule and we will soon have to advise our Ladies Auxiliary how many members and guest will be attending the closing dinner on April 26th.

Euchres-Well Comrades and everyone else, Euchre is to resume on April 1st. Honest, this is not an April Fools joke! Shirley says it is true, just show up, you'll see for yourself. I know quite a few people will be happy to hear this too!

At Duplicate Bridge there were four tables being kept active and the high winners were Dick Gaiser and Gerry Leckie.

The Pot of Gold winner was Shelly Cooper who was NOT signed in. Too bad Shelly, it would and could have helped you celebrate your birthday on St. Patricks Day.

Talk about St. Paddys Day! As most of you know we celebrated this special day on Saturday past. Our bar area was tastefully decorated for the occasion by our decorators, namely Neil and Blair and Sheila who do an excellent job for every occasion. And as I understand, as soon as the green decorations come down, the bright coloured Easter decorations will be going in place. Back to our St. Patricks Day celebration, lots of fun was had by all and we managed to have a good feed of Corned Beef and Cabbage also. Thanks Neil for being so helpful.

Application deadlines for the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Bursary Program is fast approaching. Our Bursary Chairman Comrade John Wilson wants to remind all recent graduates from high school who are now in post secondary education that the cut-off date for applying is BEFORE March 31, 2003. You may qualify for a bursary of up to $500 per school year, But you have to apply before March 31st. Any high school student who will be entering a post secondary institution in September may apply for the bursary upon acceptance into the program. For further information about eligibility and for the application form please call John Wilson at 652-3958 or the Legion at 652-4516 and John will get back to you.

The Iroquois Mixed Dart League are having a Two Chicks and A Dick Tournament this coming Saturday, March 22nd. This means 1 man and 2 women. The first twenty eight teams will be accepted and all entry money will be returned in prizes. The cost is $30 per team and registration is 11:30 am to 12:30 pm with play starting at 1:00 pm. For any more info please contact Branch 370 at 652-4516 after the noon hour of any day.

On Saturday March 29th the Branches 2nd Annual Car Rally, Dinner and Dance will be taking place. Cost of the Rally $3 per person, Dinner $5 and Dance $7. Registration will be 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and the music for the dance will be provided by Shad's Disco 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Hope you can come out. We are anticipating a good turn out!

At our Executive Meeting last week, Comrade Ted Grattan graciously presented us with a cheque for $1000, to put towards the TV we recently purchased in memory of Comrade Joe McDonald. Thanks Ted so very very much, for your thoughtfulness and we all know how much you miss your great Cribbage partner. Again, many thanks.

Our Friday luncheon chef has informed me that this Friday's luncheon will consist of Chicken Fingers with her special sauce, veggies and rice with a surprise dessert, sounds good!

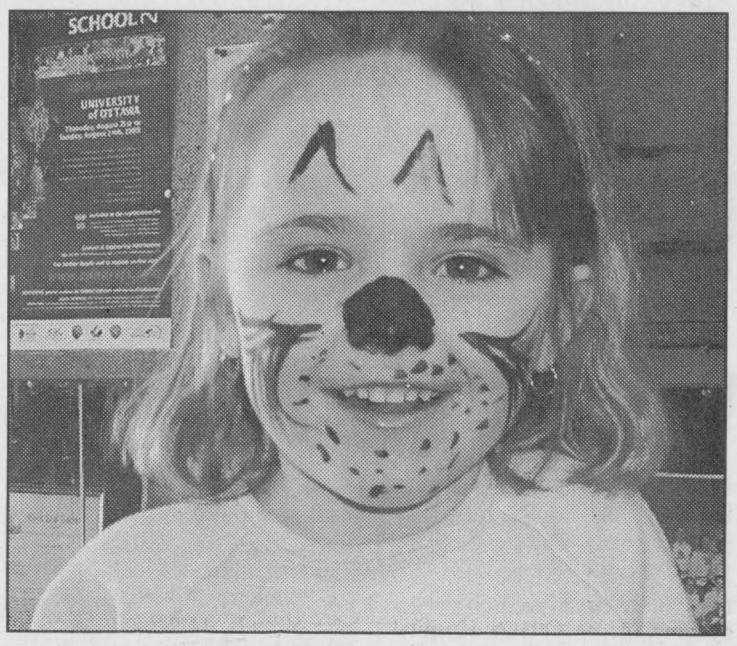
This coming Saturday, Comrade John Wilson and myself plan to attend the Legion Zone Convention to take place at Prescott, Branch 97.

Comrades, this is election year at our Branch and we need a committee to get thinks together for this important time in our Branch. If you are interested in giving your time and some good sound ideas please contact John Wilson or myself. We need your assistance. When the new executive is elected, it will be for a two year term. Perhaps some of you would like to come forward and give some new input and we would like to hear of any of it, no matter what the issue may be.

The present Executive has done a good job, but in the future we have several important issues to deal with whether they be some of the new executives or not. Please give this some thought.

Before closing our thoughts and prayers are extended to Comrade John Primrose who is recovering from major surgery in the Ottawa Hospital and to Comrade Irene Stow recovering from major surgery, and to Comrade John Bell who is residing in Prescott in the Wellington House. Should any of you be near any of our laid-up Comrades please drop in and say hello for they will be glad to have a visit from you.

REMEMBER-Legion General Meeting Thursday March 20th at 7:30 pm. Sure hope to see you then!



Nice Make-up Job

Courtney, a cute five year old had her face painted as the Annual Fun Day for Initiation Hockey Players was in full swing. The Arena was alive with small pint sized players who are certainly the NHL stars of tomorrow. A great way to enjoy the March Break. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

CRIME STOPPERS

Each week Crime Stoppers highlights a crime that has been committed in our area, and we're asking for your help in identifying the person(s) who set fire to three separate newspaper boxes in the area of Boyne Road in North Dundas Township. The incident occurred on the evening of March 12, 2003. The boxes and contents were destroyed.

We need your information, not your name. You will remain anonymous, you will not have to appear in court and you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to $1000.00. If you have any information on this crime or any other crime, please call Crime stoppers at 937-8477 (TIPS) or for long distance 1-800-222-8477.

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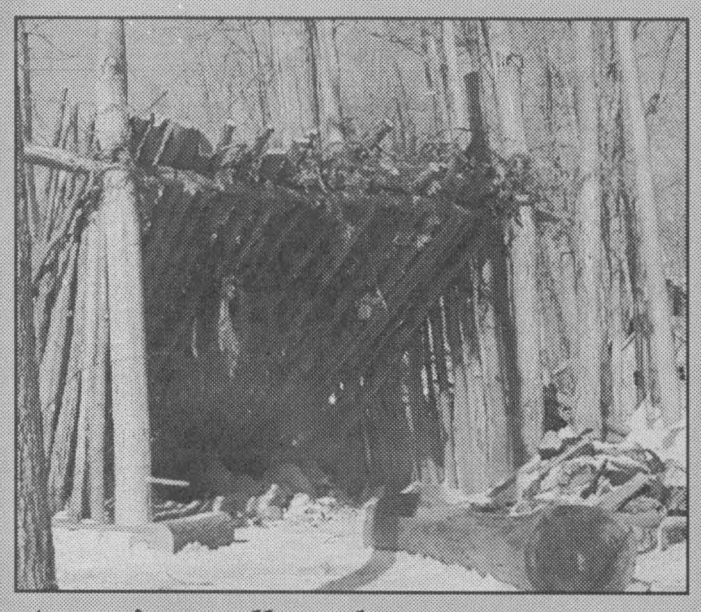
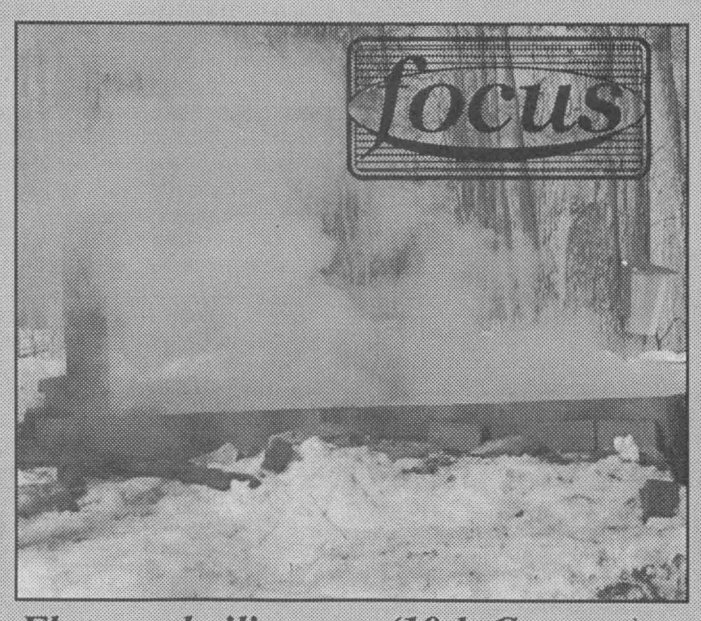
A sweet time at sugar bush



As natives collected sweet water.



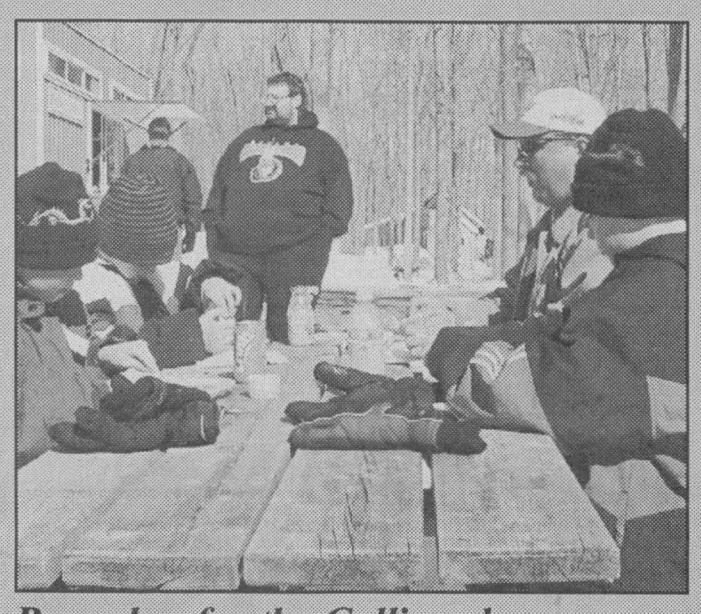
Early settlers used iron kettles.



Flat pan boiling sap (19th Century).



A pair of Canadians sleddin' folks



Pancakes for the Collins clan.



Wee Meghann Francis checks sap bucket.

Chieftain Photos - S.L. Johnston

Headed to war

Whether Canada goes along with the idea of war, there is little doubt as this is written that we will indeed be involved in a war. The question now is, "Should we have stood with our neighbours as they rally their allies against Iraq?" For too long as the USA has been talking the talk and walking the walk towards war, the true North, strong and free, Canada has been sitting on the fence. No one in any position of authority would state our position. Depending upon who you spoke to you received a different answer to the same question..."Would Canada join the USA in the coalition to disarm Saddam Hussein?" When the Prime Minister finally stood up and spoke, he told us as well as the world that the US had already won the war with Hussein. This in itself was a very confusing statement, for us and the rest of the world.

Were we willing to be led by the USA? We do share a lot with them, including trade and borders, will this change our relationship? What will happen to an already shakey coexistance since Bush took over the reigns in the United States? There is no doubt in my mind that the President does not care deep down if Canada joins him or not, in fact his arrogance towards us suggests he would think his country would simply squash any advances we might make on his country and who needs a little insignificant place like Canada on their side anyway? He has no love for us and does not consider us as anything more than a pawn in anything he decides to encourage. Ask him about Canada and what we mean to him, the reply will disappoint you.

Chretien made his statement of our position telling Parliament that we will not take part in a war not sanctioned by the United Nations Security Council. Apparently Spain, the Aussies and others who side with Bush see the scenerio differently. Have we been duped by France into believing that they would veto another resolution if presented to the UN and in so doing allowed them to determine our decision? What about Russia, China and Turkey (who today is wondering if they will stand by their notion to not allow the USA to strike from their air bases should be reversed)? Can we rely on their thinking to help us? If Saddam has weapons of mass destruction hidden and if he too has chemical warfare up his sleeve, if nuclear weapons are in his game plan, where will we end up? There are very few anywhere in the world who will disagree that he is not to be trusted. He has been given opportunity to come clean and continues to defy authority, he does not care for any human life and assists terrorists who would stop at nothing to reach their goal, no matter how ill founded it is and no matter the cost, even in human terms.

This dictator was helped by the US prior to September 11, and now the powers that fly the stars and stripes feel he has to be ousted. Bush's father was ready to lend support when Saddam was warring in the Middle East, the chance to eradicate the world of him and his policies was there, but not capitalized on, now a second chance has surfaced. Is the US within their rights to move ahead with solid plans for war? No one wants war...but are there still circumstances that require it?

What worries me is that once the war is over, what then to those who did not join the USA in their advancement upon this evil dictator? Are we in jeopardy already?

There is no doubt that Saddam will use everything at his disposal to fight the battles including and perhaps foremost the production of oil. By cutting the production of this black gold and directly depriving the US and anyone else he feels is on the other side of the fence of this comodity. He can hope to gain respect for the producers, and harm for those who need the oil, as usual, we who will suffer most can do nothing about the consequences. Hussein is not shy as far as his hatred for the West, in particular the U.S., as he boasts about winning a war against the U.S.A. and her allies. Does he know something no one else does? I imagine he has a plan for his own safety - I know he is one dangerous man with a lot of weapons at his disposal, weapons he is not afraid to use.Hussein has been given ultimatums an deadlines, he has been told he has to allow the U.N. to check for weapons of mass destruction and he avoided all the warnings issued by the U.N.. He is not willing to compromise, he lets outsiders see and know what he wants them to and he will not leave.

I feel badly for those soldiers, seamen and airmen who will fight for my freedom yet again on foreign soil without any of my armed forces in evidence. Should we rely on others to keep us safe and free? There is little choice when faced with a man like Saddam but to stand up and be accounted for. Are we doing this or are we hiding behind the U.S.'s flanks?

S.L.J.

Winter fun for friends and family



Spring is indeed in the air as the sound of running water permeates the air and the birds have taken off their scarves and toques. The high snow banks dissipate and mud replaces ice on driveways, can spring be far off? I think not!

The weekend was filled with outdoor activity as I was working and after waking on Saturday morning with the sun flooding through the window and a horrible migraine headache thudding in the upper areas, I began popping pills and icing the painful areas. Closing the curtains, and feeling frustrated having to miss the first real warm weather day, I tried to work through the pain and get on with the day. Once the pain subsided enough to allow me to navigate under my own power, I went outside, dark glasses and all and cleaned the driveway slowly and carefully, so the sun could penetrate the ice layer which hide under the fluffy stuff. A warm shower and clean clothes gave me a new lease on things and although the head was still aching, I decided to get to those assignments. First the curling club where I received a warm welcome, spoke to people, snapped a few pictures and then headed to the sugar bush. The calm as I walked into the sugar shack area helped the stress level which had to be encouraging the headache. Slow but surely I spoke with folks, learned about sugaring off and admired the beautiful Canadian horses as they brought loads of people and took others back to the parking lot. Back home I was flat out on the couch, ice, pills and a darkened room would surely help. No interest in eating, supper was a blur and then it was down again to attempt to rid myself of this unwanted curse.

Fortunately the big guy was occupied with a family tree booklet on loan. He is interested in genealogy and this is a well done effort. The college kid was in the city working on year end assignments and attending interviews for his job placement which signals the end of his school career. Thanks to Big Red for the help, and to those who have offered advice on where to look for this placement. No word yet on a solid job, but we hope since he is to be involved next week in this stage of the process of learning. It makes one wonder since I have, through my business experience been involved in co-op programs with the local high school. Some employers tell him they do not have enough business at present to bring in a student. I have made work, found time to allow students to learn, to get their hours and to try their wings in the "real world"...why could a design business not give the college kids the same opportunity? I realize that most may not be terrifically busy right now, but this is when the final year students have to find placements, someone should accommodate them.

The small Tempo was scheduled for her Emission Test, and passed so we went ahead and bought the new license sticker for the year ahead. That leaves us with three more to go. The other vehicles in the corral are not to be E-tested until next year, so we have a breather. The university kid will not be home to get his sticker and since the registered owner will celebrate another birthday in the next few weeks, we have it in hand and will mail it to him so he can remain legal.

Sunday morning was the Annual Shaver Family Winter Fun Day. Each season as winter is all but gone by the wayside, we all gather in the eldest brothers' yard to snowmobile through a variety of games, toast weiners over an open fire, enjoy steamy hot coffee, laugh a lot, compete with a fierce determination and fall in the snow too much. This year there were the most delicious homemade beans ever, cut up onions for the dogs and that infamous yellow relish we all like so much. Not having been on a snowmobile for too long, and with the headache from the previous day trying to keep me out of the swing, the fibromyalgia was sure to act silly, but as per instructions from my doctor and massage therapist, I have to keep doing what I want to as long as possible. Well, as one might imagine, there is definitely no fool like an old fool...racing down on my mum's machine I had a great time through the slalom course, but the hands would not close around the ball which had to accompany me back to the start/finish line and the seconds ticked by. Oh well, the golfball on the spoon while I rode behind me mum was fun, she is a

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the bottom line

ALL COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCHES WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 1 THROUGH to April 12 for inventory as the changeover to a new library computer system which will startup this fall will begin. The database cleanup will be handled as an inventory will be taken at each branch, including Iroquois. Drop in and take an extra pile of books home today. The CAP computer trainers will also be finishing their term at the end of March. Many benefitted from the free Internet and word processing training offered by these capable young people. A funding announcement is anticiapted to continue this federally funded programme.

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RESIDENTS OF SOUTH DUNDAS TAKE NOTE THE SMOKING/NON-SMOKING Committee wants to hear from you! A public forum will be held on Thursday March 20 at 7pm , Matild Hall in Dixons. Be heard on the issue of banning smoking in places not already covered by provincial legislation

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CIRCLE APRIL 5, 2003 ON YOUR AGENDA AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE Apple Tree Ministry's annual evening of music and comedy to benefit the Dundas County Food Bank. The action gets underway at 7:30 at the Upper Cnaada Playhouse stage. A charge of only $2 gets you in and a free will offering will be accpeted during the evening. Light refreshments will eb served and Advance tickets are on sale now at Seaway Pharmacy ion morrisburg. Call 543-3904 for information. "The Vicar of Dibley comes to Morrisburg" is sure to tickle your funny bone.

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Livin'

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maniac behind the handlebars! She did not leave me in a heap in the snow as some drivers did their passengers though and even though we did not win, it was a hoot. It is so great to see my mother involved in such activities after open heart surgery, and the brother who suffered the heart attack a year ago playing in the snow, well, you know. The great-nephew was in his element as we helped everyone cook their hot dog, rode on the snowmobiles, and the 4-wheeler, slid down the hill on his toboggan, drove his 4x4, raced after fallen caps along the route and laughed a lot, it was a marvellous family time for sure. I missed the sons, but the nieces were there and soon the boys will be able to join in the fun. Some friends were involved and the atmosphere was filled with fun. The snowball fight was cool, especially when the crystallized snow went down inside your collar! It was good fun and the next morning one of us was so stiff that navigating the stairs and getting dressed was so much more of a challenge than usual, that we know we should have behaved like the big guy did and just watched the action!! Talk about sore muscles, boy were they 10 on a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the worst. Silly old fool, I paid dearly this year for a couple of hours of fun.

On a bright, spring type note, we celebrated St. Patty's Day in style with corned beef and cabbage at lunch time, the college kid and his mum stopped by gram's place for the festive meal on Monday.

The bunny comes each night just as we are about to shut off the outside light. A couple of alfalfa cubes were strategically placed so he would find them on the walkway so we can watch him. The feeders are full for the birds as we purchased hopefully the final bag of seed for this season. A Mourning Dove stops by to enjoy the seed on the ground and has ventured onto the deck to checkout the Squirrel feeder too. A baby red dropped by to enjoy a peanut or twenty and scurried off as the Blue Jays became impatient waiting their turn. We have a black and a grey as well as adult red, who have a path beaten down to the rail pile at the back of the lot. They all sun themselves this warmer weather on the shed roof, quite a sight!

As the snow melts away the picturesque details that are created provide quiet moments as I enjoy my early morning cuppa by the window. Indentations in the waves of snow that was driven across the lawn, the mounds as they slowly sink into oblivion and the surprises that are uncovered as it slips away (our tiny garden gnome has finally poked his head out of the snow pile that insulated him for the winter). The boards are in place at the end of the walk so we are not oozing into the mud up to our knees as we leave for the vehicles. Each season has its moments! Greeted by a chorus of song birds each morning, the promise of warm weather becomes a reality. Our days are longer and daylight saving time is fast approaching, that always helps with cabin fever and such. A friend mentioned how quickly her clothes dried on the line the last time she did a wash, what a wonderful smell, that clean, fresh aroma makes getting dressed, dried after a shower and such a terrific experience.

Our Christmas Cactus has the seasons mixed up, or it is ready for Easter. No blooms have graced the tips of the green for some years, in fact I had all but given up hope of any flowers showing up. My green thumbs mother has a couple of the most beautiful cactus blooms ever seen, two colours in the same pot even. Well, hold on, my little old fellow has burst into red flowerlettes second to none. I am one proud gardener right now, you can believe it! Yes!!

Take care and keep smiling, spring is all but here, and don;t let the small setbacks we are bound to experience get you down. The wisdom this week comes from a tiny book of Irish sayings, "It is no use carrying an umbrella if your shoes are leaking."

Doran

Continued from the Front

Don Lewis Planning Manger for the Township feels that the Township is not responsible for the delay. "This is a very complex issue" Lewis told Council, "development near wetlands is a provincial matter and Cunningham still needs two important pieces of paper from them before a meeting can take place."

Council members feel that they are not blocking the decision and that like Cunningham two years is long enough.

Sap

Continued from the Front

they arrived, the aboriginals started to use kettles to transform the sweet water into thick syrup and sugar. Metal cooking pots were prized possessions by those who had them. The sweet aroma wafting through the bush must have been welcome to hunters and youngsters alike.

When the Loyalists settled in Upper Canada in 1784, the technology and equipment used to make maple sugar was well known. Since sugar cane was an expensive luxury, maple sugar provided a great alternative. Settlers started to make maple syrup and sugar right away during that first difficult spring in a new country. They caught the sap in wooden troughs, and many continued to gash the trees with an axe, inserted a thin piece of wood to channel the sap to the trough. They carried it in pails (yoke) to a central place where it was boiled. The boiling took place in an iron kettle hung over an open fire. As the sap boiled, more cold sap was added, boiled from morning til night, the resulting syrup and sugar was dark in colour and strong in flavour. The gathering and boiling was hard work. New methods appeared before long as tap holes were bored with augers and homemade wooden spiles inserted. Wooden buckets replaced the troughs. Teams of oxen and horses made gathering easier and faster. The single iron kettle was replaced by three as the sap was transferred from one to another as it thickened. A slightly better product resulted. These settlers made mostly maple sugar since it was easier to store and there was a shortage of glass bottles or jars.

The use of metal became common place in the maple sugar industry in the second half of the 19th century. Tin buckets, easier to store and to clean replaced the wooden ones. Home made wooden spouts gave way to galvanized steel. Although it is uncertain when flat-bottomed pans came into use, but in an 1864 issue of the Canada Farmer notes that shallow sheet-iron pans are better then the kettles, they can be kept cleaner and the sap evaporated more quickly, making finer sugar and economizing heat used. The same issue provides instructions on making an evaporating pan and building an enclosed structure around the boiling place to keep leaves, rain and other impurities out of the sap. Many stuck to the old ways nonetheless. The only instructions for finishing off the sugar was "Boil until done!" Thermometers were not available to all and tasting methods not very precise. Once it was reduced to a thick syrup, it was strained. Boiling as long as possible was the rule as long as it did not burn. The maker of the syrup made his own decisions as to readiness. It was transferred to a smaller kettle on the stove where the heating could be better controlled. The finished product was clarified by dropping a beaten egg white or milk into the boiling syrup. The foam (scum) collected on the surface was removed with a scimmer. The syrup was then strained through a cloth. Most was still finished off into sugar by boiling longer, to the point where it was ready to crystallize, then it was poured into wooden molds or tubs.

By 1870 the price of imported sugar cane started to drop. The lower cost and nice white appearance meant there was less demand for maple sugar. This and the increasing availability of cheap tin containers for syrup, caused more and more of the sugar bush product to be sold as syrup. It took less time and fuel to make syrup and the quality was easier to control. By 1900 the syrup production took over from the sugar.

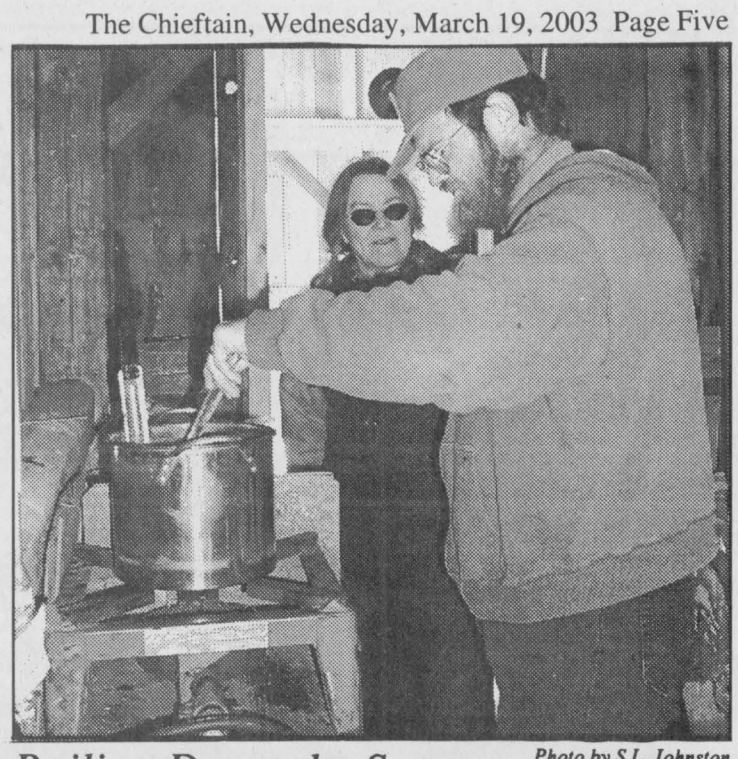
Inside the sugar hut we found Bill Fowler, an Iroquois native boiling sap and making sugar candies. The evaporator building was not active. The modern equipment to reduce sap to syrup and maple sugar sat still and quiet. Once the sap starts to fill the buckets this will be a busy place. The sap flows from one section to the next as more water is driven off until finally reducing it to syrup. Hot syrup is bottled or transferred to a separate finishing pan where it is boiled farther and cooled until thick, yellow maple syrup is formed and placed in molds and cooled til finished. When working at maximum production this evaporation process will produce 30 gallons of syrup an hour.

Turning sap into sugar is done in a ratio of 40 (gallons of sap) to 1 (gallon of syrup produced). According to Bill Fowler, "The bigger crowned trees, the better producers are kept when bushes are thinned out and they will lessen the quantity of sap necessary to make syrup."

A factor many may not realize is that sap is boiled 24 hours a day and tin pails hanging on the south side of the maples have to be emptied into collection containers to be boiled regularly or the heat will cause fermenting to begin and the sap will be wasted.

There is no taste to compare with maple syrup or maple sugar and as visitors get set to take the horse drawn sleigh out of the bush, they stop to pick up a maple leaf made from the sweet sap. What a treat! Once the sap is running freely there will be syrup on the snow for youngsters to try as well. As young faces peek into the buckets checking the sap, catching a bit on fingers and tasting it for perhaps the first time, it is like magic to catch the expressions!

A great family learning experience filled with sweetness and fun, open throughout March from 9am til 4pm, a visit on Upper Canada Road, is only $3 for adults and $2 for children, pancakes are extra.



Boiling Down the Sap

Photo by S.L. Johnston

Bill Fowler stirs the sap as it slowly boils. A tedious process that requires constant attention...we wouldn't want it to burn. Bill has experience in this area and a lot of patience. Maple sugar candies resulted from his careful monitoring. They are sure tasty treats.

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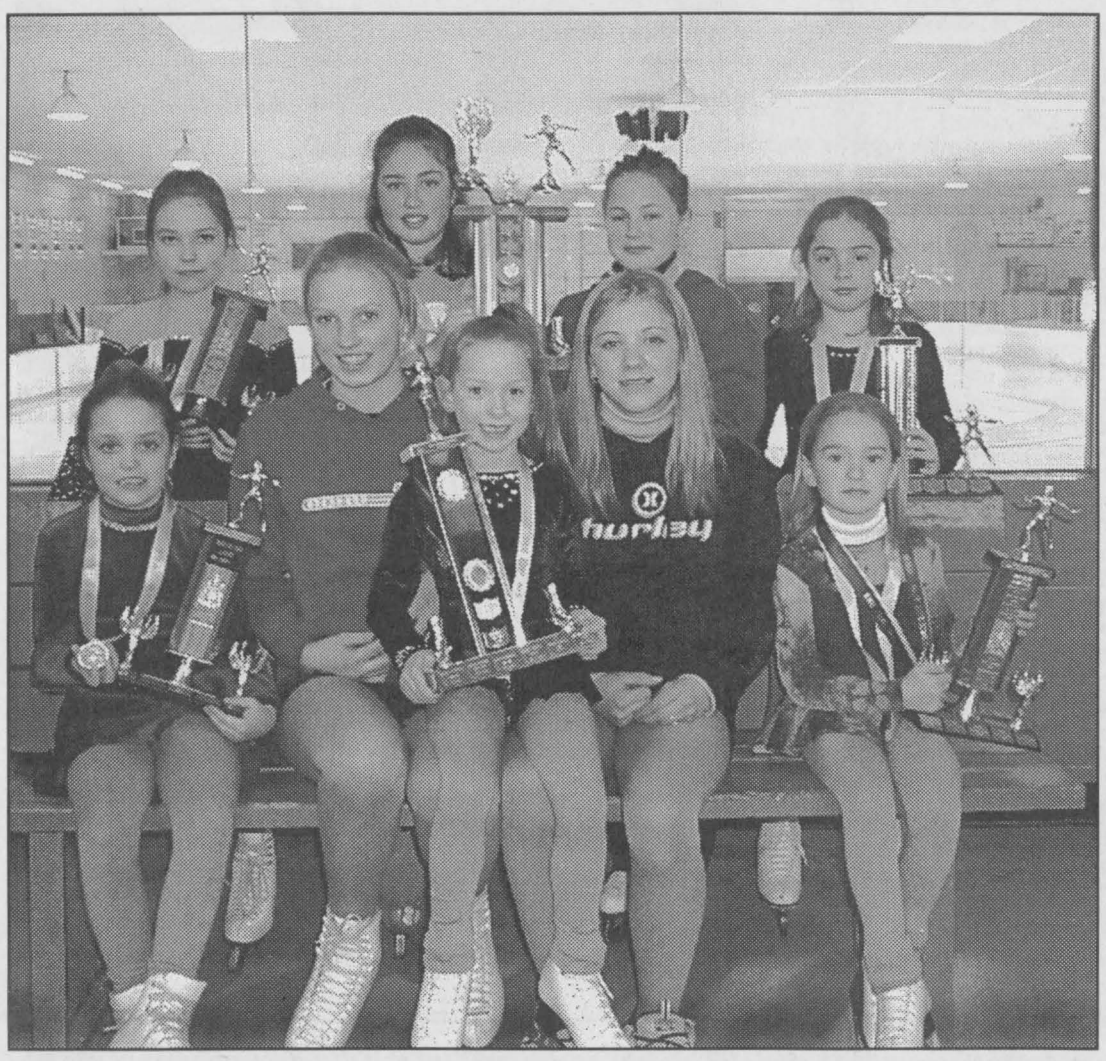

More Winners

Skaters who represent the Morrisburg & District Figure Skating Club are doing well. Coming home from the Seaway Valley Recreational Competition in Long Sault with the Points Trophy are seated Morgan Baxter, Karen Stevens, Alisha VanHoof, Kristen Phifer, and Logan Patterson. Standing are Kelsey Baxter, Kelsey Hall, Brooke Spencer and Katherine Lee.

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Major PeeWee Kings in semifinals

On Tuesday, March 4, 2003, the Major PeeWee Kings travelled to the Navan Arena to face the Cumberland Barons in Game number three of their playoff round. This proved to be another well played match by both teams.

The Barons got one past the King's goalie early in the second period. But the Kings were determined that they were going to even things before the end of the period. Colin MacLean let a slap shot go and was rewarded with a counter.

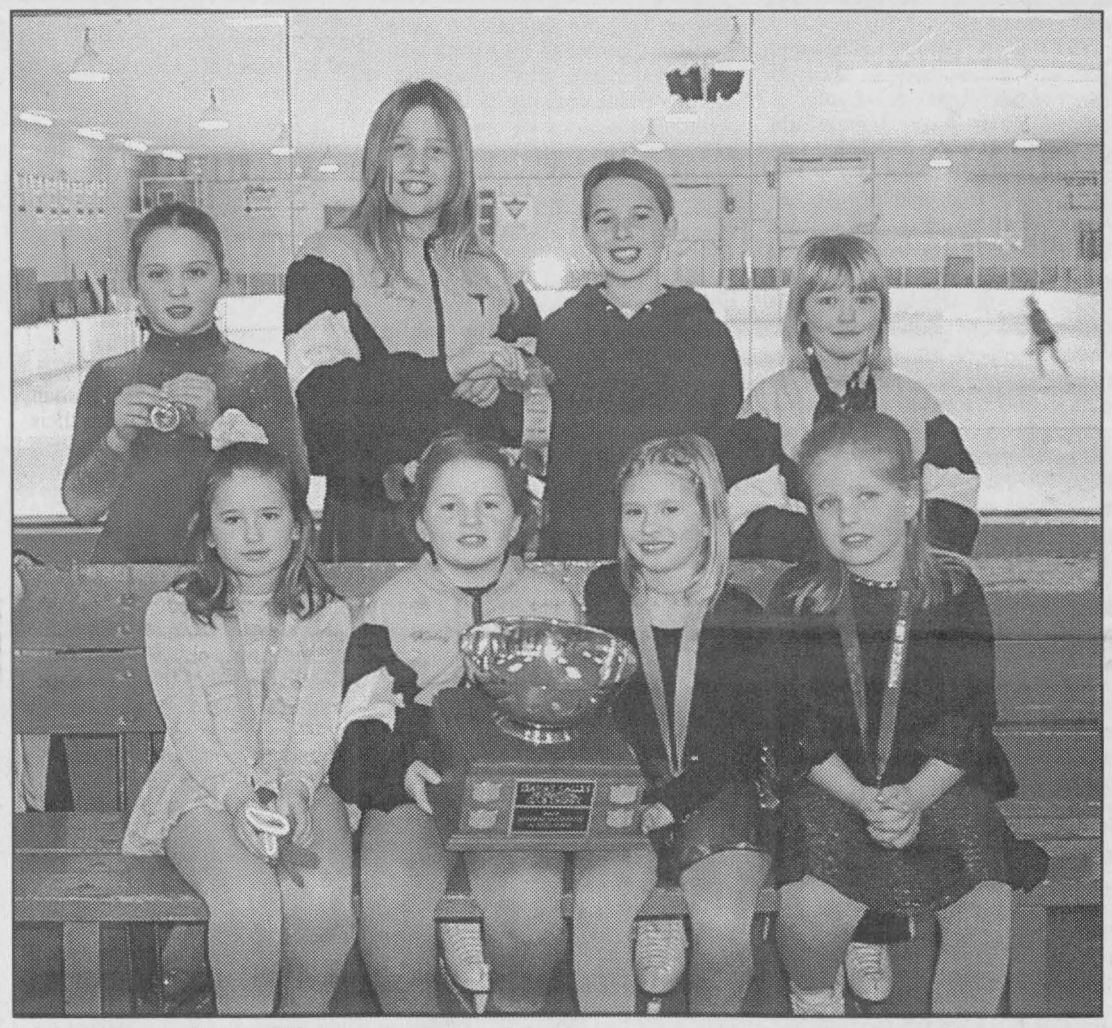
The third frame was very exciting with end to end action. The Kings kept the pressure on the Barons and with only 1:02 left in the match Quincy Evans put one past the Barons' netminder with assists going to Nick Pasowisty and Colin MacLean.

The victory earned the Kings the right to advance to Semi-final round play. The team wishes to express their appreciation to game sponsors: Pete's Music Exchange, Jacques Asselin Real Estate Ltd., KBD Transportation, Strader Motor Sales, McInnis, McEwen and Horner and Hartley's Sports Shop.

Sunday, March 9 was when the PeeWee Kings began their semi-final round of playdowns against the Nepean Raiders. The Kings faced off with the Raiders at the Walter Baker Arena. Alex Davison put the Kings on the scoreboard in the first period with a short-handed break away goal. Brodie Boulanger picked up the assist. This is just what the Kings needed to give them necessary momentum. The second period was when the majority of the goals were slammed home. Early in the second Chris Tindal provided the Kings with their second shorthanded goal unassisted. The Raiders scored two quick counters, but late in the frame, King Mark Manuel tucked the puck behind the Raider's goalie. Quincy Evans earned the assist. The final frame was filled with excitement with both teams having scoring opportunities. Late in the period the Raiders got the tying goal. Both teams played an excellent game, which ended in a 3-3 tie.

Shots on goal in this game were 28-21 for Nepean. The Kings were to host the Raiders on home ice in Spencerville on Wednesday. Game sponsors were Roto-Static Carpet Cleaning, Boardwalk Dental Care, OPSEU Region 4, Mr. Mozzerella, B. Baird Water Conditioning, Kemptville Dental Clinic and Westport Esso.

The Kings were hot as they hosted the Raiders on Wednesday, March 12. The visitors were on the board first as they found twine in the Kings net late in the first. As the second got underway Cody Burridge went in on a powerplay to put the wraparound goal in with assists going to Brodie Boulanger and Mark Manuel. Once again the teams were even but that was shortlived as the raiders scored again before the second ended. The third was a great period as both teams had scoring chances. Towards the end of the frame, Cliff Conquer, on an unassisted goal knotted the score bringing the Kings even with the Raiders. A great game from both teams, the final read 2-2. The Kings outshot the Raiders 25-15 in this matchup. Thanks go to sponsors, Evans Meat Shop, Golf Gods Kemptville, Reable's Plumbing and Heating, Highway 29 Auto Sales, Hodgson and Sons Construction Ltd., Swank Construction and Colonel's Sign Shop.



Impressive Skaters

These young skaters helped add to the total point total as they grabbed top spot finishes. Helping earn the Top Points Trophy were in front Kristen Stewart, Haley Van Allen, Jessica Bass and Mikayla MacMillan, while in back are Bryanna Hickman, Hilary McQuaid, Brianna Stewart and Brenna German. Well done girls.

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Kicking into the future

Iroquois and District Soccer is ready to kick off into its eighth season. Last years registration almost doubled, reaching 308 participants. Each year the numbers have increased and organizers feel that they will do so again this year. In order to accommodate the increase and maintain a great program, changes must be made each year. One very important change this year will be changing the name of the program. Iroquois and District Soccer will now carry the name, South Dundas Soccer Association. Use of the Iroquois playing fields will remain unchanged. Organizers feel this name will better identify its young players. As clearly demonstrated in last years performance, parties of South Dundas, can unite as one, and in doing so, experience great success!

Another change this year will be the addition of 14 year olds. This will allow our 13 year olds from last year to return. The travelling option may be available in some age groups. Last year the club travelled for the first time, with its Seaway Kicker team on an experimental basis. The new Dundas County Soccer League was kind enough to allow us to play some of their teams for exhibition games and the Seaway Kickers had a great first season. The Association has joined the Dundas County Soccer League for 2003. Allowing our players to travel gives them the option to play more than once a week. Some of them just can't get enough soccer. In addition to last years Seaway Kicker team, the club also sent a group of young ladies to a tournament in Berwick and a group of 7 & 8 years olds to a mini tournament in Winchester. They too had a great time.

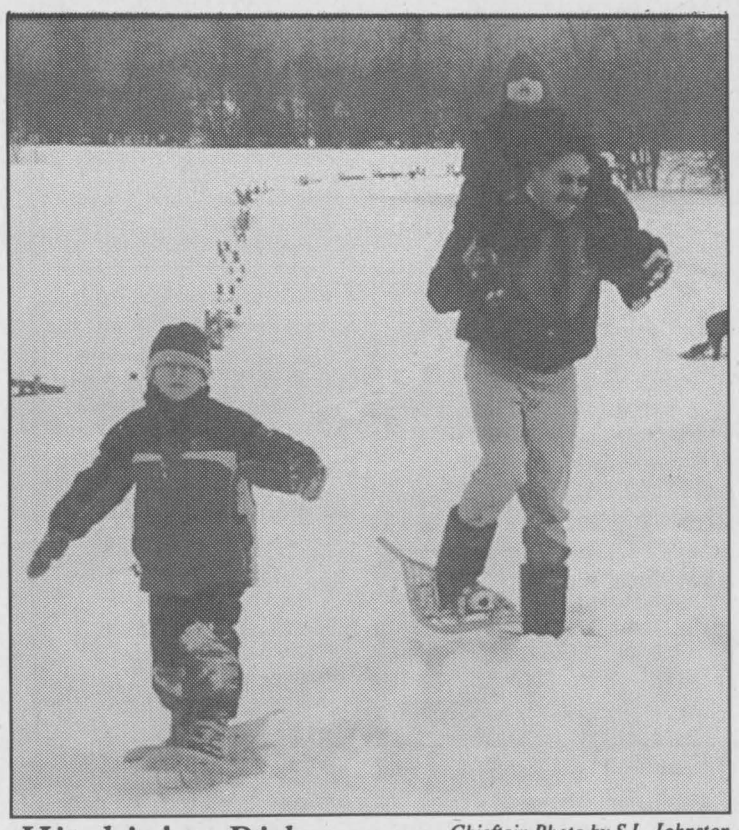
There has also been some discussion with the Special Olympics on whether there is a need for a program in our area. If you have or know someone who has a disability which prohibits them from playing soccer and they would like to, please let us know. Special arrangements have been made in the past to accommodate some children, but unfortunately we cannot meet the need of all children at this time.

Organizers are looking forward to the 2003 season. Last year was a great success and everyone had lots of fun. There were 20 teams in the league and each were named after a world country. The year end tournament ended with a flag parade led by Bagpiper Lawrence Merkley.

Many thanks to everyone for making last year a spectacular season. Without the dedication of the players, parents, coaches and volunteers, there would be no program. Special thanks to last years players and their parents, **COACHES**-Earl Nesbitt, Tom Bennett, Clayton Barkley, Brian Woolsey, Sid Markell, Steve Kennedy, Mark Chayer, Denis Froats, Doug Peters, Bill Mullin, Marilyn Crabtree, Neil Carlsson, Donald Merkley, Clarence Whitten, Tom Dumbrille, Lori Zachetta, Chris McDermid, Andy Lee, Jeff Buchanan, Tasha Corneau, Carol Saunders, Mark Comfort, Wayne Kelly, Teresa Veltkamp, Lisa Hall, Joyce Latulippe, Crystal Cantin, Mike Guerkink, Karley Joldersma, Kayla Spruit, Doug Tupper, Ron Hass, David Hartle, Randy Chesboro, Rod Ceasor, Gord Hawn, Janice Warner, Perry Swank, Toby Roach, Jonathon Bouwman, Dan Cromie, George Menges, Yvonne Pepers, Alex Smellink and Bill Dickie. **TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS**-Ron Delegarde, Nadine Easter, Marcel Smellink, Chris Woodmas, Lianne Rivine, Lindsey Groves, Jennifer Wilson, Andrew Tupper, Collin Tupper, Matt Guse, Kristen Schailee, Cassidy Morrell, Kate Corden, Lauren Keyes, Chelsea Schell, Kate Wilson, Bryce Fornier, Brandon Elliot, Justin Saunders, Sierra Gillard, Tollea Gillard, Julie Wardle, Ellen Fader, Tracey Jones, Matt Hartle, Bill Fowler, Andy Major, Mia Smellink, Helen Tupper and any others we have missed. Many thanks to last years SPONSORS and those who made personal contributions to our program-Bank of Montreal, Brister Group Insurance, Canadian Tire Corp., Candy's Hair Salon, Cooper's Sport Trophy and Embroidery, Cruickshank Construction, D&S Manufacturing, Dr. K.Y. Dui, Dundas Bus Service and Dundas Tours, Giant Tiger, Harland Veinoitte Ltd., Hartley's Sport Shop, Iroquois Enterprises, Iroquois/Matilda Lions Club, Jacques Asselin Real Estate Ltd., KBD Transportation, Legion Ladies Auxiliary Br. 370, Little Rikkis, Lloyd McMillan Equipment Ltd., Mike's Valu-Mart, Rooney Feeds Ltd., Royal Bank, Royal Canadian Legion Iroquois Br. 370, Royal Canadian Legion Br. 48 Morrisburg, Upper Canada Chiropractic Centre, S&F Foodland, St. Lawrence Corp., St. Lawrence Medical Clinic, Swank Construction, Tommy's Complete Automotive, Mrs. Ann Farmer, Dale and Helen Roberts, Arie and Ineka Van Dodewaard, Mike Ryan and any others we have missed, Your assistance was greatly appreiated.

Registration for 2003 is being held at the Iroquois Public School Friday, March 21 from 6pm to 8pm, and Saturday, March 22 from 9am to noon. Fees have increased to $25 per player. If anyone is unable to attend registration they can register by phone at 652-4230 ask for Candy.

The season is set to begin on May 24. In addition to our regular season this year, we will once again offer a coaches clinic and a conditioning camp prior to our regular season. Special guest Martin Noe, Coerver Coaching Representative will be on hand to assist with the clinic and camp.



Hitchin' a Ride

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Scott Barnhart gives Aaron Cook a lift as he demonstrates the proper use of snowshoes. The young man coming towards the camera wouldn't tell us who he was. A great way to spend a winter afternoon in March Break, the Sanctuary was the place to be.

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Iroquois and District

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Legion Branch 105, Cardinal Hockey Tournament Breakfast, Sat. March 22 at 8 a.m. to 11 am. Phone Kim Crawford at 657-1333.

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United Ukes invite you to join them in St. John United Church Small Hall on Tuesday, March 25 at 7 pm for an hour of sing-along and light refreshment.

Branch 370's 2nd Annual Car Rally, Saturday, March 29 at the Iroquois Legion. Registration from 11 am - 1 pm. Rally $3 per person, Dinner $5, Dance $7. Everyone Welcome.

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Curling News

by Steve Thompson

This has been a busy week at the Morrisburg Club. We had entries in the 284 team City of Ottawa International Bonspiel, one of the largest in the world, senior men's teams entries in the McClennan Cup in Cornwall, and several teams in the Hospice Bonspiel held on Saturday at the home club.

In the Hospice Bonspiel, local curlers Alice Thompson skipped her team to the championship, winning all three of her games.

Interviewed later, the skip emphasized that it was a team effort and praised Dave Salman, Sandra Beckstead and Bob Fortin, who had first crack at the prize table with her. A number of other local teams participated and some came from far afield to take part. The St. Patrick's Day theme was evident in the costumes of the twelve teams and in the Irish music played through the day.

Special thanks are due to the ice crew, Wally McDonald, Dave Salsman, Jim Locke and to bartenders Paul Robertson and Ron Brown who made the day run smoothly. The organizers were delighted with the day and report that the Bonspiel realized $2100 for the very worthy charity.

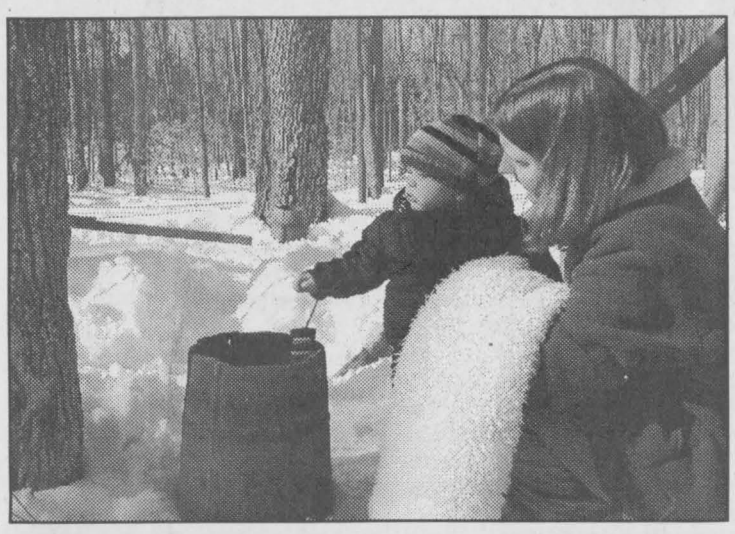
In the City of Ottawa competition, the team of Robert Houze, Joe McCooeye, Mike Felker, Rob Delegarde and Bev McQueen won two of their games in the open division, but were finally eliminated on Saturday. The Ottawa Club's Robillard foursome was the overall champion. We had two senior teams entered: Jack Dikland, Don O'Brien, Peter Zeran and Wally McDonald curled well, but finished Friday night. John Lyon, Steve Thompson, Bill Magee and Charles Farlinger had more luck, defeating a strong Rideau foursome, but were also eliminated before the weekend. Members of the winning senior team from the Ottawa club had previously knocked off the Morrisburg entry in the Senior Mixed Zone Final.

In the senators (age 65 or over) division, Sid Morrell, Neil Williams, Gerry Thompson and Bob Bedingfield were another story. They played in seven different rinks, and ended play with a 4-3 win/loss record. The division final was Sunday night at the Granite Curling Club against the home team. After eight ends, Sid was up by one. A check of the rules, however, conformed that ten ends were required and the curlers went back to work. Granite won 9-8 and our fellows shook hands with the victors. Well done on your first Senators competition, fellows.

The senior men's teams went to Cornwall on Friday and each won their first game, and each losing by only one point in their final match. The "A" team was comprised of Martin Schneckenburger, Tony Toonders, Dave Salsman and Ron Brown. Following their lead in the second draw were Arnold Centen, Ted Herriman, Arnold Barkley and George Barrey. Well done fellows!

The season is rapidly coming to an end. Don't forget to sign up in the lounge for dinner tickets for the awards banquet and general meeting on Wednesday, April 9th. At that time we hope to place a proposal for club improvements, including a funding plan. Don't miss the meeting. Also, in case the banquet and dance following our Centennial Bonspiel March 26-30th interests you, see an executive for tickets. The Legion needs to know exact numbers by the Friday, for the dinner on Saturday, March 29th.

Good Curling to all!



When Will it Start?

Max Silburn is only 20 months old, but was very interested in what might run along the wooden spile. His mom Kate Archibald-Cross helped him learn how it works when the sap starts to run. Visiting from Kingston they enjoyed their day at the sugar bush.

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Curling Bonspiel helps Hospice

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Rocks, sweeping, yelling and laughter along with slipping and sliding along was the happenin' thing on Saturday in Morrisburg and all for a great cause.

There was a lot of laughter, good natured banter and friendly conversation filling the Morrisburg Curling arena on Saturday. A large group of curlers, accompanied by some who were getting ready to curl for the first time had come out to support the Dundas County Hospice. A fun fundraiser, this was a great way to enjoy a day of fun as well as raise funds for a great cause.

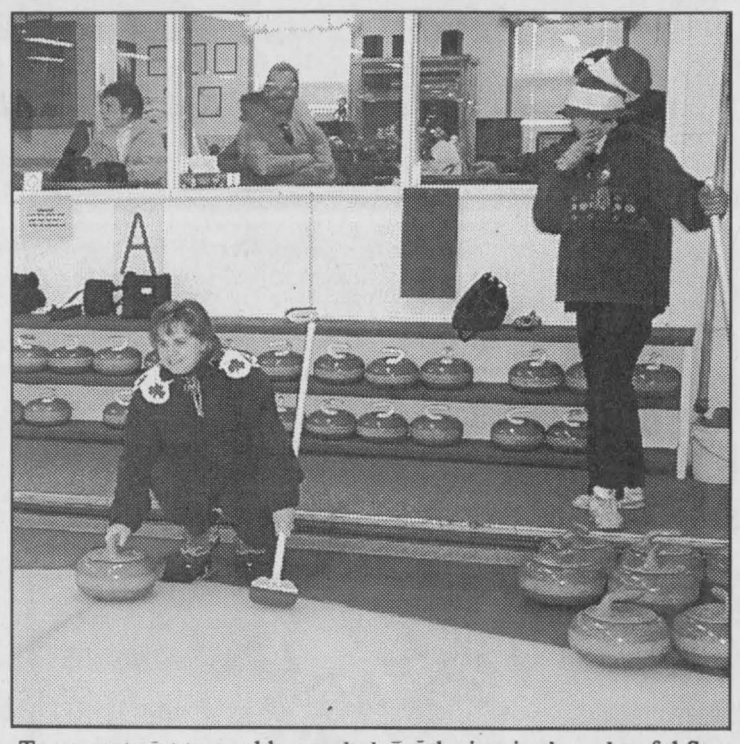
Top sponsorships were earned by Louise Beckinsale while the second highest number was brought in by Graham Pemberton.

Some pretty mean curling took place as even more laughter erupted. The theme for the day was St. Patrick's Day and many teams came dressed for the occasion in wild green and white hats and collars decorated with shamrocks. When the play concluded, the top team included Alice Thompson, Sandra Beckstead, Bob Fortin and Dave Salsman.

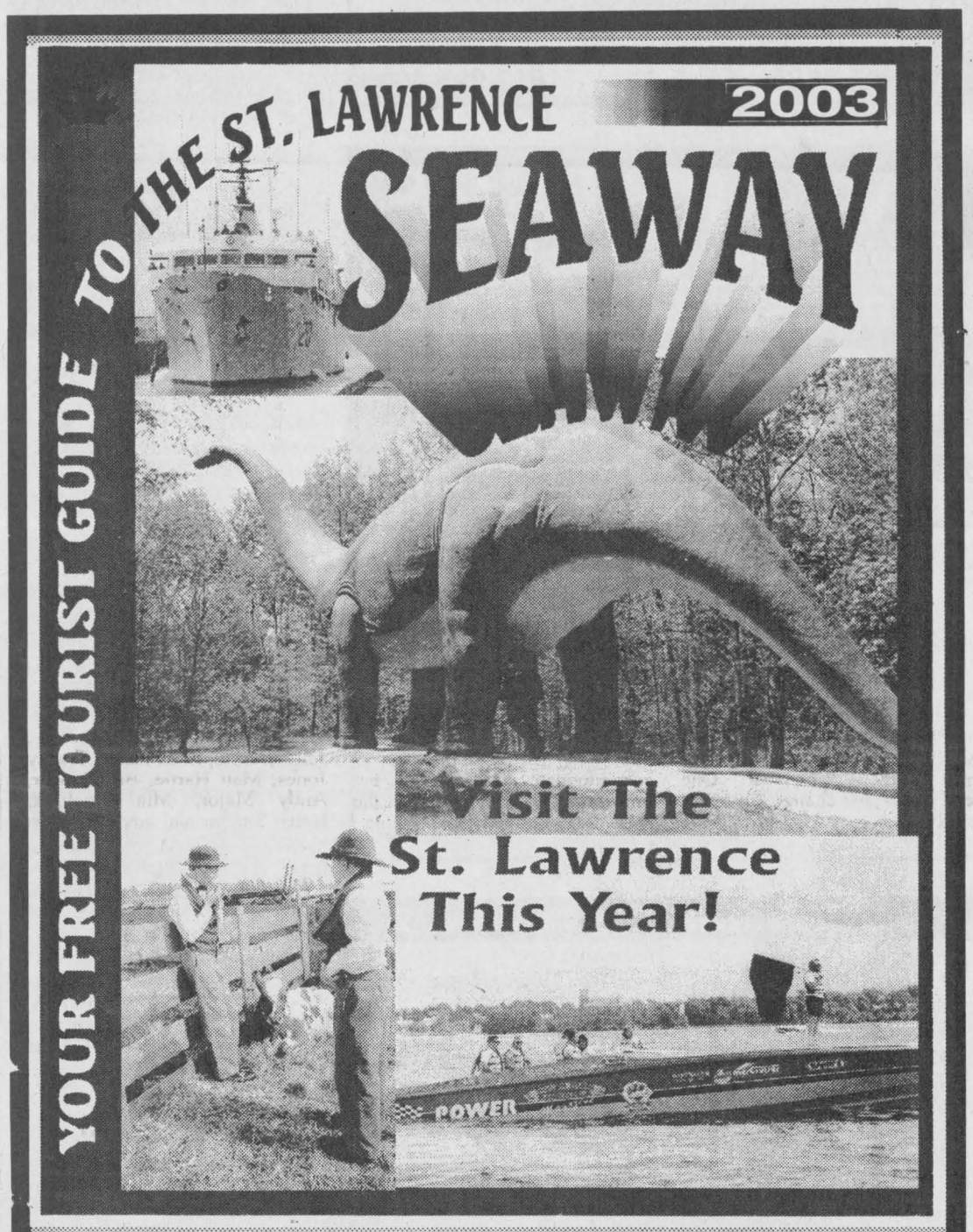
Coming in second place was the team of Graham Pemberton, Glen Pemberton, George Baker and Clare Robinson.

The distinction of Most Honest Team belonged to Joyce Francis, Sheila Hughes, Lyn Scrbic and Tracey Van Bruinessen.

When the results were tallied the funds were also counted and some $2000 was raised to help continue the great Hospice work in Dundas County.



Tracey gets set to send her rock down the ice, in the colourful St. Paddy's Day hat as Jill waits for her turn. *Photo by S.L. Johnston*



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God bless you all.
Enid Casselman and family and sister Patsy Jones.
M19-1tp

Card of Thanks

FAWCETT: We would sincerely like to thank our family, friends and neighbours for their expressions of kindness during the loss of a beloved wife, mother and nanny, Rose. We appreciate the many words of encouragement, the hospital visits, cards, flowers, charitable donations, food, visits to the funeral home and your sympathy. A special thanks to the nurses: Nicole Hunter, Katherine Spruit, and Ann Esford and the Home Care workers, The Doctors: Prins and Sandaresan (Ottawa General), David Lapier and the staff at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Rev. Doug Carnegie, Pallbearers: Lorne Sutherland, Basil Young, Lloyd McMillan, Jim Lewis, Mark Shephard, Jamie Wereley and Alan Shaver. Last but not least, the Ladies of the Iroquois Legion.
Many thanks from George, Glen and Leisa Fawcett and family.
M19-1tc

MERKLEY: I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to my friends and family for their phone calls, cards and visits while I was a patient at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital. An extra special thank you to the girls at Brister Insurance for contacting my daughter Laurie and taking such great care of me till the ambulance arrived. Thanks to the paramedics in taking me to the hospital and to Dr. Jacques and the nurses during my stay. Your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.
Gerald Merkley
M19-2tp

In Memoriam

KENNEDY: In loving memory of a dear dad and grandpa, ***Bert,*** who left us on March 13, 2001.
Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamonds glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on the ripened grain.
I am the gentle Autumn's rain.
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CHARBOT: In memory of ***John (Jack) Charbot,*** who passed away on March 18, 2002.
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CHARBOT: In memory of my ***"Poppy", John (Jack) Charbot,*** who passed away on March 18, 2002.
The memories of our precious time together,
Will hold a place in my heart forever.
Everyday I will remember the way you lived your life,
The strength and courage you possessed through every strife.
For your courage and strength helped me to see,
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Leroy Hamilton

At the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, Leroy Hamilton of Lakeshore Drive, RR1, Morrisburg. Born on August 2, 1929, he was 73 years of age.

Leroy served for many years in the Royal Canadian Air Force. After his father died, he retired from the military and returned home to Iroquois to help his mother operate the family apple orchard. In 1962 he began working at the Crysler Park Marina and he managed it from 1962-1988. In 1988 he became General Manager of Iroquois Marine Services, a capacity in which he worked until 1995 when he became Sales Manager at Iroquois Marine Services, in which he remained until retiring in 1999.

A lifetime resident of the area, Leroy was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #48 in Morrisburg and served as Past President of the RCAF Wing in Cornwall.

Predeceased by his parents, the late Harold and Margeurite (nee Everett) as well as a sister; Joan Christensen in 1977 and a niece, Janet Christensen in 2002.



Survived by his beloved wife, Betty (nee Strader) Hamilton whom he wed on September 25, 1964 at St. John's Anglican Church in Iroquois and children: Harold (Brigitte) of Petawawa. Leroy is sadly missed by grandchildren; Helen, Margaret and Sonya, a niece Jo-Anne (Christensen) Wolach of Calgary and a nephew Michael Christensen of Miami Florida.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Kidney Foundation were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg where service was held on Saturday, March 1, 2003. Spring interment will be at Iroquois Point Cemetery.

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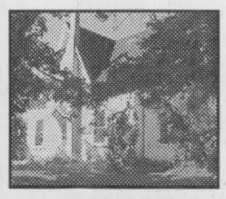
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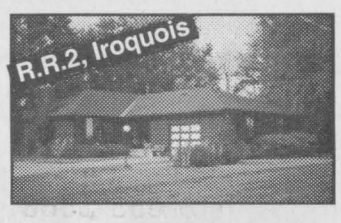

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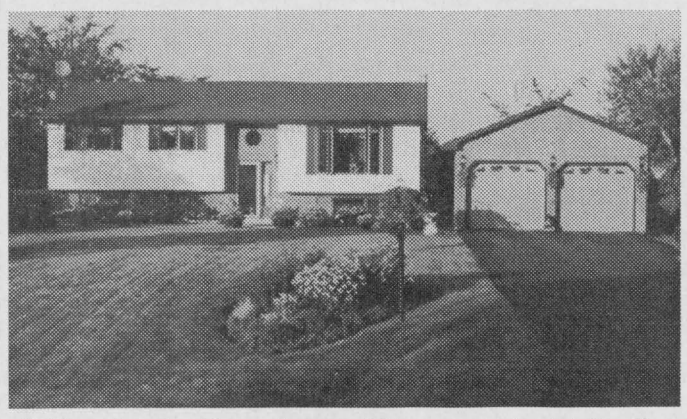

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Dear Oh Deer!

This pair of white-tails were part of a larger herd spotted along the roadway east of Morrisburg. Although no stags were sighted, does and yearlings continued to timidly step out of the bush undergrowth. Not intimidated by photographer or shutter noises they seemed almost anxious to pose...isn't Mother Nature grand.

Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Apparently the Seaway Corporation has had some second thoughts about the early opening of the Seaway. Perhaps they thought they could jam "winter navigation" down our throats without anyone noticing. Because that is just what it would have been and still may be. The postponement opening date to March 31 is not going to be much better. As long as we have near zero temperatures at night, it is going to take a heat wave to make changes.

It is extremely frustrating to me, as a person involved in water level issues, that whenever we complain to either the Board of Control or the International Joint Commission, we get told that the "Orders of the approval" say...Well for everyone's information, those "orders of approval" say that the Seaway will be open from April 1 to December 15.

How can these "orders" be altered for one group of people (The Seaway) and yet they are cast in bronze for those of us who care about water levels?

Speaking of water levels, right now, Lake Ontario is 3.5 inches above chart datum! It is over a foot below average for this time of year and 1.5 feet below last year at this time. Wouldn't it have been nice to have the Board of Control save some of that water from last year?

Bea Schermerhorn
Hammond, New York, USA.

POLICE Report

Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles

South Dundas-On March 15, 2003 police received a report of a vehicle theft, which had occurred at the 750 Truck Stop in South Dundas Township.

Between March 13-15 a 2001 MANC 53 foot semi-trailer, white in colour was taken from a parking area at the truck stop. At the time of the theft the trailer was loaded with a cargo of Goodyear tires having an estimated value of $75,000.00

The trailer was later recovered on March 16, 2003, empty and abandoned in the Montreal area.

South Dundas-Shortly after 3:00 am on March 15, 2003 police attended the scene of a vehicle fire along County Road #2 in South dundas Township.

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OBITUARIES

Lorne Link

Suddenly at home in Toyes Hill, Lorne William Link on Wednesday, February 26, 2003. Born in Winchester on March 14, 1951, he was 51 years of age.

Lorne worked on the family farm at Toyes Hill his entire life. After he sold the cattle in 1990, he began working with race horses. At the time of his death, he owned 5 horses and was boarding another three at his farm.

A lifetime resident of Toyes Hill, Lorne was a former member of the Toyes Hill broomball baseball teams.

Predeceased by his parents; Fred and Pearl (nee Myers) Link, he leaves to mourn the loss sisters: Kathy Link of Toyes Hill, Marge (Larry) Summerfield of Dixon's Corners and Betty (Brian) Montpellier of Vancouver. He will be fondly remembered by Robert (Crystal) Wells, Jeffrey Wells, and a niece: Julie (Brad) Sloan as well as nephews: Dan (Pam) DeVries, Mark DeVries, Ben, Thomas and Josh Montpellier along with a great-nephew Spencer Sloan and Great-nieces, Paige Sloan and Hope DeVries. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Lorne enjoyed both playing sports and watching them on television, he was an avid Toronto Maple Leafs fan.

Loving companion of Karen Wells, Lorne was an animal lover and his dog, Reba was his constant companion.

Memorial donations to the Winchester Hospital or the Winchester Springs United Church were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home where service was held on Monday, March 3, 2002. Rev. Bob Williams officiated. Spring interment of cremated remains will be at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville. Honourary pallbearers were Dan and Mark DeVries, Robert and Jeffrey Wells, Garry Simzer and Norm Tinkler.

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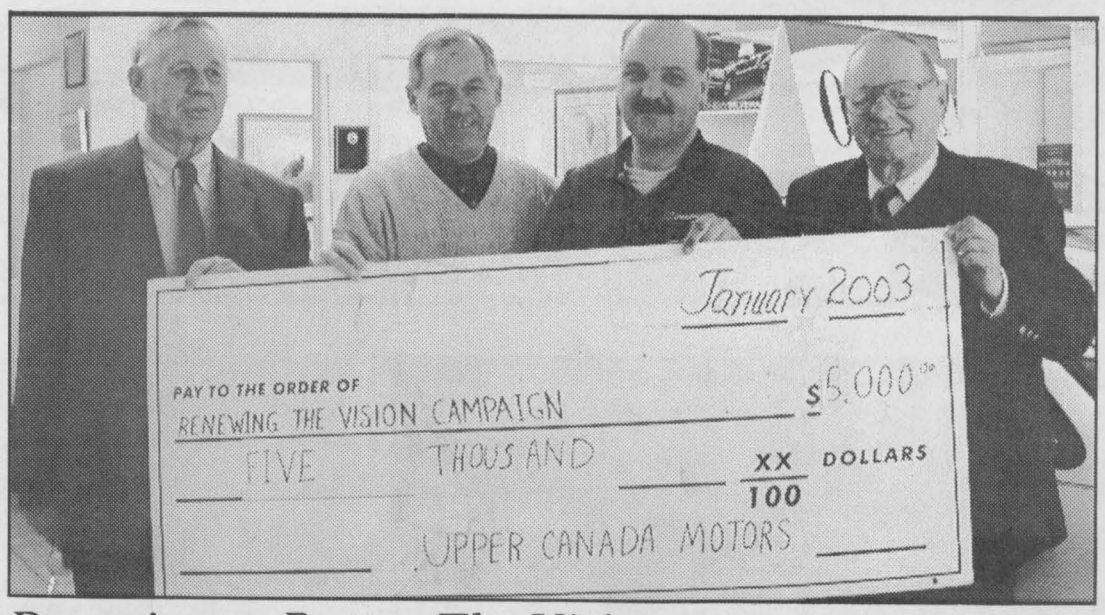

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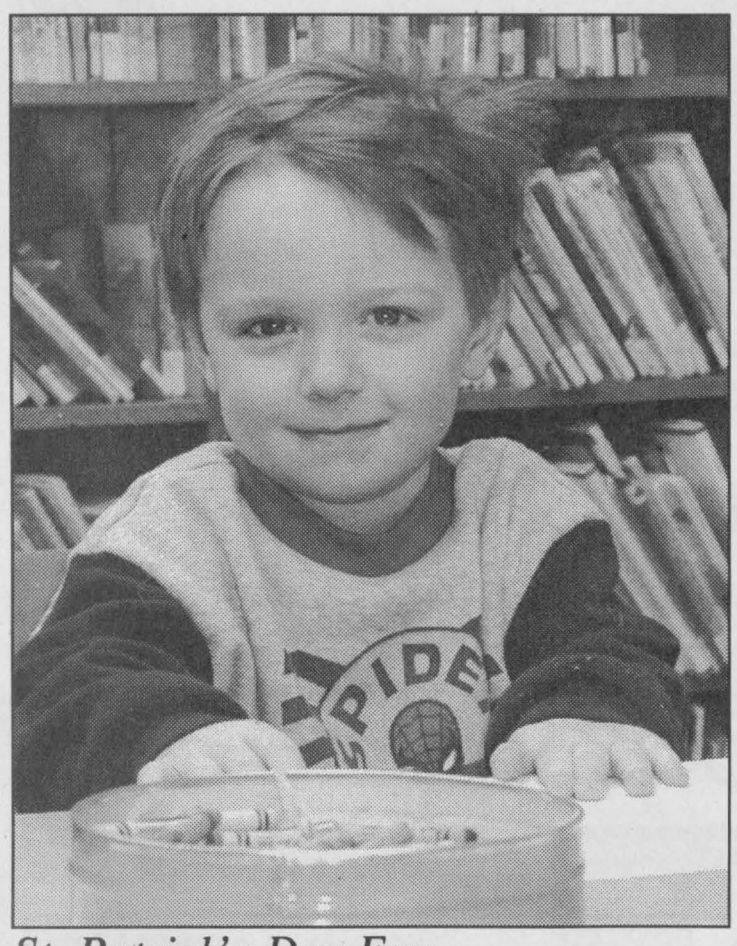

St. Patrick's Day Fun

Enjoying the Craft and Story Day sponsored by the Iroquois Library, Christopher Francis Roundtree age 21/2 coloured this pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. New to the area, he enjoyed spending time with Brenda and showed her his artistic talents.

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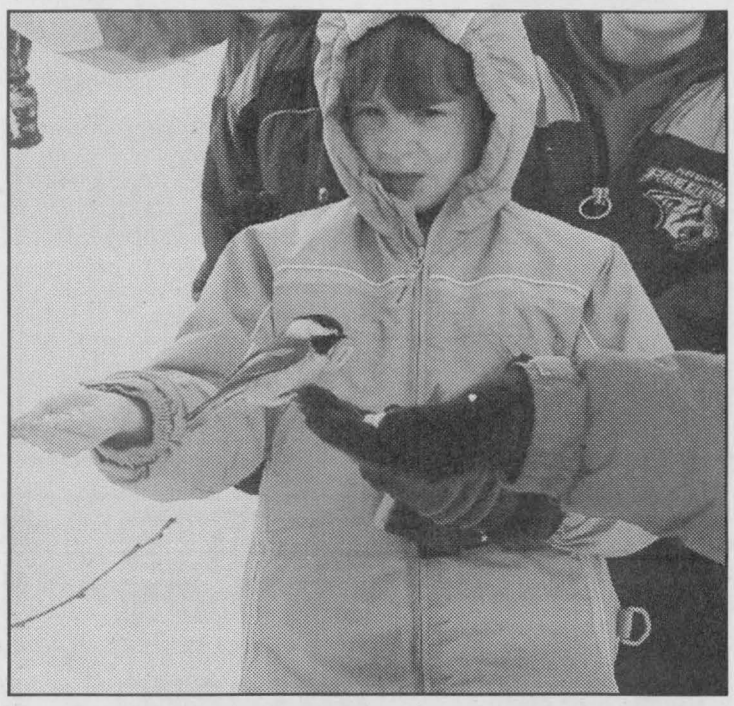

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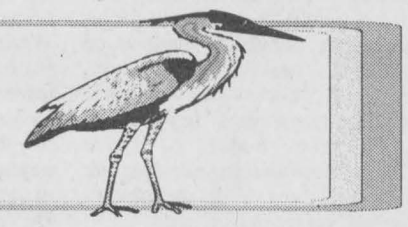


by Birds Anonymous

The BIG news this week comes from the Brinston Road, a new caller reports a pair of Scarlet Tanagers. These bright red birds caught her eye and a look through the binoculars with birdbook in hand and after a call check with Grandma, a source of all knowledge concerned with life, it was confirmed these magical birds had arrived and will hopefully remain in the area. The female was a dirty version of the male and they do resemble Cardinals, except for that distinctive beak.

The warm weather brought out the songsters this week. The swamp was filled with the sounds of birds as they sang and conversed about the state of things. As the sun rose in the East filtering through the barren deciduous trees and sprinkling of evergreens that dot the shoreline, the magical sounds of birds drifted across the lawn and fell on winter cold ears most appreciative for sure.

Chickadees continue to frequent the feeders as do Sparrows and those noisy Blue Jays who wait their turn in the apple tree.

A new caller from the West reported that she had seen her first Red Wing Blackbird on Monday morning. She was excited to tell us that Saturday she saw hundreds of Snow Buntings in the middle of the road at the intersection of the Broken Second and Shanly Road, "Such a pretty sight!" At the junction of Shanly Road and Highway 43 there were Horned Larks noted "Here and there." The feeder in her yard is busy with a pair of Pine Siskins, a Woodpecker and some Chickadees.

Back the way in Irena there were six Blue Jays which is more than usual in her yard. Three Juncos were spotted at the feeder and on the way east on Rowena Road some twenty Snow Birds were seen in their white flurry of activity. Three Red Winged Black Birds and two big Brewers (colonized name?) Black Birds, the ones with the dark blue around the neck and onto their heads were noted as well. She had a Cowbird at her feeder this week too, terrific to see. Twenty-five Robins on her way to church on Sunday on Rowena Road and ten Horned Larks along the same stretch were spotted as she drove. The fresh snow on the evergreens encouraged Tree Sparrows to try some as liquid refreshments. Chickadees at the suet is unusual, although they must enjoy the sweet taste. She continues to have quite a number of Downy Woodpeckers.

Our New Wexford birder reports the return of Sea Gulls to the mighty St. Lawrence. "They were not there and then suddenly, there is a flock of them bobbing about. Ducks who wintered here have been joined by a flock who enjoy the river as well. Two Grey Squirrels have a new friend, as a small Red Squirrel who either just woke up or grew very hungry joined their forays to the feeders. Blue Jays are not usual visitors, but the Slate Grey Juncos are and Sparrows, although she waits for the Song Sparrows which can be heard, but not yet seen to make an appearance. Her Cardinal pair keep showing up and a lot of Crows. One day there are no birds and the next things are a flurry of activity in the yard, so great to watch at this time of year.

Spencerville Agricultural Society indoor beach party ready for fun on March 29

By Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Spencerville Agricultural Society will be holding their first annual Indoor Beach Party to raise funds for this year's Spencerville Fair.

The party will be held at the Drummond Building on Saturday, March 29 from 9 pm to 1 am. Beach attire will be required and there will be prizes for the best dressed or for competing in the hula hoop contest, the limbo or by singing a Beach Boys song with the Karaoke machine. Prizes are being provided by Q102.9 FM, Yes FM, Bacard, Molson's Canada and Wine Kitz.

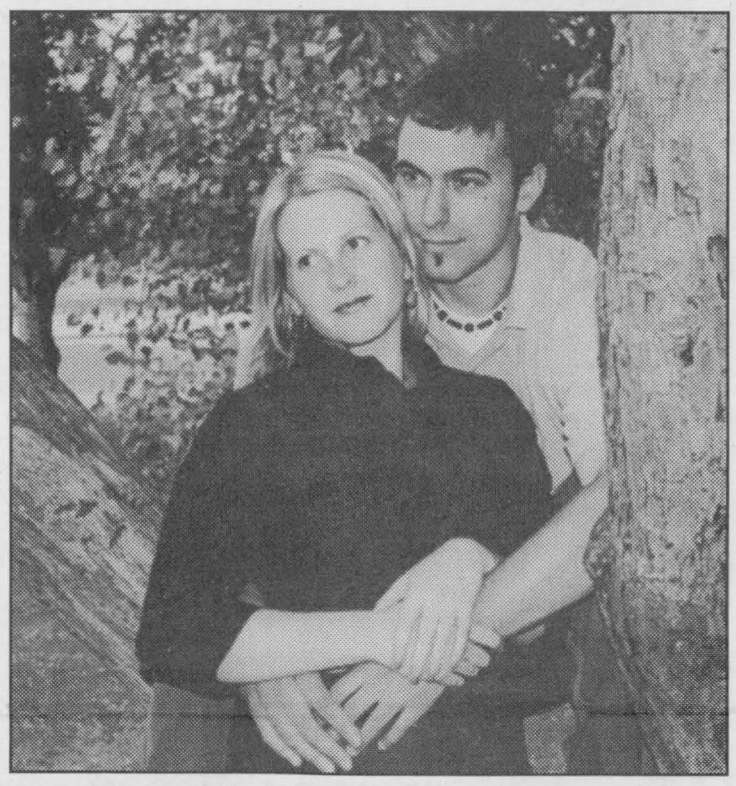
Tickets for the event are $10 at the door or $8 in advance and are available at The Maynard Store, Drummond's Gas Bar in Spencerville, Country Charm in Domeville, Spencerville Home Hardware or from Carol Cole at 925-4304 or any fairboard director.

Listen to Q102.9 FM and Yes FM for the chance to win free tickets. Live entertainment will be provided by "The Posse". They consist of three members from Johnstown, Prescott and Brockville who grew up together and have played together for four years.

The band plays a wide variety of songs from such artists as Garth Brooks, Alabama, Creed, The Tragically Hip. Creadance Clearwater Revival, Bryan Adams and many more. The band consists of leader Jamie Moore who plays bass and sings and has been playing for 15 years, lead guitarist and vocalist Brent Coville who has been playing for 19 years and Brian Healy the drummer and percussionist who has been playing for 27 years.

The Spencerville Agricultural Society is pleased to welcome President Sheila Bush, Secretary Dorothy Seeley, Treasurer Rodney Norton and Fair ambassador Lisa Westrate. The fair board members recently attended the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention in Toronto, bringing back numerous ideas.

This year's fair will be the 148th anniversary and will be held the second weekend in September. Highlights of last year's fair include the rock climbing, entertainment tent and their web site at www.spencervillefair.com. There were over $30,200 in prizes awarded at last year's fair.



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