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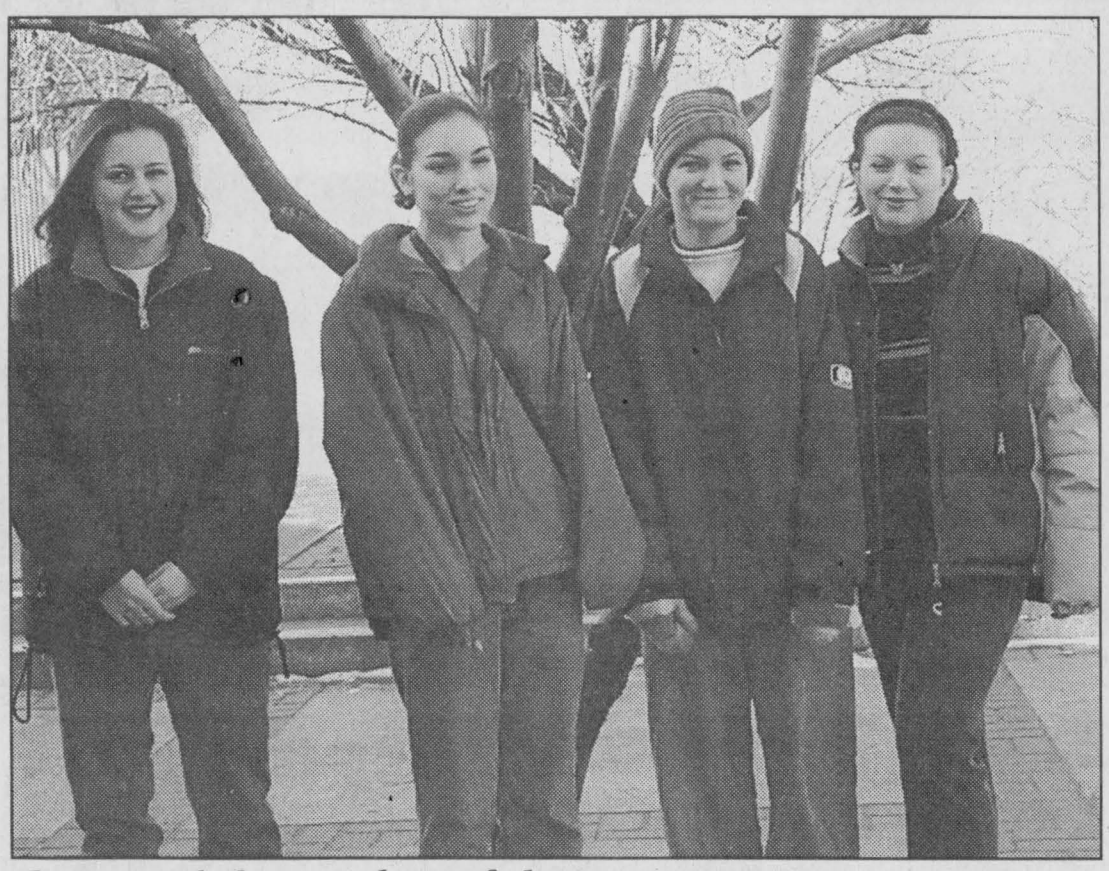

Carnival Queen hopefuls

These young ladies will see one of their number become the 25th Matilda Carnival Queen on Saturday night as the Annual Contest is held in the Matilda Hall. Here are Shannon Shaw, Joanne Pepers, Nicole Bing and Bambi Blue. Missing is Marsha Halladay who was uanble to attend the photo shoot. Hopefully a few more gals will come forward to make the evening more enjoyable.

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Silver Anniversary for Matilda Winter Carnival

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Things are shaping up for the 25th Annual Matilda Winter Carnival which will kick off this weekend as the Carnival Queen is crowned on Saturday evening at the Hall in Dixon's Corners. As we go to print, there are only five young ladies vying for the honour of wearing the crown as Queen 2000. This year marks the first year that girls from all over South Dundas are able to enter and compete for the honours. Registered thus far are: Bambi Blue, daughter of Wendy in Iroquois and Byron in Cornwall is 18 years of age and is currently completing her OAC level at Seaway High. Bambi can be heard on the South Dundas Community radio Station, CISD, The Storm as she is working co-op this semester. Joanne Pepers is a 16-year old, grade 11 student who also attends Seaway High. She lives in Matilda Ward. Nicole Bing is another 16-year old, grade 11 Seaway High Student, she calls Morrisburg Ward home. Shannon Shaw is one of the eldest young ladies going for the crown. An 18-year old OAC student, she also attends Seaway and lives in Iroquois Ward. If you are between 15 and 18 years of age and are interested in taking part in the pageant, give Nancy Blokland or Connie Pepers at 652-2096 or 652-4074 a call before Friday evening and get in on the fun. The pageant gets underway at 7pm on Saturday evening. Judges for the event are Estella Rose, Councillor of North Dundas; Glen Brooks, Mayor of Rideau Township and Flora Dumachel, Auctioneer extraodinaire.. As previously suggested the Matilda Trio will be unable to attend and so will not be a part of the festivities. Joel Geleynse has agreed to come back and will entertain with two songs during the evening, one being the serenade to the Queen once she is crowned. As Gerry Morrell keeps things moving along there will be some selections by Billy Sypes on his accordion. Billy is self-taught and has played at all 25 Queen pageants in Matilda...way to go Bill!!

It is noteworthy that on pageant night the first 250 people to arrive at Matilda Hall will receive a FREE carnation and hats have been donated and the Committee had them embossed with Mackie and the 2000 logo in celebration of the millennium.

The list of scheduled events includes the Sunday morning pancake breakfast which gets sizzling at 10:30am and runs til 12:30. Throughout the breakie, the youngsters will be entertained by Paddy Stewart and his clowning around is certain to keep them spellbound. Then the action switches to Dundela Park where a full slate of Family Fun is planned between 1 and 3pm. Hopefully the weatherman will co-operate so the games can be enjoyed. Last year the Mayor was even on the blades and those tricycle races on the rink were a hoot!!

Monday is Country and Western time as the line dancers under the guidance of Gwen Bosma will kick their heels and the RiverView Cloggers will demonstrate how to clog in style.

Tuesday is Amateur Night and all the talent in South Dundas is invited to be showcased. Betty Casselman will accompany anyone who wishes. Bring your talent and lets show what we can do, there are some terrific singers and instrument players among us, come out and show us what you can do. No karaoke please!! Preregistration would be appreciated so a program can be drawn up. Call Connie at 652-4074...we-'re hoping for a good turn out!

Wednesday afternoon from 1-3pm a Tea and Social will feature a sing song and some good company as well. "Going back to the roots as it were of the program, this is what used to happen, and we will try it again," notes Nancy Blokland, Committee Member.

Thursday will feature a fashion

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2000 to be a difficult year in municipality of Cardinal

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Reeve of Cardinal, Larry Dishaw was contacted at home during the New Year's holiday to fill The Chieftain readers in on what he sees in the future for the municipality as they head into the new millennium.

"I believe the year 2000 will be a very difficult year for the municipality," said the Reeve, growing quiet on the other end of the Bell line. This could well be the calm before the storm and perhaps is something to take note of as Cardinal faces the year 2000 with a lot of issues on their agenda.

Local issues that the reeve alluded to include taking care of the outstanding police bill which is in the hands of the municipality like a hot potato. As well on the subject of policing, there are negotiations ongoing with the police as far as a contract is concerned.

Next on the slate is the Cardinal Hydro System..."Whether to keep it...sell it...or expand it. These options will need to be looked at closely and all alternatives carefully scrutinized before a decision can be made that will be the best."

The third item he suggested will be in front of Council as they deal with the new year is the "Transition Meetings. " "As soon as an order as to size as they address various issues of concern, is issued by the Ministry we will be headed to the transitional period and there will be meetings as we work with Edwardsburgh to make the transition through to complete amalgamation with the Township."

"I am presently back on County Council as Cardinal's representative to County Council and such matters as Child Care, Social Services, Land Ambulance Services, Long Term Care Facilities (Lodges etc.) will need to be looked at as the province downloads numerous of these to our levels of government."

There is no doubt it will be a full load that greets Cardinal Council when they sit at the table in the Chambers for their first meeting of 2000, on Thursday, January 13, at 7:30pm.

Whitteker not ready to declare retirement or candidacy until summer

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

First elected to a seat on local government in 1954, the mayor of South Dundas says he has yet to decide whether 2000 will include another run for the chains of office.

"I've still got my toe in the door," Johnny Whitteker says, refusing to be pinned down on the retirement subject, adding he will announce his decision "five months" before the election this November. That would be June.

In a year-end interview, Whitteker remains coy as to which way he might be leaning right now. The Williamsburg farmer says he isn't taking a harder look at bowing out today than he has in any other election year.

"I've always considered retirement."

Now in his 46th consecutive year as a municipal politician — a provincial record — including more than 30 as the reeve of Williamsburg Township and the last two as the first mayor in the history of South Dundas, Whitteker remarks that governing is tougher these days. He blames it on tighter purse strings at the upper levels of government.

"You haven't got the dollars to do things today," he says, recalling another time when grants for municipal projects flowed freely and quickly from the province.

The money train is much less certain today, and that creates challenges for South Dundas as it looks toward some big expenses in 2000.

Priorities

The township has applied for provincial funding on $12 million in planned upgrades to the sewage systems in Morrisburg and Iroquois. The mayor remains optimistic that Toronto will come through with 85 per cent of the money.

How to split the remaining share among taxpayers in the township will be a tough nut to crack, but Whitteker says rural residents should expect to chip in a percentage.

"We've discussed this a few times at council," he offers, "but we haven't established the percentage for each of the wards.

"It's an advantage to the whole municipality to have a good sewer system in Morrisburg," he explains, noting development might cause the system to grow outward in the future.

The cost sharing issue isn't limited to big dollar upgrades in the two villages. Throw in nearly $6.5 million in bridge repairs required in the two rural wards, particularly Matilda, and Whitteker will likely find himself piloting council through some political horse trading as to which taxpayers pay for what — although the mayor downplays the suggestion.

Sixteen township bridges need immediate replacement and another 23 require maintenance.

"In the last five years, or since amalgamation, we've just been coasting," he says, "because there's been no grants. But the longer we wait the more it costs."

Adds Whitteker, "I'm hoping the government will see fit to pick up some share."

Arena

The Morrisburg arena tops the mayor's list of projects in 2000.

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Benson Public School gets hand from their community

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"Working together as partners in learning"is the motto of Benson School in Cardinal. It greets everyone who enters the school as it sits proudly on the wall outside the office on the school shield.

"Raising a child is a community effort"...and no place is this more evident than in Cardinal. The Advisory Council at Benson showed their appreciation to the various community business folks who support the School by sponsoring classrooms. A breakfast was hosted prior to the Christmas break to thank those businesses for their generosity.

Benson Public School in Cardinal said a hearty "Thank You" to the dozen business and community organizations who have come forward to sponsor classrooms so the students therein can continue to benefit from some of the "extras" no longer available through the school budget.

Donna Patrick spoke for the Advisory Council saying, "The school parent advisory council saw this type of program operating successfully at another school (South Branch Public in Kemptville has operated this system for a while, and so we decided to try it) and so sent letters out to the community last fall asking them to "adopt a classroom."

The response was even greater than anticipated. "Two more than the hoped for 10 groups came forward with financial support. "This was terrific, it was a great success, to have two more than the hoped for 10 groups step forward with financial assistance was great. The extra funds went to the Resource Room and the French Classrooms," said Mrs. Patrick.

Establishing such partnerships between the community and the school will benefit students years

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Spencerville Winter Festival starts Jan. 14

It is that time of the year, when winter is celebrated in style, especially in eastern Ontario. As Matilda winds down its festivities, Spencerville gears up.

This second edition of the resurrected Spencerville Winter Festival is scheduled for January 14, 15 and 16. Plans are well underway for a very exciting weekend of activities. Returning for this year are the snowmobile ice drags, slated for Sunday afternoon. The ice drags will run on the South Nation River, starting at the Spencerville Mill. Making a return appearance will be the popular old-fashioned bonfire and skating party at the Mill on Friday night. This year's teen dance on Friday night will be a Much Music Video Dance at the Drummond Building.

An exciting addition to Saturday's events is a mid-distance dog sled race that will start and finish near the Grandstand of the Fair Grounds. A variety of indoor and outdoor events have been planned to grab the interest of young and old alike, including a pancake breakfast, indoor soccer, snowshoe races, a lumberjack contest, a scavenger hunt and a euchre tournament at the Legion. Returning to the Drummond Building this year is the Saturday night dinner and dance, with catering by Dave Smith and live entertainment provided by "Two Much."

For Sunday, events at the festival include brunch, fun family pet "mutt races," dog sled rides, and 5 km snowshoe races. Edwardsburgh's fire department will take on the local OPP in a hockey game at the Arena Sunday afternoon.

Admission buttons to the three-day Festival can be purchased for $2 each at any one of a number of Spencerville businesses. Buying a button gives you a chance at a raffle prize.

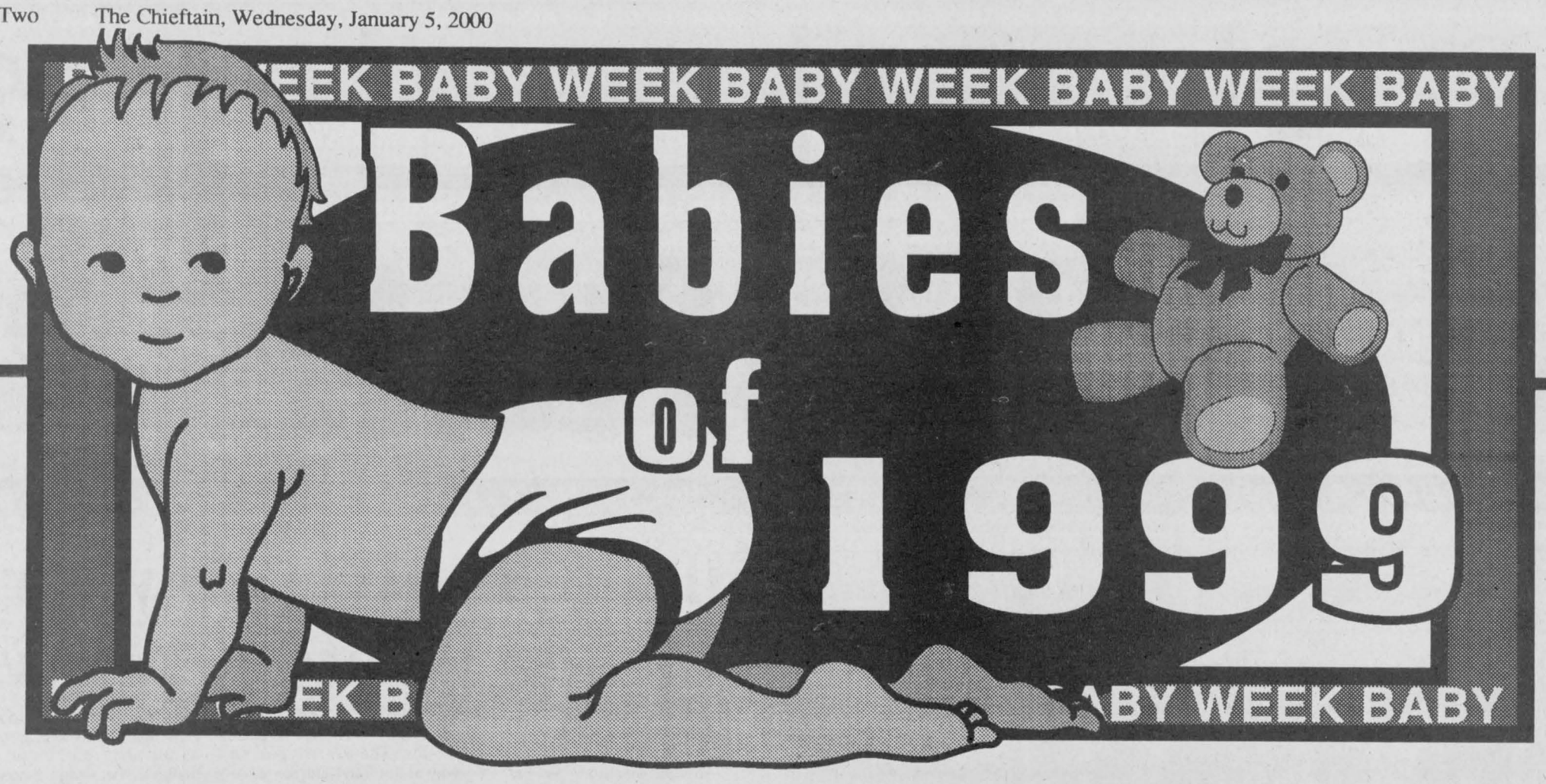


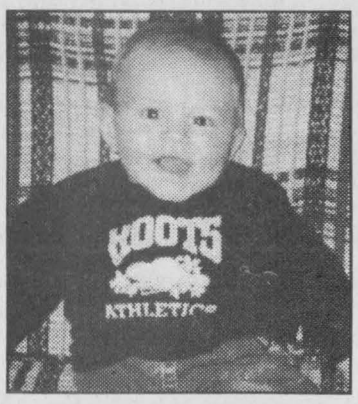
Benson says Thanks to Community

Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston

Scott Kuipers and Mary Walsh of the Islander Hotel support grade 2/3 at Benson Public School in Cardinal. Mary's niece, Sarah Smith is in the class so there was a connection. The presentation of the class photo to them was made as the school showed their appreciation for the support. Teacher Bonnie Hoy and Student Advisory member, Donna Patrick was on hand as well. A terrific idea and a great way to partner, community and school.

Babies of 1999





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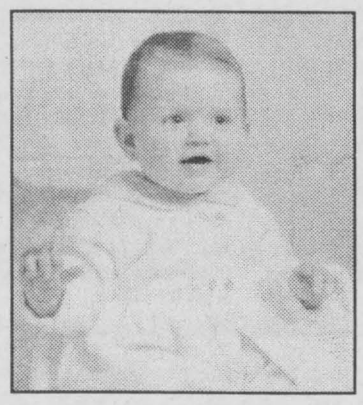

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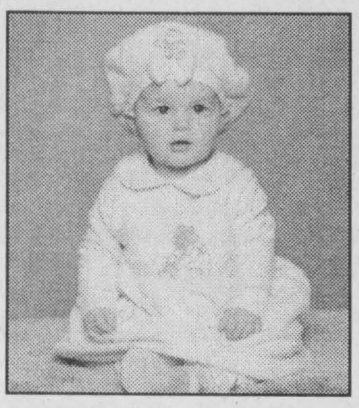

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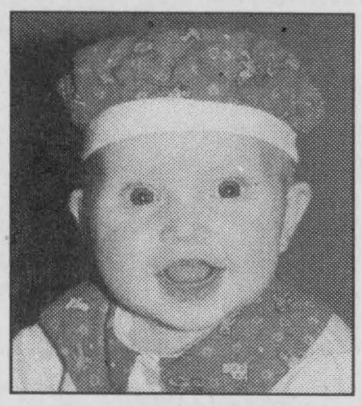

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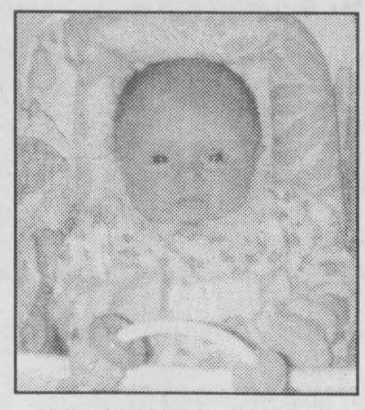

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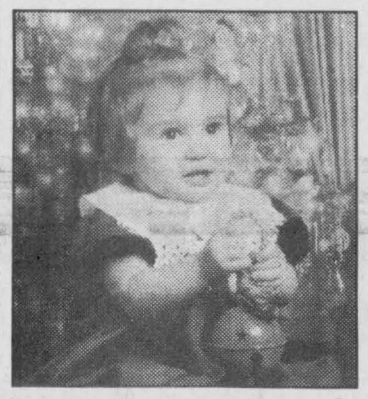

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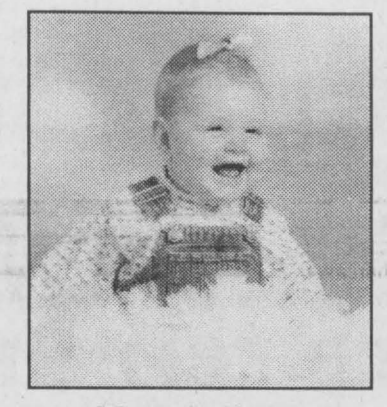

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September 12, 1999
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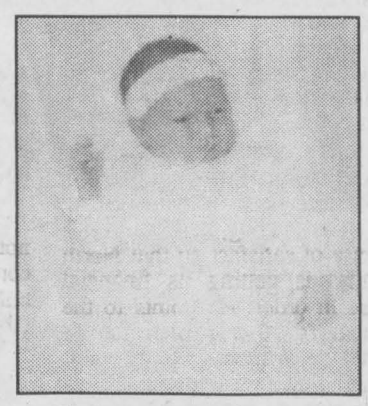

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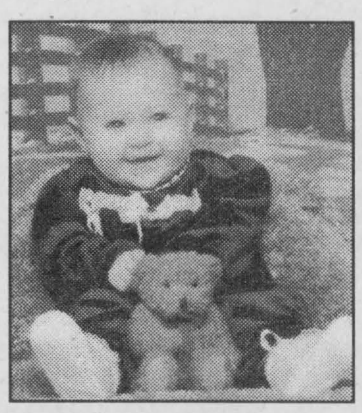

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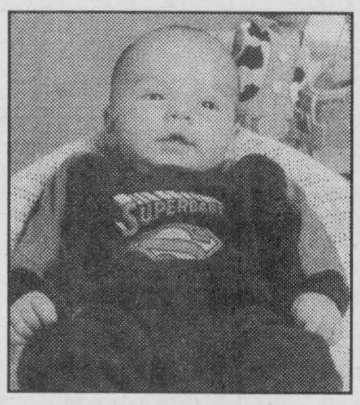

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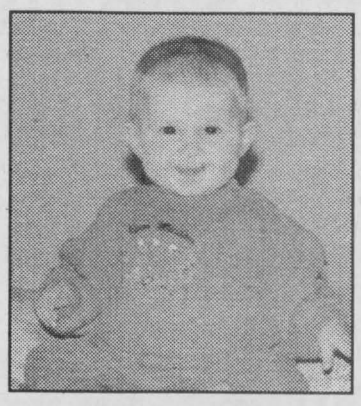

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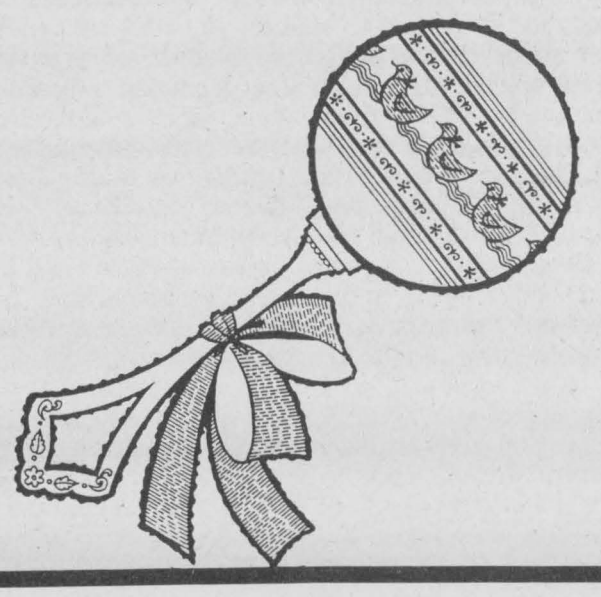

House Decorating Contest in South Dundas Township



House decoration winners

No you ARE seeing spots, it was snowing very hard when this was taken. The winners of the South Dundas House Decorating Contest pose in front of Byers Limousine as James Byers (far right) joins the circle of winners. Mike Thompson, Roger and Lise Coulter, Fred and Carol Brouse, the Charles Droppos and the Ron Eamons will ride in the limo as part of their prize winnings. Congrats to one and all!! *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The imaginations and creative juices of the residents of South Dundas Township show themselves with a brilliancy during the festive season.

The decorative features on houses in this area turn heads as people drive by. Lights, creative displays and imaginative additions to lawns throughout the four wards are second to none.

From the nativity to the Santas, from snowmen to carollers, with decorative cutouts and lights in patterns and designs, house owners create their own special way to celebrate the season.

Whether going with a theme or a specific colour, a drive during the festive season is like a magical ride through Disney World.

This year, a discussion between the Editor of The Chieftain and James Byers of Byers Limousine Service fostered a plan to run a contest to choose the "Best Decorated House in South Dundas."

The search for sponsors began as a means to draw the business and residential communities of the four wards closer at this time of year. A few Iroquois business people, namely Mustard's Variety (Million dollar scratch tickets), Doug Byes Furniture and Appliances (gift certificate), Great Shakes (gift certificate) and S&F Foodland (food voucher) came onboards and offered prizes to compliment the one-hour limousine rides being offered by Byers Limo Service and the subscriptions to The Chieftain offered by the local newspaper.

The contest garnered ten contestants. When the date for the contest closure arrived, James Byers chauffeured the judges to the various house locales. Choosing the winners was no easy task. Everyone who entered, whether their own house or a neighbours had been on the right track. Houses were dressed in terrific, seasonal finery. Stopping at each yard so not to miss any aspect of the decorative process involved in each the judges started by looking at the overall appeal of each. They checked the theme and the creativeness, how the house blends in with the atmosphere created by the colour and display, how the additions "made" the display and how things seemed to mould into one. Too much of anyone thing, whether colour, lack thereof or a sense of something missing, the judges carefully weighed each house on its own merits and then tallied their scores at the end of the evening to come up with an overall winner. Feeling that rather than awarding four places they would choose the best and then just include the rest until they ran out of prizes seemed to be fair and

Effort was evident as each stop was made and it was increasingly difficult to choose the overall best house, until the limo stopped along Lakeshore Drive. There seemed no doubt in anyone's mind Charles Droppo was chosen overall winner with his creative and imaginative display. His use of colour, as coloured lights blinked in a pattern along the hedge and the shrubs, the flag pole lights were even synchronized. There was Santa atop a Canadian Airlines plane, handmade by Charlie. A variety of handcrafted items adorn the lawn throughout the seasons and Christmas is a special time for sure. The lights along the drive in what seemed to be used milk containers were a neat idea, the red and green bulbs in the lawn lamp sent a message of the season-loud and clear, the spot lights were strategically placed to best accentuate the display and the house all outlined in coloured lights was delightful.

The next four houses chosen were not assigned a number but all were recognized with prizes. Coulters on Beach Street is always a highlight in Iroquois. Lise and Roger create a seasonal wonderland as we move from Easter to Hallowe'en and then to Christmas, from Valentines Day to Thanksgiving. Santa Land was something pretty special with Santa and the Mrs., carollers and the sparkling colourful evergreens creating a Christmas Wonderland. Her use of handcrafted people and the cute additions that take a minute to truly notice brought a smile to everyone's face.

Then there was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Eamon on Elizabeth Drive in Iroquois who had a unique wonderland designed from the picket fence to the arbour, the icicle lights were just right, the evergreen swags and the candles in the windows created a homy welcome for all visitors to their home this Christmas. The effect that the bright lights had was marvellous and the fact that Ron, according to his proud wife did the work, (the arbour is made from a tree cut down in the yard) there was a theme and a sense of "Come on and enjoy some hot mulled cider!"

Brouses in Iroquois was another bright spot. Coloured lights abounded at the corner of Maple and Lakeview. Santa was being pulled in his sleigh by reindeer which were motorized, lights streamed from poles and the various displays created a panorama of some magnitude on the corner lot. The Santa theme was definitely visible here. The effort was evident and the theme adhered to, without mixing ideas.

Mike Thompson in Morrisburg received an Honourable Mention for his decorations in white. The exterior and the interior of the house blended in such a marvellous way. The white outside carried over into the house as the Christmas tree was also aglow with only white lights that showed up so terrifically when the other interior lights were shut off. From the reindeer in white on the lawn to the icicle lights on the eaves, from the deck railing to the shrubs, this was a definition in white. The judges were concerned with the use of too much white and the hanging icicle lights were everywhere, but Mike seemed to have things well under control as he used each to best advantage in his exhibit.

Those others who entered deserve a hearty thanks and should know their houses were well done as well, too bad everyone could not be winners!! The scoring was extremely close as the folks in South Dundas do know how to put on a show. Know that each house entered deserved to win.

Watch for the contest next winter and enter your house.

Thanks to the sponsors for their generosity, and congratulations to the winners!

Mayor Cousineau reflects on year past, year coming

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"I think the township is in real good shape ... but it is frustrating we weren't able to get council downsized in time for the next election," says North Dundas mayor Claude Cousineau.

And so it is the candid politician from Morewood, remarking on another year gone by, doesn't shy away from comparing the accomplishments with the disappointments, tempering optimism for the future with a blunt realism about the challenges of being mayor in 2000, and beyond.

"I haven't decided yet if I'm going to run for mayor again," he says. "It's a three year commitment and you take a lot of heat." He adds with a chuckle, "It's a dirty job," then says he'll declare no later than early summer if he is "up to the challenge."

While Cousineau is on the record as saying taxes will rise in 2000 because of provincial cuts and downloading, he also exudes a sense of satisfaction that North Dundas is getting its financial house in order. He points to the township's 10-year plan for its roads department, and similar plans being prepared for all departments, as examples of good management in the lead-up to this year's budget.

He also predicts council will finally consolidate the various ward reserves, as recommended by the township's auditors.

On the downsizing front, Cousineau has sent a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting a new deadline for approving a smaller council. At nine members, North Dundas Council is the largest in SD&G. Those members, in two split votes last fall, could not agree to reduce their number to five for the next election, missing the Dec. 31, 1999 approval deadline.

The letter was sent before Christmas, and the mayor admits he doubts it will accomplish anything.

After a fractious first year for North Dundas Council in 1998, Cousineau opened the 1999 session with pleas to bury the hatchet.

Did 1999 turn out better?

"Yes, I think so," he says, noting the delegation of work to committees has made it easier to build a consensus at the council table.

The last year also saw North Dundas grapple again with "bridging the gap" between recreational programs, paid for by taxpayers, and the volunteers who run them.

"It's been a bit of a hair-raising time, but it seems to have come full circle. We're back to where we started from.

"I think we've come up with a scheme that will work." Cousineau says the township can accept a greater role for volunteers while still "supplying the monetary side" — covering the shortfalls at recreational facilites. A compromise, he calls it.

On the front burner for projects in 2000 will be a sewage pipeline project for the village of Winchester. The mayor expects to see the final drawings by mid-February. Overflow from Winchester's sewage lagoons will go into the South Nation River instead of Henderson Creek when the pipeline is done.

And the township's landfill committee should also be laid to rest this year, Cousineau suggests. The committee, he says, is a relic from pre-amalgamation days and should be done away with for the cost savings.

"It's outlived its usefulness. Now that we're all one municipality, no committee is needed."

Directly to the north of North Dundas lies the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, slated for single-tier government in 2001.

With his neighbours forced into the change, does the mayor of North Dundas believe the province will try to do the same in SD&G?

"I think they're going to leave us alone a little while." Four or five years, he suggests.

Cousineau says he supports the idea of Counties Council hiring a consultant to study a single tier government encompassing SD&G and Cornwall. A resolution at the counties to initiate such a study was narrowly defeated last year.

He says he used to oppose even holding a study — the position of South Dundas mayor Johnny Whitteker — but thinks it makes sense to at least take a look now. He gets that impression from talking with colleagues in other parts of the province, including Ottawa-Carleton.

Could a single tier government work in SD&G?

"I think we could still get good governance," the mayor says, pointing out that places in western Ontario have made up for large amalgamations by placing service kiosks in various communities.

And he says it would especially depend on having "competent people" servicing the public in those communities.

SD&G, Cousineau adds, already has a substantial role — maintaining 1,000 km of road throughout SD&G, for example — so it may be up to the task of becoming a single government some day.

"It could work; it could possibly work."



Fairy Skaters

This group of gals skated their stuff at the Cardinal Skate Show and were so cute. These shows provide the youngsters with confidence and encouragement. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

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OPPORTUNITY

You will be working with a group of dedicated volunteers as a member of the Resource Stewardship S.D.& G. Council. You must be willing to volunteer your time for approximately 10 meetings each year. Individuals with a good knowledge of the challenges facing our natural environment are encouraged to apply. Council positions are voluntary but travel and other expenses will be reimbursed.

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Resource Stewardship Program is to encourage responsible resource management by private landowners through education and partnership. The program is directed by a group of volunteer landowners, known as Resource Stewardship S.D. & G. Council.

This Council recognizes that decisions about resource stewardship are made by individual landowners and works with them to determine community stewardship priorities.

This community-based initiative is sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Council and want to make a positive difference in your community, please contact Jim Hendry at the address below for your copy of the application form and information package.

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Avonmore, Ontario
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Applications must be received by February 10, 2000.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION:
INTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

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January 17, 2000 Burford - Burford Agricultural Society, 6 Park Ave.
January 18, 2000 Glencoe - Glencoe Agricultural Society, 268 Currie St.
January 19, 2000 Clinton - Clinton Legion, 95 Kirk St.
January 20, 2000 Orangeville Convention Centre, 72 Centennial
January 25, 2000 Chesterville - Chesterville Legion, 167 Queen St.
January 26, 2000 Hastings - Hastings Civic Centre, 6 Albert St. E.

All meetings held from **9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon** & **1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Members of the public or representatives of organizations wishing to make a presentation at the meetings are asked to submit their name, address, phone number, group/organization being represented, preferred meeting location and a summary (maximum one page) of the brief they wish to present.

Summaries should be sent to: Fax: 519-826-3259 or by e-mail to consult@omafra.gov.on.ca

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School's on the line

What's to be done with the old high school in Morrisburg? In recent comments to *The Chieftain*, Mayor Johnny Whitteker suggested South Dundas Council should take another look at the issue and even hold a public meeting as soon as possible.

The fact is, the building doesn't get enough use to easily justify taxpayers putting money into it to keep the cavernous beast heated and maintained. It's a bit of a white elephant, so the mayor's suggestion makes sense.

Now I want to say it right off the bat: In my opinion, it's too bad the township lost an opportunity to use a building special for its nostalgic value. At the risk of sounding like a heritage nut, I will also say it is the finest example of an early 20th century public building in the township — and it's still in overall solid shape.

At the last council meeting it was pointed out the old school needs almost $500,000 in upgrades to become useful again, according to a consultant's report prepared in 1995. Unfortunately, nearly one fifth of that amount has just been spent on renovations to the township office in Williamsburg — another old school, by the way — ending any possibility Morrisburg Collegiate could find new life, and better full-time use, as a township building.

And actually, the difference in cost between fixing the two schools wouldn't be the difference between $86,000 and $486,000. Had council decided to relocate to the high school, it could've sold its current digs in Williamsburg. And like the mayor, I have a healthy skepticism for what consultants say, so I suspect the school could've been made useable for less than the quoted figure anyway. Would all of that space have required renovating? Could ramps have been installed instead of elevators? Portable air conditioners instead of a full-blown central system installed? It's all water under the bridge now.

Then again, if single tier government is forced on us in the future — perhaps nearer than we might want to believe — *any* money spent on municipal office space will have been a waste.

If anyone cares what happens to Morrisburg Collegiate, they might have their say at a public meeting, as Whitteker suggests — although no date has been set. If all of those new windows are any indication, it is apparent the building has recently inspired somebody (1994 reunion attendees, where are you?).

This is the second editorial I've written about the school, and it's my last one on this subject. Nobody but the community can ultimately ensure the school is preserved. *If* anyone cares.

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Chicken Little

Billions and billions of dollars spent on Y2K, and now that 2000 is here, you can't help but think *Chicken Little*.

That's a little harsh, and certainly there was truth to the Y2K thing — the Pentagon lost contact with spy satellites for a few hours because of the bug, a cell phone network in Berlin, Germany, apparently went down for a short while, a nuclear plant in Japan switched to a back-up computer — but nothing to suggest the worldwide calamity some had predicted. All that spent money obviously prevented more problems from seeing the light of day (we must believe, we must believe, repeat after me).

Perhaps the most delicious irony is the $10 million bid for Peter de Jager's web site, year2000.com. But he's not counting on getting all those greenbacks, suspecting he may be the victim of, get this, a hoax.

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The Chieftain welcomes your opinion.
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Reporter moves far north to write for the Nunatsiaq News

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

This is a story of a young couple who left the warmth and security of south-eastern Ontario to face the bleak, barren, cold north in Nunavut. Yes, they would still be in Canada, but accessible only by air and they would need subzero clothing in order to survive the cold. Theirs was an adventure not everyone would embark upon. Leaving family and friends behind was tough. But I get ahead of myself...

A year and a half ago a young Journalism student who came to Iroquois seeking employment found his niche at The Chieftain. Working as well for our sister paper, The Kemptville Advance, Sean McKibbon was a busy young man while in our area. His fingers literally flew over the computer keyboard as he did his best to satisfy two editors and maintain a level of sanity that would allow him to produce journalism to be proud of.

When opportunity knocked he was in a position to open the door, young, single and eager to advance stepping in to a new position at The Sun in Ottawa. Moving up the rungs of the news reporter ladder, Sean was on his way. Reporting is a tough and competitive business, taking skills and tuning them while keeping a hectic schedule is difficult for the best of writer-photographers. Having attained his degree at Carleton University, the City of Ottawa was familiar territory for him to tread.

It was during his brief stint at The Sun, Sean was able to seize yet another unique opportunity...this time it would involve strange and unchartered territory for him. He was offered a job as a reporter in the newest part of our country, the newest Territory-Nunavut...situated in the land of the Midnight Sun, where there are no natural trees growing, where isolation pay and northern allowances entice people from the south to brave the frigid temperature and loneliness and take a job where everything was different, even the way of life, let alone the people and the community he would report on. The saving grace perhaps in this tale of adventure was that his girlfriend is also a reporter and she too was offered a position with the Nunatsiaq News. Therefore he would not be alone and they could compare notes by the light of the lamp as darkness covers much of the land this far north the better part of the day during winter.

Anyway, as would be expected after careful deliberation, they agreed to go and the rest is as they say history...or, wait, they are still there. A holiday visit home to this part of the woods enabled Sean's old Editor to pick their brains a bit and a letter, the only letter in 1.5 years arrived about a week before they did.

Written on November 20, it is evident that mail delivery is definitely NOT a priority. According to Sean mail is the last item to be airlifted in or out. The letter begins suggesting that although the Christmas season is at least a month away they are already in the seasonal mood. As the letter leaves Nunavut there is a lot of snow underfoot and they can recount a blizzard or two already! One thing is missing from the atmosphere, "There are NO Christmas trees!"even when their postal code ends just like the fellow in the red suit, 0H0!! (after their visit to Iroquois a copy of the Nunatsiaq News features a full page advertisement for Christmas trees to be delivered in time for the big day by Air Inuit, the cost only $50.00 for a 5-7 foot natural evergreen...all proceeds going to the Local Community Recreation Committee). Sean's gal Michaela notes, "There are No trees of any description here in the Arctic."

Speaking to them it is clear from their expressions they have no regrets. They will admit that boarding the plane some 8 months ago, they were a little nervous, afterall they had no real idea what they were getting into. Landing gave some indication of the differences they would encounter, but they suggest that you must live here for a while in order to gain a real understanding or appreciation for the intricacies of living in the far north.

They live in Igaluit, by far the largest community in Nunavut, with almost 5000 residents, it is the only one large enough to be called a town and is nothing like the others either. It is the seat of government and has an inordinate number of southern Canadians or non Inuit people. The estimate is a 50/50 split of Inuit and Qalludnat (English people). The other Nunavut communities are about 85-95% Inuit.

The high number of white people with high paying jobs and businesses means Iqaluit is more similar to southern Canada than any other community. "We have a movie theatre that plays recent shows,a paved road, some restaurants, two coffee shops, a very good hair dresser and a hospital," says Sean."But," Michaela points out, "We do not have street names, sidewalks, a public gym, liquor or beer store. There is no mall, no Bay, no Gap not even golden arches (McDonalds), but recently the opening of a "Mean Genes" (midwest USA franchise) brought fast food burgers to Nunavut. The only problem is a burger, drink and fries cost you $10.00."

She continues, "Actually the cost of things was the first indication for Sean and I that we were really far from home. A visit to one of the local grocery/department stores stunned us both. A box of Kraft Dinner (a staple of life!) was $2.79! All produce is flown in, so locating veggies and fruit that are not wilted or shrivelled is usually a challenge."

Both are quick to point out that the costs

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Editor revisits inukshuk for Nunavut friends.

~ Ranch proves to be Y2K compatible ~

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

The water in the bathtub has been drained and the jugs emptied of their life giving water. Yes, we were a bit worried about the Y2K bug and had taken a few precautions. Never hurts to be prepared as they say for the worst. Thankfully we did not have any need for the provisions nor was there any real threat to our computer, microwave or any piece of equipment we depend upon. The entire New Year's Eve thing happened as usual and another year has begun without any great event to mark its entry. There were more than a few sighs of relief uttered as the door to the newest millennium opened and nothing dissolved or exploded. The piles of money spent to ensure no interruptions in business were perhaps either well spent or not necessary at all.

The Christmas wrapping has been stuffed into garbage bags and tossed. The decorative glow that lights the corner where the ranch sits continue to penetrate the night darkness. Although most folks have taken their lights down and put them away until next year when they will once again adorn the eaves and shrubs, the porches and decks, the fences and television towers; we cling to the seasonal celebration. It all passes rather too quickly and while a holiday is all too short no matter the date, this time of year goes much too fast. We were late getting into the mood and now cling to the trimmings. The darkness creates such a void as it descends upon the entire area, and so early each evening. The scatterings of light left on various homes throughout the area, shine out into the night darkness like a beacon. Coming around the corner with the car lights searching into the dark, it is comforting to see the coloured lights shining through the black, welcoming me home.

The tree had a mean lean to her and as the fingers dance on the keyboard the decorations are swiftly disappearing from the green branches. As the bare branches stand against the slate blue living room walls, and then the tree is slipped out the patio doors, Christmas is over. The boxes of pretty tinsel and balls, statuettes and handmade ornaments will be shelved until December rolls around again.

New calendars are up and the year is underway.

New Year's Eve was rather low key at the ranch, but certainly not uneventful. Starting the day off the old editor was scheduled to work the stationary store. Using the time when no customers were present to work on corrections and picture cut lines for the Winter Carnival Tab which was on the production line, kept the fingers flying. Arrangements had been made for coffee deliveries throughout the day, and everyone stuck to the plan, French Vanilla arriving at precisely the right times. Thanks to Walter who dropped by to grab the bag for the Night Patrol which had been used the night previously and was passed to him for the following patrol. Then it was a co-worker who arrived with a cuppa steamy hot, and although he was enroute to attend to errands, the drink was delicious and appreciated by an old gal stuck in the office all day. As the day wore on a number of community folk, very special indeed dropped by not to purchase anything, but to wish everyone at The Chieftain "A Happy New Year"...what a wonderful gesture! Then after a pile of photocopying, like close to 1000 sheets, both sides for over 600 (and I am not too terrific on getting both sides done correctly!!) and a call comes from home. Seems that a former reporter who worked alongside the old Editor was in the area and wanted to see her. Unfortunately she was working, but the big guy had told McKibbon and his gal to come out and we would share a pizza for lunch. In between taking care of customers, the pizza was enjoyed, as a make shift table of cardboard boxes sat in the space between the editor's office and the light table. Learning about life in the Arctic and how this young couple have adjusted to it was fun and it felt good that this young man would want to come and see an old lady who was his supervisor when he worked at The Chieftain. A marvellous gift with which to start the year 2000.

Then, after a busy day ended, later than first anticipated since people were busy getting last minute 1999 affairs in order, it was home to prepare a dinner for friends to share. A special meal with a favourite wine on the table was a good way to end a year and begin another. The wine is a fav of the writer and not available in town, the big guy surprised the old girl with a bottle from the city. Funny how small things can mean so much! After the meal and some visiting the friends left for a family gathering to celebrate the Y2K event. The

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the bottom line

MUSTARD'S VARIETY CELEBRATES THEIR 11TH ANNIVERSARY AND WE all join in wishing them the very best. As we head into 2000, they head towards another successful year of business in the Iroquois Plaza.

HOW MANY OF US WILL MISS CHARLES SCHULTZ? CHARLIE BROWN will live for generations but Charles is battling cancer and the demands of a daily comic strip, coupled with those such a perfectionist places on himself ... well, retirement is the only route as he sees it. Will Chuck finally kick that pigskin? We may never know.

A MADE FOR TV MOVIE WITH SCENES SHOT AT UPPER CANADA Village last April is set to air on A&E this Monday, January 10. Starring Jeff Daniels, *The Crossing* chronicles a crucial moment during the American War of Independence. Check it out, and watch for those familiar Village landmarks.

ACCORDING TO A TV SHOW ON CTV ON MONDAY NIGHT, OUR SMOKE detectors may not be as reliable as we take them to be. While we put them in strategic locations in our homes, check the batteries regularly, replacing when necessary, we may not be as safe as we expect. The test showed a smouldering cigarette on a couch cushion. It burned a full 17 minutes before *one* of almost a dozen detectors went off to signal trouble to anyone in the home. Maybe we should be looking at this piece of equipment carefully — we do depend on it to save our lives and those we love!

THE CORNWALL AND AREA CHAPTER OF BEREAVED FAMILIES OF Ontario will hold its support and share night meeting on January 13, 2000 at 144 Pitt Street, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Support and Share nights are held every second Thursday of every month. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. Sharing can make a difference. Refreshments will be served and the extensive lending library on grief will open at 6:30 p.m. Our office is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Please call 936-1455 for more information.

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Livin'

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two sons were at separate parties and when the stroke of midnight was heard and the big guy and the writer watched the tube as the bell tolled across the country, the first son called to wish the old folks a Happy New Year, and make us believe we must certainly have done something right in the past 20 odd years! We toasted the new millennium with a bottle of Santa Coke, a Christmas gift and then stayed awake until 3am trying to locate what channel Ian Tyson was appearing on. We did see Celine Dion and Bryan Adams who were both great. Finally giving up and a bit disappointed that the Harmony 2000 show in Hull was not included in the coverage we went to bed...Happy New Year!!

This season the celebrations for the Swampview gang have been a bit different from those recalled in years before. Change is never accepted easily or without resistance, but this year, it all happened so silently, without warning that we hardly realized until it was too late. The annual house to house trekking for gifts and shared jokes, laughter and family stuff did not happen. The meal was enjoyed a day late with the one side of the family, the sons were with the girlfriends on Christmas Day and the big guy and the writer brought some seasonal cheer to some folks who seemed to appreciate the thought. It left a strange feeling inside, perhaps one we will need to adjust to...then January 1 arrived. Again, nothing spectacular. We used to usher in the New Year with another huge meal, but this old writer was just plainly too tired as was everyone else, I guess, so we did not gather, and I for one am feeling a twang of pain over it. Next year we may well have to resurrect this tradition, it was sorely missed. Some one has to hold family together and perhaps it befalls the eldest who would be this old gal...I'll do better in December 2000.

Also lost the past two years was the country-city cuzzin Christmas. Again I feel the ache and especially since the children are away at college and university and this season afforded a time to see the young people if only briefly and we blew it...something to work on for this coming season, even though it is far off.

The call from Cooke, an elderly friend came on New Year's Eve and was another great moment as bid farewell to 1999. The little girl from the office dropped by on her way to a New Year's Eve celebration and shared her excitement with the old folks at Swampview, makes us feel old, but was fun.

As this is being typed at the keyboard, a visit to the therapist has produced rather sore muscles. The stress keeps them wound tightly and having spasms does not help them to relax. The fall did not help the process, the healing is slow and the sessions often painful, but hot water and epsom salts help afterwards, and later this week some 'R n 'R will help them as well.

The second son has been receiving letters of acceptance from colleges and looks forward to the same from those universities he applied to. Then the task will be to choose where he wants to go in the fall. This holiday week will see him immerse himself in OAC Calculus Math which he is taking through correspondence. he needs the credit and wants to graduate this June, so is picking up the subject not available this semester at school.

The weather has been a seesaw. Colds and flu abound and each of us does whatever necessary to avoid the bugs. Tonight we are being iced in as ice rain pelts upon the earth. There is a promise of rain and snow yet to come and if any relief can be felt as the knowledge that tomorrow is a work day for this writer it is that the little red Merc has a pair of snowies on the back tonight. Four new tires were ordered, slippery roads were a challenge this winter so far...but the installer felt the tread was good enough and suggested that snow tires on the back of a rear-wheel drive would alleviate this problem, so a pair of digger treads sit ready for action on the red beauty in the drive. Time and weather will tell.

Sunday saw the big guy and the writer enjoy an open house at the pastor's residence after attending a hockey game and snapping a few shots for the issue. The reverends' daughter and her husband have two golden retrievers, a young dog and a puppy. Having had one, we are suckers for this breed. We are looking for a dog, just can't decide what to get. The writer really misses a canine pal when writing late at night and when sitting alone in the house.

A book written by the cartoonist Lynn Johnston, on her strip, For Better or Worse is providing some quiet time and some fun as well. It was a Christmas gift and since she is a favourite of the writer, a much welcome gift.

As the effort is completed, the ice is about 3 inches thick on the Merc and not wanting to chip the paint, I drove the old gal to work...afterall the family will not be going anywhere today. The second son was at the movies last evening and so the ice did not get the chance to load onto the older car. He took the cellular and did call to report that ice was not building up too badly on the car. He also let the old mother know they were just about to hit the driveway, so she could stop pacing!! Walking is the activity most hazardous to my health this winter, but as I assured the ice-embedded stones in the driveway,(Yup, I spoke to stones this morning!!) I was prepared to take careful steps and did not fall this morning. Sidestepping down the wooden, ice covered veranda steps, I gingerly trod across the crunchy grass to the stones and with even more caution, stepping one foot at a time made it safely to the door of the car, only to feel shutout by the thickness of ice that greeted me...a remote car starter might well have been useful. I do not have one and so decided not to chip away, but rather to bring the car which took the least amount of work to get into.

Take care and stay happy. Look to the new year as it stretches ahead of us like a slate, blank and waiting to be filled with life adventures. The wisdom this week comes from William Henry Davies who said, "What is life if, full of care, We have no time to stop and stare?" The morning sunrise still takes your breath away as does the moon when at her best shines down on us. The mist on the river, the rolls of it that billow across the swamp, the colourful lights penetrating through the fog as the warm and cold air masses collide, the snowflakes as they drift lazily to the ground, why, even the ice as it coats barren branches, clings to evergreen and frozen flower stems provides a photographic delight.

Focus

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and isolation do not mean it is not interesting in Nunavut, and they arrived just in time for the Nunavut Day Celebrations. Media from around the world descended upon the community as the Inuit took control of their future. Michaela was out at midnight April 1, 1999 in incredible cold taking pictures of the fireworks, while Sean was on the other side of Frobisher Bay freezing his fingers attempting some fireworks shots as well. Speaking of cold, they agree despite the climate it is a very beautiful place and it is a "dry" cold so if you dress properly it is not too bad, so far at least. The problem is adjusting to the lack of sunlight during the winter, the sun rises at 9am and is gone by 1pm, while summer is completely opposite when the sun seems to shine all the time and sleep is a challenge. Lovely green tundra and all sorts of tiny coloured flowers adorn the landscape in summer too.

They have found the people to be welcoming and happy as well as superstitious, hurt and sometimes hostile. "This is not a characterization that belongs to one race only, everyone up here pauses before they say something as though considering what it is and who they are speaking to."

Being reporters they have been able to take in more of Nunavut than most visitors could. "We have watched the new legislature in action, sat in on some disturbing court cases and covered various dignitaries who come to town (including French President Jacques Chirac).

When asked about what there is to do for fun, they answer, "We have played golf on a frozen Frobisher Bay, gone fishing for Arctic Char during the hours of the Midnight Sun, ridden snowmobiles, gone ice fishing and chased caribou. We play broomball and Michaela is learning to sew," says a smiling Sean. They have had to learn to cook without access to fresh ingredients or alcohol often called for.

Living in the downtown core, they are surrounded by the town's 3 banks,so, "On payday we are located in the busiest part of town about 5pm, but it does not resemble any bustling metropolis you might recognize."

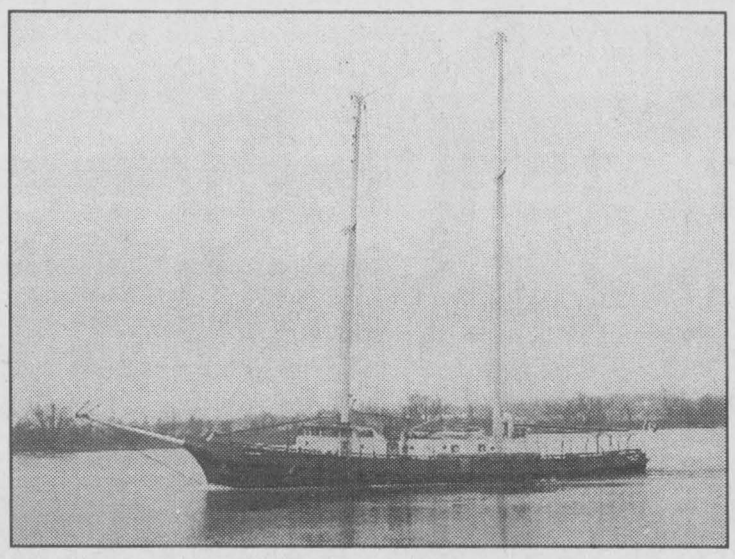
They have taken full advantage of the situation and travelled when presented with a chance to do so. For instance a dog sled ride across the Bay to Qammarviit Territorial Park to an archaeological site with remains and artifacts from the ancestors of today's Inuit. "A serene place, it was easy to see why it was a preferred campground by the people who inhabited it," says the pair. Visiting Pangnirtung with her dad, Michaela speaks excitedly about staying with a local resident, Billy Eetooangat. "The smaller communities are more indicative of life in Nunavut. The people hunt and fish regularly here. It is particularly beautiful here, with a very organized tourist industry. Some of the country's most breathtaking scenery is here." Sean has been to Pond Inlet near the top of Baffin Island and features some of Canada's most spectacular mountains. He was recently "weathered in" (trapped) in Clyde River. They hope to visit more western communities and want to visit Greenland. (Traditional lifestyles as well as European amenities).

They have tried all kinds of food native to the area, but do not do so regularly. Local foods like raw caribou, char and whale blubber (called muktaag) and Michaela tasted fresh killed, raw seal meat when away with her father. Arctic char will be missed when they finally return south to stay, they both are of the same mind.

Their budgie, Louis made the trip and enjoys the scenery from his perch. They are snatching some parts of the native tongue although admitting it is a hard one to grasp. "Even Louis can say the Inuktitut word for thank you..."Nakomiik." They may not become fluent, but the bits they do bring home will be pleasant reminders of the time spent in the north.

Thanks kids for sharing with us and all the best.

They hope to work out their contract and return south to work later this year, if positions become available. This experience will prove one for the journals.



Tall ship *Chieftain photo by N. H. Zandbergen.*

This tall ship was making its way down river last month to beat the Seaway closure date. With her motors sputtering, she moved along at a good clip past Mariatown. Not quite the *Bluenose* or a genuine pirate's clipper, but a picturesque enough sight to see as the season drew to a close.

LETTERS

A letter to all Donors

Dear Editor,

From all reports the eighth Annual Christmas Exchange was a wonderful success. Along with the outstanding gifts of toys, books, knitted items, money and food that were donated,there was an enthusiastic and supportive response from many who gave of their valuable time to organize this community event.

As a result of your generosity, 197 families in need, within South Dundas County were provided food items to ensure each a hearty Christmas meal as well as a gift for each child.

It is with a great deal of pride that we acknowledge your contribution and thank you for your continued support.

Robin Lane
Co-ordinator
Christmas Exchange

Legion Appreciation

Wasn't that a party! And what a party! What a way to bring in the New Year and especially the Millennium 2000. Words cannot express enough thanks to Candace Menges and Kim McDermid (and their husbands) and to all the other people for the work they did; the photo taking, the fantastic decorations and the superb meal. Everything was just great! You sure went the extra mile and it certainly showed for everyone had an excellent time.

Many thanks as well to Sheila Holmes, Maddy MacDonald and Rose Lavallie for the terrific job behind the bar. And Maddy, it was very thoughtful of you to work the afternoon shift so that Sheila (who wasn't feeling good) could have some rest for that night. And last but not least to Sheila for a great job done and many thanks to Rose who ably assisted for the night.

Again, many thanks to you all and have a very Happy New Year.

Darlene Riddell,
President,
Branch 370, Iroquois.

An Iroquois Christmas 1930's style

Dear Editor,

Do you remember Christmas in Iroquois in the 1930s? Many of us will answer negatively. Well a gentleman who lived his entire lifetime in this village and has moved to the west coast wrote the editor suggesting this might interest folks and it will... as Bob Martin explains:

"My first memories are of my father going to the bush for a Christmas tree, Nobody bought one in those days.

We had some boughten decorations, but also would string some popcorn and decorated the room with boughs from the base of the tree. I can remember my father making stars for the tree from scratch...try it sometime, it is not as easy as it looks to get a perfect one!

We had no lights for the tree as we had no hydro yet, that came in 1938 and our first lights were loaners from my grade 1/2 teacher, Lola Adams. Earlier school memories include being Santa Claus in a Grade 4 play and then handing out cards for Grades 1 and 2. My teacher Florence Whitte loaned me out on this job!!

Meanwhile back home expectations for presents were running high and I actually got to ask for ONE present (not present a computer print-out of several pages as now seems to be the trend!), anyway, along with socks and mitts and a hockey stick sure enough, there was the requested copy of Grimms Fairy Tales. (A grim footnote was the toy tank...a hint of things to come in WWII). Christmas at church was special as well as the annual Sunday School Concert with Herb Jubb at the piano.

Iroquois merchants also contributed to the festivities, and a sleigh drawn by horses drove down the main street, distributing oranges and bags of candy.

Christmas dinner was great; turkey, dressing, homemade mince pies etc., etc., etc.

P.S. The post office was open until noon on Christmas Day as well for those last minute posted cards and parcels to arrive on time for the celebration!"

Bob Martin

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Each week, Crime Stoppers spotlights a crime that has been committed in the area. Crime Stoppers would like to remind you that we need information on all crimes and not just the crime of the week.

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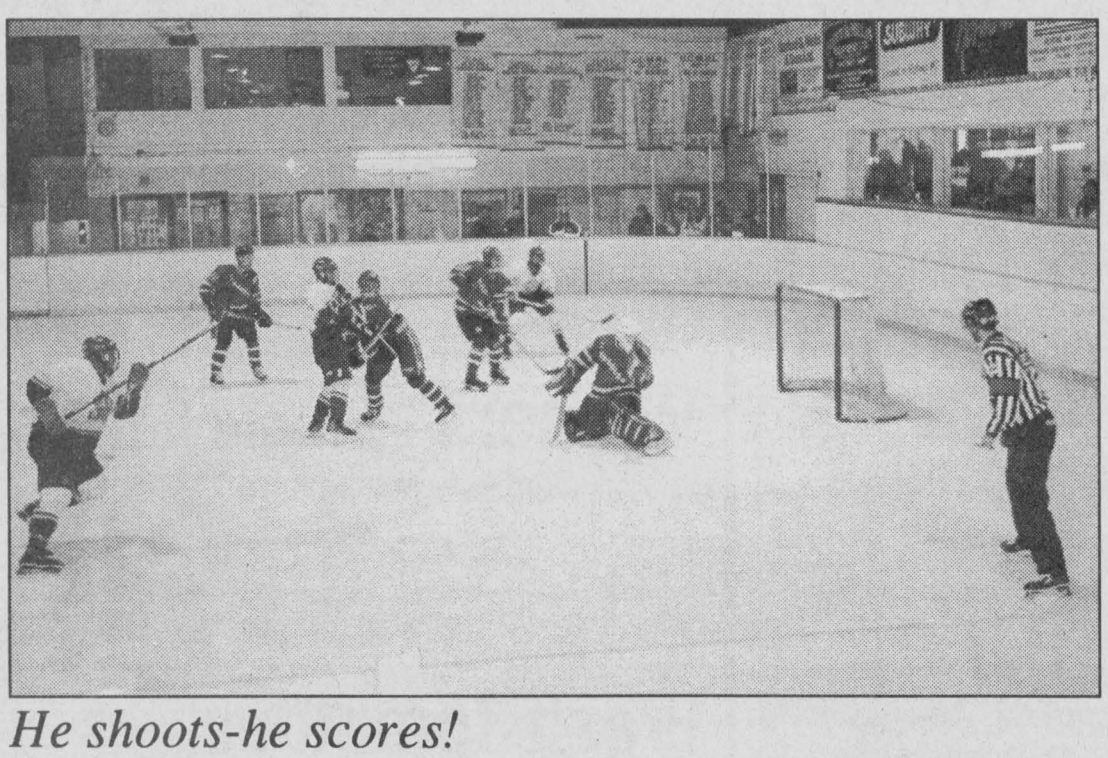


He shoots-he scores!

The Lions made this one count as they nailed the puck past the Rangers' man in the pipes on Wednesday evening. Jon Leroux seems to be checking to be sure that the puck did in fact go in...and it did! The Lions roared to a victory of one goal as they played a good game against the South Grenville Rangers. And it only takes one to win! *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Lions victorious by slim margin over S.G. Rangers

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Scoring four times in the first period, the Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions were able to hold the Rangers to a solo effort that slipped past Kyle Donnan in the Morrisburg pipes.

Counting for the Lions was Danny Beland who struck hard and fast with Charlie Forment going in with him for the first goal of the game as they hosted the South Grenville Rangers on Wednesday evening, December 29. Lance Nokia went in to bulge the twine behind Jon Leroux in the Rangers net for the second of the game for the Lions. He was assisted by Bobby Bird and Frankie Allen. This put the Lions up two before the Rangers were able to beat Donnan on the short side at 3:28. The Lions were playing good hockey and came back as at 3:16 Paul DeDekker teamed with Danny Beland as once again Frankie Allen figured in a scoring play. It was 3-1 and the Lions were hot as the Captain, Cory McAllister took the puck from Danny and Charlie who made some nice moves enroute to the 1:01 scoring play that beat Leroux for the final of the first frame.

The Rangers came back for two counters in the second as they held the Lions scoreless in this frame. The Lions were still up 3-2.

The third saw the teams trade goals as each nailed two in for the count. The Rangers came on strong as they were on a high after their great plays in the second.. They were able to tuck two in behind Donnan. Then, just when fans were about to leave figuring the game was over, the Lions gained a second wind and with 1:01 left in the third, McAllister found his mark after the puck struck his stick off Danny's stick as Charlie came through the Rangers' line to assist as well. Knotted at 5 this seemed like an OT game, but, wait, with :08 showing on the clock,Beland took the puck from McAllister and Nokia and won the game for the home team. The Lions won 6-5 in one of the best played games yet this season.

Junior 'B' Lions win in Westport against Rideaus

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Squeaking a victory over the Rideau squad as they travelled to Westport, the Junior "B" Lions came home victorious on Tuesday, December 28. The final read 6-5 for the Lions.

Scoring for the Lions was Stef Champagne who went in twice on the powerplay, once in the first to kick start his team and the second time in the second frame.

In the first he was assisted by Robin Carbonneau while he had a hand from Carson Runions and Anthony Bilotto in the second for the counter. The first period ended in a knot as both teams found their mark. The Lions were one up after the second. Making sure when they nailed the puck were Danny Beland who had help from Cory McAllister and Charles Forment. Then it was Charlie who took the lead and went in with Danny and Cory on the wings and put one past Jimmie Howard in the pipes for Westport. Less than a minute later, Charlie found room again and teamed with Danny and Cory for another counter. As the Lions came back onto the ice they were one up on the Rideau team and even after the Westport team knotted the score they were not yet finished. In the third Danny took the pass from Cory and with help from Chris Cadieux made sure at the 4 minute mark of the final period. That was enough for the win as the Rideau could not get another past Mathieu Blanchard in the Lions crease. Mathieu was belted with 43 shots in this game while the Lions tried on 29 shots to be victorious. It is noteworthy that the Lions were in the penalty box one-half as much as their opponents, serving 8 penalties to the 16 Westport accumulated.

Fans are coming back to watch some good junior hockey in Morrisburg. The team is gelling and some good play is there for the looking. A line change that saw Greg Millard moved to make room for Cory McAllister, has produced great results. "Greg is a penalty killer, he does a terrific job at this position and when Cory, a 21-year old veteran returned, his scoring ability was proven and so he was put in Greg's spot in the line alongside Charlie and Danny. I felt this would be our most forceful scoring line and it seems to be working, they score the major goals for us in every game," said Coach DeGray.

After Christmas Bonspiel a success

with Steve Thompson

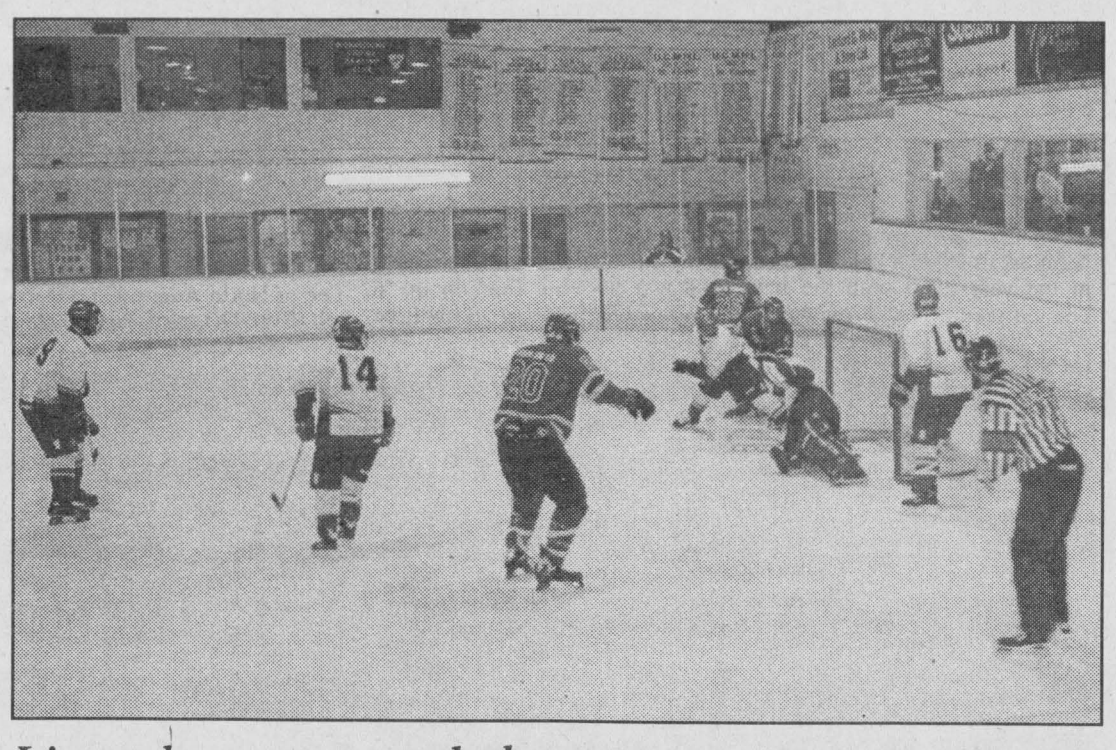
The second annual "Two Person-Day after Christmas Bonspiel" went off like a charm at the Morrisburg Curling Club. Winners were Bob Bergland and Rob Delegarde. Joshua Adams and his grandfather, Ted Herriman were second, while Wally McDonald and Don O'Brien placed third. Steve Boucher and Craig Harriman finished fourth in this popular cash bonspiel. After the pizzas were paid for, the remainder of the entry fee money was divided up for prizes among the winners.

In League play until Christmas, the last results are in and congratulations go out to Steve Boucher, Larry Gallinger, Graham Houze and Paul Dobry, who won the Calvert Trophy as First Draw Champions in Monday Night Curling. They won the title in an exciting late playoff with the Craig Harriman team.

The Club is back in full swing with League Curling starting again this week. In addition, the Zone 2 Bantam Playdowns are here with a full slate of competitors, though we have no local team entered. Play begins Friday night and runs through Sunday.

Next Tuesday, a Senior Mens Invitational Bonspiel brings together some of the top senior men's teams from Eastern Ontario for daytime curling competition.

On the following weekend the Nokia Cup Playdowns are on at the club as well. Joshua Adams who curls in the Men's Monday Night League will represent Morrisburg with three other players has recruited. They are Mike Merklinger, Spencer Cooper and Mark Vanasse. Our best wishes to Joshua and the rest of his team in this first level of Open Men's Curling Association Competition, which runs from Friday night through Sunday. Come early to get a good seat and cheer on our local team.



Lions drop one to rebels

Mathieu Blanchard sprawls in an effort to make the save, and with a hand from his defence he is able to keep the Rebels from scoring this time. The Lions are putting on a pretty good show these days as they play tough and solidly. They were robbed in this game, but will come back on Friday night as they face the Gan Islanders at 8:30. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Rideau St. Lawrence Atom Kings win skills competition

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On December 27-29 the Minor Atom Kings played in the Gloucester Mid-Season Challenge Cup. In the first game the Kings pulled out a 2-2 tie against the Oshawa Generals. The Generals opened the scoring early in the first; then Brandon Elliott knotted the game on a pass from Bobby Little. Oshawa snatched the lead back one minute later, but Sam Coyne evened the score late in the first with helpers going to Elliott and Andrew Warren. Both goalies shut the doors for the second and third periods, giving each team a point. Clarke Saunders was in the pipes for the Kings.

The late game that day the Kings doubled the Cumberland Barons 6-3. Leading the attack were Stewart Peters with the hat-trick and Nathan Slack with three assists. Coyne added two goals with Matt Lajoie adding the single. Other assists went to Chris Brazeau and Warren, Graham Peters earned the win in the King's net.

The following day, the Minor Atoms faced the eastern Ontario Cobras, dropping them by a 4-2 score as the final buzzer sounded. Stewy Peters got things going on a pass from Warren, then Elliott took one from Slack giving the Kings a 2-1 lead as the first frame ended. The Cobras came back and tied the game early in the second period. Late in this one Kyle Atkins gave the Kings the lead once more. Assisting Atkins on the goal was Clarke Saunders from his crease. Andrew Warren rounded out the scoring for the Kings with help from Kent Utman for the 4-2 victory.

The next match saw the Kings play home town favourites the Gloucester Rangers loosing 5-3 despite very strong goaltending from Graham Peters. The Rangers went up 2-zip after the first, in the second they added two to their lead. Late in the second Elliott brought the Kings to within two. Assists went to Atkins and Peter Roy. Nate Slack shaved their lead to one with help from Roy and Warren. The Rangers scored two more in the third to led by three again. Coyne brought the Kings to within two with Warren getting his second assist of this game. The loss put the Kings into second place in the six-team division. The next day in the semi-finals the Kings were on the loosing end of a 5-0 game at the sticks of the Ottawa Valley Titans. The Kings appeared to have just run out of gas. Saunders stopped many more shots than the ones that got past him in the crease. Of the good opportunities and chances the Kings had they were denied. The Tournament provided many lasting memories.

In the Skills Competition the Kings won the Stick Handling, the Skating and the Shoot-Out with Graham Peters stopping eight out of the nine breakaways. The forwards for the competition were Matt Lajoie, Peter Roy and Brandon Elliott. The Kings brought home the Overall Title for the Skills Competition. Well done indeed!!

The next Minor Atom Kings action will be at the Ottawa International Hockey Festival with all Kings games played on Friday, January 7, 2000, one at 10:10, the next at 5:45 and then Saturday, January 8th at 10:10am.

Lions are unable to make it three in a row

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A scoreless first period was a tight, well played match as the Char-Lan Rebels came to Morrisburg on Sunday, January 2, 2000 for the first game of the new year.

The Lions just ran low on energy and dropped a close one that could have gone either way.

Again both teams played well as they ended the first period with no goals being scored. Blanchard was great in the pipes for the Lions stopping the puck no matter where it came from. Equally good at the opposite end of the ice, Tim McCuaig faced the Lions shots with determination.

The Rebels from Char-Lan came out fast in the second and got the first counter of the game at 18:01 on a powerplay. Scoring again at 17:35,the Rebels are a tough squad. The Lions finally got their act together and put one past Tim at 15:42. Bobby Bird was the man who came in with Chris Cadieux and Charlie Forment to get the Lions on the board. Jeremy Alguire teamed with Frankie Allen and Stef Champagne for the second marker at 11:14 of the period. The Rebels reacted by coming in strong with

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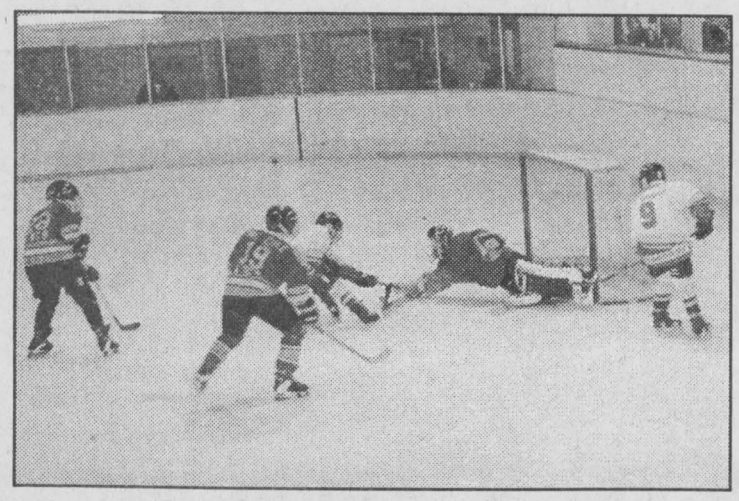

PeeWees host Tournament

The PeeWee Lions hosted a tourney in Morrisburg the last week of December. They were not victorious, but played well. Coach Dale Lewis was pleased with his team's effort on the ice and their sportmanship off the ice. Here they play the Smiths Falls Bears. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

A public service provided by the businesses listed here in co-operation with this paper.

Public Euchre, $5, Saturday, January 8, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Cardinal. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy a day by the river. For more information please call Betty Cook at 657-3506.

Iroquois Community Watch Members are desperately needed. In order to keep this great program, volunteers are needed. All you need to give up is approximately 3 hours a month. Please call Walter at 652-4508. Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers, past and present for all the wonderful work they have done.

Love To Sing?! Cardinal Community Choir welcomes new members every Wednesday evening at 8:15 p.m. at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Cardinal. Ability to read music is not required. For further information call Carol at 657-1013.

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Tiny

This minuscule Chihuahua, named Tiny, is all of that. The three-pound pooch was spotted in the care of Marilyn and Sharon Hitsman (pictured) of Prescott, who were at McHaffie's flea-market during the pre-Christmas rush last month. For such a tiny package, he sure attracted a lot of attention.

Chieftain photo by N. H. Zandbergen

OCCOPS informs council, ten more officers required in SD&G

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

SD&G's policing costs will rise by about $1 million after a ruling by the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services (OCCOPS).

An independent, quasi-judicial agency, OCCOPS informed the SD&G OPP last month that 10 more officers will be required to adequately police the United Counties with the addition of territory formerly patrolled by the now defunct Alexandria police. The OPP took over jurisdiction of all of SD&G when Counties Council agreed to award the OPP a $6.5 million policing contract in 1998.

Sgt. Brent Mattice reported the development to South Dundas council at its Dec. 23 meeting. "There will be an additional cost," he said. "What that cost is, I don't know."

"About a million dollars," Mayor Johnny Whitteker quickly commented.

With the total number of officers finalized now, the door is open for the OPP contract to be finalized and signed this year, but with a heftier price tag.

In a year-end interview, Whitteker was asked if he thought the 1998 contract vote favouring the OPP over the Cornwall Police Service might've turned out differently if the extra expense had been known at the time.

"It could've. It probably could've," he said. However, he added that OCCOPS would've demanded the higher complement officers no matter which police force received the contract.

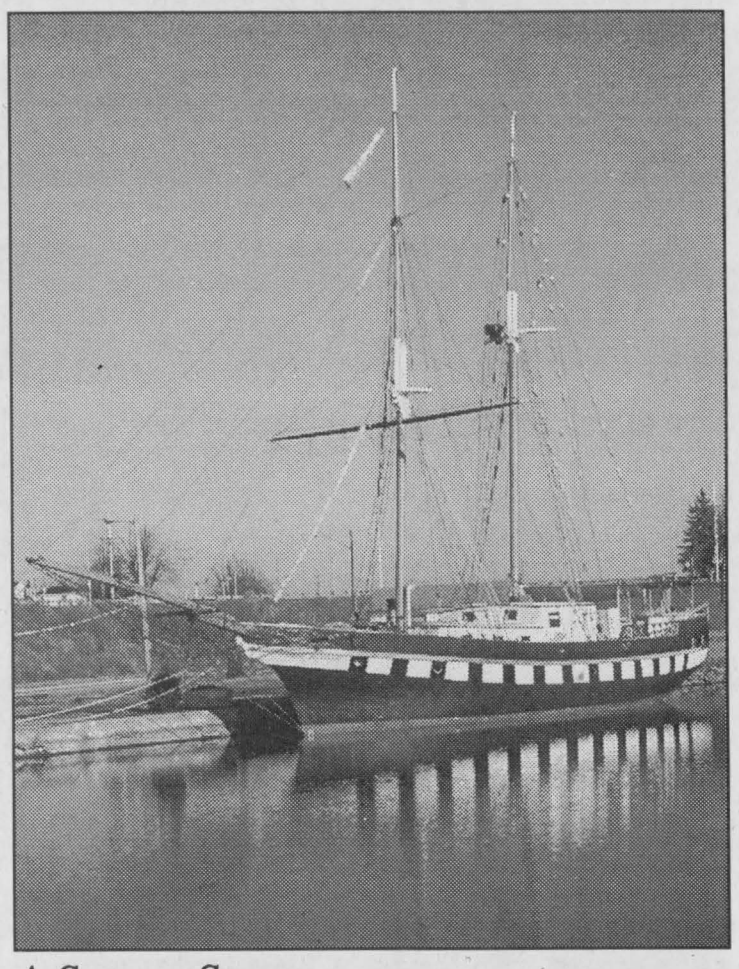
Claude Cousineau, mayor of North Dundas, disagrees the vote could've been influenced.

"No, not really. The city proposal was even more expensive, and they would've used rookie officers."

Both Cousineau and Whitteker agree the total number of officers proposed originally would've been enough for SD&G. Cousineau pointed out the Attorney General's Office had been satisfied as well.

And both mayors are more concerned with longer term policing costs. Right now, SD&G is responsible for policing costs equivalent to $90 per household, a cap guaranteed for 2000 only.

If the provincial subsidy ends, the United Counties would end up paying the true cost of policing — $350 to $400 per household.



A Serene Scene

The tall ship, the Fair Jeanne is docked at the Cardinal Marina undergoing a facelift in preparation for the Tall Ship 2000 gathering to take place later this year. She plans to weigh anchor in mid-May. She has Christmas lights highlighting the mast.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Many changes for Edwardsburgh

by Joseph Morin
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Edwardsburgh Township will be experiencing great changes in the new year.

The year 2000, according to Reeve David Dobbie will be a positive and healthy one for the township and its residents. Two major items will likely blossom in the weeks to come. One is the proposed amalgamation of Edwardsburgh and its neighbour Cardinal. Another will be the acquisition of the Port of Prescott.

After months of public meetings, politicians and staff from both municipalities were able to put together a restructuring proposal. The proposal has been accepted by other municipalities and by the United Counties Council. At this moment the townships are waiting for approval from the provincial government. "I understand that the restructuring order was on the Minister's desk, waiting to be signed," says Reeve Dobbie. The Reeve feels confident that the order will go through.

The new township of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal would have three wards, with 2 councillors elected from each ward. The municipality would have a Mayor elected at large. Any election would be held in the year 2000 with the new council taking charge on Jan. 1, 2001.

Reeve Dobbie says, "We are in a good marriage with these 2 municipalities. Both of us are in fine financial shape. Our combined reserves would be around $750,000."

As far as further suggestions from the province for further amalgamation in Eastern Ontario the Reeve feels that such talk may be premature. "I would like to see Edwardsburgh and Cardinal get together first before there was any more talks about amalgamation. If the province was to leave Leeds and Grenville alone for a while there may be further amalgamation in other municipalities."

Negotiations with the government about purchasing the Port of Prescott have been going on for a year now. The deal may be completed very soon. "I anticipate that the township will take over the operation of the port in March," said Reeve Dobbie. Edwardsburgh had decided to take advantage of the governments willingness to divest itself of the port. Holding onto it would guarantee that the services that the port provides would not be lost to farmers in the community.

The Edwardsburgh library in Spencerville is taking shape. The township has bought the land for it, built a foundation, dug a well and brought in hydro. They have finished the new roof on the 6 room office building and will be turning it over to the library board in the new year. The building was originally from the University of Ottawa campus. It was offered to the Spencerville Fairboard. The fairboard was unable to use the building, so they offered it to the library.

Edwardsburgh residents can expect more construction on the north bound lanes on the recently opened Hwy. 416. Construction crews will be re-surfacing the north bound lanes, this summer from Hwy. 401 to the Oxford Station Road.

Something else to look forward to is the Spencerville Winter Carnival. The second annual winter festival of fun will be running on Jan. 14 to 16.

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OBITUARIES

William Irving

At the Wellington House in Prescott on December 24, 1999, William Irving. Born at Shanly on May 8, 1921, Bill was 78 years of age.

He was predeceased by his parents, Harvey and Elizabeth (nee Burchell) Irving: as well as his stepmother, Mary Irving, his brothers; Charles, Arthur and Harry, a son-in-law, William Lee and a childhood friend, Bill Buchanan.

Mourning the loss are his beloved wife, Debie (nee Dugan) whom he married in Cardinal on June 6, 1946; his daughters: Linda Irving of Ottawa, Heather Lee of North Augusta and Deborah (Rob) Dixon of Prescott. Also saddened by their loss are his brothers; Clifford and James, a sister; Ruby Simpson and a sister-in-law; Dorothy Irving. Grandchildren who will miss their grandpa are David and Elizabeth Lee and Christopher Dixon.

A World War II veteran, who served overseas, William was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 105 and the Orange Lodge 162.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Alzheimers' Society were greatly appreciated by the family. Service was conducted by Rev. Arlyce Schiebout at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home. Interment was at South Gower Cemetery with Andrew and David Irving, Stanley Bernaski, Gerald Seeley, Eric Bolton and Brian Knapp acting as pallbearers.

Etta Childs

Peacefully at the Brockville General Hospital on December 24, 1999, Etta Jean Childs of the Wellington House in Prescott. Born in Ottawa, on July 2, 1912, Etta was 87 years of age.

A homemaker who had resided in Cardinal for 27 years prior to moving to Prescott. She had also lived in Spencerville and in Quebec during her lifetime.

A member of St. John's United Church in Cardinal, a member of the United Church Women (UCW), and the Senior Citizens Club of Cardinal, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

She was predeceased by her parents, the late William and Catherine (nee Frame) Phillips, her beloved husband, Percy Childs whom she wed at First United Church in Ottawa on May 10, 1947: their son the late Edward Childs; her sisters: Beatrice Thomson, Erma Madden, Leita Campbell and brothers Chester, Elrick and Herbert Phillips.

She leaves to mourn the loss a daughter, Susan Vallance of Morrisburg and a brother, Gordon Phillips as well as grandchildren: Lance, Michael, Angela and Jennifer; and great-grandchildren: Michael Edward and Michael Charles.

Memorial donations to the St. John's Building Fund were appreciated by the family. Visitation was on December 28th, at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Cardinal where service was conducted by Rev. Arylce Schiebout. Interment followed at Maynard Cemetery. Pallbearers were Richard Sloan, Bill Harper, Bruce and John Madden and Carl and Stanley Sayeau.

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Lions

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3:29 on the clock to score again. The board read 3-2 and when the teams came out for the third the Lions had a very real chance for victory. Lion Wayne Garlough tied the game at 16:51 of the third on a powerplay goal, giving a spark to the team, but it was not enough as the Rebels struck yet again and the game ended 4-3 for the visitors.

Speaking with Coach DeGray we learned that a slight bit of confusion resulted when Garlough came out of the penalty box, catching his pants on the door hinge and was "hung up" for a few seconds before he could rip free and hit the ice. No other player could take his place at this moment in time and so perhaps a good sense of humour is necessary to the game as well.

The next home game for the Lions is Friday, January 7 at 8:30pm as they face the Gananoque Islanders.

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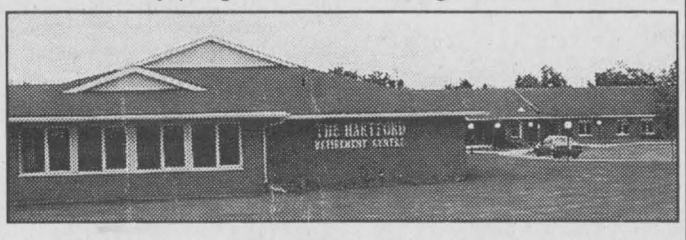

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The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment would add a limited (maximum of eight vehicles) amount of vehicle sales as an accessory use in any wrecking yard. This would apply to both of the existing wrecking yard zones (Part of East Common Lot A, Concession 3 and Part of Lot 1, Concession 1, former Township of Matilda) and to any future wrecking yard zones.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Township of South Dundas in respect of the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of South Dundas before the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed amendments and copies of the proposed amendments are available for inspection at the Township Office during regular office hours.

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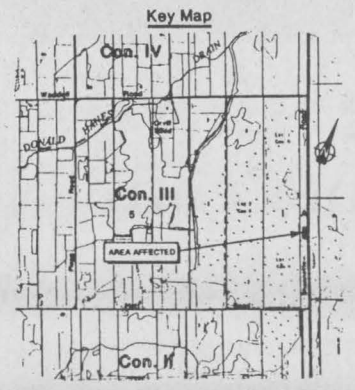

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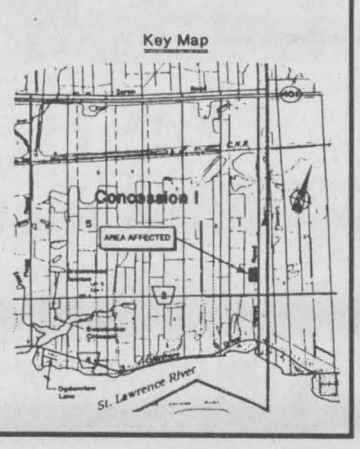

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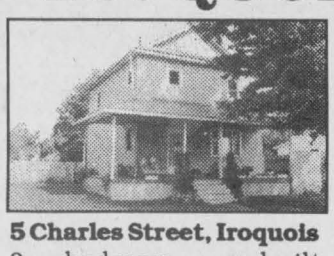

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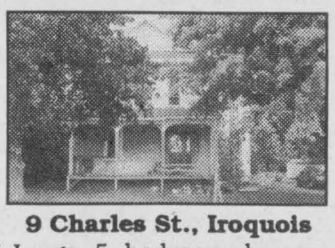

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Carnival

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A No Charge...FREE Kids Craft Night has replaced the poorly attended pre and teen dances at the Hall. Youngsters are welcome to come out and create their very own Mackie the Snowman. This fellow is the Carnival mascot and a wooden replica of him can be painted and taken home by all youngsters. Call Nancy at 652-2096 to register, and ensure there are enough Mackies to go around.

The Annual Tom Maxwell Snowmobile and Car Rally will run Saturday, January 15 with registration taking place from 11am until 1pm. Dinner is served from 4-6pm and always fills everyone. Dancing will get toes tapping to the sounds of "Free Beer" as they take to the stage at 8pm. The Kingston based band plays a little of every kind of music, so we can all find a tune they play that we like.

Sunday the sleigh rides are always popular as the horses pull sleighfulls to the bush and back between 1:30 and 3:30pm. The fun is taking place as usual at the Ron Smail family farm below Brinston...east of the stop sign.

Carnival festivities wind up in style with an Ecumenical Service at the hall beginning at 7pm.

A FREE WILL donation at all events is appreciated to help with costs. On Saturday evening at the pageant a collection will be taken, this being the only time throughout the events.

All that is needed to make the 25th Anniversary of the Matilda Winter Carnival a success is YOU!! Plan to attend as many events as possible, you will be glad you did.

Benson

after they graduate from the Cardinal school.

"The money goes to provide the things, the extras that are no longer available to the students due to cuts in the school budget; for textbooks and computer programs," notes Patrick.

Each business/organization representative was presented with a plaque of appreciation that included a picture of the class they are sponsoring. These are quite distinctive, each unique to the sponsor and will hang in the place of business with pride. Each class will hang a colourful and equally as distinctive plaque showing their sponsor outside their classroom doors.

The sponsors also receive the school's monthly newsletter and periodically some artwork from the students. They are also invited to attend special events at the school like the Christmas and Spring Concerts.

After an enjoyable, appreciation breakfast provided by the parents and staff of the school (placemats were courtesy of the students), the visitors were taken on a tour of the classroom they support.

The dozen businesses and organizations who have given their support to the program and the students are, with representative who attended the appreciation breakfast; GT Automotive and the Cardinal Lions Club (Annette Tracey), Shanly Road Home Supplies, Madmacs Furniture and Appliances, the Islander Hotel Limited (Mary Walsh and Scott Kuipers), St.Lawrence Medical Clinic, Cardinal Royal Canadian Legion Branch 105 (Eleanor Beatson), Hoy Bus Lines (Helen Robichaud), Road Ranger Restaurant and 730 Truck Stop (Nicky Adams), Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, and VanCamp's Freshmart (Graham VanCamp, also Fire Department Chief)). Cardinal Power (Lori Pennell and Dennis Dmytrow) and CASCO (Mark Mardsen) support their neighbours in every manner available, good community partners. Councillor Joe Scott was on hand as well demonstrating the support the local municipal leaders have for the school. A terrific idea, a marvellous way to provide the students with those items no longer at their disposal due to restraints, as well as providing a link between the community, the school and the children.

Whitteker

"We have to do something," he says, adding he doesn't believe South Dundas can afford the $10 million tab to build a new two-pad arena.

One option: fix the present building. Whitteker says he believes the present structure could be repaired for about $350,000.

"That's the reason for the second opinion," he says, referring to council's decision to hire another engineering firm to assess the building.

In 1998, the Thompson Rosemount Group issued a report indicating the arena had become so dilapidated it was at risk of falling down and needed $985,000 in repairs. The township's insurer began pressuring council to find a permanent solution last November.

If the second engineering firm says the arena isn't worth fixing, the mayor favours tearing down the shell, west of the lobby, and constructing a steel building in its place. The interior, including the floor, stands, ice surface and cooling plant, would be left as is.

The new shell could be built for between $1 million and $1.5 million, Whitteker predicts. "We've got a contractor taking a look at it right now."

The future

It may come as a bit of a surprise to the mayor's critics, especially those who suspect he is biased in favour of his old stomping grounds in the Williamsburg ward, but Whitteker says South Dundas should abandon the ward system.

He says the upcoming election should be the last one in which councillors are elected by ward.

If his suggestion is followed, the 2003 election will see all members of council elected at large. Ward boundaries, including those of Williamsburg, would cease to exist.

Presently, the wards are more than just electoral boundaries — they also have a bearing on taxes. Because the reserves of the former townships haven't been pooled yet, the mill rate you pay can depend on which side of a ward line you happen to live.

Whitteker's support for an end to the ward system seems to suggest he won't stand in the way of amalgamating township reserves, including Williamsburg's hefty account.

On the upper tier, the mayor says he doesn't see amalgamation being forced on SD&G and Cornwall, the way the province has recently done with the Region of Ottawa-Carleton.

A few members of Counties Council support single-tier government.

"I'm hoping since we've amalgamated (on the lower tier) they'll leave us alone as we are.

"I can't see us in with the City of Cornwall," he adds, promising to fight any move in that direction.

Whitteker refuses to entertain hypothetical scenarios — what he may or may not support in the event a commissioner is appointed to force the issue. He says he supports the present municipal structure, and the government won't put a gun to SD&G's head for at least "two more elections" anyway.

"I used to support single-tier government for Dundas County, but there's been so much downloading I don't think breaking up the three united counties would make sense anymore.

"It's hard enough for three counties to do the job now."

The mayor wishes everyone "a happy New Year and all the best in the new millennium."

OBITUARIES

Ken Littlejohn

Vernon Kenneth "Ken" Littlejohn of Toronto passed away Saturday, January 1, 2000 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto. He was 54 years of age.

He was predeceased by his wife of 23 years, Joan Marie, who he married in Halifax on September 26, 1964.

Born in Cornwall on March 25, 1945, to the late Vernon and Edith Littlejohn of Prescott, he was the dear father of Koren (Ricky) McDonald of Prescott, and Tracy (Billy) Strader of Iroquois. He was the beloved grandfather of Dalton, Chanda, Damian, Christian and Cherokee Strader, all of Iroquois. A dear brother of Marilyn (Richard) Ross, Sharon (John) McGonegal, Sandra Harper, Dale and Inez, Daryl and Connie, Stephen and Jen and Kevin and Lisa. He will also be missed by longtime companion Mrytle Churchill along with several nieces and nephews.

Ken was employed by the government working at the Canadian Coast Guard and then took a career change to become a customs officer at the Johnstown Bridge and finally worked at Pearson International until his illness forced him to quit in 1993. He had joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1962 where he remained until 1964 aboard the HMSC Bonventure.

He was an outdoorsman who loved to hunt. He was also a very active person in his community, coaching and playing hockey. Ken was also a member of the Auxiliary Police.

A Memorial Service was held on Monday, January 5, 2000 at the Chris Slater Funeral Home in Prescott. Donations to the Cancer Society were appreciated by the family. Burial will take place at the Blue Church, Prescott in April.

Edna Bebee

After a lengthy illness, at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on December 28, 1999, Edna Bebee of Iroquois. Born in Mountain Township on April 1, 1916, Edna was 83 years of age.

Predeceased by her parents; Edward and Maude (nee Barrigar) Barley and her beloved husband, Roy Bebee whom she wed in Mountain Township on June 15, 1933, Edna was a member of the Iroquois United Church and the Eastern Star, serving in numerous positions during her lifetime.

She worked at Automatic Electric in her working years and loved to visit with friends and family as well as play cards, read and the jumble word puzzles in The Ottawa Citizen newspaper each day.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her gentle temperament and kind mannerisms. She leaves to mourn, daughters: Enid (Tom) Casselman of Iroquois, Shirley (Pat) Patterson of Mount Laurel, N.J., and Sheila (George) Cornell of Brockville. A sister, Aletha Williams of Winchester survives the loss as do 8 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, 2 great-grandsons, a niece and four nephews.

Memorial donation to the Winchester Hospital were appreciated by the family. There was no visitation, arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois. Service was conducted at teh Funeral Home by Rev. Doug Carnegie on December 30, 1999. Interment followed at Iroquois Point. Pallbearers were grandsons: Randy, Barry and Tim Casselman and sons-in-law: Tom Casselman, Robert Patterson and George Cornell.

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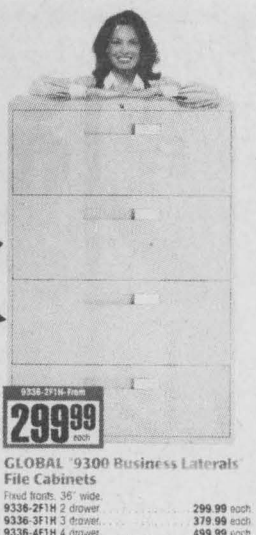

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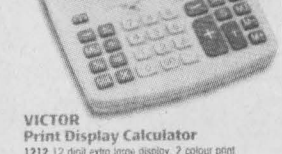

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Cardinal entertainers

This group had youngsters of all ages tappin' their toes and joining in the fun as the Cardinal Legion welcomed Santa just before Christmas Day. The youngsters were asked to come on up and get the crowd swingin'...and they had no trouble getting into the groove.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Linda Anderson



This is the first column for 2000 and it feels strange to write that date for the first time. Two new bird calendars, received as Christmas presents, grace the walls and we'll enjoy looking at the photographs of birds on it since there are so few around outside for us to look at, at least in our garden.

There is a lack of bird life this mild winter and several people have commented to me about this. Our usual winter birds seem to be absent, with one or two exceptions. First though, some history from 1999...

Christmas Bird Count-Dec. 19:

The Brockville Field Naturalists Club participated in the Bird Count and tallied 38 species of birds and 4,711 individual birds. Christmas counts are held all over Canada and the US as a way of observing and recording local bird activity and numbers for science. Comparisons can be made with previous years' records that will provide an historical picture of avion populations. Although counts are a "numbers game" and not to everyone's taste, going on a count is a lot of fun, seeing new birds, meeting new people, climbing through snowdrifts or having drizzle run down your coat collar!

Highlights of the Brockville Count included a merlin, three wild turkeys, Cooper's Hawk and Northern Strike. Merlins are falcons, about the size of a pigeon that quickly capture their prey (small birds) on the wing. They are unusual in our area.

Davis Drive Doves:

A resident of Davis Drive devotedly feeds over 50 mourning doves every day Cracked Corn is their favourite food. Earlier in December, their garden was visited by pine siskins and common redpolls. Everyday birds include chickadees, goldfinches, purple finches and a male and female Downy Woodpecker (nicknamed Downy and Dora) and a pair of Hairy Woodpeckers (nicknamed Hairy and Henny). With the assorted delicious bird treats, 10 squirrels are also regular feeders.

The first Snowy Owl:

Our Davis Drive birdwatchers were travelling to Morrisburg on December 27th when they saw a Snowy Owl in flight, being chased by a flock of crows. This is our first report of a Snowy this winter. Snowies may venture south of their Arctic breeding grounds when lemming populations crash. Adult males are almost pure white, adult females are lighter, while immatures show dark horizontal markings on breast and dark wing tips.

Irena Road at Brinston Road:

Our Irena Road birdwatcher had a male and a female cardinal on Christmas Day. Several gold finches showed up, the first she has seen since fall. A large flock of 150 mixed ducks and some geese were eating corn in a farmers field...quite a sight for her to come across.

Crowder Road East of Spencerville:

An occasional reader of the column called to report 30-40 Bohemian Waxwings, a dozen Common Redpolls and an overwintering Robin on their property. They are also occasionally visited by a Northern Strike which sits on their Manitoba Maple Tree.

East of Iroquois, north of Highway 2, birdwatchers were able to watch a beautifully coloured Sharp-Shinned Hawk on their property. A new resident of Morrisburg, living in the subdivision across from the OPP station was able to watch a small flock of tiny female Kinglets in the woods near their house.

Thank you to the people who called over the holidays. Please continue to call in your sightings, reports, anecdotes and observations to me at 652-2555. Happy New Year and good birding!

P.S..-The regular monthly meeting of the Brockville Field Naturalists Club is January 11 at 7pm in Room 108 of Brockville Collegiate Institute, 90 Pearl Street in Brockville. Guests are welcome.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

Happy New Year, greetings to each and every one of you. May you all enjoy great health and happiness in your life.

I will be giving you two Cribbage League results and they were held on Boxing Day and on Sunday, January 2, 2000. The first week, with our good friend, Ida volunteering her services behind the bar, Cribbage League play on Boxing Day was enjoyed by a small but enthusiastic group of fourteen players. Wilf Summers with a score of 1070 was the clear cut winner on the day, while Ken Palmer's score of 1049 allowed him second place honours for his first trip to the podium this season. Third place finish was to tie between Linda McKee and Lynda Head with scores of 1045 each. The Christmas spirit was still evident as only nine skunks were handed out all day and no one received more than one of them.

The first Cribbage League competition of the new millennium took place on Sunday, January 2, 2000 with Ida once again handling bar duties. The League was pleased to have Ted Grattan join us after several weeks of absence due to illness. Topping the field of seventeen competitors with a score of 1063 was Roger Coulter. Finishing second for the second week in a row was Ken Palmer only one slim point behind with a total of 1062. Paul Claxton's score was good enough to claim third place honours for him. The skunks were rare once again with only seven of them being handed out on the day, but Willis Douglas managed to nab a cute pair of them.

****Please Note:** Play will resume on Saturday, January 8th and we expect to see a good turn out as we enter the second half of the season.

Do not forget about the Diners Club, they will be at our Branch the second Thursday of the month.

For those people who did not get to our New Year's Eve party, you sure missed a fabulous evening. From the picture taking to the great music and the hot and cold meal, everything was superb. Thanks to Candace and her cohorts did to make the evening as special as it was. Words are hard to express how successful the Millennium Party was. You would have had to been there to know. Again, Candace, a big bouquet to you.

As we are just getting over the Christmas and New Years Eve activities, I do not have much to tell you this week, but after a couple of weeks, there will probably be too much for the column. til then, take care.

Coming Events

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CLUB RUN
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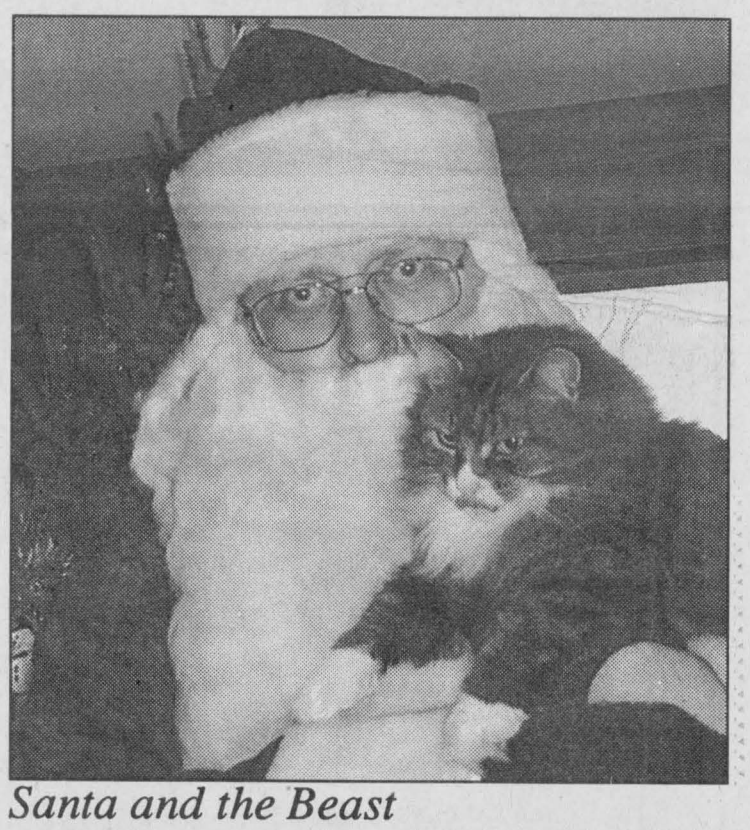
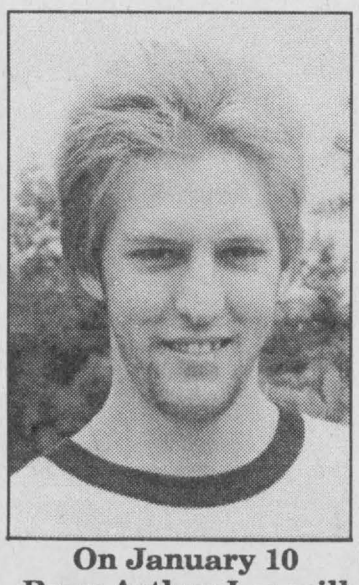


Santa and the Beast

This little cat, the Beastlie was not too concerned when Santa dropped by on Christmas Day. Her presents had been torn open and she felt he did not need to return, but as usual, this demure little creature allowed her photo to be snapped as the jolly elf held her.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston



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7:30 p.m. St. James-Epiphany
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8:00 am - St. James'
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