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Rebecca Cooper Matilda Queen *Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston*

Rebecca Cooper daughter of Brian and Shelley Cooper of Irena was crowned the 24th Matilda Carnival Queen last Saturday evening. She is on the right along with Runner-Up and Miss Congeniality, Kimberley LaRose. The girls carry their bouquet of roses as Joel Geleynse sings to the new Queen. The walk down the runway as royalty is always a thrill. Congrats girls!!

Rebecca Cooper crowned Matilda Carnival Queen

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The backdrop was perfect...a dark sky with silver snowflakes drifting down to the rail fence. The fence held a small grey owl and a bird, and the evergreens with twinkling white lights added that some thing unique. Rustic milk cans, wagon wheels and bales of hay added a special touch to the stage. It is Winter carnival time in Matilda Township and indeed South Dundas Township. A celebration of the season is always a great way to welcome winter.

A crowd of over 100 people gathered at Matilda Hall in Dixons' Corners to celebrate the 24th edition of the Annual Winter Carnival on Saturday evening. As Matilda Recreation Chairperson, Nancy Blokland welcomed everyone, and introduced the Mayor of South Dundas, Johnny Whitteker and he asked recreation members to join him on stage, the audience grew silent. The Reeve spoke of the Ice Storm and how well the residents handled the disaster, he added the idea that 1998 has been a hectic year, what with tax reforms, the grant cuts from the provincial government for bridges, roads and recreational items, the Fertilizer Bill (10-5-5) and how it will smell before we are done with it. He expressed the appreciation of all in attendance to all the volunteers in South Dundas who ask for no renumeration but work tirelessly for the good of their fellow residents in South Dundas. He introduced Rec. Members: Nancy, Garry Shaver(V-P), Brenda Geurkink (Tres.), Connie Pepers (Sec.), Ann Brooks and Bev Sabourin (Council rep.) Council was also asked to stand and be recognized; Bev, himself, Audrey Rooney, Rowdy Gillard, and Cam Martel. John then cut a red ribbon to officially open the eventful week.

The M-C for the evening was radio personality, Hal Anthony. Judges who had a job no one wanted on this evening, Estella Rose, Gloria Anthony and Glen Brooks.

Then it was time to meet the young ladies who would try to wear the Queen crown this year representing Matilda Township at various events in the area. Hal commended each girl on entering the pageant, "This is a great experience for you and for us who came to see the event."

We met, Shannon Shaw, a 17-year old who attends Seaway High in grade 12 as she thanked her escort, Jason Hodgson and Frank Ault Excavating for sponsoring her. Daughter of Dawn and Gordon of RR1, Iroquois, she enjoys soccer and her friends in her spare time. She also enjoys helping others, especially helping with animals and likes to have fun. She was a peer tutor and organized the food bank at Seaway. After graduation she plans to attend Ridgetown in Veterinary technology.

Kristan Mustard, also 17 and in grade 12 at Seaway was sponsored by Mustard's variety and her escort was David Freer. A roller bladder who swims, plays basketball and visits with friends when time allows, Kristan works part time at the family store (Mustard's Variety) and volunteered at the Morrisburg Animal Hospital, as well as with swim lessons in Iroquois. She has earned her bronze Cross and Leaders in the swim program and wants to become a certified Life Guard. A skater who took lessons and taught as well, she is a busy lady. She looks to graduation whereupon she will enter the fashion design field of study.

Charity Benson is a vegetarian in grade 11 student also at Seaway and appreciated her sponsor, Brinston General Store and her escort for the event, Matthew Jarvis. She loves animals and hoped to pursue a career in Biology. Among her likes she lists other cultures and is interested in various languages.

Kimberley LaRose noted Bordertowne, her sponsor and Dave Baker her escort, as well as her parents-Debbie and Mike. She is a grade 11, 16 year old who attends Seaway. She writes poetry and letters to numerous pen pals throughout the world. "I would like everyone to have enough love to share it with everyone else in the world. She hoped to

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Cousineau calls for more cooperation and changes

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

North Dundas Mayor Claude Cousineau said he wants Council to turn over a new leaf in 1999.

In opening remarks at the Township's first Council meeting of the new year, Wednesday night, Cousineau tried to strike a conciliatory tone of cooperation while recommending some big changes: ending committee remuneration and reducing the number of Township councillors.

Who gets paid for what, and how often, has been the source of some embarrassing squabbles at the North Dundas Council table, presently surrounded by nine municipal politicians -- the Mayor and two councillors from each of the four wards.

The Mayor's comments:

"Members of Council, staff, and members of the public, 1998 was indeed a historical one, to say the least, for the newly amalgamated Township of North Dundas. I was so proud to be a resident of this community to witness and be part of how our people from every walk of life responded to the destructive ice storm. I congratulate you all for your efforts throughout this disaster.

"This council as a whole has worked fairly well together in most instances. Although the road became bumpy at times, the ratepayers were well served in most cases, and hopefully we can all learn from those experiences.

"Let's turn over a new leaf this year. Let's look at North Dundas as a corporation, which for all intents and purposes, it is.

"Every corporation has a chief executive officer; in our case this would be the Mayor. They also have a board of directors; in our case this would be members of Council. And what do most corporations do to improve their lot for their shareholders? They work together. If we as a whole can put aside pettiness and personalities, surely we can work together to improve the lot of our shareholders, the ratepayers.

"I give you my personal commitment and cooperation to making it work, and reciprocally, committment and cooperation will be required of you collectively to making it work. If you have any suggestions, no matter how trivial, please bring them forward for consideration.

"Some members of Council have discussed the possibility of doing away with committees. This, in my opinion, would be a grievous error and a step backwards, as some of the best work, policies and suggestions have come out of committee recommendations to Council. I realize, of course, there are costs associated with that. My recommendation to Council would be that committee remuneration would be discontinued, as honouraríums paid to members of Council more than cover for these meetings. The savings to the corporation would be in the neighbourhood of $12,000 per year.

"Another $35,000 to $40,000 per year could be had by reducing the size of Council downward to five members. I know and realize this issue does not sit well with some of you, and

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Some set to ratify- another works to rule

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

While the secondary school teachers prepare to vote on a tentative contract negotiated after four months of discussion and debate, of talks breaking off and people taking sides, of students being the big losers and teachers working to rule, the OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teacher's federation have worked out an agreement with the Upper Canada School Board that they feel everyone can live with.

Today the results will be known, but not in time to hit the newspaper before press time. Teachers voted yesterday after the Board members had ratified the agreement at their meeting earlier last week.

Just as things seem that they might be on track at the secondary level, the Upper Canada School Board is faced by Elementary Teachers who are "working to rule" as of Monday, January 11. Phyllis Benedict, President of the Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario announced on Monday morning that elementary teachers employed by the UCSB commenced "work to rule" at every elementary school in the Board.

According to Benedict, this means, that elementary teachers will not be involved in any voluntary activities including extra-curricular activities, planning, or marking outside of the regular school day.

She continued explaining, "The teachers' bargaining team is determined to reach a negotiated settlement but is frustrated by the Board's refusal to provide full financial disclosure of the elementary budget and finances. Our team asked for information across the bargaining table and in correspondence to the Chair of the Board. The Board did not have the courtesy to respond to my letter."

"The elementary teachers are taking this action to increase the pressure on the Board in an attempt to reach a fair and equitable settlement for the teachers. It is hoped that the elementary

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Matilda Winter Carnival continues...

Thursday, the 14th - Adult Craft Night starts at 7 p.m. at the Matilda Hall with enough activities to get you well on the way to putting Martha Stewart to shame. Cedar Creek Ceramics will be there to get you interested in the artistic possibilities of the potter; Oma's Country Crafts will be there to teach a very trendy hobby these days -- tole painting; and Brinston Country Flowers-Flower Arranging will reveal the tips of the flower arranging trade.

Friday, the 15th - Much Music Video Dance will light up the floor at the Hall. Two dances are scheduled: the pre-teen dance at $6 per person, or $5 with a canned good, runs from 6 to 8 p.m.; the teens burn up the tiles from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., a $7 per person price for that event, dropping to $6 with a canned food donation. Food donations go to the South Dundas Food Bank.

Saturday, the 16th - Get your motor runnin' for the **Dr. Tom Maxwell Car/Snowmobile Rally.** Registration occurs that morning from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No matter whether you pick off the check-points by tire or by track, the cost is $3 for each person in/on your vehicle (if they wish to officially enter). And with all the cold air you're sure to crave a hearty meal even more than that trusty sled wants to eat yet another tank full of gas. Dinner is served at the Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. at $7 per person. Kids 6 and under eat free. Then, for only $5, have a blast as Bordertowne performs at the dance, which goes from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Sunday, the 17th - Horse-drawn sleigh rides take place at the Ron Smail Family Farm, east of Brinston. Enjoy the weiner roast too, all from 1 to 3 p.m. The week's festivities are capped the traditional way -- the **Hymn Sing and Ecumenical Service** at the Hall starts at 7 p.m.

South Dundas Hydro decrease

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Some South Dundas residents rang in the new year with a slight decrease in their hydro rates -- at least those customers in the villages of Iroquois, Morrisburg, and Williamsburg served by South Dundas Hydro. Reached at his Morrisburg real estate office, John Allison, Chairman of the South Dundas Hydro Commission, says the first of January saw prices drop by "slightly over one percent."

That makes South Dundas Hydro's electricity "about 11 percent cheaper" than the price rural residents in Matilda and Williamsburg pay Ontario Hydro.

But, Allison noted, "Ontario Hydro is holding the price line for '99." South Dundas Hydro also buys all its power from the monolithic provincial utility.

He explained it is cheaper to supply power to villages because more customers are served with fewer miles of wire. Even then, South Dundas Hydro rates contain a mandatory "rural rate subsidy" to help lower the prices country dwellers pay to Ontario Hydro.

South Dundas Hydro powered-up last January when the Iroquois, Morrisburg, and Williamsburg electrical utilities melded as part of the municipal amalgamation process. It serves 3,300 customers.

At the time of that exercise, Allison said, prices dropped "marginally" in Iroquois, between one and two percent in Morrisburg, and two percent in Williamsburg. Though customer rates were equalized in the three coverage areas, power in the Williamsburg hamlet is actually more expensive for the utility to provide because it has to be purchased at the 8,000 volt level. Iroquois and Morrisburg get cheaper 44,000 volt feeds.

"It was a natural restructuring," says Allison, reviewing the company's first year.

"We're doing things on a larger scale and trying to make our operations more efficient.

"Rates may decrease in the future."

Allison attributes much of the smooth transition on the experience of staff members, all of whom were drawn from the old companies.

Administrative staff number three, one from each of the prior utilities. He singled out Williamsburg's Donna McIntosh for making a big difference to customers who called during the ice storm. "Donna was quite handy, and she knew a lot; though I don't think she went up in a bucket truck," he said with a chuckle.

He noted ruefully that she was hired away by a computer firm. Her position has since been filled.

The utility's three "outdoor" workers (linemen), including Works Super Dan Rice, came

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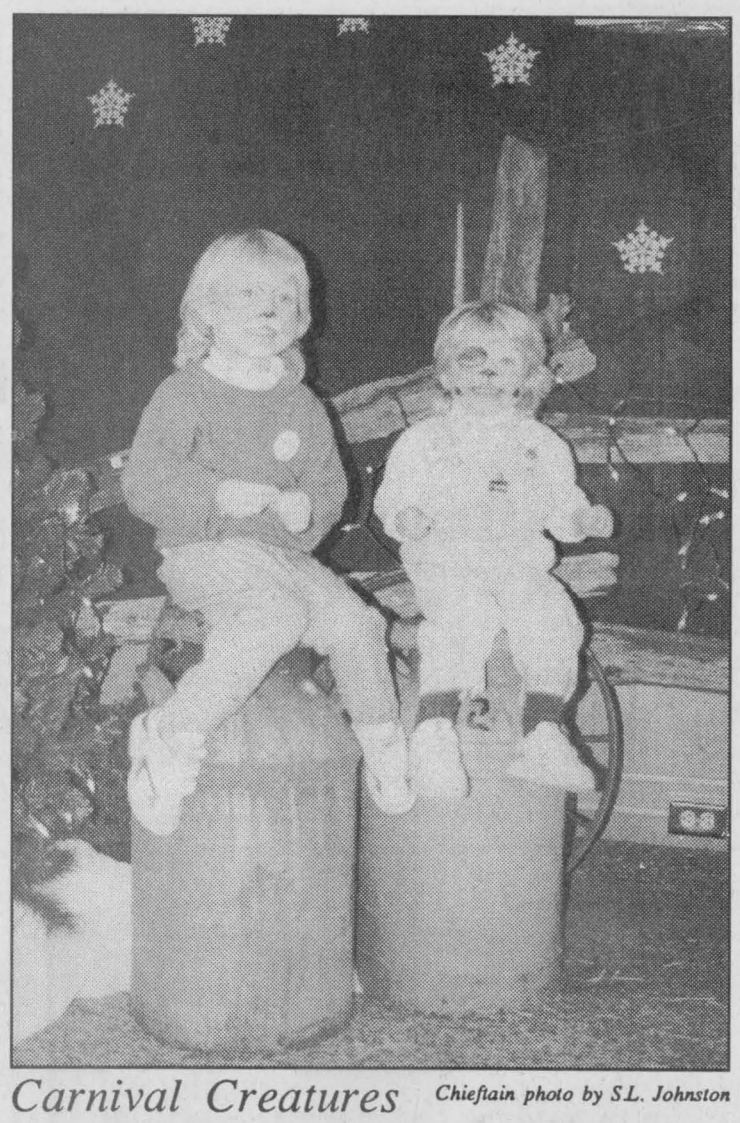

Carnival Creatures *Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston*

These two young ladies had just gotten their faces painted and then posed so their dad, Ron Geurkink could snap a picture. Kaitlyn is three and her baby sister, Katrina is two. Their cat faces were perfect as they grinned, it was tough not to smile along with them. A cute pair of carnival creatures for sure!

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The sad thing is that everyone is affected; both smokers and non-smokers breathe in second hand smoke . The people most at risk from second hand smoke include unborn babies, young children, spouses or cohabitants who live with one or more smokers and workers who are exposed to tobacco smoke in their workplace.

Tobacco smoke contains at least 50 cancer causing compounds. Sidestream smoke contains more hazardous substances than inhaled smoke and contains twice as much nicotine, three times more tar and 50 times greater carbon monoxide levels. Involuntary smoking is the third largest cause of lung cancer deaths after direct smoking and radon. (A radioactive gas).

A non-smoker in a smoke filled environment for an hour can breathe as much dimethylnitrosamine, a powerful cancer-causing agent, as a person who smokes 35 filtered or 15 non-filtered cigarettes.

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* Reduce exposure to second hand smoke, eg. eat only in smoke free restaurants.

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* A cigarette produces smoke for 12 minutes...a smoker inhales for about 30 seconds worth.

* Smoke from a pipe, cigar or cigarette is equally as toxic.

* There are 250 times more pollutants in an average smoking workplace than in a non-smoking workplace.

* Smoking parents may be providing their children with the following lethal legacy:-impaired lung function, eye, nose and throat irritation, a greater likelihood of respiratory illness, including asthma, pneumonia and bronchitis, up to three and a half times the normal risk of chronic middle ear infection, and increased misery from asthma, allergies and other pre-existing conditions.

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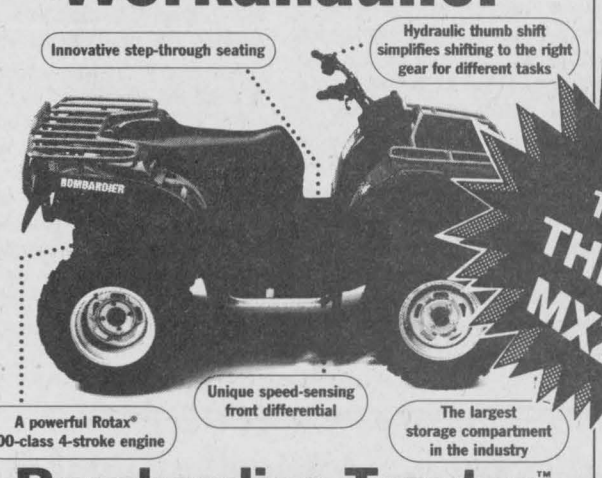

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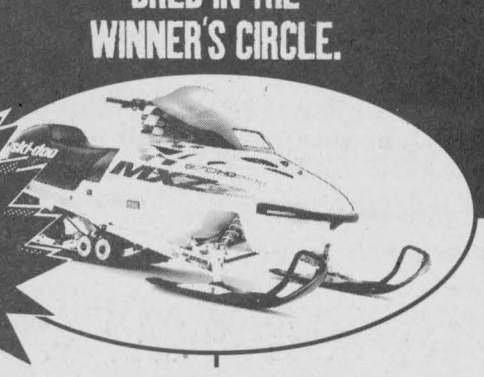

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The RIDE programs are out and about, the police are checking, making sure that drivers are sober when they are on our highways and byways.

License suspensions are being handed out to those who disobey the law, licenses are lost by those who continue to defy the law, thanks to those who defend it.

The laws are in place, those in authority are trying to persuade people to adhere to the law, to make our roadways safer. Is it working? I fear not.

We as parents teach or pay to have others teach our children how to drive. As our children grow, driving remains one of the accolades the young look forward to. They anxiously await that magical birthday and then head for the Ministry test office. Proudly displaying that G1 or 2 licence as they break into a broad smile, announcing "I got IT!" with all the joy and anticipation of being grown up and responsible. Asking for the keys to the family vehicle will become an occurance and they will feel like an adult with all that this entails. The freedom that wheels give a young driver remains one of the achievements of reaching adult status in our society.

Then for the parents, worry really becomes a prominent word, almost a way of life. Every time the child driver grabs the keys and drives out of the yard, fear grips parents' very hearts until the vehicle comes safely back to the yard with that familiar face beaming through the windshield.

It is not the child that is not trusted. Rather it is the other drivers that we have to worry about. No matter how well we teach our children to drive, no matter what courses they take, defensive driving helps, but...there is no way to predict what the other drivers on the road with our precious children might do. It is a proven fact as well taht the other driver will do exa ctly the opposite of what they should do or what would be expected of them. The worst thing is not only what they may do, where they may turn, right in front of our children, (will they know how to react, will they do so in time to avoid tragic consequences?) nor where they fail to signal; where they drive too fast; follow too closely; or the ultimate...drive after they have had too many drinks...we can only imagine what they might try!

The tragic accident on New Year's Day, that claimed the life of one young man, paralysed his girlfriend and caused so much pain for so many is a prime example. The man who drove that fateful night had been convicted of drunk driving twice before...it would seem that whatever the consequences of his actions on those previous occasions they were not enough.

Seventeen year old lives cut short in an instant. One dead and the other who will need to adjust to a new life style, much removed from that she once knew and savoured.

The children did everything right; they did not drink and drive, they designated a driver. They were sticking to their curfew time and then a forty-year old crossed the centre line and hit the young people head on...they never had a chance. They were described as "good" kids with bright futures with everything going for them; cut short, for no reason.

Driving while under the influence is plain and simply stupid.

Why take the chance that you might hurt someone?

Is it worth the risk?

Now this man has to live with what he has done. Most horrid is that it was not his first offense, he had driven drunk before. Why was he not forbidden from driving? Two strikes was not enough, he was free to carry on until the third strike? His entire family will live with the shame he has brought to them. Society speaks all the time of rehabilitating and helping convicts to straighten out their lives, to come back to society after they pay their debt and be accepted by the public. I wonder if it was worth the price?

What did society do for this man? For the kids? For their families? We as a society failed. And we will continue to fail until we truly get the message through to those who insist on driving drunk.

It is not acceptable in today's world...we just will not tolerate driving drunk at all. If you have to drink, do not drive! That is all there is to it.

As I watch my boys drive away, I pray there are no drunks behind the wheels of any vehicles they will meet. If you drink and want to get home, call me; I'll come and take you home, safe and sound. We have to ensure our roadways are safe for our families to be on.

What can we do?

What punishment is enough?

When will people listen and really pay attention?

S.L.J.

Healthy Rhythm Coalition comes to Eastern Ontario

focus

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Do you smoke? Exercise infrequently? Eat lots of bad stuff?

You have plenty of company in eastern Ontario, and that's got local health officials charting a course of action for five counties in the region. Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, and Russell have one of the highest rates of cardio-vascular disease in Ontario.

Members of various health groups in those counties held a press conference at Cornwall's Charles Emile Centre, Friday, to launch the 'Healthy Rhythm Coalition,' a cooperative effort to help foster community activities and groups promoting heart-healthy lifestyles.

Ontario's Ministry of Health will be funnelling some $85,000 per year through the Coalition, which will sponsor events that promote cardiovascular health -- things like educational seminars, cross-country skiing outings, healthy cooking classes, and anti-smoking activities.

Susan David, with the Cornwall chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, said 34 percent of the population in the five counties blacken their lungs with a smoking habit, compared to the national average of 28 percent. The numbers also show only 30 percent are getting enough physical activity, and 30 percent are following the Canada Food Guide; hence the Coalitions's focus on nutrition, exercise, and tobacco prevention.

Some of the provinicial money has already been used to purchase a computerized audience polling system, which will be made available to groups who wish to conduct seminars on heart health. Showcased at the news conference, the system includes 50 hand-held remote control units and a single computer running Microsoft Powerpoint. Everybody in the audience was given a unit and punched in answers to health questions presented on an overhead projector. Bingo -- the results were instantly graphed on the screen.

In our group, for instance, 73 percent said they haven't been smokers in at least three years, a statistic David found quite impressive.

More than just the 'wow' factor, she said, was the system's use for educating groups of people on health. "People are afraid to answer questions because they might look silly," she said of the old 'hands-up' method.

Instead, answers are anonymous, a graph pops up, and "the speaker can then respond." Better, more informative, discussions arise out of the technique, organizers said.

David Sherwood, a consultant who helped get the coalition off the ground, said the group learned last spring that the province was going to pump some money into eastern Ontario for heart disease prevention.

Russell County is a particularly bad hot-spot. "There is a difference in the francophone population," he admitted. "But obviously, lots of anglos get heart disease."

Last fall, focus groups in Finch and St. Isadore brainstormed on conveying the message of exercise, nutrition, and a smoke-free lifestyle.

One interesting idea was to have something other than the ubiquitous hot-dog day at school. Cooking classes, dance classes, various anti-smoking promotions in schools were among other suggestions.

More ideas are always welcome. "We're looking for community partners who will help us," David said.

All kinds of activities have already been scheduled under the Coalition's umbrella (contact the Eastern Ontario Health Unit for more details at 1-800-267-0852; for cross country skiing events call the E.O.H.U.'s Suzanne Grisel at 1-613-774-2739). In Dundas county, a cross-country ski or walk is to take place at Williamsburg's Cedar Glen Golf Course on Jan. 15; the 'Placemat Initiative' -- an activitv for children to colour placemats with a smoke-free message -- will run from Jan. 18 to 21; with a nutrition focus there are the 'Collective Kitchen' seminars and 'Nutri-Basket' supermarket tours; on Feb. 19 a cross country ski or walk is slated for 1 p.m. at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary; February will see awards handed out for school classes that participate in the 'Quality Daily Physical Education' program; and a Women's Symposium in Morrisburg sometime this winter.

Iroquois resident Janice Banford, an RNA at Winchester District Memorial Hospital -- a Coalition partner -- was enthusiastic. "Coming from a rural area, Winchester needs to be involved. Prevention is key."

She said the Coalition aims would fit nicely with the expertise of staff at the hospital, mentioning dietician Deidre Cooke's program in particular. And Banford, who works as Infection Control Coordinator in the hospital's Occupational Health department, predicted the interactive computer system would see its fair share of time at the Winchester site.

Healthy Rhythm Coalition member agencies include: Eastern Ontario Health Unit; Centre de sante communautaire de

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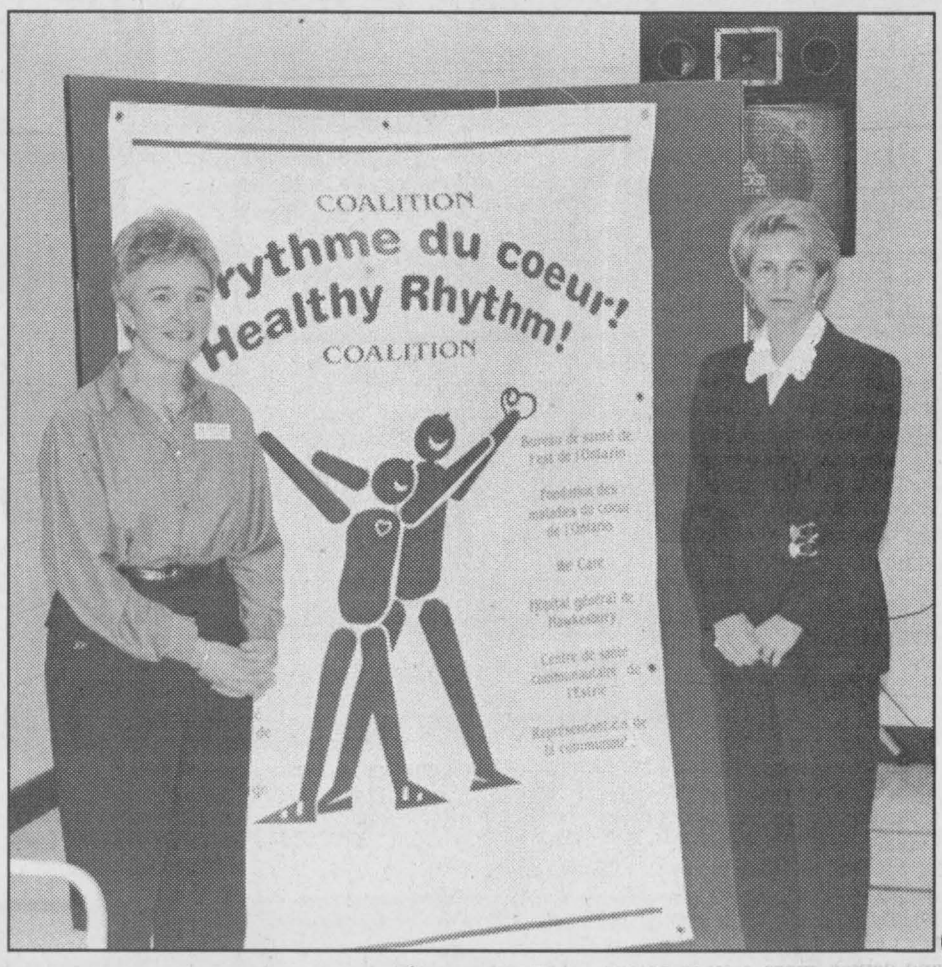

Susan David, Janice Banford and new logo

Ranch blanketed in bright white

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

We cannot seem to get any snow, snowmobilers are down in the mouth and then someone turns it on and the shut off snaps! The fluffy stuff continues to drift and pile and even the people with snowplows no longer have smiles on their faces. The weather has dumped more snow than we expected and the plows are out all hours of the day and night and still cannot get ahead of the snow as it keeps falling from above.

Cleaning the driveway so vehicles can be taken out of the yard; our plowman cruises by and we do not think he is returning to clean our drive. Then, as we finish and go inside to warm up, he arrives and begins to strip off the final layer which we could not budge. What are the chances? If we had left the snow alone, then he would have been too busy to get around to us, oh well, appreciated it nonetheless.

The youngest son withdrew his hard earned money from the summer job, even though his old mother was not certain this was the best move: to purchase a larger snowmobile. He has shined it within an inch of its life and then some...it looks better than a new one. He has promised to let this old writer take it out for a run once in a while.

This week has been rather boring around the ranch, and that is just fine with us! No water running when it shouldn't, no telly troubles, although the trek to the city to get the college kid back after his birthday weekend at home was a chilling experience for the big guy. Apparently the heater or the thermostat or something is out of wack and the result is that he almost froze on the way home late Monday night. This will have to be rectified and soon!!

The birthday man celebrated with family and friends on Sunday as he turned, can you believe it, 21? It seems just the other day he was heading off to kindergarten and now he has entered manhood. Sure makes his old maw and paw feel ancient! There were some awesome Nintendo matches held and a pile of laughter filled the house. Snacks and enough supper for the entire township filled every crevice of hungries. A cake that featured his fav automobile, a little blue VW was a hit and the sun catcher which is also a "bug" car will decorate his room whether at home or in the city. New clothes from various folks all ended up matching and looking good. He has only fourteen weeks left at college and then he graduates. The decision now is what to do next with his talents and ambition. He wants to get into an animation program, we can only hope he gets what he wants. The adverts from the colleges all explain how they will back their grads 100%, not true! His grade average is excellent and yet the school seems to avoid lending him a hand when he needs it. It is discouraging for sure. He will apply to others for the fall term and we hope that something works out better for him.

The morning sun filters through the snow covered shrubs and nature paints an exquisite picture as the sun comes up from the swamp and tickles our noses. The snow glistens with early morning highlights and the mighty St. Lawrence steams and gurgles as the ice begins to sheet across her surface. The feeders are busy with feathered friends and we sit mesmerized by their antics. Even the Beastlie (our kitty) has caught sight of a couple of wee chickadees and sits statue like, as if she can get through the window and snag herself a bird!!

Grampa has moved from the Hartford in Morrisburg to Woodland Villa in Long Sault where he will receive the care and attention he needs and deserves. He seems happy and that is all we can ask at this stage of life.

Taking in the opening of a new bulk food store was an experience since the weather was wild and the roads were not very great. Slip-sliding away enroute was definitely NOT fun! The Bavarian Chocolate Coffee was terrific though. Then to the hockey registration and the Queen pageant for the Matilda Carnival was the start of many trips to Dixons and Dundela. The fun at the rink was great until the bitter cold began to gnaw at the old body and then it was time to head home and sit by the fireplace. The pancakes were tasty and visiting with people not seen often enough is always a treat.

Things have to slow down soon around the ranch and the office. The young lady who works the front desk and office is off cruisin' the ocean blue which leaves us short staffed for a week. This makes a bit more work for everyone and when doing a job you are not used to, it seems to take longer to effectively accomplish it. We will make it through to Monday and she will return...

Take time to enjoy and admire the beauty that winter presents to us. Bundle up warmly and take a walk down a snow filled laneway, trek to the bush and take your camera along. The overhanging

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the bottom line

FOUND: ONE WATCH, BELIEVED TO BELONG TO A HIGH SCHOOL student. If you lost one, stop by the *Chieftain* and describe it to claim it. Don't be late because we have your time piece!! (slj)

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY-- HANG ON TO THOSE DECORATIONS. DON'T pack them away too well. Santa is coming back to Iroquois this very July! Yup, the jolly old elf and the Iroquois Summer Festival Committee are working together to get ready for "Christmas in July." Mark July 9-18, 1999, on your calendar and get set to celebrate a Summer Festival like no other.

"This is going to be one of the best festivals in Iroquois yet!" says Candace Menges of the Summer Festival Committee. "A little elf told me so!"

If you can help in any way with preparations for the fun, the meeting is Wed., Jan. 13 (tonight!) at 7 at the Iroquois Legion; or call Candace at 652-4230. Circle the week and start planning your float to enter in the parade, everyone welcome!! The more the merrier. (slj)

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THIS WEEK WE SEE BOZO THE CLOWN (THIS DATES A FEW!) TURNing 40 and Michael Jordan calling it enough. The great one on the basketball court is retiring this week. Perhaps the greatest dribbler and ball handler the game has seen, Jordan set an example young people could follow.... He will be missed. (slj)

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THE SNOWFALL RECENTLY IS CAUSING POOR DRIVING conditions. With the wind blowing the snow and creating poor visibility, several incidents on the local roadways make us aware of safety. White outs are nothing to shrug off; we must all be careful when we drive. Plows cannot keep up and corners are slippery. Be cautious and leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle ahead of you. Be sure you give yourself ample time to reach your destination. (slj)

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Just Livin'

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branches bend low under the weight of the fluffy stuff. If you snowmobile use it to get out and have some fun...build a fire in the snow and cook a peanut butter sandwich or a cheese one over an open flame, try heating a donut or an apple,yummy! Quality time with the family members and fun to boot, can't be beat.

Cross your fingers for us as the wind comes up and the shingles once more attempt to fly. When summer arrives, they better seal down or I will go up myself and nail them tightly. (And I am so afraid of heights!!)

The son needs the computer to complete a project and so I'll sign off for another week. Til next time, then..

Take care and don't shovel that snow, get someone else to do it, it is worth it! Stay happy and enjoy a true Canadian winter. The wisdom comes from Joseph Addison who wrote, "Knowledge is, indeed, that which, next to virtue, truly and essentially raises one above another."

Focus

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l'Estrie; Council for a Tobacco-Free Russell; Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario (Cornwall and Gloucester); Hawkesbury and District General Hospital; We Care; Winchester District Memorial Hospital; and members at large.

Those seriously interested in becoming a member of the Coalition or who have any ideas which could help promote cardiovascular health through exercise, diet, or smoking prevention, can call the E.O.H.U. (Louise Simmons at 1-800-565-2314) and get involved with the Healthy Rhythm coalition.

David cites the case of a Cornwall senior citizen who likes her bingo, but hates the smoke. The woman has joined the Coalition, which will soon make a presentation to the municipal lawmakers in that city, with an eye to making bingo halls smoke-free.



Blowin' snow *Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston*

This picture could be anyplace these days as people dig out, plow out, blow out or shovel their way out of the layers of snow that have been dumped in our yards. This snowblower duo were on Caldwell Drive Saturday morning. Brad Thompson and Brian Law were also snapped as they cleared away the snow.

St.Lawrence Area Birdwatching



by Linda Anderson

Cold and Snow have ushered in the New Year. The St. Lawrence steams like a cauldron in rosy morning mists as her mantle of ice forms and spreads. Snow crunches under foot and it is so cold the cat won't go out.

Trips to the birdfeeder are a necessity now to replenish seed and brush snow from feeders. Some birds are not adept at finding food hidden under the snow. A source of fat-suet and peanut butter is vital. Birds can melt snow in their mouths for water.

A Cardinal resident after attending church service in Morrisburg on Christmas Day saw a late **kingfisher** at the boat launch. A resident on Dr. Miller Drive reported a **robin** singing cheerfully on December 28.

On New Year's Eve in the daytime, a Church Avenue, Iroquois garden had its first visit by **Bohemian waxwings**. There were also **Cedar waxwings** with them, feeding on the dried-up crabapples and cranberries. The Bohemian closely resemble the Cedars but there are several differences. The Bohemian is larger and darker, more grey in colour, its undertail coverts are chestnut brown and also around the black face patch and throat. The Cedar waxwing is browner, with whitish undertail coverts. The colours on the wings are different for both. To attract them to your garden, plant fruit-producing shrubs or apple trees in the spring.

Pine cones stuffed with peanut butter, oil and seeds and hung from the crabapple trees attracted a couple of large female **Hairy woodpeckers, blue jays, chickadees, starlings and tree sparrows.** The tree sparrows stay right until dusk, long after the others have left.

House finches were observed trying to get into a nest box on a walnut tree. **Cardinals** were reported at a feeder on Saver Road.

Juncos and a **song sparrow** were reported by our Irena Road birdwatcher. These are late migrants and may now be forced to stay around feeders to survive. She also has **male and female cardinals,** with the female coming to the feeder first; **goldfinches, house sparrows, blue jays** and **mourning doves.** A low tree stump is used as a feeder.

Snow buntings are common this winter. Mrs. S. has six coming to her feeder. Some people have seen flocks of up to 100 birds. There is a saying that, "The more you see, the deeper the snow will be."

No reports of snowy owls, redpolls or evening grosbeaks yet...

A frozen **great blue heron** was received on January 7 beside a snowmobile trail bordering the Harkness Cemetery at Irena and Brinston Roads. The find was reported to me and I picked up the bird and brought it home to examine it. There was no apparent injury, but the bird was extremely emaciated. Possibly in the lingering mild weather of early December, not finding enough to eat and trapped by the frigid cold snap, it may have become too weak to fly. Even in death, great blue was dignified, its feathers only slightly ruffled, long legs tucked under its body and head on its side, in a fetal position. How sad to see such a majestic creature reduced to a frozen, feathered lump. Our declining minnow and frog populations are thought to be contributing factors in heron mortality. The strange weather of 1998 must also play a role in disturbing departure times for the south as so many species are being seen which we normally wouldn't see at this time of year.]

Another **robin** was seen in Iroquois (Our own garden) on January 10th.

Bird reports are most welcome. Please call 652-2555.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

Greetings of the New Year to all our readers. At this time I'd like to say a special thanks to the staff at "The Chieftain" for publishing our "Legion News" for the past year. It keeps our members and friends up to date on what is happening at our Branch.

Since our last newsletter was printed, the Legion has lost another veteran in the name of Ken Ferguson. Fergy, as most of you have known has been in poor health for the past year. In his younger and better health days, Fergie was a very active and very proud member of Branch 370. Our condolences go out to his family at this time. He will be greatly missed.

On a lighter note, the Cribbage League did not take a break over the Christmas holidays. The cards were hot and the players were on a roll. On Boxing day, December 26th, there were 15 dedicated players around tables at the Branch. Wilf Summers had top score for the day and Paul Claxton took second place honours. Harold Head picked up third place. In the skunk department, Don Hutt managed to net another trio of striped pole cats to add to his collection. Ken palmer lost all nine of his games but still managed to squeak out a total score of 1,012. On Saturday, January 2nd, there were again 15 players at the Cribbage League games and the Summers held the hot hands with Garnet Summers capturing first place followed by Wilf Summers in second spot. Harold Head battled his way to third place. Only five skunks showed up all day and Roger Coulter netted a pair of them. Now on this past Saturday, January 9th, Joe McDonald grabbed first followed by Garnet Summers in second. Willis Douglas snagged third spot. There were ten skunks handed out on the day and Carroll Summers was on the receiving end of two of them.

At Euchre on January 5, 1999, Joan Murphy took first prize and Miles Casselman came in with the second prize while Ron Wardle got the door prize.

At Duplicate Bridge, the winners were Rick and Judy darling.

The Pot of Gold Winner was Don Thompson, who was NOT signed in and so his potential winnings went back into the pot for next week.

The meat draw winner this past week was Duane Kirker.

This past Sunday, a Steak Shoot was held at the Branch and from all accounts, the organizers were pleased with the average turnout of players.

Please keep in mind that the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their Annual Valentine Tea and Bake Sale on February 6th. All members of the Legion will be getting a letter pertaining to this in the near future.

Also, keep in mind that on Saturday, February 13, our Branch will host the Annual Dart for Hearts. This popular event is open to anyone (Not just Legion Members) who wants to participate. For a good game of darts and lots of good food, come on out to Branch 370. Also remember it is for a very good cause...all proceeds go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Events taking place at Branch 370 include:

Monday night -Bingo
Tuesday Night-Euchre and Bridge
Wed. Night -Line Dancing
-Legion Executive Meeting 7pm.
Thurs. Night -Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 ** Zone Commander's visit.
Fri. Night -Mixed League Darts
Sat. Afternoon-Cribbage League in lounge at 1pm
**Open to anyone.

See you next week.

Harmony Community Church
(Missionary Church of Canada)
Hwy. 31 & Ormond Rd.
774-5170
10:30 am Celebration Service
7:30 pm Evening Service
Wed. 7:30 pm Bible Study

Immanuel Fellowship Rowena Full Gospel Tabernacle
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Pastor Marcel Charette
Phone 535-2029
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study - Tuesday Nights
Watch TBN Channel 20

LETTERS

You will be missed Ron

Dear Editor,

At the December meeting of Iroquois Recreation Committee, **Ronald Delegarde** submitted his resignation. As a former member of Council and a member of Iroquois Recreation, I am aware of the many hours of volunteer help the members give.

The hours and personal expense this young man has contributed will be sorely missed. His only concern was to help the youth of our community and give them something to do besides walk the streets.

As Recreation Meetings are not covered by the local press, the people of the community would not be aware of this resignation and for this reason, I have written this letter.

I am sure that there are many people in the Village who feel as I do, that his help, expertise and hours of labour will be felt for years to come.

Many Thanks Ron!!

Art Roberts.

CRIME STOPPERS

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.

Police services are requesting the public's assistance in solving a break and enter which occurred January 11, 1999, on Hyndman Road, North Dundas Township.

The culprit entered by booting in the rear door to the laundry room. Items taken were a G.E. VCR and remote, 19" TV, change from top of a dresser in the master bedroom, country CD's, computer system, jewelery and jewelery for a 5 year old, and a wooden jewelery box from the master bedroom which contained earrings, bracelets, watch and gold chains.

Remember: We do not have call display. We do not record conversations, and you are always anonymous.

If you have information on this or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers, and if your information leads to an arrest, you are entitled to a cash reward. Reward payments are set up to protect anonymity.

Call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477, or 1-800-265-8477.

Destiny is a matter of choice, not chance

SOUTH DUNDAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

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* lifestyle attractive to all ages.
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~ *Senior Men's Bonspiel Friday*



Lions first win of the year! *photo by M.C. Bailey*

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions surprised the visiting Gananoque Islanders last Friday evening with a 4-3 victory. Unfortunately the Lions could not repeat the win the following night.

"B" Lions two games below .500

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Despite a brief lapse in the third, the Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions put forth a good effort last Friday night to defeat the Gananoque Islanders 4-3.

Second place in the Rideau Division, the Islanders looked a little dumbfounded after Morrisburg shut them out in the opening period of play. Defensively, Steve Iwachniuk and partner Ryan Warr kept the Lions "D" on solid footing and early in the middle frame Morrisburg captured the lead.

With the puck deep in Islanders' territory, Nathan Cassie found Iwachniuk pinching in from the point and the hulking Lions defenceman one-timed a shot past Matt Kenny to put the home team on the board.

Approximately 10 minutes later, the Lions scored their second unanswered goal of the period when Wayne Garlough and Jody Longtin combined to set up Carson Runions.

At 16:40 of the third, Jeremy Alguire gave Morrisburg a 3-0 lead when he capitalized on a pass from Jason Cholette.

Down by three, the Islanders picked up the pace and spoiled Greg Hebert's shut-out chances. Tyler Truesdell and Adrian Haird combined to set up Andrew Dickson.

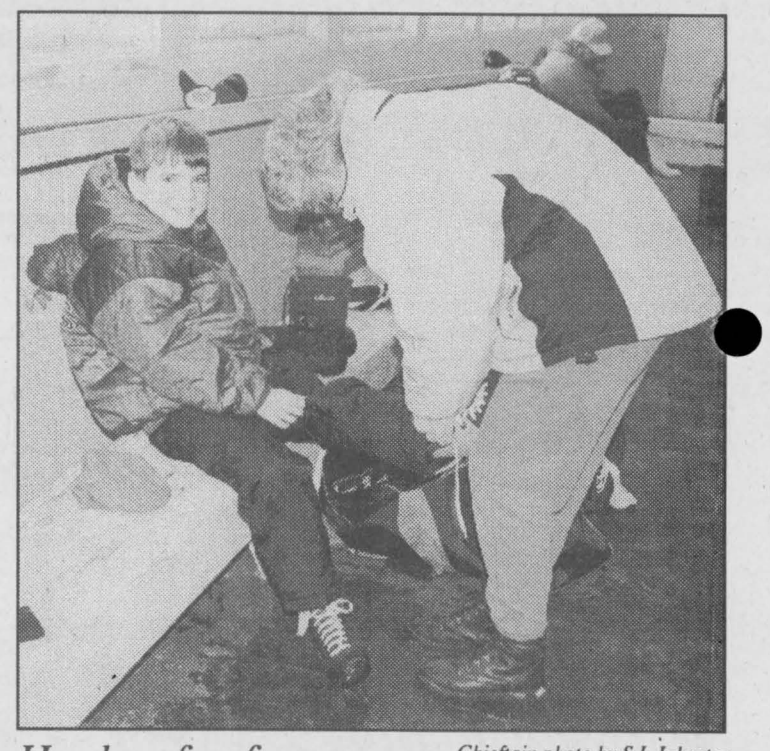
Iwachniuk answered for the Lions a minute later at 8:44 of the third, but Gan made the game interesting when Mike Driscoll scored on the ensuing face-off, and then Adrian Haird added one of his own to make it a one goal game.

With less than a minute to go, the Islanders' net empty, it was Hebert who came up big with some stellar saves to preserve the win for Morrisburg.

"We're unbeaten in '99," said an excited Coach Casselman after the victory. "If they stopped the season right now, we'd be unbeaten this year!" Pleased with the effort, the coach put the jokes aside and gave praise to the entire squad for a good game.

Saturday night in Char-Lan, the Lions unbeaten streak in '99 came to an abrupt end. "We had a lot of chances, but we couldn't put the puck in the net," Casselman said, adding, "We played better than them (Char-Lan) and we should have beaten them." Morrisburg's counters came from Warr and Steph Champagne.

Sunday at home to the Hawks, Morrisburg dished out another solid effort, but were not rewarded for their performance. Down 4-2 going into the third, the Lions drove home two goals to tie the game with less than 3 minutes on the clock. Pushing for the winner, the Lions succumbed to their clawed assailants and with :58 seconds left on the clock the visitors scored the game winner. Morrisburg's first score came from Cory McAllister assisted by Iwachniuk. Longtin added two unassisted goals in the effort and the final score for the Lions was nailed by Wayne garlough. Jamie Barkley gave Wayne a hand.



Hockey for fun *Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston*

Gregory McCaslin waited patiently while his mom tied his skates and then he was off to the rink ice to try out his blades. Close to twenty youngsters came out to sign-up for the recreational games that will teach them in a fun atmosphere to play hockey in Iroquois.

Rep Lions host Devils

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, January 6, the Novice Rep Lions were host to the North Dundas Devils in an Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game. The crowd was ready for an exciting match.

From the beginning both teams worked the boards really hard. The Lions struck first on a shot from Brandon Elliott that he banked off the goalie into the net unassisted at 8:44 of the opening frame. With only twenty-one seconds left in the first, Alan Waddell picked the corner on a pass from Elliott. This put the Lions up by 2 over the North Dundas Devils who could not rattle Graham Peters in the pipes for the Lions.

Then with only 3:48 left in the second Elloitt helped again as Matthew Hummel rattled the mesh in the Demons net behind Jordon Barkley. The action was fast and end to end when the Devils upset a Graham Peters shutout bid. Daniel Byvelds scored at 2:38 to finish the second period off and put the North Dundas team on the board.

The Devils kept the pressure on the Lions in the third, when Hummel put the icing on the cake for the Lions with a quick wrist shot upstairs on the shortside to secure the win. The Lions defence played a big part turning the Devil's attack away from the net.

On Saturday, January 9, the Lions played an exhibition game against the team representing Canton New York. This was a spirited contest with the Lions coming up short on a 2-1 final.

The first period went scoreless as neither goalie was ready to let the puck past. Then in the second, with 8:25 to go Canton took a one to nothing lead, on a goal by Robbie Liggio assisted by Garrett Sharp; but the Lions were not finished yet, as Alan Waddell came back to tie the game. Brandon Elliot assisted on the counter that went by Ben Hammond in the Canton pipes.

The Canton team was not prepared to leave with a tie and buckled down in the third. Some pretty good hockey as the tight score showed. It was at 2:07 of the third that the hard work by the American team was rewarded, as Sharp took the lead pass from Liggio for the go ahead goal and the game.

The Lions seemed a bit sluggish and the coaches admitted that undisciplined penalties left the lions short handed in the second. Being short handed with a minute left in regulation time does not help when pulling the goalie for the extra attacker to at least tie and force overtime. "We will learn from our mistakes," noted Coach Barry Elliott.

The next home game for the Lions is Wednesday against the League leading Cornwall Royals at 7pm in Morrisburg.

Ringers ring in new year on top

Well! Happy New Year to every one of you.

The Ringers are ringing in at the top with 80 points; Lucky 7 one point behind at 79; Dream Team, 70.5; Cheers, 67.5; Double Trouble, 64; Jays Harem, 61.5; Strugglers, 60; Guns & Roses, 58.5; Free Willie, 57; Double Delight, 56.5; Long Shots, 54; Lloyd's Harem, 52.5; Earl's Pests, 51.5; Mod Squad, 50.5; Has Beens, 50; and Cupcakes, 45.

High scores: Linda Birch, 101, 123, 2x140; Brian Cooper, 5x100; Sheila Holmes, 138; Arnie Fader, 132; Andre Tschomy, 130; Walter Reid, 127; Carol Morrow, 2x100, 125; Shawn Render, 124; Michelle Walters, 121; Rodney Francis, 117; Boomer McKee, 112; Sandra Julien, 110; Anne Nesbitt, 109; Marla Seeley, 2x107; Nick Shields, 100-106; Glen Easter, 101.

And with 100 scores: Jake Summerfield, 3x100; Lloyd Greenough, 2x100; Bonnie Gibson; Trevor Easter; Chris Thompson; Jeff Donnelly; and Garnet Summers.

Games won: Jake Summerfield, 7; Mike Osbourne, 5. And with three games apiece: Glen Easter; Diane Baker; Angie Reid; Tina Summerfield; Joyce Fader; and Jean Greenough. With two games each: Trevor Easter; Rodney and Kim Francis; Brian Cooper; Chris Thompson; Tony Easter; Michelle Walters; Duane Kirker; Jeff Donnelly; Art Ault; Nick Sheilds; Delaine Potvin.

Of course, the one game winners were: Sandra Julien; Carol Birch; Thom Greenough; Shawn Render; Earl Nesbitt; Pat Wright; Jim Carkner; Mary Graydon; Sharon Easter; Joan Ault; Carrol Summers; Pat Thomas; Garnet Summers; Bonnie Gibson; Samantha Thompson; Denzil Tousant; Sheila Holmes; Boomer McKee; and Arnie Fader.

See you next week.

Bonspiel was held over the holidays

with Steve Thompson

The inaugral Two Person, First Sunday after Christmas' Bonspiel was held at the Morrisburg Curling Club over the holidays. Twelve teams were entered in this bonspiel with the catchy name. With families home for the holidays, it was an opportunity to get involved on the ice with relatives as well as friends. Winners of the top event were the Morrells, who beat out the Schneckenburgers. The Cooper-Hamilton team defeated the Barkley duo for the second event honours, while the O'Brien/McDonald pair were victorious in the third event, eliminating the Becksteads. With the generous cash prizes, even the third event winners will have something to declare to Revenue Canada after paying for their food, drink and entry fee. A very successful holiday funspiel, sure to be repeated next year.

In league play, congratulations go out to the team of Allan Harriman, Earl Jeacle, Karl Duncan and Allan Brunt, who won the Calvert Trophy as first draw Champions in Monday night curling.

Our senior men enjoyed a recent "friendly' competition with the men of the Cornwall Club. Three of our four teams won, continuing our domination of the city club curlers. As usual, a tasty lunch, including soup, sandwiches and stories concluded the outing.

The Glengarry Old Tyme Fiddlers sponsored their annual cashspiel in Maxville on Saturday. Ann and Wally McDonald, with Alice and Steve Thompson represented our Club and came home with the "high one game win" honours in the 18-team event. It was an excellent day, with good curling, fine meals and dancing to music provided by the best fiddlers in Glengarry County.

The Morrisburg team of Sid Morrell, Neil Williams, Don O'Brien and Tony Toonders competed at the Masters' Zone Playdowns at the R.A. Centre last week. They took their first match to an extra end before being defeated. Our team lost their second game as well and were eliminated from further competition.

Finally, you are invited to the Morrisburg Clubhouse this Friday to see some excellent curling, as top Senior Mens' teams from eastern Ontario compete throughout the day in a bonspiel.

Prescott #1 lead in Interbranch

Dart League action came to the best town by a dam site last Friday, Jan. 8th.

Prescott team #1 finished the evening atop the overall standings, with 109 points, followed by Iroquois #7 at 107. Rounding out the standings: Cardinal #4 at 105; Cardinal #2 at 105; Iroquois #5 at 82; Iroquois #8 at 80; Prescott #3 at 71; Iroquois #6 at 69.

Games won (3 or more): Trevor Easter, 5; Glen Adams, 5; Doug Allard, 4; Mark MacDonald, 4; Ron Bradford, 4; and triple game winners Dan McKee, Rick Deschamps, Duane Kirker, Tom Beach, Jake Summerfield.

High scores: Bob Juby, 180, 140, 125; Glen Easter, 180; Bill Hutt, 140-139; Duane Kirker, 140; Rick Sayeau, 140; Mark MacDonald, 140; Jake Summerfield, 139-121; Micky Cook, 139; Art Ault, 134; Tim Gonczowski, 134; Kenny Murphy, 125; Glen Adams, 125; Steve MacMillan, 121; John Marchand, 120.

And Mark MacDonald took the high finish at 93.

Novice "C" busy on the ice

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Novice "C" Lions had a busy week playing 3 games in 5 days.

On Wednesday, they travelled to cardinal to face the South Grenville Rangers. The Rangers scored a quick goal before Chris Tindal assisted by Kurtis Corry counted for the Lions. The rangers scored 2 second period counters and then added 2 more in the final 25 seconds of the game, for a 5-1 victory.

On Saturday, the Lions hosted the Athens Aeros. Although it was a vast improvement over their last encounter with the Aeros, the Lions came up short in a 4-0 defeat.

Sunday the Lions played the 3rd place Brockville Warriors and again the score board read 4-zip in favour of the opponents. Scott Douma led a great team effort nonetheless.

Despite losing their last three encounters, the team has shown improvement in all areas of their game. This week looks a lot like the last one as they will play 3 games in 5 days again, with better results we hope.

SPORTS CORNER

with Brian St. Pierre

I have discussed in the past how important a tool instant replay can be to any professional sport if it is used and used properly. The NHL is a league that was smart enough to implement instant replay years ago, but, the way it is being used is a travesty and has to be addressed sooner than later.

I admit that I don't watch as much NHL hockey as I used to because of my work schedule and my general indifference to the quality of play the past 5 or 6 years. What I do notice, on an unfortunately too frequent basis, is the continuing trend to hometown favouritism included in the instant replay decision making.

A perfect example of this was in the recent Boxing Day game between Montreal and Toronto. The Habs had the potential goahead goal by Mark Recchi disallowed by the replay judge because he was said to have kicked the puck in. As the CBC showed numerous replays, they continued to show the same thing and that was Recchi hitting the puck twice with his stick and it going into the Leaf net. As the CBC cameras showed the replay judge in his booth, it seemed to me at least, he seemed to be having trouble finding the replay with his remote. After he struggled with it for a minute or so and he realized the cameras were on him, he called down to the ice and ruled no-goal. On what possible basis he did so was unknown and the CBC announcers seemed to barely care. On the other hand (And I hate the Canadiens with a passion) was so upset by this act that I cheered for the Habs for the rest of the night and was thrilled they somehow managed to win the game.

I have witnessed in the last few years (it has been approximately 8 years since video replay was added) in just the small amount of NHL games I view, way too many goals (in a scoring starved league) called back due to small or invisible skate infractions. The thing that is even more disturbing is that it seems about 99.9% of the time the dubious calls will go on in the home teams' favour. The two examples that stick in my mind the most, of course, involved my favourite teams:

1) Ottawa at Chicago (Nov 15,1-998) The Senators scored the goahead goal with 2:30 minutes left against a struggling Blackhawks squad. As the Sens celebrated, the video goal judge called the penalty box and said he was reviewing the goal. After numerous replays were shown by CHRO, it is conclusively shown that no Senator player was within a foot of the goal crease. Of course, the review was a hometown given: No Goal!

2) Boston at New York Rangers (Feb. 1992)-During an overtime game, Bruin forward, Bobby Carpenter turns his back to the Ranger net to begin to backcheck. Just as Carpenter turned, another Bruin forward stole the puck in the corner and fired it into the slot where it hit the back of his skate and went into the net. The goal was reviewed and against all laws of physics, said to have been kicked in. The Rangers went on to win in overtime on a goal scored with a forward in the crease, but, the referee refused to review the play and at this time, NHL rules did not allow the goal judge to overrule him. After what I had witnessed earlier, I don't think an overrule would have been a real threat.

I wonder, does no one in the NHL hierarchy think that the league policy of having the home team supply the video goal judges during the regular season is, while cost-conscious, a very bad idea?!

The way the NHL is letting local video goal judges decide games is making me, and I sure hope at least someone else angry at and embarrassed for my favourite sport.

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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

Ottawa Senators vs Buffalo Sabres Hockey Game, Saturday, January 16, 1999, 7 p.m. Corel Centre. Tickets only $40 per person, great saving. Senators will donate a portion of each ticket back to the United Way. Call 342-8889 for more information or to purchase tickets.

The Iroquois Summer Festival Committee is looking for New Committee Members!!! If you have any new ideas for the Festival and are interested in becoming a Committtee Member, please call Betty Fawcett at 652-4962. Remember...Many Hands Make Light Work!!!!

Iroquois Women's Institute Meeting Saturday January 23rd at 9:30 a.m. Civic Centre. Food demonstration and lunch by committee members.

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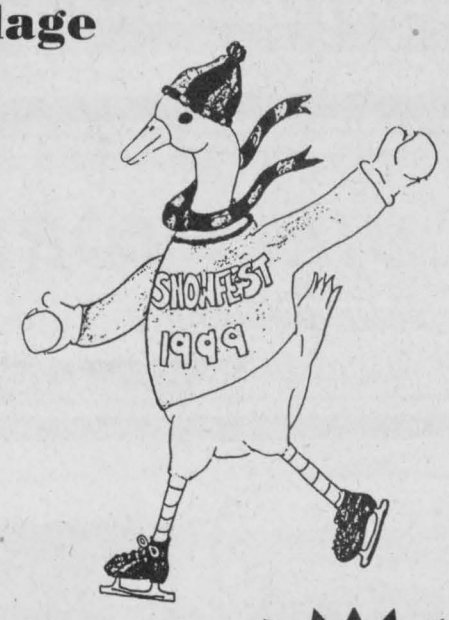

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6:30 p.m. • **Bring Christmas** trees to the Mill
7:00 p.m. • **Bon Fire** featuring hot chocolate & Hot Dogs for a loonie
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8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. • **Teen Dance** (ages 13 to 19) at the Drummond Building, $3.00 admission, Music by BLT

Videos at the Town Hall for School Aged Children 12:00 - 4:00

Saturday, January 16

10:00 a.m. • **Free Sleigh Rides** on the fair grounds
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. • **Pancake breakfast** at the Drummond Building, adults $4.00, children $2.00
All Day • **Chip wagon, Edwardsburgh Lions Club Food Booth** - serving chili, hamburgers, hot dogs, soup, hot chocolate, soft drinks, coffee & doughnuts
9:00 a.m. *(All Day)* • **Public Skating** at the Mill Pond
9:00 a.m. • **Snowpitch Ball Tournament** at the Centennial '67 School - North Diamond, for further information contact Mark Bruce 658-0289 or Cathy Kelso 658-5423
9:00 a.m. • **Soccer Tournament** - No Fee, Drummond Arena. For information contact Bill Ault 652-4740
11:00 a.m. • **Snow Sculpture & Snowman Contest.** Drummond Building Area. Taffy Pull, Drummond Building Area
11:30 a.m. • **Tae Kwon Do Demonstraton** at the Drummond Building
12:00 - 4:00 p.m. • **Dog Sled Rides** - Free Admission
1:00 p.m. • **Snowmobile Poker Run**, Drummond Building Area
• **Children's Ice Fishing** at the Mill Pond, Admission is free; for more information contact L. Blair 658-5713
1:00 p.m. • **Euchre Tournament** at the Drummond Building - Fee $5.00, for more information contact Claude at 658-5832
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. • **Lumberjack Contest** in front of the grandstand
6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. • **Dinner & Dance**, Drummond Building, **SOLD OUT**

Pre-School Baby Sitting Service 12:00 - 4:00 at the Masonic Hall, Spencerville across from the Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 17

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. • **Brunch** at the Drummond Building, adults $5.00, children $2.00
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. • **Registration for Snowmobile Ice Drags**
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12:30 p.m. • **Sleigh Rides** on the fair grounds
1:30 p.m. • **Figure Skating Show** at the Edwardsburgh Arena
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Cards of Thanks

ROBERTSON: I, Ed Robertson wish to thank all the Doctors, Nurses and staff at the WDMH for their kind care while I was a Heart Attack patient there. I also want to thank Dr. Masters and all the Doctors, Nurses and Staff who looked after me at the Heart Institute, Civic Hospital for my bypass operation. Also I would like to thank Rev. Doug Carnegie for all his kind words and visits to me as well as to thank everyone who sent cards or flowers or asked about me while I was in hospital. Thanks again. **Ed Robertson.**

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KIRBY: Albert E., 88 years of Tilbury, Ontario at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital, Windsor, Ontario on Wednesday, December 22, 1998. Beloved husband of Marguerite (nee Hodge) and loving father of Ronald Kirby and his family, wife, Halina and most loving grandfather to Adam and Maia and their mother Linda Kirby.
Dear brother of sisters; Fanny and Edith of Brantford. Predeceased by his parents; Thomas and francis and by two sisters and six brothers. Surviving are several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at the Reaume Funeral Home, Tilbury, Ontario on Monday, December 28, 1998 at 11am. Particulars later.

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Initiation "D" Lions win a pair over weekend

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Morrisburg Initiation "D" Lions skated away with a pair of victories on the weekend. First they defeated Metcalfe 4-1 on Saturday morning in Metcalfe and then went on to beat the Cornwall Huron Hounddogs on Sunday night on home ice in Morrisburg.

The entire team was up for both games easily out-skating the opposition in both contests.

Saturday saw Lucas Stewart hot between the pipes in an end to nd nailbiter.

Chelsea Schell played an outstanding, standup game in the Lions; net on Sunday against a fast skating Cornwall team. A strong defence stopped the opposition cold with excellent checking and some colourful hits from Thomas Corden, Matthew Hanson and Scott Summers. Awesome offence by all forwards; Jay Keller, Nicholas McCaslin, Drew Hutt, David Toonders, Michelle Thurler, Barron Yelle and Michael Davidson proved to be just too much for the netminders at the other end of the ice.

For any one who wants to see hockey played the way it was meant to be played, for the pure fun of the game, come out and watch these 7 and 8 year olds. You may well be watching a superstar of the future in action right in Morrisburg.



Citizen of the Year

Charles Cantin saved a wee lady's life just a while ago. His brave tactics and quick thinking were just what was needed to save the little girl from Kemptville way. Matilda Recreation Chair, Nancy Blokland presented him with his award. Citizen of the Year well deserved Charlie!! Congrats! *Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston*

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OBITUARIES

Gordon Casselman

At age 58, Gordon Gerald Casselman of Morrisburg at the Cornwall General Hospital on Monday, January 4, 1999. He lived the last three years of his life at the Lamplighter Motel.

A lifetime resident of the Iroquois and Morrisburg area, Gordon was born January 30, 1941, in Winchester to parents Irwin and Olive Casselman (nee Barkley), both of whom predeceased him in 1996.

Dearly missed by daughters Angela Mackler of Long Sault and Leslie Keeler of Cornwall; and brothers Don (Velma) of Dixon's Corners, Lyle (Linda) of Cambridge, and Glendon (Donna) of Morrisburg. Sadly missed by two grandchildren.

A tinsmith and plumber, Gordon enjoyed playing hockey and fishing in his earlier years.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Williamsburg, on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 5 and 6. Funeral was held the next day at Marsden and McLaughlin with Rev. Doug Carnegie officiating. Interment followed at New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg. Pallbearers were Rob Casselman, Allan Casselman, Gary Kirkwood, and Wayne Kirkwood.

Works Superintendent reports "rough week", gets a grilling

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"My phone's been ringing steady," North Dundas Works Superintendent Arden Carruthers told Council last Wednesday evening. A heavy snowfall last week was keeping the North Dundas crew very busy.

"Snow-plowing is going reasonably well," Carruthers reported.

"This past storm will cost upward of $6,500," he said.

He also dealt with the issue of streetlight requests in the Chesterville area. Residents near that community have tried to get dibs on some old streetlights the Township presently has in storage.

With 575 streetlights already illuminating North Dundas at a yearly cost of $37,000, Carruthers appeared reluctant to go ahead with installing more.

"Why should we do it?" Carruthers asked. "We salt, sand, and light the sidewalks, and then people go walk on the roads," he said, his tone reflecting a "rough week."

"I know we turned down people in Inkerman," Councillor Estella Rose said.

Talk of the snowy weather turned Coun. Gail Parker's sites on the Township's new salter/sander. She grilled Carruthers on where he purchased the piece of equipment, and why it wasn't tendered out.

Parker said a local dealer had called and complained about where the salter/sander was purchased. "He didn't think they pay too much taxes in the municipality," she said sharply.

The works superintendent admitted he bought the spreader at an Ottawa Carleton dealer.

Recreation

A small group from Hallville presented plans for a multi-purpose park. "Our association has located a 11.17 acre property for sale within the hamlet that would nicely suit our needs. The plan is to develop this property into a multi-purpose park that would allow for baseball, soccer, picnicking and other athletic or leisure activities," said Dermid O'Farrell.

The proposed site fronts Wylie Way and Wylie Creek in Hallville.

O'Farrell was looking for a quick commitment from Council. "Prior to amalgamation, Mountain Township Council had allocated approximately $51,000 in a reserve fund to be used only for capital recreation projects in Ward 2. . . . We understand these are still available.

"There is no other capital project for recreation in the former Mountain Township. We're at the top of the list."

The Mayor reminded O'Farrell that they were still dealing with taxpayers' money.

O'Farrell promised that, aside from the land purchase, Hallville Recreation "will not be here to ask for one penny.

"We look forward to your response," he said. "Maybe a phone call tomorrow," he added with an optimism that prompted table-side chuckles.

The group was thanked for their presentation.

Matt Krisjanis, Recreation Director of North Dundas, reported that the next North Dundas Recreation Committee meeting, Jan. 19th, will see the election of a new chairperson and secretary.

That prompted Coun. Rose to ask if the committee itself was being restructured first. Council has heard before that the committee is much too large and unwieldy.

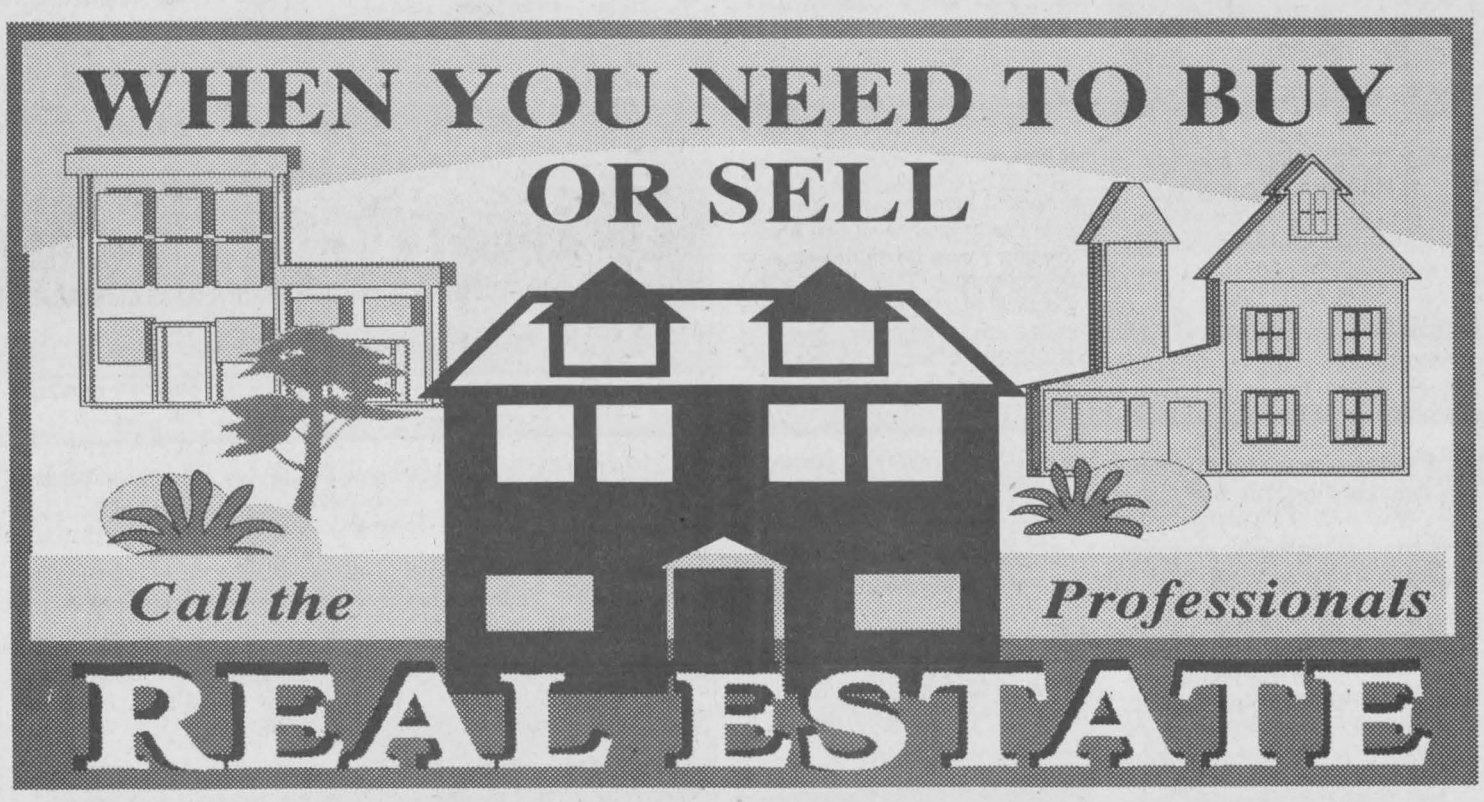
"I will recommend a decrease in the size of the committee," Krisjanis said. "There would be more accomplished."

Coun. Schoones revealed that he has received calls from Recreation Committee members who would prefer someone with no connections to Council make recommendations on how the various committees should go about their business.

"They feel Matt is too restraining."

The idea didn't take off.

Coun. Keith Fawcett was dismissive. "Some are reasonable and some want you to buy their coffee and doughnuts," he said.

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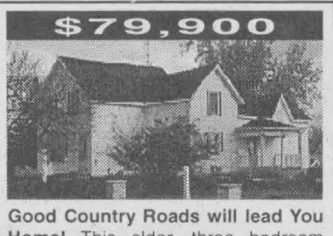
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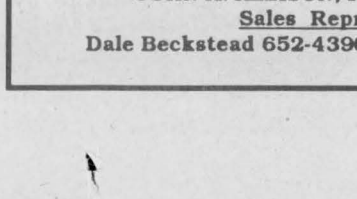
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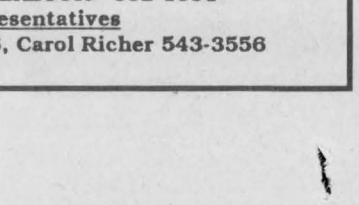
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Lou's Pantry Opens

Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston

Louella Smail and her daughter Leslie Baldwin have set up shop in the rear of the former Morrisburg Dairy building, south of Jug City. Their Bulk and Health Food Store features gluten-free cooking items as well as specialty coffees and teas, spices and various baking necessities. The Bavarian coffee tried when this was taken was excellent. Check their wares out.

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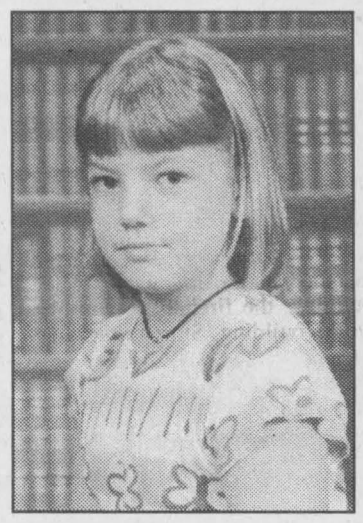
The group has been singing together for two years and all attend Cedarview Alliance Church in Nepean. They enjoy a variety of musical styles and present both traditional and contemporary gospel music in their concerts. The response to their last concert in the area was such that early arrival is recommended. There is no charge and there is no reserved seating. A free will offering will be taken to cover expenses.



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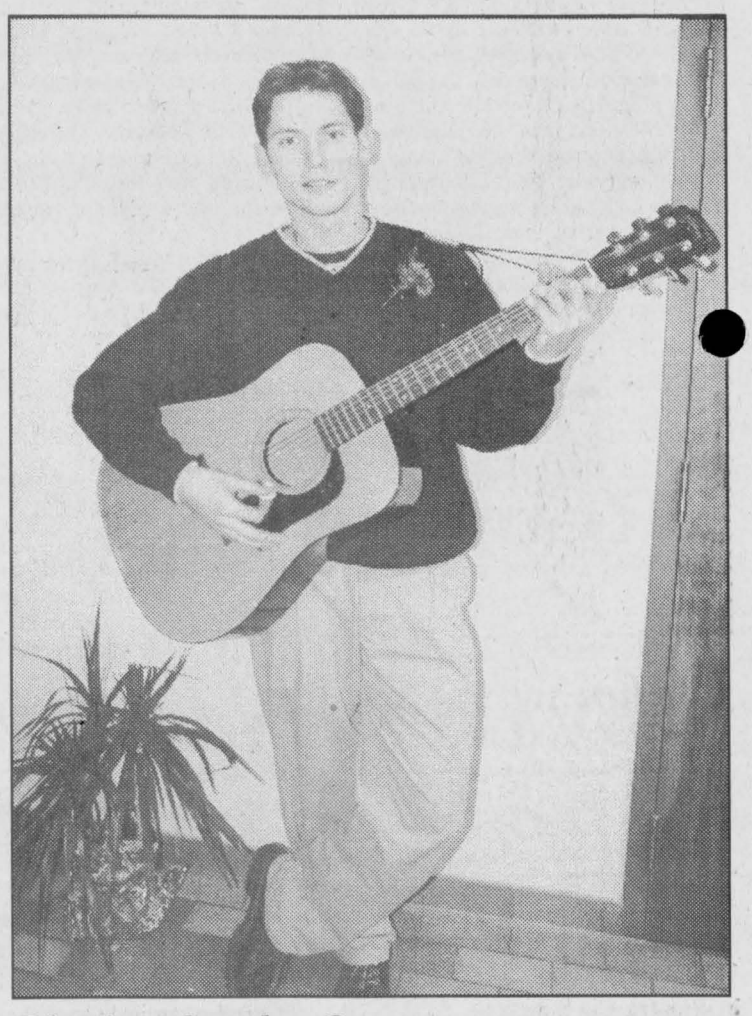

Playing for the Queen

Joel Geleynse played and sang to the 24th Matilda Carnival Queen as she was taking her victory strutt down the runway. Here The Chieftain snapped his picture as he warmed his guitar before heading to the stage.

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Billy only missed one

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Billy Sypes played his accordion at the Carnival Queen Pageant on Saturday evening as Matilda Hall saw the 24th Annual Queen crowned. Bill has played at all but one Pageant, quite a record for a small town boy who taught himself to play.

From Front

North Dundas

I respect that, but at the same time just look around us; Osgoode and Russell townships are larger yet have five member councils, as well [as] all other municipalities in SD&G. I firmly believe we have to set this process in motion as soon as possible so as to be ready for next year.

"Setting policies and procedures as well as a visioning exercise should be one of our early goals in this next year, and our meeting on Friday with staff should set the frame work for this process. These are just a few of the issues that will confront us in the next year of our term, and hopefully Council will collectively give serious and effective consideration thereto. Personally, I look forward to these many challenges, and with collective cooperation, there is no telling how much we can accomplish together.

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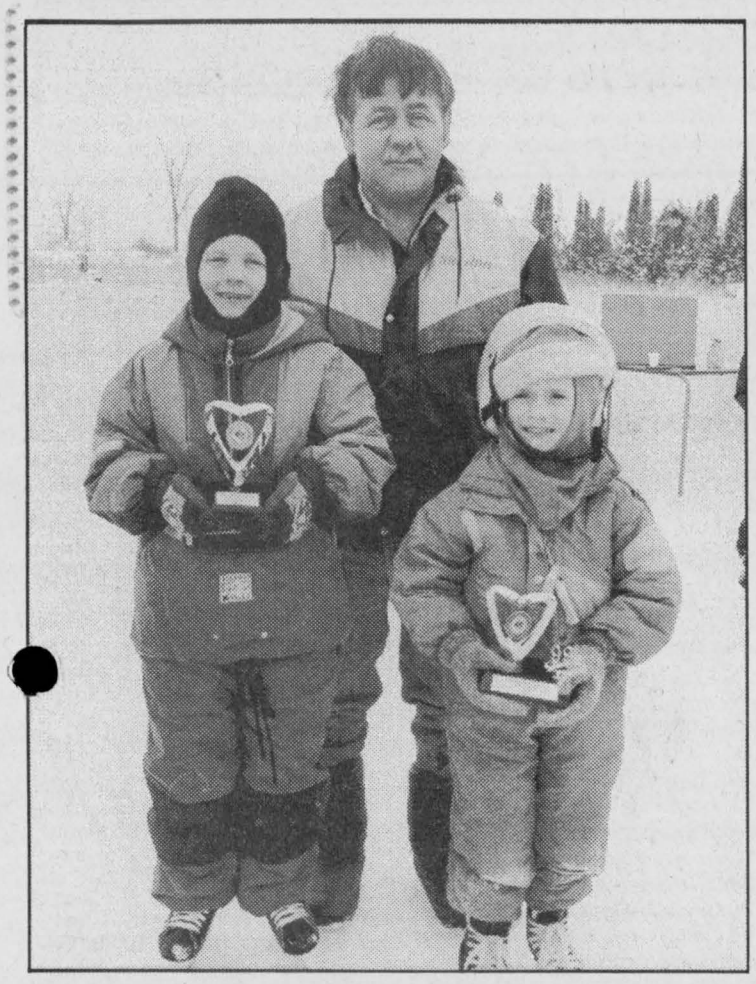
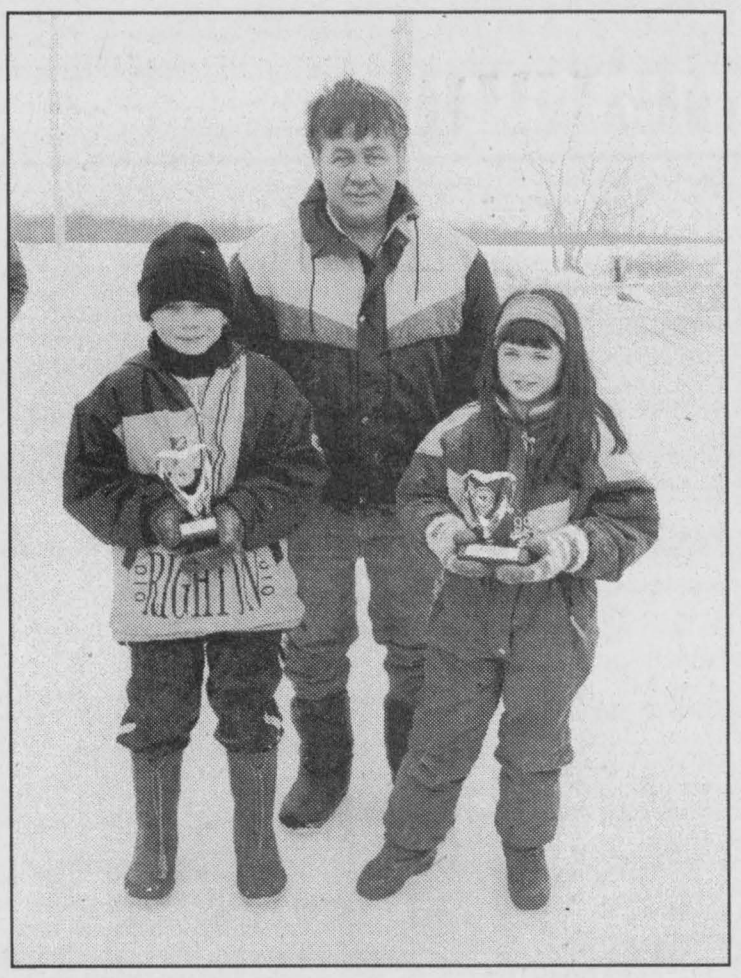
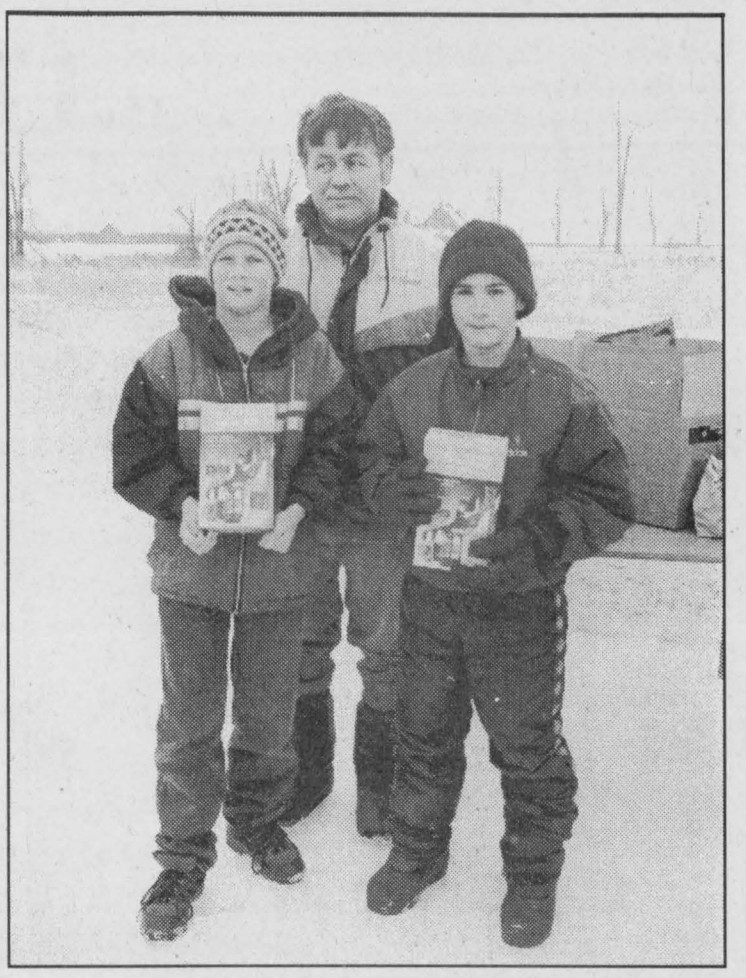






Ice fun winners on Sunday at Dundela

The family fun on the rink at McIntosh Park in Dundela was chilly, but those taking part did not seem to mind. Mayor Johnny was skating and when the tricycle races began and the nail pounding, all eyes were on the entrants. When the trikes were at the finish line and winners announced, trophies were handed out by Recreation member Garry Shaver and Carnival Queen, Rebecca Cooper. Racing trikes on the ice is difficult, but winners here knew how to lean...in the 8 and under race, Jessica Whitteker took first, and Blaine Markell second. In the 8-10 race, it was Nicki Ault followed by Matthew Moore. In the 11 and 12 year olds race, Danny Markell and Jonathan Winters took the gold. *Chieftain photos by S.L. Johnston.*

Highlights during 1998 as Reeve Dishaw sees Cardinal

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

During their regular monthly council meeting Cardinal Council and Reeve Larry Dishaw offered a list of accomplishments for the Village in 1998 as they prepare to head into 1999 with confidence and a feeling that they are in fact on the right track.

The growth in population in Cardinal was upward during 1998 and accomplished this growth at a 14.5% rate increase. Offering accolades to Council members, those in Public Works, on the Fire Department, volunteers, and the public in general for their actions during the Ice Storm of '98. The Village mill rate has been constant during the four years from 1994 to 98, an enviable record for all municipalities.

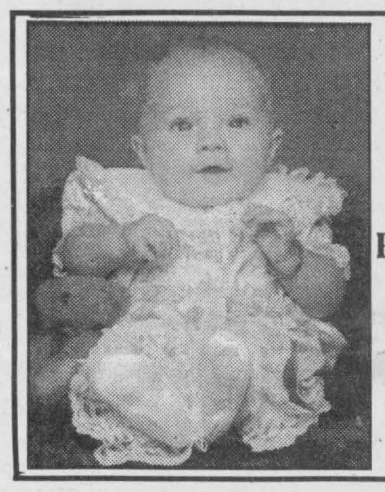
Capital Works projects included the upgrades at the Cenotaph, tree removal and new plantings, the paving on Dundas, Queen, John, Helen, First, and Perry Streets as well as a new sidewalk on William Street. The installation of hydro at the pavilion. Emergency power systems were installed at the municipal office building, the firehall, and public works building. Storage building for sand and salt, as well as new entrance signs to the Village at the east and west ends. A new garbage truck was purchased and the execution of the emergency plan table top exercise will ensure that Cardinal is ready when disaster strikes.

It was noted that Cardinal Council and there by the people of the Village demonstrated their support for the Community in Bloom program, the Cardinal History book, the Community Festival, the Leeds & Grenville Fire Prevention Parade, the Arena Board, (new heaters for crowd warmth) a good working relationship has been fostered with the South Grenville Junior " B" Rangers hockey club (a new dressing room was created for the team.)

Every cloud has a silver lining, but there is the other side as well.

Lowlights as cited by the Reeve included Bill 79 as passed by the province (fairness for Property Taxpayers Act), the fact that Cardinal does not have local direct County representation although they paid $342,000. in 1998. The negative provincial response to the reinstatement of the seat for Cardinal was a downer. They faced the trimming of Provincial Support Grants from the 1997 rate to zero dollars. And finally the loss of the Industrial garbage contract hurts the municipality coffers.

When the topic of Y2K came up, the Reeve and Council agreed that"All is well in hand. Cardinal has been on top of things and have been working throughout '98 to bring things all together and 1999 should see the Village ready to go." Clerk Walsh noted, "We are not taking this Y2K lightly. We will get word to those agencies we deal with regularly, like Hydro and natural gas people to ensure that they are up to speed." Councillor Scott sees 1999 as a challenging year, but said, "Council has a vision and knows what direction they want to take to reach their goals, so cardinal and her residents are there together." Deputy-Reeve Burrell noted, "Restructuring took a lot of time and effort, hopefully it is all but done and we can continue to move ahead. We are fine just the way we are!" Councillor Pakeman expressed the idea that everything had been covered very well and he agreed with all that had been said. The Y2K ideal being looked at the main office, the water plant and the sewage plant. "cardinal as far as I am concerned is the best place in Ontario to live!" Councillor Willis added the heaters at the rink to the list and agreed with his colleagues on all other issues.



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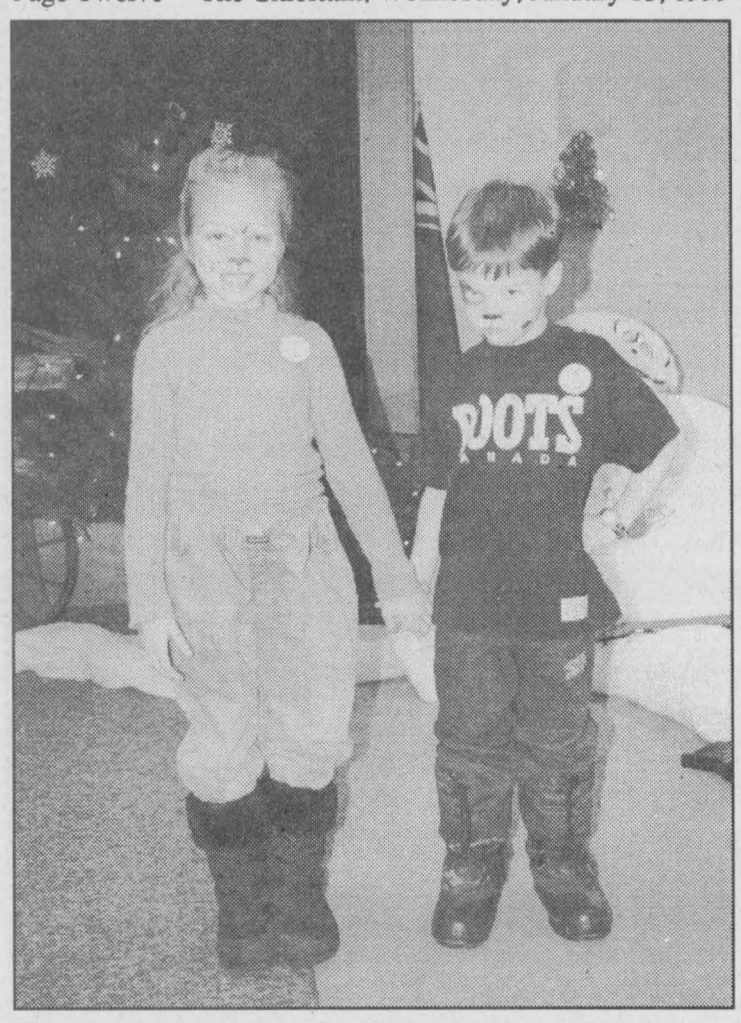
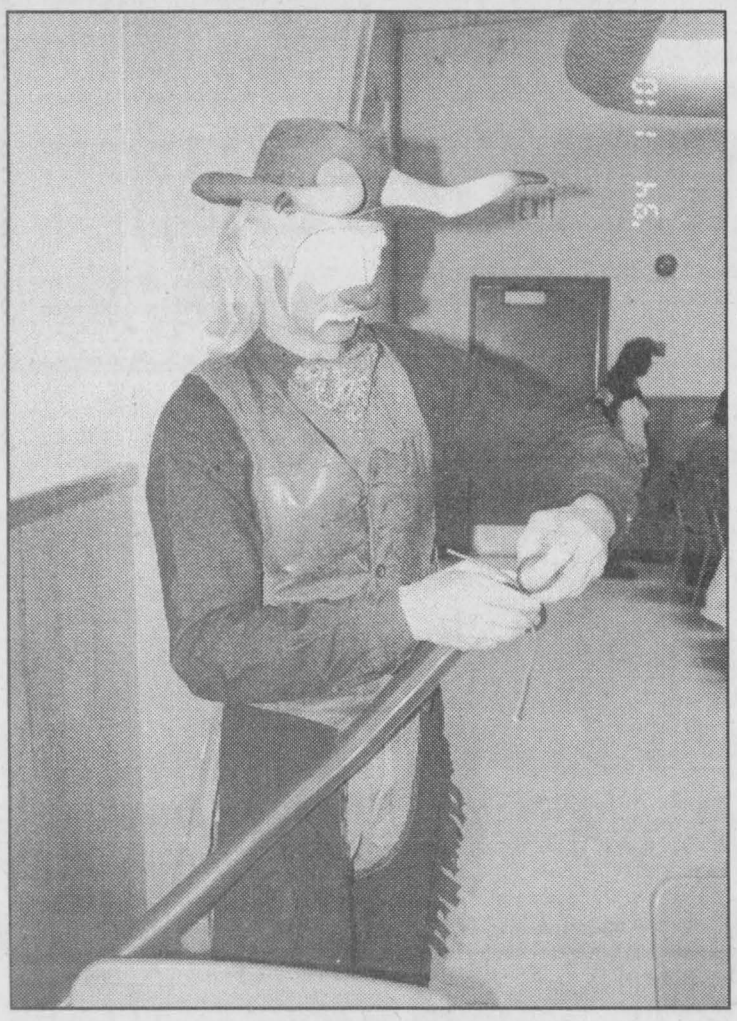


Brooke is a cat and Dylan a puppy ...carny fun.



Just clown'n around at Matilda Carnival .

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Carnival

continue her education at St. Lawrence College in Gerontology.

Erica Walsh is also 16 years old and in grade 11 at Seaway. Dr. Dean Summers sponsored her and Jim Stewart escorted her. She is involved with the Improv Team, OSSAD, Choir and the school band. ("I am a pretty good singer, too!") She likes school and volunteers with the Girl Guides in Williamsburg and works at KFC. She assured everyone that she was indeed extremely nervous!

Rebecca Cooper thanked her sponsor Iroquois Gas Bar and her escort this evening, Ernie Beckstead. An 18 year old OAC student at Seaway she acknowledged her parents, Brian and Shelley, noting that she had lived her entire life in Matilda and looks forward to attending college when she graduates to study to become a veterinary technician. She mentioned snowboarding, shopping and swimming, senior band and playing the saxophone as her favourite pastimes. She has volunteered with meals on Wheels, served Christmas dinner to those less fortunate, curled All-Ontario and regular competitions, worked part time at the gas bar, peer tutored grade 1 and enjoys family time as well as time with her boy friend, her cat and dog as well.

Joel Geleynse sang as part of the amateur Talent entertainment,and Billy Sypes, (on his accordion for the 23rd time) Marcy and Lacy Venema and then Sid Markell sang (with their Keraoke) as did Randy Caesar and Perry Keeler sang also. A new twist this year to include the talent as part of the Queen pageant worked quite well.

Charles Cantin was awarded the plaque for Citizen of the Year. Nancy noted, "The Citizen of the Year is someone who makes a difference in our community. Charles helped save a child's life with out regard for his own safety. "He is someone we can be proud of and who is a hero in his own community for sure." Upon acceptance, Charles noted, "I believe in miracles now!"

Bev Sabourin awarded a plaque to Joan Zandbergen who was voted Senior Citizen of the Year by her peers. She was not in attendance, but would receive the plaque. "A lady who has been and remains today, very active in her community. She is well known, and even though in her 80s, she is active in Hospice efforts, helps with Seniors projects, works with the Helping Hands Senior Group. And so for her outstanding contribution to S.D. Township..."

Each gal came to the stage in casual outfit and then evening dress. Answering a question they chose from a jar, but which they had been given previously, Shannon told the audience that her favourite famous Canadian is artist Robert Bateman; "I could show my love for animals though art as he does." Krsitan explained that her father has been the greatest influence on her, "He makes me feel good when I am down, he is always there for me, and mostly I love him!" Rebecca noted that in order to get a job, young people in the future will need computer skills, and college or university will be essential. She suggested that teens concentrate on school. A good personality, and getting to know many people will help get a job. Erica suggested that young people keep the lines of communication open between them and their parents, keep their folks informed and get along better together. Kimberely suggested that a YMCA and a YWCA in the township would keep kids off the streets, provide a place to be active and fill a void since the schools are not having extra curricular activities. Charity looks for honesty, trust, caring, kind and able to cheer her up, laugh with and at her and be someone who I can talk to open and freely is what she looks for in a friend.

Each gal got a red rose, a Township pin and $35. from Recreation. The escorts each got a rose as well.

last year's Queen, Heidi Tibben chose door prize winners and spoke to the girls about her year. "I enjoyed my year, it was a lot of fun and I will never forget those tricycle races at the Dundela rink!!"

The eldest gent in attendance was recognized, Ken Sypes (75 years) and Faye Brinston (87 years).

The as the judges returned to the room after their deliberations, it was the moment everyone had come for, the crowning of the winners. Miss Congeniality is chosen by her fellow contestants and this year it was Kimberley LaRose. She was also chosen by the judges as Runner-up to the Queen, whom Heidi crowned, Rebecca Cooper. After their ceremonial walk, Joel sang and then cameras snapped photos as the girls smiled, and smiled and smiled more. Congrats Rebecca and Kimberley, as well as to all who took part, it is no easy task to step up in front of a large crowd. Each gal did a terrific job.

Teachers

teachers will not have to escalate this job action into a full withdrawal of services strike," stated Benedict.

Randy Frith, President of the Upper Canada Elementary Teacher's Local said, "The day after we announced the job action, I heard from Board Officials anxious for the parties to return to the bargaining table. Our chief negotiator and the Board's Chief negotiator have agreed that the parties would meet on Tuesday last, January 12 and Wednesday, January 13 (today). The parties will be meeting without provincial negotiator, Michelle Ryan who is unavailable."

If a tentative settlement is not reached on these two days, strike registration will be held on January 18 and 19 (Sunday and Monday) at various sites throughout the Board.

A media blackout on the bargaining sessions on January 12 and 13 will keep us in the dark until something comes from the talks.

Work to rule includes such mandates as teachers being in their assigned workplace or classroom not more than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the instructional day int he AM and where applicable, not more than 5 minutes before classes start in the afternoon. Teachers will leave school at the end of the school day as soon as students are safely off school grounds or on the school buses. They will leave school no more than 15 minutes after student dismissal. No school related work will go home with teachers. Lesson prep, planning, marking evaluating or any other "school work" shall be done during school day hours, excluding the 40 minute lunch break. Teachers shall not take part in overnight field trips.

Teachers shall attend only staff meetings, School Council and parent teacher interviews scheduled for school hours. They will teach those classes and supervise in accordance with the teacher's currently assigned timetables. All extra curricular activities...clubs, drama, music, teams and athletic events, including practice are cancelled. Intermural events, sports and team practices. All teachers shall withdraw voluntary participation on Board/school committees or activities during this work to rule time. Committee participation required by the collective agreement, by law or by job responsibility will continue conditional upon all meetings being held within the instructional day.

Hydro

from Morrisburg Hydro. "They were already somewhat familiar with the Williamsburg and Iroquois systems," he added, noting some contract work was done in the past.

Iroquois Hydro only had one lineman, and he declined a position with South Dundas Hydro, he said. And Williamsburg Hydro never had its own outdoor employees, always contracting out its line work, some to Morrisburg Hydro and a lot of it with Winchester Hydro.

That would leave South Dundas Hydro with one fewer lineman than the old utilities combined.

Restructuring, however, proved the smaller challenge in 1998. The ice storm obviously took that prize. Allison remarks on just how well the employees managed last January: "We're very fortunate with our staff.

"We spent a big chunk on the ice storm," he said, noting the $100,000 price tag. South Dundas Hydro does not carry any debt today, however, nor did it inherit any from its predecessors.

Challenges and changes in 1999, and beyond

The bucket trucks have been very visible in Iroquois in the past year, and not just because of the ice storm. Still more renovations to the Iroquois power grid are coming in 1999. "We've had problems in Iroquois with the actual operations. Things we discovered," Allison says, somewhat reluctant to go into details.

"We'll spend where it needs it," he adds.

Iroquois' problem: all of the grid was new 40 years ago, which means wear-out is happening all at once. "In other communities you have a range of equipment age -- from the very old to the very new."

Also slated for this year: new payment options. South Dundas Hydro has recently changed banks and will soon be announcing some different methods for customers to pay their bills.

And 1999 will be the last year in the young utility's life before the big change comes in 2000: competition. Next year, the province will allow consumers to choose their electricity supplier, much as they can now choose their own gas company or long distance telephone service.

"The best case scenario is for us to continue with the customers we have. There will be a cost, no matter where you buy your electricity."

Allison notes that the utility is trying to prepare for the onslaught of competition. "We have joined a group called the Municipal Electricity Association." The buying group should allow South Dundas Hydro to get power at better rates.

Y2K

According to some predictions about the impending Y2K computer bug, January will again strike power utilities with disaster, come the year 2000.

"We don't anticipate any problems," Allison said, with the cryptic proviso, "unless our supplier has a problem.

"The actual operation is all manually operated," he said. Only the office accounting system is dependent on computers, he assured, and they've been recently upgraded.

Allison has been a member of the Morrisburg Hydro Commission since 1977, and was elected to the South Dundas Hydro Commission last year. Mayor Johnny Whitteker and Bill Barkley share the table with him.

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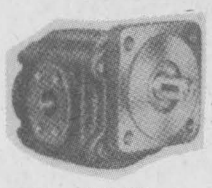

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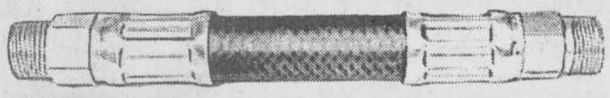



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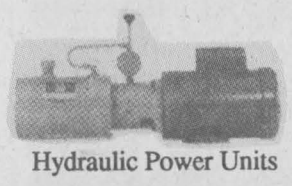

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