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Rebuilding a Business

A.J. Parker is in the process of rebuilding his Parker Professional Painting business in Morrisburg's Industrial Park. Triple B Structures are handling the actual work. The beams and the perlins are in place as the new building takes shape. Like the Phoenix who rose from the ashes, so too will this business and the community wishes them the best as they start over. A healthy business sector breeds a healthy residential area. *Chieftain Photo by S. L. Johnston*

Tulipmania blooming as Tulip Festival celebrates

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Millions of tulips will bloom in May this year around the world, but no place will they symbolize as much nor create as much excitement as in Canada's Capital Region when it becomes ever more scenic. A colourful mosaic of beautiful flowers will invite tourists and residents alike to take part in the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Tulip Festival. Unfortunately Malak Karsh, the founder of the Tulip Festival and the man who made Ottawa synonymous with tulips through his amazing photography was to serve as Honorary President of the 50th Anniversary, passed away.

Ottawa has become infamous for tulips through the Festival and in 2002 it will expand by one entire week. The Festival this year promises to present tulips like you have never seen before.

Tulipmania will be created throughout Ottawa with a calendar of events including the Tulipmania Exhibition (Artistic tulip displays designed and built by Canadian artists); Tulipmania Concerts; the 50th Anniversary Community Tulip Garden (260 five-foot artistic tulips painted by local artists on display in front of City Hall); the World Tulip Summit (Foremost international experts on tulips in a 3-day symposium of workshops, presentations, seminars and events-May 9-11) and the Tulip Encounter which is a series of workshops, seminars and book signings. Artisans in the Park (up to 125 in one tent!); Kids Entertainment including arts and crafts, live shows and face painting. The Parade of Light by the Casino de Hull, a nighttime procession of creatively illuminated vessels and low-level fireworks on Dow's Lake, May 18 at 8pm. Anyone who has seen the Flotilla on the Rideau Canal will encourage you to see this one as boats of all varieties entertain upwards of 100,000 people along the bank on Sunday, May 19 departing Dow's Lake at 1pm.

The one event not mentioned has a local flair as the Gateway Tulip Parade will once again form up in Morrisburg as the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce plans their annual extravaganza. Tripping northward on Bank Street, the 80 kilometres to Major's Hill Park. Community spirit will be high as floats are prepared and everyone gets their tulips arranged in perfect order for the drive. A meeting has already taken place to get things in order as interested parties were present to add input and discuss restrictions etc. Last year as everyone will recall the weather was less than great. The rain dampened everything but the spirits of the parade participants. It is anticipated this year's parade will be bigger and better than ever! A unique way to tie South Dundas to Ottawa, the parade is a useful tool in publically announcing what is available just a short drive south on Bank Street. The exposure is terrific as not only tourism but industry and the job market are helped.

The Gateway Parade will be Saturday, May 11 and since the theme this 50th Anniversary year is "Tulips" it was suggested each float tie into the theme. The offer of potted tulips through the St. Lawrence Parks Commission sparked interest. Bruce Fitzsgibbon was on hand and explained how the flowers should bloom on cue. "I need to know how many floats we expect and the number of tulips needed so I can arrange to have them grown. They will be shipped to the assembly area and

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Edwardsburgh/Cardinal curbside pick-up to begin

by Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Council took a giant step toward curbside waste and recycling pickup in the municipality at their meeting on February 4.

The council awarded the tender for waste pickup to Waste Services Incorporated for roughly $7,000 per week. The contract with Waste Services Inc. is for a ten year period from March 1, 2002 to February 28, 2012, meaning curbside pickup will begin on March 1.

Mayor Dave Dobbie stated that in his opinion Waste Services Inc. was offering the better deal and added that the Cardinal landfill site will remain open for larger items such as fridges, stoves and mattresses.

He said the Ministry will allow them to take in 25 per cent more waste without a change in certificate. This landfill site is expected to have 8 to 18 years left depending on the usage.

Residents in the township currently use bag tags at a cost of $1 per bag, but soon they will be using clear, plastic garbage bags with the township logo on them.

"This is a very big step. The consultants still have to determine when the landfill site will be closed, the garbage bags have been ordered and we have to educate the public," said Mayor Dobbie.

In other council business, the lights at the baseball diamond in Cardinal need to be replaced. Hydro One turned the power on last year, but will not this year until the light are repaired.

Recreation Coordinator Mike Spencer says the cost to repair the lights will be $25,000. The recreation committee says that the figures show the lights were only used about 7 times last year and that not enough groups use the late night slot to warrant the cost.

Mayor Dave Dobbie asked that the committee ask Mike Spencer to draw up a list of what the lights need to show where the cost came from and that he receive a copy of this.

"Maybe the lights are not being used now, but if we want to entice people to play baseball we need the lights," said Mayor Dobbie.

The administration committee recently held their monthly meeting and a verbal proposal was made to revise and consolidate the Emergency Plans of the former municipalities. The cost is estimated at $2,500 with the municipality doing some of the clerical work.

The committee also requested that a tender be released for new signage for the municipality for municipal buildings, hamlets and boundary roads under the Manager of Public Works.

Mayor Dobbie stated that they have transition money for signage that has to be used by the end of the year.

A new General Manager was appointed to the Port of Prescott and council welcomed Robert Hennessy as the new General Manager.

"Up in Flames" inventors to tour elementary schools

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Four local girls have invented a board game on the topic of tobacco prevention. Morrisburg Public School had a "health unit" within the school made up of students who discusses health issues with other student in the school under the direction of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. The students shared information on different health issues ranging from the importance of washing your hands to tobacco prevention.

In order to impart the issue of tobacco prevention to students the M.P.S. Health Unit under the direction of Bonnie Schroeder and Denis Boileau of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit decided that they must get the students attention with something fun for the facts to sink in.

The group decided on a board game. The game entitled "Up in Flames" is a multiple choice question and answer game. Points are awarded for every correct answer at each level. An example of a question would be "At what age do most people start smoking?" If the question is answered correctly (i.e. 12) they player then gets a chance to answer another question to try and get more points. If the question is answered incorrectly the player loses all their points and the game ends. There are three opportunities to get help before the question is answered, "clue, ask the class, and take away two." Prizes are awarded to those accumulating the most points.

The game was developed by Stacie Beaupre, Heather Johnston, Leighanne Irvine, and Kasey Bennett, former Morrisburg Public School Students. Now students at Iroquois Public School the girls own the rights to the game. The name is registered and the game is being copyrighted in Canada and the USA. A professional board has been developed from their mock up.

The girls say that they will be touring local public schools as soon as they get the go ahead. "The Eastern Ontario Health Unit is looking after the lawyers, and all that stuff for us," explained the girls. The girls expect that the game will be sold to schools, hospitals, and other similar projects that are interested in tobacco prevention.

The girls are looking forward to touring local elementary schools and demonstrating their games.

They anticipate touring within the next month. The progress of this project is thanks to funding received from The Healthy Rhythm Coalition of Eastern Ontario."

Be part of the Bully solution not part of the problem

Physical bullies, verbal bullies, relationship bullies, reactive bullies; who are they and how are we going to stop them? A used-to-be taboo topic is now getting a lot of attention. We need to understand the information and use it to help our kids.

Bullying is defined by Debra Pepler, a psychology professor at York University in Toronto, as repeated emotional or physical abuse with an intent to injure or hurt, where there is a power difference (several children picking on one, or one person bullying a weaker/younger person).

Parents should acknowledge that a child's bullying behaviour sometimes reflects what's happening at home. According to Pepler, bullies have often learned from family members "to use power and aggression together" to get what they want. So the first rule of thumb to prevent your child from becoming a bully is: don't bully your child.

"There's a fine balance between being in control and being authoritarian," says Pepler. "I think you have to let your children know you're listening to them and they have a right to be heard, but certain things are non-negotiable." Among them: name calling, put-downs and physical violence.

The Dundas Association of School Councils (DASC) is a group of twelve school councils that is trying to raise awareness in the community and reduce the amount of bullying our children experience. The first step is to assess the situation. This is going to be done by the use of a survey to be distributed throughout our schools by the end of February. This survey was developed by a research team at York University. Grades 1-3 will be taking the survey home to be filled out with the help of their parents. Grades 4-OAC will fill out the survey in

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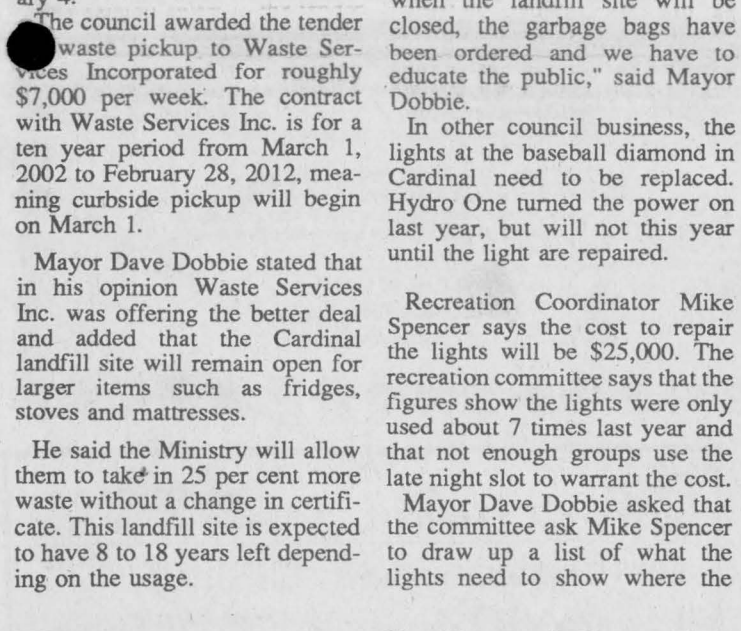

Up in Flames Inventors

Stacie Beaupre, Heather Johnston, Leighanne Irvine (l-r), and Kasey Bennett (absent) invented a board game concerned with tobacco prevention and will soon tour local elementary schools to show off their creation and promote tobacco prevention.

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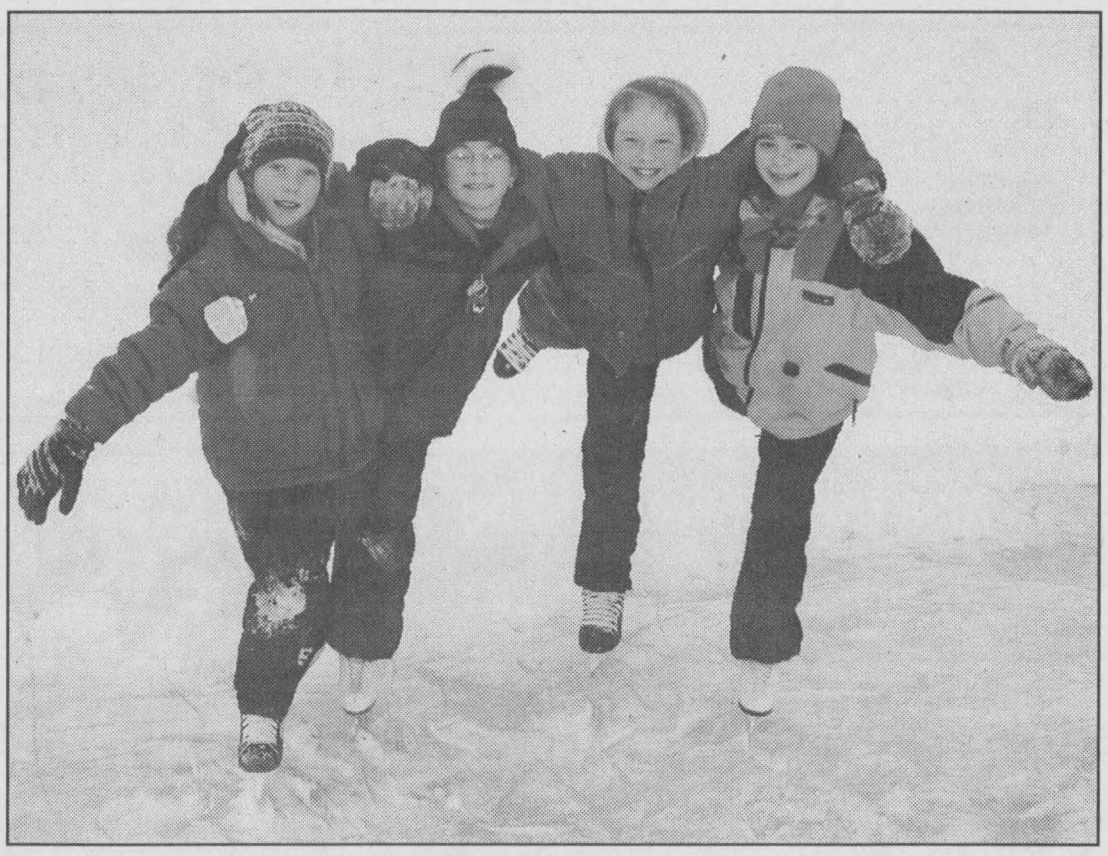

A Great Canadian Past Time

These four girls took advantage of a recent day off from school to shovel off a little patch of ice in the ditch near their house to skate on. The girls didn't really care that the natural rink wasn't really big enough for the four of them to skate on. They simply took turns showing off to each other.

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New D.F.A. Directors

The new directors of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture were elected at the annual banquet on Friday. Front left to right are Dave Pemberton, South Dundas president Corrie Martens, vice president John Roosendaal, Carole McDermott of South Dundas. Standing (l-r) are Keith Durant of North Dundas, Marilyn Johnson secretary, Stephen Mellon of South Dundas, Derrick Richmire of South Dundas, and Alvin Runnalls of North Dundas. North Dundas director Leo Loughlin was not present.

Courtesy Photo

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

Our lounge was the scene of activity last Saturday afternoon with nineteen Cribbage enthusiasts competing in the Crib League Play. Duane Kirker lost only one game and pegged 1078 points to capture first place. Willis Douglas had a score of 1072 to grab second while Ron Perrin came in with 1071 and had to settle for third place. Well back in fourth with 1050 was Roger Coulter who occupied the "Bridesmaid" position this week. There were only eight skunks making an appearance throughout the entire afternoon and Joan Ault and Jack Coulter snagged a pair each while Karl Kirkwood was triple whammied!

With ten weeks remaining in the Cribbage League schedule, Ron Perrin presently has the highest average in the League 115.7 while Wilf Summers with 115.3 and Duane Kirker with 115.1 are keeping the pressure on Ron. Dennis Wright and Willis Douglas could still capture the season championship if they retained their current average and IF the three current leaders should have a couple of unlucky weeks.

I must apologize to all Euchre players for giving you the wrong date for the return of Euchre play. But, I was told wrong! I was told by Shirley that play will definitely resume definitely on February 19.

At Duplicate Bridge played last Tuesday evening, there were four tables kept busy and when the dust settled, the high winners were Garry Barkey and Gerry Leckie.

Just a reminder that you do not have to be a Branch member to play either Euchre or Bridge. Just come out and have a good time.

This past Saturday, the Ladies Auxiliary hosted their Annual Valentine Tea and Bake Sale. The response from our Legion comrades was fantastic and the food went very fast. It was great to have such a great sale and I must not forget the luncheon which was also a sell-out. PLUS...we had a Legion Pub Crawl as a group from the Kingston area dropped by. They enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed having them. Perhaps in the near future we may be able to return the visit.

This coming Saturday, February 16th is our Annual Darts for Hearts event.. This has always been a very popular event with all proceeds going to a very good cause, the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Registration will be from 11am until noon with play starting at 1pm sharp. The cost is only $5 per person with a Blind Draw for mixed teams. Come on out and have a good time as you help a good cause at the same time.

On March 2nd, we will be hosting a Car Rally, Dinner and Dance. Plans are well in the making, the Ladies Auxiliary will be providing the dinner and the dance music will be by everyone's favourite group, Classic Thunder.

Then, on March 9th, there will be a Turkey and Ham Shoot. Registration will be from 11 until 11:45am with play starting at the noon hour. The cost will be $2 per round. There will be several prizes and draws and the canteen will be available. The proceeds of the day will go to the 1st Iroquois Scout Program.

Activities this week include:
Mon.-Bingo at Johnstown Bingo Hall at 1pm.
Tues.-Duplicate Bridge in small hall at 7pm.
Wed.-Legion Executive Meeting at 7pm.
Thurs.-Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting at 7:30pm.
Fri.- Mixed Dart League Meet at 7:30pm.
Sat.- Register 11am, play starts at 1pm-Darts for Hearts. Cribbage League in the lounge 1pm.



Fort Town Frost Festival

Feb. 14, 15, 16, & 17/2002 Schedule of Events

FRI. Labatt's Wing Night
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 97
Entertainment - Everyone Welcome

SAT. "Gloria & BamBam"
Come meet "Gloria & BamBam" stars of Walt Disney's hit movie "Snowdogs" - location downtown at the Gift Lane

SUN. Prescott Dog Sled Run
Prescott Golf Course
Sunday,1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Free Rides - time permitting

All Weekend - Kids Snowman contest
Build a snowman in your front yard and you have a chance to win a prize. Judging will be on Sunday february 17, 2002. Call 925-4324 to enter this contest. Leave your name and address.

Thursday, February 14

11:00 am - 1:30 pm
St. Paul's United Church Ladies Guild
Valentine Tea and Bake Sale held at St. Paul's United Church Hall

All Day - Sledding & tobogganing
Bring the whole family to Fort Wellington and enjoy the fun. Fort Wellington may be open during the Frost Festival (weather permitting)

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Friday, February 15

All Day - Sledding & tobogganing
Bring the whole family to Fort Wellington and enjoy the fun. Fort Wellington may be open during the Frost Festival (weather permitting)

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 am
Pre-school Free skating
Leo Boivin Community Center

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Free public skating
Leo Boivin Community Center

5:30 pm - Labatt's Wing Night - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 97
Large wings $5.00 per dozen - Entertainment by Keith Johnson 50's & 60"s music to start at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

Special Saturday Event
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Randy Kroone Memorial Mixed Sno-Pitch Tournament
RCA Ball Park. Sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Prescott. $100.00 per team. To enter contact Art 925-1315. All proceeds to C.N.I.B.

Saturday, February 16

All Day - Sledding & tobogganing
Bring the whole family to Fort Wellington and enjoy the fun. Fort Wellington may be open during the Frost Festival (weather permitting)

10 a.m. - Lumberjack, Chainsaw & Obstacle Course
Sponsored by Beach Home Hardware. Registration 9:00 am. Everyone welcome to participate - Ladies we need you. Events include chain sawing, nail driving, cross cut sawing etc. Great Prizes. Location in front of Beach Home Hardware.

11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Come meet "Gloria" & "BamBam"
Stars of Walt Disney's hit movie "SnowDogs". Location downtown at the Gift Lane.

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.
Free Hayrides - Clock Tower Square.
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4:30 pm & 6:30 pm
Oddfellows Roast Beef Dinner
Two sittings. Price $9.00 per person. Buy your tickets early for tickets call Ann Thompson 925-3857 or Bob Wardrop 925-2076

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Public Skating.
Free public skating. Fun for the whole family at the Leo Boivin Community Centre.

Sunday, February 17

All Day - Sledding & tobogganing
Bring the whole family to Fort Wellington and enjoy the fun. Fort Wellington may be open during the Frost Festival (weather permitting)

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Prescott Legion Branch 97 Breakfast
Includes bacon, ham, eggs, home fries, juice and coffee for $3.00 Everyone welcome.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Prescott Dog Sled Run at Prescott Golf Course
The Club House will be open for soup and sandwiches. Premises licensed. Free rides for kids after the run, time permitting.

2:00 - 3:20 p.m.
FREE Public Skating
Leo Boivin community Centre. Everyone welcome.

7:00 pm - The Frost Festival Finale
at the town waterfront area. Bring family and friends and witness a huge bonfire with over 100 Christmas trees. Hot chocolate available. This event supervised by the Prescott Volunteer Fire Fighters.

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Meals on Wheels - A community service

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Living alone makes meal preparation something that often gets left by the way side. For some it is simply too difficult to cook a meal, or they have fostered the attitude that they don't need to bother. For the elderly it is just too much sometimes and so it is good to know help is as near as the phone. The price is right and the fact that the meal is hand delivered provides valuable person to person contact as well...

Since 1975, under the chairmanship of Morrisburg resident, Val Oswald, Meals on Wheels, a community service has been delivering hot lunches to those who are frail or elderly, physically disabled, convalescing from surgery or have a chronic illness. The service is subsidized by the provincial Ministry of Health and distributed by a group of dedicated volunteers, even on holidays. For many shut-ins, the arrival of a cheery volunteer is a bright spot in an otherwise lonely existence.

The only problem seems to be that the number of people taking advantage of the service is shrinking. Although the need certainly exists, there seems to be a lack of awareness surrounding the program.

The meals are prepared under the supervision of a nutritionist thus guaranteeing their quality as well as to accommodate any special dietary requirements, such as for diabetics. Tastes (a dislike for fish) are accommodated as much as possible as well. Meals are packed in individual, insulated trays and bags to maintain heat and sanitation during transportation.

This service relieves clients of the burden of shopping, cooking and cleanup, enabling many to remain independently in their own homes, in their familiar surroundings, close to family and friends. Family caregivers can rely on their loved ones receiving daily nutrition as well as daily contact to ensure their well being.

Having been a volunteer, delivering Meals on Wheels, I can honestly say it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. taking my lunch hour that one day a month and delivering the meals gave me such a feeling of really doing something good for my fellow residents. Seeing the faces of the shut-ins as they answered the door, seeing them push aside the curtains in anticipation of my visit, or stopping long enough for a visit, listening to them or filling them in on the news of the day, a bit of fun or a lot of smiling, it was well worth the effort on my part.

One day for instance it was going to be Hallowe'en when my turn to deliver arrived. Warning the clients in advance, I dressed as a clown complete with face paint and a huge red grin. It gave a little levity to what could have been a lonely day after I left. Then near Christmas it was the jolly old Elf who made the delivery when it was my turn to bring nourishment and joy to the Iroquois clients that day. Whether checking a new bloom in the window, reaching a dish in the cupboard or explaining something to a client, I have no doubt I received much more from the experience over the number of years I volunteered that the clients ever got in return. Seeing their faces light up when I arrived at the door, hearing the excitement in their voices as they shared something special with me, knowing I was truly making a difference in their lives, that perhaps this would be the one solid and nutritional meal they ate that day was all I needed.



Lunch Time

Meals on Wheels volunteer Connie Brown drops off lunch to an Iroquois client Dwight Beckstead. Dwight is very pleased with the meals he gets three days a week and enjoys visiting with the happy delivery people. A great program for shut-ins, elderly, and those convalescing. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

With the exception of Christmas Day and weekends, hot meals consisting of soup, a main course and dessert are delivered to clients during the noon hour.

Morrisburg residents receive service Monday to Friday, while delivery in Iroquois is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The current cost is $3.50 a meal. By informing the kitchen staff in advance, service can be temporarily suspended and resumed with only a phone call.

The task taken on by the volunteers goes beyond providing the meal. Trained to monitor the health and safety of those they visit with the meals, volunteers bring the meal and carry out a security check. The one on one contact with the outside world is a valuable service as well. Meals on Wheel volunteers are often the first to notice signs of change in an elderly client. Those with no close by neighbour or family will show signs of distress or their health may slide and the Meals on Wheels volunteer may be the person to alert others as to what is happening. Most often the client is simply glad of the visit and often close relationships develop between the volunteer and the client.

If you have a loved one or a neighbour whom you feel would benefit from this service, urge that person to speak to the family doctor concerning eligibility or phone the Meals on Wheels Kitchen in the South Dundas Justice Building in Morrisburg at 543-4568. Clients must meet the criteria under the Long-Term Act Regulations of Ontario and be assessed for service. Call Bob Burgess in Iroquois for assessment at 652-2134. Meals on Wheels is available for Matilda residents as well. All information is confidential. Service can usually be initiated promptly. Morrisburg and area call Ruth Shearer, Client Intake Board of Directors at 543-3587 or Gloria van Leeuwen, Treasurer, Board of Directors at 543-3308.

Alzheimers strikes close to home

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A local lady has experienced the devastation that Alzheimer Disease can bring to a family. Her mother has been diagnosed with this degenerative brain disorder.

"We first noticed a change in mother about three years after her second husband passed away." She explains that it was difficult to come to terms with the idea. "Mom never had good luck in finding things, and so like a lot of her behaviours were not that foreign to us at all, " she tells us and suggests this made it hard to accept that something was actually wrong with her mother.

She continues, "After her second husband passed away his sister spoke to us about Mother. I think he knew but did not want us to know."

She came to live with her daughter and son-in-law for about seven and a half months. "It took a lot of soul searching to move mother out of our home." She tells how her mom living with her daughter and son-in-law was not a good (healthy) situation in many ways for anyone involved. She was very demanding of our time and wanted to be with her daughter wherever she went and whatever she was doing. A difficult change in lifestyle after raising a family and being alone once again with her husband of some forty years, to have her mother back in her life full time was not working well. Added to the stress was her mother's Alzheimer Disease. "She lives in an apartment alone and is very mobile."

Her daughter agreed to be interviewed, but did not want her mother to be under microscope. Unsure how she might react, we agreed to speak with only her daughter to learn how Alzheimer Disease can affect a family. Worried about reprisals as far as her mother was concerned, no photos accompany the story. It is important to let people know Alzheimer Disease can strike your family.

"We got her tested when we began to notice changes in her."

The lady cannot say enough about the marvellous system which is in place to assist families of people with Alzheimers. "The support system is so super, I am totally amazed." She has been to Alzheimer meetings to attempt to clear up in her own mind what is happening and how she can deal with it.

"I leave notes all over for her, to reinforce anything she needs to remember. I need to attend to what she can't handle and allow her to do those things she can on her own."

She admits that she has realized, "You cannot change anyone except your self, and when you come to that realization something beautiful happens." She explains that once you come to this place, things are easier for you to cope with. "Knowing you can't control situations allows you to deal with where you find yourself a lot better."

She uses words like tolerance and compassion when describing how her life has changed since her mother tested positive.

She says, "We must remember that their needs are the same as they always were, they need to be loved, they need spiritual beliefs, there are physical needs as well as emotional needs to be addressed."

Each day she calls her mother at 7am to let her know what to expect that day, and to understand what she needs to do as well to help her mom get through the day.

She cannot say enough good about the support system which is in place. "The Homecare people are phenomenal and the Meals on Wheels volunteers are terrific. These people become your friends in a hurry. You need a good resource base, people you can count on to give you a break. The Seniors Center at Park Lane also pitch-in, and the Alzheimer people are marvellous. Everyone needs to understand, you cannot realize until it happens what to expect."

A big problem for her mom is her hearing. She has a digital hearing aid which helps to some extent. "She was 27 years without

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Isn't It About Time?

As I arrived home the other evening, Canadian speed skater, Jeremy Weatherspoon from the West, upon whose broad shoulders the weight of winning was placed after his wonderful finishers up to the Olympics slipped. I felt his pain. Now, I have seen this young man skate numerous times. He had set the standard high and as others attempted to achieve his level of ability and skill, and while we at home sat feeling badly as the gold slid down the ice under his prone body...while we, who watched this event as well as the others which make up the Olympics know we were horrified and disappointed. Just imagine if you can how he felt. He had put the years, the hours and the effort into getting to this place. All the work gone as his blade slipped across the ice surface. Primed to stand tall on the podium and wear gold around his neck, this young man instead watched his dream disappear. He deserved to win and then in a split second of time, he was down flat on the ice and all was lost. He did not fall on purpose. While he wanted to do his country proud, he had his own reasons for wanting to come home with that gold medal. How will he conjure up the courage to race in the 1000 metre race? Again, he holds the world record in this race and he will be the favourite to win gold...I sure don't envy him! Shock rippled across the country, but we will rise again and "YES" Jeremy will regain his composure and wear that gold in the 1000...if there is any justice in this world or at these games.

These games...well there was that perfect skate. Jamie Sale and David Pelletier skated a flawless program as they bid for the gold. They put their hearts and souls into this one. They skated like Olympic Champions. The medals they wear home are silver. There is certainly nothing wrong with that colour, many pairs will go home with only the experience, but they deserved to win top spot. Defending world champions, they were edged out by the Russian pair who had at least one error. The Canadians had none on this night. It had been 42 years since this country won a gold medal at an Olympic Games, the pair who won then were in the audience, the stage was set for an emotional ending...it was not to be. It has been 43 years now and with the questions are again surrounding the judges each time pairs or dance teams take to the ice, where indeed will it end? Rumours abound already that our dancers, Bourne and Kratz who should surely have won gold with their RiverDance routine a while back will end up not even on the podium this time.Maybe someone should interview the judges, maybe someone better do something! How could they give the gold to a pair who were not 100% while there was a couple who were right one when they needed to be? The Russian male skater seemed astounded that they had won, it was like he knew his performance was less than a gold medal one...his look was not one of "Oh we won!" but rather, "What just happened?" The Canadians could not believe what transpired when the results came up on the board. And this is not the first time such a deed has gone unchecked. Something is amiss here!!

There has to be some justice in this sport. I can not imagine such a thing happening. I would not be able to go on. What must be going through the dancers minds as they prepare to skate?

If minds are made up, if deals have been struck, what use in holding the event?

Why waste the time, money and effort of the young skaters if it is a dun deal before they hit the ice? Why embarrass them and their country? Why allow a perfect performance to be beat out by one where a flaw existed?

Events that are solo like ski jumping, speed skating, snowboarding or luge the entries are judged on time and often form, but no one can dispute the speed element. The winner is the fastest. Why does one of the most beautiful sports have to cause so much contraversy? It is time the judges woke up and relaxed the responsibiliuty they have is to be fair, above reproach and award top marks to top performances. They seem to be wasting their time as well, I hope they are receiving a great renumeration for the ****** job they seem to do each time!!

The Olympic Committee better soon wake up and smell the roses. What about the code? What about sport for the pure enjoyment being blemished time and time again by such shoddy actions from the judges bench?? I know I will be watching less and less of such actions from now on and I was an avid skate fan.

S.L.J.

Abandoned Chinese infant girl adopted by local couple

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

Most married couples desire children to make their relationship complete. For the majority this is not a problem...but for some it can be and definitely is. Modern technology has madeit possoble to manipulate and often conception does occur. For some though the fact that they cannot have children is simply meant to be and they seek other ways to have children. Adoption is a very viable alternative.

It took a long time, but the result of the wait was well worth the trouble.

A year ago, Cathy Dykstra and Ken MacPherson took the initial steps towards adoption. "We wanted a family and nothing we did seemed to work for us," says Cathy, "Our only avenue of recourse seemed to be adoption." No easy road, the route to adoption can be frustrating and couples can become almost desperate. Starting the ball rolling, Cathy and Ken approached the Childrens' Aid Society in Cornwall. The couple who have been married for some 22 years were informed that if they insisted on adopting a baby the waiting list is six years and they suggested that the Mariatown duo would like to foster parents first. "We wanted a baby, that was the bottom line for us," says a smiling Cathy. It is evident from the outset of our interview that this lady is an extremely happy mother these days.

Information was gained through a brother of someone they became aware (through TV) had adopted. They were set up for an interview with Childrens' Bridge, an Ottawa based organization which deals with adoption of Chinese orphans. "The phone call to Ottawa really was the beginning for us," says Cathy. Then the effort shifted in gear as Cathy and Ken headed into the process that would eventually make them parents. They were advised as to the cost to be incurred and what they needed to do. Anxious to carry on, they were faced with three "home study" visits from professionals evaluating them as potential parents, as partners, their home environment and the actual location, the community, their income and how everything would fit. They also went through police checks by the OPP and the RCMP as well as Interpol. As Cathy explains, "A lot of paper work is involved!" The results were shipped to China with their request for a baby girl under one year of age. All that remained for Cathy and Kenny to do was wait for 12 long months.

Then, on November 30, 2001, they received a picture and information on the wee bundle that would become their daughter. They would have to wait even longer to actually meet her face to face and hold her in their arms.

Yao Yan Fu was found as an abandoned infant by a resident of the area of Shazitang of Changsha City on June 12, 2001. She was sent to Changsha No.1 Social Welfare Institute by the Dongtang Police Station. When found she was dressed in a red doudu, a traditional Chinese undergarment covering her chest and abdomen and light yellow clothes. She was 59 cm tall and weighed 5kg. According to her development her birthday was determined to be February 2, 2001. She was named Van Fu. Fu has two meanings, one being that Fuliyuan (Chinese welfare state) takes the greatest care of her and the other is hoping she has a happy and peaceful life. With the best care possible provided by her caregivers she has always been in very good health.

Cathy and Kenny were kept up to date on her growth pattern, her feeding schedule was given to them as well as her formula. Noted as a fairly active wee gal, she showed signs of normal activity...rolling, turning her body, smiling, stamping her feet, making verbal sounds and raising her head were all encouraging signs.

Giving her a more Canadian sounding name while retaining her Chinese heritage, Cathy and Kenny named her "Trina Yan Fu Dykstra-MacPherson."

Finally things were set, Cathy and Kenny were making plans to fly to China and pick up their daughter...when January 18 arrive they were off on their adventure. First Ottawa, then Vancouver, where they met up with ten other couples from Western Ontario who were on a similar mission. An overnight stay in Beijing, the following day found them in Changsha City. Settling into the hotel, the babies were assembled in the lobby at 3pm waiting to meet their new parents. Cathy tells this reporter that she was uncannily calm about meeting Trina. "I just felt great about the whole thing, no nerves, in fact we were a bit late getting back down to the lobby!"

Stepping into the lobby, she had no difficulty locating her daughter, "There she was with her nanny and her caregiver on a couch. Yan Fu as she was known there never cried, not even a whimper and then I

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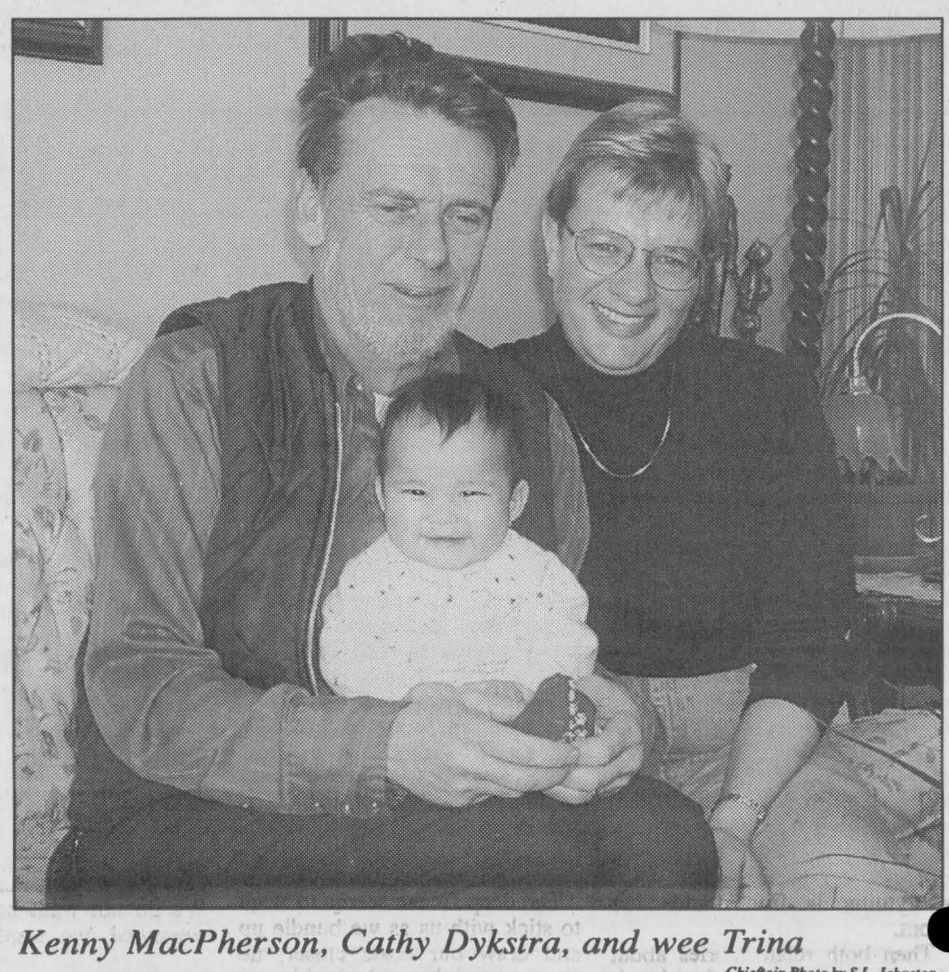

Kenny MacPherson, Cathy Dykstra, and wee Trina
Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

Hard to dress for fluctuating weather

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee



This week has been a menagerie of temperatures. Fluctuating like a Yo-Yo, it is up, down and all over the gauge. We dash from warm rain to bitter cold snow and wind. It is difficult to dress for the weather. It is imperative to listen to the weather reports the night before since simply because it is warmish at the moment, there is certainly no hint of what tomorrow might bring. Monday morning was a real weather treat wasn't it? Cleaning windshields as the wind whipped about the face, engines that moaned and groaned into life, heaters that did not want to warm interiors nor defrost windows, all a pile of fun. Then yesterday it is spring like, well at least after the deep freeze on Monday it felt like it.

Driving home last Tuesday evening was a cute experience as well. As I hit County Road 2, a white out struck and I was all alone in a world of white, praying no one was ahead, behind or beside me. Crawling along, the trick was to locate the turn off onto County Road 16. Arriving at the corner and not realizing it I was beyond the actual turn when I swung. Then the worry became striking the guardrail. I missed it, thanks to my Guardian Angel (I am sure) and headed for the driveway. Grabbing the edge of the pavement to ensure I did not end up in the swamp or ditch, I was almost past the house when bang, there it was. Safely in our yard, I was happy. The walk to the door was without incident and then smash I was down on all fours on the top step of the veranda steps. The shins were painful as I attempted to get up and get inside. Not wanting blood on my pants, I did the best I could to get inside as quickly as I could. That was not, I am sure a pretty sight, an old editor, laden with weekend work, camera case, purse and all splat in the cold, white blustering storm. The big guy was in the city and expected later, so I was on my own. The college kid had gotten home before it struck and was working at his computer, so unaware that his old mum was down for the count! Some tears, cursing and limping later, I was safely on the couch huddled under the quilt with a hot cuppa to revive my spirits.

A call to the university son caught him hard at the books. He will write one exam before Friday when his Reading Week begins. He informed us that he has only five chapters to be covered in the examination questions, but noted that one chapter alone had 26 pages or written notes to wade through. He will be one busy boy before he writes this one! He will come home for a bit then he and the girl friend are headed to Florida to stay with her folks for a few days before coming back to Ottawa and then back to Swampview just in time to set out for school again. His college brother will have his week off the following week and has plans to visit his bro in Peterborough as well as dropping in on his friends in Toronto and Waterloo. The train works for some of the trip, but not the side trip to Trent, this has to be worked out in advance of the trek. He received an A+ on his latest assignment. He lost only 2 points in the addition which translates to 94%, and although he was not smiling at his accomplishment, his old mum was mighty proud. Both sons seem to be working hard and doing well and what more can parents expect? We want no more and they both deserve the break since there is no holiday in February.

Meeting a new resident in our country and our part of the woods on Saturday morning was a terrific experience. You meet the nicest people in this line of work it seems.

The Tempo corral is still missing the parts car and son number twos partner as well. The College kid was experiencing starter problems so his has also gone to the garage this week. This car thing is a never ending story...if you can afford a new vehicle, you are broke when repairs are needed. If you can afford your vehicle, then it is probably older and repairs will be costly to keep it on the road. What is the answer to the dilemma? We will try to keep three operable until spring, when school winds down and see what we can do about the situation at that time. When we are dealing with these kinds of things I truly wish I had been born after in time for I would have been a mechanic, it seems things would have been better, if not cheaper if I could diagnose my own problems and effect repairs.

The ironing got a good stab of time this past weekend as I was not on assignment except for one outing on Saturday, and it was early, so I was able to put some time into taking the wrinkles out of our shirts and pants. Watching the Olympic Games keeps my eyes tuned to the tube these days

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the bottom line

REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD AND POLICE SERVICE OFFICIALS WILL gather Thursday, February 14 at 9am to unveil a new Protocol for the investigation of school-related occurrances. The Protocol is being implemented under the direction of the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Ministry of the Solicitor General. The announcement will take place at the Kemptville Head Office of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario #2755, Highway 43.

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LIMESTONE AND UPPER CANADA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS ALONG with the LAFLG Training Board announced this week that the first annual Regional Skills Competition will be held on Friday, February 22 and is open to spectators. With the help of 18 event coordinators and 11 host schools, the competition will be dispersed throughout secondary schools in the region. In UCDSB Thousand Island Secondary, Kemptville College, Perth District S.S., Gananoque S.S. and Cornwall CVS will host an array of activities, including Architectural CADD, Auto Service, Baking, Cabinet Making, Carpentry, Culinary Arts and Job Interview Skills.

DUST OFF YOUR FAVOURITE HUMOUROUS VERSE AND JOIN THE FUN as the Friends of the Iroquois Public Library will host their poetry & tea Time. Limericks, rhyming couplets, blank verse, nursery rhymes and homemade works! A door prize will be drawn for. As their poster says, "A man will freely confess that he has no ear for music, or no taste for fiction, or no interest in religion. But, I have yet to see the man who announces that he has no sense of humour."(Stephen Leacock). March 23, from 2-4pm.

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IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT MANY SENIORS ARE not aware that they must apply initially for GIS. (Guaranteed Income Supplement). While they can renew their application by filing their income tax return, which shows income info by the deadline each year (April 30). GIS is a non-taxable supplementary payment to low-income OAS (Old Age Security) recipients. The monthly average GIS payment in 2000 was $306.77 Benefits are payable to single pensioners with income at the end of 2001 below $12,648 and couples (65+) with incomes up to $16,464. Income from the previous calendar year is used to calculate GIS payments Benefits are adjusted quarterly to reflect increases in the Consumer Prcie Index.

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held her...Wow!!" There are now words to describe the feeling the first time you hold your child, and after all the waiting, it was so very natural," says a beaming mother as we talk in her Mariatown home.

She explains that this would have been the first time the babies had been outside the orphanage since they arrived there, so everything was new to them. Kenny smiles as he tells about turning on the TV in their room [illegible] evening, "She just froze, not knowing exactly what it was about. After about 10 minutes she was fine though." A crib in their room was furnished for the baby by the hotel and the baby slept well, considering she must certainly have been aware that her life would be stable from now on.

The following day the paper work to make Trina legally their daughter was completed as they were handed a Notary Birth Certificate indicating them as her parents at 10am that very day. "The Chinese people love babies," explains Cathy. "Strangers on the street were openly concerned with her welfare, asking if she was dressed warmly and if she was okay, without regard for bothering us, a genuine concern was shown every where we went." Cathy shows the certificate and Trinas passport and mentions how she was born in the Year of the Snake and so was given a commemorative coin signifying this and then she produces a congratulatory certificate from the orphanage for herself and Ken. Some money is given directly to the orphanage during the pay process, and this money goes into action immediately. (washers and furniture). A doctor is on call at all times and a health clinic is on site at the orphanage. Trina shared a crib with another baby (as all do), they go to school at 5 years of age, can help at the orphanage or continue their education when they have earned enough. They are never forced to leave the orphanage either. Trina was on the 8th floor!

Cathy's pride shows and as this reporter holds the wee girl it is not hard to see why...this is one lucky child who seems instinctively to know her good fortune. She is relaxed, smiles and is active. "Her needles are all up to date, and we have had her checked by our doctor here, everything is fine!" adds her mom.

Then both relate stories about their time in China before heading home. "I climbed the Great Wall while Ken stayed with Trina, we did not want to chance the climb carrying her...some steps are farther between than others and the last of the 1500 are almost 90 degrees straight up," says Cathy. They shopped in Silk Alley, enjoyed traditional food (and there was lots at every meal!), climbed so many stairs to get places, no elevators and all buildings seem to touch the sky! (Economical use of space in construction).

The support from the Childrens' Bridge Association is marvellous according to both Cathy and Kenny. "They keep in touch with us through a newsletter. They host picnics, summer camps for the children, Christmas parties, dragon boat races and every month there is something we can join in with. We are able to ask questions if we have any and well, they are just terrific!" they say in unison. "A couple in Cardinal, one in Ingleside and another in Cornwall have adopted through this Agency and so there are people to turn to close by, we are not isolated."

Speaking about their daughter, Cathy notes that Mae Chung has agreed already to teach Trina her native tongue, she'll meet every week when it is time to start. "We will encourage her learning about her heritage, as much and as soon as she expresses a desire. We will help her as much as we can."

"We will be honest with her about her adoption, she'll know the entire truth when the time is right. There is no way she will ever know her biological parents. We will help her when others are cruel, even if I had given birth to her, she would be in less than ideal situations, other children can be so cruel, all we can do is let her know she can count on us for all the support she'll ever need,"say both her folks.

On Sunday, February 17 the family is hosting an Open House at the McIntosh Country Inn from 2 to 4pm as a way of introducing and welcoming the wee baby to our community, see you there too!

Livin'

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as well. The opening was as spectacular as might have been anticipated since the Games are being hosted by the USA and they tend to make a big splash. The aboriginal people were awesome as were the large animals during the skating portion of the event. The Canadian athletes looked great in their Roots attire. It is noteworthy that the USA athletes were wearing Roots gear as well.

The deep freeze seems to want to stick with us as we bundle up and draw our coats closer, tie scarves tightly and double up outer wear in an effort to stay warm when we need to be outside. Scrapping the windshields of the vehicles is a fun thing as the wind slaps your face and the cold bites deeper. It was so cold at the first of the week that many were seen carrying hair dryers to warm doors that refused to open, are Canadian winters great or what?

Word just came in that the number one son needs a vehicle to drive tomorrow, a day when he usually has no class. A field trip requires him to be in the east end of the city by 10am and we are actually a vehicle short. Isn't life grand?

The daily news we subscribe to carries a doctor column and there was a lot on Sojgrens this week already, which helps with a web site where info is available. as well it suggests that a lot of things I experience is natural to someone who suffers from the disease. Eating is a challenge often now and speaking causes some problems, especially in the mornings. Now the big guy may feel this is not a problem! But I do until I can lubricate the tongue and gums with liquid, my tongue swells during the night with no saliva. Waking numerous times each night thirsty and extremely dry in the mouth. The arthritis does not like this weather either, stiff and painful, the joints are swollen and they cry for relief. Life can be tough that is certain. A migraine got the better of me on a weekend when I was to enjoy some free time. Oh well, I rested and got loads of time to listen to the tube if not watch the action...The big guy got me the fourth Harry Potter book and I have just been able to get started reading it. It will consume more time when I can afford it and the dry eyes and headache give me the opportunity.

Time races and I must head to other stories. Take care, stay happy and warm and we'll check you on the flip side next week. Safe trip Fan and gang!! Til later...the wisdom comes from the Good Book where in Mark 10, verse 27 it says, "God has a history of using the insignificant to accomplish the impossible."

Alzheimers

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an aid, and so it is difficult to determine how much is her dementia and how much has to do with her hearing disability. The line between the two is extremely fine."

She admits that her mother misinterprets certain letters as a rule of thumb, for example and this has no bearing on her health. Her daughter adds, "We are here for her, we care about her, she gets out, we take her everywhere. We do not want her to become estranged, we want her to stay visible."

When asked to describe her mother, she says, "She is a kind lady, a very loving woman, and a very needy person. She is so trusting of me it is often scary for me. She likes nice things, she really likes to go out for dinner and shopping remains her passion. She keeps her place very clean. She doesn't like being older-wants to be as young as she ever was."

Her daughter explains that she feels the need to make sure her mother is safe, a bracelet with her name on it helps ease the mind, bath mats and a watch so she can check the time help her mother lead as normal a life as possible. "I know when I finally come to terms with the fact that she has to eventually move into a Nursing Home, it will be better. I know I have that power and yet I want her to help make the decision, for my own sake.

A truth of our society is that older people are looked at differently from the rest of society under normal circumstances and when they are afflicted with a disease like Alzheimers it is even worse.

She tells how her mother does not deal with her dementia. Her daughter calls or visits her mom every day to make sure things like her stove is shut off, that she has taken meat out for her dinner. "I don't think she is aware we are watching her as closely as we actually are."

A lesson learned during this disease and the realization which has taken place in her daughter and family is: "When I am older, like in her place (mom) I hope others take the time to realize that I am old and forgetful, but still have needs that have to be met."

She explains to the writer that her mom's memory is bad and gets worse when she is a bit down. "She whines and although she knows it does not help insists on doing it anyway. Explanations cannot be too deep, she needs things concrete to be real."

One thing that continues to upset her daughter is the fact that her mother's awareness of everyday things is not 100%. "This is hard to deal with when you explain things and she seems not to be able to comprehend something I know she knows."

When asked if there is a regret in the situation, she responds, "I guess if I have a regret it is that I wish I ahd accepted it sooner (her condition), whether it would have made a difference, I can't know, but maybe it would have."

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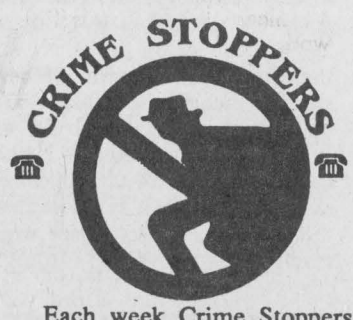

Each week Crime Stoppers spotlights a crime that has been committed in the area. Crime Stoppers would like to remind you that we need information on all crimes not just the crime of the week.

This week Crime Stoppers is asking your help in identifying the person(s) responsible for vandalizing 25 vehicles in the parking lot of Car-O-Line Autos Chesterville. The incident occurred on February 4th. The cost of the damage is estimated at approximately $10,000.00.

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9:15 a.m. - St. James'
11:00 a.m. - St. John's
11:00 a.m. - Holy Trinity
7:30 p.m. - St. James'

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Clergy: Bobby K. Fillier,
Sunday, February 17, 2002
Brinston 9:30 a.m.
Hulbert Valley 11 a.m.

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Rev. Father David Pope 543-2544
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Sunday 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday 9:00 a.m.
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Brockville Precious Edges Competition Winners

Lindsay Gilmer & Courtney Thompson, Kurt Delegarde (Back l-r), Haley VanAllen and Brooke Spencer (Front l-r) all skated and received awards for their performances at the Precious Edges Competition in Brockville on January 26, 2002. Awards were given to all those placing forth or better.

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More Precious Edges Winners

Morrisburg Figure Skaters fared so well at the Brockville competition that we couldn't fit all the winners into one picture. Jessica Thompson & Hayley Mills, Hayley Carr, Hilary McQuaid, Brianna Stewart (Back l-r), Amy Veltkamp, Meghan Adams, and Kelsey Hall (Front l-r) also received awards at the Brockville Precious Edges Competition.

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Morrisburg Figure Skating Club is having a very good season

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Morrisburg Figure Skating Club is having a successful season. Their competitive skaters are winning, and placing well in competition. Their young Can Skaters are also progressing well through all the levels necessary to move into the competitive ranks.

January saw many of Morrisburg's figure skaters head to competition. The Prescott Invitational took place on January 19 & 20, 2002, and the Brockville Precious Edges Competition took place the following weekend on the 26th of January.

The skating pair of Meghan Adams and Amy Veltkamp took away gold in both competitions placing first in the Preliminary event in Prescott, and following up with a first in Similar Pairs in Brockville. Meghan Adams also fared well on her own, in Prescott placing first in Pre Preliminary Flight 1, and in Brockville placing third in Preliminary B.

Jessica Thompson had similar results in Brockville. Individually she placed first in Introductory A Flight 2 and paired with Hayley Mills the two also took home gold in Introductory Similar Pairs Flight 1. The other MFSC winner in Brockville was Hilary McQuaid who placed first in Introductory Ladies B Flight B.

Second place was a popular ranking for Morrisburg Skaters at the Prescott Invitational Competition. Kathleen German placed second in Junior Bronze. Kristen Phifer placed second individually, and also received a second place ranking when her and Karen Stevens paired up to compete in pairs competition.

Cameron Keicks and Kurt Delegarde represented MFSC in men's competition. Cameron placed second in Artistic at Prescott, and Kurt placed second in Introductory Mens A at the Brockville Competition.

Other second place finishers at the Brockville Competition were; Amy Veltkamp in Preliminary A, Kelsey Hall in Introductory A Flight 1, Brianna Stewart in Introductory B Flight 1 and Lorie Casselman in Preliminary Ladies C Flight 1.

Other skaters who placed well at the Prescott Invitational were; Amy Veltkamp third in Pre Preliminary Flight 3, Jessica Thompson third in Pre Preliminary Flight 5, and Courtney Thompson forth.

Third place honours at the Brockville Competition went to; Meghan Adams in Preliminary B, Logan Patterson in Pochahontas Flight 2, Hayley Carr in Introductory B Flight 2, and Alisha Vanhoof in Pochahontas Flight 1.

Receiving awards for showing in fourth place in Brockville were; Brianna Stewart and Hilary McQuaid in Introductory Ladies Similar Pairs, Hayley Mills in Introductory A Flight 1, Brooke Spencer in Nalas Flight 2, Kaila Vanhoof in Cinderella Flight 1, Haley VanAllen in Sleeping Beauty Flight 2, Lindsay Gilmer and Courtney Thompson in Preliminary Similar Pairs, Kaitlyn MacDonald in Junior Bronze Ladies C Flight 1, and Courtney Thompson in Junior Bronze Ladies C Flight 2.

Young skaters who are not yet travelling to competitions but deserve recognition for their hard work on the ice in the Canskate Program are Stage 1; Kaitlyn Thompson, Michaela Morrow, Megan Prunner, Brandon Bass, Justin Swerdfeger, Chelsea Swerdfeger, Marcy Smith, Allison Lee, Hayley Boyle, Jenna Yates, Taylor Boyle, Sophia Currier, Melanie Peters, Peyton Bradford, Kyrstin Barkley, Mackenzie Whyte, Riley Barry, Haley Deamond, Ashley Ceasor, Ben Michels, and Brady Rochon.

Those skaters passing their Stage 2 Badges were; Kaitlyn Thompson, Micheala Morrow, Hayley Boyle, Taylor Boyle, Ashley Ceasor, Chelsea Swerdfeger, Jenna Yates, Marcy Smith, and Allison Lee.

Stage 3 badges were awarded to; Carley Smith Micheala Morrow, Kaitlyn Thompson, Mackenzie Arsenault, Kaitlin Veinotte, Bailey Hass, Sierra Kelsey, Erin Stewart, Maggie Perry, Alyssa MacMillan, Taylor Boyle, Hayley Boyle, Ashley Ceasor, and Kyle Moak.

Stage 4 badges were given to; Morgan Baxter, Kelsey Baxter, Morgan Spencer, Kelsey Veinotte, Hannah VanMoorsel, Olivia Currier, Brianne Froats, Kaitlyn Thompson, Micheala Morrow, Sydney Hass, Logan Patterson, and Tessa Perry.

Leah Wells, Kristen Stewart, Mikayla MacMillan, and Gillian Beatson have attained their level 5 Canskate Badges.

Congratulations to all the winners, and the skaters who are working so hard at the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club.

Teams return from Broder Cup Bonspiel with 'B' Championship

by Steve Thompson

Two Morrisburg women's teams have returned from the annual Broder Cup bonspiel with the 'B' Championship shield.. Nancy Barkley, Anita Cooper, Betty Locke and Carol Dawley defeated the Russell foursome in their 3rd game of the day and will keep the hardware at least until next years competition. Our other entry Barb Rabideau, Sydney Schnurr, Carolyn Beckstead and Paula Locke won their first game, but lost a squeaker in the afternoon to finish out of the running for the 'A' title. Congratulations to the ladies!

The senior men returned empty-handed from Prescott last Friday as a home team won this renewal of the Parnell competition. Don O'Brien, Neil Williams, Tony Toonders and Gerry Thompson won their first game but lost their second. Bob Bedington, Jack Dikland, Fred Hoffman and Pete Zeran lost their first match in an extra end, but came back with a convincing win, finishing just behind the Prescott champions.

Medical updates: Karl Duncan, one of our seniors, recently had heart surgery and is recovering nicely. While he won't be curling for a while, we hope he drops in before the end of the year at the Club to cheer us on. Jack Cole had an eye operation and will be back later this month.

The Little Rock's Big Four bonspiel was played last weekend in Winchester with two Morrisburg teams entered. They had a good time and learned a lot about competition. Calvin Collins, Nick and Chris Tupper and Travis McMillan won their first two games but lost in the playoff against Metcalfe. The other team, Curtis Collins, Brittany Elliott, Robbie Robichaud and Sam Decker played well, but came up short in their matches. Jack Dikland and Sydney Schnurr were well pleased with the performance of their young athletes.

The Tim Horton's Colts Zone Playdowns were held at the Club last weekend. These games are for curlers with less than five years experience. On the women's side, Alexandria and the Ottawa C.C. will advance to regional competition, while on the men's side, Metcalfe's Dunne goes to Navan and an Ottawa C.C. team did battle for the 'B spot at the Regionals.

In the Canadian senior championships, the Ontario men's team skipped by Fedosa, lost to Manitoba in the final, while Ontario's Dunn won the women's title overpowering the Alberta foursome.

After last weeks 'curling etiquette' paragraph, which mainly had suggestions for the leads and second, one of them had a reminder for the other two members of a team. When standing behind the house, don't have your brushes on the ice, as it can be a distraction for the curler trying to hit the opposing skip's broom. We'll have to watch the games this week to see who read the column. Good Curling!

Bantam 'B' Lions closer to securing final playoff berth

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

With only three regular season games left in their schedule, the bantam "B" Lions are closer to securing the fourth and final playoff position in the Eastern Division o the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League. After a gruelling schedule of 21 games, the Lions find themselves alone in fourth with 22 points coming off a 9 win, 8 loss and 4 ties record.

First and second place are out of reach as South Stormont is undefeated in League play and North Dundas has a strangle hold on second with 28 points. Potsdam is the team the Lions are chasing as they still have an outside shot at third place.

"The standings that I have off the Internet are very incomplete so knowing exactly where you are is difficult," states Coach Joe McCooeye. "Potsdam is ahead of us and Char-Lan is right behind, but by how much I am uncertain. All we can do is grab as many of the final six points as we can and see what happens. Char-lan has only 11 points reported, but have over 10 games yet to play. Therefore they are mathematically still alive."

The Lions helped themselves a lot this past weekend with a hard fought victory over the Cornwall Royals 5-4. The Royals came to the rink in last place but played extremely tough, taking the lead into the third period before the Lions regrouped and made a last minute comeback. "The Royals deserve credit for their effort.

They could have mailed in the game since they have no playoff hopes, but instead came out and played with a lot of heart and pride and our guys just did not match their play for most of the game. We were lucky we did not drop this one! The boys will need a much better effort over the next few weekends if they want to be in the playoffs," explains Coach McCooeye.

The Lions opened the match strong, charging to a 2-0 lead in the opening minutes. Team Captain Kyle Jarvis put the Lions up 1-0. Evan Tait and Matt VanMoorsel earned the assists. Less than a minute later, Curtis Whitteker took the pass from Nick Whelan and converted. Mark Byvelds also picked up an assist on this one. Before the first period ended, the Royals cut the lead in half on a counter that got past the Lions.

Roaring with spirit, the Lions pulled ahead yet again 3-1 on a play that saw Mitchell Julien and Jarvis set up Kent Nugent. At this point the Royals took over the game. Three straight counters before the second ended had the Cornwall team in the lead 4-3 as the final frame began.

As the final period started, the Royals continued to dominate play. Shane Strader in the pipes for the Lions was forced to make many outstanding saves to keep his team in the match. So pleased with his goalie's effort, Coach McCooeye noted, "Shane was the only reason we even had a chance to win late in the game. It could have easily been a 4 or 5 point deficit for the Lions at that point." The Lions finally knotted the score with 5:33 left when Jarvis took a nifty feed from Nugent and make a deke on the Royal netminder (who played well all game long). Capitalizing on the momentum swing, Jarvis got his third counter of the game as Robert Thurler and David Patterson teamed to set him up.

The Lions take to the ice in Morrisburg on Wednesday night at 8 pm facing Char-Lan in what could be a playoff deciding game. Saturday they travel to Cornwall to play the Royals again. Their final home game is Sunday, February 24 at 8:30pm

Coaches bring in or fax your game sheet to 652-2508

Iroquois and District COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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One last run at the playoffs for the Morrisburg Lions

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Lions are on a mission. Determined to prove themselves and put on a great show for the fans the Lions have finally come together to play their best hockey of the season. Many figured it's probably too late for the playoffs but the Lions may prove them wrong yet. Over the weekend the Lions pulled to within two points of the forth place Kemptville 73s.

Saturday the Morrisburg Junior B Lions travelled to Williamstown for their final regular season match up of the season against the first place Char-Lan Rebels.

Matt Bailey, still holding on to a top ten scoring spot in the St. Lawrence Division put Morrisburg on the board first. Bailey put one past the Rebels goal tender on a set up from Matt Collins and Tony Murray. Lions goal tender Jamie Lalonde did an excellent job keeping Char-Lan off the board. Morrisburg added another goal before the first period ended on a marker by Dan Potvin from Matt Collins once again. Morrisburg finished the first up by two and determined not to let the lead slip away.

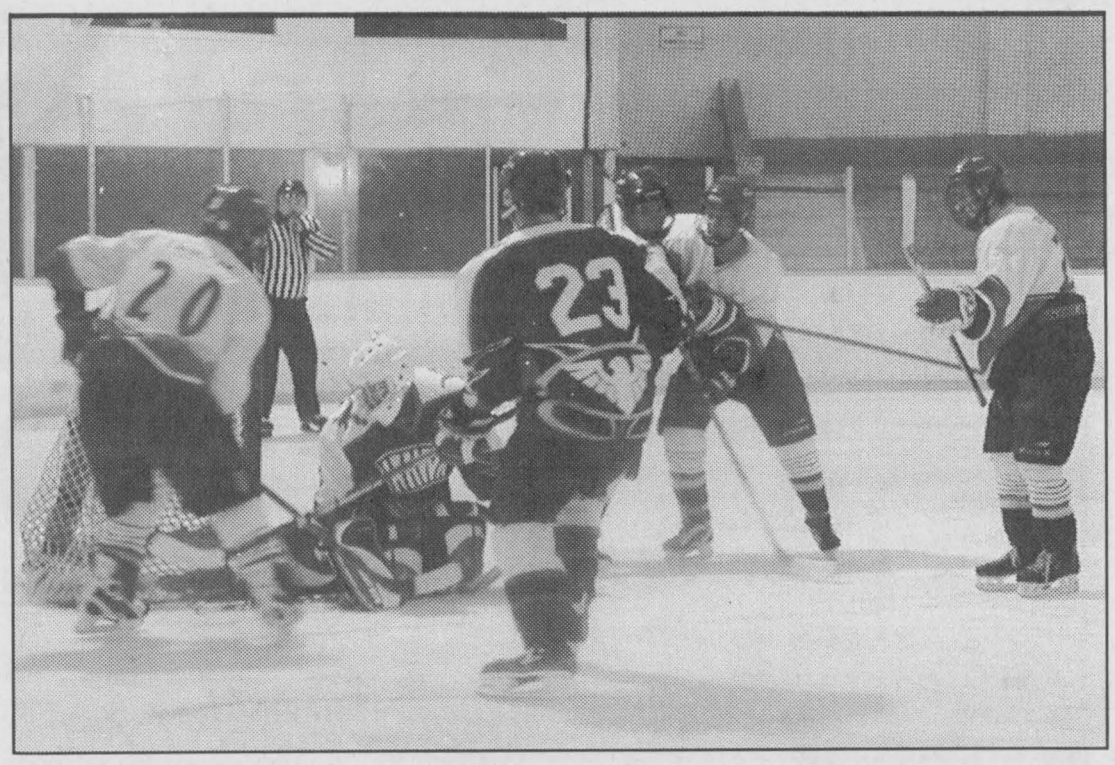
The Lions were held scoreless in the second but Char-Lan was only able to put one on the board. The Rebels pressed hard, trying to tie the game but Lalonde stood tall, batting away all of their efforts through the second and third periods. In a last ditch effort Char-Lan pulled their goalie in the dying minutes of the game. They were unable to capitalize on their advantage, while Captain Wayne Garlough jumped on a loose puck and put it on the stick of Assistant Captain and line mate Greg Millard who put the puck in the Rebels empty net with only two seconds remaining in the game. This 3-1 win over the Rebels closed the points gap to two between the Lions and Kemptville who lost their Friday night game to Winchester.

Excited about their win over the first place team the day before, the Lions hit the ice determined to take down the third place Hawks as well. After his outstanding performance the day before Lalonde would once again be the go to man between the pipes for the Lions. The Lions knew what they had to do to beat the Hawks. They had to find a way to keep Winchester's powerful offence away from the net. Winchester has three of the division's top ten scorers, including the scoring leader Chris Neilson who is a whopping 27 points ahead of the number two man in the scoring race.

Winchester was first on the board five minutes into the first, but the Lions never let the quick lead the Hawks had on them get them down. The continued to play a very disciplined hockey game. In the second period the Lions really put it to the Hawks, getting chance after chance on the strong Hawks net minder. Most of the second period was spent in the Hawks end of the rink, but the Lions couldn't buy a goal. They must have bee frustrated but never let it show and continued to chip away at the Hawks.

The Lions hit the ice in the third with the same determination, and were finally rewarded for their efforts. Three minutes into the third Ghyslain Hotte finally beat the Hawks goal tender on a set up from Jon Chambers and Alex Gray. The game remained tied most of the way through the third despite the fact that the Lions severely out-played the Hawks. In the last five minutes Matt Collins scored the winning goal with assists from Matt Bailey and Tony Murray, making it 2-1 for the home town boys.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions are playing their final two regular season games this weekend as they try to make up the two point deficit to sneak past the Kemptville 73s for the final playoff spot in the St. Lawrence Division. Their effort as of late has been outstanding and they deserve your support this weekend. Their final home game is Friday night at 8:15 when the second place Alexandria Glens come to town. Sunday night at 7:45 the Lions will travel to Kemptville where they will face off against the 73s, who currently hold the final play off spot, to try and knock them out of contention.



Lions Rewarded for their Hard Work

The Morrisburg Juniors worked very hard to get their two wins over the weekend. They were patient and steadfast in their attack, finally scoring a couple of goals giving them the win over the Hawks, and a couple of points in the playoff race. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

Terminators lead Iroquois Darts

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Sitting on top of the standings this week we see the Terminators who have a total of 120.5 wins to their credit. Helping out to earn this top spot were Lincoln Taylor who won 5 games and shot 120, 123 and 125. Tara Summerfield won 2 and came in with 123 and 140. Denzil Tousant also won 2 with 125.

Sitting in second spot this week are the Incredibles who have 118 wins. Mike Osborne had 6 wins with 100 and 140 while Andre Tchsoumy won 1.

Third belongs to The Big Bananas who have 111 wins, thanks to Cecil Lewis who won 2 and Linda who won 1 (100).

Fourth position is held by the Whoops with 106.5 wins. Chris Hutton won 4 and Duane Kirker won a game (100, 121), Sharon Lewis hit 116 in the effort to move the team higher on the rungs.

The Rug Rats have 105 wins . Sandra Julien had 2 wins and Chris Thompson had 1 (105). Glen Easter hit 100x2 and 140.

Sixth place is shared by the Mustangs and The Misfits, who each had 99 wins. Helping the Mustangs was Jake Summerfield with 4 wins (100x4 and 125), Melba Chater won 3, Sharon Easter won 1. The Misfits got some great darts from Wayne Bellinger who had 6 wins (100-x2, 114, 140, Delaine Walter and Art Ault each won 1 game.

The Outlaws sit in seventh with 92 wins, not far off the pace this week. Tina Summerfield had 4 wins, L.J. Steele had 5 wins.

Eighth sees the Unicorns hanging tight with 89.5 wins. Glen Adams did his part with 2 wins (100, 121, 138 and 140), Cecil Tyo hit 100x2, 105 and 140 and Joan Ault won a game.

Wolf Pack snagged ninth with 84 wins. Mike Keeler had 4 wins, Diane Tyo 3 (100x3) and Carol Birch won 1.

The Sureflites had 83.5 wins, good enough to stay out of the cellar this week thanks to Earl Nesbitt, Sandra Keeler (134) and Arnie Fader (100) each of whom had a win to their credit.

In the cellar we find Blues Clues yet again as they work to dig their way out. Coming in with 80 wins they are within distance to move up the ladder. Jeff O'Neil won 1 (100x2, 140), Dave Svendsen won 1 and Jamie Adams won 2 (108)as they keep trying to move upwards on the ladder of standings.

Til next week keep those darts flying straight and to the boards.

PeeWee A team lose in semi-finals

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

This past weekend, the District 1 Wild PeeWee "A"Team were in the Don Mott Tourney played out in Osgoode.

Things started on Thursday evening, February 7, Wild played against the Ottawa Crusaders, earning the win 1-0 in a close one. Josh LaSalle was outstanding in the pipes for the Wild, earning the win and the shutout. The only scoring play in this game came off the stick of Wild's Kyle Patrick with less than one minute left in the first. Michael Byrd earned the assist.

On Friday, February 8, the Wild faced the Eastend Ticats out of Toronto. The Wild dropped this match 3-1. Corie Toye handled the net duties. After a scoreless first, the Ticats scored in the second, two fast ones. The Wild came back with a counter as James Hurley found the twine narrowing the gap. Michael Byrd earned the assist again. the Ticats answered with another counter before the second ended to take the victory.

Saturday, February 9, the Wild came out against Erindale, another Toronto squad and knotted this one at 6. Josh was in the net for the Wild. Alex Horsburgh was first on the board for the Wild with Chris Brazeau getting the assist. Spitfires came on strong to tie things up, then with less than three minutes remaining in the first, Wild's James Hurley got the go ahead goal on a pass from Corey Larocque and Michael Byrd. Josh Bouwman put the Wild up 3-1 before the end of the first frame unassisted. But the Spitfires were not going to take things lying down. They fired two quick counters early in the second to knot the game. With less than five minutes left in the second, Michael Byrd gave the Wild the lead as he scored on a solo effort. Corey Larocque put the Wild ahead by two as the period ended. Michael Byrd had the assist. The Wild headed into the third period with a 5-3 lead. The something fell apart for the Wild as the Spitfires came back strong and rapidly tied the game. With things sitting at 5 a piece, the Spitfire took the lead for the first time during the game. But the Wild never give up and with only four minutes left in the game, Kyle Patrick scored solo to tie things for the Wild and that was how things ended tied at 6.

On Sunday, the tenth the Wild dropped the semi final game against Osgoode 2-0. Corie Toye took the loss in the pipes.

PeeWee C Lions win 3-2 over S. Stormont

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Scott Speer started the PeeWee "C" Lions off in the scoring department as he found the twine. Earning assists were Collin Chesbro and Hudson Cochrane. Before the first frame was over, the Lions were on the board again as Andrew Addlington counted the second for the Lions. Sheldon Beckstead helped him in the scoring action. The host team, the South Stormont team found their legs and cut the Lions lead in half.

The Lions began the second period as they had the first with a counter. Isaac Streit found his target with help from Beckstead and Adam Schnurr. South Stormont could only muster one more as they beat Jared Dallas on the short side. The Lions hung on for the win, coming home winning 3-2 in a tight match that could have gone either way.

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George Baker

Peacefully at Glen Stor Dun Lodge, Cornwall on January 20, 2002 George Edward Findlay Baker of Cornwall formerly of Morrisburg in his 82nd year.

An evangelical minister and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 48 he worked at the Experimental Farm as a lab technician after returning from the war where he was a corporal from 1939-1945. In 1954 he moved to Los Angeles, California in 1954, and returned to Morrisburg in 1990. In his spare time George enjoyed playing cards, home entertaining, travelling, playing hockey and watching baseball games.

Beloved husband of the late Isabella "Ella" Watson Farquharson whom he married at the Presbyterian Church in Morrisburg September 6, 1947. Loving father of Derrik of Cornwall, Dear Brother of Carson (Margherita, Earl (June), Sybil Smith, all of Morrisburg, Evelyn Millward of Brockville and Lillian Sypes of Thorold. Predeceased by parents Mary Carson and Charles Baker, brothers Stanley, Russell, Kenneth, Walter, and one sister Gladys Duval.

Friends called at the Parker Funeral Home in Morrisburg. The service was there in the chapel with his son Derrik Dustin Baker and Rev. John Parks officiating. Interment was at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Morrisburg. Pallbearers were Carolyn Gear, Ted Smith, and Branch 48 Legion members; Robert Robinson, Bo Gale, Roy Gummeson, and Steve Coligan.

Dorothy Webb

At home, Dorothy "Mary" Webb of Morrisburg on January 2, 2002. Born in Iroquois on May 12, 1912 she was 89 years of age. A former resident of both St. Catherines and Iroquois she moved to Morrisburg in 1947. She was a custodian and a member of the United Church.

Predeceased by her parents Anson Serviss and Maggie Gregory, her husband Andrew "Andy" Webb whom she wed on November 26, 1930 in Iroquois, two sons Burton and Donald "Duffy", by brothers Bill, Morris, Hilliard and Clarence Serviss, and by two sisters Gladys Serviss and Pearl (Bill) Barkley.

Left to mourn her loss are daughters Dorothy (Terry) Brazolot of Guelph, and Audrey (Larry) Laframboise of Iroquois, as well as a daughter-in-law Donna Webb of Osnabruck Centre. She is sadly missed by seven grandchildren; Shelley, Amy, Kevin, Andrew, Tammy, Steven, and Christine, eight great-grandchildren; Alisha, Tamara, Brittney, Matthew, Devon, Brandon, Troy, and Kyle. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois where the service was held January 5, 2002 with Rev. Dolly Dikens. Honourary pallbearers were great-grandsons: Matthew and Brandon Cryderman and Devon and Troy Webb. Spring Interment at Sprucehaven Cemetary in Brinston.

Marie Eamon

At Winchester Hospital January 31, 2002, after a brief illness Marie Eamon in her 92nd year.

Born in Wales, she was a lifetime resident of Morrisburg. In her earlier life Marie worked at Pyramid Paper Mill in Cornwall and them at McGannon's St. Lawrence Mill in Morrisburg. One of her favorite pastimes was sitting out on her front porch during the summer months so she could wave and chat with friends, neighbours and strangers as they passed by. She got great enjoyment from daily visits by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her hobbies included: reading, playing cards, and doing jigsaw puzzles.

Sadly missed by children Charlotte Cougler (Harold Dillabough) of Morrisburg and Bob (Janice) Eamon of Halifax, Nova Scotia, brothers and sisters Howard of Morrisburg, Clara Murray of Morrisburg, and Charles (Myra) of Morrisburg, 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 6 great, great grandchildren. She is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by a brother Lawrence, sisters Rosie Dunlop and Helen McKinnon, and grandsons Douglas Cougler and Adam Eamon.

A private family service was held at the Marsden McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg February 5, 2002. Interment of cremated remains followed at St. James Anglican Cemetery in Morrisburg with Rev. Bill Byers officiating.

Gerald Casselman

Peacefully at the Ottawa Heart Institute on Tuesday, January 29, 2002 Gerald Alvin Mitchell Casselman of R.R.1 Morrisburg in his 81st year.

Gerald will always be remembered for his sense of humour which he passed on to his children. He was also known for his love of animals, especially his pet dog Sam who was very special to him. He enjoyed living on the farm and being with the animals. Fishing was his favorite hobby. He achieved his grade 13 education which was difficult in the years he grew up. A dye house manager in the textile industry he was an excellent manager who knew how to delegate.

Beloved husband of Maude Ranking and the late Mary Martin. Dear father of Carolyn (Raymond) Roderick of Morrisburg, Ken (Janet) of Glen Walter, Robert (Lorna) of Vaudreuil-Dorion, Quebec and Larry (Vivian) of Morrisburg. Loving grandfather of Gerald, Raymond, Teresa, Michael, Patrick, Kimberly, Nancy, Linda, Grace, Ruth, Sara, and Tammy. Sadly missed by nineteen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Dear brother of Mabel Walker of Iroquois and Alice Heyman of Spencerville.

Predeceased by brothers Russell and infant child Clayton.

Friends called at the Parker Funeral Home. The funeral service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Morrisburg on February 2, 2002 with Pastor Joachim Barkley-Probst officiating. Pall bearers were Son-in-law Raymond Roderick, and grandsons Darryl Disstell, Paul Smith, Michael, Patrick, and Gerald Roderick. Spring Interment at Dundela United Cemetery.

Options program at TCS

One of the highlights this month at TCS has been an options program for students in grades 6-8. Activities for our 11-14 year old kids: tole painting, website design, jiu jitsu + kickboxing, scrapbooking, wood carving, cooking and aquatic exercises. This is the first time that our school has done this type of programming; we certainly hope to do this again. The students are having fun and learning about activities that are of interest to their option leaders. We're grateful for the volunteer help that is essential for this program.

Our school sponsors a young girl, Nancy, who lives in Kenya. Her birthday is coming up soon, so we're collecting a little extra from our students so that something nice can be bought for her.

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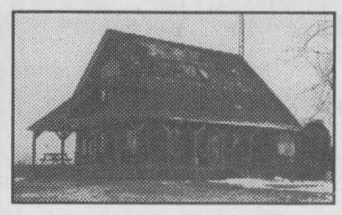

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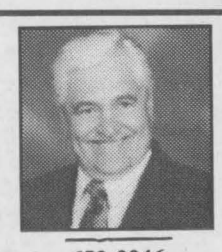

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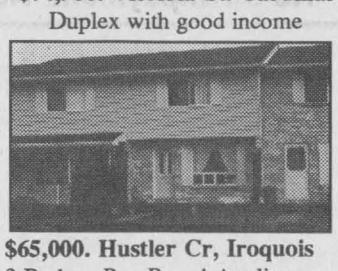

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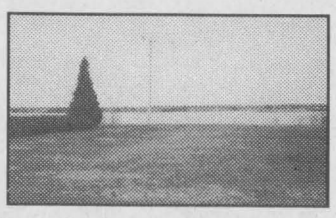

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~Art on Display at IPS
~Meet the "Snow Dogs"



Scouts Bake Sale *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

Tiffany Hanes of 1st Cardinal Scouting was one of the Scouts on hand offering up some delicious Valentine's Day treats at their bake sale at the Cardinal Mall on Saturday. They also raffled off a beautiful Valentine basket.

Iroquois Public School students are continuing their artistic endeavours

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Under the direction of Mr. Bourassa Iroquois Public School students are continuing their advanced artistic endeavours. Past projects have been shown with students deserving recognition in past issues. Bourassa works at teaching the young students abstract artistic concepts by using them repeatedly in different projects. After repeatedly working with many of the same concepts the students eventually gain a very concrete understanding.

The first project brought to our attention involved layered cut outs using positive and negative forms, primary colours, colour mixing, and conventional and unconventional shapes. This project served as a starting point in educating these young students about these abstract concepts.

To build the students understanding of these concepts their next large project reinforced the concept of positive and negative forms once again. Students were asked to create their own stencil which is considered a negative form and used that to stencil to create a drawing, considered a positive image. Each student's image was then displayed with those of their classmates as part of a mural.

The last project concentrated on concept and form. This project tested the patience of the students, as they cut out different shapes and forms from linoleum. They then arranged the linoleum on a piece of cardboard gluing them in place thus creating a stamp. They covered the shapes with different colours and used their stamp to create an impression. The students made paper frames for their impressions to create yet another striking display. The numerous steps in the project left some of the students quite impatient, but when the final result was accomplished students were proud of their work.

To start off the new year students have moved from two dimensional to three dimensional art work. The project they are working on now is a sculpture. The students are really enjoying this project and we look forward to seeing the results.

Mr. Bourassa advocates teaching these complex artistic notions and ideas to students at an early age. He feels that they are perfectly capable of grasping the concepts usually kept for older, more advanced high school students. Judging from the exceptional job each and every student does on every project, he is right.

Coming Events

"STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS" SEMINAR
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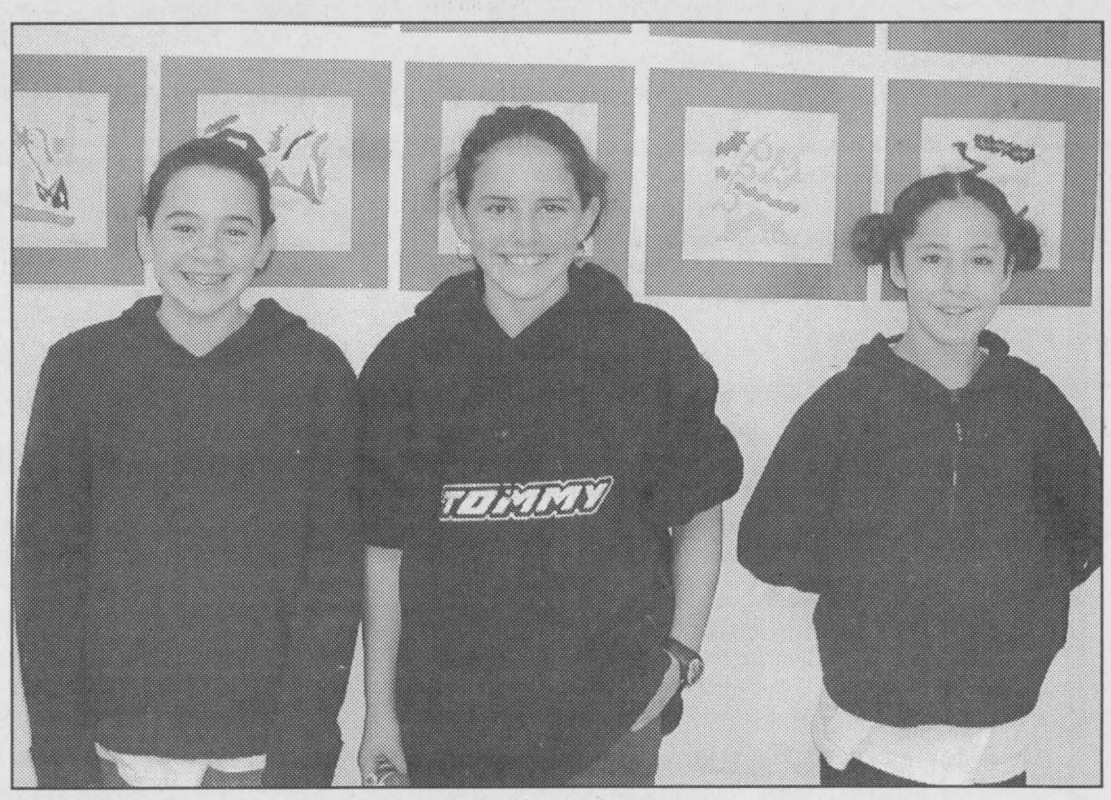

The Latest Art Project at I.P.S.

Kasandra Comfort, Danica Corneau and Nicole Cameron were happy to show off their last art project when it was finished. In this project they experimented with stamping in Mr. Bourassa's Grade 7 art class. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

Swing Dance lessons at Seaway High

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Jason Edge is a new teacher at Seaway District High School, and with him he is bringing a new activity to Iroquois.

He will be teaching swing dance lessons in Iroquois at Seaway District High School. He is expecting to start the lessons in two weeks. The lessons will be held Tuesday nights at 8:00 pm. He will be teaching the course to senior high school students and will also be offering a six week course to the public. He will offer the six week course at a cost of $48 per person. To register for the course, or for any information you can call 657-1392.

If the idea tickles your fancy you will have an opportunity to try a swing dance lesson for free this Friday night (8 pm) at the Brockville Legion. Edge is promoting it as a "Day After Valentine's Day Dance", and jokes that it could be used as a chance to "make up if you screw up on Valentine's Day." It's your chance to get out and try swing dancing to big band music.

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9:30 am: Registration and Visit Displays
10:15 am: Program
10:15 am: George McNaughton Dairy Farmers of Ontario "On Farm Milk Quality HACCP Program". George will bring producers up to date on the new industry lead on farm quality program.
11:15 am: Dr. Neil Anderson OMAFRA Veterinary Scientist "HACCP, Cow and Calf Health". Neil will bring us up to date on some of new information on cow and calf health. He will look at tools for assessing cow comfort, bed size, mattress size for cow sense, Johne's disease and solutions for raising healthy calves.
12 noon: Lunch and visit display area
1 pm: Barry Sutherland Ruminant Technical Service Manager, Agribrands
Purina "Tips on Feeding Heavier Corn Silage Diets and Using Lower Quality Corn in the Dairy Ration". Barry will be taking on some practical tips and recommendations when producers move to heavier corn silage diets. As well this past year producers ensiled some poor quality immature corn and Barry will talk about some ideas on how to use this feed.
2 pm: Marjorie Donnan Donnandale Farms, Stirling "Farm Succession" Planning. How we planned for Family Members to be in the Dairy Industry". Marjorie will discuss some of plans and process that Keith, Marjorie and their three sons worked through in their Farm Succession Plan.
2:30 pm: Dr. Martin Sharp Australian High Commission "Dairying In Australia" Martin works with the Australian High Commission in Ottawa and will share how Australian Dairy Farmers Manage their operations and some of the issues they face.
3:15 pm: Adjournment

Kemptville Woodlot Conference 2002
Woodlands and Water

8:00 -9:45 Registration
9:45-10:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks - ***Bruce Harrison, Mayor, North Grenville, Bill Curnoe, Director, Kemptville College, University of Guelph***
10:00 -10:45 Keynote Speaker: ***Dr. Jim Buttle*, Professor, Department of Geology Trent University**
The Status of Forest Hydrology in Canada
10:45 -12:30 ***Panel Discussion Session***
Moderator: ***Dave Chapeskie***, Agroforestry Specialist, OMAFRA, Kemptville
Mapping Impact of Dry Weather - *Wayne Ingram*, Forest Health Technician, MNR Sault St. Marie
Impacts of Dry Weather - *Dr. Pieter Trip*, Plant Physiologist, Grenville Land Stewardship Councillor, Brockville
Impacts of the Ice Storm - *Cathy Nielsen*, Forest Specialist MNR, Kemptville
Drainage and Nutrients - *Dr. Naresh Thevathason*, Research Associate University of Guelph, Guelph
Wetlands - *Shaun Thompson*, Biologist, MNR, Kemptville
Rural Water Quality - *Leslie Vanclief*, Rural Clean Water Program Coordinator, City of Ottawa
1:30-3:30 **TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**
Session A ***Wildlife Management***
Moderator: ***Dorothy Hamilton***
Raptors - *Dr. Brian Naylor*, Habitat Biologist, MNR, North Bay
Dr. Kandyd Szuba, Wildlife Biologist, Domtar, Espanola
Wild Turkey and White Tailed Deer - *John McKenzie*, Senior Fish and Wildlife Technician MNR, Kemptville
Session B ***Forest Values***
Moderator: ***Jack Henry***
Cutting for Value - *Sam Lough*
Cedar Leaf Oil Markets - *Gord Stickles*
Added Value From Forest Pruning - *Robert Beaudoin*
Black Ash Baskets - *Richard David*
Woodland Plants ~ A Part of Our Ecosystem - *Philip Fry*

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Eastern Ontario Crop Conference - February 22, 2002

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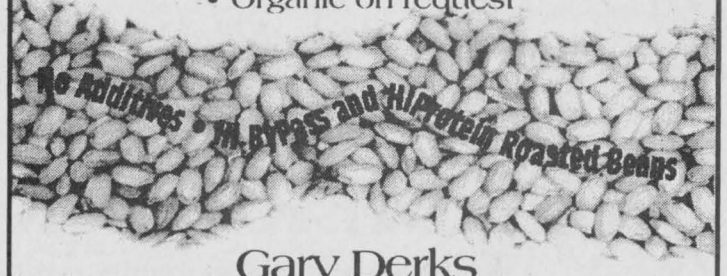

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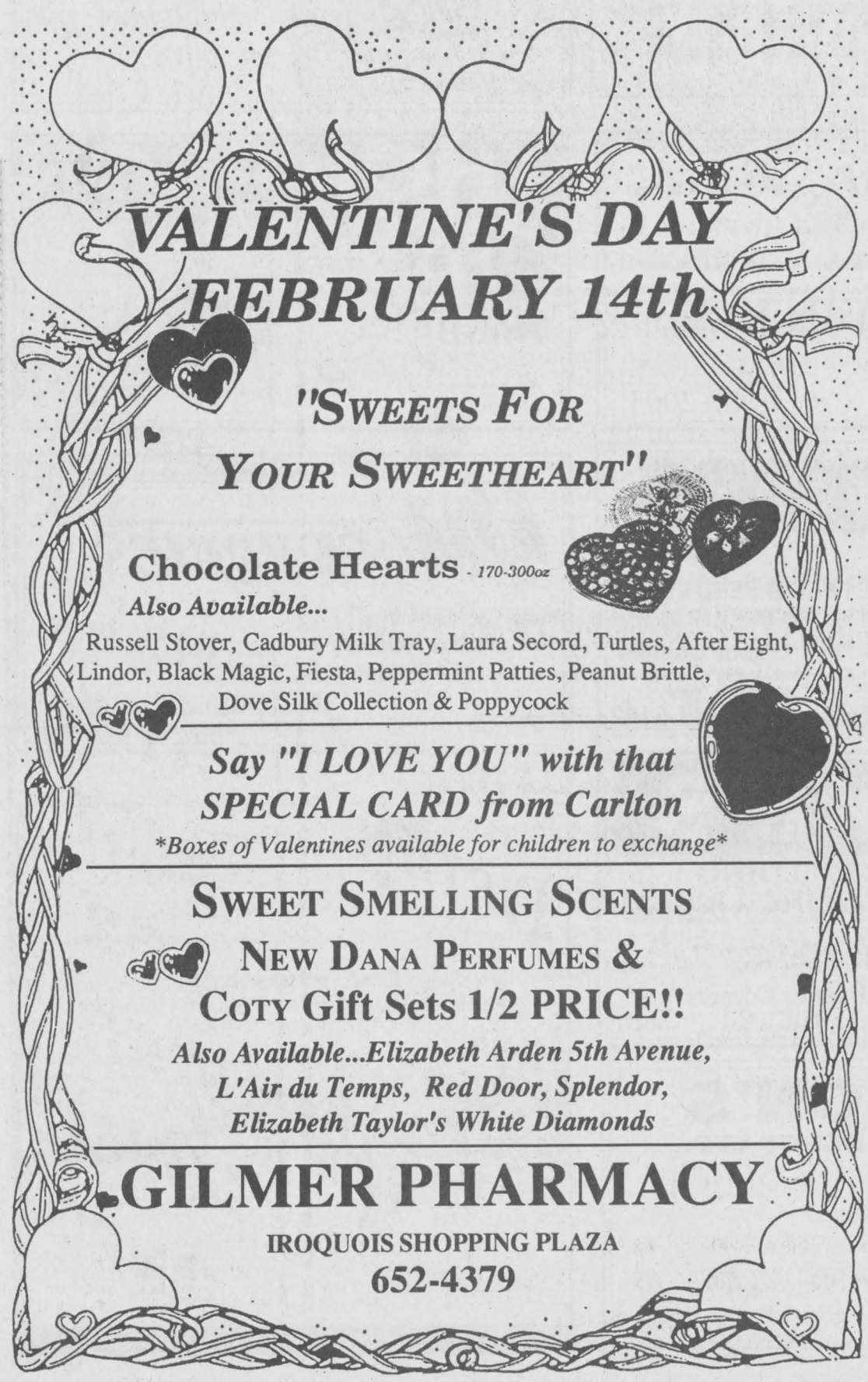

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Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

After darts flew on Tuesday, February 5, in Cardinal, Cardinal team #4 sits on top with 162 points. Iroquois team #5 struck for 148 points and second spot. Close on their feathers is Prescott team #1 with 146 points. Iroquois team #7 are next with 125 points. Cardinal team #2 sits in fifth with 107 to their credit as they worry about Prescott team #6 who are one slim point behind them. Coming on strong was Iroquois team #8 with 103 points. In the cellar after this night of darting was Prescott team #9 with 75 points.

Winning four games were Jake Summerfield, David Haynes and Bill Hutt. Three-game winners were Joel Adams, Gary Bradford, Ross Polite, Tim Gonczowski, Duane Kirker, Tom Beach and Mark MacDonald.

Highscores went to the skillful darters; Glen Adams and Bill Hutt each shot 140x2. Jake Summerfield nailed 140, 139 and 121x2. David Haynes hit 140 and 139, while Tom Beach came away with 140 and 133. Gary Bradford hit for 140 and 125. Shooting 140 were Bob Juby and Randy Prophet. Ross Polite came in with 135 and 133x2, Brad Baynham had 135 and 121. John Marchand and Ross King struck for 125 each. Cecil Tyo put 123x2 while Jamie Murphy and Bill McCubbin each hit 121 while Jake Easter and Ron Bradford each struck for 120.

On Thursday evening the darts were being tossed in Prescott and Cardinal #4 were able to enforce their hold on first place as they came in with 172. Iroquois team #5 shot 157 to stay in second. Prescott 1 is closing fast on them as they hit 153 this time out. Iroquois 7 added five to their total to show 130. Cardinal 2 have 115 points while Prescott 6 is a slim point behind them and looking to surpass them. Iroquois 8 has 108 points. Prescott 9 remain in the cellar with 79 points this time at the boards.

Bill Hutt tops the Games Won with 4. Also winning four games were Rick Sayeau, Jake Summerfield and Joel Adams and Tim Gonczowski. Three-game winners included Trevor Easter, David Haynes, Tom Beach, Frank Russell, Toby Summerfield, Jeremy Carr, Steve McMillan and Wayne Bellinger.

David Haynes claimed the crown as Highfinisher with 93.

Highscorers were Jake Summerfield who came through with 177. Rick Sayeau nailed 140-125-120. Shooting 140 were a number of darters, Bill Hutt, Steve McMillan and David Haynes. Kevin Laming nailed 139. Glen Adams came in with 138-121, Tom Beach darted 133, Brad Baynham had 130 and Ron Bradford had 127. Jerry Carr had 125x2 and Art Ault showed 122-120.

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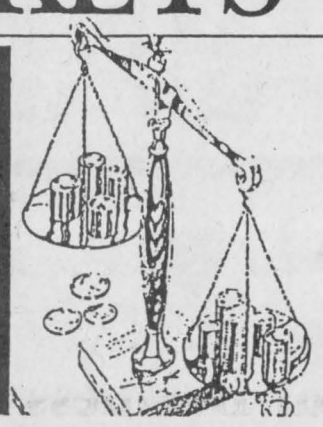

Investing in a volatile Stock Market

While trying to figure out the wonderful world of investments, you may have read about something called a "volatile market." In a bull market, stock prices rise. In a bear market, stock prices fall. When stock prices change quickly, and sometimes move in both directions all in the same day, we have a volatile market.

Remember when stock prices for many high technology and web-based companies were doubling, tripling, even quadrupling? Many of these same organizations have since seen the value of their stocks shrink drastically. Those of us who owned shares in these firms know first-hand what volatile means!

In a volatile market it is important that we take a step back from the headlines of the day and look at the big picture. Shaun MacNeil is Director of Retail Wealth Accumulation Sales at Clarica Life Insurance. He advises us to stop listening to Chicken Little, who is always saying that the sky is falling.

He says it's not easy to maintain your long-term investment perspective when any ten-minute section of a 24-hour news show will give you dozens of reasons why you shouldn't invest in the stock market. "Emotion is a wonderful thing. But it adds doubtful value to your investment program."

No matter what crisis is impacting the market today, you'll benefit from thinking about what has happened in the past. "If you take a look at the historical performance of the market, the overall trend line is upwards." Why does it eventually rise in most cases? MacNeil says, "sooner or later the market usually reflects not the political noise or what's happening with speculators, but the underlying performance and profitability of the companies."

He says you can take comfort in the knowledge that those blue chip companies that you constantly hear about, the big global banks, the large utilities, pharmaceutical and countless others, will not disappear overnight. Investing in companies that have demonstrated success over the long-term will give your collection of investments strength and stability, helping you to navigate through uncertain waters.

Before you start accumulating these investments, you should have an overall financial plan.

Michael Banham knows a lot about the long-term outlook. He's Director of Investment Funds at Clarica Life Insurance. "It is critical that you talk to an advisor. Once you have worked with your advisor, through dialogue, you make the right choices, you build that plan, and you stick to it."

Banham says the first step in creating your plan is to ask yourself some key questions. What am I saving for? What do I want this money for? What do I want this money to do for me? What am I doing to protect my family's financial future? Once you know these, then you ask, "What is my investment objective?"

Your investment strategy may call for you to place your investments in an RRSP. At this time of year, banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions remind us to think about our futures by encouraging us to contribute to our Registered Retirement Savings Plan.

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We're learning more, living healthier lifestyles, and living longer. We're also retiring earlier. As a result, our retirement careers will often be equal to or longer than our working careers. Banham says our investment habits will have to adjust to these changes. "There's a good chance that I could outlive my financial resources. So by investing now on a regular basis, I'm going to ensure my financial security in the future."

Banham says one strategy to combat market uncertainty involves diversifying your investments to help reduce your risk and get the most out of your money. "You want to have different types of investments in your plan." You can balance your portfolio by including low risk bonds and guaranteed investment certificates with higher risk choices like mutual funds. Sometimes this balanced approach is called "asset allocation."

Exactly how much risk you're willing to take is entirely up to you. If you can put your money away for 20 to 40 years in an RRSP, you can likely handle more risk. "And don't forget," Banham says "market volatility is a fact of life. It is part of the reality of investing."

The message is clear. Don't be afraid to invest in the markets when they're on a roller coaster ride. Just make sure you get some professional advice first! And buckle up!

Submitted by:
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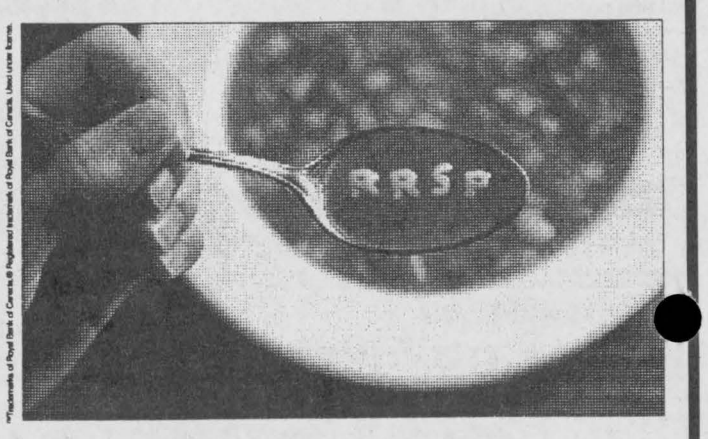

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"Trophies of Grace" bring message to community

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Community Christian Reformed Church in Dixons welcomed the "Trophies of Grace" a musical group and outreach team early Sunday morning.

"There is no area in which there is so much mystery, so much misunderstanding and so many differences of opinion as in the area of narcotics. The discouraging high degree of relapse among addicts who leave our medical institutions free of all physical dependence on drugs is clear evidence that more **must be done.**"...President John F. Kennedy.

Teen Challenge is a church-related program that has accepted that late president's challenge. A unique program that offers undeniable proof that narcotic addiction is a spiritual problem that can be solved by the power of God! It demands a cooperative attitude from those who show a sincere desire to change. It is the belief of those at Teen Challenge that an addict is not fully cured until he has the power within himself to conquer all his habits...including smoking, drinking and promiscuous sex. He is not cured until he is fully motivated to work and to stand on his own two feet anywhere and in any situation. He cannot be cured until he makes restitution for his many crimes. "We at Teen Challenge believe in the total cure for the total man, and only God can grant that kind of cure," it says in the pamphlet provided for the public.

The Teen Challenge Farm is a residential treatment program that cares. Located on 45 acres at Lambeth, near London, Ontario the private, non-profit organization helps males with life-controlling problems. Consisting of a 50-bed facility with dormitories, classrooms, cafeteria, chapel and offices, the property also has various shops including woodworking, vocational and auto repair along with livestock barn and other buildings. The program is totally dependent upon private contributions and does not receive any government funding whatsoever. According to Pastor Paul who accompanied the Trophies of Grace to our area, "Since we teach the word of God and since it is not on the governments list of accredited subjects areas, we get no funding. That is just fine with us because this way we have no repercussions to expect from the government."

At the Farm love and encouragement are balanced with discipline, structure and hard work which combine to teach the student mature, Christian living. "We don't work with teenagers; we help addicts 16 years of age and over," says David Wilkinson program founder.

Based on Christian principles, the program offers spiritual, academic and vocational training, equipping the individual to return to society as a responsible citizen. Originally founded in New York City in 1958, the Teen Challenge program now has over 250 autonomous locations in 60 countries worldwide and is regarded as one of the most successful drug rehabilitation organizations in the world.

From the outset, Teen Challenge has operated from the concept that a person with life controlling problems can change...if that person wants help.

The structure of the program begins with an application (just wanting to avoid jail is no reason for acceptance, a serious desire to change must be evident) and an interview. Once approved, applicants are placed on a waiting list until bed space becomes available. A medical examination is also necessary before admission. Applicants must provide a non-refundable entrance fee on their day of admission. New residents can expect immediate removal of all addictive substances (even ciggies); a highly disciplined program; limited off-property freedom except for approved passes and mandatory participation in all aspects of the program on a daily basis. Starting with Phase I (Basis Training for 4 months) which includes lecture classes, character development, relational guidance, social skills and recreation. Residents are referred to as students. Phase II (Advanced Training for 8 months) concentrates on academic and vocational advancement. The student is tutored in developing positive attitudes, trustworthiness, concern for others and a strong sense of responsibility. At the end of 12 months the student graduates.

As everyone listened to the music of the singers and then to their testimonials, it was clear the message was getting through. Josh, a resident explained that each day at the Farm begins with a wakeup call at 6:45am. "We have half an hour to get ready for the day, showering etc. and have to be at Chapel by 7:15am for another half hour of morning devotion. Breakfast is at 7:45 and then at 8:15 chores have everyone busy until 9 when the message for the day is delivered in the Chapel. Then it is time to start either work detail or lectures depending on what Phase of the program you are in. Lunch is at 12 noon. Lectures and work are on the agenda again at 1pm until 5pm when supper is served. Then everyone enjoys some free time to make phone calls to family etc. Study Hall at 7 gives everyone an hour to accomplish homework and reading as per their contract with the Farm. A snack at 8:15 sets everyone for bedtime routines. At 8:45 devotions take place with prayers in their dormitories. Each person can and is encouraged to bring their issues to this time. Then at 10:30 it is "lights out." Josh concluded by saying, "The Farm is just awesome. We all learn to deal with those issues we bring with us when we arrive...All praise and glory belongs to God!"

A couple of the young men made testimonials and then Pastor Paul delivered a message that gave everyone food for thought.

First up was Ryan who explained that like most at the Farm, he came from a middle class family who supported him as he grew up. "I played sports, my parents were church goers and my dad owned his own business." After moving west, it seemed his life went down hill from as he fell in with a bad crowd. Smoking pot at 10 years of age, he only bought it when he had the money, mostly on weekends. Moving back east, Ryan introduced all his former friends to the exciting world of pot. By grade 7 he was experimenting with PCP and LSD which led to Cocaine in grade 8. He earned his own pipe by grade 10. "I had been grabbed by the drug and it squeezed me dry." By the tender age of 13 he had moved out of his parents' home, selling drugs to support himself and his habit. Last year as he turned 19, his grandparents took him in and he got together with his dad. "It was then I realized that I needed to find a place to get help," says a young man who seems to be on track. Searching the Internet he located Teen Challenge. "I was not into the God thing and so skipped past it. Calling Teen Challenge in the end, he was accepted into the program. "After a week, I called my dad to come get me, I had had enough," he tells the crowd. By the second month he had auditioned for the choir and was completely committed at month four, presently in his 9th month he eagerly works to graduation in three months. "I was unable to remember where I lived at times before coming here, now I memorize scripture! An Uncle who disowned me when I was 13, was waiting to greet me recently when I was home on a pass...God has done some amazing things in my life!"

Then Tim spoke with terrific emotion as he also went into detail, "I wanted for nothing, I was well taken care of." But to avoid listening to their arguments, (they divorced when he was 16) he began hanging with some cool guys trying to be accepted. "I was willing to do whatever it took. Then it started, the smoking, the joints and by the time he was 14, he was into alcohol and LSD. "This gave me the popularity I craved." In fact he was so popular he hardly ever paid for his own drugs. By the age of 19 he was a full blown alcoholic, in a deep depression with suicidal tendencies. "I began treating everyone like dirt and my popularity went out the window. No one wanted me around." Now 30 years old, his first stay at the Farm was 7 years ago. "I came to stay out of jail, that was not a good reason and so he left 3 weeks later. Returning to a world of hurt, he fell into old routines, even coming near suicide, he finally sought help for the 4th time at Teen Challenge...but through the grace of God he returned for the right reasons and now has a chance to change, to have a relationship with the Lord. "He gave me back my life, my family. Everyone gathers when I am home on a pass and things are great. He quoted scripture as tears welled in his eyes and he suggested everyone think about inviting God into their lives as he concluded his testimony.

As Paul noted, "The little actions of your life bear big consequences."

Teen Challenge is willing to help any drug addict anywhere who is desperate to be clean. "You can make it if you really want to."

An enlighteniong and uplifting morning for everyone in attendance, these young men are proof of what can happen.



Trophies of Grace

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The young men known as the Trophies of Grace were at the Christian Reformed Church in Dixon's Corners. Presenting music and testimonials they brought a wonderful message from "Teen Challenge Farm." Pastor Paul seated at the far left honoured those attending with a sermon filled with thoughtful ideas and images that could make life better for each of us. A lot of tough love was shared on this morning and it did not go unnoticed.

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Atom C Lions finish regular season with two victories

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On Saturday, February 9, the Lions hosted Ogdensburg at the Lions den and squeaked out a 5-4 win. Scoring for the Lions were Michel Thurler assisted by Evan Harper, then Thomas Corden nailed one unassisted, Matt Hanson found his target assisted by Brad Munro. Drew Hutt scored on a solo marker as did Nick Thomas.

On Sunday, February 10th the Lions hosted the South Grenville Rangers in their final regular season game and came away with a 3-1 victory. Michel Thurler again bulged the twine and in this game earned the hat trick scoring the only goals the Lions would put up on the board. Michel got help from Drew Hutt (2 assists) and Tyler Stewart, Nick Thomas and Brad Munro as these players ensured Thurler had the puck when opportunity knocked for him to score.

As far as the coaching staff know, the Lions are going to finish in first place, but there are some games to be made up yet and so nothing is final.

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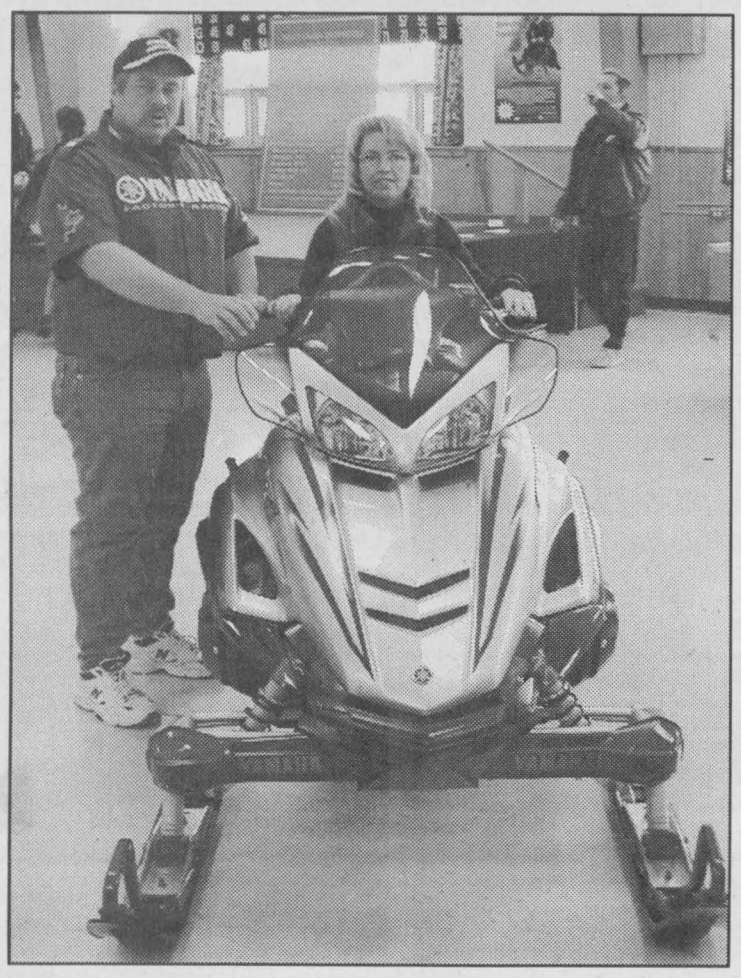

RX-1 Comes to Town

Jim and Linda Thompson posed with the new RX-1 snowmobile at Saturday's Yamaha Power Tour which they hosted at Matilda Hall.

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Thompson's host Yamaha Snowmobile Power Tour

Thompson's Yamaha in Brinston hosted the 2003 Yamaha Snowmobile Power Tour at the Matilda Hall on Saturday. The Yamaha big rig brought some of the most exciting new snowmobiles to the Matilda Hall for a sneak peak at snowmobiling in 2003.

The new RX-1 was the show stopper. Both trail and mountain versions were on display in each of the available colours.

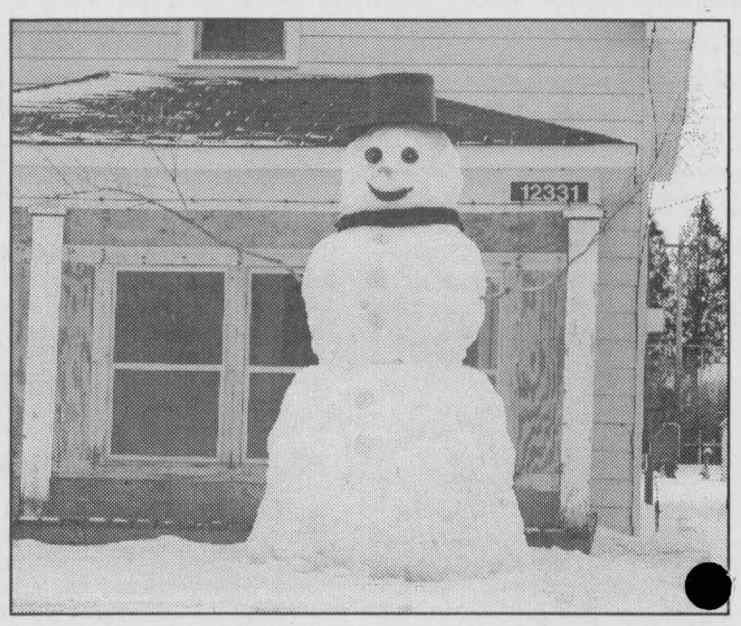
The RX-1 has a 1000 c.c., in-line four cylinder, four-stroke Genesis engine under the stylish hood. The Genesis engine is based on Yamaha's 4-stroke R-1 motorcycle engine top end but toned down slightly. The RX-1 generates 150 horsepower at 10,200 R.P.M.

All models have electric start, and when they are running they are quiet, but have a great sound. The machines also feature a digital dash and an extra travel suspension.

The RX-1 has a dry weight of 560 lbs and has 30% better fuel economy than the current model SRX, which Jim Thompson estimated at an impressive 25-28 miles per gallon.

These new 2003 models will hit the trails in the fall, and are available now on an early deposit program. The RX-1 comes in four eye catching colours including; blue, red, black, and a limited edition silver colour, which you can reserve now by putting down a deposit.

"This snowmobile design has been in the works for four years, so it is being released as a proven machine," according to Jim Thompson. Thompson was proud to show off Yamaha's unique new design, "it has double the horsepower of other four stroke snowmobiles. There is nothing like it in the snowmobile industry yet."



Giant snowman found in Williamsburg

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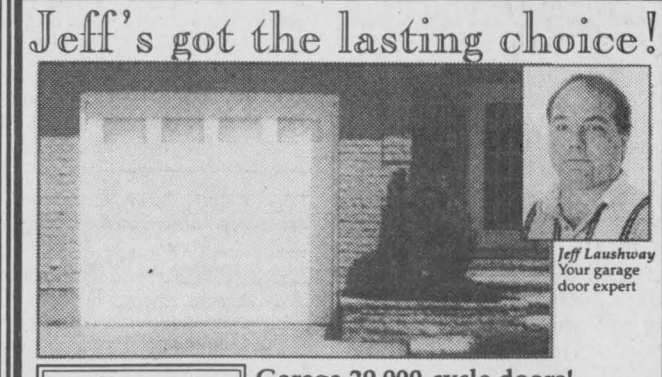

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St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Birds Anonymous

The snowfall and the cold temperatures have made it difficult for our feathered friends to locate food and so feeders have been busy the past few days.

Our Haddo Road watcher reports a group of Snow Buntings flying in waves across the field next to their own and their regular customers were at their feeders. Last year they tell us a large group of Snow Buntings actually flew onto their veranda to feed, quite a sight indeed!

A large Hawk flew so low across Highway 401, right in front of their car, even with the windshield, they could see every detail of his feathers and could not help but to think that if he had flown in front of a tractor trailer, he would have bought the farm. Hawks seem to have trouble lifting in the wind currents.

Nine birds were in their yard and they ask that if anyone can help them identify them to please do so...they wonder if they were Grouses, Bobwhites or Quails? They describe them as having very soft, pearl grey backs and striated white and black wings, they had short tails like partridge and no fan-shaped tails. They were larger than a partridge. As soon as they heard a truck or car, they would dive under the snow and as soon as the vehicle passed on the road, they would peek above the snow line stretching their necks as far as they would go to check, and then come out on the snow again.

The large Hawk is still around County Road 2, but on the opposite side of the pavement as you drive towards Morrisburg.

A Cardinal lady who calls each week now tells us she had 3 Red Breasted Nuthatches and 2 of the regular Nuthatches. I am so happy to report I saw my first Nuthatch this week, they are so unique coming down the tree trunk face first. The lady from the west reports a Downy Woodpecker and 5 Red Polls which she has never had at her feeder this year yet. She had one a couple of years back, that stayed all through January that year, and says it was much more brilliant in colour. She has had Chickadees all winter long, and sees only 6 left these days. Moving on perhaps? She notes that she had Sparrows until the Finches moved in and they headed out, next along came the Red Polls and chased them off...a pattern forming here?

The Cardinal correspondent has a question..."On the weekend driving along the broken Second west of Iroquois and also along Lakeshore Drive east of town clouds of little birds (NOT snow Buntings) were sighted. Any ideas?

Irena is a haven for the birds and this week 7 Red Polls are reported, only one with the white and beautiful pink colouring. Four Juncos around the seed bell and 3 Tree Sparrows nibbling on wild cucumbers hanging in a tree nearby were reported. Red Polls on Saturday were caught sunning themselves. "The sunshine on their heads, especially those with the pink and white were so spectacular!" She also had 2 Gold Finches stop by and 3 Chickadees chased each other around the feeder. Always fun to watch the antics of these little fellows. One Wild Turkey was sighted east of County Road 31, south of Williamsburg, must have gotten lost! Four Gold Finches dropped by on Monday. A White Breasted Nuthatch and a Brown Creeper (not often seen), who seemed particularly cold and hungry checked out the seed bell. Her Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers are continual visitors.

Keep the reports coming. Great to hear from everyone and new sights are welcome at 652-4395. No need to write a story, we'll handle that, just give us a list, we'll do the rest.

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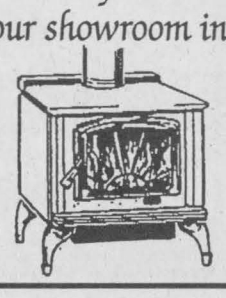

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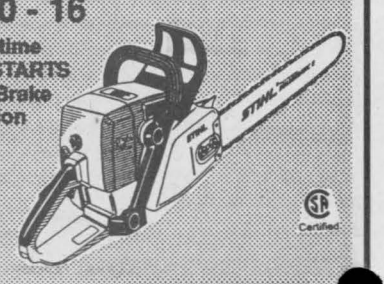

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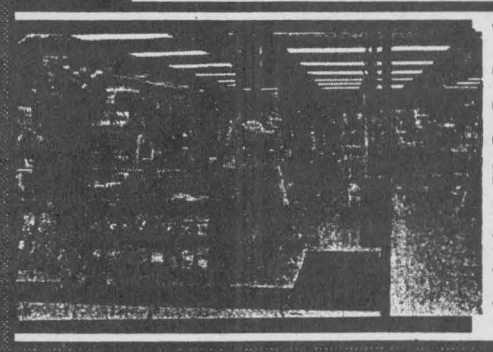

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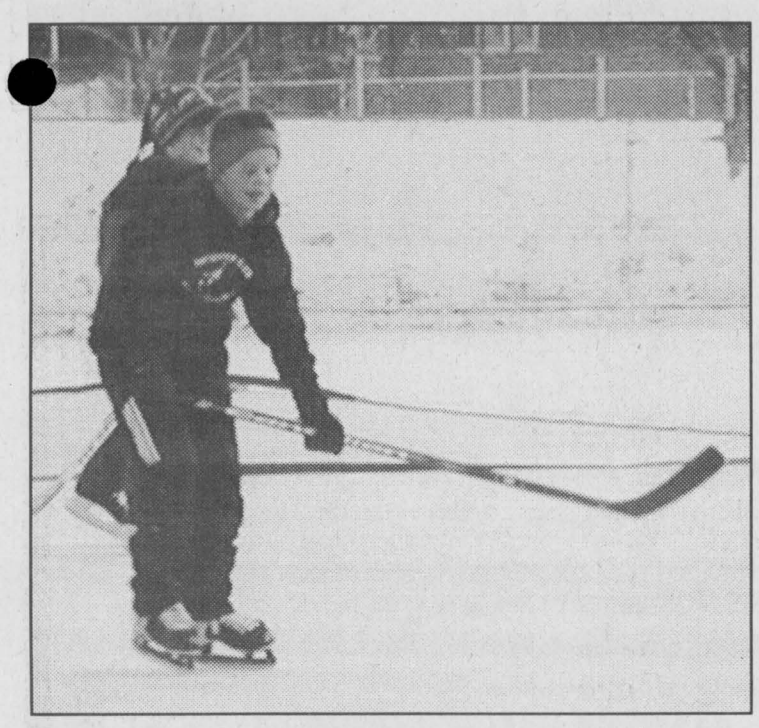


There's nothing like an outdoor rink.

Service is Number One at Superior Motor Sport

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Superior Motor Sport is a great place to go for any of your outdoor needs. Located on Highway 2 between Johnstown and Prescott this new business offers a diverse range of outdoor products.

Owner Matt Dillabough with his business partner Gary Bolton opened the door of their newly renovated Superior Propane building and a brand new shop that houses their Arctic Cat Dealership September 27, 2001.

Even though Superior Motor Sport deals in Artic Cat snowmobiles they "specialize in service to all makes and models." Their mechanic, Mark Dillabough is experienced and also specializes in racing set up.

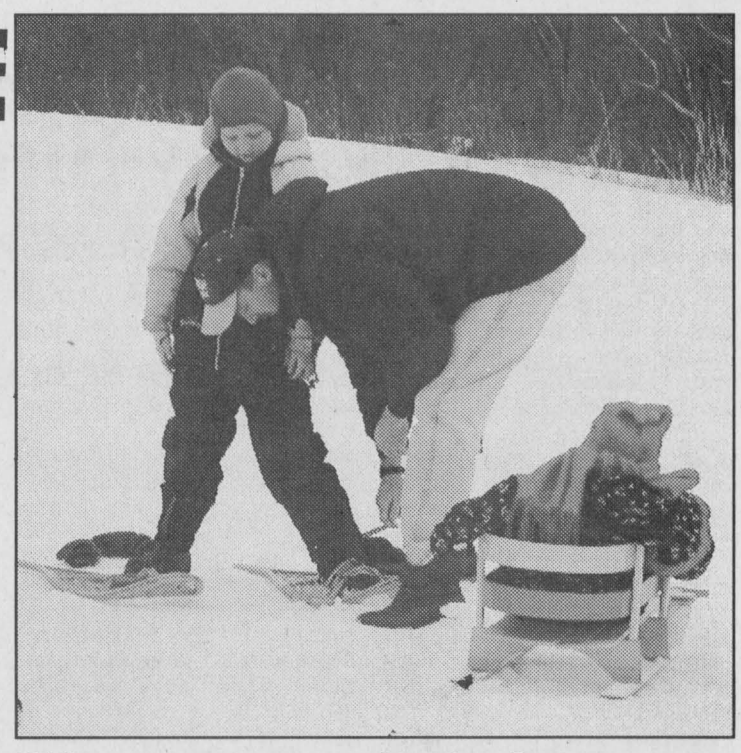
The response to their dealership has been excellent, and people are excited about having a quality Artic Cat dealer in the area, which has been missing for a number of years.

Dillabough prides himself on offering great customer service by maintaining a positive attitude. "We are realistic because we have been consumers ourselves for a number of years, so we know how a customer wants to be treated," explained Dillabough.

Dillabough believes in the products he sells. Initially they opened the doors offering a wide range of Arctic Cat snowmobiles and ATVs. He describes the snowmobiles as highly technologically advanced pointing to other manufacturers copying Arctic Cat's proven suspension. Arctic Cat also offered the first four stroke snowmobile in the industry. He points out that Arctic Cat's power to weight ratio is the best in the industry. "When technology leaps this far forward, there's no going back." Arctic Cat ATVs have the "highest ground clearance in the industry and industry leading suspension."

Dillabough is working on broadening the scope of their business and has recently acquired a Husqvarna dealership as well. Husqvarna offers "a complete range for forest park and garden" including chain saws, weed eaters, and push and ride-on mowers, all with an excellent reputation.

Dillabough has been happy with the initial response to their business, and plans on being around a long time.



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Much in the works with Seaway Valley Singers

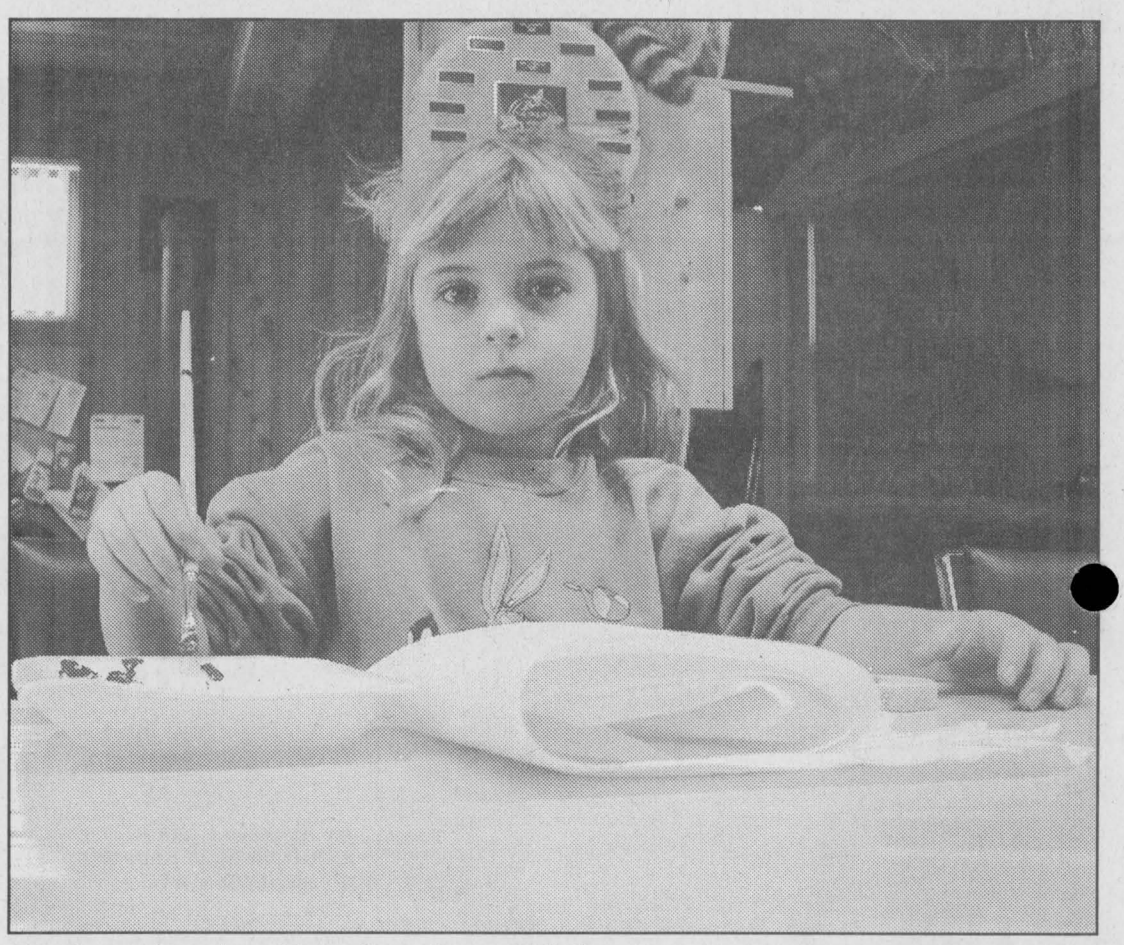
It has recently been reported that a certain male member of the "SVS" has taken to wearing a "skirt." Well, perhaps a qualification or two is in order. Firstly "SVS" refers to the Morrisburg and surrounding community choral society, and said male member is none other than Mr. Alex Thompson, the society's infamous director. The clothing in question is not a skirt per se, but a "kilt." Alex recently sported full Scottish attire at a benefit concert for the St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Ingleside.

When Alex is not dressing in skirts (or kilts rather), he is busy with the SVS Wednesday night rehearsals in Allen Hall at the Lakeshore Drive United Church in Morrisburg. Although spring will not officially arrive until March 20, Alex and the Choir Executive are planning an eclectic arrangement of music as part of their annual spring fling (so to speak). The spring itinerary includes concerts on May 3rd and 4th in the theatre at the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario, Morrisburg for local audiences. Prior to these performances there will be a fund raising concert for the Food Bank in Winchester on April 27th.

In case you are not familiar with the choral society, the Seaway Valley Singers (SVS) is a community choir, with members hailing from the Morrisburg, Iroquois, Winchester, Chesterville, Ingleside, Long Sault, and Moose Creek areas. The choir currently has a membership in excess of 40 individuals ranging in age from 12 to 82. However, we suspect that not all members are not entirely honest about their ages, but then again age is obviously a non-issue since the only pre-requisites for membership are a love of music and a reasonable level of ability.

Concerning membership, male to be exact, at long last the choir reports that they finally have a respectable assembly of bases and tenors. Not that they weren't always perfectly "respectable" mind you, they were just too few in number. However the choir is a greedy lot, and always on the look-out for more new members, be they bases, tenors, altos, and divas or sopranos rather.

But back to the upcoming concerts. Tickets can be purchased from any choir member, and at several retail outlets. All that being said, if Alex can be convinced to wear his skirt again, a mere glimpse of those athletic looking legs, is surely worth the price of admission alone!



Valentine's Crafts for Kids

The Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary was a great setting for the kids to make a lovely wooden Valentine craft. Kaitlyn Keeler chose to paint her wooden heart purple. The kids all had a great time and did a great job on their projects. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*

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Tulips

everyone can grab their tulips and complete their float before we head northward. The price will be reasonable since there will be no labour costs incurred, we have the pots and so the only cost will be the bulbs. The controlled greenhouse conditions we have will ensure blooms are ready as well."

Entry forms are ready to be picked up from Geraldine Fitzsimmons at the McIntosh Inn, and are due back to her by March 23. "Get your name in early if you want to be involved, spaces are limited each year," she adds.

It was noted as well how the timing of last years' parade was perfect and the OPP, Fire Departments and the Ottawa Police were thanked for their valuable assistance. It was agreed that the best exposure for the floats was the stretch from Landsdowne to Major's Hill Park. "We even had our walkers taking pamphlets into restaurants along the route?" said Geraldine who chaired the meeting.

As the meeting progressed, ideas concerning the time prior to the actual parade were tossed about. Creating a party atmosphere and involving as many people as can be included events for the youngsters, a breakfast, etc. "We need a hoopla-a kick off of sorts in the staging area, with TV coverage and such, to give as much exposure as possible," noted Tom Morrow.

The consensus seemed to be that the people who come out to send off the parade floats need to be encouraged to follow the parade into Ottawa and be a part of the entire day. Another weekend of events that tie in with the parade could be scheduled, a Tulip Day or Weekend idea. "We need to draw people to the waterfront to see the parade off and then another agenda could be developed to tie in with it, the following weekend perhaps will include a dance, a Tulip King and Queen, North Dundas will be involved as much as possible as well, face painting, clowns, a parade for the youngsters (bikes). If we use the send off to attract youngsters, we can use it as an invitation to everyone to join us the following weekend for a great line up of festivities," came a suggestion from the floor. Another idea brought forward was to have all parade participants provide free coupons inviting people from Ottawa to join South Dundas for this celebration tie-in."

A big splash at Landsdowne Park with entertainment will be looked at as well to make the day complete. The parade stops at Landsdowne where participants were fed last year. This is a time frame where the party idea could be expanded.

The next meeting will tb held at the McIntosh on March 7 at 10am...why not join the fun?

Bully

the classroom. The surveys will be anonymous and confidential.

Following the survey, the DASC will be conducting an Anti-Bullying Forum in April, 2002. The forum will host keynote speaker Wendy M. Craig Ph.D. Craig will offer insights and advice on how to prevent bullying in our community.

Craig has extensive experience studying psychology with particular interest in bullying, victimization, aggression, juvenile delinquency, peer relations and development of intervention programs. She is Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Queen's University.

Additional resources include Bully B'Ware and The League of Peaceful Schools. These programs, as well as a comprehensive anti-bullying package available through the Upper Canada District School Board, are designed to reduce bullying by involving the whole school community. Future parenting workshops on topics such as Anger Management, Stress Reduction, Problem Solving and Child Guidance are being planned for the Winchester and surrounding area.

As partners in a caring community we need to affect change. By placing this "used-to-be taboo" topic in the forefront, the DASC is hoping that the search for a solution will become community wide.

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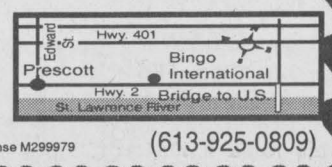

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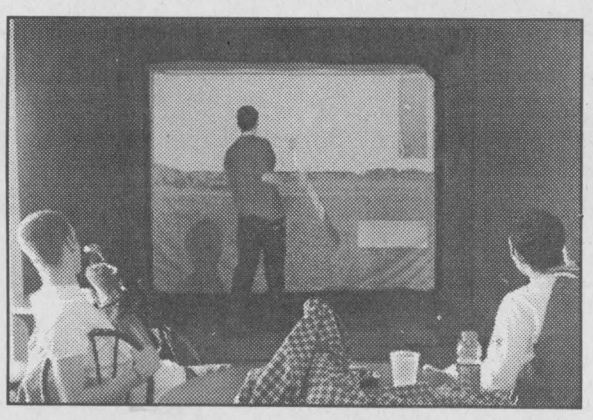
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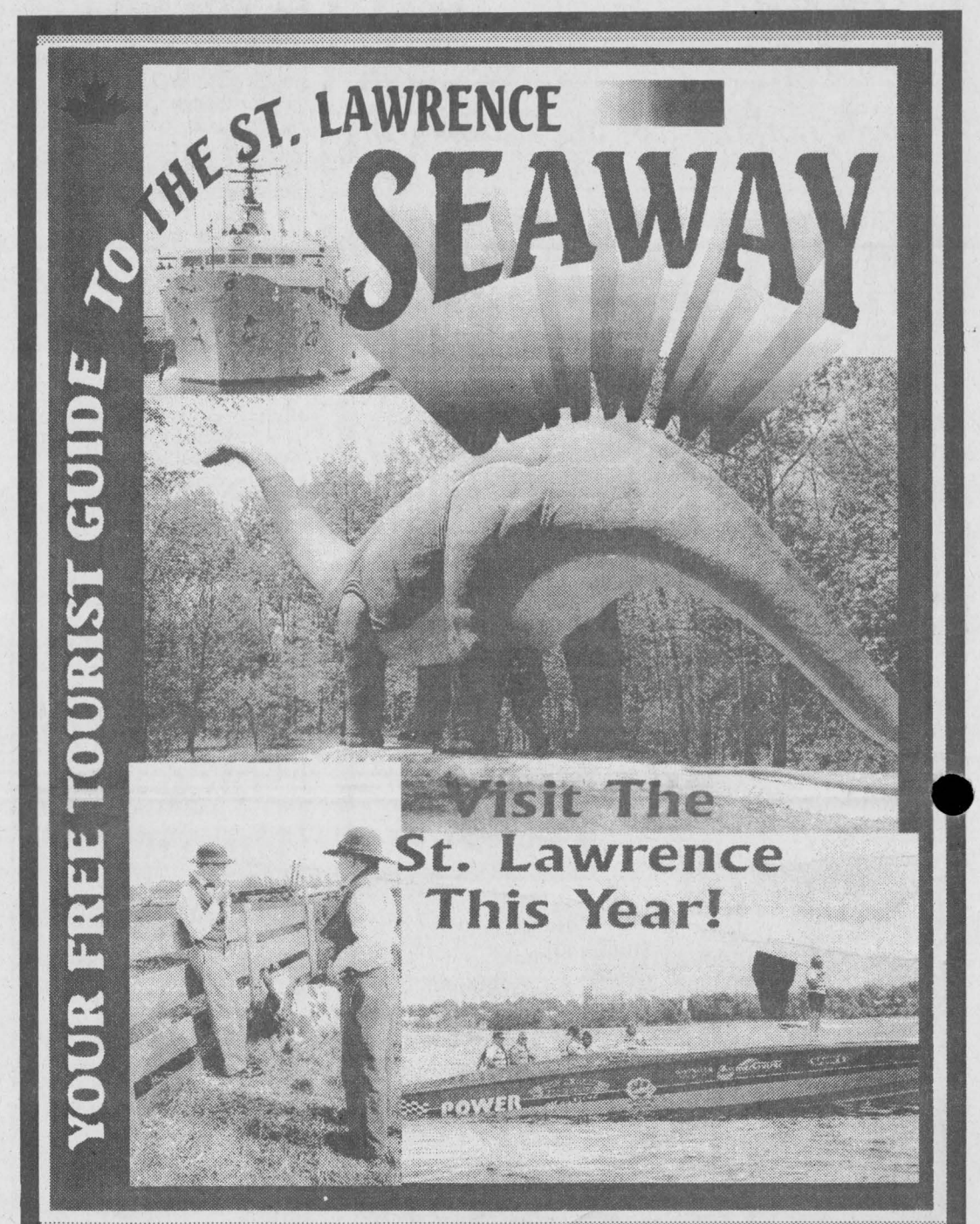

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