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Local Lady Leaves Sizeable Gift

Doctor Adamson (Chief of Staff), Ruth (Mack) Fetterly, Dwayne Holmes (WDMH Foundation), Dr. John Marston (Executor of Will) and OR Nurse Catherine Marston find it easy to smile. The cheque exchanging hands is a gift willed to enhance the OR theatres from the late Edith Render of Iroquois. Already $98,000 of the $165,000 has been used in the ORs.

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Former Iroquois resident donates to Hospital

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Doctor John Marston had a pleasant task on Wednesday afternoon last week as he was joined by Ruth (Mack) Fetterly and his wife, OR Nurse Catherine Marston to present a sizeable donation to the Winchester and District Hospital.

Miss Edith Render, a well known lady from Davis Drive in Iroquois passed away at home in March of this year. "That was what she wanted," explained Doctor Marston, "Even when I suggested it was difficult treating her at home and the end was near, she insisted that I do whatever was necessary to allow her to be at home until the end."

A former teacher, she kept in touch with many of her students over the years as they did with her. She had been a teacher in the days of the one-room school house where she taught grades one to eight and treated each student as one of her own. Many of them became lifelong friends. Through them she was able to continue her community involvement. "Her teaching career and her students were very important to her, they lived vividly in her heart. Students often came to visit her to share memories and catchup on what they had been doing. Many would be 80 years of age!"

Doctor Marston told how healthy she was all her life, although she wound down towards the end, she never lost her sense of humour and great ability to interact with people.

She lived simply, not having any excess and never wanting more than she had. She lost her sister, Gertrude in an automobile accident in 1988. The care she received at Winchester Hospital was never forgotten by Edith and this endowment is her way of giving something back. She was never foolish with her money although she donated to numerous events sponsoring items for the young who were very dear to her heart, thus demonstrating her caring nature.

Kim McLennan explains that she never got to personally meet Edith, but was in contact with her over the years. "She generously donated to the Annual Golf Tourney for the Hospital Foundation a number of times and the first time I called to invite her to play in the Tourney as many sponsors do. I had no idea she was almost 100 years young at the time! She declined of course!"

A lifelong friend, Ruth (Mack) Fetterly was on hand to witness Doctor Marston presenting the envelope containing the extremely generous donation which Edith asked him as Executor in her will to give to the Hospital to purchase Operating Room equipment. A wonderful way to show her appreciation for what she considered a great place to receive care. Through her generous donation of some $165,000 two new electric operating beds have been installed in the two ORs at Winchester Hospital as well as two sets of OR lights, state-of-the-art lights that enable the surgeons to better see what they are doing. They rotate and swing into places the doctors may need to check, honing in on specific areas and do not tangle as the former ones did. They have high tech bulbs that emanate better light and create more modern efficient operating theatres. Special designs allow them to be as perfect as they can be at this time in history.

Doctor Marston took care of Edith's medical needs for some twenty years. She spent most of her 104 years in Iroquois. Doctor Marston expressed his pleasure at being the one to present the gift to the Hospital from a well remembered friend. According to Edith's wishes he presented her gift of $160,000 to be used for

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Edwardsburgh/Cardinal to get curbside pickup

by Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Residents in the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal will be getting curbside waste pick up sometime early in the year 2002.

The landfill site in Edwardsburgh will be filled by the end of February and not April as the council had originally thought.

Currently, residents must attach a $1 bag tag to each bag of garbage and are responsible for disposal of their garbage. Council plans to change this by implementing clear bags with the township logo which residents must use for all their garbage.

They believe these bags will encourage residents to recycle for two reasons. One, others will be able to see what they are throwing out and two, the contractor who will be hired to pick up the garbage will not if there is recyclables in it.

The stores who currently sell the bag tags will sell the new bags and council hopes to have them ready sometime in March, although a definite date has not been determined.

Although the tags will be phased out and will not be available after February 1, they will continue to be accepted until June 30, 2002. As of July 1, 2002, only the clear plastic bags with the township logo will be accepted.

At their council meeting on Monday, December 3, council agreed to the issuance of tenders for the bags and the garbage pickup. They also had a first and second reading of the by-law involving the collection of garbage and other waste.

Mayor Dave Dobbie believes that the next step towards giving the by-law third reading is for council to meet as a group with the planning advisory committee. They also plan to wait until the tenders are received.

In other council business, over the course of this past summer, council gave the South Edwardsburgh Recreation Association almost $10,000 to complete repairs on the Johnstown Com-

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Season of giving for Christmas Exchange

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

It may not be looking or feeling a lot like Christmas, but it is the season of good will and celebration.

Unfortunately for many it is a time of sadness and despair. Those unable to have a tree or afford anything for under it, especially those with children find this a most difficult time of the year.

In steps the South Dundas Christmas Exchange. Angel Trees, Mitten Trees and Book Trees spring up in various locations throughout the community and through the generosity of the people we call neighbours, each child registered by their parents with the Exchange will get at least one present under the tree this Christmas.

What better way to allow youngsters the freedom to dream? there may not be visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads, but they will be able to know what Christmas means, really means, the giving, the sharing and the happiness will be evident.

The people of South Dundas have always been more than generous when the Trees are ready, this year will be no exception.

The Angel Tree is up and ready at the Bank of Montreal in Iroquois. Thanks to Nelly and Catherine and the staff at the Bank for their efforts and to The Chieftain for the Angels and the transportation of the gifts on Tuesday evening.

The Angels are awaiting with quiet patience for someone to grab them, one by one off the tree and take them home.

Once you decide to help a youngster less fortunate than vourself, it is simple: choose an

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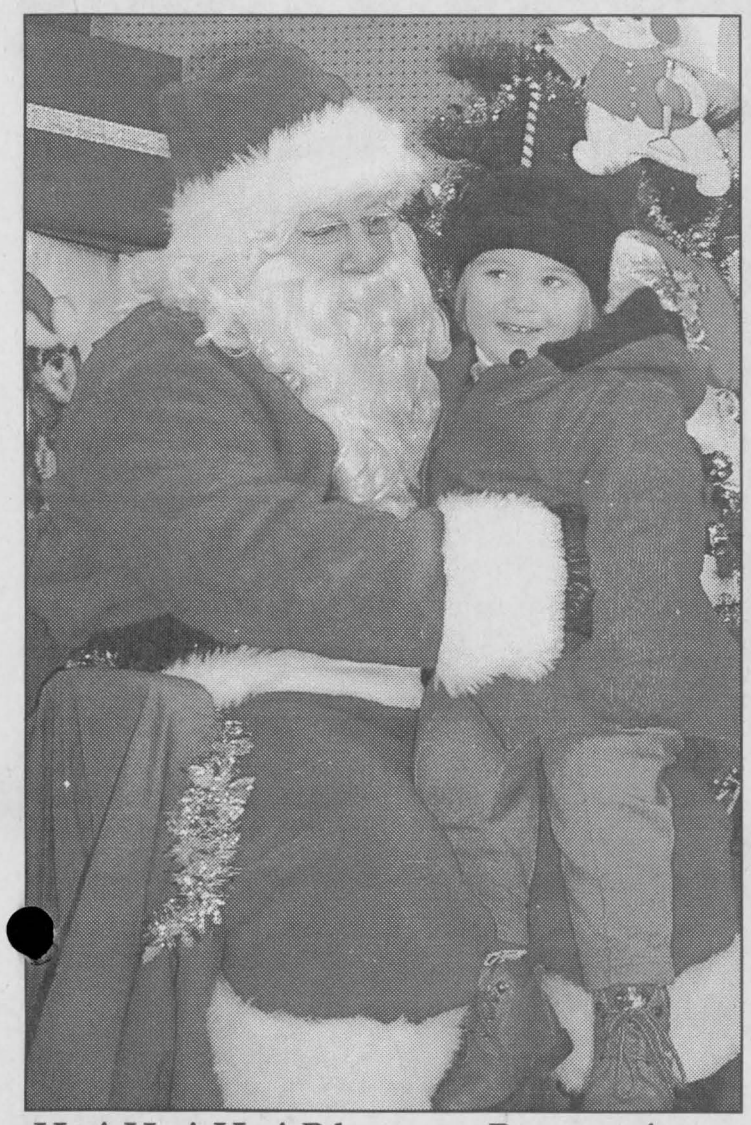

Ho! Ho! Ho! Bless my Buttons!

Cassidy waited patiently for her turn to sit on Santa's knee Saturday when the Jolly Old Elf made a brief stop in Iroquois. The Seaway Band provided seasonal music and a good sized crowd of youngsters came out to give Santa their list. The excitement showed on her face as she stepped up and Santa welcomed her. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Dialysis Unit becoming a reality at Winchester Memorial Hospital

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Thursday evening signalled closure to the Dialysis fundraising campaign run by the Winchester Hospital Foundation. A Town Hall Meeting drew a good number to the Hospital cafeteria as the announcement was celebrated.

Andre Rodier, CEO of the Winchester Hospital smiled with pleasure as he spoke to gathering of community members who came out to learn the Dialysis news.

"When this project began the Ministry of Health agreed to help with the development of Satellite Dialysis Units through the Ottawa Hospital, one model Unit to be at Winchester. Agreeing to pay for all the equipment, the Ministry of Health informed the local Hospital that they would need to raise enough funds to pay 50% of the construction costs for the Unit if it were to come to fruition, an admirable feat for a small community Hospital. This was the moment when the Foundation stepped forward quickly to commit to the fundraising. They knew they needed $300,000 to cover the community share of the project if it were to become reality...this was just over a year ago...and now here they were announcing it is a done deal!

Dwayne Holmes, Chair of the Foundation noted that he had only just come onboard as a member and Chairman of the Foundation when this took place. "I had lots of help learning the ropes with Kim (McLennan) there to help me, she did a great job and I thank her for the effort on my behalf." He noted she did a lot of work for the Foundation, speaking to everyone who would listen and being everywhere at once.

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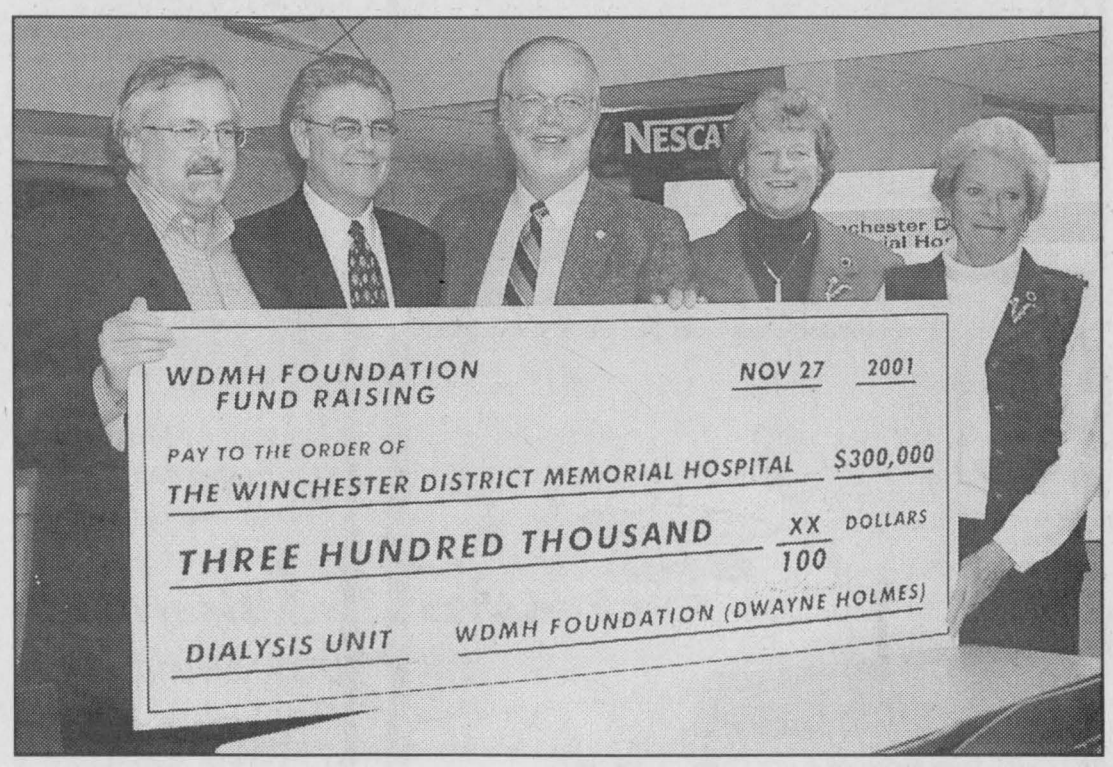

Together We Did It!

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Andre Rodier - Administrative Officer WDMH, Brian Mann - Chair of the Board, Dwayne Holmes - Foundation Chair, Marion Carkner, and Joan Farlinger - Auxiliary, proudly show that together the WDMH Community was able to fundraise enough to make a Dialysis Unit a reality at Winchester Hospital. They expressed their appreciation to everyone who helped in any way.

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S.D.H.S. Senior Academic Awards

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

S.D.H.S. Principal Tamara Mitchell welcomed the senior students to the first awards assembly of the 2001-2002 school year. She focused on the success that the winners have earned through "hard work, determination, and a positive attitude" shown by their "impressive results." She also had words of encouragement for "all students in our audience today to continually work at doing your very best ... We take this opportunity to applaud all of you who have given your best in some way, because you are all, in some way, winners ... We, the staff and community of Seaway High, extend our warmest congratulations to our award winners today, and to all of you who strive to be winners in so many different ways."

Individual Subject Awards of Achievement for Visual Arts were awarded to the following students: Tim Goodridge - 1st Grade 10, Heather Fawcett - 1st Grade 11, Nicole Montroy - Outstanding Grade 11 Visual Arts, Karrie Veinotte - 1st Grade 12, Rebecca Hollands - 1st OAC.

Individual Drama Awards were given to those students who received the highest marks in their classes, they included; Kristen Keyes (Grade 10), and both Sarah Robertson and Stephanie Parry (Grade 11).

Special Business Education awards were given to Jeremy Schnurr and Jason Toonders who both received the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic Trophy. Kyle Gervais, and David Hamilton received the Johnston Trophy for Computer Studies. Individuals who received the highest marks in their respective business classes also received awards, they were; Jeremy Schnurr and Jason Toonders for Grade 10 Computer Engineering, Natalie Corry for Grade 10 Computer Science, David Hamilton for Grade 11 Computer Science, Brian Law for Grade 11 Data Processing, David Bilodeau for Grade 11 Advanced Accounting, Adele Johnston for Grade 11 General Accounting, Kyle Gervais and David Hamilton for Grade 12 Computer Science, and Allan Chung for Grade 12 Data Processing.

Those with top marks in their history classes were Ashley Tuttle (Grade 10 Academic History), Tyler Norgaard (Grade 10 Applied History), and Brian Law (Grade 11 Advanced History).

Emily Millard, and Rebecca Hollands had the highest marks in their OAC Law Class. Karla Nugent received the award for Outstanding Grade 10 Career Studies. J.J. Hollister had top marks in Grade 10 Civics.

English awards were given to the following students; Scott Hodgson received the Grade 11 Composition Legion Trophy. Kyle Gervais received the Students' Council Trophy. Awards for outstanding achievement were awarded to; Kristen Keyes - Grade 10 Academic English, Matt Massey - Grade 10 Applied English, Amanda Byvelds - Grade 11 Advanced English, Carolyn Pepers and Rachel Casselman - Grade 11 General English, Kyle Gervais - Grade 12 Advanced English, Paul Gauthier and Ashley Mark - Grade 12 General English.

Family Studies awards for highest marks went to; Shannon Hawn - Grade 10 Open Foods, Jennifer Jones and Jessica Ault - Outstanding Grade 11 Advanced Parenting, Sherill Locke - Grade 11 General Parenting, Annabelle Markell - Grade 11 Basic Parenting, Lyndsay Horricks and Jennifer Hoffman - Grade 11 Restaurant Services, Crystal Phifer - Grade 12 General Housing, Stephanie Parry and Kelly Bartholomew - Grade 12 Advanced Travel & Tourism.

French Awards went to; Kristen Keyes for Outstanding Achievement in all Grade 10 Immersion subjects, Allison Dowler for Outstanding Grade 10 Applied Core French, J.J. Hollister Outstanding Grade 10 Academic Core French, Shona Blatch received the Student Council Plaque for Highest Grade 11 French Immersion, Carrie Van Allen for Outstanding Grade 11, 12, OAC Core French, and Brekyn Boyd received the Milton T. Barkley Plaque for Highest Grade 12 Core French.

The Mathematics Department gave awards to; Natalie Corry and Ashley Tuttle who received the VanAllen Trophy for the highest standing in Grade 10 math, Shannon Hawn - 1st Grade 10 Applied Math, Shona Blatch - 1st Grade 11 Advanced Math, Jessica Gumpel - 1st Grade 11 General Math, David Bilodeau - 1st Grade 12 Advanced Math, and Kelly Bartholomew - 1st Grade 12 General Math.

The award for Most Improved Grade 10 Open Music student was given to Eva Shum. David Hamilton and Frankie Buwalda shared top marks for Grade 10 Open Music. Top marks for Grade 11 Advanced Music were shared by Heather Fawcett and Dustin Delegarde. Kevin Coville was given the award for highest marks in Grade 12 Advanced Music.

Physical Education Awards were given to; Robbie Waddell for Outstanding Grade 10 Physical Education, Maegan Whitteker and Jessica Ault received the highest marks for Grade 11 Physical Education, Trevor Hanes earned highest marks for Grade 12 Physical Education, and James Delegarde was awarded Outstanding Grade 12 Physical Education honours.

Science Awards were given to all those students who received the highest marks in each of their respective classes. They were; Kristen Keyes - Grade 10 Academic Science, Matt Massey - Grade 10 Applied Science, Dustin Delegarde - Grade 11 Advanced Biology, Adele Johnston - Grade 11 General Biology, Dustin Delegarde - Grade 11 Advanced Chemistry, Laurie Irvine - Grade 11 General Chemistry, Allen Chung - Grade 12 Advanced Physics, Jennifer Eamon - Grade 12 General Physics, and Nicole Hutchison - Grade 12 Basic Science.

Awards for Technical Education were handed out as well. Warren Schneckenburger was given the Vandette Trophy for Highest Proficiency in Woodworking. Bryan Groniger was given the General Concrete Trophy for Highest Proficiency in Building Construction. Matthew Butterworth was given the Pinkus Drafting Trophy for Proficiency in Drafting. Jamie Byvelds received highest marks in Grade 10 Transportation Technology, Tim Goodridge received highest marks in Grade 10 Wood Manufacturing Technology, and Tim Gilmer received highest marks in Grade 11 Transportation Technology.

Perfect Attendance awards were given to Grade 10 student Chris Larmour, and Grade 11 student Murray Byers.

General Proficiency Awards were given to the following students for having the highest averages in respective grades. Top marks in Grade 10 belonged to Kristen Keyes (93.2%), followed closely by Ashley Tuttle (92.3%), and David Hamilton (91.1%). Highest marks in Grade 11 were those of David Bilodeau (91.5%), Shona Blatch (90.0%), and Brian Law (88.6%). First place honours for Grade 12 was shared by two gentlemen who both had an average of 92.8%. They were Allen Chung and Kevin Joldersma. Kyle Gervais was second with an average of 90.8% and Rebecca Hollands was third with an average of 86.8%.

The Over 80 Club Awards were presented by the Head Girl Kristen Keyes and the Head Boy Scott Hodgson. Membership to this club is open to all students with an average of at least 80%.

Grade 10 students belonging to the club are Sabrina Berseth, Frankie Buwalda, Natalie Byker, Thomas Byvelds, Natalie Corry, Sean Cox, Alison Fawcett, Melanie Hansma, Shannon Hawn, J.J. Hollister, Ashley Jarvis, Karla Nugent, Warren Schneckenburger, Jeremy Schnurr, Robbie Waddell, Jessica Weatherhead, and Laurie Wilson.

Grade 11 Club Members are; Sarah Adamson, Samantha Boone, Amanda Byvelds, Dustin Delegarde, Heather Fawcett, Jessica Hanes, Scott Hodgson, Jennifer Jones, Brian Law, Jeffrey Madge, Ashley Maksimovic, Rike Saxe, and Ashley Zewuster.

Grade 12 Members are; Susan Bouwman, James Delegarde, Paul Gauthier, Ryan Henry, Rebecca Hollands, Emily Millard, and Matthew Peters.

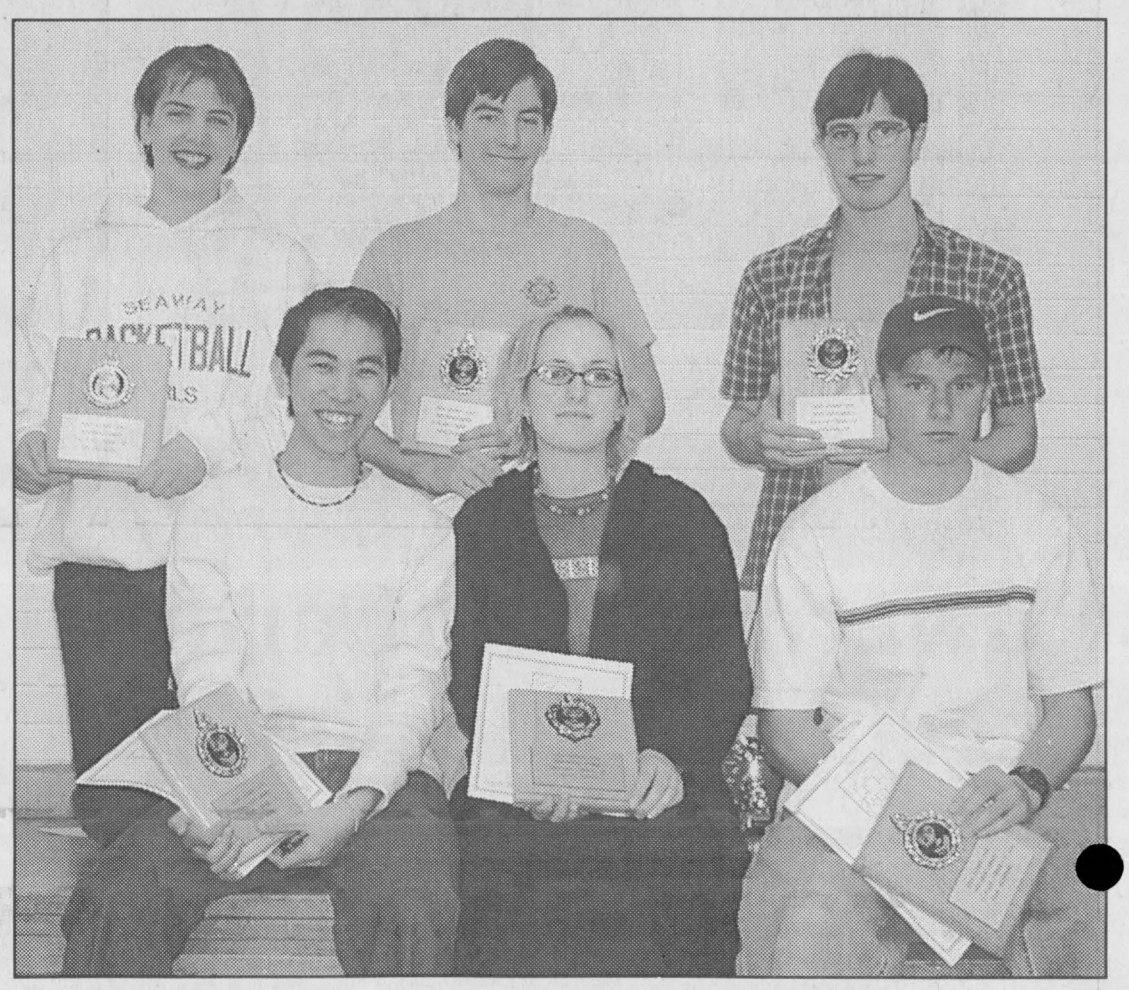
Those students with an average of at least 90% belong to the Over 90 Club. David Hamilton, Kristen Keyes, and Ashley Tuttle are the Grade 10 Members. David Bilodeau and Shona Blatch are the Grade 11 Members. Allen Chung, Kyle Gervais, and Kevin Joldersma are the Grade 12 students with averages over 90%.

Vice Principal Yvon Mayer closed the ceremony by congratulating the winners, and offering words of encouragement to the non-winners. He made a special point to thank the parents who were invited to, and attended the ceremony, "We appreciate your support, your sons or daughters appreciate it even more, I am sure."



Senior Trophy Winners

Jeremy Schnurr, Jason Toonders (Business Education St. Lawrence Medical Clinic Trophy), Brekyn Boyd (Milton T. Barkley Plaque - Highest Core French), Brian Groniger (General Concrete Trophy - Highest Building Construction) and Warren Schneckenburger (Vandette Trophy - Highest in Wood Working). Congrats! *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*



Senior Students Recognized at Seaway

Allen Chung, Ashley Tuttle and Kevin Joldersma sit in front of Kristen Keyes, David Bilodeau and David Hamilton who were honoured at an Awards Assembly at Seaway District High. Achieving an average of 90% or greater last year this is an elite group for sure. Kyle Gervais was absent for the photo, as was Shona Blatch and Brian Law.

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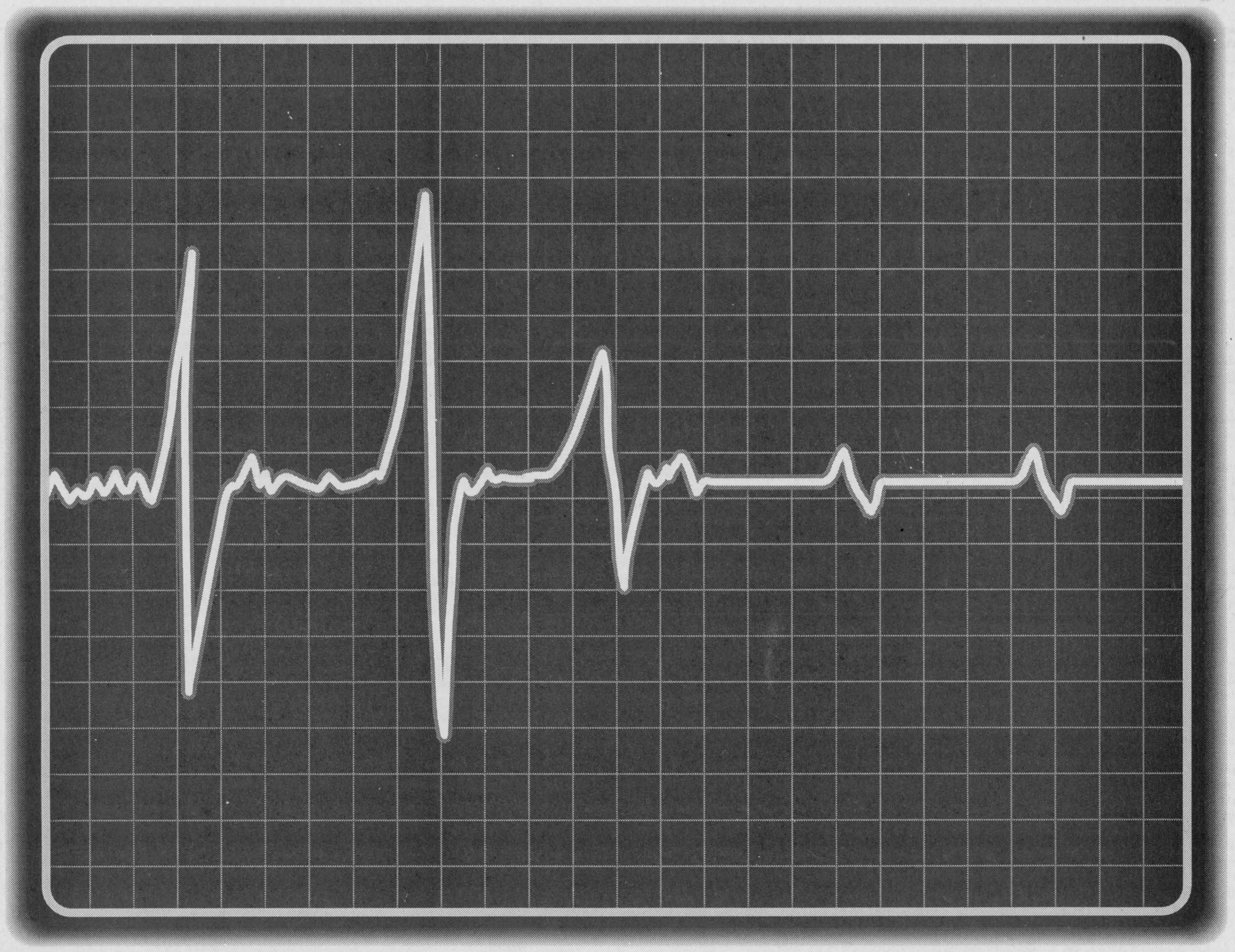

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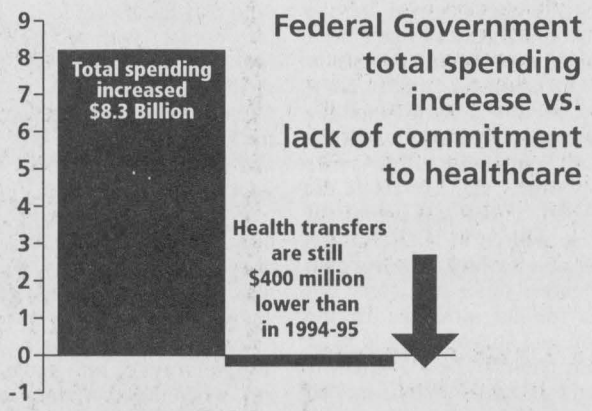

If Ottawa won't pay its fair share, our healthcare system will suffer.

Plainly put, if our healthcare system is to meet the demands of a population that's growing and aging – and if it is to offer us the life-saving advances we deserve – the federal government must start paying its fair share.

If it doesn't, the provinces will have difficult choices to make.

With its huge budget surplus, Ottawa can afford to do the right thing.

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George and Irma Jackson began a journey many years ago to do as much to create a living and working environment for young people from an extremely poor part of this world as they were humanly able to do.

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Doing what they could with the knowledge of construction George has, changes began to happen.

Creating Partners for Children in Development, a Canadian registered charity with a local Board of Directors they work to help people in Central America whose needs are great.

Working to bring medical supplies and clothes , as well as other things helpful to the people where the Jacksons began their mission. Aiding children in an effort to a better life, to help them get an education, they weer quick to realize the importance of music as an international language. Music and song are great teachers and the rest is history...

Many years ago it was beleived that a choir would be a definite asset to the Girls Home which they were helping. These girls were not involved with others in the community at large and had no friends outside the Home. A choir, it was decided would benefit them. Creating a Choir was more difficult than first anticipated, but as usual persistance paid off and the services of an excellent choir teacher from San Pedro Sula were procured.

The results were evident as the choir sang for a variety of people in South Dundas. Schools, churches and service groups enjoyed the melodic tunes which eminated from these sweet young voices. Coming to Canada was certainly a dream of a lifetime for them. Biletted by local Lions Club members, they got to truly experience what life is like in this country. They wanted desperately to see snow, but the ice and brief snow we got last thursday provided enough for a small snowball and they semed pleased. They skated thanks to the generosity of a local Sports Shop, they met people and saw sights they would otherwise never be able to see.

Through the determined efforts of george all but a couple of the members were able to make the trip...apparently bot existing according to passport officials! The very young were not able to come either, but thsoe who did seemed extremely happy to be here. The language barrier dissolved and love and friendship took over all obstacles. They leave today, Wednesday, December 5...what marvellous stories they will have to tell!

Coming from a country where culture is almost an unknown word, they have been given the chance of a lifetime to sing in the Maple Leaf Choir and travel to Canada to perform.

Topping this wonderful idea, George was honouyred by his hometown Lions Club with the Melvin Jones Award, given to those members who go above and beyond for others. I only wonder why it took so long for him to be recognized with this prestigious award. Certainly he has done more than anyone I know to help others, although they are not here in Canada, he has given more than most would be willing to, to people he has never known until he made the journey southward. He dedicates a large part of his life to what he believes in, these poor children who he feels deserve a right to a better life. It is not their fault they were not born here or in the USA. None of us chooses our birthplace. These children whom the Jacksons befriend and help are among the lucky few.

Congrats to both of you, I am proud to know you and cll you my friends. Meeting some of these youngsters was a unique and welcome experience, and even though we could not converse, we understood one another...a hug goes far, a smile is worth a lot and those sparkling dark eyes! Hope it was great for each of them, they deserve no less. They are fortunate to have been taken in by the considerate couple from Iroquois, Ontario, Canada. It is a far, far better thing we do...

S.L.J.

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Friendship Group Pilot Project started at Benson Public School

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

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Benson Public School has started a Friendship Group Pilot Project. Benson is the only school from the Upper Canada District School Board trying out the Friendship Groups Project. The Friendship Groups are an idea that came from the Global Education Committee for the Upper Canada District School Board. The Committee is primarily concerned with inclusion, so the matters that they bring to the friendship groups will deal with inclusion in some way. Sam Crosby is a member of this committee and a teacher at Benson Public School, so she brought the idea to the school. If the program is successful it may be brought into more schools in the future.

A friendship group is a group of students of all ages working together to learn about, and talk about an important issue. Every student in the school, from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 belongs to a friendship group. In this group everyone gets a chance to discuss their thoughts on a topic that they are given. The older students are given the opportunity to be leaders and mentors to the younger children, and the younger children are given the chance to be exposed to important issues and given someone older to interact with, and look up to. So many activities in schools are segregated by age, and this program gets rid of the age barriers, thus promoting the concept of inclusion.

November 23rd was International Non-Violence Day, so fittingly the first friendship group was about the elimination of the most common kind of violence in a school setting, bullying. The students all gathered in the gym and saw a video called "The Bully Dance". The animated video had no words only catchy music. The video was an incredibly in depth illustration about bullies. The video showed what a bully acts like, and depicted all the things that a bully might do like pushing, hitting, and taking things. It showed how the people being bullied feel including anger, fear, and sadness. It showed why someone acts like a bully, showing that it is a learned behaviour. They have probably been bullied by someone else, maybe even a parent, and they need to feel powerful themselves somehow. And finally the consequences of bullying, showing the bully seriously injuring someone, along with the social implications of being left out because bullying is not acceptable. All of the issues were shown in this video in a way that a very young child could understand.

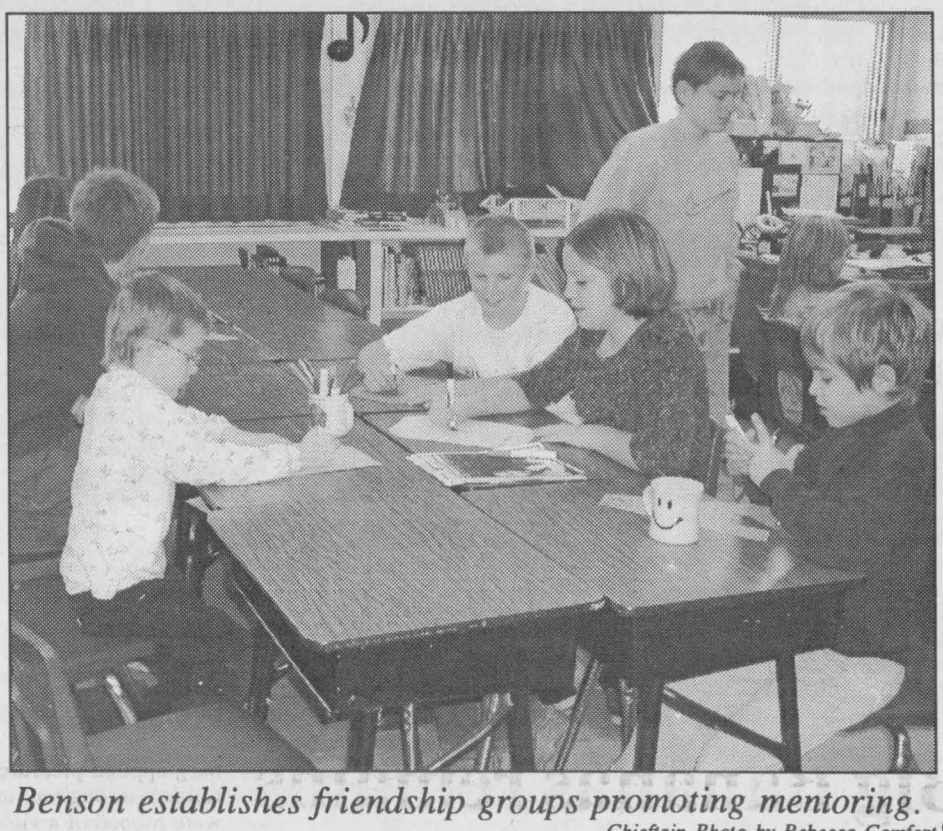
The coordinator Sam Crosby pointed out that the video was especially important because it touched on all of the issues surrounding bullying all of these using an animated creatures that the children could identify with, rather than a person, thus eliminating the possibility of stereotyping. All of the students were completely enthralled with the very dramatic video thus setting the stage for their friendship groups.

After the video the students were split up into eleven groups of 18-20 students, a few from each grade, and they returned to classrooms to discuss bullying. First the group mentor, a grade 8 student, read a story called "Talking About Bullying" by Jillian Powell to the group. "Talking behind someone's back, taking or spoiling their things, hitting or pushing someone around, touching them in a way that makes them feel afraid or unhappy - these are all examples of bullying ... A bully is anyone who tries to hurt or upset someone ... Bullies want to feel big and important ... They want to hurt other people and make them feel small. That's why getting upset or even crying lets bullies have what they want. Anyone can get bullied ... It is never your fault if you get bullied ... Bullies often feel unhappy inside ... Sometimes bullies themselves have been hurt or bullied ... Bullying gets worse when bullies get away with it ... If you are being bullied, tell an adult you can trust."

The leader, another Grade 8 student, then took ideas from the class on how to stop bullying. Some of the ideas shared were; to ignore it, tell the teacher or a parent, talk to the bully, and ask them how they would feel if someone bullied them. Finally, the children were given a letter to decorate with pictures, colours, poems, or stories showing what a good friend is. When the letters were put together in the group they spelled out "NON-VIOLENCE DAY" and were put up as banners around the school.

After the success of their first friendship group meeting, Benson Public School will again plan special friendship group meetings that will occur on a monthly basis. Their next friendship group will probably be held after Christmas when they will choose another issue. The next activity will be a scavenger hunt, in the same groups, following the Terrific Kids Assembly. They will continue to work in the same groups so that the students can build relationships with each other.

The Global Education Committee has a winning program on it's hands. The attentiveness of the students shows that the issues they are discussing are important and being understood. The idea of the children of all ages working together is an especially important part of the program letting the children interact with each other despite their age differences, and letting them build relationships with each other, working to the advantage of all.



Benson establishes friendship groups promoting mentoring.
Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort

Relief! Operation is over & done with

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

Number one son has had his operation as this is being written. He, his girlfriend and his dad left the house at 5am Tuesday morning. He was scheduled for the OP at 9:10, but had to be at the admitting desk at 6:45am. As it turned out, he was wheeled down the hall an hour earlier than planned, that is a good sign I hope! The blood pressure was taken, temp and all and the IV was put in much to his unwillingness, while the rest of the tubes would be put in place once he was in the OR and hopefully under sedation or under completely. As this is being typed the nerves are frayed as it will be another hour before any news comes from the Hospital...the tough part of being a parent for sure! He will be in ICU until his lung is able to breath on its own and then the tubes will come out expect for the drainage in the incision and the one in his back for pain control.The IV which is his nemesis remains until he can navigate and begin eating again. Being young and healthy otherwise should help him recover speedily.

The news just arrived that he is safely out of the OR and the problem was not what was anticipated. Test results show that what was found and removed in the muscle is benign, but there are nodules on his lung which are the result of a fungus or exposure to TB. These will be treated with antibiotics. We will try to trace back some 7-8 months and figure who or what he could have come into contact with to cause this... not feeling lucky about finding anything out. Right now it feels like a huge weight has been lifted for sure. The Doctor will see us and explain further to us exactly what they discovered. We will trek into the city tonight to see him, although he probably will not know us, he may be aware we are there some of the time anyway. It was very nice of so many people offering to help him, to pray for him and suggesting when he can have visitors they will drop in. The newspaper delivery man even told the big guy to mention him to Son number one, seems they worked together this past summer and he was aware of the surgery. The doctors and nurses, just everyone has been so kind and considerate, except one nurse who spoke over the phone and was not at all kind, oh well hopefully she will not have to be dealt with again!

He had spent time with his travelling buddy and his family to show them the photos and one of the movies taken on the trip to Europe. They will see the rest when he is on the road to recovery later this month. The sights and sounds were terrific as we relived the adventure as the boys took us along the route travelled. There will be many more of these times as family comes to see and hear all about the trip. There just was not enough time for them all to come and check things out.

This old writer went to see Harry Potter the Movie in the City of the 1000 Islands. It was awesome! I would see it again too! Having read the book gave me some insight into who was who and what might happen next. The scenes were not too scary, but it did not take long to fall for Harry, he is just so cute! All the wizardry and riding broom sticks is fun too. It certainly appeals to kids of all ages.

Santa came early too, as a gift set of the Potter collection was on the table the other evening when I arrived home from work. Now I won't have to borrow or wait for others to read the second and third ones. I did not yet get the last one, but it may be under the tree later this month!? The hospitalized son number one will perhaps read them as he rests to recover. He is into the Hobbit right now and will get it finished first.

The weekend was filled with snaps as assignments kept my mind off things. The Country Christmas Tour was great as usual. The Carman House Christmas is a tradition it seems with this writer, and the hot soup and cider warmed a chilled reporter for sure. Santa came to town and this old kid got a big hug and a thumbs up signal as I responded that I tried to be as good as I could all year! Seeing the youngsters and hearing their excitement as they wait their turn to sit on his lap makes the season come alive. The Honduran Choir made me realize the true meaning of the season as I listened to them sing, as I saw them interact with their Canadian hosts and when I learned that a local Sports Shop allowed them to take skates for an hour so they could experience this aspect of Canadian life. There is so much good in this world!!

Doing our part this month as far as the Community Patrol is concerned the big guy and I have not had a lot of sleep in the past few days...seeing as how we went to bed at 12:30 Tuesday and were up at 4am to get the hospital run in action. Sleep will be welcome

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the bottom line

IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE SOME MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL YARD improvement Project at IPS and also to aid in recycling, the school is going to begin collecting and returning **aluminum** drink cans. Two vending machines in the Grade 7&8 portion of the school produce anywhere from 500 to 700 empty cans per month. Parents are invited to drop off additional aluminum cans at the school, at the south cement storage shed, the first and third Friday of each month. These cans will be taken to a recycling centre in Brockville where they will be turned into cash for the yard. These cans should be rinsed, crushed and bagged. Do not send cans on the bus! Payment varies between 35 and 55 cents per pound. A constructive way to help fund the Project.

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SANTA IS COMING TO MORRISBURG THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, as the Shopping Plaza will be active with a variety of items. The Santa Claus Parade is to be bigger and better than ever and will begin at 11am as the floats line up in the St. Lawrence Inn yard and wind their way through town including the Shopping Plaza ending up at the Fire Hall. Weather permitting, a mini-carnival will be set up behind the Information Booth. Children can come to the carnival before and after the parade. When the parade is over, Santa will be at the Information Booth from 1 til 3pm. Santa will receive youngsters who will each get a balloon hat compliments of the Morrisburg BIA who is also sponsoring the visit of the Jolly man.

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CIRCLE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 ON YOUR CALENDAR AS THE FRIENDS of the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary presents a Children's Christmas Crafts Workshop from 1 until 4pm at the Interpretive Centre. The only cost is the donation for the material used. For more information call 543-2547. Join the fun in creating an assortment of decorations for your home this season.

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THE BIG COUNTRY CHRISTMAS PARADE OF LIGHTS IS HAPPEN' THIS Friday night in Winchester. Prior to the colourful display the Winchester Hospital Tree Lighting Campaign will get things going. IF your donation in memory of a loved one, has not been made to the campaign, you can do so just before or after the tree lights burst into colour.

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when we know everything is alright.

Monday evening the number one son took the folks out to dinner and we enjoyed Chinese for a change. Son number one's God Father called to wish the son luck and his wee God Son and the son's cousin and her hubby came to visit, encourage him and let him know he is in their thoughts. Grams called to check and waited patiently till the hospital let us know things were okay. Even the roommates of number two son called to wish him the best. What a great bunch of guys!!

Christmas shopping is being contemplated although we do have some items procured and hopefully the outdoor lights will go up soon. There are some masterpieces of lighting decor around town, take a drive around to check them out, some folks have really gone all out this year. Perhaps one of them would like to accept the challenge presented by Swampview and decorate for us???

The fingers are the proverbial sausages this day, no sleep does that for the syndrome reaction. The face has broken out in some sort of reaction lately and it is so very amusing to see people when they see me and do not know how to react, or what to say. We need to be more open with one another. I could just tell them what is happening and they would realize there is nothing life threatening about it, they cannot catch it and it will go away. This same feeling comes over me when people see my neck are, for the skin is discolouring here and it resembles dirt. I do wash and there is nothing I can do about it. I do not think about it unless someone says something or I see them looking at me rather strangely. Speak up folks!!

It is difficult to tell that it is December and that Christmas is only 19 days away...but it is!!! Christmas parties are in full swing as folks celebrate the season with their coworkers. Have a ball folks!

While thinking about the drive to Ottawa, I want to mention something vital to all drivers...please be aware that the newer vehicles with running day lights that come on automatically when the engine starts do not put on any rear lights, only headlamps. Coming through the thick fog on Tuesday am, we almost ran into a car with no tail-lights and you could hardly make out the hood of the truck you were driving it was so very dense. Be warned and be careful, you needed rear lights in such situations and in various others as well. On the topic of driving, the old Editor was stopped twice on Friday evening and checked through a RIDE program. Once arriving home from snapping shots at the Junior B game and then when the big guy and I went for tea with friends. They should have known the car the second time!

Take time to do something nice for someone, even someone who may never know you did it, it is an awesome feeling!! Keep smiling. The wisdom this week comes from Antoine de Saint-Euxpery who said, "If you want to understand the meaning of happiness, you must see it as a reward and not as a goal."



Country Christmas Tour

Janice Leslie of Leslie's Game Birds of Waddell Road took part for the first year. After seeing Cornish Hens, Mandarin Ducks, pheasants, quail, guinea hens, turkeys, and geese, you were invited to check out the eggs, the ornaments, meat and specialty items. Ornaments covered with feathers were unique and beautiful. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Atom B Lions Update

Morrisburg finished the Roger Ladouceur Tournament with a record of 1-1-1. The Lions faced their first loss of the season to the Smith Falls Bears.

The match against the Smith Falls Bears saw the Lions face well prepared Bears squad. The Bears got on the board early and protected their lead until Lions centre Dave Toonders executed a well set up play by winger Alex Whalen. With the score tied 1-1 in the third period, the Bears applied strong pressure adding two more goals. The final score was 3-1. Lions defenceman Andres Menges was Lions MVP.

The second game saw our Lions come back with a strong victory over the Bellville Loyalists, handing them a 9-0 loss. Lions Chris Tindal was good for 4 goals and 2 assists, and goalie Steve Baird earned his fourth shut out of the season. Other goal scorers were Justin Saunders, Alix Tait, Tommy Keyes, Alex Whalen, Dave Toonders, and Jane Moss. Assists went to Alix Tait for 2, Jane Moss, Tommy Keyes, Justin Saunders, Dan Stevens, Pat Bongers, and Dave Toonders. Tommy Keyes was chosen as MVP.

The third game was against the Nepean Atom Raiders ending in a 1-1 draw. Morrisburg's lone goal was scored by winger Alex Whalen who was perfectly set up by defenceman Alix Tait. Morrisburg applied pressure against the Raiders throughout the game but were robbed of a victory by a hot Raiders goalie. The MVP of the Lions for this game and the tournament was team captain Chris Tindal.

Our Lions fell short on points and did not make the consolation round in this tourney.

Morrisburg Atom B Lions are 2-0 in their last two games on the road. The first game saw our Lion squad face Maxville and hang on for a 3-1 victory. Goal scorers for the Lions were wingers Jane Moss and Alex Whelan, along with centre Dave Toonders. Assists went to defencemen Alix Tait (2) and Jesse Lapier, along with wingers Justin Saunders and Dan Stevens, as well as centre Chris Tindal.

Then the Lions trekked to Potsdam, N.Y., to rally for an explosive 10-4 victory. Chris Tindal scored in the early seconds of the game and assisted on following goals. Alex Whalen scored four times and assisted on one goal, giving him his first hat trick of the season. Point getters for the game were Dan Stevens (1 goal, 1 assist), Tommy Keyes (1 goal), Dave Toonders (3 assists), Jane Moss (2 assists), Justin Saunders (1 goal, 1 assist), and Alix Tait (1 assist). Steve Baird played an exceptional game in the pipes.

Our home game Thursday evening saw the Lions extend their home record to 5-0-1, with five straight wins. Fans watched as the Lions played a very well positioned game, executing great passing plays. Scorers for the game were Alex Whalen and Chris Tindal (2 goals). Assists went to Scott Douma (2), Andres Menges, Alix Tait, Tommy Keyes, and Dave Toonders.

The Lions are in first place in the east division, tied for first in the league with the Brockville Warriors. Go Lions Go!!!

CRIME STOPPERS

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

This week Crime Stoppers is asking your help in solving the break enter and theft at the Country Boy clothing store in Winchester. The incident occurred sometime between 9:00 pm 02 Nov 01 and 7:00 am 03 Nov 01. Two safes, computer discs and 5 Columbia ski jackets were taken. Another incident occurred on Nov 6th. The cash register was stolen.

We need your information, not your name. You will remain anonymous, you will not have to appear in court and you may be eligible for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers its your program and it works. If you have any information on this crime or any other crime please call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 or for long distance callers 1-800-222-8477.

Big Bananas remains #1 in Iroquois Darts

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Still peelin' the Big Bananas remain in first spot in the Iroquois Legion Mixed Dart League, 4 points (72) ahead of the Terminators. Linda Birch won 4 games in the effort shooting 140 while team mates Tony Easter nailed 2 wins and Thom Greenough won one game. Coming in with 68 points are the Terminators. Tara Summerfield won 2 games and darted 2x100. Lincoln Taylor won 2 and Barb Merkley won a game in the effort.

Whoops came in third place with 67.5 points to their credit. Working to help the team improve their standings were Duane Kirker who won 2 games and shot 100, Chris Hutton who nailed 102, Donna Hodgson who won 2 games and Sharon Lewis who darted a 100.

Fourth place sees a tie as the Mustangs and the Incredibles each accumulated 67 points to date. The Mustangs got assists from Bernie Montroy who shot 100 and won 3 games. Lloyd Greenough tossed 100 and 125. Geoff Wilson won 1 game as did Sharon Easter. The Incredibles got a hand from Mike Osborne who won 3 games and nailed 140x2 and 152, Cecil Lewis won a game shooting 135 and Pat Thompson won 4 games.

Fifth is held by the Rugrats who have 63 points. Chris Thompson won 2 games shooting 140, Andre Tschoumy won 1 game.

The Sureflites have 56.5 points to nail sixth spot overall this week. Jean Greenough won 2 games as did Earl Nesbitt who shot 121 and 125, and Arnie Fader won a game shooting 100-x2.

The Misfits with 56 points are in seventh place. Wayne Bellinger won 2 games shooting 100, Art Ault won a game with a 114 game.

The Unicorns are in eighth position. Glen Adams and Cecil Tyo each won a game and shot 100 earning a total of 55 points. Following on their darts with 53.5 points are the Outlaws. Mary Ann Markell won 2 games, Tina Summerfield won 3 games shooting 140, Glen Easter won 4 games with a 100 to his credit.

Tenth is held by the Blue Clues, with 47.5 who squeak ahead of the Wolf Pack who are .5 behind them. Diane Tyo won 3 games shooting 100, 120 and Jake Easter came in with a 100.

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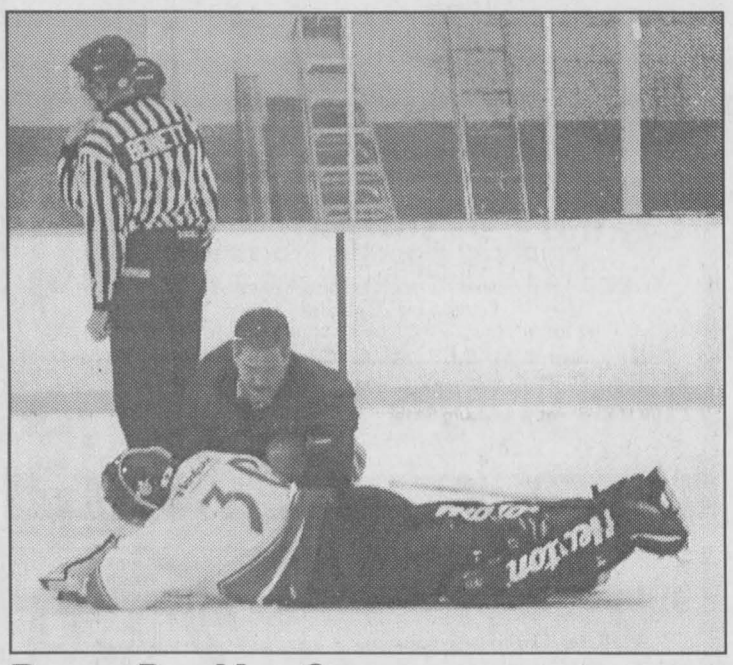


Down But Not Out

Lions goalie Jamie Lalonde fell hard as a Tiki forward slammed into his crease. The action was fast, rough, and tough and although Lalonde had to be helped from the ice and was replaced in the pipes by Sean Pollard, he is not seriously hurt.

Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

Morrisburg Junior B Lions win one lose other on weekend

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Junior "B" Lions (7-13-3=17pts.) moved four points ahead of Akwasasne Wolves (5-15-2=13pts.) who sit in the basement in the St. Lawrence Division. They are nipping at the blades of the Winchester Hawks (9-12-1=19pts.) as they are only two points away from the Hawks.

A rough and tough Brockville Tikis Hockey Club came to the Lions Den on Friday evening, November 30. A game which featured hard hitting and a lot of penalty minutes for the frustrated Lions. It is notable that each time the Tikis nailed a Lion there was a broad smile on the face of the hometeam player, a sign that they are working on their maturity and trying not to retaliate after a hit.

The Tikis jumped to an early lead as they poked two behind Jamie Lalonde in the pipes for the Lions in the first frame while holding the Lions scoreless.

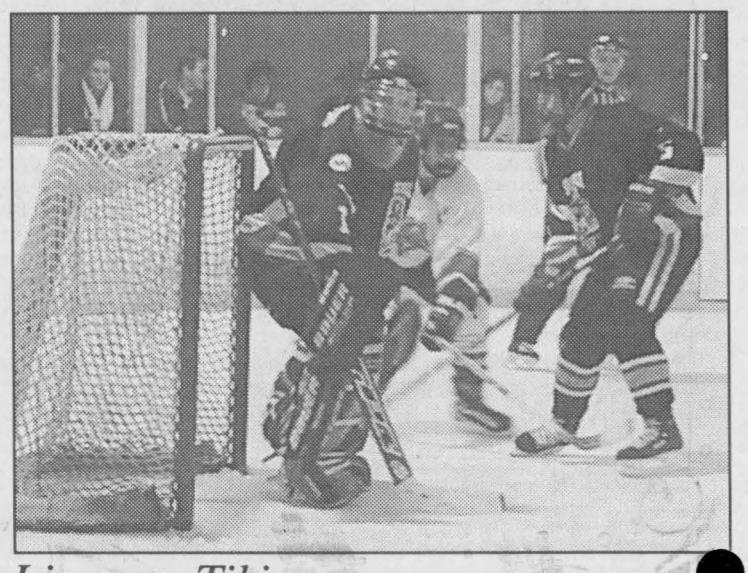
The Lions began to roar as they came out for the second period. Matt Bergeron scored at 19:38. Helping him out and earning the assists were Corey Cassell and Greg Millard. Unfortunately this was all the Lions could muster in this fast paced, end to end game which saw goalie Lalonde helped off the ice in the second period. Shawn Pollard came in cold and did his best against a team who fired from anywhere on the ice, finding their target once more in the third period to make the final read 3-1, giving the Tikis the victory.

On Sunday, December 2, the Lions travelled to Gananoque to face the Islanders and left victors. A tough match the Lions were out for victory as soon as they hit the ice on Sunday. Jumping out to an early lead in the first, the Lions scored three before the period ended. Shawn Pollard got the call and held the opposition scoreless. Scoring for the Lions was Alex Gray who was helped by James Morrell and Carson Runions, who would earn himself a Game Misconduct before the final buzzer sounded. This counter came at 17:50 of the first. Then at 16:23, it was Ryan Redmond who bulged the twine after taking the pass from Matt Bailey and Jamie Leger. The third marker came off the stick of Greg Millard who nailed a hard shot and found his mark. He teamed with Morrell and Kelly Beckstead to get on the board and put the Lions up by three.

The second period was good to the Lions as well. They played hard and showed they can gel as a team while putting in the effort needed to win. Three more times the Lions would roar and scoring plays resulted. Beckstead pushed the puck into the Islanders net for the fourth goal at 19:12 of the second. Earning the assists were Matt Collins and Millard. Then at 11:34, it was Tony Murray who skated in solo to score a nice goal on Jason Murphy in the net for the Islanders and put the Lions up by 5 counters. The Lions were not finished as Matt Telfer teamed with another Matt, Collins this time to put the Li[illegible] up by 6 goals. The Islanders we[illegible] slow off the mark, but they did manage to score two before the second period ended to get on the board. Two fast counters slipped past Pollard as he was sure this one was wrapped up. Scoring at 1:41 and again at 1:39, the Islanders messed up Shawn's shutout hopes.

The rapid counters at the end of the second gave the Islanders confidence and they came out in the third ready to play hard, determined to score. They did at 12:32 and again at 9:12, but the Lions rallied for one more at 7:16 of the third to defeat the Islanders 7-4. Scoring the final counter for the Lions was Ryan Redmond. Assists went to Kelly Beckstead and Matt Bailey.

The Lions travel to Alexandria to face the Glens on Friday night and host the Kemptville 73s on Sunday. The puck drops at 7-:30pm. This should be a good game, see you at the rink!



Lions vs. Tikis

Action around the goalies on Friday night was packed with rough and tumble plays. The Junior B Lions hosted the Brockville Tikis. Although the Lions lost, it was a well played game. The Lions look better on the ice lately as they work as a team.

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Major Atom Kings unbeaten in five

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Major Atom Kings have run their unbeaten streak to 5 games. They have picked up three wins and two ties in their first five league games.

This weekend, the Kings skated to a win and a tie.

Playing the Ottawa Sting on Saturday, December 1, they came away with a 1-1 tie. The Kings outplayed the Sting and if not for a great performance from the Sting goaltender, the Kings would have picked up the win. Scoring the only King counter was Brodie Boulanger. Setting up the play was Quincy Evans and Nathan Livingstone. Adam Wyatt was in the pipes for the Kings and picked up the tie. A special thanks to Johnston Duty Free as game sponsor.

The always tough Cumberland Barons came to face the Kings on Sunday, December 2. The Kings had yet to beat the Barons in their previous three games, so there was something to prove by the Kings in this game. The tide was turned this time by the Kings as they came away with a hard fought victory over the Barons, 3-2. Leading the attack was Quincy Evans with a two goal, one assist effort for his team. Alex Davison rounded out the scoring with a counter and an assist of his own. Picking up the victory was Ryan Swank in the pipes.

The Kings want to thank Colonel's Sign Shop as game sponsor.

The Kings have a home and home series with the Kingston Predators this week.

Gilmer earns shutout for Novice Blues

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In the first of three games played in four days by the Morrisburg Novice House Blue Lions, the locals fell short of victory as the South Stormont #2 team doubled the two goals the Lions scored.

After a scoreless first frame, the South Stormont players slid two quick ones past Gilmer in the pipes, although the team played well they were just not lucky when chances presented themselves. The good thing about the Lions was that they did not give up, even though they were behind by two counters. Robert Zandbergen nailed a shot past the netminder for the first Lions counter at 8:39 of the third period. Helping him were Shaun Thompson and Andrew Zandbergen. South Stormont were determined and came back with another counter at 7:15 and even though Gilmer looked good in the pipes and his defence were doing a great job keeping the puck out of his area, the South Stormont squad scored one more at :52 bringing their total to 4. Phil Germain skated hard and taking the lead pass from Brandon Foster and Andrew Beatson he found his mark behind the South Stormont goalie to bring the Lions' tally to 2. That was all there would be on this night, after only one penalty was called on the Lions and none dropped on South Stormont.

On the ice again Friday night, the Lions trekked to face North Dundas, proving they have what it takes. According to Coach John Hanson, "The whole team pulled together. Practising their passing is starting to pay off for the team."

After a scoreless first period in which Gilmer looked sharp in the pipes for the Lions, the Lions scored twice in the second frame. Brandon Foster went in solo to get things moving and put the Lions on the board. He scored at 9:41. Then with 44 seconds left Robert Zandbergen teamed with Shaun Thompson to put the Lions up 2 goals. That would be how the game ended as Ryan Gilmer recorded his first ever shutout in the pipes. Way to go Ryan!!

Sunday, December 2, the Novice House Blues travelled to South Stormont to face the #3 Wildcats.

A bit shaky as the game began, the Lions could not stop the Wildcats as they screeched down the ice and scored at 3:19 of the first frame. That would be all they would accomplish in this game though as the Lions came back after being scoreless in this first period to score in the second. Brandon Foster who had three great games, showing his ability to score and to assist on plays that resulted in counters took the puck from Philip Germane and bulged the twine to put the Lions on the board, at 4:54 of the second. The Wildcats were tamed in the second and would not score on Gilmer as he received terrific coverage from his team and was able to play a great game for the team himself. Perhaps his previous shutout gave him confidence.

Throughout the third period Gilmer held the Wildcats to no counter with help from his defence which included Philip Germain, Emma Hanson and Mike Zandbergen. The third defenceman (woman) was rotated in to the game. At 6:36 Robert Zandbergen who had three very good games this past week scored a solo effort to ensure the victory for the Lions.

Coach Hanson was very pleased with the calibre of play his team demonstrated. "They played excellent hockey as a team, especially their play around and in front of the net providing Ryan with help and keeping the opposition out."

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Cardinal Leads Interbranch Darts

by Sandra Lee Johnston
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After a night of darts flying in Cardinal the Interbranch 's Dart League continue to enjoy the game.

Sitting on top of things is Cardinal #4 who have amassed 85 points. Close on their darts is Iroquois #5 who earned 82 points to remain in contention. A few points back is Prescott #1 with 80 points, keeping their rivals sharp.

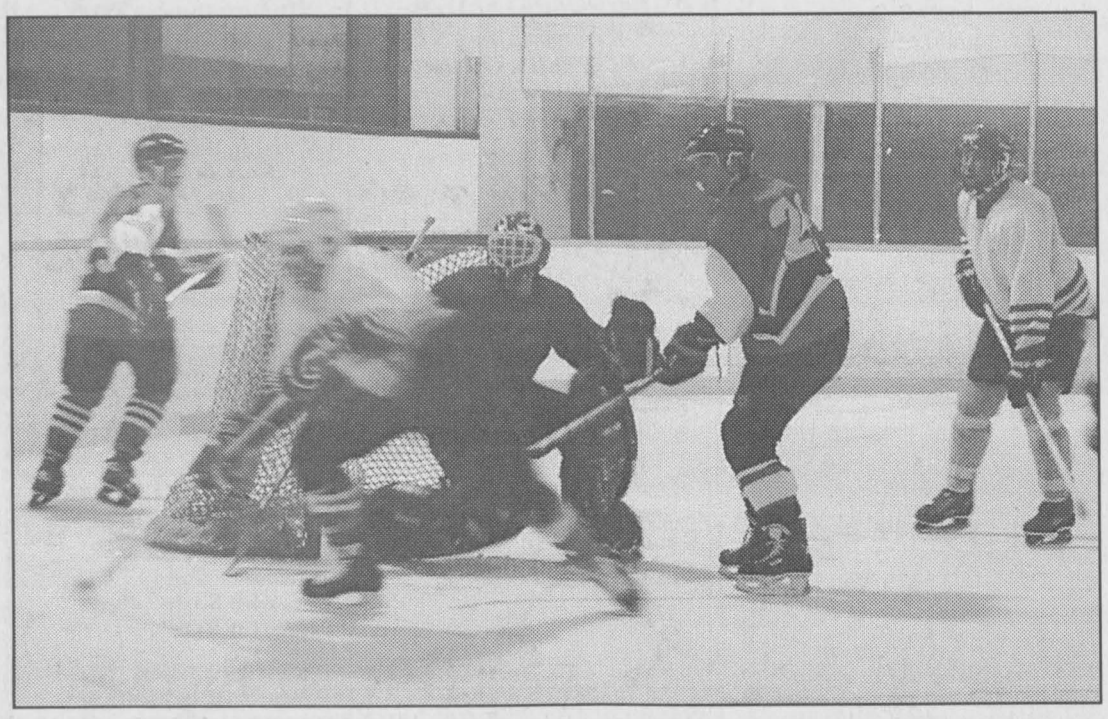
The fourth place team is Cardinal # 2 a ways back in the standings point wise with 66. Iroquois #8 are two points behind them, working to move up the ladder.

Iroquois #7 darted for 56 points to grab sixth place, followed by Prescott #6 who have 54 and are poised to take over the next rung on the ladder. Prescott #9 are in the basement with 37 points and hold on to eighth spot overall.

Winning three or more games is a feat for any darter and this week Joel Adams, Jamie Murphy and Wayne Bellinger each won 4 games. Three game winners included: Eric Keeler, Ron Bradford, John Marchand, Glen Adams, Kevin Laming and Mark MacDonald.

Highfinishers this week were Bernie Montroy with 112 and Joel Adams coming through with 100.

Highscores came off the darts of Tom Beach (140x2), Glen Adams (140-134-125), Kenny Reid (140-125). Shooting 140 were Rick Sayeau, Wayne Bellinger, Toby Summerfield, Bernie Montroy, Lorne Veley and Bob Juby. Bill Hutt nailed 139, Mark MacDonald 137 and Jerry Carr 135. Ross Polite came in with 133-121. Steve Lear (132),Duane Kirker (127),Ron Bradford (121-120) and Darren Tyo (120) held the hot darts this week.



Oldtimer Action

There were no fans in the stands Sunday morning, but a group of oldtimers were playing a pretty good game of hockey. The league has some skilled players who are too old for Junior or have never played and are over age. Some players are even older than thirty! They were having a load of fun and keeping in shape!

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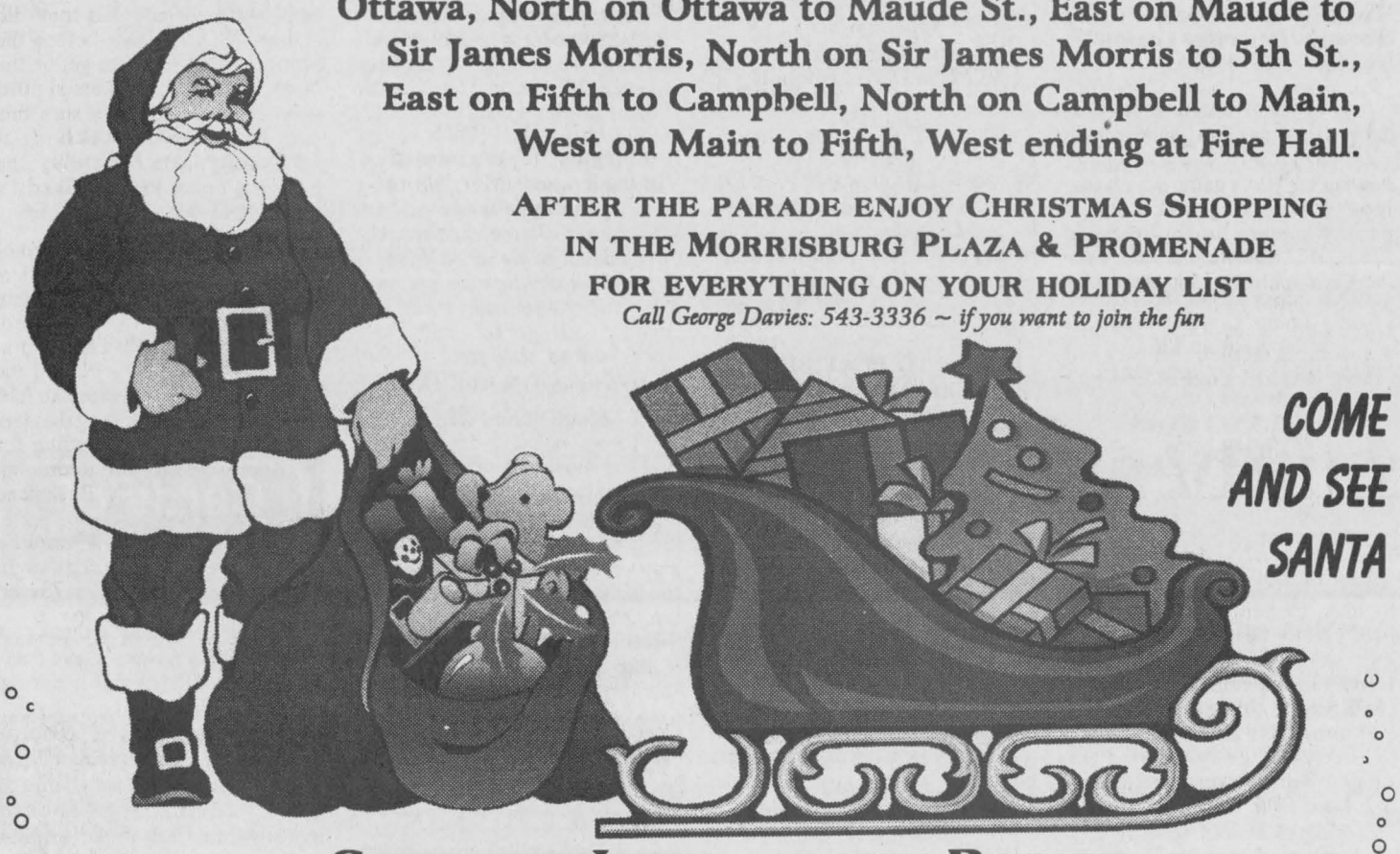

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Edwardsburgh Library Cookie Walk sells out

The Cookie Walk for the Edwardsburgh Library was a success this weekend. The Friends of the Edwardsburgh Library held the event at the Spencerville United Church on Sunday, December 2. They made over 15,000 cookies, and sold them all. *Chieftain Photo - J. Morin*

Friends of the Edwardsburgh Library hold Cookie Walk

by Theresa Roach
Chieftain Staff Reporter

About 200 people gathered at the Spencerville United Church on Sunday, December 2 to look through over 30 varieties of homemade cookies.

This was the day of the Second Annual Cookie Walk sponsored by the Friends of the Edwardsburgh Public Library. The Friends sold over 927 dozen cookies and raised about $2,000 for a vestibule and ramp at the library.

Each participant takes a container, walks around the room picking the cookies they want, their container will be weighed and they pay by the pound.

"It was wonderful. We were overwhelmed by the response and the cookies were very popular. Last year we were well received, but this year we were overwhelmed," said Louise Burchell, Chair of the Friends of the Edwardsburgh Library.

All of the cookies were freshly baked at the Drummond Building on the Friday and Saturday before the sale. There were 25 to 30 people baking at all times.

Burchell says that they have had tremendous amount of help from people in the community and local youth came out to help.

The Spencerville Octagons organized a Teddy Bear Centre for the children in attendance who were 2 years and older. The centre included cookie bear decorating, face painting, stories, games and crafts.

"Everything went very well and the children had a lot of fun. It was well attended," said Burchell.

The event also included a tea room hosted by the Spencerville Pathfinders. The Pathfinders were the hostesses and served tea, coffee and freshly baked cookies.

Burchell says that the tea room was very popular this year and it was always crowded. She added that everyone enjoyed the tea. Short musical interludes were provided by the Schwartz children and Brittany Pinder.

A special thank you goes to Hershey Canada Inc. who provided all of the chocolate for the baking, Parmalat Canada who supplied the butter and Beking Poultry Farm who provided the eggs.

The Friends also received discounts from Jonsson's Independent and Nature's Way on their baking needs list.

The Friends of the Edwardsburgh Library would like to thank all others who contributed to the Cookie Walk. They include: Kathy Monkman; Chapeskie Tree Farm; Regal, Laurie McFarland and Woodland's B.B.Q.

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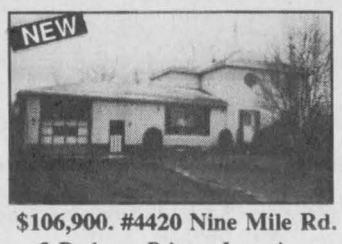

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

Competition was unusually close between the sixteen players at the Cribbage League last Saturday with only three points separating the top three finishers. Capturing first place with 1063 points was Willis Douglas followed by Bob Esford with 1062 and Wilf Summers with 1061. Ted Grattan pegged 1059 to grab the "Bridemaid Veil." Only six skunks appeared all afternoon but Joan Ault and Jack Coulter nabbed a pair each while Ken Palmer was busy netting a trio of the striped critters.

At the Euchre tables played on November 27 there were ten tables being occupied. George Cooper captured the first prize while Wally Fawcett ended up with the second place prize and the door prize went to Willis Douglas. Being the mild weather remain with us, the skunks are still keeping their presence around the Branch and immediately were attracted to Willis Douglas and Doris Mills.

At Duplicate Bridge there were five tables working and the winners declared when the cards cooled were Doug Grenkie and Dick Gaiser.

NOTE: The Diners Club has a change in dates! The dinner will be Thursday, December 6 this very week at noon hour. The date is for this month only.

The Iroquois Amateur Radio Club will be meeting at Branch 370 on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:30pm. Should anyone have an interest in this organization, and would like to attend the meeting, contact Keith Beaupre at 652-4340, you are most welcome.

The Iroquois Mixed Dart League is hosting a "Ladies Dart Tournament" on Saturday, December 8. There are to be four women per team. The first 28 teams to register will be accepted and all entry money will be returned in prizes. The cost is $40 per team and registration is from 11:30am to 12:30pm with play getting underway at 1pm sharp. Should more information be required, please call the Legion at 652-4516.

As in the past few weeks, I have been reminding you all of the Legion dues being payable and to save yourself some money, that you should be an early bird...well, the early bird is now over! And the price of your dues has increased. Starting December 15 through until December 31 the regular fee is now $34 and after December 31 it will go up to $38. Comrade Leo Merkley our Membership Chairman has mentioned that the renewal of dues has been pretty good and he is planning to have another draw very soon.

Christmas is fast approaching and hopefully this coming week our bar and lounge will take on a festive atmosphere. This past week saw Skippy's Painting giving the bar, lounge and kitchen a fresh coat of paint and it looks great, but we now have to get the pictures etc. back up on the walls. I see that Sheila has the Christmas decorations out and ready to hang up. AND we got a lovely surprise on Saturday when Neil and Blair brought in some Christmas candles (in sleighs) and a lovely big gift basket tastefully decorated for in our bar. The candles will look just great on the tables! Thanks comrades for being so thoughtful. We really do appreciate all you do!!

The Ladies Auxiliary has a few tickets left for the $1000 Cash Draw, but I'm sure they will be gone before the draw. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet and want one, don't wait to long. This draw has always been a sellout.

Turkey dinner alert!! Our Annual Turkey Dinner for the public will be next Friday, December 14 starting at noon until all the food is gone. Takeouts are available and the price is still only $6 per person. All are welcome. This has been a popular event over the years, so circle the date on your calendar. We will be looking for you.

Speedy recovery wishes to Alton Cassidy while he is being hospitalized and our sincere sympathy is extended to John Bell and family in the passing of a loving wife and mother, Maxine Bell.

See you all next week.



Isobel and Her Creations

Isobel Williams welcomed folks to her lovely stone house this year as always in the season. The rooms were filled with Christmas items, crafted with care. All proceeds go to WDMH, Hospice and Williamsburg Heritage. She expects to donate nearly $1000. Not bad for a couple of hours! *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

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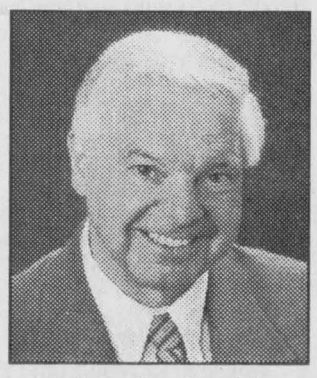

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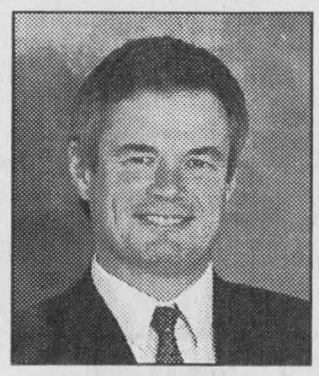

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"Not likely," Kathy answered. "That's my son and his friends."

- Adele Arevalo

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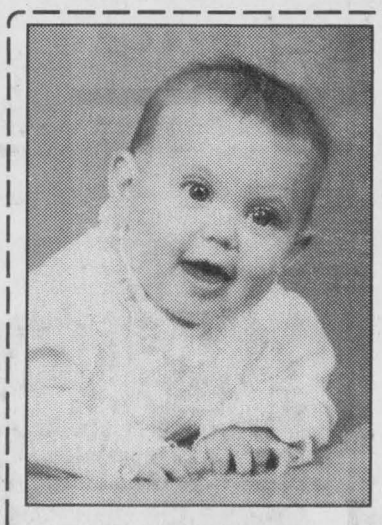

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Honduran Choir in South Dundas

Four of the young people who flew here from Honduras as part of the Maple Leaf Choir helped present Lion George Jackson with the Melvin Jones Award for those who work for the betterment of others. Well deserved George! These young people have very nice voices, and evevone who came to see them will not soon forget them. *Chieftain Photos by S.L. Johnston*



Children's Maple Leaf Choir visits Canada

Through a specific donation, not Partners for Children in Development funds, a Honduran Children's Choir visited Canada.

Many years ago it was thought that a choir would be an asset to the Partners for Children in Development Girls Home in Honduras. The children in the home were not involved with the children of the community and had no outside friends. A choir, it was decided, would help change this situation.

This was a difficult decision to implement. A good teacher was the prerequisite to a choir. After many attempts with people who were not qualified, a visit was made to the local music schools. Yes, in San Pedro Sula there is a very good music school. During a visit the director recommended Professor Oscar Rodriguez.

The Professor has three choirs he instructs. He also plays violin in the local symphony, teaches voice and violin at the school and conducts the school's orchestra. The most important quality is that he can work on the level of the children who have no formal music training, a very poor level of academic education and no experience on how to conduct themselves outside of an institutional environment.

The remainder of the children in the choir are from a very impoverished area that surrounds the home. The group of singers is made up of five boys and nineteen girls, seven from the home and twelve from the community. There are more children from the home that practice with the group but are too young to travel to performances.

The choir gives the children the opportunity to learn more than singing. They work together knowing all are equal on stage. The children know they have to work hard in order to succeed and participate. When they perform they are usually compensated with a meal, where the children learn to properly conduct themselves in an environment that they were not accustomed to, making them feel a part of the community.

The "Maple Leaf Choir" has done several public appearances during the past year and the children were always well received. They have now performed in Canada singing and dancing for people here providing them with an experience of a lifetime. A couple of the choir members could not come because according to the records in Honduras they do not exist and passports were impossible to get. Sadly, these members, and the younger members were not able to come. A group of twenty visited Canada from November 18th to December 5th, during their annual school vacation so that they did not miss any classes.

The children sang at three public schools and two churches. They had a public performance at the Upper Canada Playhouse on December 1st. The performance was sponsored by the Iroquois/Matilda Lions Club. The choir provided a very entertaining evening and were joined by local talent Margaret Lee and Kyle Gervais. Six of the girls in the choir study modern dance and did a couple of numbers as well. Professor Rodriguez played the violin and was accompanied by Kyle Gervais on piano.

The children love to sing and dance and it keeps them busy and in good company. It may not seem like a real development project but when you see the advances that the children have made as a result of their participation in the choir you will realize that this is something worthwhile for them and a country that is virtually bankrupt as far as culture is concerned.

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

Our fine feathered friends must assuredly be confused as to whether they are to be south, wearing snowshoes or basking in the sunshine. Never can this writer recall a December like this, not that we are complaining, but it is weird!

Our Irena birdwatcher reports a black Squirrel running here and there, searching for fodder for winter storage which he probably feels is yet to arrive. Five Chickadees have been actively playing around a new feed bell installed in a tree in her backyard. A big Hairy Woodpecker is a frequent visitor and she also has a pair of Downy Woodpeckers enjoying her feed. A male and a female come quite often according to her. She has a Gold Finch and a bold Blue Jay who seems quite well fed.

Last week on Thursday when the ground was blanketed in ice rain, resembling 1998, she watched 3 Tree Sparrows, 2 Juncos, 2 House Sparrows, 5 Chickadees and a female House Finch on the ground slip sliding away in search of food. The perches of the feeders were too icy to land on and so they were ground bound to locate a meal from what had fallen the day previous. She also was fortunate to see both a White Breasted and a Red Breasted Nuthatch. The later is a visitor in August but quite uncommon this time of year. On Friday a beautiful, almost florescent red male Cardinal was seen in a Pine Tree. These birds are so very timid, and he was even too afraid to stop at a feeder, she hopes he will come back and become a frequent visitor. She has another seed bell which the Woodpeckers, both Hairy and Downey seem to like. She too has seen the huge Hawk on County Road 2 as she went east to Morrisburg. He flew in front of her car on Friday and although she was unable to see what type he was, she was enthusiastic about his large size. "I want to remember my binoculars and be ready the next time to figure out what type he is," she explains.

The lady on County Road 2 tells us she has no new sightings, but has a new feeder to install and expects to see some new visitors, it feeds seeds in the centre section and suet at each end...we wait to hear.

The calls are few and far between folks. If this column is to prosper, we need to hear from you. There are a pile of birders out there and we never hear from many of you. Don't be afraid to call, we love to listen!! Cardinal and Morrisburg folks grab that phone, the number is 652-4395.

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Welcome a Board

Eric Covington (CDC) welcomes Tim Wade of Mobile Tech Systems in Winchester as a Joint Venture Partner of Cornwall District Communications. Alvin Runnalls of North Dundas Council cuts the ribbon and Tim's daughter Kaitlyn lends her support. Tim's silent partner Michael Bouthillier was not in the photo. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Newest Internet Server hits North & South Dundas

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

MobileTech Systems in Winchester has become a new "Joint Venture Partner" of Cornwall District Communications (CDC) in bringing low cost high performance telecommunications to North and South Dundas.

During the Grand Opening on Friday, November 30, 2001, Eric Covington of CDC described the advantages of joining forces with a local, full service provider. "The community will benefit in many ways, among the most important is that the support will be provided by a well respected member of the local community," said Covington. "We have been up and running for about a month now and have some clients on board who are very appreciative of the service being available here, like Ault and Ault and the Travel Agency. We offer the personal touch and people seem to take notice. It is the same technology as our competitors offer, but I am right here, available and close," says Tim.

CDC brings high speed Internet access to Cornwall, Glengarry, Stormont and Dundas. "There is no worry about system failure, there is no down side to the service Tim will offer his customers, if CDC fails, Regional will hook Tim up, customers need not worry," assured Mr. Covington. He explained that the best use of the service is utilized today as commercial hookups are busy during the day and private people are on after supper.

Mr. Covington spoke about the partnership between CDC and MobileTech in warm terms: "Tim (Wade) of MobileTech is the reason we are here. People are what make any business successful. We at CDC advocate partnerships a lot. They seem to be a formula for success." He explained , "Dissimilar people bring various things to the partnership and so the resulting business can only succeed. For instance, I bring certain strengths and weaknesses. The former being High speed communications, the later being I don't like retail. On the other hand, Tim does not possess my 35 years experience in telecommunications, but he enjoys the retail business. Therefore, he brings what I don't and I bring what he does not and so we blend and the partnership works."

Continuing to explain how CDC came to form a partnership with Cornwall Electric, who have the trucks, equipment, powerline, poles and ability to supply the fibre optics network to customers. He spoke as well of the Regional Cable company works to ensure that people are never without the service they pay for. "Demitri, of Regional handles all the regional cable east of Manitoba except for Nfld and Sudbury. They are a strong ally, well traded and in a strong financial position. They can provide service to Dundas County, including Cardinal, Iroquois, Morrisburg, Winchester. Chesterville, Green Valley and Alexandria. He mentioned that fibre is also being installed from Morrisburg to Ingleside as well.

When asked about competition, he noted with a smile that there are more new customers out there than we know, a whole untapped market is waiting, so there is no need to try to steal customers from other providers, like Storm, Bell, GlenNet (Avalon) or AT&T. "Tim is the only real ISP (InterNet Service Provider) that is local. The content and commitment is there, certainly he is a class above the others due to his visibility, his reputation and the fact he is known in the community-his investment in his community," said Covington. "We can't have a store front in every community, but when we do it is a bonus, and we will support him of course."

Smaller communities are wanting high speed access now

The tower at Acres Equipment will be used, it is in good location and accessible

CDC deals with commercial Internet service and feels partnerships with people like Tim will benefit everyone. "We train Tim and act as the backbone of the system, we are the high speed communications system that connects to people no matter the method they choose. He manages and deals with the customers. He can sell dial access, cable modem access or wireless access to his customers, even farms can be connected. Since we use water towers and rights-of-way along roadways to install the fibre along them there is no cost to the user for the equipment installation to bring the service to them. Anyone within 150 metres of the fibre can be handled. The user pays only the monthly fee for use, which amounts to between $40 and $60 a month depending on whether it is a cable or a wireless hookup. The initial hookup price tag runs between $500 and $2000."

Tim made everyone at the Open house aware that wireless will be available through MobileTech Systems in about a month. "We have had a number of requests for wireless in this area, especially from the agricultural community. Their business is becoming more technical every day. There is money to be made in the agricultural sector, the faster they can access markets etc. the more productive they can be. The younger generation uses email a lot and is requesting wireless service in this area, and the fact that I represent a local presence and local support for them makes a big difference," says Tim.

Eric added that people who work in such centres as Kanata and live in Winchester will realize they can have a reliable connection between home and work and thus not need to be in the office as much, once Tim makes them aware of his service. He will even have a cable modem to demonstrate how effective and efficient it can be to a customer to be connected no matter what method they choose.

"Good partnerships make good business" and this is true in every aspect of the community.

Alvin Runnalls represented North Dundas Council noting how wonderful it is to have the ability to be connected in the Township. "I like the idea of competition too, it makes things better for everyone. I wish you good luck on behalf of the people of North Dundas."

Strings Across the Sky co-founder speaks at Canadian Club meeting

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Strings Across the Sky Co-founder, Andrea Hansen spoke at the Canadian Club meeting. This ambitious, and extremely talented violinist shares her love of the violin with children in the arctic circle and is eager to share her stories and her fervour with anyone who will listen.

Andrea Hansen was born to love the violin, and be a violinist. The granddaughter of a disabled Finnish cobbler who was a living legend because of his self taught talent with the violin, she too is capable of this magic through music that her grandfather had. His love of music was his passport to the world, and his granddaughter who inherited this love of music has used it to see the world as well.

At the age of three Hansen was first intrigued with the violin as her older sister was taking lessons. Early on she was told not to touch the violin because she was to young, and would break it. At this young age resigned to the fact that she was not to touch the violin she tucked a wooden spoon under her chin and played it with a ruler following along with her sisters lessons. When her mother saw that Andrea had the same fervour for the violin that her father had she didn't stand in the way. By age eight this child prodigy was studying at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

Languages are limited by understanding, but there is a universal language, it is the language of music and Hansen demonstrated to the crowd on hand how easily and universally music is understood. She simply played "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star", first mournfully, then angrily, and then suggestively. There was never any question in anyone's mind about what feelings she was trying to convey.

After taking the language of music to the Canadian North as a part of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's Odyssey Tour in 1987 as a violinist Hansen was struck by the fact that these people had never heard professional musicians perform live, and this realization along with their reaction to her fiddling, moved her as she had never been moved before.

Frank Hansen (no relation) a host on this trip north explained that the fiddling tradition was once very strong in the north, going back to the 19th century when traders came from Scotland, and taught the natives exchanging violins for pelts, but the tradition is dying out. At this realization Frank and Andrea Hansen were inspired to co-found the non-profit Strings Across the Sky foundation to teach the youth of the North to play the fiddle thus reviving their tradition.

Only 6 months after deciding to form Strings Across the Sky Andrea Hansen returned to the Arctic armed with nine donated fiddles and a very official training video they had made. Hansen found that the training video was not the right tool to use to teach these students and decided to return to the way she learned to play. At this point she handed out wooden spoons and rulers to audience members that they tucked under their chins demonstrating how she got her students in the north started. The audience followed along as she sang instructions, because music works.

Hansen asked the audience the difference between a violin and a fiddle and there was no response. Hansen explained that there is no difference between the two. The only difference is how you use the bow. She once again she had the audience follow along with their "fiddles" (spoons & rulers) as she demonstrated the difference. "The bow is the difference between the violin and the fiddle, when you play the violin you join all of the notes together smoothly using the whole bow, and when you play the fiddle, a little in the middle for the fiddle is enough." Hansen then playfully travelled through the audience singing "a little in the middle for the fiddle is enough, and then you jiggle a little in the middle", and had the audience playing their spoons and rulers like professionals. Hansen's demonstration showed how easily she can share her love of music, and how contagious it is, as everyone left smiling.

After seeing her ability to play, teach, and convey her love of music, and enthusiasm, especially for the fiddle to others there is no doubt about why her Strings Across the Sky Foundation has become so popular in the North, and has maintained it's popularity since it's inception in 1987.

"With donated violins, support from sponsors and friends, instructors "trekking north," we are putting an instrument in the hands of a child and proving the value of the tradition of Northern fiddling - a value that is realized in the growth of community spirit and hope." Hansen's goal is to fiddle across the country with Strings Across the Sky so that people will be inspired to start programs like Strings all over the country in order to bring back music to the children because they need it.



Violinist Shares Music

Toronto Symphony Orchestra Violinist Andrea Hansen demonstrated to Don Clement how she teaches students from the Arctic to play the fiddle in The Strings Across the Sky Program, of which she is a co-founder. *Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort*



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Iroquois Public Library celebrates November as Amnesty Month

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Our local Library hosted an Open House on Thursday evening last week and although the weather was not as cooperative as would have been liked, some folks came out to check out the shelves, the internet connection and enjoy a warm cup of coffee or a refreshing cup of juice. Librarians, Eleanor Petersma and Brenda Loucks were on hand to answer questions and help when and where needed.

Mrs Petersma explained that people who returned a book during November were not fined. "They do not mind paying and often pay anyway even when it is Amnesty month and there are no fines levied!"

She went on to tell us that between 55 and 60 people per month are using the internet access provided at the local branch. "Students find it great and older folks who are trying for the first time seem to like the one-on-one help and want to feel comfortable before buying a computer and getting "on line" at home." As we snap a photo the McCormac brothers come in and settle in front of a monitor each. They seem to know what they are doing and Mrs Petersma tells us they are very good if anyone else comes in to utilize the machines, "They give up their computer and are very good at sharing with others, the time limit is one hour per person."

Cam Martel of South Dundas Council sits on the Library Board at the County level. "I have sat on the Board for four years now and have enjoyed it, I find it interesting." Speaking to the gathering, he said, "Although the focus of research and time has shifted in the past few years, the internet has become popular, but books remain an important part of our lives. Research skills are vital as we grow and what better place to enhance them? Libraries will live forever, books can go to bed with you, the internet can't!"

The new technology allows librarians to track books requested by readers, anywhere, anytime, even if on a truck bound for this branch. He added, "The libraries in South Dundas have the highest usage in the county system (Iroquois, Morrisburg and Williamsburg) and although Iroquois lacks space, we are dealing with this issue at council.

I am pleased to be here and pleased to represent you and your library at the county level. I encourage all councillors to come out and see how our libraries work, how they are used, by whom and learn why they are used by so many." he told the librarians that he had a request for large print, softcovered books and suggested there may well be more of these available very soon.

Iroquois Ward councillor Bill Ewing was on hand as well, noting he too was happy to attend and looks forward to an expansion of the present facilities. "The former council chambers are used, but I see the walls are a definite deterrent. A work area needs to be a part of the library sector. We do have the idea of an expansion on the table and it is being looked at."

Both men noted how the enthusiasm shown at the Iroquois branch, by the librarians and the patrons of the written word demonstrate why this is a busy branch. Due to the number of people using the library, Iroquois has seen an increase in hours open, the library is now open 20 hours a week.

A draw was made by each councillor for a book. Current members only, the winner was Tiffany Shearer and New members winner was Tiffany DeJong. These two ladies will share Heidi, Huckleberry Finn and Time Line...all great reads!

Visit our library today, there is so much between the cover of any book and there are so many available right here!!



Place for a Good Read

Kaitlyn, Bryan and Kim Hutt join Librarians Brenda Loucks and Eleanor Pietersma, Councillors Cam Martel and Bill Ewing and member Linda Anderson as the Iroquois Library hosted an Open House on Tuesday, November 29, 2001. There is no substitute for a good book!

Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston

Curling members return from bonspiel

by Steve Thompson

Craig Harriman, Mahlon Locke, Gerrry Thompson, and Graham Houze are back from a bonspiel in Norfolk Connecticut. The men have high praise for the organization of the 45 member club there and the way they were treated. They also bring back some ideas that we may be able to use here. Gerry reports that they made friends with curlers from such places as Philidelphia, New York City, and Massachusetts, had a wonderful time, and were one ice mishap away from being in the final. A long drive, but a great weekend! Wonder if the spouses had time for shopping?

Recently, first-year Bantams Stephanie Toonders, Natalie McDonnell, Meagan Tindall and Rebecca Robichaud entered their maiden bonspiel in Cornwall. They played 3 games, losing to some more experienced, older curlers. The players had a good time, and will get better.

Cornwall hosted a three-day bonspiel last week, and two teams from Morrisburg entered. Ian McGillis, Rick Leroy, Chris Barkley and Franco, who filled in at lead, played well but dropped out before the money round. Robert Houze, Larry Cooper, Bob Bergland and Rob Delegarde won their first two games, but lost their third and were also eliminated. All enjoyed the bonspiel, and the high caliber competition they faced.

On Thursday, a senior mixed team comprised of Steve and Alice Thompson, Jack Dikland and Dorothy Culkin journeyed to Smith Falls. They lost their first game in the final end, but won their second. With their prizes and the trip to the Hershey Plant afterwards, they came home happy, in spite of the icy road conditions.

Saturday, the local club hosted a ladies' invitational bonspiel, with teams from Winchester, Prescott, Brockville and Cornwall competing with Morrisburg entries. Winning the first draw was the Brockville team skipped by Chris Campbell. In the second draw, Morrisburg's Anita Cooper, Barb Rabideau, Greta McGann and Dorothy Culkin defeated two Prescott foursomes to win the event. Our entry, skipped by Alice Thompson, included Betty Locke, Donna Stephens and Beth Byers. They finished third, just behind the top Prescott team. A fine home-cooked meal and much-praised ambiance made this a special day for all. Those present expressed their appreciation for the volunteers who made the day possible.

For local curlers, don't forget to sign up for the Christmas (Turkey) Bonspiel December 21st, and the 2-Person Spiel on December 30th. TSN ratings have soared with Guy Hemmings, always a favorite with the ladies, providing commentary of the Olympic qualifying playdowns. Enjoy the coverage! See you on the ice!

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The gifts will be picked up on Tuesday, December 18 at 5pm, so if you take an Angel please replace it with a gift prior to this date so not one of these youngsters will be disappointed on Christmas morning.

Volunteers are needed to help with the sorting, packing and distribution of the Exchange gifts and groceries (purchased with donations of money) at the Legion as well this year. If you can help arrive at the Legion in Morrisburg at 9:30am and be ready to work and enjoy your time there, for what better gift can you give than your time?

The Christmas Exchange provides a valuable service to South Dundas, for not only does the receiver appreciate their gift, although they have no idea where or who it came from and the giver will be filled with the true spirit of the season. Having given gifts in prior years, this writer knows how great it feels to know that the eyes of a child will grow bigger as they unwrap the gift that most assuredly Santa must have dropped off as everyone slept. The warm feeling which floods your very being is more than gratitude for both the giver and the receiver. If you have been involved before, you'll want to do it again and if this is your first time, you will be happy you decided to do it.

Students at Seaway High are getting involved with the Angel Tree and will be helping with the gifts as they purchase some from money raised to help the less fortunate then themselves. Congrats to you all!! It is indeed people like this who make the Exchange work. Thank You!

Atom Lions up two on the week

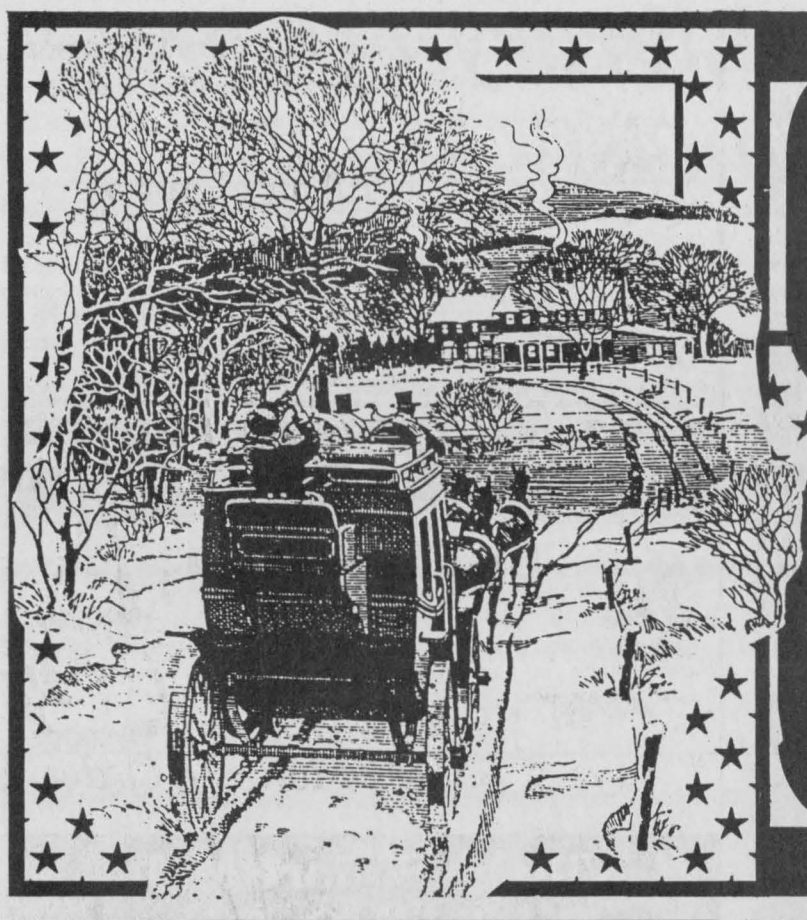
by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On Tuesday evening the Atom Lions trekked to Chesterville to square off against their cross county rivals, the North Dundas Demons. In an exciting finish the Lions came away with a 4-3 victory. The Demons jumped out ahead in the first 2-0 before the Lions could get their legs. The Drew Hutt began the scoring for the Lions as he was helped by Conner Hodgson to make it 2-1 after the first frame. In the second period the Demons scored turning the scoreboard to read 3-1 before the Lions countered with a goal as Conner came through with Nick Thomas assisting. After two periods of play the board read 3-2 for the Demons.

With 40 seconds remaining in the game, the Lions pulled their goalie Lucas Stewart in favour of the extra attacker and Drew Hutt knotted the game at 3 with help from Michel Thurler, with only 22 seconds left in the game. Nick Thomas saw his chance and gave it all he had, scoring with one second on the timer clock, an unassisted goal he was certainly the hero of this match as the Lions won on a dramatic comeback.

On Sunday, the Lions hosted the Kemptville Panthers in a battle of the big cats. The Lions tamed the Panthers with a 3-2 victory. Opening the scoring, the Lions struck on a beautiful counter from Conner Hodgson unassisted. The Lions struck again in the first on a goal by Evan Harper who bowled his way to the net and tucked the puck into the twine another solo effort from the Lions. The Panthers also found space as they scored in the first frame with 7 seconds left on the clock making it 2-1 after one. In the second, the Panthers put a nice shot past goaltender Lucas Stewart to knot the game at 2. But, the Lions were able to rally and took the lead back on a counter from Spencer Peters who had help from Drew Hutt and Michel Thurler. The third was scoreless as both teams played tight, well disciplined hockey and both netminders stood their ice. The game ended in a 3-2 victory for the Lions.

The young Lions see action again on Sunday at 1pm as they host Ogdensburg at the Lions Den.



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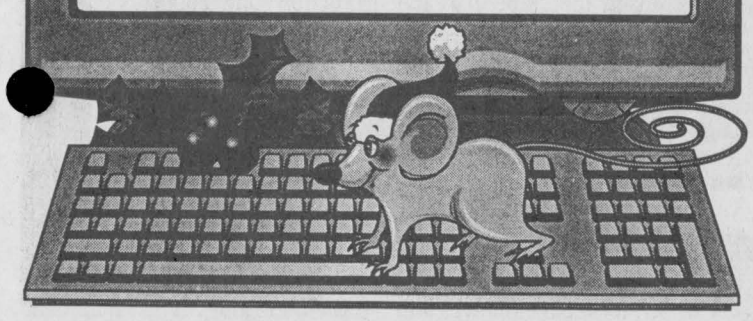



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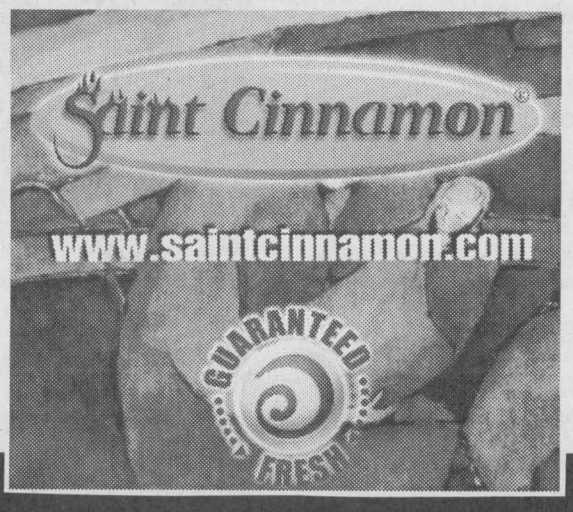

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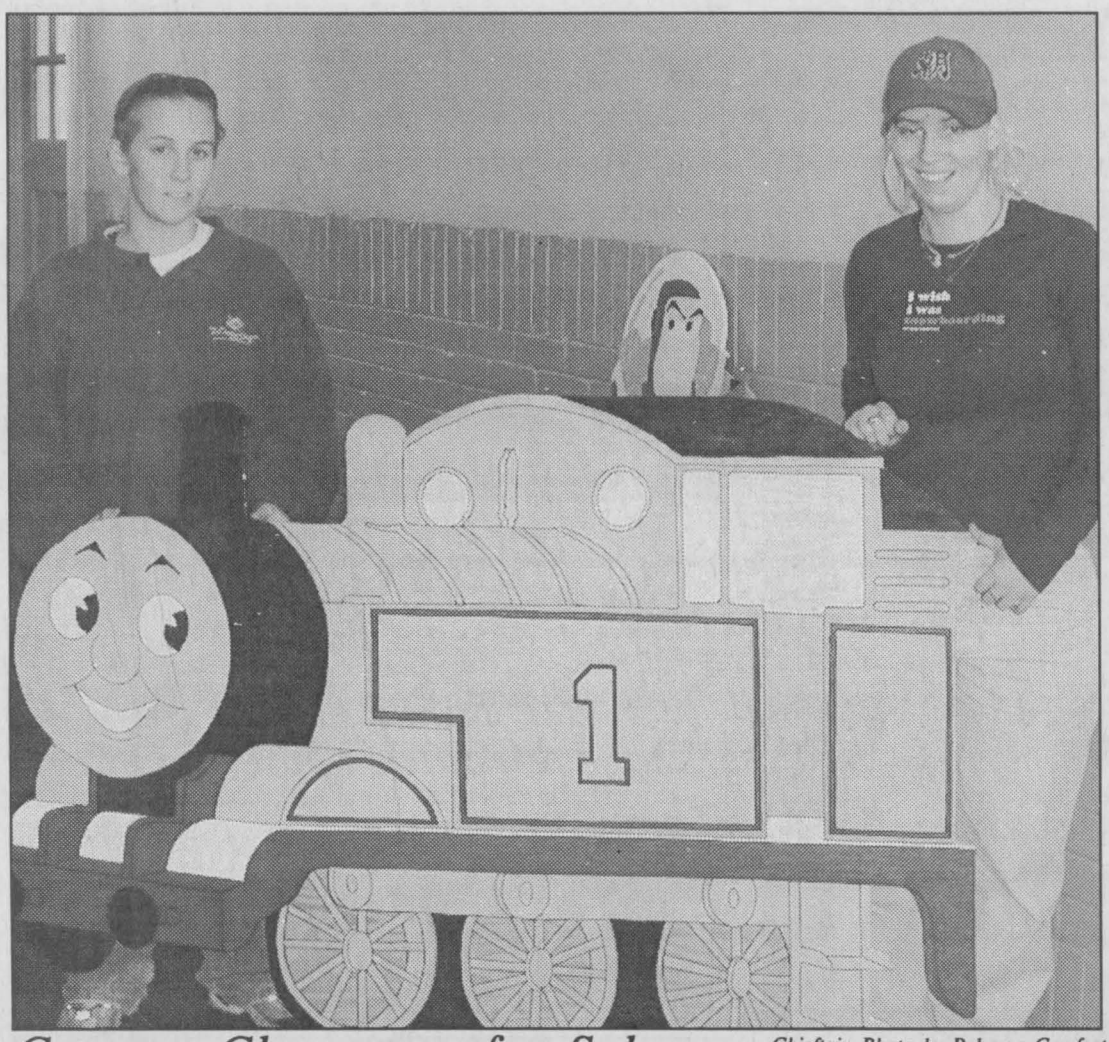

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Cartoon Characters for Sale

The South Dundas Youth Services Canada Team is auctioning off the seventeen ply-wood cartoon characters that will be decorating their floats in this weekend's Winchester Parade of Lights, and Morrisburg Santa Claus Parade. They will be up for grabs at a silent auction at the Morrisburg Valu-Mart December 14th and 15th. Proceeds will go to the Morrisburg Food Bank.



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Christmas Luncheon and Crafts

Kaitlyn Sarginson, Elizabeth and Victoria Crowder, from Inkerman United Church Sunday School and their teacher Anne Bradley were at Stampville Centre as the Dundas Heart and Stroke Foundation presented their Annual Christmas Luncheon and Crafts. Artisans were on hand, a silent auction, and a raffle for a Father Christmas were held as well.

Novice C Lions keep games close

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Novice "C" Lions are having a tough time scoring goals but their defensive play is keeping their games close.

The Lions travelled to Akwesasne on November 11 and came away with a 1-1 tie in a hard fought contest. The Lions scored first on a fine effort by Meghan Adams. Kyle Saunders and Gareth Cochrane earned the assists on this scoring play. Akwesasne knotted the score with just over two minutes left in the game and that was how things ended.

Akwesasne came to Morrisburg on November 16 for a return match. This time the Lions skated away with the victory 1-0. Kyle Saunders scored the winning counter with Kristina Swank getting the assist. Kyle Gallinger was in the pipes for the shutout.

The Lions were in Chesterville on Friday, November 23 and returned home winners, 1-0 as they played North Dundas. Riley Nicolaassen bulged the twine for the solo marker on a set up from Nicholas Tupper. Once again, Kyle Gallinger was solid in the net for the Lions earning his second shutout in as many tries.

Sunday, December 2 the Lions dropped a 2-0 decision as they faced South Grenville as their scoring woes continued. It was a fast paced skating contest with loads of action but the lions could not put the puck in the net to capitalize on their chances.

Keep hustling Lions, the goals WILL come!

CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT

Dialysis

"When I was asked to speak tonight, I wondered whom I should thank, there are so many; like the Auxiliary who is always there, acting like the backbone of the Foundation. So, "Thanks to Joan (Farlinger) and Marion (Carkner) for their generous donation." He continued, "The Auxiliary provides a lot of equipment to the Hospital and continued to do so while helping with the Dialysis fundraising. Even the "Pennies for Oma" wer involved in helping us reach our goal. The local Lions Clubs chipped in over $50,000 and generous help came from all areas of the community via service groups like Oddfellows, Orange Lodge members, Legions, Snowmobile Clubs and Firefighters. Small events like tourneys of all kinds helped, business groups, banks and stores all came through to support our cause. Actually it all comes down to the individuals who really made it happen. You all believed in the Dialysis Unit and I want to thank all the caring people of this community who came out and helped in any way to make this dream come true. On behalf of the Foundation I want you each to know we surpassed our goal coming in with over $300,000!"

It was noted by Mr. Rodier that now the financial means are available to make the Dialysis Unit a reality at Winchester, "I know how important it is to patients and families who will benefit from this Unit."

The real challenge for the Hospital was where to create the Unit since there was no readily appropriate and available space in the Hospital. A well designed area with the right amenities was necessary. Adding to the task was the fact that the main building is fifty years old and medicine has evolved so rapidly, there are changes needed to remain current in the field. The final location of the Dialysis Unit had to fit into the overall scheme of things since this was not something anyone wanted to have to do twice. W-asting community money was never a consideration.

The job began as the right location was to be identified before anything could happen. This has been accomplished and so it is time to move to the next step.

"The location for the Dialysis Unit will be in the East Wing on Level I where Physio and Medical records are presently located and so the first move is to displace these services for a bit."

Doctor Steven Nadler, Director of Hemodialysis (the cleansing of the blood as it is run through a small filter for those people suffering kidney failure and requiring Dialysis) who has been at the Ottawa Hospital for some 15 years stated that he is proud to have the opportunity to work with such a driving force as encountered in Winchester in establishing this Satellite Unit to provide what is best for the patients. "It is great that the Winchester and Ottawa Hospitals will network in such a way as to provide this service. These Units in communities where the need for travel is reduced for patients living in or nearer to them then to Ottawa is marvellous. This will be a Model Unit run by the Ottawa Hospital and will be just like others to be established elsewhere. All the services available in Ottawa will also be available in these Satellite Units. The Nurses will be trained in Ottawa, but will provide services here. Communication will be up to date with a computer data base system in place. This ensures that all records will be available here and at the city Hospital." He concluded by saying, "Having patients closer to home for their Dialysis will allow them to benefit from all the expertise and services which they might otherwise find available in Ottawa without the stress of the drive."

Cheryl Keaney, who is the Director of Clinical Nephronology at the Ottawa Hospital will work closely with the Winchester Unit. In her administrative position she reports to the VP of Medicine and Surgery and is responsible for the budget, delivery of services, development and delivery of programs. "We will work collaboratively with Winchester. A location agreement will be in place and we will offer loads of support and encouragement. The next move is to go back to the Ministry to get approval to "go to tender" and then we will return to get approval to "award the tender" after which construction can begin." She assured everyone that the next phase will go quicker than the initial one. She spoke of staffing and the enthusiasm which is already evident in Winchester as far as staff wanting to become involved in the Unit. "A support mechanism has to be established and there will be a continuation of work behind the scenes as we wait for completion of the Unit," said Cheryl. "The standards of care will be the same here as in Ottawa. The staff will be trained and ready to work.

She spoke of a strong commitment on the part of the Winchester Hospital, the Ottawa Hospital and all the people involved. When asked about how many patients will be accommodated, she responded that four stations will accommodate 24 patients. "To date 12 patients have been identified as waiting for the Unit to be ready and more will come forward once we are open for patients. We will use more shift hours and more stations as volume increases and demand requires it. The amount of treatment will no shorter or longer than you need," she assured people. She concluded by saying that "If all goes well Dialysis here will be established with few complications. Patients will be treated here and if they get into trouble or require more help than can be offered here, they will be seen in Ottawa, but there should be little need for such a move with the technology now available."

It was noted that no clinic follow up for those on home dialysis has been figured into the Winchester Unit at this time.

Peter, of LOEW Architects discussed plans and drawings showing where the Unit will actually be located within the present Hospital along with pictures of what the actual Unit will be like. A virtual walk-through thanks to a laptop computer gave everyone a true sense of what it will be like when completed. "There will be televisions located hanging from the ceilings to help patients get through the time required and five chairs will be utilized to begin with. Eventually the ICU nurses desk will move and an additional sixth chair will be in place." He noted that the province has been pretty good as far as turnaround time and he figures the contract will be let by mid-December, the actual construction should take about 10-12 weeks as a contractor who has experience working in a hospital environment will start work as soon as possible.

Everyone involved was optimistic about the opening date, being late summer or early fall 2002. "If it is sooner, it will be a bonus!" noted Mr. Rodier, "We will continue to be ready as we respond to the required turnaround time. The equipment will be here when you need it," he said to the patients in attendance.

Mr Rodier brought this portion of the meeting to an end as he said, "We are celebrating a very important project for you, for your community and this hospital which is much closer than ever. We are fully committed to this and will keep you posted on developments as they happen."

Then, he, Brian Mann and Dwayne Holmes cut the commemorative cake and encouraged everyone to try a piece in celebration of a dream come true, thanks to a caring community.

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The South Edwardsburgh Recreation Association was pleased to give council back $6,500 of the funds at their December 3 meeting.

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