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Chieftain Photo by Rebecca Comfort

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Seaway District High School Junior Girls Volleyball Team set an important precedent for the Senior Boys Basketball Team, who were set for the SD&G Basketball finals the same afternoon, by working together as a strong team unit and coming out on top.

SDHS hosted the SD&G volleyball play down tournament. Teams played elimination games to earn a shot at the SD&G title. The girls semi-final match-up was against the Char-Lan Crusaders. High school volleyball now uses the rally point system, where they play to 25 and points and score regardless of which team is serving. The team winning the best of three sets would play in the finals.

Both teams were prepared to battle for the championship opportunity, trading points back and forth in a tight match-up. The Crusaders came out on top on the first set 25-21.

Losing the first set was a wake-up call for the Seaway girls who showed great resolve in the second set. Seaway trounced the Crusaders 25-13 in the second set and never looked back, taking the third set 25-18 as well, winning a spot in the finals to battle Tagwi who earned the other spot in the finals.

The finals would be a best of five sets match up. Seaway's girls came out strong putting the first point on the board and leading for most of the first set. Tagwi put up a fight and chipped away at the Seaway lead until they pulled even, and ahead of the home town girls. Seaway's coach Heidi van de Glind called a time out to give the girls a chance to regroup. The girls came out of the huddle regaining their composure and tying the set at 22.

The Tagwi coach used the same tactic calling a time out hoping to slow down Seaway's momentum, but the girls would not lose their momentum, and would not forget their game plan, pulling out the win in the first set 25-22.

The second set saw Tagwi jump to an early lead, on the strength of some accurate serving down the lines that fooled the Seaway players for a few points. Seaway rallied back tying the game at 7. Tagwi wouldn't give up easily and rallied to a small lead. At this point the Seaway girls made the extra effort to come together as a team, and as a team they were too much for Tagwi, rallying for the lead themselves.

A Tagwi time out temporarily broke the girls momentum, but getting back to making it a team effort Seaway's team play dominated the set, adding point after point, winning the second set 25-18.

Only one set away from the SD&G Championship the girls played with extreme confidence in the third set. Tagwi could no longer keep up the pace. Seaway downed Tagwi in the third set to win the championship.

Seaway's Athletic Director Irv Francis presented the championship medals and trophy to the

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N. D. Council Chamber moves on down the road

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

North Dundas Council moved to their new home before the last council meeting. Though the entire township offices will be relocated in early spring, the council was forced to move their meetings earlier to allow the renovation of the former council chambers for the new tenants, the Dundas Family Resource Centre. The novelty of the new chambers lasted a short time as reporters were given a quick tour, but council was ready to get back to business, in the absence of the mayor, wanting to get through the agenda.

OPP Report

Sgt. Linda Bootsma presented council with her report which contained comparison figures between this year and last, as requested by Councillor Roger Cole. Cole made note of the number of alarm calls which is up from 20 to 34, asking how many were false alarms. Bootsma said that she would be safe in saying that "ninety-nine to a hundred percent were false alarms," including both business and residential calls. Council is concerned with the costs associated with all of these false alarm calls. Bootsma said that there is a program in place where after three false alarms with in the same period the owner receives notice that they alarm calls are no longer a priority when a call is received, but they will get to it. Councillor Keith Fawcett asked if there is a financial charge in place for these calls. Bootsma said that she has heard of that in Ottawa, but there is nothing in place here, and a bylaw could be put in place if council sees fit.

Chesterville Lions Seek Donation

The Chesterville Lions Club are having a heritage mural painted to be erected on the side of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Chesterville. The 12 x 50' mural is being painted now by several artists, and will be unveiled May 4, 2002. They are seeking a donation from council towards the mural as they have fallen $2000 short of their $8000 fund-raising goal. Councillor Cole offered the Lions his "congratulations for taking on the project" and said that "the decision on funding would have to be deferred until budget time."

Councillor Gail Parker asked council if, "we could help them

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Iroquois-Home of SD&G Basketball Champions

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Seaway's boys basketball program, is one of the best around and the evidence of that is yet another championship title. This season the senior boys played to a record of 30 wins and 5 losses. The semi-final game was set with the North Dundas District High School Devils coming to Iroquois to meet the Spartans for a right to play in the championship game.

The Spartans hit the court with a quick pace and jumped to a healthy lead in the first quarter, but let it slowly slip away in the second. The Spartans got themselves into some foul trouble and the Devils pulled to within 5 points at the half. The Spartans game started to get a little sloppy and they forgot their game plan while they had the comfortable lead.

Coming out of the locker room the guys continued with their sloppy play, and Coach Mark Lewis used a few time outs early in the third quarter to get his guys back on track, calmed down, and playing their game. Lewis was successful, and after the series of time outs the Spartans quickly regained a strong lead.

The guys never lost their composure once they had regained it and lead all the way through the fourth quarter, constantly draining baskets and adding to their lead. The Devils started to show their frustration and got themselves in some foul trouble late in the game. Through patience, hard work, eliminating turnovers, making some nice steals, and sticking to their game plan the Spartans won their way into the SD&G finals 71-59, and won the right to host the General Vanier Vikings for the title.

In the finals Seaway jumped to an early lead doubling the Vikings effort in the first quarter. Not wanting to be embarrassed by the Spartans the Vikings put on some intense pressure around the net picking up rebounds and playing an extremely rough game. Both teams were warned by the referee that he would not tolerate the rough playing saying, "there's no need for that, we're going to have a clean game." The Spartans used their patience and talent to wait for their opportunities to put up points, and lead 34-21 at half time.

After the half the Vikings started to chip away at the lead as Seaway starting taking a lot of fouls, but the Spartans managed to maintain their lead and were up 44-31 at the end of the third quarter. The Vikings called a time out with 1:41 remaining in the game to try and regroup and slow down the momentum the Spartans had gained as the game wound down. By the time the buzzer sounded Seaway was the champions with a decisive 65-44 win over the GV Vikings.

Seaway Athletic Director Irv Francis presented the hardware to the SD&G Basketball Champion Seaway Spartans. Francis praised the Vikings for their hard work, and "run and gun style of play." Francis also noted that this championship is of special importance because "nine of the eleven guys are leaving next year." Francis also mentioned the Senior's record of 30 wins and 5 losses on the season, saying that, "that is a lot of basketball and someone has dedicated a lot of their personal time, and that person is Mark Lewis the driving force behind the team." Lewis was quick to defer credit for the effort to the players saying that "they did all the work."

These senior boys are a true product of Seaway's excellent basketball program. They started in grade nine as midgets and went up through the ranks with a great deal of success and hard work along the way. On hearing that most of the senior team

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Networking Hospitals- *What it means for WDMH*

by Kim MacLennan

Following the restructuring of healthcare in Ontario by the Health Services Restructuring Commission a few years ago, small rural hospitals were encouraged to form linkages with other hospitals to ensure that those who need healthcare services receive seamless top quality care in a cost-effective manner. Winchester District Hospital belongs to the Eastern Ontario Valley Hospital Network 7b, which links Winchester to the Hawksbury and District General Hospital and the Ottawa Hospital.

Through this network, WDMH keeps its' own local board and autonomy, but our CEO, Mr. Andre Rodier is shared with Hawksbury and is also a Vice-President at The Ottawa Hospital. In this way each hospital retains its' independence, but it is also aware of what is occurring throughout the region and also has the opportunity to work together with the other hospitals to propose new programs and services. A good example of this is the Satellite Dialysis project which will begin soon here in Winchester.

To help Network 7b develop to its full potential, a Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) has been formed consisting of one board member, one Chief of Staff and one CEO from each hospital. In addition to building new healthcare partnerships, the purpose of the JAC is to analyze healthcare data to see how people in our community are using Winchester District Hospital and The Ottawa Hospital to meet their healthcare needs and to explore if more services can be delivered locally. Repatriation (allowing patients to receive more services locally or to be brought back to their community following treatment or surgery at another hospital) means that WDMH patients will be able to be cared for closer to home!

Network 7b is in its early stages of development. The JAC will continue to investigate networking opportunities with The

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Brinston girl killed near Hallville

Shortly after 8:30am on Feb. 22, members of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry OPP were called to the scene of a motor vehicle collision which had occurred along County Road 41, approximately 2 km north of the Hamlet of Hallville.

A 1987 Pontiac had been north bound on County Road #1, passing another vehicle, when it slid out of control, entering the east ditch and striking a tree.

The driver, and lone occupant, Rachel Zandbergen, age 17, of Brinston, Ontario received fatal injuries as a result of this collision.

Technical Traffic Collision Investigators from the OPP have been called in to assist with the investigation.

Speed, road conditions and driver experience are all considered to be contributing factors in the collision.



SD&G Basketball Champions

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Neil Edwards, Jason Locke, James Morrell, Jon Bilodeau, Casey Strong, Trevor Hanes (back l-r), Zach Murphy, Matt Peters, Brian Law, James Delegarde, and Bryan Groniger (front l-r) are the members of the SD&G Senior Boys Champion Basketball Team. All of the boys except for Neil and Brian are in their last year at Seaway, making this championship a special one.

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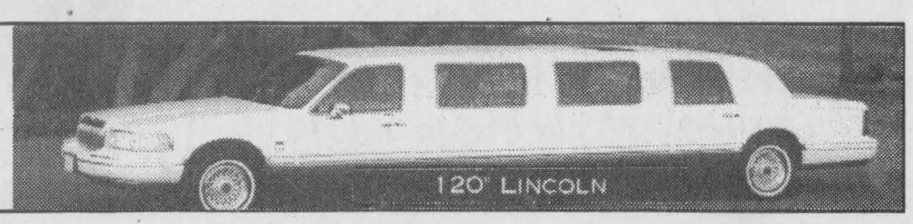

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The home is the setting for another critical set of Red Cross Services. Under Home Support Services, Red Cross Homemakers provide personal care and home management for over 3000 families and individuals. This assistance helps them maintain their independence & dignity during times of disability and illness.

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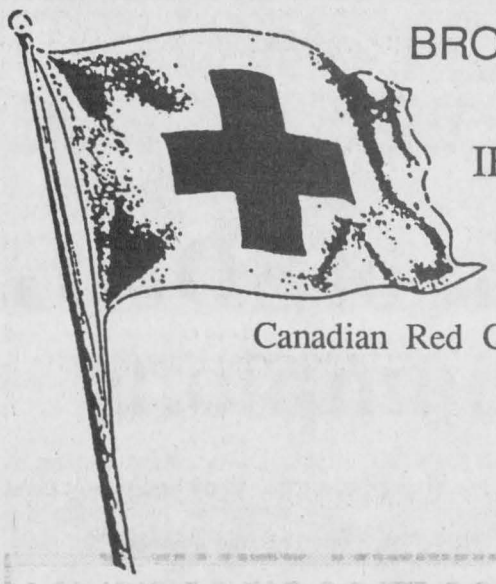

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Update on door to door hydro sales

Grenville County O.P.P. have received several inquiries as to the legitimacy of door to door solicitation of Hydro Products, including electricity, natural gas and long distance. The majority of the complaints have occurred after a representative had visited residences in the late evening hours.

After speaking with a representative from Ontario Hydro Energy Inc. the public should be aware of the following:

Each representative should have an identification badge and be wearing a reflective Ontario Hydro Energy identified vest.

When offering products they should be willing to leave any information they have available with you to view at your convenience.

There is no pressure to sign any contract on that particular visit or at anytime, there will be many different offers prior to the deregulation of electricity providers.

Representatives are trained to work between the hours of 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you have an issue with the time of their visit, simply request a brochure, then call and speak with a customer service representative.

Always request to see identification from anyone at your door. It is mandatory as part of a retailers licence that all agents wear photo identification. Always note down the name and badge number of the sales person at the door **before** you listen to what they have to say.

The sale of unregulated commodity contracts in a deregulated electricity market which is scheduled to open May 1, 2002 is legitimate, but remember signing a contract is for the commodity portion of your electricity bill only (approx 40-50% of your total bill) and does not include the transportation, distribution, ancillary services or debt charges that are passed on to you from your local distribution company. Any sales person, especially from Ontario Hydro Energy which has a no tolerance policy on the issue, should be willing to assist you in understanding the terms and all of the conditions in the contract without forcing you to sign.

Ontario Hydro Energy chose the strategy of going door to door to help consumers make an informed choice in deciding on their commodity supplier. If you have any questions, agents are trained to answer them.

If you have any doubts; DON'T SIGN ANYTHING.

Twenty years dedication recognized

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

She was not expecting anything special. Monday, February 18, 2002 was just another workday for Thompson TIM-BR Mart employee Joyce Bartholomew. She had her coat on, her purse over her shoulder and she was heading out. Jamie Thompson and Ken Hasson suggested she might want to wait a few minutes... she decided to even though she had no clue why this request had been made. The newspaper showed up and she began to wonder. The customers cleared out of the store after being served and the presentation began. As fellow employees looked on, Ken spoke on everyone's behalf, "I remember back to February 1982 when Don (Thompson) suggested that he might have a young lady in mind to come onboard to handle the secretarial duties. Up to this time the business had been without such a position. He mentioned a Joyce Bartholomew. When he added that she was one of the pretty Smollette girls from town, everyone agreed to give her a chance to prove herself behind the desk in the office. Don had the task of breaking her in, since things had to be done to his specs and so she might as well get into the right groove from the start. Joyce kept coming to work each day, continued to smile and enhanced the workplace in general. I am sure Joyce has seen quite a few changes during her 20 years with us. Staffing has grown with her help from 4 to 14 as sales escalated as well. Joyce has not only managed to become a very well respected part of our team, but also a top notch secretary. Keeping us and our customers in line, Joyce ensures everything runs smoothly."

On a personal note, Ken added, "May I say again, Joyce it has been and continues to be a pleasure to work with you."

Then Jamie spoke in glowing terms of a lady who has done a great job for the company over the past 20 years. "Best of luck in the next twenty years, Joyce!" said Jamie.

Then as Ken presented Joyce with tokens of appreciation for a job well done, including a beautiful Anniversary Clock and Jamie handed her a gift certificate which gives her a choice of a day trip with Byers Limousine Service to a location of choice and dinner for two at a place of her choice as well, she accepted in her shy manner. They thanked her for her dedication and offered her their hearty congratulations. Everyone joined in to wish her the best as she heads into the next twenty years.

The Chieftain joins the TIM-BR Mart team at Thompsons in wishing her the best in the future and congratulations!



Twenty Years and Counting

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Ken Hasson and Jamie Thompson take time to congratulate Joyce Bartholomew for 20 years of dedicated service at Thompson Tim-br Mart. She accepts her Anniversary Clock and gift certificate for a trip with Byers Limo Service. Everyone at the business wished her well.

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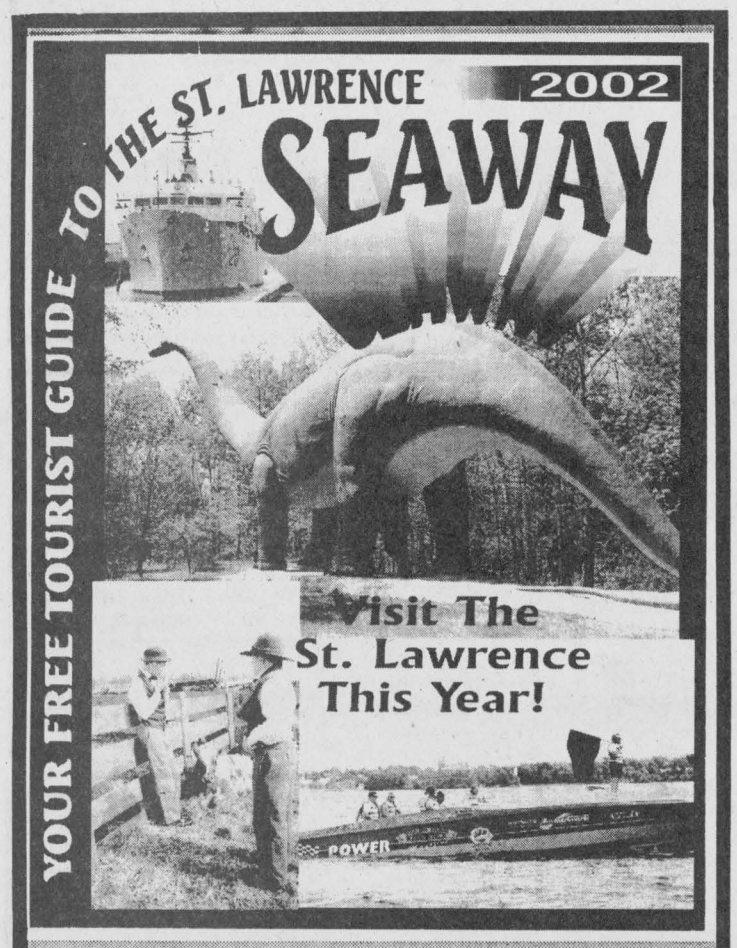

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Excellent Mural response

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Heritage Project Coordinator Kirsten Gardner was given the opportunity to set up a display at the Cornwall Square Mall for a weekend. For the second year in a row Gardner jumped at the chance. "It is a great opportunity to showcase South Dundas," explained Gardner. This year Gardner set up a display with the murals taking centre stage. She was unable to get the maquettes for the display but made due with some pictures she had.

She was surprised at how unaware people in the Cornwall area are of South Dundas and all the great tourist attractions it has to offer. From the positive response Gardner received she predicted that "a lot of people will come to South Dundas to see the murals."

Gardner's excitement about the mural project is not waning. "Murals are public art, they're huge, they can't be ignored, and their appeal is so multi-faceted." Between the positive response she has received about the murals and new venue for the fourth annual antique festival optimism about the coming tourist season is ever increasing.

CRIME STOPPERS

Each week Crime Stoppers spotlights a crime that has been committed in the area. Crime Stoppers would like to remind you that we need information on all crimes not just the crime of the week. Counterfeit money has been appearing in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry often involving the new ten dollar bills.

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It took fifty long years, but we did it in style!

The Canadian Olympic hockey teams were indeed golden and the men even won their first gold medal in fifty years on the exact same day that the Calgary Mercurys won the last gold medal for this country at the Olympics. The gals came through in style and a blaze of golden glory. They were penalized in a game against the USA, on American ice, by an American referee for enough minutes to make up a complete period of play and despite such drawbacks were able to maintain their focus and play the game we here in the Great White North call our own as they knew they were capable of doing...and they conquered all!

Canadians were overflowing with pride as more of us than ever in the history of the CBC watched the end to end action as Canada and the USA battled for the gold. When the score remained close it was debated whether our million dollar boys could pull out a win over a tough American opponent. When the final seconds were counted down and the win was certain, the camera flashed to Wayne Gretzsky, as the Great One hauled out his cell and made a call. The funny part was the zillion dollar question was "Who was he calling?" and the amazing answer was to a radio announcer in Ottawa who was live on the air and a good friend of the Great One.

The Olympics brought fame and fortune to many athletes as Canadian young people amassed more medals than ever brought to this country.

While more tube potatoes watched curling since we were favourites for gold on both the women and mens' side of the ice, learning to appreciate the sport and the dedication of those who pursue it, disappointment showed on their faces and in the tones used to speak about them. There is nothing shameful about silver or bronze people! Thank of all who tried their very best and came away home with nothing to show but a personal best or a pat on the back from relatives and friends who saw the preparation.

The speed skating was another area where many watched for perhaps the first time to be astounded at the ability of our skaters. Marc Gagnon came home wearing two gold and a bronze which he shared with the other men on the relay team. The gals wore bronze after their relay, silver came back with Veronica Brenner in freestyle skiing, Deidra Dionne in aerials also won silver, Almost unheard of for Canada a bronze for Beckle Scott in cross country skiing, free prusuit.. Catrina Le May Doan was golden while Clara Hughes and Cindy Klassen were bronze in long track skating. How many of these names are common to any of us? These people train and work to get to the Olympic plateau and if they reach the podium we acknowledge them and their achievements. If they miss by one-one-hundreths of a second, we may never hear their names at all. Each person at such an event deserves to be acknowledged. There is no doubt that hockey is a spectator sport which is enjoyed by many even when not at the Olympics,but the other sports are not to be forgotten. Often the unassuming, the athlete who is not expected to be great comes through in the pinch and the Olympics seems to bring out skill and endurance not suspected. The athletes are not fully aware of what they can accomplish until they are put to the toughest test, the Olympics is that test.

It was fun to watch the girls play against such odds, as they continued to come back, never giving up as though they knew something we did not. The men put on a terrific show, and those who saw when Super Mario went to the bench to settle his team after the USA forged ahead, suggesting they keep the drive alive, encouraging them to greater heights could appreciate why he wore the C on his jersey. The little dance Broder did when he realized they had won and figured no one was watching him.

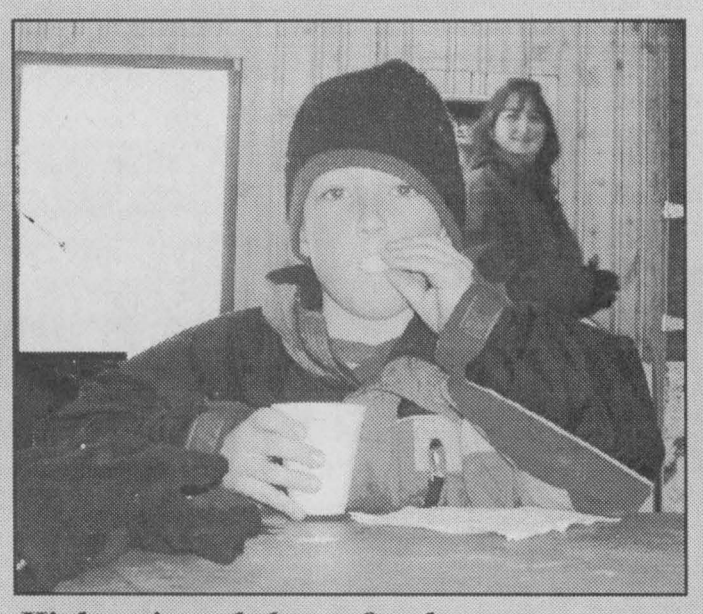
What about the controversy created when our pair skaters were knocked to silver after skating the better performance? Sale and Pelletier finally got their due as gold medals were presented to them, but will the judging change? Only time will tell!!

Perhaps the best part of the Olympics is how it brings the people of a country togther, like nothing else seems to be able to.The world would not stop turning if we had been beaten by the USA and awarded the silver medal, but it became vital to win. Canadian singer songwirter, Paul Brandt penned a tune to express his feelings towards Team Canada. (Download at www.click2music.ca/paulbrandt).

Wear that Canadian Maple Leaf with pride!

S.L.J.

Fun Day At South Mountain



Kirk enjoyed the refreshments



Eating snow kept Rachel busy



Big kids joined the fun



A tricky obstacle course



Tobogganing was a favorite



Skilled shooters

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Reading weeks give students a break

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Zandbergen family this week in the loss of their daughter, sister, cousin, granddaughter, niece and friend who was taken accidentally.

We also acknowledge a friend, Pat who slipped and will be laid up with a broken hip for some three months. We will be by to cheer you. Rest and repair those bones, girl!

Both sons have what are called "Reading Weeks" or "Study Weeks" and in actuality are like March Break early. The University kid was home last week and although time was to be set aside to spend with him, it was not as much as hoped for. He brought the girlfriend home for the week and they took the time to rest and rejuvenate their energy. They spent time with former high school friends also home for the break and we enjoyed a delightful dinner out with some new friends. We try to get to the Japanese Village each March Break, this time it was the Village Antique Tea Room in Williamsburg. Always one to try something new, to step one beyond, I tried the Ostrich meat which was on the menu. It has been eaten a long time ago and the taste that was presented on this evening was terrific. Speaking of presentation, the desserts were decatant, loads of chocolate and such a cute way to enjoy it!!

The kids took back a starter for the Amish Bread which they will bake and enjoy. Since young people would not have some of the ingredients in their cupboard, we sent small containers of baking soda, baking powder, sugar and flour, enough to make the recipe anyway. Two loaf pans went along as well. They gave a ride to another young man who needed a ride to the Lift Lock City, so they had company to make the trip go faster.

Watching the Olympics was on the agenda for each of us as we followed the various events, cheered for Canada when entries were from our country and just had fun watching together. Shopping and grabbing those items necessary for the next few months at school was also among the plans. The big guy and the writer hope to be able to go and see son number two play goal for his University team during the high school, March Break. We will take some more food and the t-shirts he forgot and grab the movie camera which we will need before he comes home this spring. He has been grabbing shots from the hockey games so we can see him at his finest. Hopefully if we make it up west we will not bring him any bad luck.

Snow was cleared by the son while at home after the dumping we received. He started his snowmobile but did not venture out with it unsure of the strength of the snow base. Piles of washing were accomplished and the ironing almost completed in time. A couple of t-shirts were left behind in the confusion of packing to return to Peterborough tho'!

Heading back on Saturday in case Sunday weather was not great, (Better safe than sorry! and his nagging mom did not even have to suggest this) they called when they arrived to let the old mum know, so she could stop worrying. It was good to have them home for the week, we sure miss them now. It always takes a bit of time to adjust again after they are gone. It was very nice having them at home, and we shared some pretty good moments, which will hold us until they are home for Easter.

The college kid is off on his break this week and he and his girlfriend have headed west to visit friends in St. Catherines and Toronto for the week. They worked on assignments which are due as the break comes to an end and to ensure they get them handed in on time, they worked the first part of their Break then grabbed the train and never looked back I am sure. They return on Sunday and we will pick them up at the station that afternoon.

How about this screwy weather? It looks a lot like spring, snow melting quickly and grass showing everywhere, in fact some sugar bush owners are tapping their tress as the sap has begun to run, and it is still February. Red Winged Blackbirds were spotted on the Upper Third Concession (English Road now) in Matilda and they are a sure sign of spring!! Our poor feathered friends cannot decide whether to unpack or keep the warm clothes on! The dampness continues to

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the bottom line

CIRCLE, SATURDAY, MARCH 9 ON YOUR CALENDAR. THAT DAY THERE will be a "Turkey and Ham " Shoot at the Iroquois Legion, Branch 370 on Dundas Street. Registration will take place from 11am until 11:45 am with action getting underway at 12 noon. Prizes, Draws and loads of fun will greet all who enter. The canteen will be open in case the munchies grab you and all proceeds will go to the 1st Iroquois Scouts Canada. A great way to have fun and help the youth of our town at the same time.

A LAKESHORE DRIVE RESIDENT CALLED THE CHIEFTAIN ON TUESDAY to let us know she has noticed that the Pussy Willows are out, a sure sign of spring. Another sign is the arrival of Red Winged Blackbirds on English Road west this week. Anyone seen a Robin yet??

CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT THIS WEEK TO THE SEAWAY DISTRICT Sports Department on a job well done as two teams, one gals and the other guys brought home the gold. Both playing on the courts, one Volleyball the other Basketball, both did themselves, their school and their coaches proud as they won their finals. Way to go for sure, we are all proud of your accomplishments!!

THE IROQUOIS MATILDA LIONS CLUB MEMBERS HAVE BEGUN WORK on their upcoming play, "Murder Most Fouled-Up" by Nikki Harmon. This comedy is not to be missed and if the track record of the Club is anything to go by, it is a sure fire hit! Promising loads of laughter and an entertaining evening as well, the Lions will perform four shows including a Saturday matinee at Upper Canada Playhouse. The dates are May 2,3 and 4, so mark them on your calendar so you don't miss the show of the year. The Lions are pleased that Wendy Gibb has once again agreed to direct the show which will feature members and their wives.

THE FOLKS ASSOCIATED WITH D.I.A.M.O.N.D.S. THROUGH A TRILLIUM grant will open the former Lock Masters House at Point Iroquois this summer. President Don Graham along with the Board of Directors welcomes everyone to attend an Open House at the new St. Lawrence Seaway Interpretive Centre at the former Lock Masters House, Iroquois Point on Wednesday, March 13 from 2 to 8pm. Come and learn what plans are being completed for the house. Take Carman Road to the Locks, turn left at the first junction after Boathouse Road, and then right to the big house on the point.

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Livin'

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play havoc with my glands and arthritis. Swelling remains and pain strikes like a knife. Joints scream and a headache continues to plague the old editor. If it would just be winter and remain cold, things might improve.

How about Canada's two hockey teams, gals and guys both winning GOLD? Some great plays, up against heavy odds and yet they came through. They played with style and grace and they beat the USA on home ice, what more could fans ask for? I know I enjoyed both games, since we taped them and viewed them when we were home, except for the men's game which we were glued to for the entire match. The speed skating is another fav for us to watch, the short track stuff is particularly fun to see, but the long track is good as well and we enjoyed them all, especially when those Canadian skaters came across the line either winning or posting a personal best. The closing ceremony was pretty special as only the US can do it and it always brings a tear to these old eyes when the games are over. It must be awesome to be at the games and experience them, the atmosphere and the people, surely something to be a part of. I am lucky enough to have a hockey sweater signed by the whole Canada Sledge Hockey team who play later in March at the Para-Olympics and I wore it throughout the game. I will watch these games as well, cheering for my new friend Todd who is Captain of the squad. It is funny to return to regular shows during the interim between the two Games. Actually they should run them back to back and include them as one big Olympic Game.

The vehicles have all been washed, at least the salt is off them and hopefully they will not rust too badly if we keep washing that damaging stuff off.

The girlfriend at Trent has a major project coming up on The Kiss of the Spider Woman and since this was seen by some of us at the NAC we located some material for her to use. The trick is that she will do it in Spanish, she is a linguist. We help when we can and wish her luck.

Walking in this weather is nice, I will admit. As we strut along the road, hoping to get into some sort of better shape, we are also cutting down at the table and look forward to feeling better when we drop the excess pounds. The bicycle can soon come out of the basement and this too will help with the program.

Congrats to Joyce at Thompsons TIM-BR Mart on celebrating 20 years of service to her job. Well done and where indeed does the time go? You hardly look twenty!! Enjoy your gifts.

Since this week is filled with writing for the Senior Tab the fingers are just about beat and so I will bid each of you "Adieu" for another week.

Take care and watch the ice as the rains come and the temps fall at night slippery is the word. The wisdom this week comes from Clare Boothe Luce who said, "A man's home may seem to be his castle on the outside;inside it is more like his nursery."

Gold

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Seaway Junior Girls for the Volleyball Championship, remarking on their effort, "the girls played as a team and had fun." Francis also called the day "a day of firsts," this is the first time Seaway has their name on the Junior Girls championship trophy, and it is especially impressive because it is with a new, first time coach who had an amazing chemistry with her team. Coach Heidi van de Glind said that, " all the girls showed extreme leadership, dedication, and teamwork. It was a joy to coach this team."

N. Dundas

Continued from the Front

before budget time" as it is not usually until June, which is after the completion of the mural. Parker suggested that the money could be taken out of the Chesterville reserves as "it is a small amount and we could give them the go ahead now." John Edgerton of the Lions kindly pointed out that the project is going ahead regardless of council's decision. Councillor Cole said that "I don't mind going ahead with the funding, but it might set a precedent, I hate to have some get money and others be deferred, we should treat everyone fairly." Council and the Lions representatives agreed, and a decision will be made at budget time.

Big Dreams for the Winchester Library

Rudy Denham, the SD&G County Librarian presented her "big dreams" for the Winchester Branch to Council. The library is expected to rent the upstairs portion of what will be the former township building, and presented their use of the space to council for consideration in the renovation process. Winchester has the third highest circulation in SD&G, but the 3rd smallest space, so it is clear that something needs to be done. The branch is hoping that a move to the former township office will be the key to their expansion, and upgrade.

The township office is about 2500 square feet while their current dwelling is about 800 square feet and Denham wants to see all of that space allocated to the library. Her reasoning is that "the library needs to expand with the population, so it's not too much space." Denham presented detailed drawings of how the space would be used saying that "libraries require open space for security, monitoring and supervision" the plan would also see more space allocated for computer usage, and room to use as a meeting place.

There has been some discussion that a couple of the current offices could be kept and shared between the library and the township. Denham deemed this prospect unacceptable, as it would make the library space too small. North Dundas Council will pay for the renovations necessary to get the library into the facility so they ultimately have the final say.

Councillor Fawcett was in favour of keeping the offices that were renovated only four years ago, not seeing the reasoning behind going so big. Denham did not agree and Councillor Cole backed her proposal saying that "we should bite the bullet and go on with the project." Councillor Armstrong agreed with Cole, pointing out that the township "has more conference space than we would ever need, so I don't see the purpose in keeping it."

When the decision was put to a vote Councillor Fawcett was out voted and accepted Denham's design and will make arrangements to facilitate the move and proceed to tender.

Recreation Report

Matt Krisjanis presented his recreation report to council, with some ideas and concerns. He asked council to consider the purchase of a skyjack, which they agreed to do. Tenders for renovations to the former council chambers were received and awarded so that the tenants (Dundas Family Resource Centre) can move in by their target date of March 1/02.

Some concern about the Skating Club was also addressed. Council had previously approved renovations at the skating club in Winchester, but they did not agree to give them any money for the renovations, and they asked for none. Now they are asking for a donation from council for the project, going against policy, and putting council in a tough position. Discussion ended at this point.

Emergency Response Seminar

W.J. Shearing has asked council to share expenses for him to attend an emergency response seminar. Initially council seemed agreeable, until some doubt was raised by Councillor Fawcett. He is a private individual running a private business, and council wondered if they would be setting a precedent by supporting him. Councillor Armstrong said that, "he is giving us his service, his service is not free but he wants us to help him keep his training up to date."

Councillor Cole disagreed with this argument by saying that, "he may up his fees to cover such costs if we do not support him," reasoning that, "legislation is changing and he has to keep up with them."

Councillor Fawcett asked for a recorded vote. Councillors Cole, Schoones, Fawcett, and Deputy Mayor Runnalls voted in favour of sharing expenses for the seminar. Councillors Rose, Parker, Sloane, and Armstrong voted against the aid. Without Mayor Cousineau present the vote remained a tie and a tie vote is a lost vote, so the motion was defeated. Council will not share expenses for the emergency response seminar.

Basketball

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would be leaving Francis was asked how he felt about the future of basketball at Seaway, and a confident Francis said, "our basketball players are well prepared for both the junior and senior levels, and we are optimistic about next year."

Hospital

Continued from the Front

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Darts for Hearts Donation

Steve Thompson accepts a cheque from Iroquois Legion President Darlene Riddell. The $1162 was donated to the Dundas Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Association (Steve is Chair). It was proceeds from Darts for Hearts, another success hosted at Branch 370.

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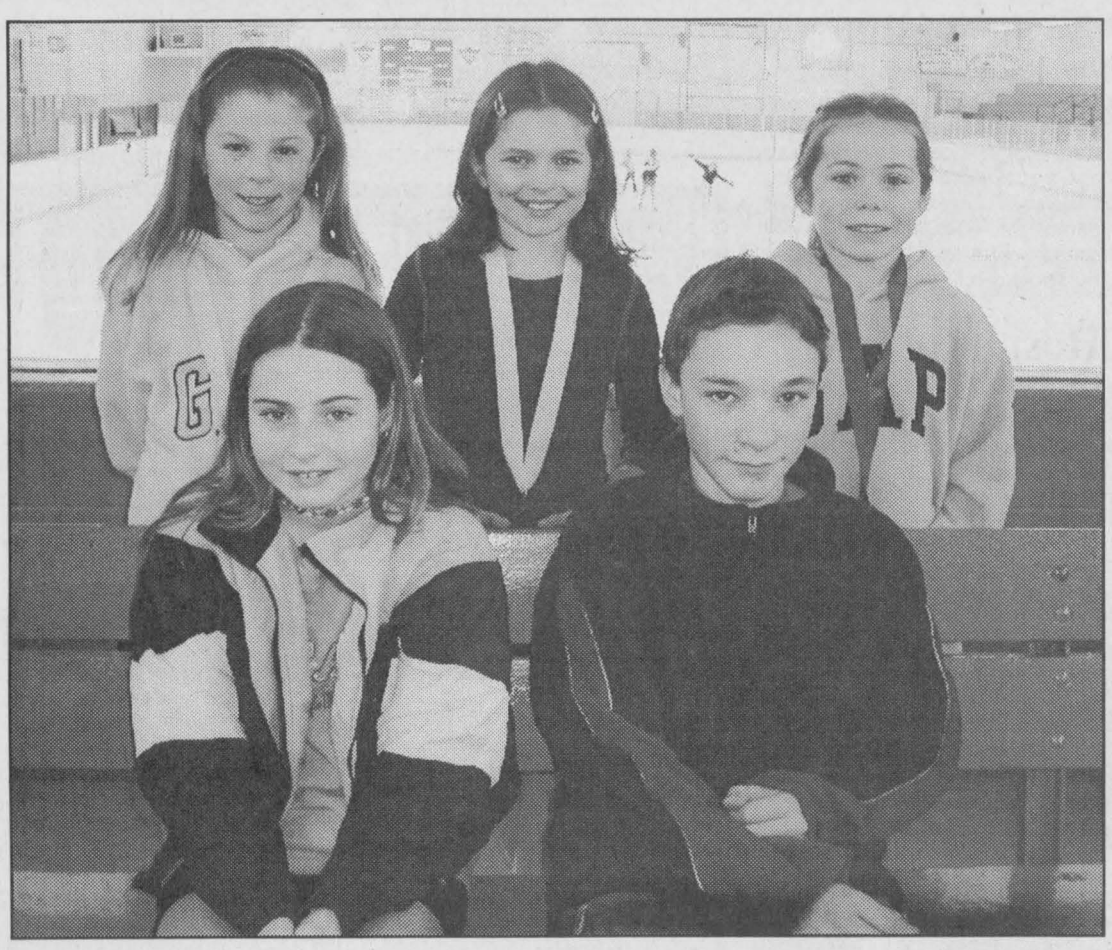

Prescott Invitational Winners

Amy Veltkamp, Megan Adams, Jessica Thompson (back l-r), Courtney Thompson and Cameron Keicks (front) all did extremely well representing the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club at the Prescott Invitational Competition January 19 and 20, 2002. Megan and Amy skated together to a first place finish, Megan also received third in individual competition. Jessica and Courtney Thompson placed third and forth respectively, and Cameron was ranked second for his Artistic program.

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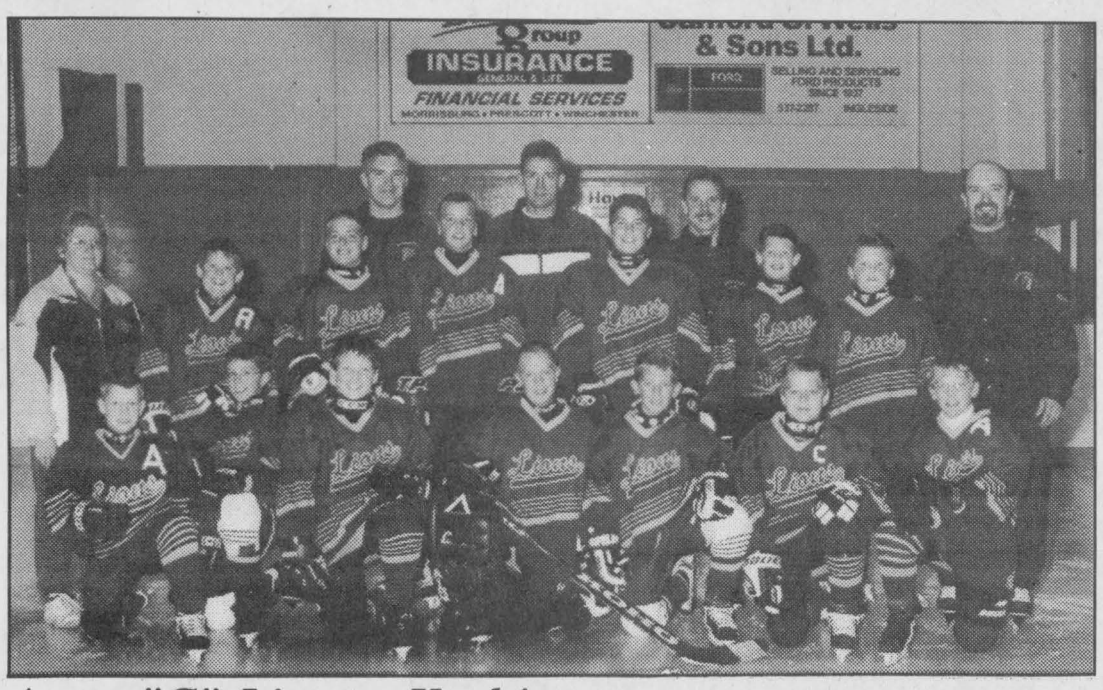

Atom "C" Lions - Yeah!

A winning combo of talent and skill added to great coaching from the bench produced winners. In back are; Andy Thomas (trainer), Scott Corden and Bill Morrow (assistant coaches), and Mitch Hutt (coach); middle; Drew Hutt, Patrick Chesbro, Nathan McDonell, Evan Harper, Connor Hodgson, Tyler Stewart, front; Nick Thomas, Thomas Corden, Spencer Peters, Lucas Stewart, Brad Munro, Michel Thurler, and Drew Morrow.

Cardinal team four on top of Interbranch Dart League

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Cardinal hosted the darters on Thursday evening last and one of their own teams sits atop the standings this week. Cardinal Team Four earned 190 points, with Iroquois Team 5 in second with 169 points. Close on their darts is Prescott Team 1 who have 167 points. Iroquois Team 7 have 146 points to claim fourth spot over all. In fifth place this week is Prescott Team 6 with 134 points followed by Cardinal Team 2 who hang tight with 126 points. Iroquois Team 8 have 118 points and in the cellar is Prescott Team 9 with 90 points.

Winning three or more games is a great way to dart and this week an Iroquois lad, Bill Hutt is leading the way with 5 games won. Winning four games we see Glen Adams. Bill Walter also won 4 games. Three-game winners include Jake Summerfield, David Haynes, Toby Summerfield, Darren Tyo and Ross Polite.

Highscores this week were earned by Bill Hutt (180, 125x2), Tom Beach (1441, 140), Ste[illegible] MacMillan (140, 121), Mark MacDonald (140, 121), Bob Juby (140), Rick Sayeau (140), David Haynes (139x2, 131), Duane Kirker (136, 121), Frank Russell (133), Stear Lear (132), Wayne Bellinger (132), Cecil Tyo (127, 121, Darren Tyo (127), Jake Summerfield (125x2), Tony Easter (125), Brad Baynham (125) and Jamie Murphy (121).

Senior men curl well in the Sullivan Trophy competition

by Steve Thompson

Congratulations to our men's and women's team who did so well at the Olympics. Expectations were high, but Canada is no longer the dominant power in this sport.Kelley Law was disappointed at being limited to the bronze medal, but acquitted herself well under tremendous pressure after finishing first in round robin competition. Kevin Martin, who also finished first, showed more class after missing the gold medal by an inch in his last draw in the final than the Canadian reporter who shoved a microphone in his face after the loss. His cross-examination of Martin over his continued 'Failure' in international play was tasteless. Our Olympic curlers and our other athletes at the Games did an incredible job, and brought home medals out of proportion to our size as a country.

The Scott Tournament of Hearts is under way, with Saskatchewan's Anderson, Ontario's Middaugh and world champion Colleen Jones' Team Canada looking in the early going like teams to beat.

Locally, Morrisburg senior men loomed large in last Wednesday's Sullivan Trophy competition here. In the annual four club, two-rink competition with Russell, Metcalfe and Winchester, both our teams made it to the evening finals. Jack Dikland, Wally McDonald, Dwight Gilmer and Al Gowanlock lost their first game to the Scrivens rink from Metcalfe but bounced back in the afternoon to defeat Winchester's Casselman foursome. In the 'B' final, Russell's strong Bowles team defeated our men to win. Don O'Brien, Neil Williams, Tony Toonders and Charles Farlinger defeated Winchester's Vasey rink in their first game, overpowered the Bathurst team from Metcalfe in the afternoon, and won the trophy in the 'A' final that night, conquering the Louck's quartet from Russell to win the trophy. Congratulations to our champions, and to Wally McDonald who, with his team of volunteers, kept the busy day on track.

On Tuesday, Morrisburg hosted the Ontario Senior Games Eastern Finals in mixed curling. Two local teams faced off against Winchester and Cornwall. Don O'Brien, Cheryl Thompson, Jack Dikland and Betty Locke lost to the Riviere foursome from Cornwall, but defeated Winchester's MacGregor team in the afternoon to win the bronze medal. Bob Bedington, Alice Thompson, Tony Toonders and Eleanor Allison defeated the Winchester team in the morning, and won the gold medals after lunch as they knocked off the powerful Cornwall foursome with Bob's two perfect draws in the last end to control the butto[illegible] Congratulations to o[illegible] champions.

In a referendum last week, Club members decided to leave our smoking policy as it is, with an area near the 'smoke zapper' for those who enjoy the habit. Eventually all public buildings in Ontario will be smoke free, but until then our few smokers won't have to shiver outside the door while the rest of us hug ourselves inside the Club, rejoicing in our righteous purity. Good curling!

Kings finish in fourth place

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Despite finishing their regular season with a tie and a loss, the Major Atom Kings clinched fourth place and will have home ice advantage against the Nepean Raiders. The Kings will begin the playoffs Saturday, March 2 in Spencerville.

The Kings travelled to Ottawa on February 20th to play the Gloucester Rangers. The Kings ended up on the wrong end of a 6-2 final. The Rangers dominated the Kings all season long, by defeating them in all four regular season match ups. Scoring for the Kings was Cole Weedmark and Jeremy Medaglia. Assisting on the goals were Colin MacLean, Cody Hache and Brodie Boulanger. Adam Wyatt played a strong game despite picking up the loss.

Thanks to Mr. Mozzarella as game sponsor.

The Kings played their last home game on Saturday, February 23 against Eastern Ontario Cobras. The Kings needed a win or a tie to clinch fourth place and they earned just that. The two teams played hard to a hard fought tie, the game ending in a 2-2 draw. The Kings jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first frame. Jeremy Medaglia scored an unassisted, shorthanded goal to out the Kings on the board. Brodie Boulanger followed that by scoring on a play set up by Alex Davison and Jeremy Medaglia. The Cobras scored two in the second to knot the match. Neither team could score in the final period.

Ryan Swank played strong, standup hockey in the pipes for the Kings and came away with the tie.

A special thanks to B. Baird Water Conditioning as game sponsor.

Morrisburg Atom C Lions crowned Division Champs

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Atom "C" Lions capped off a great season by capturing the East Division regular season Championship.

The Lions finished their season with 17 wins, 4 losses, 3 ties, 103 goals for, 44 goals against for a total 37 points.

North Dundas finished in second place with 16 wins, 5 losses, 3 ties, 96 goals for 59 goals against for 35 points, close to the first place Lions.

Coming in third was South Stormont who came in with 14 wins, 5 loses, 5 ties, 87 goals for, 37 goals against for 33 points.

Coming in to snag fourth spot were the Kemptville Panthers who recorded 15 wins, 7 losses, 2 ties, 61 goals for and 43 goals against for 32 points.

Only the top four teams make the playoffs. In first round action the North Dundas Demons face the South Stormont Selects while the Morrisburg Lions will square off against the Kemptville Panthers.

The Playoffs are determined by a points system, the first team to four points wins the series. The winning team earns 2 points for the victory, 1 for the tie and zero points for the loss.

Good luck Lions, roar as you hit the ice and never look back. Team play like you displayed throughout the season will be all you need to win!

PeeWee C Lions clinch first place in eastern standings

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The PeeWee "C" Lions finished off their regular season with a 3-games series to decide first place in the Eastern standings.

Holding a 2-point lead heading into the final three games, they were favoured to hang onto first.

Andrew Tupper was in the pipes for the February 13 game when the Lions roared to victory over their opponents from North Dundas 3-1. Scoring for the Lions were Collin Chesbro who was assisted by Darren Baldwin and TJ McManus in the first frame. In the second period it was TJ who took the puck in to beat the North Dundas goalie. Baldwin again earned the assist. North Dundas found their legs in the second and scored on Tupper spoiling his shutout hopes. Andrew Addlington came back in the final frame to give the Lions the insurance goal. Assisting him were Isaac Streit and Kurtis Corry.

Their next match up was on Saturday, February 16 when they hosted North Dundas at the Den. Tupper got the start in this one as well and this time he came away with the shutout as the Lions needed only one point to clinch first place over all. TJ nailed the first counter in the first period as he got help from Craig Duvall. the second frame was scoreless as neither team could beat the boys in the pipes at either end of the rink. Sheldon Beckstead found his mark in the final period as he took the pass from Andrew Addlington. Morrisburg spent no time in the penalty box during this game and North Dundas had only a 2-minute minor in the second. First place was theirs!

They again hosted the Demons on Sunday, February 17 with first place in their gloves, the Lions went on to manage a slim victory anyway. The atmosphere was a bit more relaxed as the boys knew they had gotten the job required done. Nonetheless they played to win and as the final buzzer sounded they were ahead 5-4, the winner in the twine with one second left on the clock. North Dundas did not want to give up easily and played tough throughout the game. Tupper started in the net and Jared Dallas took over after one and finished the game, in true team fashion.

The Lions were first on the board as Scott Speer grabbed the pass from Tyler Mills and Jarell Green. North Dundas came back to tie the score before the first was over. The Lions shot hard in the second bulging the twine three times while their opposition found their mark only once.

Lions adding to the tally included Peter Toonders who was helped by Craig Duvall and TJ McManus. Duvall scored with assists going to Sheldon Beckstead and Toonders. Then it was Collin Chesbro who came in with Hudson Cochrane and Adam Schnurr to score :43 of the second. North Dundas knotted the score at 4 in the third and it looked like the game would end this way. Then, with ONE second on the clock Craig Duvall gave the Lions the win. He was helped by Schnurr and Toonders.

The Lions ended the season with a pretty good 19-3-2 record giving them 40 points, with 118 goals for and 47 against.

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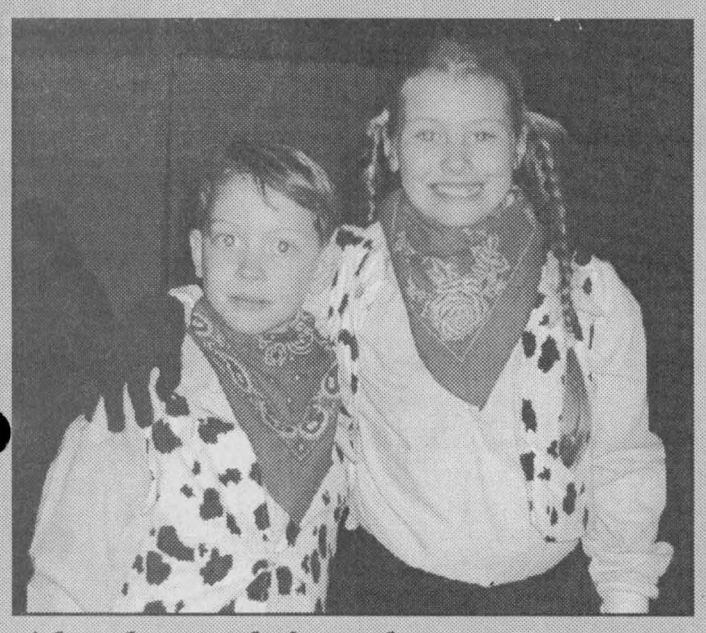

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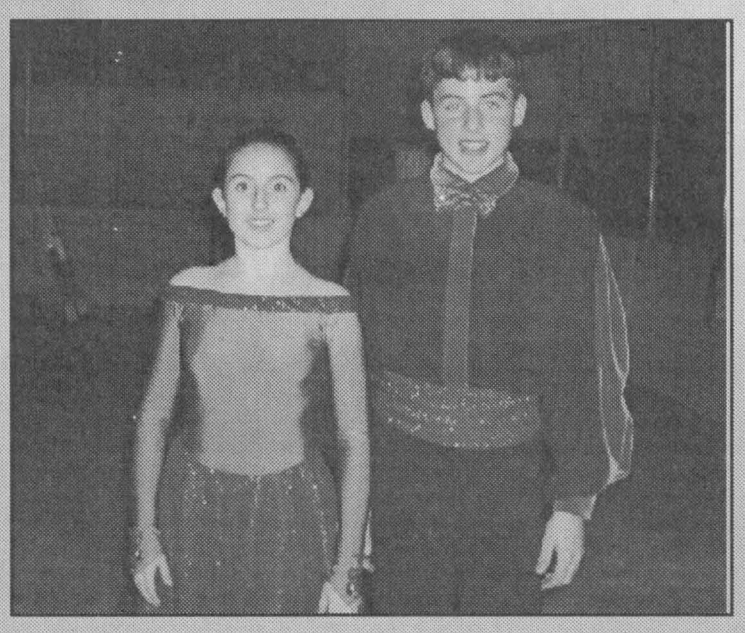

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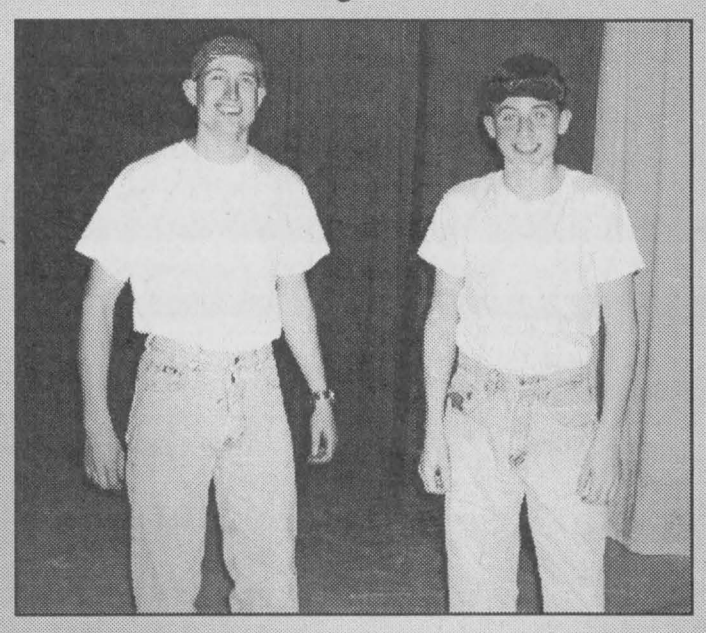

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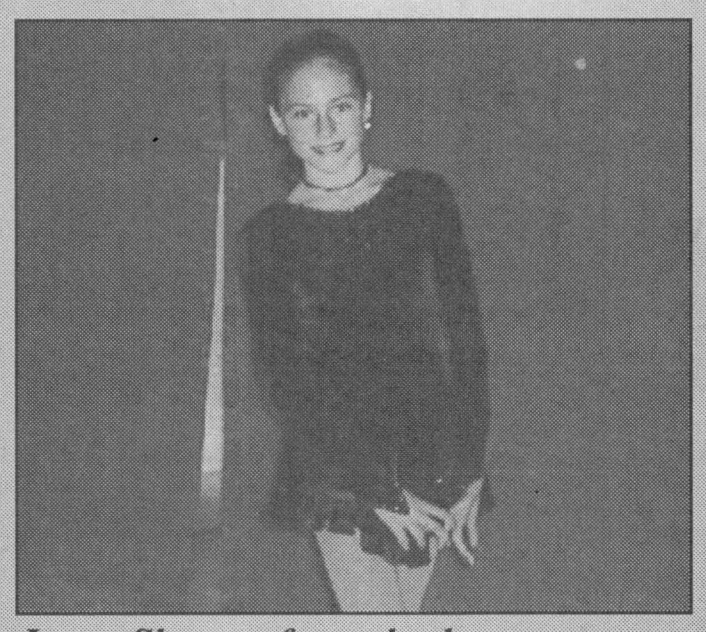

Jenna Shay performed solo

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"Stroll Down Broadway"

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Cardinal Figure Skating Club presented a "Stroll Down Broadway" as their year end showcase this past weekend. In the true spirit of Broadway the show was filled with glitz and glamour, excellent performances to great show tunes, and some detailed costumes.

The show was kicked off by Guin Taylor, a young Canskater, and daughter of Edwardsburgh Councillor Peggy Taylor. Guin skated at centre ice and sang a great rendition of O Canada.

The Canskate students were given the chance to skate with their groups in costume, while the more advanced skaters got to showcase their talents with pairs, and solo performances.

Canskate group two included; Katelind and Nathan Biccum, Haley Grant, Brittany and Madison Moore, Abby Porter, Melanie Riddell and Guin Taylor. They skated twice once to "Be our Guest" before the intermission and once after the intermission as orphans to "Hard Knock Life."

Ashley Farmer, Shelbie Geurkink, Megan Tobin, Brodie Geurkink and Anne McNairn are Canskate Group 3. They two got the opportunity to perform a couple of times, once as "Grease" and once to "Joseph - Any Dream Will Do" where young Brodie Geurkink played the role of Joseph in his coat of many colours.

The youngest skating group, Canskate Group One wore white face paint and capes to skate as young phantoms. The phantoms were Cameron Chayer, Kyle Colligan, Brynn Gilmour, Andrew Hanna, Cameron Murray, Pantelis Sioris-Lacelle, Dylan Colligan, Matthew Dishaw, Alexander Hale, Alexander Lacroix, Kyle Peeter, and Nicholas Tobin.

The Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Skaters teamed up to perform as a line to open the second half of the show, they included; Conner and Vanessa Elliott, Lucy Jodoin, Nathan Last, John Maguire, Julia Patrick, Amanda Riddell, Jenna Shay, Krista Schrader, and Carley Sullivan.

Pairs and solo performances throughout the show really showed off the hard work that the skaters put into the show. Scott Waddell, Cardinal's Pro Skater opened the show skating with Jennifer Seary. Julia Patrick skated the night's first solo. Other soloists included; Lucy Jodoin, Carley Sullivan, John Maguire, Amanda Riddell, Sarah Rust, Carrie Ellen Matthews, Jennifer Seary, Nathan Last, Conner Elliott, and Jenna Shay.

Jenna Shay and Nathan Last, brother and sister team Shelbie and Brodie Geurkink, Anne McNairn and Megan Tobin, Jill Patrick and Amanda Riddell all paired up to perform duets throughout the evening.

Nathan Last treated the audience as he performed his Artistic program. Rose Deighton teamed up with Nathan to present a couple of their dance programs. These two skate beautifully together.

The evening ended with one last curtain call for all the parents and fans who came out to enjoy the evening.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar

Cribbage League competition took place in the Lounge last Saturday with fifteen taking part Linda McKee was the undisputed champ of the day pegging 1074 points. Willis Douglas also won seven of the nine games played and snagged second place with 1054 points while Jake Easter scored 1027 points to narrowly edge Bob McKee for third place. Bob pegged 1023 points and had to accept the "Bridesmaids" spot. An even dozen skunks perfumed the premises and Darin Eden and Joe MacDonald each snuggled up to a pair of the smelly critters.

Being the Euchre just nicely got underway for the year, there were still twelve tables actively shuffling the cards. First went to Inez Farmer while Bessie Locke took second spot and Lawrence Wyatt was fortunate enough to end up with the Door Prize this week. With the unseasonably warm weather the skunks have made a surprise appearance and immediately were attracted to Myrtle Johnston and Hank Zyp.

At Duplicate Bridge there were four tables occupied and at the end of the evening, top winners were Dick Gaiser and Doug Grenkie.

On Monday, March 11, 2002 Comrade Willis Douglas has asked me to mention that Provincial Service Officer Comrade John Morrison will be making his rounds on this day. If anyone would like to see him for any questions of interest to you or if you need advice or assistance on war disability pension or treatment for entitled veterans etc. please contact Willis at 652-4087. He will definitely set an appointment for you.

Notification of the District "G" Spring Convention has arrived. It will be held at Pembroke Branch 72 on April 19, 20 and 21. Here's hoping we will have some representation from our Branch. They as a rule have some pretty interesting seminars to attend.

This coming Friday, March 1, at 12 noon, Chef Norma is planning to have Sweet and Sour Pork. Although I don't know what is for dessert, there is no doubt it will be good.

Don't forget the Car Rally, Dinner and Dance this Saturday, March 2. If all those attend that have indicated we can expect a great crowd. Comrade Joyce is planning on having scalloped potatoes and ham for the meal.

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Lorne Keck

Suddenly at home in St. Catherines, Ontario on February 11, 2002 in his 70th year Lorne James Keck.

Son of the late Lela (Warren) and James Keck formerly of Iroquois, Ontario, James is survived by his sister, Marjorie Paladeau (late Orval) of Ottawa, Ontario and 13 nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by his sister, Kay Farr, arrangements were entrusted to the Hulse and English Funeral Home in St. Catherines.

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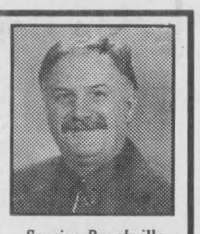

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Mae Waddell

Peacefully at home, a well known long time resident of Dixons Corners, Mae Waddell at her home at Woodland Villa Nursing Home in Long Sault on Sunday, February 10, 2002. Mae spent her lifetime in the Brinston and Iroquois areas. Born on May 25, 1912 in Brinston, Mae was 89 years of age.

Daughter of the late Andrew and Ida (nee Allen) Bell, she was a nurse who served as a home care provider. Predeceased by her beloved husband, Stanley Waddell (September 1998) whom she married in Brinston on July 2, 1936, and a sister Dora Long; Mae was a member of the Iroquois United Church, the Iroquois Golf Club and the Matilda Women's Institute. She had a great affection for Bridge and Golf.

Mourning the loss are a son, Michael and his wife Anne Marie of RR1, Morrisburg as well as grandchildren; Leslie, David, Lindsay and Robbie. Many nieces and nephews are also saddened by their loss.

Memorial donations to the Alzheimer Society were appreciated by the family. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home of Iroquois where service was conducted by Rev. Dolly Dikens on Tuesday, February 12, 2002. Spring interment will follow at Spruce Haven Cemetery in Brinston. Honorary pallbearers were grandchildren; Leslie, David, Lindsay and Robbie Waddell.

World Day of Prayer 2002

Christians around the world will be focusing on the country of Romania during the annual World Day of Prayer service. Local residents are invited to join in this worldwide event by attending a 1:30 pm service on Friday March 1, 2002 at the Community Christian Reformed Church in Dixon's Corners or a 7:30 pm service on Friday March 1, 2002 at St. Cecilia's Church.

This year's World Day of Prayer service, written by the women of Romania, reflects on the theme "Challenged to Reconcile". The Romanian women greet all those participating in this service by saying, "Bine ai venit", which means, "Welcome".

Romania, an Eastern European country bordered by Moldavia, the Ukraine, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and the Black Sea, is a country of many contrasts. Its population of nearly 23 million is made up of Romanian, Hungarian, German, Roma, Jewish and Turkish peoples. Many people live in poverty, a result of failed economic reforms and high unemployment since the country overthrew its 45-year communist regime and dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in 1989. Yet the country has a rich cultural heritage and bountiful natural resources, including health resorts famous for their mineral and thermal springs.

When you attend the World Day of Prayer, not only will you learn more about this beautiful country and its unique cultural heritage, but you will also be joining Christians in 200 countries around the world and 2000 communities across Canada who will gather together to pray and take action in solidarity with the people of Romania.

The World Day of Prayer has its roots in an ecumenical day of prayer organized by women in Canada and the United States in 1920. This event became the international World Day of Prayer in 1922, and Christians around the world began celebrating this event on the first Friday of March.

In Canada, the World Day of

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13, 1:00 pm: DON MORRELL and the BARKLEYS will entertain after lunch.
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BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: last Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm

COFFEE BREAK	~ every Wednesday - 1/2 day of crafts, games, etc. plus lunch	$ 7.50
DINERS CLUBS	~ Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of each week	$ 4.50
EXERCISE CLASS	~ Mondays at 10:00 am	$ 3.00
FOOT CARE	~ Wednesday, Feb. 20th & 27th.	$ 12.00
HOME HELP	~ House cleaning assistance	$ 8.50/hr
MEALS on WHEELS	~ Monday, Wednesday, Friday of each week - extras can be ordered for other days	$ 3.75
MEN'S CLUB	~ Wednesday, Feb. 6th & 20th. - 1/2 day of games, speakers, etc. plus lunch	$ 7.50
MOVIE	~ Friday, Feb. 1st - CASBLANCA	$ 1.00
LINE DANCING	~ Fridays at 9:30 am	$ 2.50
RESPITE CARE	~ Sitters for convalescents are available upon request and assessment.	$ 6.00/hr
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Winter Girl Guide Camp

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The 1st Iroquois Girl Guides welcomed gals from the Winchester Guiding movement to town. Taking part in their annual Winter Camp the girls and their leaders worked on their Heritage Badge, which each received, among other winter outdoor fun activities

Local author wants community's help to commit murder again!

It is official.

With her first murder mystery, "A Violent End" now in its second printing, Maggie Wheeler is starting work on its sequel: "Brother of Death."

"Farran Mackenzie will have an unlikely 'welcome home' gift waiting for her-disturbing news from the past and the return of an old friend she lost contact with over 20 years ago," explains Maggie. "But that will be just the beginning. She will also have to contend with important loose ends in her life and a new development in the Seaway Valley that will bring her home again."

This time, the author is looking for stories about the lost village of Milles Roches and its neighbour, the hamlet of Maple Grove. The time period is 1950 to 1958. If you have a story to share, contact Maggie:

*through email at info@words-ink.on.ca or
* fax to 1-866-WORDS INK or
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Please do NOT send any original materials. Thank You.

For updates on the sequel, check out the new web site at www.maggiewheeler.com.

St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Birds Anonymous

Firstly, I want to apologize for the mistake last week, the Swans in the Johnstown Bay are Mute Swans, not Mules as it read!

A call from a new voice on the phone this week, a resident on the English Road sighted two Red-Winged Blackbirds, close enough for a positive ID, can spring be far off.

Our Irena caller reports 2 Blue Jays and a beautiful orangey coloured Cardinal and his mate. As well 10 Red Polls, only three of which had pick on their breasts and heads. Four Gold Finches and 2 Brownish Juncos arrived after the ice rain last week. The large Hairy Woodpecker was back and as he pecked at one side of the seed bell a small Chickadee nibbled at the other! Two male Cardinals, one at the bell and the others at the feeder were spotted this week too. A gold Finch who seemed to have some distress around his eye was at the feeder. It seemed like a growth which inhibited his sight on that side. The Hairy Woodpecker with the pinkish colouring on his neck was back as well, perhaps he is not matured enough to show blazen red? Six Chickadees, and a pair of White-Breasted Nuthatches dropped by for a snack as did 10 Red Polls this very morning. Only two of these birds had pink on their breast plates.

A County Road Two resident called to exclaim how thirty some Mourning Doves were enjoying the sunshine on the weekend as they gathered food from the feeder on the ground under her apple tree.

Thanks to all who call we try to find room for all your reports, if you are waiting to see yours, hang tight, it will come! Call 652-4395 between 9 and 5 up to Tuesday at noon, ask for SLJ.



Food Bank gets Help from CTC

The local CTC store lent a financial hand to the Dundas County Food Bank. The $1000 was raised through the Family Tree Program ($5/tree sold), customer donations and Gear Up for Giving Campaign. Rev. Pat Martin (Ministerial Liason with Food Bank), Peter Oliv[illegible] (owner CTC Msbg), Louise Backes (store coordinator for Foundation for Families) a[illegible] Marilyn Byers (Food Bank co-ordinator Msbg) are pictured. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Thank You

Mountain Recreation would like to thank everyone who came out for our Winter Funday, February 16th.

A special thanks to those who donated food, prizes, sponsors of the Funday and volunteered that day.

It was great fun!

Can't wait to see you all at the Pig Roast, Volleyball Tournament July 20th, 2002

Thanks again, Mountain Recreation

Coming Events

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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
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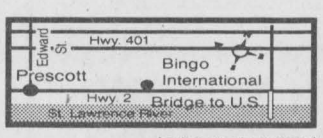

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3. **Entries will be accepted up to 11:00 a.m. on March 6, 2002 at the Matilda Community Hall, Dixon's Corners** and must be displayed in plastic bags available at the show or from Pat Chambers at 448-3316, Francis Henderson at 652-4652, Steven Byvelds at 535-2271 or Agrico at 774-2209. **Entries must be double tagged** (one tag on the inside and one tag securely fastened to the outside of the exhibit).
4. **Any exhibit not meeting standard specifications and weight will be removed from the show.**
5. If, in the opinion of the judge, an exhibit is not worthy of first place, a prize worthy of the entry will be awarded.
6. Any exhibitor violating any rule of the Show will forfeit his/her Prize Money.
7. The management will not be responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit or for the return of exhibits or containers.
8. Up to 3 exhibits per class as approved by the judges will be eligible with the exception of the hay, haylage and silage classes where only 2 approved exhibits will be eligible for exhibiting at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, March 19, 20 and 21, 2002.
9. To be eligible to show at the Ottawa Valley Farm Show, all exhibits except the pedigreed classes must have been judged at the Dundas Seed & Forage Show.
10. All exhibits which are not going to the Ottawa Valley Farm Show must be removed from the hall by the exhibitor immediately following the **Awards Presentation at 3:00 p.m. on March 7, 2002.**

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Welcome Aboard!

The last store along the Plaza front in Iroquois (formerly Little Rikkis and the Pet Shop) has opened as "Made with Love" and Angie, Dale, and Pat Kelly welcome everyone to check it out. They had cake to officially open the business. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

Atom B Lions challenged in first round of playoffs

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Atom "B" Lions faced the Cornwall Atom "B" squad in the first round of playoff action. Cornwall challenged the Lions early in both matches which almost resulted in an upset of the Lions who came into the series favoured to win. Realizing halfway through both games that "a new season has begun as the playoffs got underway" started to reflect this as they utilized their game skills gained throughout the regular season. As soon as they were aware of what they needed to do, the Lions set their course and captured the first round with a 2-game sweep over the Royals to advance to the next round.

The first game saw Ali Tait light up the scoreboard midway through the first frame giving the Lions the 1-0 lead. With only 53 seconds remaining on the clock the Royals came back to knot the score. Controlling the play in both ends, in the second, Cornwall scored in the period to hold the lead. They continued their determined style of play into the third and were up 3-1 before a spark began to burn in the Lions. Chris Tindal came through with a solo counter bringing the Lions closer at the 6:19 mark of the final frame. One minute later Dave Toonders came up the ice with Alex Whelan on the wing to tie the game at 3 as the clock ticked away. Would the Lions have enough time to win? Then, with a mere 14 seconds showing on the board, on a miraculous play by Ali Tait as she set up Tindal for the game winning goal, the victory went to the Lions, 4-3.

The second game action saw Cornwall hit the ice with the same resolve they had in the first as they scored early in the first period. The Lions were held scoreless. The Royals went up 2 goals at the 7:50 mark of the second as the Lions still could not get anything going. Again they trailed by 2...as this seemed to be a trend in this series. Changing their action plan, the Lions finally got on the board as Justin Saunders exploded into the Royals zone and pounded a goal in with help from Tindal and Tommy Keyes. The Lions were still down by one as they started to pressure the Royals in their end. It worked as Dave Toonders scored at 5:04 with Daniel Stevens and Scott Douma credited with the assists. With the game tied at 2 each, the Lions showed their hunger for victory when with 45 second remaining in the period Tindal jammed the puck into the Royals' net giving the Lions a 3-2 lead. Stevens and Toonders earned the assists. The final period saw Steve Baird defend his pipes with extreme caution evading the Royals at all cost. The Lions tallied one more counter as Alex Whelan stormed into Royals' territory with Saunders and Keyes alongside and rifled one past the goalie to make certain. With the sweet taste of victory on their sticks, the Lions were up 4-2 as the clock ran out.

The Lions next round will pit them against either the CharLan Rebels or the South Grenville Rangers as they are still battling it our for position.

Good luck to the Morrisburg Lions, and remember boys and girls: "Victory belongs to those who think of it the most as a team!!!"

Atom House Lions finish the season in fourth spot

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Atom House Lions ended their regular season last week with a record of 10-7-7. Their 27 points allowed the AHL to finish fourth, one point out of third spot.

The Lions now face the League leading South Grenville Rangers in a four-point series. During the regular season, the two teams split their league games 3-1 and 4-1 respectively.

The first game of the series was played Saturday, February 23 in Spencerville. The Rangers scored midway through the first period to take an early lead. The Lions responded quickly only to have the tying goal waved off!

The Rangers struck again late in the second period, but the Lions are a team that plays the entire game. Scoring on an excellent move by Derrick Thompson assisted by Joe Streit, the Lions kept hopes alive. Derrick came within inches of knotting the game only minutes later on an end to end rush.

The Rangers netted the winner midway through the third frame to secure the victory. An empty net goal at 1:17 sealed the 4-1 victory.

The Lions now have a must win game this Wednesday at home to continue their season.

Be part of the Bully solution, not part of the problem

The Dundas Association of School Councils in association with our school trustee, Maria Thompson and the Upper Canada District School Board have undertaken a project to assess the extent of bullying among our children and to seek solutions to curtail it. To assess the extent of bullying we have sought the help of The Lamarsh Centre for Research on Violence and Conflict Resolution. The Lamarsh Centre is a world renowned group that has initiated numerous studies in the area of bullying. The Centre has provided us with a survey that has been used in previous studies.

The survey is being given to all students and school staff in Dundas County from Grades 1 to OAC. Students in grades 1-3 will complete the survey at home with parental assistance. Surveys are to be returned by Thursday, February 28th. We ask that all parents of primary students assist their child in completing the survey. Students in grade 4 and above will complete the survey in class.

The results from the survey will be released on April 16, 2002 at the bullying Awareness Forum at North Dundas District High School. The results will be available to the public as well as individual school results to each principal. The forum will consist of a keynote speaker, Wendy M. Craig Ph.D. of Queen's University, a representative from UCDSB and a question and answer period. Please plan on attending this important event.

For more information contact Greg Pietersma at 448-9025 or 448-9044.

No top Emergency Coordinator here

by Rebecca Comfort
Chieftain Staff Reporter

At the last South Dundas Council meeting Mayor Johnny Whitteker brought up an issue that had been discussed by the SD&G County Council. The idea is that SD&G would create a position to oversee fire and emergency services within the county.

Councillor Bill Ewing, Mayor Whitteker, and Bill Horner were willing to make their opinions known on the subject. Councillor Ewing said that the Cornwall fire chief already holds that position, acting as coordinator for the counties. "Our system is fine, we should leave it alone."

Bill Horner added that, "our system works very well, but I don't know about the other municipalities." Whitteker simply doesn't agree with the idea, when we already have fire chiefs that are in charge, and do so for minimal pay under a Mutual Aid agreement.

Councillor Barkley best summarized the feeling of council when he said simply, "it would undermine everyone."

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Prayer

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Prayer is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. In this community, the coordinating group has representation from the following churches: Brinston, Hulbert, Elma and Williamsburg United Churches, Lutheran Church at Williamsburg, Christian Reformed Churches at Dixon's Corners and Williamsburg, the Anglicans, and the Presbyterians.

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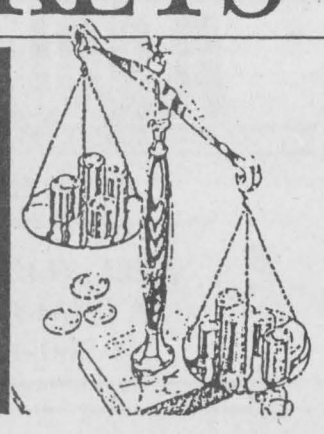

How do I select the right mutual funds for me?

There are approximately 4500 mutual funds available for your consideration. In fact, many experts have written numerous books on the topic. In choosing the right mutual fund for you personally, you must take your "risk tolerance" into consideration.

The building block on which you base your portfolio is your risk tolerance level. What percentage of your investment can you lose over a one-year period without upsetting your long-term investment strategy? The process basically establishes your own risk return indifference curve. Investors commonly discover that their expected returns are too high for their tolerable amount of volatility. The longer your time horizon the more risk you can afford to take and gain the higher potential returns. Your indifference curve will necessarily change over time. Volatility becomes much more significant if your needs for the proceeds are in the short term.

The "Capital Asset Pricing Model" invented by W.F. Sharpe in 1991, essentially devised the "Capital Market Line", which represents various portfolios for various risk and return values. These values have been derived from combining certain proportions of Risk Free Investments - RF (GICs, money market etc.), and market Equities and Debt - M. The M basket is comprised of a fixed proportion of debt/equity, which in Canada is 1.0/1.5, and in the US 1.0/3.0. The objective is to determine the distinct proportions between RF and M, that best suit your individual needs.

There are numerous methodologies - some basic and some very complex. Essentially, there are three very well known techniques;

1) Subtract your age from 100 to establish the M proportion - simple. 2) Allocations based on age and risk tolerance. 3) Principles of modern portfolio theory.

Once you have established your indifference status you have essentially established you necessary rates of return. If you think that RF return should be 4%, market return at 11% and portfolio return at 8% then you allocate 34% of your portfolio to equity, 23% to debt and 43% to cash.

You should generally make a point of maximizing foreign content. You should re-allocate every year or so to keep your own best allocation in line. You should diversify within each asset class. In a general way, look through the fund category under consideration. Read the simplified prospectus. Remember that past performance does not assure future performance. I suspect that many do not review the simplified prospectus either before of after purchase. You should. It is your money.

You will find that most funds have their own RF and M allocation baskets. What you are trying to achieve is your own allocation and unless you review the funds' own allocations you may double up. I hope this helps. The allocation accounts for 80% or more of investment production.

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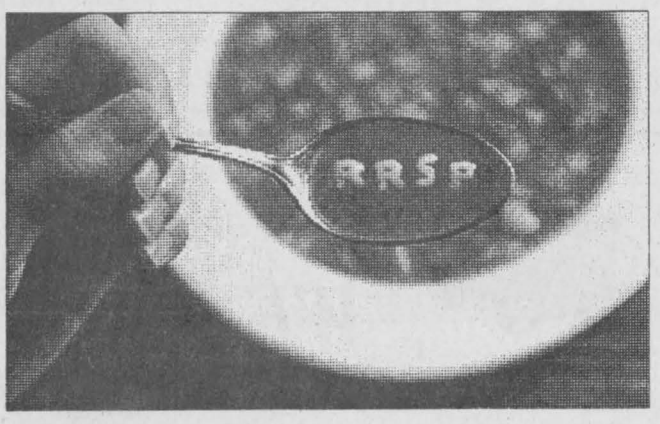

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