Iroquois Council reverses decision on Matilda zoning

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A special meeting of Iroquois Council was called on Wednesday, February 17,to discuss the budget for 1993.

There were, however, other matters which required their attention. A letter from the Township of Matilda was read requesting reasons why the municipality had opposed the zoning by-law amendment on their property at the western portion of the Village. (Racetrack property).

In the discussion that ensued on this topic, the Reeve and Councillors voiced their opinions on the effects that would be the result of moving this business from the Village into the Township. The persons who asked for the amendment are not willing at this time to have their names made public, but after explaining their position and reasons for their proposed move to members of Council, a new resolution was drawn up and adopted.

This new stand by Council reads as follows; "In spite of the fact that the Village of Iroquois signed an agreement with Matilda Township regarding the racetrack property as it was zoned and inspite of the intent of the original agreement which was primarily to encourage residential development inspite of the fact that such re-zoning could compete unduly with existing businesses in the Village and in spite of the lack of explanation by all parties involved, the Village of Iroquois withdraws its objection to the proposed amendment." This step will now allow the request to go to other interested parties for their approval and then, when no objections are met, the amendment will be made to allow for this project to come to fruition.

The Clerk reviewed her report with regard to an approval of a borrowing by-law which is standard for all municipal government bodies in order that they can operate until all tax monies are collected for the year.

An updated Zoning By-Law was presented as well and this was accepted and passed by Council. They had input into the Zoning package and were well aware of the contents. This was the finished product of hours of work by members.

Also referred to was a proposal for Norstar Telephone Equipment received from Bell Canada. Council agreed to lease equipment, telephones specifically from Norstar for a period of 60 months. This move will save the Village money as the price quoted was cheaper than what is presently being paid. A telephone will be placed in the lobby for local calls only and the long distance charges will be done away with. This will allow people to call and check on baby sitters, or to request a ride home etc.

Councillor Gibbons was to attend a one day seminar regarding Eastern Ontario Travel Association Tourism in Brockville, and Council approved his request.

Budgetary items were then addressed and deferred pending further information with regards to them.

With no further business Council adjourned until February 24 at 7 pm. or the call of the Chair.

Editor's note: In last week's Council report, The Chieftain may have inadvertently misled readers and for that we apologize. The item in doubt is the mention of the Legion addition and the inspection problems encountered. The contractors were at no time at fault for any of the problems. They adhered to the blue prints which had been okayed by the By-Law Officer for the Village.

The problems incurred were a result of the purchase of commercial cooking equipment and the fact that it requires special ventilation, something which was not included in the plans.

The fact as well that the existing structure was renovated and brought up to specs posed some problems as far as extra inspections were concerned. Items not included on the original plan were changed and brought up to code, a plus for the Legion, but added expense as well. Through the Fire Marshall's Act, the Legion is allowed time to bring things up to the level the Fire Inspection specs specifies. This is being accomplished and all should be right on when the final inspection is done. The Fire Department inspection will accept or reject the entire project. According to legion members involved,"Things are looking good, now that we know what to do, we'll rectify the situation and be ready to pass all final inspections."

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Morrisburg OPP lay cigarette, narcotic and vandalism charges

The rampant poor weather dropping an abundance of the white stuff has kept Morrisburg Police extremely busy over the past week, and it is estimated that some 30 vehicles have gone in the ditch in the area. Fortunately though the snow tends to cushion impact, and some accidents could have been much worse.

But it is not only fender-benders and poor weather which has caused the Morrisburg detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police to be busier than ever, a number of narcotic, cigarette seizures and vandalism occurences are being investigated.

On February 11th, at 10 am., Sgts. Mike Brehmer and Morgan Hill checked a van on Highway 401, in Williamsburg Township which resulted in a Toronto man being charged.

The RCMP seized the vehicle and cigarettes. Charged with Possession of Non-Duty paid Cigarettes is Tan Tuyen Le, of Dufferin Street, Toronto.

Police estimate the street value of the confiscated cigarettes to be $79,000.

On Saturday, February 13th, at about 2 pm., Constable Tony Kerr was investigating a vehicle that had gone off the roadway on Highway 401. The officer noticed that the back of the vehicle was filled with cigarettes.

Charged is Brandon Jocko, 19 years of age, from RR 3, Cornwall Island. Jocko is charged with Possession of Non-Duty Paid Cigarettes, estimated with a street value of $45,000.

The third similar occurence involved a 17 year old young offender from Ohsweken, Ontario. Constable Paul Robertson Sr., was dealing with a vehicle in the ditch, which had improper plates.

The youth was charged with Possession of Non-Duty Paid Cigarettes, with an estimated street value of $10,000.

As a result of a vehicle checked in the parking lot of a hotel, just after midnight Saturday night-Sunday morning, three local young men were charged under the Narcotic Control Act.

A small quantity of marijuana and hasish was recovered, and charged are 20 year old Todd Aikman of Morrisburg; 19 year old Jamie Levere of RR 1, South Mountain; and 22 year old Kevin Lowe of Morrisburg.

All three will appear on March 16th, 1993, in Morrisburg Court.

On Monday, February 22nd, the Morrisburg OPP with assistance from the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Drug Unit, executed a search warrant under the Narcotic Control Act.

A Williamsburg Township residence was searched which resulted in the seizure of a large quantity of hydrphonic marijuana, as well as a sophisticated growing system.

Two persons in the residence were arrested and charged with Cultivating Cannabis Marijuana. Scheduled to appear in Morrisburg Court on Tuesday, March 16th, 1993, are

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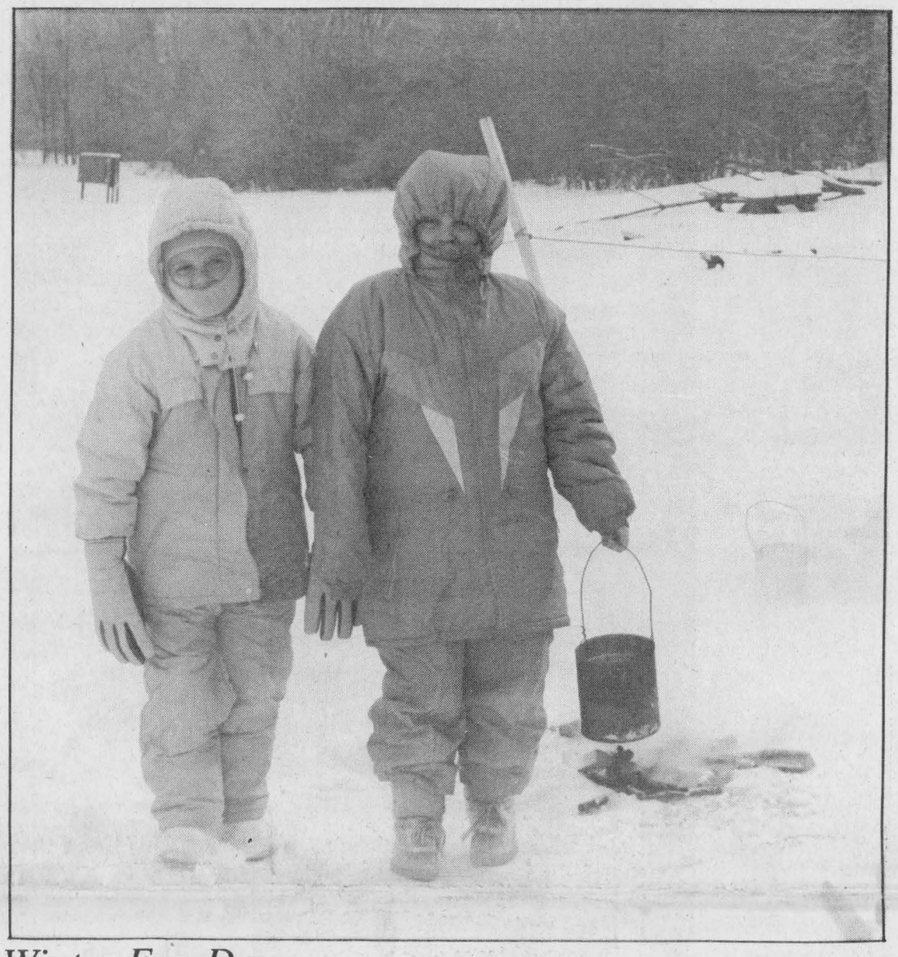
Winter Games set for March

The Provincial Games program was launched in 1970 to encourage the participation in amateur sports. The Ontario Winter games provides a stepping stone for those headed from local and regional sports events to national and international competitions. They also boost community spirit. This year, in fact in March, the Games will be hosted in Cornwall and the Morrisburg Arena will be the site of the Speed Skating events.

Bringing together athletes, volunteers, businesses and communities at large in a spirit of friendly competition, the Games leave an unparalleled legacy of co-operation, pride and community spirit and touches everyone involved.

These young people between the ages of 11 and 21, will descend upon the Seaway 3,000 strong from March 11 to 14, and as over 1000 volunteers get set to do their best to ensure great times for all, the "stars of tomorrow" will be showcased for our viewing in figure skating, shooting, judo, hockey (men and women) gymnastics, badminton, bowling, curling, fencing, table tennis, water polo, swimming, wrestling, and boxing (24 in all) as well as three sports for disabled athletes.

Plan to share in the excitement as many of those taking part will be going on to compete at the national and even international levels.



Winter Fun Day

Although it was a cold, bitter day with brisk winds, 140 people attended the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary on Sunday. Organizers were afraid that the weather would make for a small crowd, but were pleasantly surprised to see so many come out for a day of family fun. These young ladies had the job of extinguishing camp fires after the Winter Challenge.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Cumberland

Snowfall still below average

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Peel the cold wooden shovel from your white frost bitten hands. Sit back by the fire, revel in the warmth and allow your mind to wander far... far... away!

Somewhere right now, men and women scantily clad in colourful swim suits are basking in the sweltering heat of a summer sun.

Right now someone is sipping on a marguerita complaining about the heat and humidity.

Somewhere, the waves of the ocean are crashing against a beach creating an enchanting magical rythm for a young couple in love who are snorkling in a variegated ocean miles from here.

Aaahhh... Only one-hundred and seventeen days to summer!

Wake up! It's back to reality time.

This is not Puerto Plata, Acapulco or Antigua! It's Iroquois and if you are not one of the lucky people who can afford to head down to the Caribbean, you are probably exhausted from over exerting yourself in the driveway with a shovel.

But don't worry!

Things are not as bad as one might have you believe!

In fact, to date, we in the valley are still 36.1 centimetres below the average yearly winter snow fall. On top of this, we are still a good 258.7 centimetres away from breaking the highest annual winter snow fall record of 444.1 centimetres set in the 1970-71 season.

With 185.4 centimetres of the white stuff, different agenices have been keeping an eye on the situation and according to the S.N.R.C.A., residents need not worry about flooding of rivers and streams just yet.

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Resignations over funding in Edwardsburgh Township

by Doug Benn
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Councillors in Edwardsburgh were somewhat astounded at their latest meeting on February 15, when volunteers for the Minor Baseball Association resigned.

The three minor baseball organizers handed in a cheque for $350 they had leftover from their budget, and quit abruptly while the surprised council looked on.

When asked why they were quitting, Dave Utman spoke for the group saying that they couldn't continue the league without further funding from the municipality, and they were under the impression that they weren't going to get any money from the Recreation Board this year.

He said that they were reluctant to ask parents to pay three times more for baseball registration than they did last year, and that is what it would take to keep the league alive. He said last years registration fee of $25 was high enough, and that it discouraged many parents from getting their kids involved.

Sandra Cook, who was one of the resigning volunteers said that another big problem with the league was lack of communication with the Township. They said that questions they had concerning diamond fees went unanswered by the recreation board.

The volunteers were unmoved when councillor Bert Dobbie told them that he knew of one company that was considering giving them a grant. They were also unimpressed when Reeve David Dobbie denied that there wouldn't be any grants from the Recreation Board for Minor Baseball.

But the Minor Ball members said they approached the Recreation Board but were told the funding problem would have to be taken up with council. But the Reeve said that council had never talked about it. He said that this year Edwardsburgh Minor Ball could be in for some good money.

"It's a shame you won't reconsider," said councillor Bert Dob-

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In celebration of Scout/Guide Week

The local Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their leaders paraded to St. Johns' Anglican Church on Sunday as they began to celebrate Scout/Guide Week 1993. Reverend Harry Brown officiated at the service which was geared for the young people attending. Each year the youth groups attend one of the four churches in the Village to kick off their Scout/Guide Week in recognition of their founder, Lord Baden-Powell. A great number turned out to kick off the Week and everyone enjoyed the treats after the service thanks to the ACW.

Chieftain Photo by R.W. Johnston

Scout and Guide Week observed

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Who are Scouts and Guides, anyway? Many will ask this question while others will know for during their lifetime numerous people have been involved in one way or another in one or more of the groups.

They are in fact young people who know how to get the most out of life. Life to a Rover, a Venturer, a Boy Scout, a Cub Scout, a Beaver, a Spark, a Brownie, a Girl Guide, or a Ranger means good times with good friends, whether swimming, camping, chopping wood, hiking along a trail blazed long ago, or just getting together to share ideas and thoughts. Quiet times spent by the glowing embers of a campfire where dreams can be spoken about all the good things that are out there for the taking.

It is fun to walk through the woods noiselessly, to stop and watch a grazing animal, to bring a bird close by imitating his call, to make a meal when you grow hungry, to sleep in a tent under the stars, to feel at home in the outdoors, to feel safe in the knowledge you have learned. It is being ready to lend a hand when and where necessary, to be willing to help one another and to be able to decide what to do and when to do it. Learning to be strong of mind and body,to always be alert, courageous and able to make decisions based upon facts learned. Building upon previous ideas and ending up attaining a goal is an accomplishment young people need.

Setting goals and becoming someone others can count on, the opportunity to learn skills and being willing to take that extra step...they are about all of these.

Founder of the Scouting movement, Robert Baden-Powell (B-P) was born on February 22, 1857 in London, England. It is for this rea-

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this week

Home town best
Local school children work on newspaper of their own, see page 3.

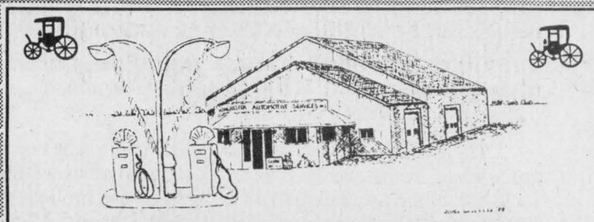
Snow Challenge
The second annual Snow Challenge was won by last year's gang, check page 11.

Crackdown by OPP
Snowmobilers beware, the OPP are on the snow checking, page 12 has information.

New businesses
A good sign, meet the newest business people in the area, pages 9 and 12.

Who's Who in Dundas County

Presenting interesting facts on the achievements of leading businesses and organizations in our area.
A joint effort by the following businesses and organizations, the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology, the Cornwall and United Counties Border Zone Advisory Committee, the Iroquois Chieftain, Chesterville Record, Morrisburg Leader and Winchester Press. If you are interested in being profiled in this advertising feature, please call Sharron at 613-652-4395.



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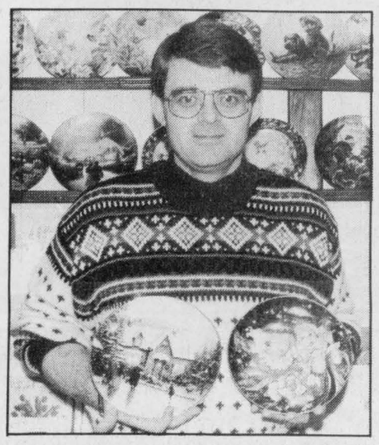

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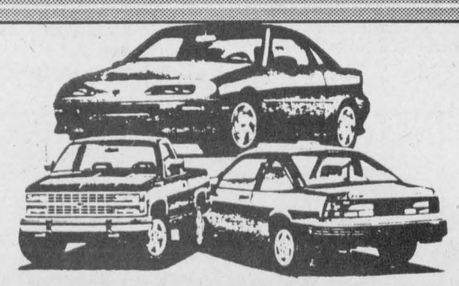

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Another one bites the snow!!

An International Snubby complete with double trailers was running when this picture was taken, but there was no way to navigate it out of the snow. The force of the trailers had driven the cab deeply into the snow. Some damage resulted to the drivers side, and wreckers were on the way to clean up the median below the Brinston Road Overpass.

Bird Notes

by
E. G. AVERY

As this is written, we are in the midst of yet another snow-storm; the feeders are capped with white, and any seeds underneath them are soon covered and out of sight. We have acquired a Blue Jay who comes regularly, and this morning he brought a friend. They look so big after watching Finches and Sparrows all winter!

House Finches, the occasional Purple Finch, and a tiny surprise one day when one Chickadee came to the sunflower bell, the first one we have had since Christmas.

Despite the weather conditions and dire forecasts (freezing rain - what next?) there are some definite signs of Spring. The Starlings' black bills are turning to yellow, and the speckles are fading from their coats. If you have Goldfinches you will notice that some of the males are showing more yellow now, especially around the throat and neck area. Crows are gathering into flocks and touring around, "singing" their Spring song.

Along Lakeshore Drive near Morrisburg another report of Geese in a favourite spot, about 11 were counted. (These are different from the one in last week's report).

Irena feeders are busy with the regular Finches, about 20 Goldfinches in one flock, 12 Tree Sparrows and one lone Junco. There was a surprise visit from a Brown Creeper who was finding something tasty along a tree-trunk.

Snow Buntings are still trying to find food in the fields and roadsides; with all this new snow, they must have a hard time digging up seeds. They will soon be heading North.

It is interesting to "read" the bird-tracks in the snow around the feeders. Some are easy to identify, such as Starlings and Doves, and the tiny ones belong to the Finches and Sparrows. One East-end bird-watcher found Partridge tracks among the others around the yard.



Slowed by the snow

This CP Express unit was slowed considerably as the snowy median was mistaken for the roadway during the storm which saw a heavy accumulation in the area. There was damage to the tractor, but the driver escaped with only rattled nerves. Visibility was very poor and he was not the only occupant of the median between the two lanes of 401 Highway.

Environmental Resource Centre

No one asked the question but the answer seemed clearer as the evening went on. According to the Ministry of the Environment, pollutants in the Great Lakes include chlorinated organic chemicals (PCB's and pesticides which build up in the food chain and are stored in the fatty tissues of the fish), many of which have been banned; PAH's - polyaromatic hydrocarbons produced in burning fossil fuels and in steel production; toxic metals such as mercury and alkylated lead; excessive nutrients - phosphorus and nitrogen - which stimulate extensive plant growth and bacteria which are products of agriculture, municipal waste and septic systems.

In 1978, the governments of Canada and the U.S. signed the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, the goal of which is zero discharge of pollutants. Even before the agreement, the once seemingly doomed Lake Erie was brought back to a healthier state by reducing the amount of nutrients which were being dumped into the water, particularly phosphates found in detergents.

There are 43 areas of concern in the Great Lakes System: 17 in Canada, five of which are shared with the U.S., and the remainder in the U.S.

The Agreement has seven thrusts, each aimed at a specific identified area in the Great Lakes System. One is the St. Lawrence Remedial Action Plan which deals with the area from the Moses Saunders Dam at Cornwall to the eastern border of Lake St. Francis.

"There is a lot of people-power and money going into the river clean-up", according to guest speaker Susan Dreier at DEAG's annual meeting last Wednesday. The St. Lawrence RAP Public Advisory Committee has 40 members from conservation authorities, industry, education and other concerned citizens. For several years the RAP PAC has met to discuss the problems, the sources of pollution and the choices for remediation.

There are three main sources of contaminants in the Cornwall area - St. Lawrence RAP's area of concern - industrial, municipal and agricultural. Industries, including ICI Forest Products, Courtaulds (now closed), Domtar and Cornwall Chemicals, collectively discharge one or more of mercury, dioxins, furans, zinc, lead, PAH's, and chlorinated organic chemicals. The Cornwall sewage treatment plant releases bacteria and nutrients. Agricultural run-off contains for bacteria, nutrients and pesticides. Most of the PCB's can be traced to two industries on the American side.

In a test comparing the amount of mercury contained in Northern Pike of the same size, fish tested in the Cornwall area were found to have twice as much mercury as fish tested in the Thousand Islands area. Because there is limited industry along the stretch of river from the Thousand Islands to Cornwall, it is reasonable to assume that fish caught in the Morrisburg area are similar to those caught towards the Thousand Islands. Fisherman who consume their catch should, however, consult MNR's Ontario Fish Consumption Guide to confirm the safety of certain species and sizes (age) of fish.

Industry, as has been mentioned, is not the only player in the pollution game. South Eastern Ontario has the highest number of primary sewage treatment plants in Ontario. These plants rely on a mere settling of solids to "clean" the water before dumping it back into the river. The secondary sewage treatment plants, in contrast, contain a longer and more thorough cleaning process including settling, aerated digestion and chlorination. The only plant with secondary treatment between Kingston and Cornwall is located at Longue Sault.

In spite of this sorry picture, a drinking water surveillance program located at Kingston and at Cornwall (west of the industries) which tests raw and treated water for 120 contaminants has never produced results in excess of the guidelines for contamination.

For the St. Lawrence RAP, the seven major environmental issues line up as follows: PCB's, mercury, other toxic contaminants (generated from industry); bacteria, habitat degradation and nuisance aquatic plants (from sewage and agricultural sources). Through a process which includes consulting, education and encouragement - while it waits for legislation - the RAP, by international agreement, must bring about changes to the water quality in the St. Lawrence.

The good news is that many of the chlorinated organic chemicals have been banned. Some of the industries have either shut down or discontinued using harmful chemicals. Secondary sewage treatment plants will eventually replace primary sewage treatment plants. The St. Lawrence RAP team meets once a month as it strives to meet its mandate. The public is invited to attend meetings of its Public Advisory Committee and can obtain information about meetings from Elaine Kennedy, (613) 936-2240.

There is a long way to go before the St. Lawrence waters reach our - admittedly high - standards for a clean, safe environment. We came away from the meeting, however, somewhat encouraged by the seriousness and intensity with which the various agencies are approaching the problems. It is to be hoped that the momentum continues in spite of hard times, other priorities for tax dollars and the public's seeming indifference at this point in history.



Snowed in!

This transport was the first in a row along the 401 eastbound or westbound? just east of the Brinston Road overpass. The storms which have blasted the area during the past while have played havoc with driving conditions. This 18-wheeler just skimmed the no U-turn sign, and became mired in the deep snow filling the median.

ST. CECILIA'S STUDENTS WRITE

Home town the best-recession is over!

Optimism and civic pride seem to be natural traits for Iroquois retailers. They like their home town, and they have good reason to according to interview results attained by the St. Cecilia's Journalism Class last week that found local retailers had a good year, despite the recession.

Seven enterprising young reporters, grades 5 through 8 did some in-the-field research when they conducted interviews with local business owners and managers. They wanted to know why the retailers thought Iroquois was a good place to do business. The results of their efforts are noted below. Many thanks to all those who consented to be interviewed and to The Chieftain for their help in bringing this bouquet to the people of Iroquois:

For immediate release.Recession is Over!

Ron Fader Furniture;

Ron Fader Furniture Limited is having a good year. In a recent interview, owner/manager, Ron Fader was asked about business, and stated, "We are coming out of the recession." But, he also said that the income of his business was steady throughout the recession.

Most of Fader's business comes from within a tweny-mile radius from the store. He sells furniture but also rents movies. Mr. Fader said the movies came from when he used to own and operate an appliance store. When he later opened a furniture store, he kept on renting the movies. When asked why he does business in Iroquois, he replied, "I've iived here all my life. It is a pretty little town, I wouldn't go anywhere else."

Gilmer's Pharmacy;

Gilmer's Pharmacy, located in the Iroquois Plaza is a local retailer, familiar to most Iroquois residents. It was bought 36 years ago by Ron Gilmer. Today, it is run by his daughter, his son and himself.According to Tracey, Pharmacist and Manager, she was "inspired to become a Pharmacist because I grew up at a Pharmacy with my Dad and I also enjoy helping people." Tracey added, "I enjoy the work I do because I enjoy talking to people and helping them but sometimes it can get a bit hectic when orders get mixed up."The most popular item in their store, other than prescriptions, is cough and cold medications. Tracey said that the recession hurt the pharmacy business a little bit. When asked the question, "Why did you choose to do business in Iroquois? She did not hesitate, "We grew up in Iroquois and the man who owned the store was going out of busines, and so my Dad bought the store. The people in Iroquois also needed a Pharmacy in their town since the man who had operated one was retiring. I also like working in a small town; it is safer and you know all your customers."

Red and White Store;

The thought that Iroquois was a nice, quiet community, was what attracted Norman and Yvette Rolland to purchase the Red and White Food Store four years ago.According to Mrs. Rolland, the grocery store has its busiest time during the holidays and gets most customers from Iroquois. "We have many best selling products but meat sells the best," says Mrs. Rolland. She added that Red and White Food Store had a successful year in 1992 and is doing well so far this year. She continud by saying that she is happy and satisfied with their store in Iroquois. She and her husband chose to work in a supermarket because they like meeting people and they enjoy the work.

Royal Bank;

Manger of Customer Services for the Royal Bank in Iroquois, Sylvie Vachon says that there are two basic busy times in a year for a bank: the first is now in the beginning of February, when people buy RRSP's. The second is at the end of October when people can purchase saving bonds.Ms Vacon is happy working at the Royal and she says it took 14 years of schooling in Hull for her to get to this position. The Bank has been in Iroquois since 1957. It is because a poll was taken in the community and the results showed that the local people wanted a Royal Bank. It has since installed a large computer system. There are seven regulars on staff, one part-time employee and one supply person.

LCBO;

The Manager at the Iroquois Liquor Control Board of Ontario, Ron Miller says, "Iroquois is a great place for a business."He said, "Mostly local people come to make purchases here." Mr. Miller has been in the Iroquois outlet for eight years and the store opened in 1960 in the Village. He adds, "The recent season, Christmas is the busiest time of year in his store." Then he goes on, "The best selling liquor is Rye." When asked about underage buyers, he comments that "Yes, he has some problems with underage people buying liquor. He catches about three underage people trying to purchase liquor in his store a week, on average.He concluded by saying,"Iroquois is a good place for business because it is a small and friendly town."

A DREAM COME TRUE;

At Mustard's Variety, Jim Mustard, the owner has been a long time resident of Iroquois. In a recent interview, he said that he, "had wanted to buy the store all his life", and in 1989, his dream came true.Mustard's Variety is a lot more than a variety store: it offers movies, Nintendo games, Voyageur Bus Stop service and novels. The movies and games come from Ottawa, because Mr. Mustard says "if he bought these games, he would have to rent each game 48 times just to begin making a profit." He tries very hard to please all his customers every day. He added that if anyone needs anything, all they have to do is ask and he will get it for them.

Editor's Note:

It is wonderful to see the young people getting involved like this. It is a great learning experience for them and the community is perhaps their greatest resource.



Down and Out!

This driver was not as fortunate as others along the 401 last week, as the storms drove full force down upon drivers on 401. In the westbound lane near the Morrisburg Overpass, this Freightliner and tank trailer had just gotten too far off the pavement and could not come back. The edge of the ditch allowed the trailer to pull the cab over as well. Air bags were being used to shift the two upright again.

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Talk about your double whammy!!

The big snow machine in the sky seems to have stuck wide open and in high gear...somebody should endeavour to shut it off, NOW!

No one needs to be reminded about the white stuff that has all but buried us all, and so we'll move on.

Sunday was special, as Scout/Guide Week got underway. The various youth groups in the Village were out to church to get the Week underway in style.After the formalities, the gang grabbed a snack and changed into warm woolies and headed to the house back the way, on the corner. A slalom course had been set up in the field next door, and a schedule of events was ready. As everyone arrived, partners were grabbed and the different events were run. The editor had son number one as a rider on the trusty snowmachine. First thing was a timed run through the slalom course, at the end of which, the rider jumped off and picked up six items in a basket and then we headed back to the finish line. An uncle timed and an aunt gave the signal to go...this was a family affair for sure. A wee niece rode with Gramps and seemed pretty happy as they cruised the track slowly and carefully.

We went on, then it was a run to grab a cup of water and return through the course without spilling much. Time and the amount of water measured at the finish counted this time. We were not too bad, our water was tied for first spot! The best thing was that no water was spilled on the driver!

Booting through the course again and tying a sled to the snowmachine, and pulling sled and passenger behind to the finishline, straight along the run, times again of course was fun. The next couple up had some bad luck and snapped the frozen sled in half...end of that game, for sure!

Try the old egg in the spoon trick, as you go through the slalom course. The driver best take the most even route and the rider had better have a steady arm and hand. The God-Daughter did this one with Gramps and held the egg tightly in her hand, spoon and all, and it did not break. (Must have been hard boiled or frozen solid) Funny how an egg wants to shake, rattle and roll as you cruise along. Bobbing back and forth, rolling precariously to the edge of the spoon and back to the other side, it was tricky, but good for a laugh. And no we did not lose the egg, nor did we scramble it on the way to the finish.

There was the team of niece and fiance, uncle and son number two, Grams and grand-daughter, Uncle and mom, and aunt and friend. Two video cameras recorded the excitement for posterity and the cold seemed to be bearable. Sliding down the mound of snow in the years was a ball, and the muscles are not toooo sore! The chili and hot drinks hit the right spot and everyone enjoyed a fun time in the great Canadian winter we are experiencing. When we get together and enjoy family and friends, things seem pretty good afterall. It was a wonderful time for all of us, just like the old days when we used to bundle up and head for snowmobile races every weekend. This was *BC of course for the Editor and the big guy,(*Before Children), but the memories are vivid and watching the sons lean into the turns brought back some fond images for some.

The old Editor drove and also went along for the ride with Brother number two as his passenger. Leaning into the slolam course turns and balancing the egg delicately, as well as dipping the cup into warm water (thankfully!) and then holding it firm as he drove back through the course was a fun time, even if the muscles do yell a bit, it is good for them. The cold seemed to disappear as the fun heated up and the competition spirit grew within.Oh, to be young again.

There was a scarey moment when the Grams decided to put on a show of her own and went tumbling into the snow at the turn-around end of the course. She just turned too short and went in the opposite direction of the snowmachine. Her wee passenger was off getting the required items for the scramble, and both recovered nicely, but the crowd was hushed for a few minutes!!! A clown in every crowd, eh?

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Society in trouble

How can the authorities, those in a place of determining the laws, sit by and watch the horrific happenings in the world and not take action?

Young offenders cannot be tried in adult court in this country.

They can, however, commit adult crimes.

They can deliberately kill another human being.

They can plan, scheme and set out to take another's life.

BUT...they cannot be tried as the criminals they are.

And with a bit of thought, it becomes clear that they can do the dirty work for an older person and get off with a lesser charge than their adult counterparts.

The news is full of despicable acts of horror. The youngsters in Britain who do not even, according to reports, show any remorse. They brutally beat a toddler and then tossed his tiny mangled body onto the railway tracks. They felt, and remain to feel, nothing. How could this happen?? What were they thinking? Why would they do such a terrible thing?

Perhaps the only relief from the grief that floods across the entire world is that they will be tried as adults. This means that their punishment might fit the crime they committed.

Young offenders in this country can expect to be slapped on the wrist and sent to rehab for a brief period and then released back into society. Can someone who killed a two year old, a teenager, or any other human being, deserve to be free to do so again? How well can the system rehab them?

What can be done to curb the crime rate?

What will stop the trend toward young people committing acts of violence?

How can we stand by and let these things go on around us?

How can the Minister allow these acts to continue unpunished?

This kind of thing makes headlines and great copy on the radio and television, but, when the reality of the acts comes to mind, it just boggles the thought process.

Any youngster who could carry through such a gruesome act needs help and should pay for what he/she did. No matter what happens to them, the life taken cannot be replaced, but maybe others can be spared.

Anger and frustration replace logic when such a thing happens. People do not have any inclination of how to handle a situation like this. Everyone wants revenge and restitution, and why not?

Emotions run high.

Calm must prevail, but sensible realism has to enter the picture as well. These "boys" will grow and become men...what a scarey thought!

Could you kill another human being? Someone you do not even know? Is that easier than killing someone you do know?

What motivates a killer of any age?

Our system in this country needs to be revamped, now, before something like the British "boys" crime happens here.

The taxi driver in the city who lost his life for a few dollars is a prime example of what can occur.

A young offender is involved and his name cannot be published, why? If he is old enough to be a party to a killing, his name should be made public and perhaps the humiliation will do something to deter others...probably not, but pressure could come to bear and often this is enough to cause a reaction.

Any suggestions?

What reactions do you have to these cruel actions of children?

What consequences would satisfy you?

What if your son or daughter were the victims?

What if your child were the accused?

Wow...welcome to the 90s, eh?

The young man arrested as a suspect in the rape and brutal murder of the two young ladies in this province looks like the "boy next door" we would be proud to have court our daughter. NOT!

Then the question of knowing the identity of these people comes to mind...does the community not have the right to know who these people are?

The aforementioned youngsters can be released in a few years, if they are in fact convicted, and be back among the general public sooner than we realize. Should we not all be able to defend ourselves and our families against the likes of these? How can we if their identity is kept secret?

If they are old enough to commit a crime, they are old enough to suffer all the consequences of their actions.

S.L.J.



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Visitor Centre popular place

The walls were up, the floor was down and the construction on the new Visitor Interpretation Centre at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary was right on schedule. The project continued the longstanding tradition of co-operation between the St. Lawrence Parks Commission and the Ministry of Natural Resources' Cornwall District Office. Both organizations received anti-recession funding and agreed to share the cost of the new structure. The Ministry contributed $75,000 while the SLPC put $100,000 toward the Centre which would be instrumental in increasing programing at the Sanctuary.

One Year Later

Over the past year of operations, many have enjoyed the programing at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary at events such as Waterfowl Day. Last weekend, the Winter Fun Day, despite the bitter weather, drew some 140 people.

LOOKING BACK

5 Years Ago

At the regular Iroquois council meeting, Reeve **Rooney** and Clerk Treasurer **E.A. Marlin** informed council of the results of the pre-application meeting which they attended with the PRIDE representatives.

The **Ontario Ministry of Labour** withdrew charges against Casco of Cardinal for alleged violations of the Occupational Health and Safety Act in provincial court.

The Horticultural Society of Morrisburg and District held their annual fun night. **Debbie Cooper** of Brinston sang and accompanied herself on guitar. **David Francis** of Williamsburg provided comic relief with a Bill Cosby routine. Mike, Bike and the Kickstands, performed, the group included, **Mike Bailey** on vocals, **David Brannan** on guitar, **Robert Melesky** on bass guitar, **Mike Kelly** on rhythm guitar and **Mattew Dulmage** on drums.

A small group of citizens from Grenville-Dundas met at the Cardinal and District Resource Centre to organize a Public Recycling Committee. The Committee was informed by **Larry Dishaw** that Cardinal Council passed the motion to join the feasibility study.

Melanie Thompson of Iroquois Public School placed third in the Area Zone Competition for the Intermediate Poetry concerning Remembrance Day. Seaway students who won prizes in the Remembrance Day competition were, **Joanne Crawley, Karen Faller, William McEwen** and **Matthew Dulmage.**

Jaime Shaver and **Donna Baker** lead the church parade as the young girls and boys filed out of the Iroquois United Church after a youngster oriented service conducted by Rev. **Herb Klaehn.**

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Casino opinions

Gananoque council is taking the proper steps to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak on the issue of casinos for the town.

At last week's council meeting Kevin Montroy announced an extensive list of committee members whose function it will be to examine the issue from all sides.

It is bound to be a topic of widespread interest and the debate that is sure to arise will bring out some strong agruments from many factions.

The committee, while taking its time to ensure thorough work is accomplished, will have to work to deadlines about to be set out by the provincial government.

Its own mandate cannot yet be determined as the province has not yet decided how it will approach the casino issue, other than to state there will be casinos in the province within a year.

There is bound to be a lot of rumor and speculation throughout Gananoque in the coming months as the committee attempts to fulfill its mandate and listen to the people.

Guest Editorial

When its work is complete, it may or may not have made a decision.

If it has, whatever it decides will not likely please everyone.

However, whatever conclusions it reaches, if it carries out its work as it should, at least everyone will have an opportunity to participate.

The Gananoque Reporter

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Ash Wednesday



Peter Hessel

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on the 24th of February. "So what", you might ask. Most Canadians aren't even aware of this day, which is of great significance in many other countries.

In past centuries, Ash Wednesday was a very important date. It meant that carnival - the time of revelry, merrymaking and riotous amusement - was over. Lent - the time of fasting and mourning and repenting - had arrived.

Ash Wednesday is set to fall on the Wednesday following Quinquagesima Sunday. And of course we all know what and when that is. Or do we? (In round numbers, it is the 50th day before Easter).

In Canada, we generally don't take these things very seriously A few Mardi Gras societies exist here and there. But what does the word carnival mean to most Canadians? Why, there are carnivals in every city, town and village, and their timing depends on convenience, not on tradition. Canadian carnivals (or winter carnivals, as we prefer to call them) may be staged on any weekend between New Year's and Easter, before, during or after Lent.

Not so in many other countries. The "real" Carnival has nothing to do with skating, tobogganing or skiing. It is an ancient festival, having its origin in the Saturnalia of pre-Christian times. The real Carnival is a time of glittering masked balls ,elaborate costumes, outlandish customs, and dazzling parades. It is best experienced in such European cities as Venice, Cologne or Munich, in South America (especially Rio de Janeiro), or in New Orleans.

The Quebec Carnival - which started traditionally enough, but has developed into a gigantic snow festival - is probably responsible for our Canadian variety of "winter carnivals".

In England the carnival season used to be called "shrovetide". It covered the three days before Lent, when sinners first went to confession and then indulged in "shroving" (having fun). Shrove Tuesday, the last day of "shrovetide", used to be the great "Derby Day" of cockfighting. It has now been reduced to "Pancake Day", and the tradition has recently been exported to Canada. The name Shrove Monday has been all but forgotten; in Europe it is called Rose Monday, and in many countries all business activities stop during Carnival until the day of reckoning - Ash Wednesday.

Its name comes from the 6th century Roman custom of sprinkling on the heads of "penitents" the ashes of palm leaves left over from the previous Palm Sunday. Modern Ash Wednesday is a day when hundreds of millions of carnival revellers all over the world sober up, put away their costumes and masks, clean up the mess, and face reality again. In Roman Catholic regions this reality includes fasting and other forms of self-denial.

They say you haven't lived until you've experienced Rose Monday or Shrove Tuesday in one of the great Carnival capitals of the world. And I say you haven't moaned until you've witnessed the horrendous mass hangover, the wailing and gnashing of teeth that follows on Ash Wednesday.

Come to think of it, the tame little winter carnivals in our Canadian communities are easier on the nerves and healthier for the body. We may not rise to the loftiest heights of passion of Tuesday, but then we also don't sink to the depths of despair on Wednesday. Moderation in all things - isn't that the Canadian way? So let's enjoy our little pancake breakfasts, our skating parties, and maybe a boisterous Bingo game or two. Winter is the pits, you say? Let's turn it into a four-month carnival. Yes, you're absolutely right: Ash Wednesday is un-Canadian.

the bottom line

JOE CLARK CONFIRMED that he will leave federal politics. The former Prime Minister has let it be known that he will continue to have input on national issues,though. He sees his future as a time when he will be free to write, teach, or pursue a business or international affairs deal. He sees his role as one that may yet determine the future of this country. After a twenty-one year run in politics, he may well enjoy the change.

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MAJOR BANKS CUT THEIR PRIME RATES, for the first time in a month, to 6.5 per cent. The stable Canadian dollar, weak demand for credit, slow economic growth and low inflation rate have set the stage for a fall in rates.

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MARIO LEMIEUX HAS BEEN REACTING WELL to radiation therapy in the treatment of his cancer. The date which will signal his return to the ice and the Pittsburg Penguins is being kept a secret. After being diagnosed with Hodgkins' disease, doctors predicted a 95 per cent chance of recovery. The fans are anxious to see him well and scoring goals again.

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ON MARCH 1, AT 6 AM, CHEQ 101.1 FM, country station will be transformed into CFMO, the home of Frank Sinatra and his silky voice and the likes of his music. Just think, it was only six months ago that the original CFMO, CHUM Ltds. 30-year old FM station underwent the change to soft edged rock hits as KOOL. Now another switch as they try to stay viable in the marketplace.

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STRIDE RITE CANADA LTD. is recalling 2500 pairs of Keds shoes for young children after a Pennsylvania infant apparently pulled the blue rubber label from a heel and put it into his mouth. Parents with the shoes in their possession should return them to the store where they were purchased. They are called Flexibles and are made for children up to 5 years of age, in sizes 2 to 10 with a blue Keds label on the back. Those on shelves have been taken off.

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AN OSHAWA RADIATOR PLANT is being closed by General Motors as of September 1, 1993. This move will put 250 employees out of work. The operations are being moved to a radiator plant near Lockport, New York, a plant four times the size of the Oshawa plant.

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THIS WEEK'S BOTTOM LINE:" Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures."-H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Alex

by Aydin Suatac



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Just living

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Listening to and watching a man sing, one the big guy and the writer saw some twenty years ago was a thrill this past week. Ian Tyson has a great stage show and sitting front row centre gave a terrific vantage point. Getting his autograph afterwards was special for us too.

The old bod is hangin tough. The bone doctor is working on stretching the muscles as the visits are repeated. This is great shortly after the event, but then as things cool down, the pain gains and the relief settles into the background to fade into a memory. Things are mending and we may well attain a healthy goal yet.

Sunday church was an experience as the youngsters who belong to the various Scouting and Guiding movements in the Village gathered to celebrate Baden Powell, the founders' birthday or Thinking Day, depending upon what section they belong to. Seeing these youngsters file in and observe them as they listened and took their part in the service was inspiring. Some do not frequent church and so this is a single exposure to a religious experience they will not soon forget. The expressions on their faces, their delight with new knowledge are grand to witness. For the church goers it provides a different religious hour for them. They were all well behaved and made their leaders proud.

Son number two is away on a school trip for three days, it is L'Ecole de Neige time. The house is mysteriously quiet without him...hopefully he will return with stories of marvellous adventures and thrilling tales of excitement in the snow as he learns French in a true immersion situation.Enough food and treats went along to last three months. I sure would not want to sleep in some of the sleeping bags during the trip! Crumbs city!!!

Driving in the wind and snow is a unique experience. Monday had snow drifting along the north/south roads, and quite heavy too in places. The four wheel drive came in handy for sure. It is always the other guy though that makes one tense. When the small vehicles hit the drifts in the opposite lane, and their wheels are yanked almost out of control, it can become pretty hairy! Safely back at work, the adrenalin slows to a crawl once more and life is enjoyed again.

A radio show quiz had The Chieftain gang ready to answer and sure enough, we got through to the station, and yes, we could answer all but one question correctly...the prize is in the mail, Wowow!!! This is a story to be told... One of the gang on line one, one on line two and everyone growing increasingly so excited about this that no one remembers the phone number of the show. A quick dial to information and we were set. As one calls family members to check on answers not 100 per cent for sure, the other dials frantically to get through. Then an excited scream alerts everyone that we have in fact gotten the station. As the announcer is flabergasted that a newspaper is calling and all the way from Iroquois, the conversation is taped. The questions asked and then it is wait until the next hour when some other business will call in and try to answer more than the nine out of ten correctly we had accomplished. Those family members who listened to the same station have to, yes, of course, call or come into the office to explain that they knew the answer to the one incorrect question we had. The backhoe operator should have had his cellular phone with him and we could have been 10 for 10!!

Hope you observed Shrove Tuesday yesterday, yum, those pancakes tasted great! It is tough to watch the amount of syrup though!

Keep digging and shovelling, we will overcome this white army that has invaded our piece of the world.



Get downnn...

Patty Lapier and daughter Stacey, took a break from their usual routines as the Brownies and Guides learned to line dance last Wednesday night at the Legion in Iroquois. John Wilson taught the group who were itching to learn The Ackey Breaky.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

Looking back

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At the Senior Citizens Club of Cardinal, Mr. **Tom Amell** pleased everyone with a reading. President **Pauline Peters** opened the meeting and **Mel Steryl** filled in for **Carman Wallace** as secretary.

The Red Devils captured a spot in the Cardinal Men's Broomball League playoffs by defeating the Angels three games straight. **Trevor Gill** and **Shawn Patrick** each picked up some goals.

The weekly bridge winners included, **Mildred McGinn, Wyland Nicholson, Tom McMullen** and **Elizabeth Temple.**

The Morrisburg Curling club designed a program to raise money for a new roof. A request for a **WINTARIO** Grant had been submitted.

The Charter Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Cardinal Legion received their pins at the 10th Anniversary banquet held at the Cardinal Legion. The group included, **Maude Crowder, Marjorie O'Brien, Muriel Crawford, Rae Reid, Orpha Bottan, Marjorie Fairfield, Marguerite Campbell, Joyce Maggee** and **Laura Casoubon.**

20 Years Ago

Mr. Mac Anderson was the newly elected Fire Chief for the Village of Iroquois.

The sum of **$436.00** was realized by the youth of the Village on behalf of the Dundas County Chapter of the Ontario Heart Fund Appeal during the February blitz.

The Tri-Service Flag was presented to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 370 Iroquois Coulour Party by Admiral **C.L. Hanington** and **Major Craig** Carpenter on behalf of the H.M.C.S. Iroquois.

Renee Barnhardt was to be representing Iroquois at the Miss Eastern Ontario Beauty Pageant being held in Perth. Renee was chosen as Queen of the Pageant at the Iroquois Winter Carnival.

Twenty-five Years Ago

The Winter Carnival in Iroquois was a rousing event. Ice Sculpture winners were, **Betty** and **Arthur Casselman, Ricard Casselman, Bill Rumble, Eddie Orlicky, Gerald Lessard, Linda Haldane** and **Allan Hare.** The snowmobile race winners were, **Connie Brown, Joan Whitteker, Joyce Robertson, Fred Whitteker** and **Gale Perry.**

Seaway news

This coming week is going to be a busy one for the students of Seaway, especially for the students who are involved in the sports programs. Girls Soccer practices are starting this week and an intramural Badminton tourney at noon hours will get underway next week. Then, there is Volleyball, today, the senior gals will host the R/O squad in a semi-final game while the midgets host R/O next Tuesday. The junior girls will travel to TAGWI today to play their semi-final game. In basketball action, the midget boys played CharLan on Tuesday last and unfortunately lost their semi-final 43-34. The seniors will journey to Tagwi on Tuesday, so check next week for the results. Thursday will have the junior boys hosting their final. The whole school will be dismissed to cheer the men to victory. The cost is only a buck and hopefully Spartan Spirit will encourage a win.

Driver's Education will start March 2, and with only two weeks to register anyone interested should pick up their registration forms at the front office.

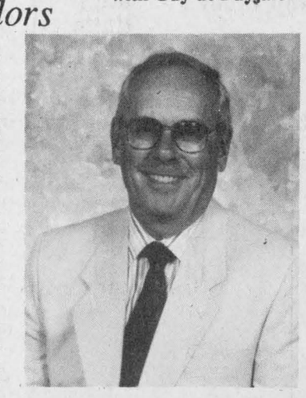
Seaway will be hosting the annual S.D and G. Programing Contest on March 3. Those who would like to be a team member for Seaway, meet with Mr. Hamilton please.

That is about all for this week...good luck in those semi-finalists!!!

View from the Point

with Guy de Puyjalon

Seaway ambassadors



Soon, it will be time for the ships again. From its winter's rest the great river will wake to the dull heartbeat of powerful engines propelling sleep-drugged hulls out of their various hibernations and toward the brooding seaway gates at Iroquois.

It seems like only yesterday that the lockmaster and his crew acknowledged the final salute of the 1992 season as the last laker pounded her way West in advance of a gathering winter storm. The five blasts of her horn had barely ceased echoing through the village streets when the mighty lock shut itself down for the annual rituals of ice storms and snow squalls, for the inevitable victory of freeze-up over maritime commerce.

The men and women whose professional lives are dedicated to the operation and maintenance of the lock perform their duties without much thought to their personal comfort. Nor may they always realize just how widespread and sincere is the appreciation of their selfless attention to the painstaking process of shepherding several thousand souls safely along their narrow waterway in all kinds of weather and at all hours of the day and night.

Throughout the sailing season each passage through Iroquois represents for an incredibly varied armada of vessels (over four thousand in 1992 transited some section or other of the Seaway) the culmination of careful plans involving the transportation in safety of untold wealth in terms of commercial and human cargo. Though undoubtedly too modest to perceive themselves as such, the men and women who patiently tend the great gates and take the lines of transiting craft are in a very real sense ambassadors of good will for the village community as well as outstanding members of the respected St. Lawrence Seaway organization.

For example, when "Pacific Swift", a world-class traditional tall ship passed through Iroquois last summer, both upbound and later downbound, her Master and passengers remarked openly and emphatically that nowhere in the world had they ever received such friendly and competent service as had been offered them by the staff at Iroquois Lock. This compliment, from a ship that had just completed voyages to the United States, Australia and New Zealand, the Panama Canal, South and North America, thence enroute from Iroquois to Europe, to our own knowledge has been echoed hundreds of times by as many Masters from different parts of the world and of Canada. Over twenty years of piloting small craft through these waters, rarely have instances come to our attention of any substantial dissatisfaction having been expressed by the impressive number of small craft owners locking through Iroquois, a reputation which unfortunately is not evenly merited in all sectors of the waterway. It should come as no surprise then that among our unsung heroes the men and women of the Iroquois Seaway Lock occupy a preferred place in the opinion of the vast majority of their clients.

Viewed from this point, they present clearly to the world of seafaring peoples an image of competence, of unusual courtesy, of commitment to excellence that needs to be recognized.

Of such an image Iroquois can be justifiably proud.

Drive to buy Co-op gains momentum

by Doug Benn
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The drive by local farmers to finance the Golden Triangle Co-op (GTC) has been going well so far with $320,000 raised so far.

According to Ron Greaves, the District Manager of the new co-op, $500,000 dollars in equity is needed before the Co-op can be bought. Of the roughly 1,700 farmers who are members of the United Co-operatives, just over 740 have bought new memberships with the Golden Triangle Co-op.

"We've had a really good response from the membership," says Greaves, "but we've still got a little way to go yet, and it's very important that we raise this money in the next week or two in order to get our bank financing completed to make the acquisition."

Greaves says that although the money doesn't have to be raised in a time limit of two weeks, he and the members of GTC would like to get the money before spring comes.

"The sooner we get it the better," he says, "As we go into spring, so much depends on the sales for the cropping in the spring, and if we're not prepared for that, and have our business up and operational, it changes the picture considerably."

Greaves, a farmer himself, was optimistic about the chances of raising the money for GTC in time. "I'm pretty sure that we're going to make it. I think there has been a really good response. We had an information meeting in Winchester last Thursday, and we had over 100 people in attendance. A lot of good questions, and a lot of enthusiasm came out of it.

"It's a bit exciting, because it's a group effort by a lot of people in order to make this acquisition and have a business of their own."

Greaves says that the effort taken to establish the Golden Triangle Co-op is the first in 50 years, when several of the agricultural co-ops were formed. "They went around and canvassed much the same as we are right now. They were successful back then."

Becoming a member of Golden Triangle Co-op requires buying three common shares at $100 each. With 1700 members, and the good response so far, numbers give Greaves and his counterparts a real chance to raise the money necessary.

But he says the job won't be easy. In order to raise the money, current members have to go out to the homes of several United Co-op members to get them interested. "The canvassers are all volunteers, and they are all also farmers. It's just difficult for them to get out because they are limited to so many hours per day.

"We're hoping that the people who haven't been contacted will come to their local store where they can buy a membership."

The establishment of the Golden Triangle Co-op in Leeds Grenville, if it is successful, will be the first time in years farmers in the county have had their own regionally run co-op that serves their needs.



Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Major Clean-up

A Ministry of Transportation backhoe cleans up the corners piled high with snow along Highway 2 this week. The heavy snowfall has made visibility on the corners almost nil and was making it necessary for drivers to pull out into the traffic almost to make sure they can merge with traffic. This step helped considerably. Here the crew works on the Elizabeth Drive and Highway 2 intersection.

Meet Your S & F Staff



BETTY McEWEN

Betty is well known to all who shop at S & F Food Town. A resident, along with her 20-year old daughter, in the Village of Iroquois for the past 25 years, she has worked in the S and F store for 20 of those years. She has earned a degree in Produce Management from Cornell University, and was promoted to the position of Assistant Manager 4 years ago.

Betty always has a smile and a joke, or at least a friendly wave for all. She enjoys her job, and grows serious shen she says that she is not at work only for the pay cheque at the end of the week, but, mainly because she enjoys what she does so much. Along with her job and friends she has made over the years, she hopes to retire in the Village when the time comes.

Asked why she has stayed in the grocery business, she sites that she likes to work with the people who are employed at S and F. "Working with the boys and girls is rewarding and fulfilling. I truly enjoy meeting and helping the public, I hope all goes well for me and I can stay right here for a long time to come."

Plans have been set in motion for Betty to return to school to take a Manager's Course in the near future in Belleville.

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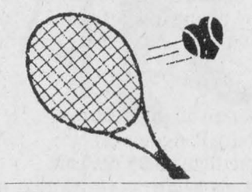

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Morrisburg Invitational

Three local skaters filled the podium after the Pre-Preliminary Men's A event. Allen Chung of Morrisburg, was first, and to the left is Brian Law of Iroquois who came second, and third place Bradley Thompson, of Iroquois, is on the right. Full results of the competition will not be available until next week. *Chieftain photo by S.L. Cumberland*

Kings down Titans

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

After defeating the Ottawa West Golden Knights on the 18th, the Kings finished their last game of the regular season against their arch rivals the Ottawa Valley Titans Saturday.

Played in Kanata, the Kings opened things up in the first when Nick Hall nailed a brilliant pass on to the stick of teammate Tyler Dukelow. Dukelow, displaying skill and dexterity, drilled one into the mesh and the Rideau St. Lawrence squad had the lead.

At 4:35, number 88 for the Titans, Scott Heffernan tied things up until the second period.

At 11:55, Adam O'Mera broke the dead lock. Bill Henderson hit the rightwinger with a picture perfect pass and O'Meara did not miss the mark! The Kings held on to the lead for three minutes, but at 8:05, Chris Baford tied the game once again for the Titans.

A defensive battle ensued for the remainder of the period, with neither team able to capitalize.

In the third the pace quickened, but the Kings were up to the challenge. At 11:45, Asselin, Carty and Collins broke out of their zone and headed for the Titans end of the ice.

Asselin flashed a pass to Carty, Carty hit Collins breaking to the net, Collins with the precision of a surgeon picked the corner and BANG!!! The Kings were back on top!

The Rideau St. Lawrence squad held on for the win and defeated the first place Titans 3-2.

A banner year for the Kings, the 1992-93 Rideau St. Lawrence Minor Atom AA Kings finished second in the regular season with the best record in the history of the Minor Atom Kings.

With an impressive twenty-four wins, seven losses and four ties, the Kings picked up fifty-two points, scored 141 goals and only allowed 64 goals against.

The first game of the quarter finals will take place at the Spencerville arena this Saturday at 12:00 as the Kings take on the South Ottawa Canadians.

On the 18th of February, the Kings demolished the Ottawa West Golden Knights, 9-1.

Ryan Carty picked up three goals. Tyler Dukelow nailed two goals and one assist. Matt Collins, Marty Welch, Nick Hall and Brad Potter each added one. Welch also picked up one assist and Collins picked up two. Philip Knapp assisted on four. Mike Asselin assisted on three. Adam O'Mera assisted on two, and Steven Brown and Jon Chambers each picked up one assist.

Good luck on Saturday and in the play-offs!!!



Blades strikes!!

Rob "Blades of Steel" Casselman, tipped this one in as the Lions defeated Kemptville last week. Morrisburg will host the 73's in the third game of their best of seven series tonight. Don't miss the action, get out and be a part of it all. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Lions take first 2 of series

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

If the Morrisburg Jr. B Lions can win tonight and Friday night, the first round of the play-offs will be theirs!

Last Friday evening Morrisburg downed the Kemptville 73's in the first of their best of seven series, and then on Sunday in Kemptville, did it again to take a two game stranglehold on the floundering 73 squad.

Big Doug Casselman was happy with the teams two victories, but at press time was not predicting a four game sweep of the series.

"We're still playing it one game at a time, and in this division anything can happen!, commented the Coach.

"I was happy with the first two periods of play in Friday night's game. The boys slacked off a bit in the third, but we held on. However, we weren't prepared Sunday and we fell behind early in the game. We came back after we got our senses together but they (Kemptville), taught us a lesson," said Casselman.

"If you let them get their foot in the door, it might be hard to close!"

Last Wednesday evening in their last regular season game against the 73's, the Lions opened up the scoring less than two minutes into the game when Mike McAllister and Derreck Holmes combined on a passing play to set up Morrisburg's own Rob Domanko.

Around the nine minute mark the 73's made an offensive drive tieing the game and then in a matter of two minutes, scoring twice more to take a two point lead.

However, the Lions were not finished at 6:15 deep in 73 territory, Craig Villeneuve planted a pass on the stick of Martin Pancirov. Pancirov drove toward Kevin Forbes in net for Kemptville, faked a shot, and then dropped a pass back to pointman Shawn Hummell.

Hummell, who up until this point in the game had been denied after a countless flurry of shots, unleashed a devastating blow closing the gap to one!

The crowd went wild!!! "HUUUMMELLL..HUUUMMMELL"

In a virtual repeat of the first, the Lions hit the ice in the second and less than two minutes later, tied the game at three.

Besner carried the puck into the zone, centred the pass to Travis Froats, Froats around the defensemen passed to Blades of Steel, and Casselman hammered it home!

At 14:37 Besner broke out of the Lions end once again! This time it was Casselman who picked up the pass. In over the blue line Rob drilled a shot to leftwinger Geoff Hare, and Hare put the home team back in the lead.

At 9:46 Kemptville scoring machine Mike Speziale tied things up for the 73's, but less than a minute after Speziale's counter, Besner, Casselman and Hare did it again.

Same line different time, Casselman carried the puck in to the Kemptville end and picked Hare off with a perfect pass. Hare planted one on Besner's stick and faster than you can say "M.V.P.", the Lions had regained the lead.

Morrisburg went on to add one more in the second and six in the third while Kemptville could only muster three.

Besner picked up three of the six and assisted on two!

Snapping their two game losing streak, the Lions faced off against the 73's Friday night in the first of their best of seven semi-final playoff series.

Dennis Villeneuve in the cage for the Lions was in fine form Friday evening shutting out the visitors in the first two periods.

However, Kemptville had their moments and three or four times during the opening two frames Lion fans were relieved to hear the "DING" of the puck as it sailed off the post and into the corner.

Kemptville on the other hand was not as lucky, and before the teams hit the ice in the third, Morrisburg had put four past the 73's netman.

In the first, Blades of Steel added his name to the score sheet, as did Yvon Besner. In the second, Geoff Hare and Rob Domanko each scored once.

Slowing down in the final frame, Morrisburg was forced to surrender two as former Hawk Dennis Dodd along with new teammate Trevor Mikus each beat Villeneuve, but at 10:13, Craig Villeneuve scored again for the Lions.

At 4:48 Andrew McEwan and Mike McAllister set up Rob Domanko for the Lions sixth of the night.

Two seconds later, excitement errupted in the south east corner of the arena as Kemptville Coach Lindsay Seleck and Trainer Mike Valcour went to the stands!!!

An explosive five minutes ended with the arrival of the Ontario Provincial Police, and the ejection of both coach and trainer from the bench.

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Minor hockey update

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter
PeeWee C

The Prescott Rangers travelled to Morrisburg on Sunday for a match against the PeeWee C Lions. Morrisburg took an early lead in the first and then went on to win 3-1.

The Lions first goal came when David Trude knocked one past Chris Matthews on a pass from John Scrim. Jason Collegan was hot in the pipes for Morrisburg and the Rangers could not score in the first.

Collegan also shut out the visitors in the second. However, Matthews was not as lucky and with three minutes left in the period, Robbie Murphy drilled a Jamie Parker pass into the mesh for the Lions.

In the third the home team nailed the coffin shut when Trude picked up his second of the night with only 5:17 left to play in the game. Prescott managed to get on the board with a late third period counter.

PeeWee B

Dale Lewis's PeeWee squad squeezed out a 5-3 victory in Winchester as they defeated the North Dundas Devils.

Morrisburg took the lead at 8:05 when Daniel Goss went to the net alone and beat the Devils netman Kevin McLeod. North Dundas came back and at 3:04, when Shawn Stewart beat David Millard.

The Lions regained the lead with less than two minutes to play in the first frame when Bradley Boivin hammered a pass to Jamie Barkley. Barkley in over the hash marks, flashed a lightning shot past McLeod and Morrisburg was back on top.

In the second, Spencer Rooney increased the Morrisburg lead when he scored an unassisted goal at 8:55. The Devils reduced the Lions lead to one at 4:36 when Stewart picked up his second of the night.

Morrisburg started the scoring in the final frame when defenseman Chris Barkley hit John Deroucher with a pass. Deroucher deeked to the right and then drilled the Lions fourth of the night past McLeod.

Less than a minute later, Stewart went to the net alone to complete his hat-trick and keep the Devils in the game, but twenty-four seconds after that, Justin Beckstead scored the last goal of the game sealing the victory for the Lions.

Midget B

Gary Magee would not give up a goal in the third, but the Morrisburg Midget offence could not put the puck in the net and the Lions had to settle for a loss.

Monday night in Morrisburg the Lions hosted the Brockville Braves. The Lions opened up the scoring in the first when Justin O'Reilly capitalized on a pass from Chad Hanes and Jay R. Elliot with five minutes remaining.

At 1:11, Brockville's Rob Casselman, on his way to a three point night, dropped the Braves first past Magee.

In the second the Lions broke the tie with a goal from Sheldon Tryon. Steve Morrow and Kyle Marriner assisted.

Magee held off the Braves for the next four minutes, but Casselman would not be denied and at 10:29, he tied the game once again.

Less than a minute later, Morrow drilled one into the mesh to put the Lions back on top. Tryon hit Scott Weagant with a pass just inside the zone. Weagant beat the defence and drilled a shot to Morrow who nailed the puck past Robert Alexander.

Brockville came right back to tie the game and then with 3:37 remaining in the second, scored the game winning goal.

Angels

Last Thursday in Morrisburg the Angels lost to Spencerville 2-1. Morrisburg was on the board first when Kim McInnis drilled one into the mesh in the second, but Spencerville came back to tie things up before the period ended and then a late third period goal put it away for the vistors.

The winner of the Morrisburg Minor Hockey Cash Calendar Draw for the week was Frank Shaw of Morrisburg.

Soccer registration Sat.

Registration will be held this Saturday, February 27th, and on March 6th, for soccer in South Dundas. Practices will start in May for players born prior to August 1, 1988, and after July 30th, 1979, age 14 and under.

Players under 12 years of age will play mini-soccer, and the under 14 age group will play with eleven players on the field. All girls and boys are urged to register in all age groups from 9 am. to 1 pm., at the Morrisburg Arena, on the above mentioned dates.

In order to register, you must have the following: copy of birth certificate; photo for player ID card; waist size; Health Insurance Number; a cheque for $25 per player, no discount; and name, age and signature of volunteer.

South Dundas Soccer is affiliated with the Eastern Ontario Soccer Association, allowing players and coaches to be covered by insurance provided by the Ontario Soccer Association. Membership also allows South Dundas teams to compete with other sanctioned clubs throughout Ontario, and the world.

Once again, all teams will practice or play on Tuesday nights. Minisoccer players will have a game and combined practice, starting with a group warm up for all players and coaches. Starting time will be 6:45 pm., ending by 8:30 pm.

Morrisburg Waterfront Park will be used once again this year, and if sufficient numbers enroll in Iroquois, a local park will be used for Mini-Soccer teams.

South Dundas Minor Soccer provides equal opportunity for both girls and boys. The Mini-Soccer program is co-ed up to age ten, and it is hoped to offer girls-only teams at the age of under 12 and under 14.

If enough players under 16 register, a separate girls and boys team will be formed. At least 15 players for each team must register.

Monday night is recreational soccer night for women only. Participants must be at least 14 years of age, and the aim is fun and fitness. The cost at registration is $10.

Players over the age of 16 who are interested in playing men's soccer, should contact the Spartans Soccer Club, which operates a men's senior team in the Cornwall & District league.

Residents from Cardinal, Ingleside and South Mountain can register to play soccer in South Dundas, or form teams to compete against South Dundas teams. For more information call Doug Martin at 543-4273 fter 6 pm. or weekends.

For each registration taken, a volunteer must accompany the registration, or the child may not be allowed to play. No experience necessary.

Minor soccer in South Dundas started in 1991 with 45 registering, doubling in size last year in 1992. This year South Dundas Soccer expects about 144 players. With the World Cup of Soccer coming to North America next summer, it is expected that substantial interest in soccer will occur.



Competition tough

Michael Whittle, of Iroquois, competed in the Pre-Preliminary Men's B event at the Morrisburg Invitational Competition, held Saturday. Inter-club competitions like this one, tend to mature the skater, and it was evident as competitiors waited for their placings, many have indeed been bitten by the bug!! *Chieftain photo by S.L. Cumberland*

FROM THE FRONT

Snow

In a phone interview with Water Resource Engineer Cameron McGowan of the South Nation River Conservation Authority, Mr. McGowan pointed out that the conservation authority has been keeping abreast of the situation.

"Although we do not keep an actual measurement of the snow fall in the area, we do keep an eye on the volume," stated Mr. McGowan.

The amount of snow in a season does not necessarily determine whether or not flooding will occur in the spring. "A number of other factors combined to create flooding," explained McGowan. "If all of the snow were to melt in a four day period, that would give us reason to be concerned. But because there is a lot of snow, it doesn't mean that there will be flooding, it's all up to mother nature."

Among the many services provided at the South Nation River Conservation Authority, the organization helps local municipalities by letting them make use of their Flood Warning System.

"We update the system yearly and remind the municipalities that it is their responsibility to respond to emergencies in their own area. We issue a manual each year listing the different agencies to be contacted and with our resources we are able to issue flood alerts."

The Ministry of Natural Resources has also been keeping an eye on the snow fall. Earlier in the week, Information Officer for the Brockville area, Kevin Lamacraft, issued a warming to pet owners who let their dogs run free.

The recent heavy snowfalls throughout the area have been causing problems for the local deer population. The current snow cover is very deep and powdery making it difficult for deer to move around.

"This makes them (deer), very vulnerable to predators such as coyotes and domestic dogs," said Mr. Lamacraft. "I am not aware of any deer being killed in this area but we want the public to be informed just the same."

Loose dogs may also chase and harass neighbouring livestock which, like deer, have a hard time moving about in the deep snow.

With food in short supply, irresponsible pet owners could be creating life threatening and serious problems for deer. "Dogs don't usually kill deer for food, but they will maul them, and deer that have been chased may die due in part to exhaustion and in part to starvation," said Lamacraft.

Dog owners should be aware that they are liable for their pets, and the maximum fine under the Game and Fish Act is $25,000. Conservation officers in the field have the authority to destroy any dog that is chasing or harassing deer.

"We hope that after learning this, pet owners will think twice about letting their dogs out to roam free while they are at work," said Mr. Lamacraft.

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Learning Disabilities Assoc. of Ont., Cornwall and the United Counties Chapter. Next meeting: Mon., Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m., General Vanier High School Library, 1500 Cumberland St. Cornwall. Speaker: Constable David Muldoon, R.C.M.P., Topic: Sensitivity and Understanding of What Learning Disabilities Are.

Matilda Women's Institute Feb. meeting cancelled due to weather conditions. Will be held with Mar. meeting beginning with a pot luck supper at 7 p.m. at the home of Doreen Empey, Mar. 8th. Bring a covered dish and have an enjoyable evening.

A St. Patrick's dance featuring the CELTIC CANUCK will be held at the Bonnie Glen on Sat., Mar. 13, 1993 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Lunch and prizes. Admission $7. The dance is sponsored by Mount Carmel House Auxiliary.

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Legion public speaking

Wednesday night children in the primary grades and junior grades competed in the Legion Public Speaking contest. In the primary level Warren Leroy came in first. Amanda Byvelds came in second, and Katie Van De Kamp came in third. Pictured above the primary contestants were, Liam Maguire, Melinda Mulikow, Amanda Byvelds, Kimberley O'Neil and Dougie Cox. In the back row, Katie Van De Kamp, Laurie Irvine, Warren Leroy and Adrienne Leroy.

Practice snowmobile safety

At least 16 people have lost their lives in snowmobile mishaps this winter in Ontario. Fourteen of those killed were males, with alcohol and thin ice playing major roles in the accidents. These stark facts should be on the minds of snowmobilers everywhere, as the snow piles up making for excellent conditions to be enjoyed.

Two newlyweds were killed on their honeymoon at St. Charles, southeast of Sudbury, when the driver left a groomed trail and crashed head-on with a rock wall. A 21 year old man was killed when he was accidentally run over by a snowmobile driven by his 17 year old brother in Derby Township, west of Owen Sound. A young woman lost her life in the Huntsville area when her bare head struck the ground after she fell off the back of a snowmobile during an accident. She would probably be alive today had she worn a helmet. Two men from Kitchener died when their snowmachines plunged through the ice on Georgian Bay, near Honey Harbour. Two teenaged males, aged 18 and 19, suffered a similar fate on Big LaCloche Lake near Massey. Other fatal accidents occurred at Albany River, Clear Lake, Espanola, Fort Frances, Haileybury, Matheson, Minaki and Sprucedale.

"I'm saddened to hear that 16 people were killed, but what makes it more tragic is that these accidents were easily preventable," Ontario Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation Anne Swarbrick said. "It's vital that everyone, from novices to regular riders adopt a safety-first attitude."

The latest statistics are a sobering reminder of the Ontario's Snowmobile Safety Committee's Ride Safe, Ride Sober campaign. The messages contained in the campaign slogan are very clear. If you are planning to head out on your snowmobile, don't drink. When you do operate a snowmobile, pay attention, don't speed, stick to groomed trails, avoid travelling on lakes if at all possible, follow the rules of the trail, carry an emergency kit and at all times wear reflective clothing and a helmet approved by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or the Department of Transportation. These safety tips, if followed by everyone, would go a long way toward reducing the number of snowmobile accidents dramatically.

Many events were held across the province throughout Snowmobile Safety Week, and on February 17th, at Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto Maple Leafs captain Wendel Clark, a campaign spokesperson drew for the first prize of the Safety Contest. Entrants had been collected from across the province for the prize Yamaha Phazer Deluxe Snowmobile. People who had entered had to answer questions relating to snowmobile safety. Those who answered correctly had a chance to win the grand prize.

"I'm proud to be a member of the Ride Safe, Ride Sober team." Clark said. "The messages we are getting out to the public are clear and straight forward. Stay sober, follow the rules of the trail and come home safely. If not, others may have to carry you home, or worse still, you may never come home again!"

Dan Waters, Parliamentary Assistant to Ms. Swarbrick, solidified the provincial government's commitment to snowmobile safety, by announcing that by March 31st, the Ministry will have invested $2.1 million commited for trail development across Ontario, under the SNO-TRAC program. The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) has contributed another $1.5 million toward trail development under SNO-TRAC, bringing the total amount for the year to $3.6 million.

The Ontario Snowmobile Safety Committee is spending a total of $125,000 on the campaign during the 1992/93 snowmobiling season, up from $50,000 the year before. The campaign is being bolstered by numerous volunteers from all regions of the province.

Members of the committee include the Ministries of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, Transportation, Natural Resources, Northern Development and Mines, Attorney General and Solicitor General; Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association; the Royal Life Saving Society Canada; SportSmart Canada; the OFSC; the Addiction Research Foundation; and three snowmobile manufacturers: Arctic Cat, Bombardier Inc. and Yamaha Motor Canada Ltd.

Seaway curlers 6th in province

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Last weekend the Seaway District High School Boys Curling team travelled to Guelph for the Provincial finals. Sweeping their way to victory in the Regional Schoolboy Championships in Norwood allowed the team the honour of representing the entire Zone 1.

"They are a young team and have another two years together," said Coach Sid Morrell. "The competition at the Provincial level is very tough and we are proud to be 6th in the Province. We can expect great things from this team in the future."

Jon Ball, Jeff Casselman, Joshua Adams and Spencer Cooper, will be returning to action tomorrow as they meet the curling team from North Dundas at the Morrisburg Curling Club.

Three boys teams and two girls teams will be competing in the Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, Championships Thursday for a chance to advance to EOSSA.

The boys first game is scheduled for 9 a.m., and if they advance their last game of the day will commence at 4 p.m.



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Cassell takes first

Lance Cassell pulled in infront of the other contestants to take first place in the junior level of the Legion Public Speaking Contest. All of the children did a wonderful job and deserve to be recognized for their accomplishments. Given Hunter came in second and Eric Wemerman came in third. Pictured above the group is, Amy Frechette, Lance Cassell, Eric Wemerman, Sarah Stitt, Emily Moss, Joanne Pepers, Victor Schraner and Given Hunter.

Iroquois Dart League

Well! Congratulations to Jim Logie, who shot a 180, our first one this season. Kong Fu still in first place 116 1/2; Guys & Gal 107 1/2; Senators 105 1/2; Mabel's Boys 98; Misfits 92 1/2; Unicorns 89; Maybes 87 change places with Taz who are 1 1/2 points behind them with 85 1/2 points; Three & One 82 1/2; Blue Jays 70; Braves 69 1/2; and Pearl's Oysters 60 1/2.

High scores: Jim Logie 180; John Trayner 124; Trevor Easter 119; and with 100 each, Reg Farmer, Glen Adams, Art Ault, Nancy Borris, Bill Dodge and Stephanie Dodge.

Games won by: Reg Farmer and Jean Greenough 5 games; Lloyd Greenough 4; with three games each, Glen Adams, Jim Carkner, Trevor Easter, Mabel Roberts, Earl Nesbitt, Doris Trayner, Earl Nesbitt, Carl Gibson, and Bonnie Gibson; two games each are, Phyllis Leckie, Glen Easter, Jim Logie, Jake Easter, Nancy Borris, Bill Dodge, Dan Dodge, Kent Smith, Leo Merkley and Ron Strader; the one game apiece are Barb Merkley, Art Ault, Dan Rainey, Sharon Easter, Maurice Gagne, Trish Peters, George Peters, Pearl Roy, Sandra Dodge, Joe Roberts, Percy Roberts, and Stephanie Dodge.

Scores to beat still Joyce Murphy 138 and Lloyd Greenough 160. High finishes Sharon Easter 16-T19-D18=109.

Thanks to the spares who were able to fill in for the six who were "missing".



Card sharks?!

Ray Kinney and Roger Coulter paired off at the Legion's crib tourney, held in the new lounge this past Saturday. A great way to beat the outside cold, the new lounge is beautiful, and provided quite the comfy surrounding.

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Trees' Act changes modified

After receiving more than 6,000 responses to a survey on proposed changes to Ontario's Trees Act, the Minister of Natural Resources, Bud Wildman, has agreed to respond to rural concerns about some of the proposed modifications.

"It's clear that public opinion is divided along urban and rural lines, and I will consider changes to the legislation that would allow urban centres and larger cities to exercise more control over how urban trees and woodlots affect the urban landscape," says Mr. Wildman.

The original recommendations for changes to the Trees Act were made by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in conjunction with staff members of the Ministries of Natural Resources and Municipal Affairs.

The recommendations themselves came about when a number of Ontario municipalities expressed the feeling that the existing Trees Act fails to meet today's community standards because of the changes that have taken place in the province since the Act was originally passed in 1946.

A press release from the MNR states that "The committee's recommendations envisioned expanding the provisions of the current act so that all municipalities would have the option of passing a bylaw giving them the power to control tree cutting. The changes the committee proposed would have allowed individual municipalities to enact bylaws, if the community decided it was necessary. Rural residents oppose this suggestion by a clear margin."

Because of the strong rural rejection of some of these proposed changes, Mr. Wildman states that "I do not intend to propose that the Trees Act be extended to rural municipalities outside of the county, regional or metropolitan levels of government."

The survey did show that there was substantial agreement in at least one area; urban woodlots. Everyone seems to agree that urban woodlots and trees should be better protected from development and that the destruction of urban trees should be discouraged.

The main objections to the committee's reports were based on the principle of the rights of property owners to determine how their property should be managed.

The report notes that there was a strong concern over whether or not municipalities should be enabled to pass bylaws that restrict tree cutting on private land. The public also had reservations about recommendations to implement a permit system that could be used as a means of controlling woodlot management activities on private property.

The difference of opinion between rural and urban responses to the questionnaire can be demonstrated by noting the results of a few of the questions.

When asked "Is the removal of trees and woodlands on private property a matter for public concern," 103 urban responders said yes, while 406 rural residents said no.

Asked, "Should municipalities have greater power, including imposition of fines," 77 urbanites said yes, 365 rural respondents said no.

The survey also noted, however, that there was general agreement that education should be a primary tool for improving forest management practices and that the provincial government should take a leading role in this process.

It was also agreed that any changes to the Trees Act should have an appeal process built in so that private property rights can be protected.

The report concludes saying that further consultation will take place with government agencies, AMO and other interested groups on how an amended Trees Act would operate in urban municipalities and how urban municipalities will be defined in areas without county or regional levels of government.

Once consultations have been completed, the next step will be to draft an amendment to the Trees Act that would apply to urban municipalities. Such an amendment could be on the books as early as the spring of this year.

FROM THE FRONT

Edwardsburgh

bie, stating that grants could be available.

The volunteers were adamant about their resignations, and they refused invitations from the council to take back the $350 cheque, preferring to take the minor ball equipment to the Edwardsburgh arena, where it will stay until someone decides to replace the people who resigned.

Later, Deputy Reeve Ross Somerville said he thought the problem with the volunteers was that they never raised money on their own, and he held up as an example the recent fundraising efforts of the Beaver and Cubs Parent Association, who were at the meeting applying for a Nevada Break-Open ticket license.

Somerville said that the people involved with minor ball could have held a bingo or other event to support their cause.

Township building inspector and bylaw officer Dwayne Crawford has handed in his resignation. Crawford, who has been with the township for over four years will be leaving February 26, 1993 to take up a similar position in Charlottenburgh Township just east of Cornwall.

Reeve Dobbie clarified some business from the last council meeting concerning the Cleary water services. Responsibility for the well will not cost the township any money. Nor will the township be responsible for sewer services on the site.

A public meeting will be held in Edwardsburgh on Wednesday, February 24, on Market Value Assessment that is being considered by Leeds-Grenville. The township plans to vote on the issue on March 1.

Morrisburg Lions

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Off the face-off at centre following the scuffle in the stands, Domanko did it again and the Lions lead 7-2.

Kemptville came back at 4:19 to score once more before the buzzer sounded, but it was no use! With forty two seconds left in the game, Besner on a break away, easily picked the top righthand corner of the net adding insult to injury as the Lions trounced Kemptville 8-3!!!

On Sunday the Lions fell behind the 73's early in the game, but after some head straightening, came back to beat the home team on their own ice!

Mike McAllister scored the game winning goal for the Lions halfway through the final period. With seven minutes left, Andrew McEwan added the insurance goal, and Jeff Hopkins did not give any up as Morrisburg took the second game of the series 8-6, and added their third win over the 73's in as many games.

Morrisburg will meet Kemptville tonight for game three in Morrisburg, and game four will take place in Kemptville Friday night. If a fifth game is needed it will be in Morrisburg on Sunday.



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IT'S A BOY!!
VANDERPOEL: Peter and Karen are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their third son, Evan Peter, weighing 9 lbs. 5 1/2 oz, born on February 9, 1993 at Winchester District Memorial Hospital. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Job VanderPoel and Mrs. Vera McInnis. Special thank you to Dr. Henry Prins and the maternity staff. Ben and Colin would like to thank Aunt Marilyn and cousin Kim for taking good care of them.
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Striving for a cleaner environment

by Shelley Cumberland
Chieftain Staff Reporter

An industry predominantly known for it's uncleanliness, grease spots and what-not, the auto repair industry overall has taken an active role in "cleaning up their act," so to speak. The staff at Iroquois Auto Repair has just recently qualified for bulk oil, and they are pretty darned proud of it.

Owner, and Class A Mechanic, Bob Sprague stated that many times at the end of a day, there would be some 30-odd plastic oil bottles to tend with. "Now this is eliminated," he says.

"We worked long and hard on our oil to get bulk oil," he adds. In order to qualify Iroquois Auto Repair had to sell over 400 litres per month to make it worthwhile for Quaker State to install the 200 litre tank.

The new appropriately green-coloured tank helps to eliminate two-thirds of the garage's waste, which was predominantly the plastic bottles. It is a change welcomed at the local repair establishment; not only is the bulk tank environmentally friendly, it doesn't cost any more either!!

On the other end, dirty oil is sent for recycling. Once it is drained from the car, oil is stored in 45 gallon drums and delivered to the bulk oil plant in Ottawa, Safety Clean, for recycling.

Always promoting "Canada," and Canadian made items, Bob also proudly displays a new line of batteries. Canadian Car Batteries he says, "are made by Canadians in Canada," by a company called Canadian Energy.

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A lot of changes are going down, according to Bob, and there has been rumour of a car care clinic coming up, for men and women, who would like to learn a bit more about maintenance on their vehicles. There will be more on this topic later, as plans are made.



A friend of the environment

A Quaker State bulk oil tank has just recently been installed at Iroquois Auto Repair, much to their delight, for they can now eliminate almost two-thirds of their waste. At times, the local vehicle repair business would have 30 plastic oil containers to throw out at the end of the day. Above is owner and Class A Mechanic, Bob Sprague.

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

OPP

Marilyn Hill, 50 of Williamsburg, and Alfred Hill, also 50 of same address.

Charges are pending against a third person, and seized narcotics are estimated at a street value of over $100,000.

On Tuesday, February 23rd, Constables Wert and Robertson Jr., checked a vehicle in the Iroquois area, to discover the back seat filled with chocolate bars, gum, candy and a colour television.

Further investigation revealed that the two 19 year old Matilda Township residents had just broken into the Cardinal Community Centre, before being apprehended northbound on Carman Road.

The investigation was turned over to the Prescott detachment of the OPP, and charges were pending at press time.

Police are investigating a number of vandalisms and acts of mischief, which occured last Friday night. As a result, four young offenders will be charged, two 13 year olds and two 15 year olds. The following is a list of the occurences:

Broken and demolished outside lights in the alley, at the Morrisburg Leader as well as another light in the same alley way; broken driver side mirror on a vehicle; broken boat tail light; tail light lens smashed on vehicle; and tail light smashed on another vehicle.

The Morrisburg Laundromat was vandalized by the youths including, dryer doors torn off and bent, as well as urinating in some of the dryers.

The Morrisburg Post Office was vandalized. Three of the youths sprayed orange pop on the walls, ceiling and floor, and urinated on post office boxes.

In relation to the above offences, a small brown car, possibly a Plymouth Horizon, was parked on Mackenzie Street, next to the Morrisburg Arena. The four teens damaged the vehicle, smashing the tail lights and drivers side mirror.

The owner of the vehicle has not contacted police, although the teens have given an admission of guilt. The owner of the vehicle is asked to contact Constable Gary Switch, at the Morrisburg OPP detachment.

As a result of the recent snow mobile patrol, 43 snow vehicles were checked; three charges were laid (one for no insurance, two under trespass to property act); and seven warnings were issued.

Scout-Guides

son that Scout/Guide Week is observed during the week of February 22 each year. When he was a young boy, he found that he was very good with his hands. Being ambidextrous was a plus for him, as he later would astound audiences by drawing two pictures simultaneously with a pencil in each hand. Boundless energy, he had loads of,but he was not much of a scholar or a team athlete. He preferred music, acting and sketching instead.

Utilizing many of the skills which he would eventually bring to Scouting, he discovered the out of bounds wooded area near his school without delay.

Given a commission in the army at 19, he served for many years in India, South Africa and Afghanistan. It was during the time he spent in Africa that he acquired a long necklace of wooden beads that had belonged to a Zulu Chief. Later each successful candidate for Wood Badge training would recieve a replica of these as their reward.

The left handshake was also born in Africa where B-P learned that warriors extended their left hand as a gesture of trust, since the left handshake required them to set aside their means of defence, their shield.

During a siege where he and two battalions (800 men) held out for 217 days until they were relieved, he used the skills he had learned to organize young boys from age 9 to run messages and serve as orderlies, releasing men for the battle line. These groups with their boy leaders were the forerunners of the Scout patrol system.

His appointment as Inspector General of Cavalry in Britain,gave him time to begin writing and illustrating. ABout this time, boys all over the country discovered his book, "Aids to Scouting" and began using it as their guide for clubs and group activities.

In 1904, he visited the annual demonstration of the Boys' Brigade. Then came Brownsea Island in 1907, Scouting for Boys in 1908 and the Great Rally at Crystal Place.

The movement was officially organized in Canada in 1909, and the following year, B-P and two Scout patrols visited this counrty and the U.S where Scouting was also getting started, thanks to an American publisher who had helped while in Britain.

The numbers rose and the ranks swelled so much that in 1914, B-P realized that the younger boys needed a separate organization, with activities better suited to their age. As well a character and uniform of their own seemed in order. Thus in 1916, the Wolf Cubs' Handbook was written using Rudyard Kipling's first Jungle Book as a basis for the program outline. The following year, over 30,000 Wolf Cubs were taking part in the fun in Britain alone, ensuring the success of this branch of the program.

In 1929, King George V made B-P a baron and he chose for his title, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. He took the name from Gilwell Park in England,a Scout Training Centre.

Continuing to encourage each country to get involved and interpret the Movement in their own way. He also continued to write books and illustrate them with his own sketches.

The girls were not to be left out and soon they had their own program and name to distinguish them from the boys. Girl Guides have continued to grow everthereafter.

He retired at the age of 80 years, and went to Africa with Lady Baden-Powell. he died at 84 in Kenya on January 8, 1941.

The founder of the World Brotherhood of Scouting lived two separate lives, soldier, hunter and man of action until 50, then promoter of peace and brotherhood, conservationalist and youth leader until his death.

The first World Jamboree was held in London in 1920 with 6,000 Scouts from all over the world attending.On the final day of the Jamboree, B-P was proclaimed the Chief Scout of the World. The Chief visited Canada in 1935 for the last time.

The Movement is alive and well in Iroquois presently and under the guidance of volunteer leaders, there are Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts active in the community. Sponsored by the Lions Club, each group does their best to fulfil their obligations to the program which they belong.

Taking part in community events, utilizing the community resources and enjoying their time, each group is busy all year long. Whether working on badges, doing a good deed or just having a great time learning a new skill, they are a dedicated group of youngsters who will mature to become great leaders in their community.

The annual banquet to honour Scout/Guide Week will be this Saturday, February 27 at 6:30 at the Civic Centre.

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Kevin Fader has been busy since purchasing a franchise of FM Windows. We caught up with him Sunday afternoon, as he manned a professional show booth at McHaffie's Flea Market. Stop in and see him at the Flea Market, there every Sunday, or call the Iroquois Showroom/Office at 652-1394, to see about installing new windows at dealer's prices. *Chieftain photo by S.L. Cumberland*

FM Windows arrives in Iroquois

by Shelley Cumberland
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Literally, the man about town is Kevin Fader since FM Windows has arrived in Iroquois. Having just purchased the franchise for this district, Kevin who fills the shoes of both District Manager and Sales Rep, is excited about the prospect that he can offer clients not only a great deal on the purchase and installation of new windows, but prices are at dealer's cost!

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FM Windows is on the Ontario Hydro Energy Efficient Windows list and thermal panes offer considerable home heating savings to the consumer.

For the last week, Kevin has been out talking to people in the plaza, and the response has been positive so far. As the cost of heating rises, consumers waste not want not.

Kevin and the sales staff are available for consultation, day or evening, seven days per week. Call 652-1394 to arrange for a home visit. FM Windows also has a show booth at McHaffie's Flea Market, Highway 31, north of Morrisburg every Sunday, from 7:30 am. to 4:30 pm.

Profitability on the dairy farm

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Dundas County Holstein Club welcomed Dairy Management Specialist Wayne Bourne, to the farm of Bert and Robby Smail last Thursday morning. Mr. Bourne was onhand to discuss profitability in the 90's.

Under a new pilot program titled, Ultimate Profits, launched last year by the Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Mr. Bourne and his team of specialists have been working with farmers in the area to help them realize the costs of operation, and suggesting ways of saving money.

"When we are talking about the profitability of farms, we are talking about the net the farmer can realize," said Mr. Bourne. "As well as the opportunities he might have in his operation to capitalize."

The Dairy Management Specialists look at different facets of the individual operation. Heifer management, the break down of the herd, the different ages of lactation, productive performance, the health of the animals and the cost associated with each of these.

"We list these different areas out, and put an economic value to them keeping in mind at what level the herd is at presently, and what is a realistic target."

All of the areas affect what it cost the farmer to produce a litre of milk. From the information the farmer can determine what the potential value is he could expect.

The farmer knows what value he will get from his product on the whole, but the Herd Improvement Association wants the farmer to look at what it actually costs him to produce one unit.

"If a farmer knows what it costs to produce one litre of milk, the potential to improve on his profit is greater."

Under the new program a dairy specialist comes to the operation and helps the farmer to obtain information on his herd. The information is then used by being translated into management material to be used for economic decisions.

Looking at a break down of where the most money is spent in a dairy operation, feed is generally speaking the most expensive. The latest provincial average puts it at 44 percent.

The expense from milk recording is less than one percent of the farmer's investment in his operation. Mr. Bourne pointed out, "The one basic thing we have to keep in mind is that in order to manage any business, we have to be able to measure and that's what we are helping the farmer to do. By taking the information and putting into a form the farmer can use, we are helping."

To have the service provided, Farmers can contact the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. The farmer pays for the first visit, and then through a funding project from the Ontario Agriculture Training Institute, the second visit is free.

"The Agriculture Training Institute looks at it as an educational program where people can on a one to one basis, learn how to interpret records and turn it into instrument material," finished Mr. Bourne.



Profitability...

Wayne Bourne a farm Resource Specialist was onhand at the farm of Bert and Robby Smail last Thursday morning. Mr. Bourne was there to discuss farm profitability in the 90's. Pictured above on the left, Bert Smail, and on the right, Mr. Bourne. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

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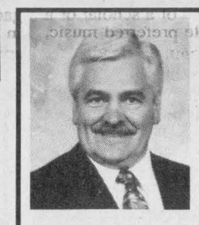
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PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matilda willl hold a public meeting on **March 25, 1993 at 8:00 p.m.** at the Township Municipal Building to consider a proposed zoning by-law amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

The proposed **zoning by-law amendment** is intended to rezone approximately 1.58 hectares (3.9 acres) of land situated in part of the East Half of Lot 25, Concession 1, Range 1, Township of Matilda, (as shown below), from "Commercial - General Special Exception Zone (CG-X)" to "Commercial - General Special Exception Zone (CG-1)" to permit the operation of a variety of uses out of a singular building including retail sales, sales and storage of all types of automotive and building materials, a rental outlet and a woodworking shop.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed zoning by-law amendment.

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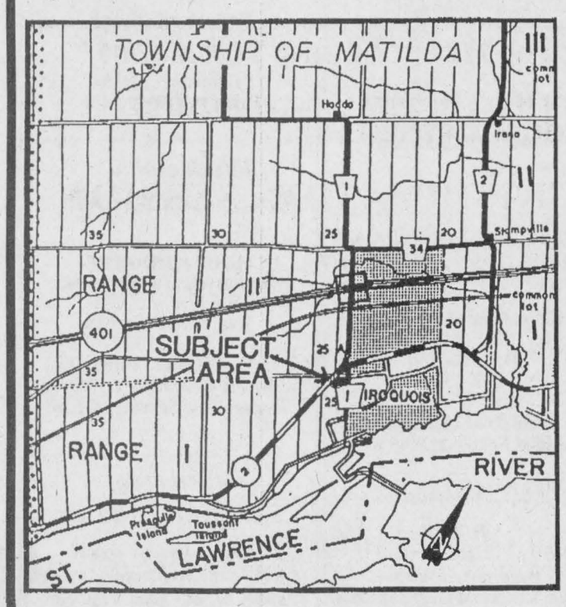

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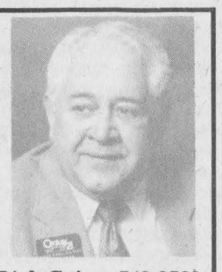

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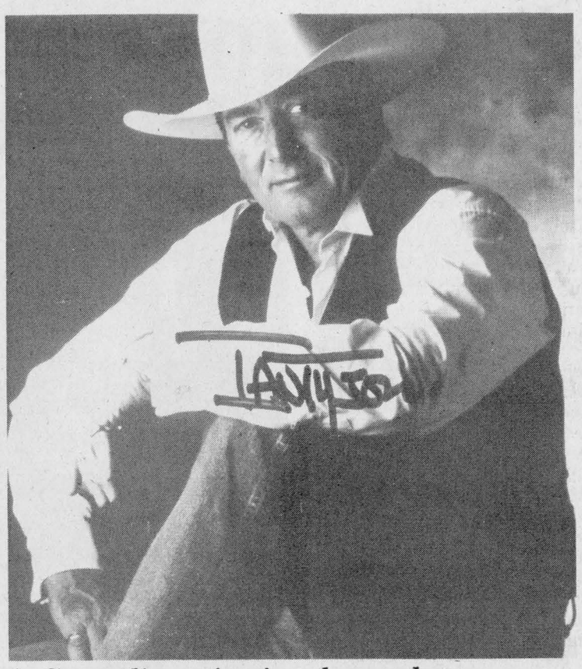

A Canadian singing legend

Ian Tyson was in Brockville late last week and the Editor attended the show. Not disappointed at all, this was agreat performance. Getting the picture autographed after the show was like icing on the cake. Tyson plays guitar right handed and signs left handed?! A terrific show, old faves and new tunes were presented in true cowboy style.

Jiggers presents Bowser and Blue

They sing songs, they tell jokes and they wear funny hats. They also sing jokes, wear hats and tell funny stories. Their hearts are in music but their minds are insane. They are Bowser and Blue, and they will be in your neighborhood, at Jigger's, Iroquois, this weekend, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, February 25-27, from 9 pm. to 1 am.

Bowser & Blue are George Bowser and Ricky Blue. They first teamed up in 1978, spending a few years playing their beloved 60's folk-rock music in Montreal pubs. Inclined toward the musical-comedy tradition, the show evolved and Bowser & Blue hit the college/university trail in 1984. The show reaped enthusiasm from students and in 1985 Bowser & Blue were voted Entertainer of the Year by the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities. In 1986 and 1991 they were voted Best Comedy/Variety Act.

Since 1991, Bowser & Blue have appeared weekly on CFCF-TV's *Fighting Back* as the show's resident satirists, and have performed on CBC's *The Journal* and *Midday*. In 1988, 1989 and 1990, Bowser & Blue were a part of *Just For Laughs* Montreal's international comedy festival.

The comedy duo have four albums under their belt, and have appeared on national TV on CTV's Comedy Warehouse, and Much Music with their video's *Rapping Rambo* and *Just A Cartoon.*

On syndicated radio, Bowser & Blue have not only been heard on Just for Laughs, but also the Dr. Demento Show Top 10, CBC's Prime Time, and the Comedy Network.

George Bowser was born in Sussex, England, and educated at Tonbridge and Oxford, where he read modern languages until departing to pursue a musical career. His musical adventures included a band with guitarist Roger Hodgson (later of Supertramp), and a stint with Katrina and the Waves. George immigrated to Canada in 1970 and played lead guitar with several Montreal bands before forming Bowser & Blue in 1978. George is fortyish and lives in Westmount, Quebec with his wife and three children. As the Bowser part of the duo, George plays guitar and sings. He also plays face and hand, but these have yet to be recognized as legitimate instruments.

Rick Blue (the other feller on the right), or Ricky, was born in Liverpool, England, but raised in Maine, New Jersey and Toronto. He has an M.A. in English from Concordia University, and has been involved with bands and media music in Montreal for over 20 years. In 1981, Ricky won an international Clio award for excellence in advertising. Ricky is forty-something and lives with his wife and child near downtown Beaconsfield, Quebec.

A Canadian award-winning musical comedy duo, Bowser & Blue have made their debut in pages of newspapers across Canada:

"Silly, profane and musically accomplished...uproarious" *Montreal Gazette.*

"Laugh like a hyena at two goofy guys who are rightly infamous!" *Toronto Sun.*

"Their humour is in wonderfully bad taste, and they don't mind offending people...the guys are not only clowns, but fine musicians." *Globe & Mail Montreal Magazine.*

There'll be lots of fun and laughs to be had at Jiggers over the weekend. Make sure you're there early...this is one act you won't want to miss!!

Tyson shows why his career hot

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On a singing swing that took him to Brockville, Cornwall and Nepean, Country singing legend, Ian Tyson has not lost his touch.

Tyson has no time it seems for much small talk. He came to sing and that is what he does. Once the stage is set, the hand sewn Navajo rug hung, supporting a skelton buffalo head lit with a bright light, the band takes up their instruments. The four-man Chinook Arch Riders had no problem chunning out some twenty-six tunes, over a two and a half hour span that seemed to pass all too rapidly for the 500 plus who came out on a cold evening.

The weather was bitter, but the seats were filled quickly as the lights dimmed and the anticipation grew.

Some had heard Tyson many years ago when he sang with his then wife, Sylvia. But, yes, he did sing that favourite Four Strong Winds and bring back memories for many.

His voice has not lost its' range and even though he will turn 60 this fall, he was up to the task.

Dressed in new jeans, rather long and wrinkled, stripped shirt, vest, and trademark, white cowboy hat from the Bailey Hat Co. (a plug he put in for the famous manufacturer), and that gold plated belt buckle that shone brilliantly in the spot light, he set the mood instantly.

The fact that all four back-up artists also sported cowboy hats added to the atmosphere.

When Tyson moved on stage, it was evident that he has been riding his quarter horses recently. His bowlegged walk was noticeable.

Describing the legendary Casey Tibbs as the "Eric Lindros of cowboys" referring to the fact that the talented hero never had the need to fully grow up, the tone was established straight off. The success in 1986 of Cowboyography is due to such as Navajo Rug and the Coyote and the Cowboy.

Tyson has a true sense of geography. He is in strange territory when he comes east, for his loyalties lie in the west.He sang about horse breaking in Jaquima to Freno; driving to Vegas in the winter in The Steel Dust Line, a fugitive buckaroo from Nevada in Claude Dallas and in The Gift tells about Charlie Russell, perhaps the best painter in the old West.

During one of his moments to speak to the audience, he recalled the thrill he felt when he and friend Gordon Lightfoot sang together at the opening of the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. The song of course was Four Strong Winds.

Doffing his hat every once in a while to show appreciation for a hearty round of applause, Tyson is the gentleman cowboy of Canada's west.

Magpie is a self portrait of sorts it would seem as Tyson wrote in 1991 about this bird. He seems to be keenly aware of his surroundings and how they relate to him and his environment.

He spoke of the west with affection and told tales that caused laughter. When explaining why cowboys in Wyoming raise cattle, he noted, "They lean into the wind, chickens on the other hand would fall over when the wind stopped!"

Adelita Rose is a song about his affections for his seven year old daughter. There were quips about Garth Brooks wanting to record his songs, explanations about recording songs acoustically in his basement studio, and the pure sound that results.

Perhaps the moment when hearts truly stood still was when he returned for an encore and sang what he referred to as a"killer song"...which turned out to be Somewhere Over the Rainbow. With little or no backup instrumental effect, his voice was clear and strong and showed his true talent in spades.

The Chinook Arch Riders include, John Cronin on lead guitar, and his hat may have seemed too big, but he can play that guitar; Myron Shaw on mandolin and fiddle, and "Spike" Philbin on bass. The drums are played by Glen McCompt. Their music and vocal backup provide the necessary backdrop for Tyson to weave his cowboy magic.

When the lights were brought up and the show over, Tyson signed autographs in the lobby and speaking to this CCMA Male Vocalist of the year (1992,88,87), Juno Award winner (1988,87) as Male Country Vocalist, Inductee into the CCMA Hall of Fame as well as Juno Hall of Fame and Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame member, it was clear, he is a businessman first and a singer second. The boys in the band sold compact discs during intermission and when they were approached for autographs as they packed up their equipment in preparation for the next show, there was no hesitation, and an old Editor went home with her poster!

The audience made a perfect study, as they arrived and located their seats. There were fans of all ages, from the youngsters to their grandparents. It was plain to see that he appeals to a very wide range of people. Some came dressed in their cowboy ragalia, complete with stetsons, while others felt it was an evening on the town and dressed in their Sunday finest.Tyson did not let anyone down as he rendered as many songs from the past as from his present works. Packed full, the time swept past rapidly and all too soon it was over.

His easy cowboy manner was there, the voice and the guitar which he plays very well. Tyson has not lost "it" and everyone there would agree, "it was a terrific show."

Speaking with a representative of the production Company, Shantero who brought Tyson to Ontario East, we learned that he and his crew were very easy to work with, and not remote as might have been expected from reading interviews in larger papers.

Sitting and signing his name over and over until every last fan had a momento , he was patient and spoke briefly after almost 3 hours of singing and talking, and shook hands with all who requested.

The camera stayed home on this frigid evening, but a promo shot was available to the press. It was a wonderful evening for fans of the tall Canadian cowboy, and for someone who last saw him live on stage twenty years ago, it was downright dandy!

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LEGION REPORT

Dr. Peter Playfair

The Legion addition and all the improvements are now in full swing. The signing is the only major item that is not completed. Just remember that the main entrances now are all on the North side, where the ramps are and where the car parking area is.

At the General Meeting five new members were inducted by President Jim Logie, Pete Johnston, Ordinary Member, Mark Nesbitt, Todd Greenough and Dale Roberts, Associate Members and Lyle Fykes as Fraternal Member. Ordinary and Associate members have full voting privileges and can stand for offices in the Branch. The general membership roundly welcomed the new members to our ranks.

The Zone G-3 Council meeting was held February 21st in Greely with Comrades Reg Farmer, Ray Kenney and President Jim Logie attending. The Zone G-3 Convention is to be in Russell on March 6th and we will have a full representation in Comrades Kenney, Farmer, Hitchinson and President Jim attending.

The membership was presented with a full financial report for the year 1992 and over the completion of the addition and renovation. Comrade Wytze Douma was pleased with the financing and ongoing fiscal arrangements and felt certain that with care and determination we can hope for payback of the mortgage in five years.

The Sports Officer pointed out that the Branch had been represented at tournament level Euchre at Morrisburg, Snooker at Kingston (District). A snooker club is being organized and the pool table is now in use daily. Every Saturday afternoon there is cribbage at the Branch and the lanes are now set up for Shuffleboard on the auditorium floor. Thanks to Comrades Wilf Gibbons and Reg Farmer.

Monday Bingo is popular as always.

Our Branch Service Officer, Comrade Ken Ferguson, has made arrangements for interviews with the Command Officer, Percy Price. Anyone else wishing this assistance is asked to call Ken at once.

There is room for lots more entries in the Weekly Pot of Gold Draw. All members names are in the draw, a single trip to the Branch can validate your win for one week.

Beginning last Saturday, February 20th the Ladies Auxiliary began serving soup and sandwiches at 12 noon daily. Just like home!

There will be a Seniors meeting in the Branch Thursday February 25 when various types of involvement from dancing and darts to cards, entertainment and travel will be offered. All members are urged to encourage all and sundry to support Comrade Len Roberts in this worthwhile endeavour.

Arrangements have been finalized for a new bulletin board at once and new signs inside and outside the building for direction and identification in the next two weeks.

The season for Public Speaking preparations has begun in the local schools. The Iroquois Branch competitions are scheduled for the last week in March. The annual Legion-Lions Public/Effective Speaking extravaganzas will be held in the Legion Auditorium. The French Language and Secondary School entrants will be heard Wednesday evening, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. and the Elementary School entrants will be heard Saturday, March 27th at 9:00 a.m. The Zone G-3 competitions are being held the following day, Sunday, March 28th at the Prescott Legion at 1:30 p.m.

At the beginning of the February Meeting Lion President Dr. Henry Prins presented the Iroquois Legion with a cheque for $1000.00 and the congratulations of the Iroquois/Matilda Lions for the addition/renovations.

Playhouse develops cure for winter blues

The creative team at Morrisburg's Upper Canada Playhouse are currently putting the finishing touches on their latest production, AR Gurney's touching and romantic play, *Love Letters*. This play, which they are billing as a surefire cure for the winter blues will play in the intimate dinner theatre setting of the Best Western Parkway Inn, Cornwall from February 26 to February 28.

Upper Canada Playhouse has been running an annual February dinner theatre since 1989. Their first presentation in that year was a touring production from the Thousand Islands Playhouse of *Midnight Madness*, by Dave Carley. The idea proved extremely popular and the show was completely sold our during the limited run. 1990 saw a two week run of the very popular *Greater Tuna* starring Playhouse veterans Mark Morton and Marshall Button. That show went on to a ten week engagement at the New Penguin Dinner Theatre in Ottawa, where it played to rave reviews, and subsequently toured to various communities throughout Ontario. The 1991 season saw a run of the touching love story *Sea Marks*, presented by Ottawa's Three Graces Theatre. Button and Morton were back at it in 1992 with their irreverent comedy revue, *The Two Gentlemen of Morrisburg*.

As their past presentations would indicate, The Playhouse has always strived for variety in its choice of programming. This year is no exception as *Love Letters* makes its eastern Ontario debut. *Love Letters* is a remarkable play which chronicles the lives and loves of two characters over a fifty five year time frame. It was judged by William A. Henry III of Time Magazine as "one of four or five best American plays of the 80's."

The strength of the play is in its wit and charm, and director Marshall Button is very confident that he has found the ideal cast members in Abby Hagyard and Bill Luxton. Says Button "Bill and Abby have found numerous subtle nuances that I didn't immediately discover on a first reading of the play. Even though they are not the same age, they seem to be perfectly matched and wonderfully suited to their roles in their honest approach and sophisticated style which this play demands."

Love Letters opens Friday, February 26 for a very limited run, and closes Sunday afternoon, February 28. Price for both the delicious meal and the heartwarming play is $25.00 for the Sunday brunch and $30.00 for the evening presentations on Friday and Saturday. Reservations for the Dinner Theatre and for the Best Western's special fireside room rates can be made by calling 932-0451.

IMAGINE'S New Year's Resolution 47
This is the year we finally get the lawn looking good - and get our charitable giving looking good, too.

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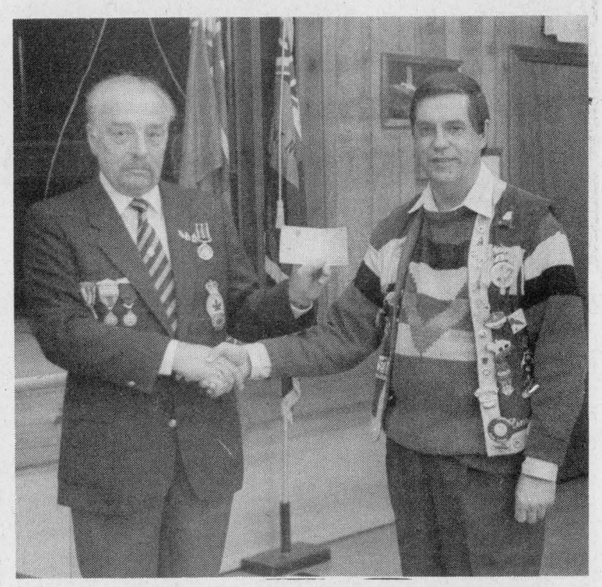
Plaque of donors

President Jim Logie and Willis Douglas of the Iroquois Legion displayed a plaque in commemoration of all those who donated to the building of the new addition. All names are engraved on the plaque which shall be hung with pride. *Chieftain photo by S.L. Cumberland*



Lions donation appreciated

At the meeting of the local Legion, last week, President of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club, Dr. Henry Prins, (with Dale Roberts, 2nd VP) presented a cheque for $1,000 to President of the Legion, Jim Logie. The money will go toward the new building addition, and was raised through various Lions Club activities such as bingo's and general projects. *Chieftain photo by S.L. Cumberland*

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9:30 St. James Family Eucharist
11:00 St. Johns Choral Eucharist
(breakfast at St. James)
St. James Morrisburg/St. Johns Iroquois
Holy Trinity Riverside Heights

Anglican Church of Canada
Parish of Edwardsburgh
Rev. Karen Dukes
St. James' Parish, Crystal Rock
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St. Paul's Church, Cardinal
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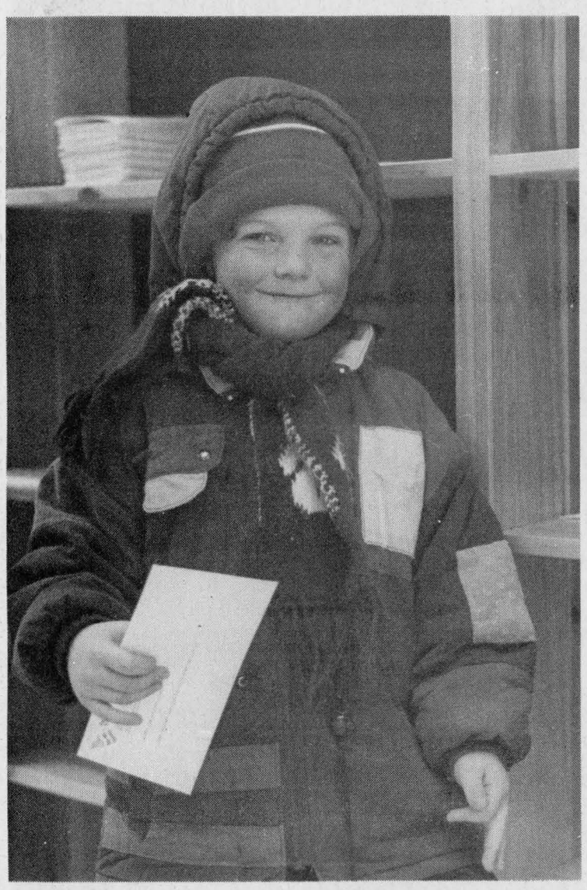
Snow Sharks win for second straight year on Sunday



Woody McCadden wins door prize!

by Shelley Cumberland
Chieftain Staff Reporter

There was no doubt about it...Sunday's chill bit to the bone, and it took a very brave person to venture out into the bitter weather, let alone drive to the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary to compete in some fast and tough events.

By eleven in the morning, the Winter Fun Day got underway at the Sanctuary and youngsters enjoyed a number of games and activities. A Snowshoe Clinic offered everyone a taste of the good times enjoyed by enthusiasts.

A Mountain Bike Obstacle Course was planned for the adventurous set, and as a treat, dog sledders could be seen doing demonstrations etc.

In the afternoon, five tough teams competed in the Winter Challenge. The competitive relay race covered some 500 metres of rugged winter terrain, and combined with the excruciating cold of the day, participants found the course to be challenging indeed.

The start line saw one team member take off on snowshoes destined for station 1, where the shoes were taken off and given to a team mate who proceeded to pull the other on a toboggan to station 2.

At station 2 shoes were exchanged and the pair ran to station 3 for a snowball throw. Snow shoes were exchanged once more and a new team mate ran to station 4 to identify ten different tree species.

Just outside the Visitor Centre, the start/finish line was the site for station 5. The fifth team member's chore was to light a camp fire. A choice was offered,as to materials used to get the blaze going, flint/steele versus the old stand-by matches.

This last station was to be the determining factor in the contest for first place. After all scores were tallied, the Snow Sharks claimed top spot for the second year in a row, earning 300 bonus points for using a flint and steele to start their fire!

"It was a very close race," said Jim Saunders of the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary, mentioning that the method of lighting the fire at the very end made the difference between first and second places.

Awards were held at 3 pm., in the Centre, as competitors thawed out before a fire. The Snow Sharks, Jeanne Ward Barkley, Fimke and John Bols, Tony McCadden and Colleen Jansen moved forward to collect their keepers and accept the big trophy for the day. The team name will be engraved on the large trophy and kept on hand for display. As the big winners of the day, each Sharks member received a night of camping at any of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission sites.

In second place were the Trolls, with members from Morrisburg and Williamsburg, while the Supper Clubbers were third (Chesterville, Berwick and Ingleside). A Cornwall team, the Misfits came in fourth, and a team from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, the Health Nuts, finished in fifth.

According to Mr. Saunders, organizers were extremely pleased with the turn out of approximately 140 people over the day. It is the second consecutive year that the Winter Challenge has been held although the first to be held at the Bird Sanctuary. Last year, the event was held in conjunction with the 50 percent off sale at the Upper Canada Village Store, and some 1600 people attended. But, explains Mr. Saunders, it is hard to judge and compare the two years as far as attendance goes. But overall it was a good number considering the weather.

"We had very positive comments over the day," stated Mr. Saunders. "the people there really enjoyed themselves."



Warming up around a toasty fire



Snow Sharks do it again for the second year in a row



Takin' a break from sleddin'



Cookies & oranges after coming in from the cold

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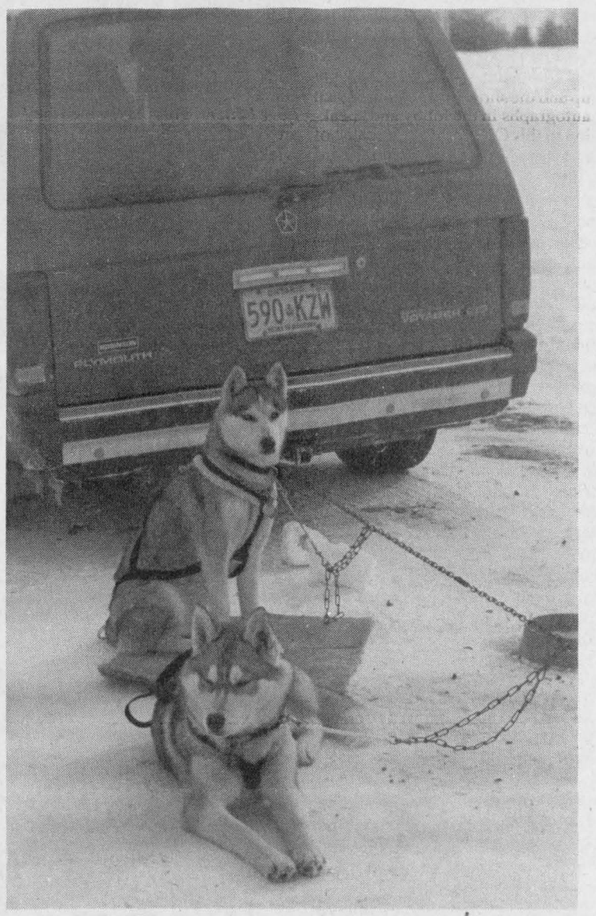
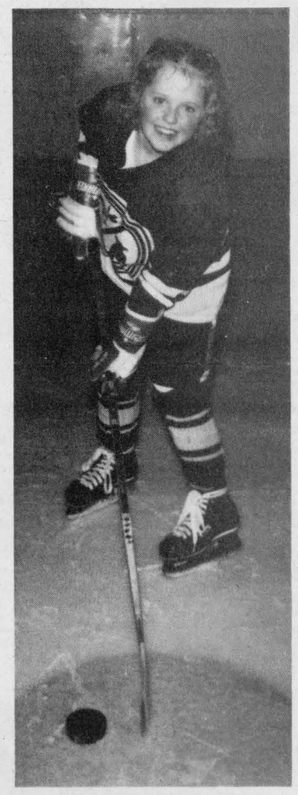


Beatiful Siberian Huskies from Ingleside



Q:What do Mary Dulmage and Eric Lindros have in common?
A: They were both born on Feb. 28, 1973.

Happy 20th Mary!



Q: And what does Martha have in common with them both?
A: They were born on her first birthday!

Happy 21st Martha!

(Sorry for making you share even your birthday with that Mary!)



JOEY KILLEEN

The Board of Directors of the House of Lazarus, Matilda Resource Centre Inc., are pleased to announce their appointment of Joey Killeen as the new Resource Assistant. Joey Killeen was chosen unanimously by the selection committee and the Board of Directors, and will begin her new duties Feb. 15, 1993. We wish to congratulate Joey as the successful candidate, and to thank her for all the extra hours and caring that she gave us since the fire.

There were about seventy applicants for this position and we appreciate the interest and time every one of them demonstrated. Be assured that all applications will be kept on file and utilized should we need more staff in the future.

Lloyd Mussel,
Chairperson

Lynn Edwards
Co-ordinating Director

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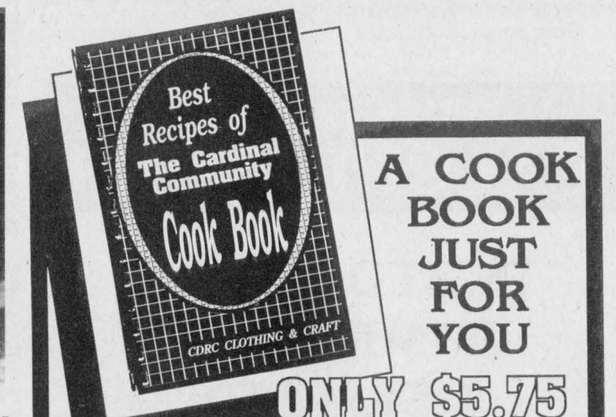

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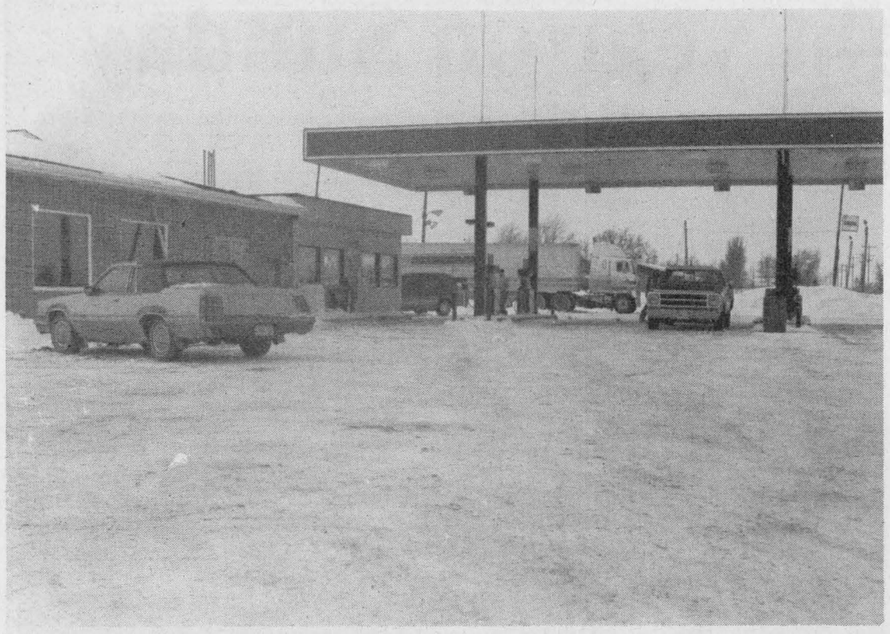

750 opening soon

The Skyways 750 Truck Stop will be ready for business in no time flat. Just north of Morrisburg on 31 highway, the restaurant fuel bar will provide a much needed service in the area. The restaurant will feature home cooked meals and specials that will melt in your mouth. Be sure to stop by for a quick bite to eat. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

OPP crack down on snowmobiling

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

With all the snow fall of late, the world has become a invariable winter wonderland of activity, and topping the list is snowmobiling.

Recreational vehicles of any kind can provide hours upon hours of fun provided they are used safely and in accordance with the law.

For the remainder of the winter months, the local Ontario Provincial Police will be out on the snowmobile trails making sure enthusiasts are paying heed to the rules and regulations.

"We will be looking for drivers licences, ownerships, proper decals on the machines as far as registration numbers are concerned, insurance, careless driving, speeding on the trails, liquor violations, and trespassing," explained Provincial Constable Peter Huffey.

With snowmobiles on loan from the Perth Detachment, random patrolling will be an ongoing occurrence and the O.P.P. will be accompanied by the local Trail Wardens as time allows.

To drive a snowmobile in Ontario along a highway or across a highway, a person must be 16 years of age or older and must hold a valid Ontario driver's licence, or snowmobile operator's licence.

The driver must also carry liability insurance and produce evidence that the driver is insured under a motor vehicle liability policy to operate the vehicle. A helmet must be worn by every person driving or riding and a OFSC trail permit must be obtained by those who wish to use the trails.

"The trail permit has to be displayed on the machine," said Constable Huffey.

Trail Warden Ron Whitteker added, "If you don't have a trail permit you are trespassing and running the trails illegally."

The fine on conviction of trespassing may be up to $1,000. in addition to the fine, the same court that convicts can order the trespasser to pay for proven damages up to $1,000.

Trail permits can be purchased at Seaway Cycle in Morrisburg, Iroquois ESSO, Jim's Moto Ski, Watsons General Store or Lucille's Beauty Salon in Riverside. The cost of a permit is $80.

The officers on the trails will not be carrying an Alert with them, but if the need arises, one of the units on the road will be dispatched. If convicted of a drinking and driving offence you will have a criminal record, and be subject to a fine and licence suspension as outlined in The Ontario Highway Traffic Act.



O.P.P. on the trail...

Constable Peter Huffey, pictured above with Trail Warden Ron Whitteker and Auxillary Officer Neil Cameron, posed for a quick picture last week before heading out on the trails. As local detachments do all over the province, the Morrisburg O.P.P. will be out on the trails this year keeping them safe for recreation snowmobiliers. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

New truck stop set to open north of Morrisburg

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week!

Those will be the business hours of the new Skyways 750 Truck Stop opening north of Morrisburg on highway 31, mid March.

Suzanne Robertson and Vito Traversa, the new owners of the truck stop restaurant are no strangers to the food and fuel industry, and according to Ms. Robertson, the new Skyways 750, will be the jewell in their crown.

"We own and operate four other restaurant truck stops in the province and each offer a variety of services. This operation will have it all!"

As well as the regular services you would find in a truck stop restaurant, the new business will host a small convenience store for travellers, and over 600 video rentals.

A truckers lounge in the north end of the building will feature showers, a small barber shop, video games, a television, a pool table and washroom facilities. Truck drivers will also have their own separate dining area in the restaurant portion of the building.

Although the 750 will cater directly to the needs of truck drivers, Ms. Robertson was quick to point out that all travellers and those in the immediate community will be welcomed and feel at home.



Suzanne Robertson

"Where do you go at two in the morning for a freshly brewed cup of coffee?" She asked rhetorically. "You come here!"

The meals at the restaurant will be home cooked and daily specials will be featured. "We will have two different specials each and every day. Our breakfast specials are tailored to the amount of food you want to eat. We have a truckers breakfast, and we have a breakfast special for $1.99, because a lot of people can't eat the big breakfasts," commented Ms. Robertson.

The morning meals are made with extra large eggs, home fries, bacon, ham or sausage, and the coffee, a special blend, is ground fresh.

Meals will be served around the clock, with no set breakfast, lunch or dinner schedule, and in the travel transportation industry, this is a must.

Unlike other businessmen, truck drivers do not work regular nine to five hours. "In our other operations we have had men come in at 3 a.m. and order a full course dinner while the gentleman at the opposite table will be eating breakfast," pointed out Suzanne.

An added attraction to the restaurant will be the in store bakery.

Mr. Traversa and Ms. Robertson have been in the food and fuel industry for twelve years, but both have been in the hospitality industry longer.

"I was born in the food industry." Suzanne explained. "We had a summer resort. Vito has been in the food industry since 1966."

Together they have taken a twenty year lease on their new location. Their other operations are located in Peterborough, Ravenhurst, Beaverton and Orillia. They are also planning to move to the area.

As well as providing a much needed service to the immediate area, the new business will also be creating over 30 new jobs. "We must have 100 applications to date, and I must stress that this location will be bilingual. Not everyone who works here will be bilingual, but we will always have someone who will be able to converse with those who do not speak english."

"In all of our locations we are supportive to the communities that surround us," said Ms. Robertson. "We always try to get involved in the local activities because the local people are the ones who support the business."

The restaurant will not be licensed and truck stop wise, none of their businesses are. They do have licensed locations, but they are not truck stops. As well as owning four other truck stops, the couple own a seasonal restaurant and motel.

The restaurant is tastefully decorated making it pleasing to the eye, and with 7500 square feet of space customers will not feel cramped. For those who wish to eat else where, a special take-out counter sits adjacent to the cash register.

Minimizing mail box damage

One of the frequent winter complaints received by any rural road department concerns damaged mailboxes. It is a fact of Canadian life that it snows and this snow (in order to maintain our lifestyle and economy) must be plowed off roads. Quite often snow (especially heavy snow) coming off the plow and/or wing hits mailboxes and sometimes causes damage. Very rarely, however, does a snowplow actually hit a mailbox.

Is there any recourse? Unfortunately no; a municipal road department owns its road allowance outright and mailboxes placed at the edge of the travelled roadway are in effect trespassing. They are there at the sufferance of the Roads Department.

Can mailbox damage be avoided? Not entirely, but the chance of such an occurrence can be minimized with a well thought out box placement and support design. The County Roads Department has noticed that a box suspended from an arm cantilevered out from a well set back post receives the least damage. (A cedar post with a box perched on top is not up to the rigours of Ontario winters. A boiler pipe set in concrete is a traffic hazard, especially to those road users who may find themselves in need of the full shoulder width for maneuvering; it also could leave its owner liable in case of such an accident.)

The Counties' Roads Department, with 16 trucks, plow 745 kilometres of road. In normal times, it takes approximately 3 1/2 hours to clear the entire system. Should our efforts affect your mailbox, we ask for your understanding. Should you be in heavy snow areas, maybe the suggested post should be considered.

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Crimestoppers

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Seaway District High School - stolen $60. - $70. cash.; Stampville Public School - stolen $80. cash; Iroquois Public School - stolen $80. cash.

Anyone with information on this or any other crime may be eligible for a cash reward of up to $1,000.00. Remember we don't want your name but please give us your information. Call Crimestoppers at 534-8477 and for long distance call 1-800-265-8477.

LETTER

Thanks for publicity

The Editor:

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Sincerely,
Harry Brown
Rector

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