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Seven-year-old Jamie Dickie (seated) was beating the heat Aug. 21 by offering 25¢ cups of refreshing Kool-Aid from this stand on Bay Street. Business was pretty good, he said, and his operation included a gumball machine (behind the jug). Andy Hunter, 4, is the happy customer.

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Drought puts pressure on Seaway water reserves

Critical decision by management body this week

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Seaway could be issuing rare draft restrictions in less than a month if there isn't more rain and if an international panel disallows extra flow to be let loose from an already lower-than-average Lake Ontario.

"We need more rain, more rain and more rain," Peter Yee, manager of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Regulation Office, a division of Environment Canada, repeated over the telephone last Thursday.

Drought conditions that have dramatically cut flows in the Ottawa River and its tributaries — including the South Nation and Raisin rivers — have directly contributed to an unusually quick depletion of specially stored water reserves in Lake Ontario this year.

With the Ottawa River 50 percent below average as it spills into the St. Lawrence, record lows have resulted at the nearby Port of Montreal in both July and August, and on Lac St. Louis. Last week, those two areas were respectively 90 cm and 56 cm below average.

According to Yee, the Seaway since June has been drawing from a 7.2-cm water reserve on Lake Ontario in order to keep those areas downstream of Cornwall from falling any further. 3.7 cm remained as of last Thursday, and if current trends continue, it will be gone in about three weeks, he said.

Usually, this annual quota for "over discharges" through the Saunders/Moses Dam is good for the entire year.

Yee described the situation as "very rare," adding, "certainly, it's an unusual year."

The conundrum has prompted a special Aug. 28 teleconference call by the management body overseeing the Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River system. The ten members of the International St. Lawrence River Board of Control — five Canadian and five American — were to have made a decision yesterday on whether more water than originally planned can be drawn off Lake Ontario.

If they don't permit continued extra flow through the dam, and if precipitation doesn't make up the difference, "it would require the Seaway to take drastic action," Yee said.

Pat Vincelli, Director of Marine and Operational Services for the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, wouldn't comment on how soon and to what degree draft restrictions would take place in those circumstances, saying, "We hope it rains."

"Right now, we wouldn't make a statement," he said. "We were hoping we don't have draft

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Vision for the future in N. Dundas

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A bedroom community for Ottawa? A retirement community? A farming community? A community with increased economic tourism development? What kind of future community do you envisage for North Dundas? This is one of the key issues to be discussed at public meetings to be held in Chesterville (at the Nelson LaPrade Centre, 4:30 to 6pm) and Winchester (Council Chambers from 7:30 to 9pm) on September 11, 2001.

Other issues include how future expenditures should be financed and whether there should be increased reliance on user fees instead of property taxes: how residents rate the various services provided by the municipality; what the implications would be of reducing the number of members of council for the next election and having these members elected over the whole municipality rather than by district and how to develop more cohesion within council and a broader focus on the overall municipality of North Dundas.

The public meetings and a questionnaire survey mailed to all households in early August are intended to obtain public views and suggestions about North Dundas...as it is and as it should be in the years ahead.

These consultations are a central part of a municipal initiative entitled 20:20-A New Vision for North Dundas.

The project is being carried out by Dr. C. Richard Tindal, a long time consultant and Professor of government and a former resident of Morrisburg.

Phase II of the project will focus on clarifying the roles and responsibilities of councillors, both individually and as members of the municipality's governing body and strengthening the council-staff relationship.

An organizational review will complete the 20:20 project. It will examine the existing departmental structure and allocation of job responsibilities and also the political structure of council, its committees and related matters.

The overall objective of the 20:20 project is to give North Dundas a clearer sense of future direction and a structure and operating processes best suited to achieving that future.

According to Mr. Tindal, all municipalities today find it increasingly difficult to provide the services demanded and needed by the public. They find themselves squeezed from above as a result of the disappearance of most provincial grants and from below in the form of public resistance to an increase in property taxes. In these circumstances, it makes sense for a municipality to become more selective, to take a hard look at its future objectives and priorities. Since municipalities exist to serve their local communities, he believes that the choices to be made must reflect the views and concerns of local citizens. Therefore he encourages North Dundas residents to participate in one of the public meetings, to complete the questionnaire survey, or otherwise to make their views known during this 20:20 project.

Copies of the questionnaire and the newsletters are available from the municipal office or the website at **www.northdundas.com.**

Therefore if you have opinions, if you care about the place you call home, it is time to get involved. What do you see in the future for North Dundas? Is economic growth important to you? What about creating jobs that will encourage our young to stay and not move to the city to find work? Where can Council improve services and what do they need to look at as far as a long term plan is concerned?

Mr. Tindal explains that once a sense of what the people want is clarified, that goal can be worked towards. He suggested that the idea of growth appeals to most residents, but they must be aware of what kind of growth is best suited to the area, what it means for the community, the effects on the environment this growth may have and how budget power will be regulated. "for instance, are we saving enough in reserve funds to cover whatever unfolds in the future? is one aspect to be looked at," suggests Mr. Tindal. He noted that there are a lot of decisions to be made. "We need to organize resources, develop strategies and address priorities rather than reacting to the immediate situation."

Mr. Tindal has met one-on- one with individual councillors (and council as a whole) as well as senior managements team members as well as those in lesser positions of responsibility.

A unique approach was mentioned that had been proven in other municipalities, where pres-

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Level 3 drought status held off in South Nation River watershed

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The province is requiring the collection of a lot more data before deciding whether a Level 3 drought should be declared in the South Nation River watershed, says Dennis O'Grady, general manager of South Nation Conservation.

"The province says we can't just rely on (data from) stream flows and precipitation," O'Grady said Friday, following the latest meeting of the watershed's emergency Water Response Team, which had earlier requested provincial approval for a Level 3 declaration.

As a result, he said the WRT will now be documenting fish kills, as well as other factors with a direct human impact, such as the number and location of wells running dry, and industries that might have shut down.

While he has heard plenty of anecdotal evidence of wells running dry, the data needs to be collected, clusters identified, and the hardest hit areas mapped out,

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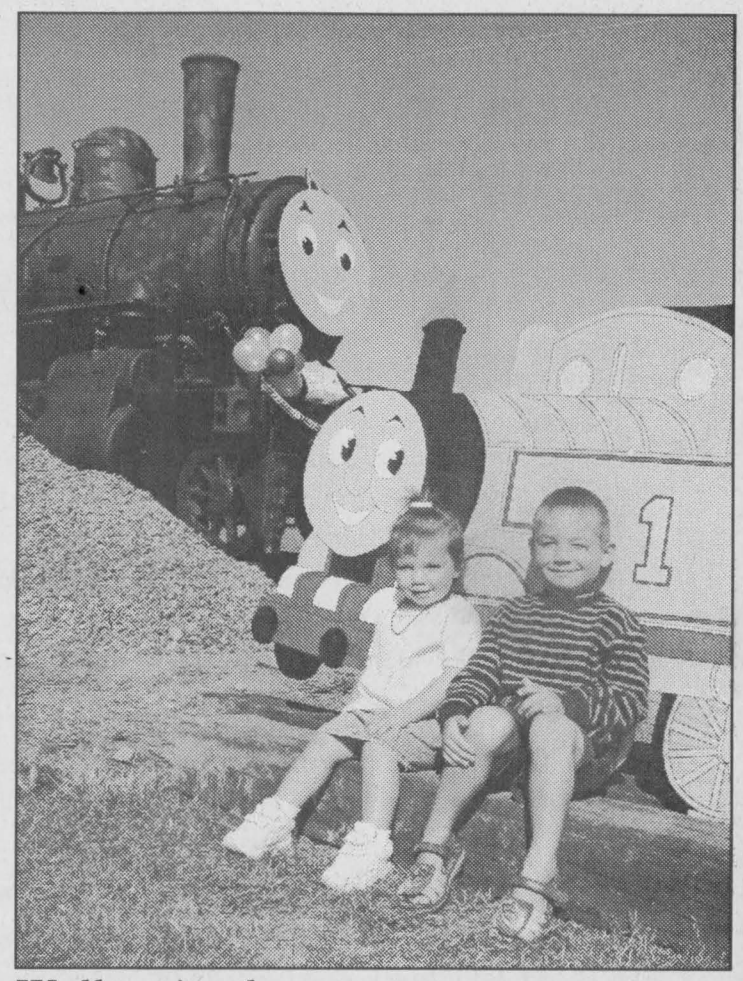

Well trained

Pittston residents Ian Sabourin, 4, and his sister, Jenna, 2, pose with a Thomas the Train Engine cutout Saturday, while another Thomas overlooks them from the background — a.k.a. the old St. Lawrence Parks locomotive east of Morrisburg. A Thomas-inspired fun day for kids at the train site, organized by Youth Services Canada enrollees, was a hit. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*

No proof West Nile virus in SD&G

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Eastern Ontario's medical officer of health says he won't jump to any conclusions about the possible existence of West Nile virus in his own jurisdiction, after preliminary tests showed a dead crow discovered last week in the City of Ottawa was carrying the disease.

"We can't assume it is here," Dr. Bourdeau said on the telephone Monday.

"It's possible the bird just flew

Originally isolated in Africa in 1937, the West Nile virus, a mosquito-borne disease that infects humans and birds, turned up in North America when it first appeared in New York City in 1999. It has spread to other parts of the continent since then, and is believed responsible for 10 deaths in the United States.

Certain mosquitoes that bite birds can transfer the virus to humans, which is said to be a rare event. Infected people usually show no symptoms as they get over the bug. A minority will experience flu-like symptoms over several days, and in rarer cases swelling of the brain or death can occur.

Mosquitoes are the virus' only link between creatures. The virus is not spread from person to person, from bird to bird, or from bird to person. Horses, and, in rare instances, dogs and cats, can also become infected.

Crows, blue jays and ravens are especially susceptible to the disease, and are something of a bellwether for proving the existence of the virus in an area. A number of dead crows have now tested positive in the Toronto-Windsor corridor.

Media in Ottawa have suggested that the city's health unit has been now inundated with calls about dead birds since revealing a crow found in the Cumberland area had tested positive.

But as of Monday, Dr. Bourdeau says calls have not picked up in the 15 municipalities he serves. Fifteen to twenty dead birds have so far been assessed by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit this year, he says, but none have tested positive. "The phone is not ringing off the hook."

Proof of infected birds usually precedes human cases by at least a number of weeks. When asked if SD&G might be further along in the incubation process than Ottawa because the United Counties are farther south — and closer to infected New York State — the doctor replied that it was an "interesting" theory but said the arrival of the virus in Ottawa could just as easily be a localized phenomenon.

He says Health Unit has been anticipating the arrival of the virus and is not changing its approach with the latest news. The Unit has focused on public education, informing residents to properly screen their homes, clean up areas of stagnant water that can serve as mosquito breeding sites, and wear bug spray in mosquito-infested areas.

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reductions."

He could recall only one other year in which a reduced draft came into effect "for a couple of weeks at the end of the season."

The Seaway, which normally closes around Christmas time, currently has a maximum draft of 26 feet-three-inches.

The actual draft limit for vessels plying the Seaway is 100 tons per inch, said Vincelli, who would not speculate on the economic impact if that figure were lowered in the middle of the shipping season. The Seaway collects a levy on every ton carried.

He added that other measures could be taken to stave off a tonnage cut, such as reduced speeds. Also, there would be no more ships meeting in the night, as passing ships require greater depth.

Under the current management plan set out by the board, the flow rate at Cornwall was set at 6,330 cubic meters per second this season.

However, Yee explained that the plan allows the benchmark to be exceeded by two or three percent, on occasion, for a couple of reasons. They can do it to keep the river down stream navigable, or to produce more hydroelectric power at the dam. Going higher than the benchmark, though, eats up the finite reserves earmarked for this purpose.

"If we let out an extra 100 cubic meters per second for a whole week, we would use about one third of a centimeter (on Lake Ontario)," he said, speaking hypothetically.

In one instance, he noted, an amount of water equivalent to one millimeter from the entire surface of the lake was recently shifted downstream in order to help a ship that needed help on its way through Montreal. That was accomplished by simply overflowing an extra 100 cubic meters per second through the dam over 24 hours.

The board could decide to allow this practice to continue, in effect going beyond the net 7.2 cm it had originally planned to shift from the lake. However, low levels in the upper Great Lakes will likely mitigate the decision — even though Yee says Lake Ontario itself is "not in bad shape."

While Lake Ontario is only 6 cm below its average, the others range from 57 cm below average (Michigan) to 17 cm below average (Erie).

"If you use too much from Lake Ontario, it would be very difficult for the Lake to recover because flow on the Niagara River is low," he said.

Lake Ontario today is 74.79 m above sea level, and calculations show that in its natural state (if the Seaway had never been built), Lake Ontario would still be at 74.65 m, he noted. Both of those numbers are much better than the all-time low of 74 m posted in August 1934.

"I would not say Lake Ontario is in a drought situation."

No one from Ontario Power Generation, which produces power at the Cornwall dam, was available to comment on the economic impact the board's decision could have on hydroelectric operations.

Meanwhile, it's rather easy for waterfront residents of South Dundas to be oblivious to low water levels in other parts of the Seaway. But that's because we're on the right side of the Cornwall dam. When Lake Ontario is bedevilled with low water levels, the reduced slope blesses us with slower-moving, higher water levels on our piece of the St. Lawrence River. So high, in fact, that the Iroquois Dam had to be partially closed a few weeks this summer, to keep the water from rising too much.

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similar to what the SNC does during a flood. A hotline has been set up (1-877-984-2948) for residents to report dry wells — dug and drilled — so the SNC can gather this necessary information. "It's not a complaints line," O'Grady added.

The WRT, which is headed by SNC and made up of industry, local government, and provincial ministry representatives, will also collect data on municipal well systems. "How much more of a buffer have municipal wells got before they start having problems? The data doesn't exist." However, he said a township well in Winchester was recently measured showing a one-meter drop in water level compared to last year.

A $10,000 grant the WRT received from the province will also be used in the review of water-taking permits issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources in the watershed. Permit holders, such as golf courses, have been asked to cut back, but nobody really knows how much water they were using in the first place.

The WRT upped the Level 1 drought to Level 2 on Aug. 17. It included a request for residents of the watershed to voluntarily cut water consumption by 20 percent, and to stop watering lawns and washing cars. Declaring a Level 3 drought, which can only happen with provincial approval, would compel municipalities to enforce mandatory water restrictions through the passage of bylaws. Developing a standard set of bylaws across all affected municipalities was discussed at the latest WRT meeting.

As for the state of the watershed compared to last week, rain is causing river levels to fluctuate, O'Grady said. "You can almost pinpoint the thunderstorms."

As a whole, flows in the South Nation are still down by 50 to 67 percent, he said, but Spencerville remains the sole area that would actually meet the criteria for a Level 3 drought.

O'Grady was asked if changes in the landscape brought about by development and decades of modern farming practices —such as clearing woodlands, tile drainage, and the draining of wetlands — had likely made the drought worse.

He ruled out the clearing of trees as a factor because the area has more bush land today than it did a century ago, and he said studies of tile drainage on agricultural land were inconclusive on this question. But the loss of wetlands, which he likened to sponges, does concern him. Swampy acres have been lost, but what if they hadn't been? "I think we would see more flow (in the river)," he commented.

Those losses are continuing, however. He noted that a private developer plans to drain 30 percent of the 10,000-acre Alfred Bog. Said O'Grady: "They're knocking off 2,500 acres ... We need to save our sponges."


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New food bank outlet opening in Morrisburg amid increased need

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Dundas County Food Bank organizers say a new outlet they will open in Morrisburg next week won't be coming a moment too soon.

"We've seen the increased need for 18 months," says Diana Pethick, chair of the food bank's board of directors.

She and Judy Hilson, coordinator of the original Winchester outlet, dropped by *The Chieftain* office with the Morrisburg outlet's new coordinator, Marilyn Byers.

The location in the old parks building in Morrisburg will officially open its doors this Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 10 am. It is the Dundas County Food Bank's second location to open within the area it serves.

According to Pethick, opening the Morrisburg site will meet a localized need. She says "more than half" the clients using the Winchester site hail from places like Morrisburg, Brinston, Iroquois and Dixons Corners.

Hilson notes that with increased gas prices and difficulties for clients in arranging rides to Winchester, Morrisburg makes sense. "We thought it would be a good thing, having a five minute ride instead of half an hour."

Pethick describes it as a "win-win situation," because it's closer for donors to give, and closer for receivers to pick up.

The service, as well as the rules, is exactly the same for both locations, which are part of the same Dundas County Food Bank. That means the once-a-month rule applies across both locations.

Clients can pick up four days worth of supplies once a month — at either location, but not both. Smaller emergency amounts can be granted more often by request.

Hours of operation at the Food Bank locations are Monday, 10 am to noon, Wednesday, 7 pm to 9 pm, and Thursday, 1 pm to 3 pm.

In the past year, Pethick says, usage of the Food Bank has increased 14 percent, "and a lot of that is seniors."

Twenty-five percent of users represent single-parent families and 42 percent are children.

Morrisburg coordinator

The Food Bank was begun in 1992 by the Winchester Ministerial Association. It is still church-based, Pethick says, drawing its pool of 100 volunteers from congregations around the area.



Marilyn Byers and Diana Pethick.
Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen.

Byers comes from this tradition. "I really feel the Lord was asking me to feed his sheep. That was the bottom line," she says of her decision to leap in to the coordinator's role.

A resident of Iroquois between 1967 and 1983, Byers and her husband then moved to Morrisburg, where she is an active member of St. James Anglican Church. She's been a Sunday School teacher for 24 years, a women's ministry leader, a Vacation Bible School teacher and a youth leader.

"Marilyn is an ideally suited person," says Pethick.

She recently completed a one-month training stint in Winchester with Hilson. Now she's ready for a volunteer position that will keep her busy 20 hours a week as the public face of the Morrisburg outlet.

The coordinators are volunteers, but are paid an honourarium.

A can a week

Food Bank reserves were pressed hard over the summer, evidence of increased need in the community.

Pethick says they are still looking to replenish depleted shelves, especially soups, pork and beans, and canned vegetables and fruits. They could also use more fresh produce.

A new initiative organizers hope to push this fall will encourage families to donate an item of canned food every time they shop for groceries. Bins will be set up in local grocery stores.

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CRTC Reviewing Rules for Local Telephone Service Prices

Regulatory rules regarding local telephone service prices are now under review by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) as part of Public Notice CRTC 2001-37 – **Price Cap Review and Related Issues**. As part of this process, Bell Canada has filed proposals with the CRTC that are intended to:

- Ensure that competition is maintained and encouraged in Canada's healthy, competitive telecommunications market;
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Highlights of the Bell Proposal

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- Monthly prices for basic local residential and business services in most areas could increase, on average, by no more than the annual rate of inflation;
- Monthly prices for basic service in rural and remote areas – where prices today are far below the cost of providing the service – could increase by no more than $2.00 each year, to a maximum monthly charge of $29.65 at the end of the four-year period;
- Ongoing monitoring of the effects of price increases on affordability would continue;
- Customers would receive rebates if CRTC-mandated quality of service indicators were not met; and
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Initiated in March, 2001, the **Price Cap Review and Related Issues** proceeding follows up on key regulatory decisions that opened up Canada's telecommunications industry to competition in the 1990s.

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A public hearing is scheduled for the first two weeks of October in Hull, Quebec. October 1, 2001, is reserved for comments from the public, which may be given in person or by teleconference. To present oral comments, you must register by writing to the CRTC at the above address by September 20, 2001, specifying whether you intend to participate in person or by teleconference.

Please note that more information about the proceeding is available on the CRTC web site **(http://www.crtc.gc.ca/PartVii/Eng/2001/8678/C12-11.htm)** or by calling **1-877-249-CRTC (2782)**.
Bell's proposal is also available for examination on the CRTC web site. If you have questions specific to the Bell proposal, please call **1 866 625-0586.**

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Friends for Life Bike Rally

The Friends for Life Bike Rally, a 660-km pedal-powered trek from Toronto to Montreal, rolled through South Dundas on Aug. 2. Here, part of the group prepares to take off from Morrisburg for their next stop, a picnic lunch at Milles Roch.

Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen

Friends for Life Bike Rally stops in Morrisburg

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A bike rally organized by the Toronto PWA (People with Aids) Foundation made a pit stop in Morrisburg, Thursday, Aug. 2.

One hundred and twelve cyclists and 50 backup crew in 17 trucks made the pass through Morrisburg. They stopped for a break at the docks, on what was the fifth day of a journey that began at Toronto City Hall.

The third annual Friends for Life Bike Rally, which took the group through some of the most intense heat Ontario served up this summer, was set to finish up the next day at Montreal City Hall. It also coincided with gay pride celebrations there.

Rally co-chair Danny Nashman said the event had so far raised over $300,000 to fund ongoing services for people living with AIDS.

The 35 C heat wasn't bothering him. "It is warm, but it's fine with the breeze," he said.

Backup support staff could be spotted all along the route, handing out drinks from the backs of trucks and pointing the way. The cushy support included chiropractic and massage therapy for the cyclists.

"Each year we get a really diverse group of people," said Raymond Helkio, Director of Development and Communications for the Toronto PWA Foundation. He said the cyclists ranged in age from 14 to 64, and included "quite a few riders" who were HIV positive. "They don't want to be given special treatment," Helkio added.

Homosexuals and heterosexuals participated in the rally, he said.

A number of large companies — including Dupont, Via Rail, Thrifty Car Rental, Rubbermaid and Trimark International, among others — lent their names to the event.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter by Dar

Wow! What a party! On the weekend our Branch sponsored our First Annual Country and Western Jamboree and what a day it was! The music was superb, the food was great and the turnout was wonderful. It gives a person a great feeling to see the seniors and the young mingling together enjoying themselves. I even saw some of our town seniors at the Branch who I have never seen there before, which I thought was terrific. I hope they come back again too! For those that didn't come you missed a good day, but we had the main hall half full and I did see some people sitting in the small hall as well. Plans are in the making as I write this newsletter for another Jamboree next summer.

As September is fast approaching, several activities will be getting underway like the Cribbage League, Mixed Dart League and the Men's Dart League plus our Executive and General Meetings for the Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Our Legion Sports Officer, Roger Coulter has mentioned that the Cribbage League will be officially started on Saturday, September 8 at 1pm sharp. You do not need to be a Legion member to come and join in on a game of Cribbage. If you enjoy playing Cribbage, come out to the Legion on September 8, Saturday. You will be more than welcome.

Comrade Leo Merkley our membership chairman has brought it to my attention that you will be able to renew your membership as of September 1st. Yes, it is that time of year again, when the membership drive is on. The dues will remain the same as last year and don't forget pay your dues early and when they have the draw for your chance to have your dues returned to you... who knows you may be the lucky winner. Apparently there will be two draws to this draw.

The Mixed Dart League will be having registration nights as of September 7 and September 14 with regular, League play starting September 21st. The cost to register is $5 and $1 per night when you play. Starting time is always 7:30pm.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have the canteen open and I hear there is a possibility of a new menu being available.

The Mens' League should also be starting up some time soon. No one has contacted me concerning this, no date or time yet. I hope to hear about the details soon.

September 8th is the Spencerville Fair Parade and Spencerville Legion President Wayne Reid has asked about any of our Legion members being interested in participating in the Colour Party on that day, and if so they are requested to be at the Branch one-half hour before the parade time.

At the Euchre tables played last Tuesday evening, August 21, twelve tables were busy. First prize went to Tom Mills while second went to Marla Seeley and the door prize went to Doris Wright. Skunks for the evening were few in number and were attracted to Shirley Cooper and Myrtle Johnston.

Bridge players filled five tables with high winners being Rick and Judy Darling had to hustle since Lorne and Helen Bouck were only 1/2 point behind...better luck next time Lorne!

Plans are well on the way for Legion Week activities and the Ladies Auxiliary will be having a Steak BBQ with Classic Thunder providing some great music. This is scheduled for Saturday, September 15. Then on Sunday, September 16, the Legion Golf Scramble will have folks on the links. Other activities will happen throughout the week and I will keep you informed in the near future, so you can plan accordingly.

Sincere sympathy is extended from Branch 370 and the Ladies Auxiliary to Shirley Gibson, Carl and Bonnie and family in the sudden passing of a beloved husband and grandfather, Floyd Gibson. Despite some health problems, Floyd always managed to be quite helpful to Shirley and Joan at the Euchres. He will be greatly missed.

At this time, I am to mention that the Euchres will be CANCELLED for the next two weeks at least. Should there be any other changes, we will keep you up to date.

As the last long weekend of summer is upon us, here is hoping you all have a safe and happy holiday. Drive safe and we'll get together next week.

Take care.

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St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Birds Anonymous

Young birds have found our feeder once again and a couple of sparrows are regulars. Doves check out the ground under the side yard feeder and the Chickadees are loading up in preparation for the winter it seems.

Town folk report their Cardinal back and has brought a male friend.

The Morrisburg birdwatcher informed us that their neighbour erected a feeder between the two houses, his and theirs and a family of Blue Jays have discovered it. Naturally the racket they produce is noisy all the time they are there. One or two come every morning this past week. As well he reports Chickadees, three of them in the backyard and he was able to get within a foot of the bird, holding a sunflower seed in the palm of his hand enticing the bird. His young daughters watched the birds eat the sunflower seeds as they pounded them open. He notes they were not afraid of humans at all. He also notes a Yellow Warbler has been visiting his tube feeder. Gold Finches enjoy a bath and he enquired whether readers can accurately distinguish between a Yellow Warbler and a female, gold Finch. Sighting a bird which was a lime green colour, he could not tell which it was.

Surprised by seeing flying orange birds caught chasing Blackbirds, he grabbed his binoculars and learned it was actually Baltimore Orioles. They were almost a florescent orange they were so brilliant. he also told us of White Breasted Nuthatches that were defying the laws of gravity as they crawled down the shed walls. The birds crawled down the side wall and the front and unsure of their identity, he checked his birdbook to make sure he was correct.

He and his family were enthralled as they watched a Hairy Woodpecker enjoy a feed of sunflower seeds...quite comical to see them crack the seed and remove the inside.

Our bunny returns every morning and scampers away when we open the front door.

Our Irena Road birdwatcher reports that she continues to have lots of Hummingbirds visit her feeder, both males and females. She is also seeing a lot of Butterflies, this week it was a Lady Butterfly and a Monarch both clinging to the same plant along Rowena Road. A Blue Heron was spotted standing in the creek west of her house and a Partridge crossed the road in front of her car as she drove eastward to visit her daughter on Rowena Road. Strange unidentifiable noises have been bothering her late at night and until last evening she has been unable to locate where they were coming from. Last night just at dark she caught sight of a Bat as he or she flew across her backyard to the neighbours cabbage patch. He was a reddish brown colour underneath and black on top with no apparent tail at all. Probably a Little Brown Bat, clearing the area of bugs and insects. His sonar noises were likely what she has been hearing as he glides past her place.

The Blue Heron we are fortunate to see daily stands among the cattails and is often very difficult to spot, his colouring blends well with the landscape. He is a younger bird than we usually have in residence, perhaps an offspring of the regular Joe who came back year after year for so long.

Canada Geese are seen flocking in preparation for the flight south. Meeting in fields, they seem to be discussing the best route and what they should take along for the winter...A couple of Mallards were also seen as they too must certainly be getting set for the cold weather.

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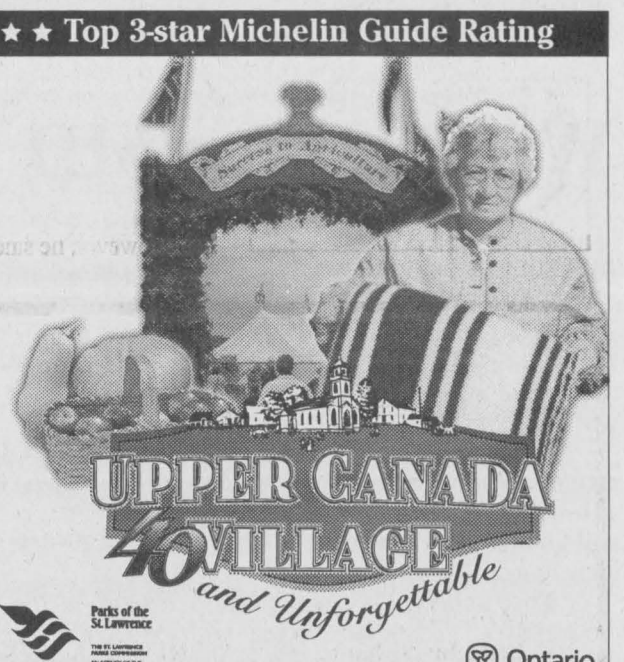

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Incredible

While driving around the other day, I heard an incredible statistic over my car radio. I was listening, as is my custom, to CBC radio and the topic of the panel discussion quickly caught my attention; school fundraising.

We have all had the experience of children coming to our door to sell us a chocolate bar or something similar. The money would be going to help finance a field trip or some other school proposal. If we could, we generally shelled out the two dollars or whatever and forgot about it until the next child showed up at the door.

While the same sorts of things continue to this day, the radio programme noted that in many cases, funds are being raised not for special projects but for textbooks and other fundamental classroom needs.

What made the whole thing so incredible is that one of the panellists noted that in Ontario alone, last year parents raised $28 Million which was put into the school system, whether it was for textbooks or music programmes or a host of other things. That's a lot of money. That's a lot of time and effort.

Why would parents put forth such an effort? Because if they don't, their children will have to do without. Funding cutbacks in Ontario have been enormous and school board budgets are down to skin and bones. Yet the demand never ceases; it keeps growing in fact.

The worry is that the government (and not just in Ontario) will see the schools functioning and will presume that everything is going just fine. But how long can parental efforts keep topping up the budget? What about poorer districts where fund raising is out of the question? What happened to the idea of equal access to education for everyone? How long can the government ignore the reality that it has created?

Until the next election, I suppose.

PHN

Weekend for MD

Tracking down the genetic information responsible for neuromuscular disorders is like trying to find the one piece that does not belong in a jigsaw puzzle with millions of pieces.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada needs all of us to solve the puzzle. Pledge your support during the 31st Annual Muscular Dystrophy Labour Day Telethon. Watch the action live from the Nation's Capital as Rogers TV Cable 22 will broadcast live from the new City Hall.

Making your pledge during the special pledge hour entitles you to be entered in a draw to win a weekend rental of a Bowrider Boat from Hurst Marina. Best of all, your pledge will go to help find a cure for neuromuscular disorders. Until there is a cure, there is us!

This Labour Day will make a change in the lives of thousands of Canadians living with Muscular Dystrophy. Along with your pledge, you may want to be a part of the 22-hour silent auction for MD. Among the items on the block are 12 box seat tickets to see the Ottawa Sens versus the Toronto Maple Leafs in pre-season and a weekend rental of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle from Harley-Davidson of Ottawa...all money raised goes to help find another piece of the MD puzzle.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to support the thousands of Canadians affected by the more than 40 neuromuscular disorders.

Last year's telethon rasied over $680,000, and all the money goes to research, education and information as well as client services programs. It is well worth knowing as well that the MD Association of Canada also provides financial assistance to clients in need of mobility equipment, like power wheelchairs, manual wheelchairs, walkers, braces and similiar items to make life better while giving the clients freedom and independence. Equipment is very expensive. A wheelchair costs in the $5-20 thousand range.

Hundreds of volunteers from all over Eastern Ontario take part in the telethon to make it the success it has been in the past and will be this year.

Fire Fighters have raised over $40million for MD since 1954. They are the Associations biggest network of volunteers and hold events throughout the year all across the country. They are best known for their "Boot Drive" which the Iroquois lads get involved with each fall.

MD is a degenerative muscle disease that saps the strength form the muscles of young people and adults alike.

Take time to make your support make a difference. If we all gave a loonie, the total would astound us and the difference it would make would be marvellous, for until there's a cure, there is US!!

S.L.J.

John Ross-Celebrating 50 years in broadcasting development

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

A shy and unassuming gentleman in the purest sense of the word, yet definitely a man able to envision and create, John Ross has gone about his business in a matter-of-fact way for some 50 years. Putting "the Best Little Town by a Dam Site" on the map and making Iroquois known throughout the world as a leader in technology, Ross Switchers, Keyers and Terminal Gear are in use far and wide.

Broadcast technology has significantly changed since John Ross, President of Ross Video Limited built his first TV receiver from surplus radar components and an antenna from copper water pipe. However, this technology did not change around Mr. Ross, much of it has been changed by Mr. Ross.

During this fifty years in the broadcast industry, John has greatly contributed to both the way television control rooms operate and the quality of productions that the home viewer receives.

From his early beginnings as a transmitter operator at CKY Radio in Winnipeg, Manitoba at the age of 14 (When his employers were unaware of his age), to his current position as Founder and President of a very successful manufacturer of video production switchers and terminal gear, John has remained very hands-on in the technological and operational design of television broadcast products.

His army surplus copper pipe receiver was designed the year after he started at CKY at the tender age of 15. The closest station being over 400 miles away resulted in only receiving the occasional snowy green picture, but John was hooked on his new found magic.

In 1954, John's self-trained TV knowledge opened the door at Western Canada's first TV station, CBWT in Winnipeg where he became a member of the pioneering staff. John's thirst for knowledge was satisfied by trying his hand at every technical position in the station.

John's hobby projects led to the development of the first special effects equipment for composite television and a field-sequential NTSC colour receiver came at a time when the Canadian Broadcast Corporation (CBC) was only broadcasting in black and white...some 10 years before the Canadian public had colour televisions.

After obtaining an engineering degree from the University of Manitoba, John went on to work at the CBC Engineering Headquarters in Montreal, Quebec, where he designed studios.

John's desire to "invent things" led him to leave the CBC in 1963, to found the Broadcast Equipment Division of Central Dynamics (CDL) where he later became Vice-President. During his years at CDL, John personally directed the design of many of CDL's video production switchers and distribution products.

In 1973, John founded Ross Broadcast Products which evolved into Ross Video Limited. Ross Video continues to design and manufacture video production switchers and distribution products. John's close evolvement with engineering has continued to the present, resulting in extensive contributions in the design of both digital and analog equipment.

During his career, John has been granted numerous patents including some on fundamental aspects of chroma keying and production switcher design.

In addition to his technological accomplishments, John's mentoring nature has been instrumental in the personal and professional development of many of the industry's leading engineers and entrepreneurs.

As for his successes, Mr. Ross explains, in his own modest manner, "I've been lucky. I've noticed that the harder I work the luckier I get." This is a motto that Mr. Ross and his employees at Ross Video live by; a motto that has stood the test of time.

On Thursday, July 19 of this year, Ross Video employees hosted a celebration commemorating John Ross' long standing contribution to the broadcast industry. Many of his friends, family and colleagues joined together to honour him. Entirely funded by the employees of Ross Video, it was a wonderful event and a fitting tribute.

Seated among those present on this auspicious occasion were numerous names instrumental in the very creation of TV in this country, paying homage and recognizing the genius that is John Ross.

John enlightened everyone on his life story through words and slides. From humble beginnings we were able to trace his creative fancy through the years as it grew and blossomed.

Born in 1935, when his father joined the pioneer staff at Air Canada (Trans Canada Air Lines), John enjoyed his first contact with the instrument panel of a CF-TCA, a plane presently in the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa. Complicated and fascinating at the same time, this early experience with planes left a strong impression...he would return to his aviation roots.

Looking at electronics texts his father left about filled with illustrations and mysterious circuit diagrams, John was able to

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Doris and John Ross with the plane that started the business.
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Phase one move is now accomplished

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

The BIG move has been made...the university, son number two has been transplanted in Peterborough, at least his furniture has. The packing had been taking over the entire house this past week or so. Boxes were piled everywhere. Walking from one room to another was a challenge for sure. The U-Haul truck had been reserved, help had been solicited and all seemed in order. In hind sight perhaps last week would have been the preferred week to be off, but I chose this one. So we worked at night and early in the morning to get things together for the move. This year differed from last fall since he moved to a house along with three friends. An adventure of some proportions for him, them and the parents involved. This was our first eyeballing of the house! All a part of growing up as they say...anyway we were up bright and early, the number one son was to work. He was not found in his bed when the old mother awoke for some unexplained reason. After stepping out into the 4am weather, clad in a nightgown and with bare feet, searching cars for a sleeping man, the deadbolt was on and assuming he had been locked out, I figured he was in the back of a vehicle. No luck, I returned to the house. The lower hall light was on downstairs and a beam blasted from under the bathroom door back the hall. There he was, safe enough, but sitting on his haunches in front of the toilet bowl. Unsure if it was a hangover from a wild night with friends or the flu, I hesitated before offering help. When he assured me it was stomach flu, I did provide advice and such. After 16 hours of tossing his innards, things finally settled down for him. He missed work and as luck would have it, this took some doing on my part. Phoning to let his supervisor know he would not be in was a huge task. It should have been a simple phone call...not! No one available at any number I had. Panic settled in, afterall his manual explains that students MUST let their super know if they are unable to work...as I worried about his position if we reached no one. Then it struck, if we do not reach anyone, a drive will be made. Several more calls and help did come through-thanks Jancis we owe you one!

Off for the rental truck, a huge, dilapidated moving van. Paying the man and checking out the van, I was happy that I had decided not to drive to the city. The deal was the four men would truck the items westward, unload it, leave the truck at the nearest U-Haul depot, get the refund back and head home immediately. Ball Tourney on Sunday at 11am meant some folks needed to rest up. The knees do not travel well and so I would drive up later in the week to assist with the settling in, along with the big guy when we could take our time and spend a couple of days before heading back home. Apparently there is a pile of cleaning to do before furniture is placed and curtains go up on the windows. Oh, yes the broken pane will need replacing. perhaps a call to the landlords from adults will get things in order! A few smoke detectors are needed and some shelf liners will help too.

The college kid is preparing to head to Europe with a friend early in October. They will return to school in January. Stops in Scotland and England with assorted relatives will be neat and then they join a tour to check out various other locales. A once in a lifetime adventure, they should have some great stories when they get home in late November.

When they get home, the college kid will get set for his major surgery event which is scheduled for December 4. Recovering at home and then heading off to class will make this an extremely busy fall for him.

A visit with the new Principal at Seaway High was great, since we have known one another for many years, the big guy and I even took her wedding photos. She taught with him at South Grenville many moons ago. It was good to see and talk to her, possibly we'll rekindle the spark of friendship, which we lost over the years after children got in the way of maintaining close relationships with others due to schedules and all.

The big guy is monitoring a math test for a student today. She was unable to write the final in June after breaking her arm and in order to move on this fall needs this mark. He will get it into the computer asap and she will be set to start her new year.

The University son is ready to head to school and the feeling in the pit of his mothers' stomach is not much better than it was last fall, summer was too long, I got used to having him and his friends about once again. Oh, well, Thanksgiving is not too far off...and soon the college kid will be waving as he heads to the plane! Wow, mom has a lot to deal with this fall.

Take care and keep smilin. The wisdom comes from Proverbs 19:11 where we read, "People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing."

the bottom line

UPPER CANADA VILLAGE WILL PRESENT A 19TH CENTURY FUNERAL AS part of its series on celebrations of life (and death) on Sunday, September 2. Offering visitors a unique visual experience of how the rites of death were observed in the 1860s, while providing dramatic insight into how many of our present day funeral customs have their roots in the past. Costumed Village interpreters will have from 9:30am until early afternoon to pay their respects to the deceased and then at 1pm the pallbearers will remove the coffin. One of the oldest of its kind in Canada today, the hearse will travel to Christ Church where the rites will take place. Burial will be in the church yard with all events concluded by 2pm.

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THE IROQUOIS BUSINESS GROUP WILL HOST THEIR FIRST FALL meeting on Tuesday evening, September 4 at 7:30pm at the Iroquois Civic Centre. ALL Iroquois area business people are cordially invited to attend or to send a representative. This group is working to improve the flow throughout the business community. Your input is important to determine what changes if any will be made in the area, how items can work to best advantage and discussion will take place on what you want to see happen in your business community. Be heard, come to the meeting and let your executive know where you stand.

OUR NEW LOCAL CANADIAN TIRE STORE WILL HOST ANOTHER CRUISE Night this Thursday evening starting at 6-10pm. If past experience is anything to go by the yard will be overflowing with classic and antique vehicles. Crowds come to check them out, to relive the nostalgia, to grasp a piece of their youth, or just to show children and grandkids what a "real" car is like and a variety of other reasons as the enthusiasm with cars and trucks seems to be as vivid as ever. The Iroquois Scouts Canada groups of Cubs and Beavers will host a BBQ and this will be the LAST show of the 2001 season, so drop by and take a peek You may even get the opportunity to see a behicle exactly like your first one..

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IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE FINAL PRODUCTION AT THE LOCAL Playhouse, you have until Sunday to catch The Wild Guys, a very hilarious show that will bring a terrifically funny season to an end. Seats are available, don't delay though, no need to be disappointed. Be ready to laugh, this is a hoot!

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Focus

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understand much of the theory by the time he was 4 and so began to play with old radios.

After WWII, his father divorced his mother and life was tough as his mother and brother moved in with her parents and an aunt and uncle. His attic bedroom/workshop worked well for his electronic hobby branched out. He constructed projects from old radio parts and repaired radios for pocket money. Tinkering was his forte and he was able to do much more than could be imagined with fewer and fewer parts.

Les Bell changed the course of his life forever offering him the job at CKY radio. A story of how they changed frequency from 1080 Kilocycles to 580 Kilocycles and back each night until they had it all set to go, how a capacitor (A paperweight for John now) blew up concluded with his introduction of Les.

Proving that all does not necessarily go as planned, he failed his first year at College due to his work on weekends and after school and his never ending experiments with TVs. Repairing kettles, toasters and various appliances, he had laughter ringing throughout the Grenville Christian College theatre as he told of fixing a weird machine in a massage parlour.

Working at CBC as a pioneer staffer, John recalled numerous occasions when he worked with announcers, one he recalls was Bob Wilson (Mexico Olympics) who is also in attendance on this evening. Another destined for greatness made his first appearance in Winnipeg as John worked remote crew, Lloyd Robertson sent his best wishes.

Explaining how he restored missing information to create the first colour TV pictures ever received in a Canadian house, 10 years before its time was fascinating! John has this first TV receiver, it was display and it still works! (A museum of "Firsts" needs to be created).

His interest in drawing schematics almost lost his job for him twice when he was not paying attention to his work. Fellow technical Wes Harvison bailed him out both times. Wes' widow was on hand to offer her best wishes as were his supervisors, John Gibson and Peter Burgess, who John thanked for not firing him..."We wouldn't be here tonight if you had!!"

Having no diploma, not even technical courses to his credit and since his persistence with inventing was getting him in trouble at work and without enough support financially to attend university, Gordon Waters came to John's rescue and ensured he could pay his way, providing him with a job and encouragement. Gordon was with the crowd too.

Marrying Doris in 1961, and gaining help from his brother-in-law Don Campbell, John again was lucky twice over. Don was introduced to everyone.

He used his pervious colour TV work as his university thesis and won the prize for tops in Electrical Engineering.

Troubleshooting provided a valuable lesson, "better performance at a lower cost," one that stuck with John. He continued, "A professor once told me: Never forget; Engineering is an Economic Science: an Engineer is one someone who can make for one dollar what any damn fool can make for two! If you only want to design something that works, you should be taking Science, not Engineering! I have tried to pass on the great importance of economics in this principle to everyone who has worked for me."

The move to CDL brought John into contact with Arden Boland and he thanked him for taking a chance on a young engineer and for kindnesses to himself and his family. Arden accepted with a smile. A clever man as well, Arden earned a contract by faking a tour of CDL's machineshop (A friend lent him his, Arden did not even know his way around). A Crosspoint Board and switcher panels marked the beginning for John of what would blossom into a lifetime career that would fulfil his passion.

Daughter Diane(First Sales and Marketing Manager) and son David (Executive Vice-President of Ross Video) were born in 1964 and 65.

Another early member of the CDL design team was Jim Bastien whose atrocious sense of humour often sustained everyone through those difficult hours. Many years later, Jim became the father of the Ross Gear product line which opened a major opportunity for Ross Video. Jim was designing a mobile broadcasting truck. Unable to locate a commercially available distribution amplifier with remote control of equalization and gain, Jim persuaded John to design the needed product. John introduced Jim noting they put a secret symbol on all Truck Amp Boards, a "J" squared logo meaning Jim and John did this!

In 1965 via CDL John was visited by Peter Smith from Australia who was designing a new TV station, with minimal staff and automation handling the program presentation functions. Stunned by his clear and very advanced vision, John submitted a proposal to Peter. Needing help, he called upon Ken Davies, a very bright engineer with CFCF-TV in Montreal. Joining forces, Ken led the design of a system that was years ahead of anything then existing. Ken provided numerous firsts in the TV industry, including advanced automation systems and an electronic video tape editing system. Joining BCB he established the standards for high definition TV broadcasting. Ken took a bow. Then to some amazed in the crowd, Peter was also in attendance. He joined CDL and finally formed his own company near Boston. He designed the first broadcast equipment to use a microprocessor, a tape editing system and at one time John almost joined his company. He became senior technical advisor to Rupert Murdock at Newscorp, a company that owns many TV stations in the English speaking world and is the largest single owner of the worlds direct to home satellite systems. "I owe Peter a lot," said John as he introduced Peter.

Another milestone in John's life was in 1968 when another Peter, Carey this time arranged for John to attend an experimental program at McGill University, where an MBZ education for industry execs unable to attained school full time was taught by professors, compressed into one year of night school. John remarked, "This enhanced education was useful to me at CDL and invaluable at Ross Video."

While at CDL a string of stress related illnesses were a wakeup call that he was working too hard and taking things too seriously and after reading an advert for $5 intro lessons on flying being offered, another major facet of his life began...learning to fly was just what he ended, the concentration needed defied distraction and the freedom and sheer joy he experienced could not be duplicated. Six months later he received his pilot's license and as the appeal of rental planes wore off, he purchased the only plane he could afford, a well worn 1943 US Army training and observation plane for $2200.He had to learn to fly with a tailwheel. It was during this time he met Brian Baldry, who went on to become V-P of Engineering at CBC and is presently a Director of Ross Video. Brian took a bow.

Moving the plane to the Cooper's Farm was a good idea and many memories were revisited at the wonderfully warm and homey farmhouse where weekends were spent at the airstrip operated as a hobby by the Coopers brought flying families together. In fact Norm and Ethel jokingly adopted John since they had only daughters. One of these, Brenda became a secretary at CDL and was among the well-wishers this very evening.

John spoke in glowing terms of Lorne Trottier, co-owner of Matrox a Montreal firm that manufactures computer imaging components and equipment for the TV industry. "While I may have given Lorne his start in this business, he has helped me in more ways than I can say," noted John as he explained that Lorne accepted a Technical Emmy on behalf of his company in New York and invited John to attend. He also donated $10million to McGill U. for a new building.

A talented Engineer, Ole Skrydstrup came to Canada from Denmark, to CDL where he developed the first switcher to have a Mix/Effect amplifier. John and Ole share several patents. After John left CDL, Ole and Howard Shepherd designed he first switcher to have two keyers per M/E and use the modern transition control button arrangement. Following John to Ross Video, Ole developed the Ross 500-series switchers and the first series of microprocessor-based products, the RVS-210 switcher is still in production. Ole was also on hand to accept and offer congrats.

Another chapter of John's life saw him rebuild his plane which was declared not to be airworthy. Under the skilful mechanical eye of Joe Huspeka, and uncertainty and fear turned to joy as it flew.

John explains how David impaled himself on a glass door and might well have died had Judy Cooper not taken charge and used her judgement to save his life. "The Ross family all owe Judy a great deal!" She was also smiling broadly as she stood.

In the fall of 1973 John's life took another twist as he severed the tendons on once side of his knee, a long recovery period and a trip to Toronto later he visited with Jim Leitch of Leitch Video who suggested it was time he did something for himself, "We are Leitch Video, you could be Ross Video!" With nothing to sell for cash, except his plane, John was in a bind. At Jim's insistence, he did sell and using loaned testing equipment (pay as you can-we trust you) John incorporated Ross Video (Unable to use name in Quebec) initially known as Ross Broadcast Products, the sole investment in the company was less than the initial $4000. Christmas 1973 his era at CDL ended and John started work at Ross Video on January 2, 1974 on the first switcher which was shipped 8 months later.

"Another example of exactly what I needed happening at exactly the right time was realized when Tom Pressley, owner of sales company, Glentronix, well known in the industry surprised me by asking to sell Ross products. I no longer worry when things look hopeless, instead, I wonder just what help will be coming this time!" explains John. Tom did represent Ross, both doing well until his untimely demise about 10 years ago. Tom sold the first switcher, Ross's prototype for installation in CKSH, a new station in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Used for 15 years and then traded for a new one. This original was on display at the celebration. John also showed a picture of his first cheque which Tom paid for the switcher with a month before it was actually shipped. This was a life saver as John was financially stretched to the limit, with equipment payments, mortgage and a family to take care of, 11 year old Diane was soldering boards to help out.

Realizing that the company could be located anywhere he chose, John looked at major city locales; Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston and numerous smaller sites. On a rainy day, discouraged and headed home to Quebec, from Kingston, a brief stop over in Iroquois astounded John. The beauty as he gazed southward on Elizabeth Drive, John was overcome with such a feeling of peace and serenity, he became aware that this was just the antidote to the stress created by a high-tech working life that would balance his life. The proximity of the USA, a major market just across the river, John recalled meeting a fellow flyer, George Jackson, although he had never landed on George's grass airstrip dropped by the home George had designed and built for himself. A local real estate agent was called in and the dream that would become Ross Video was explained, but no homes were available and so John returned to Montreal figuring he would end up renting space for his business venture. A call from Iroquois, George's house was available to John because George felt John would be good for the community. There was also a rental space in the plaza set for him to move into. Suddenly all the basic problems were solved. George moved

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

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Parish of Edwardsburgh
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Defending Champions

David Shaver's blooperball team defended their 2001 Championship in style. Here Ryan Johnston, Kevin Ferdette, Bert Shaver, Dave Shaver, Ron Geurkink and Greg Millard stand behind Katherine Adams, Mike Perry, Jeremy Johnston, Jennifer Perry and Debbie Saunders who played tough to win, despite the heat and the dust. Absent from the photo is Wes Douma. D.L.Shaver equipment donated the trophy. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Drum captures Empire Super Sprint

It's not unusual for a 17 year old to be talking on a cellular phone on Friday night anymore. However, when the call is back home to Mom in Weyland, New York from victory lane it's something to remember. 17 year old Kyle Drum picked up his first ever Empire Super Sprint feature win before a capacity crowd at Brockville Ontario Speedway on Friday night.

Drum took the lead just after a restart from Ray Preston and cruised home for that first victory followed by a dance on the wing atop his sprint car and the customary call to Mom. Scott Holcomb was second followed by Preston, Mike Woodring and Randy Years.

A couple of Canadians threatened to win the event. Ryan Coniam of Burlington was as high as second in the 20 lap affair before a flat tire sent him to the pits. Local favorite Rick Wilson moved into the top 5 just past the halfway mark however the hood on his car became loose and needed attention sending him to the back of the pack. The race was red flagged once after the cars of Steve Dow and Justin Barger came together and both rolled in turn 2 neither was injured but both cars were done for the evening. A total of 31 ESS cars were on hand for the event with 22 taking the green flag in the feature go round.

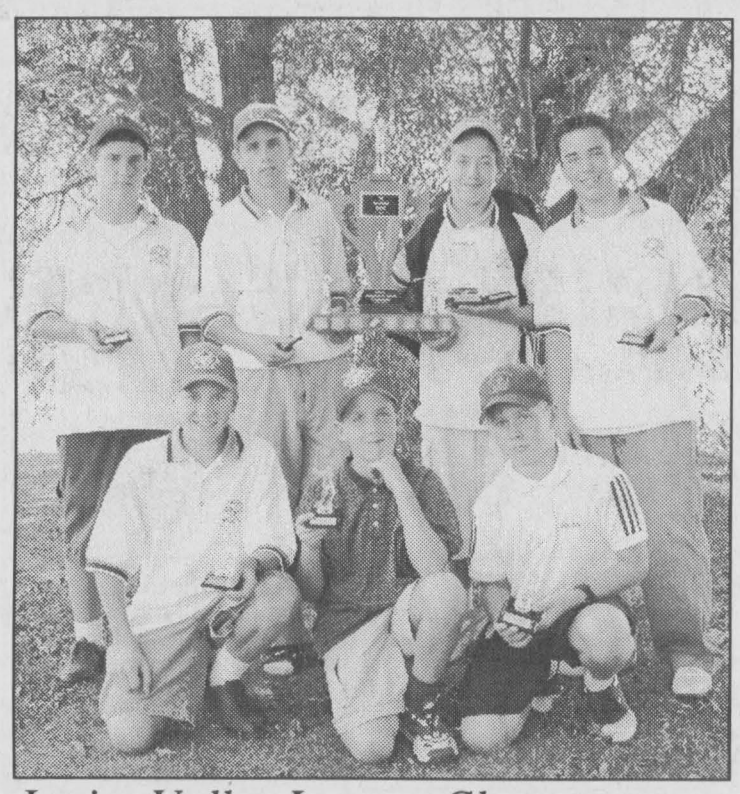
Lee Gill looked awful in his heat race. However by feature time, the defending track champ had his Bicknell chassis dialed right in again. Gill made an outside move to go from third to first on the 10th lap and then ripped off laps half a second faster than the rest of the field to capture the 30 lap Modified feature. Mark Hitchcock was second with Todd Stewart, Brian MacDonald and Chico Dingwall rounding out the fast five.

Randy Gaudet unofficially clinched the Sportsman track title. The North Augusta driver took a another feature win in the 20 lap event taking the lead from Adam Moore early and was never really challenged. Moore settled for second, followed by Lance Willix, Kyle Wilson and Jessica Zemken.

Randy Earl's win total in 2001 at the BOS went into double digits as he captured the 15 lap Pro Stock event despite a gallant challenge from Mitchell Jock. Greg Hale who bested Earl in the heats was third with Sheldon Hoogwerf putting in his most impressive run of the season for fourth and Todd Raabe in fifth.

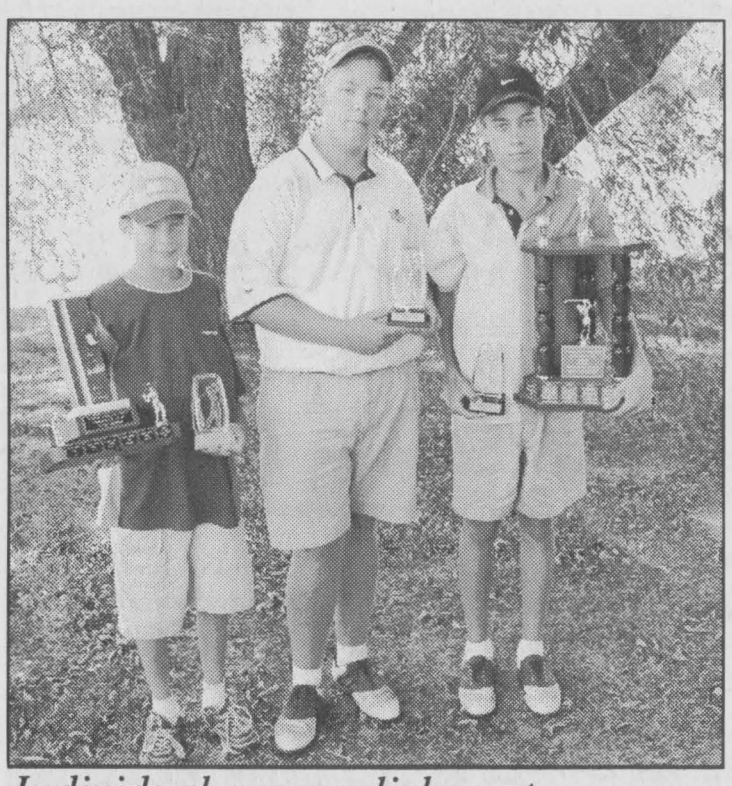
There was a first time winner in the Rookie class as Richard Brunette stayed out of all of the incidents in the 10 lap main and ended up with a checkered flag in his hand. Kees Van Winden tore through the field after being involved in a late accident to finish second with Jamie Eglinton, Danielle Legault and Don Hall, third, fourth and fifth respectively.

Next Friday, August 31st, will be the final points night for the Sportsman and Modifieds. The program will begin where things ended on August 17th with the second of three Mod heats on the race track. The heats for the Sportsman and Rookies will also be completed before features in all 5 regular divisions. Once that is complete, another complete program including the heats in all classes and the features will be run.



Junior Valley League Champs

Iroquois hosted the annual Junior Valley League Tournament this year. Morrisburg topped the four participating clubs with a score of 520. Pictured, front, l-r: Adam Keller; Chris Tindal; Matt Hummel. Back: Kent Nugent; Chris Cullen; Jeremy Stewart and Nick Whelan. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen*



Individual accomplishments

These golfers took home individual trophies in the Junior Valley League Tournament in Iroquois last week. Left to right are: Adrian Bongers of Cedar Glen (with the low B net of 63); Ian Smith of Summer Heights (low A gross, 80); and John Bongers of Cedar Glen (low A net, 69). Jeremy Stewart (low B gross, 81) appears in the Morrisburg group shot on this page. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen.*

Cornwall crowns a Mr. Radiator

It could be called a reversal of fortune. Randy Earl could not beat Marc Therrien for the Cornwall Motor Speedway track title last year, but did manage to win the Mr. Radiator series. In 2001, Earl has visited victory lane 10 times at Cornwall and with one week remaining looks good for the track crown, but this year Therrien is the Mr. Radiator Champ.

Earl captured the 50-lap final event in the five race series on Sunday night, but Therrien's third place finish was good enough to capture the overall Mr. Radiator title. The Radiator series included two events at Cornwall as well as races at Brockville, Frogtown and Edelweiss. Billy King who started 14th ripped through the field to finish in second spot. Daryl Steele who ended up second in the point standings, 8 points behind Therrien was fourth with Joe Woods rounding out the top five. Earl's lead is 60 points going into the final race of the Cornwall points season next week.

The modified feature resumed on lap 7 where the rains came down on August 19th. Kevin Fetterly held the top spot as the green waved again. Brian MacDonald quickly moved up to challenge and took the lead on lap 10. Fetterly suddenly found the right groove and was closing back in on the Cornwall driver when the heavens let go again. Thunderstorms pounded the race track and the race was called complete at lap 23. That gave MacDonald his third feature win the of the season with Fetterly

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SHAVERS RETAIN THEIR TITLE

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Dave Shavers Blooperball team enjoyed a very successful season on the diamonds in Iroquois this year. Dropping only two regular season games, earning the title as League Champs for season 2001, they were unstoppable once they found their bats and the young guns Dave included on his roster learned their places. Losing their first outing they seemed to stumble as they faced Tommy's Triple T Bull Dogs, in June as the season got started. They were however able to come back and play to victory in their next 12 outings. They would lose only one more as they faltered against The Legends early in August. That would be their final loss as they knew what it took to win and how they had to play and went out each game to get the job done.

Playoff Tourney rolled around beginning Thursday evening, August 16 as one game was played, they earned a bye. The following night Shavers played their first game of the tourney facing The Legends and defeating them 7-2. Tuesday night they were pitted against The Ross Video team who they also were victorious over, soundly sending them home 25-2.They had their stride for sure. Off on Thursday, they played again on Friday the 24th and showed Tommy's Triple T Bull Dogs the way around the diamond 16-1.

Sunday was tourney day as teams gathered starting at 11am. Shavers played the Legion team first sliding past them 6-1. Their next opponents were Jiggers who played a tight game and put Shavers through their paces. Still Dave's squad were winners 5-3 and waited until 4pm to learn who they would play the final game against.

The sun beat down mercilessly on the ball diamond, the stifling wind blowing dust and dirt on players, in their eyes and clothing and causing poor visibility at times as small whirlwinds swirled around the in-field.

When the dust cleared and the semi final was over, Shavers realized they would face the Legion team in the final for the trophy which Dave sponsored and which his team won for the first time last year.

Shavers won the coin flip and were home team, last bat would be theirs. They were in danger of over confidence as they had earned such a great track record. They were a bit unsettled and extremely tired after having just played the previous game. The Legion had had a rest as The Legends and Jiggers had battled for the opportunity to play in the final.

Neither was to play and the Legion was set to face Shavers. Having not played after the 12:30 game the Legion was fresh and ready to rumble.

Shavers took the field and the Legion sent Al to the plate. Facing Ron Geurkink on the mound for Shavers, Al got things moving for the team as he would score and teammate Dan also counted one. Getting on base were Leslie, Neil and Jack.

Mike Perry was up first for Shavers and he got on base and would score for the first run counted. David who was walked by Al and Kevin Ferdette would be made out, while Katherine Adams and Ryan Johnston would get safely on base. Then Bert Shaver would be third out.

The first inning ended with the Legion ahead 2-1. A well played game, the tone was established early.

The second inning saw each team put three up to the plate and count three outs, with no change in the score. Al, Tasha and Dan were stifled as they shouldered the bat and retired. Ron, Jennifer Perry, and Greg Millard were unable to get anything going as the side retired. No breaks for either side to capitalize on, the score was stagnant.

The third inning was a repeat of the second, three up-three down for both teams. Good fielding, nice pitching and sharp catches, it seemed like that might be all she wrote in this game.

The fourth was not any better for either as they held one another steady. David got things going, but no one was able to follow his lead, as Kevin, Katherine and Ryan were out on hits. Jack McQuigge who was definitely the MVP for the Legion with his marvellous hits to the fence and beyond on several occasions, started his team on the right foot. Marsha could not keep things going. Jimmy grabbed on to a Ron pitch, but Bert playing centre field grabbed it and even when Leslie scored, Chris and Jack got to base, and Marsha again made out and the Legion took their positions on the diamond, holding tightly on to the fact they were up by 2 at this point, confidence growing as they could smell victory.

Bert connected but was out on the catch, then Ron got on base and would eventually score, as Jennifer kept the ball rolling, Greg continued the action and Ron crossed the plate as Jeremy Johnston hit to centre field. He was out, but brought Ron home to tighten the score 3-2 for The Legion. Leslie scored the fourth counter for The Legion, but the strong fielding by Greg, Bert and Ryan for Shavers was too much for anything else to get going. Chris,Neil,Jack and Marsha t[illegible] but to no avail.

Shavers had their best inning in the sixth as Mike hit, but was made out as right fielder caught his hit. David, Kevin and Ryan would count in this inning to shoot Shavers ahead on the scoreboard 5-4 in what remained a tough game, which could have swung either way, until the final inning. Bert got on base, as did Ron and hope sprang for the team, only to be dashed once more. Al scored his second of the match, to bring The Legion score up to 4 runs, but that was all this inning would give them, as Tasha got on base, but Dan, Jimmy and Leslie counted outs to retire the team.

Greg scored for Shavers as did Jeremy to add two more to Shavers tally. Although David and Kevin got to bases, Debbie, Mike and Katherine were unable to provide the chance for them to score. It would not matter, seven was enough for the win. As Chris came up in the final bat for The Legion and nailed the ball, it was a nail-biter for sure as The Legion pulled to within 2, but that was all they would do this afternoon. Neil was out, Super Jack got on base as expected, he had Ron's number that was evident. Marsha struck out and Al came to the plate. It was his to tie if he could hit Jack home...but he hit to centre field and once more the hot gloves out there would not be denied as Bert snagged another to become the hero for Shavers as MVP. His ability to grab the ball out of the air, over the fence and wherever helped solidify the victory.

Shavers claimed the trophy a they successfully defended their 2000 performance in style. A well played game, it could have gone either way, and as the te[illegible] shook hands on the dusty infield, some good sportsmanship shone through.

TIP #8

Golf Tip Of The Week
with Steve Martineau

Clubhead speed is an important factor in how far a ball travels. Proper grip pressure ensures maximum clubhead speed. Hold the grip as though it was a bird. Tight enough that it will not fly away, but not so tight that you would strangle it.

Iroquois and District COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Matilda Helping Hands will meet Sept. 5th at 10:30 am at Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners. Pot-luck lunch at noon. Renewal of membership. Guest speaker will be health nurse Heather Van Ulden.

Kemptville & District Home Support is sponsoring an afternoon dessert party with Mary Cook on Tuesday, September 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets will not be sold at the door but will be available at the Seniors' Centre, 203 Sanders Street, Kemptville. Following Mary's talk, refreshments will be served. For more information please call 258-3203.

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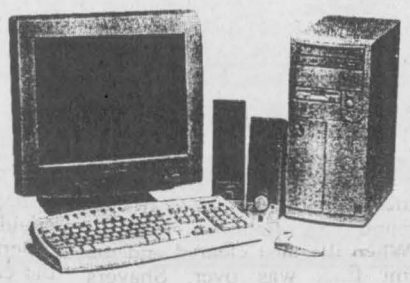

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Cards of Thanks

BANFORD: Thanks to everyone who sent me cards, flowers, gifts and phone calls while in Winchester Hospital. Sincere thanks toôhe caring nurses, Dr. Houze and Dr. Prins and my family.
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LAPIER: As I mark my 10th Anniversary at S&F Foodland on August 27, I would like to thank my customers for their patronage, friendships and smiles. I enjoy having served you in the past and look forward to your visits in the future!
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ST. PIERRE: In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, ***Keith,*** who passed away 3 years ago on September 3, 1998.
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Wife Marion, son Carson and family

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Matilda Helping Hands take a one day car trip

On Wednesday, August 22, twenty-five senior members of the Helping Hands of Matilda took a one day car trip in the area.

The first stop was at Winchelsea Farm at 1567, County Road 31 Winchester. Coffee, tea and punch was available when the group arrived. Everyone proceeded to tour the herb garden and check out the vegetables as well as visiting the farm animals.

At noon everyone was treated to a healthy, nutritious and delicious dinner, all from the garden of organic herbs and spices. After eating photos were snapped by the flower beds beside the house.

Then it was onward to Morrisburg to Dundas County Community Living Inc. where a video was played and then a tour of the building provided everyone with a better understanding of what the different workshops accomplish. All people with a developmental challenge are entitled to be a part of Dundas County Community where they can live, work, become educated enjoy all the community has to offer its citizens. The workshops help the people to retire eventually and enjoy a lifetsyle and activities of their own choosing. Everyone enjoyed this day immensely. The next regular meeting of the Helping Hands is September 5 at the Matilda Hall, all are welcome.

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Playhouse charity benefit performance a huge success

Capacity crowds have been the norm this summer for Morrisburg's Upper Canada Playhouse, but the August 25th matinee full house was an extra special event. The event was the first of two performances of The Wild Guys from which the Playhouse donated ALL ticket sales supporting community charities. "The community has been very supportive of Upper Canada Playhouse over the years and we've certainly had a wonderful season this year. It is great to be able to assist these valuable organizations with their important community work," says Artistic Director, Donnie Bowes. Playhouse's regular season continues until September 2 with seats still available for the remaining six performances of their hit production of the hilarious, The Wild Guys.

Organizations benefiting from the Charity Fundraising event were Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Knox Presbyterian Church, Naomi's Family Resource Centre, Morrisburg Unit of the Winchester Memorial Hospital, Dundas County Community Living, Community Living Stormont, SD&G Historical Society, Stormont Community Foundation, Avonmore Fair, Timothy Christian School, Meals on Wheels, Matilda Rebekah Lodge, St. Andrews/St.Mark's United Church, St. Mary's/St. Cecilia CWL, Morrisburg Junior B Lions Club, Chesterville Public School Council, Dundas County Food Bank, Avonmore Community Athletic Association, Dundas County Hospice, Ingleside Youth Bowling Program, Morrisburg and District Co-operative Pre-School, Dundas County Chapter Heart & Stroke Foundation, Happy Face Nursery School, Crime Stoppers, and NorDun Seniors Centre.



Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen.

Clogging up the hall

Cathy & Friends perform for a good crowd at the Iroquois Legion's first Country & Western Jamboree Saturday night. Five bands put on an all-evening show for fans of country twang. "It's been very successful," said Darlene Riddell, Legion President. A similar show, arranged by the Oddfellows, is set for Sept. 8 at the Matilda Hall.

COMING EVENTS

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
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Saturday, September 8
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Contact Diane Bass at 448-3108 if you have any questions.
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Cornwall

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second, Dave Heaslip in a brand new car was third with Graham Gorman and Bill Mullin rounding out the fast five. The fifth place finish means Mullin will just have to make an attempt to qualify for next Sunday's Jiffy 100 to clinch his first ever Cornwall track title.

The Duke Stock feature saw a first time winner as Cornwall's Dan Mitchell finally put it altogether. Mitchell grabbed the lead on lap 4 and survived a late challenge from randy Andre to score the triumph. Wayne Marsolais was third in front of Stephane Lemrie and Gaetan Amesse. Andre leads Lemire by 10 points heading into the final week.

Ron Tyo also made a first time trip to victory lane at Cornwall. Tyo grabbed the lead on the first lap and went wire to wire in the 12-lap affair. Bruno Richard got close with about 2 laps remaining before skidding off course and then having to settle for second best. Randy Tremblay, Rosco Garreau and Franklin Colpitts rounded out the top 5. Chris Tremblay has clinched the Rookie Crown.

The remainder of the show was rained out. Next Sunday night will feature the Sunoco Super DIRT Series for 358 Modifieds in the traditional Labour Day Weekend Jiffy 100. The best small Block drivers from the Northeast will be on hand for the big event competing for a purse of $25,000. The Late Models, Dukes and Rookies will also run for their final points night of the 2001 season. The green flag drops at 7pm on Sunday, September 2.

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Volunteers for this year included a magician, eight bands and entertainers, Ontario Works people, those who ran the many events and staffed the registration and prize draw tables, people who prepared food as well as those who ran food service operations, the Board of Directors, people who sold tickets for the draws and delivered brochures, bank employees, individuals and businesses who loaned equipment, supplied services and donated materials, those who provided private printing services, local government and agencies, craft people who created items to be sold, those who solicited the 270 contestant prizes plus those for golf prizes, members of the Van Allen family, newspaper and other media support, those who wrote letters and news releases, students earning their 40 hours of community service, community agencies who supported materially or financially, transportation services, score keepers...the list is endless. A conservative estimate places all the volunteer activity toward this successful event at over 300 persons this year alone.

The sponsor board prominently displayed at the tournament contained the names of 246 businesses, organizations and individuals that directly support of this year's tournament, many of them as volunteers. 599 volleyball and horseshoe players officially registered for the event and visitors accounted for the close to 4000 people, who as spectators, enjoyed the day, ALL AS VOLUNTEERS.

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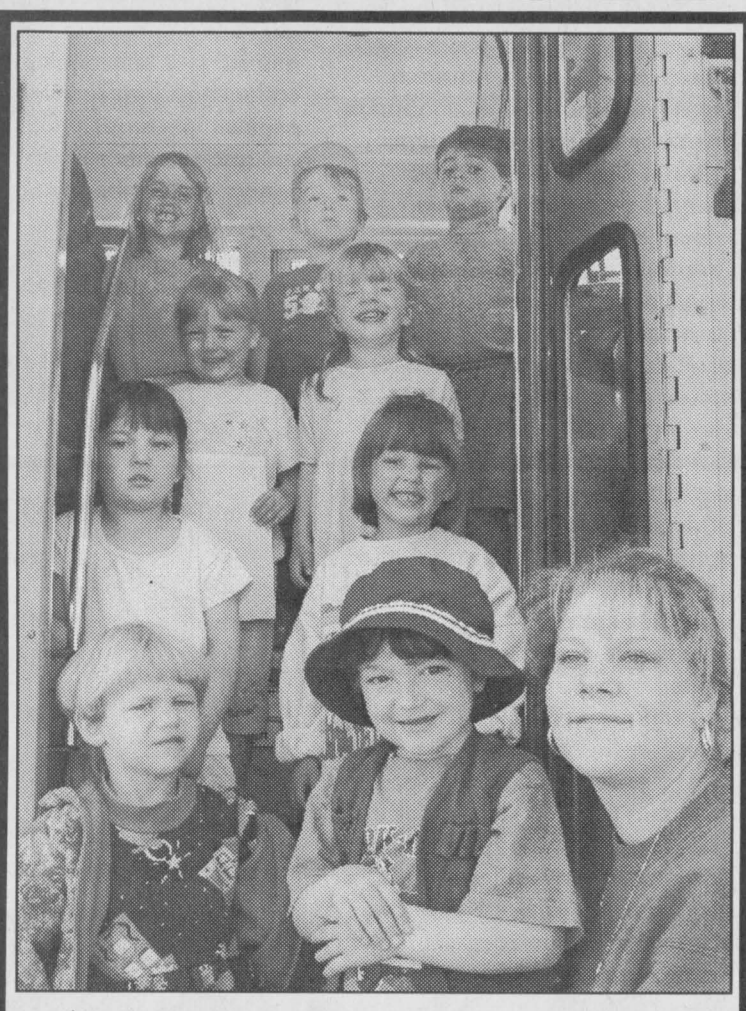

1st Time Riders

This group will be among the area's new kindergarten students. They received a lesson in bus safety (First Time Riders) at Morrisburg P.S. June 7. Top, l-r: Erin Gilmer, Trey Suddard, Jacob Graham. 2nd step: Molly Garlough, Marcy Smith. 3rd step: Mallorie DeJong, Lyndsay Rainey. Bottom: Lindsay Venema, Nathaniel Sanger and Whitteker Bus Lines' Julia Gambill.

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10 am ~ Biggest Sunflower Contest in the parking lot of the Mall. Winner will be in the Parade!

10:30 am ~ Line up for the Parade in the parking lot at the Village Square Mall

11 am ~ Cardinal Community Festival Parade

12:30 pm ~ Afternoon Entertainment
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•Bordertowne (at the Arena) Free Admission, Canteen at the Arena (Cardinal Figure Skating Club)

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8 am - 8:45 am ~ Registration for Ride N' Stride For Cancer

9 am ~ Ride N' Stride for Cancer begins at the Legion Contact Peggy at 657-1728 for details

11:30 am ~ BBQ & Ice Cream Stand at the Legion Park sponsored by the 1st Cardinal Girl Guides

12 noon ~ Children's Races at the Legion Park, Prizes, Food, Fun....Compliments of UFPU

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4 pm ~ Closing, DJ in the Legion Hall at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 105

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North Dundas

Continued from the Front

sure to be more efficient through a sharing aspect of the job seemed to result in positive ways. A tough challenge but if employees are able to share in any extra profits they help to realize,through a bonus system, they often tend to work harder, to become more efficient.

"In my experience I find North Dundas quite similar to other municipalities in other parts of Ontario. Nothing unique here," says Tindal. He continued to explain how with the downloading after amalgamation, the fact that staff and councillors are stretched so thin with so much shoved onto their plates, so much responsibility pushed on them by province; it is surprising that more have not burned out, quit or suffered breakdowns. "Residents are not always aware of whose fault things are, they are not happy with how things are going and unsure who is to blame, tension and strife result."

Tindal sees the process as a means to an end that will satisfy everyone. "If a real concerted effort is made to include the people in the decisions, they'll soon realize their opinion is important, their views are valued as to what they hope to see happen in their community and things smooth out, for everyone."

While he meets with individuals, he stresses it is not his job to evaluate employees or others individually.

He is happy with things to this point. Council seems to have been very supportive since they made the decision to do the study they and the staff have been very co-operative, though, "That may change when my recommendations come out. They may not agree with everything I suggest," says Tindal. A series of reports will be made by Tindal by October summarizing his recommendations. Gathering information from the questionnaires, responses to newsletters which keep residents informed and by meeting with staff and council he is pleasantly surprised by the community involvement thus far.

While he says it is not strange for a municipality to hire a consultant to help develop strategic plan, the three-part process is a bit different. "There is a benefit in having an outsider, the detachment allows those who have opinions but are reluctant to share them to speak freely. While there may be people who are aware of what need to be done, it is often better coming from an outsider."

The Township has budgeted some $19,000 for the consulting process which began in June and will be complete in October. "If they get out of this series what they should, it will be money well spent," says Tindal. Three days a month are spent in North Dundas communities by Tindal as he works with staff and council. The rest of the time he uses e-mail to correspond with them from his office in Inverary. He can be reached at TCL@kingston.net or at Tindal Consulting Limited, RR1, Inverary, On K0H 1X0.

Tindal taught courses on municipal government at St. Lawrence College and has written several books on municipal government prior to opening his consulting firm. Awards attest to his expertise in the area. He assisted with the restructuring process in Leeds and Grenville at the time of amalgamation. retiring from his teaching position in 1998, he hoped to slow the pace and yet admits to being busier than ever now.

While he admits the study could have been done without any public input, but says, "I feel this was the correct way to go, it is best to include every resident since the outcome affects them all."

"Council has identified several long term priorities, are they yours too? That is the question. What else do you want to see in your municipality?"asks Tindal. These questions will be answered at the public meetings. He even goes so far as to suggest that such annual reviews would be a good idea as public opinion is vital to the process of municipal administration. Improved communications internally and between the municipality and its citizens might not be a bad idea? Your idea, your opinions do matter, be heard!

Focus

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into a mobile home and John came to Iroquois and serves on the Board of Partners for Children in Development a charity George initiated to help poor in Central America. George is another humble man who once a goal is set ensures it is reached.

The airport radio was in the house and so John became the Airport manager. As such John improved the strip and paved it. And, as Jim Leitch had suggested, within 2 years of selling his plane, John purchased another, better than it and presently John owns two, one in Iroquois the other at his Florida home.

Manager Rex Ferbrache came with John from Montreal, only to begin his own company in a few months. All other staff were hired locally, starting with secretary, Louise Laframboise, who even made curtains for the windows, she remained with us for several years. She was among the people at the party too. Jack McQuigge was the first technician and spent numerous years with Ross. Mike Noakes was General manager in the first year and for 15 thereafter. The lure of owning a Second Cup in Kingston proved too much and he left after helping Ross become better organized.

In 1975 yet another era began quite innocently as John bought a kit to build a computer, long before personal computers were in vogue. This was where David, then 10 was first attracted to making changes in games and programming. Winning awards at science fairs at regional and national levels and even took a year off university to help with product development.

Diane earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree and an MBA. Joining Ross video as Marketing Head, she organized efforts in a professional manner. She serves on the Board at Ross and operates her own consulting company. John Barker of CDL helped her in her job. John received applause.

David's Computer Engineering degree enabled him to become Executive Vice-President and Head of Product Development at Ross. He and his team have designed many excellent products including Synergy series of digital switchers for Ross.

John and Doris have been able to travel to many countries over the years to attend trade shows and customer meetings. The first sales into England occurred when a UK company, Seltech was formed by Bill Jeynes to represent Canadian Broadcast equipment manufacturers. It was at his booth in Brighton that John was asked to show what a switcher did, the person asking was none other than Lord Mountbatten! (Uncle of Prince Philip and distinguished member of the Royal Family. Soon after our meeting, terrorists blew up his yacht and he was killed). Another sales person and good friend, Dave McGregor who has his own company in England, was also with us.

Another memorable event John told everyone about was when it was proposed that he be elevated to Fellow of the Society of Motion Picture and Television engineers...an unexpected honour and thus more enjoyable.

He concluded by mentioning some of the key people who have made major contributions to the company's success. Among them are Dave Rutter (Mechanical designs for control panels and rack frames for 25 years). Joe Roudiger joined over 10 years ago as Vice President of manufacturing, working on designs of automation systems and other products, coping with growth problems. Both retirees attended and were introduced, as they work part time for Ross.

An Iroquois native, Jan Mills joined as a draftsman and now heads the in-house advertising and promotion agency. John spoke in superlatives of the superb quality of ads, brochures and catalogues as well as trade booths which could not be matched by any outside agency. Jan stood briefly.

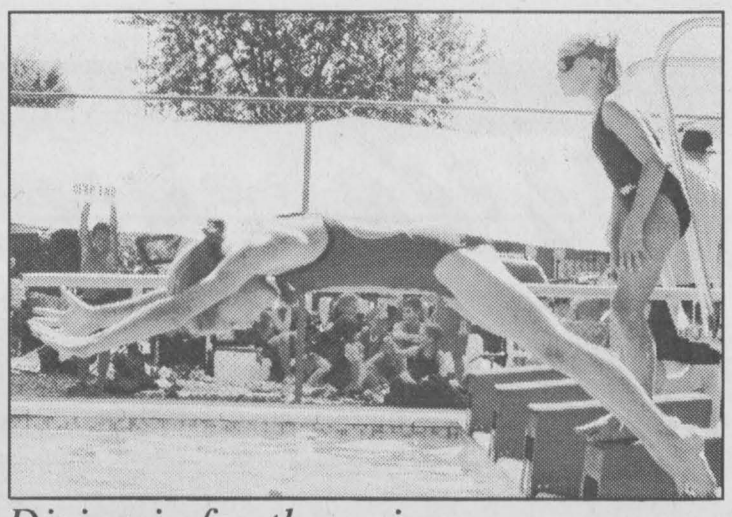
Jeff Moore came onboard 5 years ago as Director of Marketing and Sale. Since this time Ross has enjoyed the greatest growth in their history . John introduced Jeff who he credited with quiet, intelligent and determined leadership.

"It is sufficient to say that I have enjoyed the continuing privilege of working with an outstanding group of people in all departments. I have taken much pleasure in watching them as they evolved and matured in their careers, including my children. When I retire from Ross Video, I know things will be in good hands. Through all this Doris has been my staunch supporter, second conscience, companion and wife," concluded John.

The evening ended with John presenting a gift of a trip to England, Scotland and Ireland along with spending money to Les Bell, to whom as John said, "We all owe a great deal to." As John explained, "He is the real reason we are all here tonight. One evening 50 years ago he was the one who sucked me into the broadcasting industry, which has been my passion ever since. It was his action, faith and kindness toward a kid which has affected each of us here as well as others who worked with me to affect others in various companies. The ripples continue to expand. Many have been involved, but, it all started with Les."

The employees presented John and Doris with a painting of the very first plane which was sold to allow the company to begin. A wonderful evening of celebration and congratulations on a golden anniversary.

Parting, John stated, "Doris and I wish all of you, inside and outside Ross Video much happiness in your lives. You have all contributed so much to this unique club that we all are, in one way or another a part of...Thank You!"



Diving in for the swim

Local swim clubs participated in a swim meet in Cardinal Saturday. Among those taking part in the action were the Cardinal Sea Sharks and a brand new group from Iroquois, the Seaway Sting Rays. Results next week. *Chieftain photo by N. Zandbergen.*

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83	Gil Evoy	437

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		Points
8	Randy Gaudet	753
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66	Kyle Dingwall	547
75	Pernie Banks	529
14	Kyle Wilson	523
16	Lance Willix	506
64	Tim Alton	488
6	Dave Wilgosh	467
61	Darrin Cattilier	457
77	Lee Miller	413

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Novice

		Points
12	John Mulder	576
X15	Roger Bushey	544
63	John Simmons	536
64	Earl Simmons	534
73	Dave Austin	532
62	Charles Barkley	526
43	Shawn Hodge	525
7	Robin Perrin	487
99	Leonard Washer	461
27A	Art Brown	426

Pro-Stock

		Points
2	Randy Earl	686
10	Todd Raabe	567
28	Greg Hale	563
27	Sheldon Hoogwerf	537
36	Jason Riemersma	486
14	Mitchell Jock	449
32	DJ Smith	394
72	Denis Gauvreau	255
81	Billy King	183
1J	Louie Jackson	171

Rookie

		Points			Points
23	Kees VanWinden	752	11r	Shawn Reid	338
10	Don Hall	571	30	Jamie Englinton	276
4	Chris Tremblay	507	6D	Dan Dybala	269
75J	Joseph Banks	491	7	Roscoe Garreau	231
16d	Danielle Lagault	370	37	Roch Aubin	216



Stephane LaFrance - 358 Mod # 115
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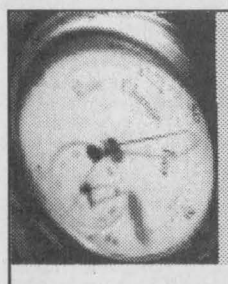

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