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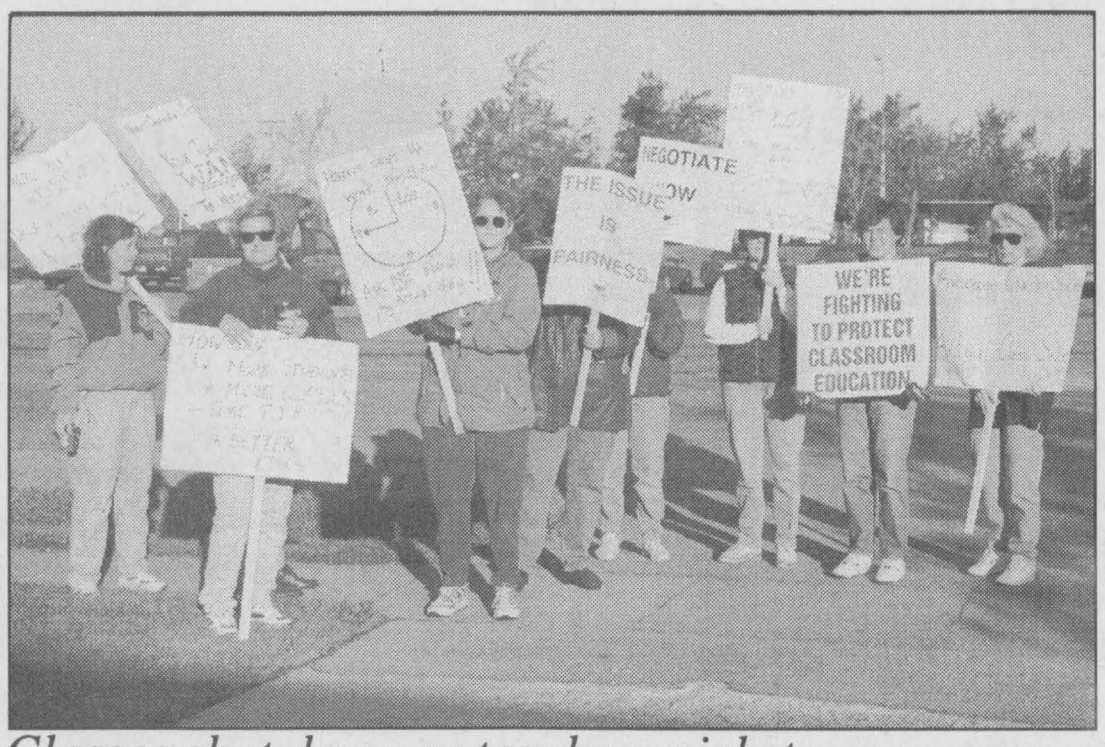
Teachers try to jumpstart negotiations



Classes shut down as teachers picket

Seaway was open and staffed by the Principal and Vice-Principal who are no longer members of the Secondary School Teachers' Federation. few, if any students came. Buses were not travelling their routes and the teachers were walking the pavement holding signs of protest high. The one-day walkout/strike allowed frustrated teachers to vent their anger and demonstrate their solidarity to the Upper Canada School Board. *Chieftain Photo by S.L. Johnston*

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"This Board has repeatedly said at the negotiating table that it owns teachers during their day and can do with them as they like, we don't believe anyone can be owned. And they do not own us. That is why we are on strike today. It is about equity and dignity," said Greg McGillis OSSTF President.

Secondary School teachers have become frustrated with the process of negotiations that has seen them close to an agreement with the Upper Canada School Board on numerous occasions only to see things fall apart.

In an attempt to actively protest lagging contract talks and make their point with the Board, teachers with the UCSB hit the bricks as it were earlier this week.

A one day walkout on Monday gave high school students at 22 high schools under the jurisdiction of the Upper Canada Board which encompasses most of eastern Ontario outside the Ottawa-Carleton area.

For the first time in almost one year, public secondary school teachers were walking the picket line in protest rather than spending the day in their classrooms. The strike culminated in rallies held at the board offices, locally both in Cornwall and Brockville. Some 200 teachers gathered at both locations in an effort to jumpstart negotiations that came extremely close to brokering a deal before collapsing on Sunday morning.

According to the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation District President (OSSTF), Greg McGillis talks broke down over workload issues and demands to extract painful concessions by the Board. "Every time we came up with a new proposal, we found the Board had yet another to take dollars out of the secondary teacher envelope. The focus of spending should be the classroom according to the funding model, but the Board wants to keep money out of the classroom and spend it on special projects and administration. Any other Board in Ontario would have grabbed that agreement and run."

Pam Constable, Negotiations Team Chair said she feels that the core issue remains the equitable treatment of teachers both in workload, pay and benefits. "Students are not at the top of this Board's list, but they should know that the classroom is where the learning occurs. Despite our efforts to stop it, we have schools where teachers are teaching four out of four classes every day without a lunch break. These teachers suffer and so do their classes. These classrooms need the support and they need their teachers to have equitable workloads and working conditions to ensure that no one classroom suffers the effects of cuts more than another."

McGillis pointed out that there was enough money to pay for reasonable working conditions for ALL teachers, not a select few as the Board insists. As well, he added that teachers were committed to meeting the requirement for 1250 minutes instructional in Bill 160. "The Board wants the teachers to pay the difference to reduce the number of periods. But, we did the numbers the Board provided and we found out that in dollars and time, they have more than enough funding for the classroom. It seems everything that is theirs is theirs and everything that is ours is theirs too, but we have to pay for it...thus the "Brewed in Upper Canada" strike!"

Estimates put the cost of the walkout to teachers at over $240,000...quite a point to make.

The Board saw the walkout in another light. Member Joe Gunn was quoted in the Standard Freeholder (Cornwall) as saying, "I wouldn't suggest they do it again. Don't forget the Board has the right to lock its' teachers out. If they strike again, we're going to have to take another look." He was quick to explain that this had not yet been before the Board, all avenues have to be explored, and his colleagues would rather see teachers in the classroom.

During the negotiations the Board Chair, June Timmons stated that both sides were making serious efforts to come to a settlement. She blames the funding model through Bill 160 for the Board 's inflexibility in deal-

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Don't mess with Lakeshore Dr.

Angry residents tell South Dundas Council

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Fed-up with soaring property taxes, dozens of Lakeshore Drive residents descended on South Dundas Council, turning last Thursday's meeting into a standing-room-only affair.

SD&G County Librarian Leanne Clendenning, scheduled to speak the same morning on a proposal to close the Williamsburg branch, drew even more to the crush.

Size matters, and the township building in Williamsburg clearly didn't have enough of it. Crowd overflow sat on the floor, stood around the perimeter of the packed chambers and spilled into the hallway.

Robert McGimpsey kicked off the protest. "Everyone is upset and angry on Lakeshore," he said to council. Some were claiming tax increases of between 30 and 50 percent.

Arguing services pale in comparison to the taxes levied, McGimpsey said Lakeshore residents are being asked to pay more than their fair share. "Everything is tied to the assessment of our home," he continued, calling it the "most regressive form of taxation" according to the newspaper article he waved in his hand.

"Even garbage pick-up is tied to the assessment. You're telling me my garbage is more expensive than my neighbour's!"

McGimpsey explained that services should be charged on a flat-rate basis.

"I want my services to reflect the taxes I'm paying," said another.

One speaker grew hot under the collar when Mayor Johnny Whitteker confirmed that policing costs are pegged at $90 per household. "Then why am I paying more than $120 on my bill," he shouted.

Whitteker had to raise his voice and pound the gavel on more than one occasion during the lively meeting. The crowd was quite demonstrative, alternately applauding, muttering under its breath and laughing cynically.

The Mayor tried to persuade the group that they were barking up the wrong tree. He pointed to Queen's Park, slamming the provincial government for upsetting a "100 year system by bringing in 'tax reform.'

"It's not the responsibility of this council. Assessment is done by the province. They made these changes, not us."

"I've received a lot of complaints this last week," Whitteker said with obvious understatement. "But we have to live with actual value assessment, or whatever you want to call it. You have to live by the majority.

"We're not taking in any extra money," he added, referring to South Dundas Township's portion.

Administrator Mike Waddell backed-up the Mayor. Responding to audience questions, Waddell said the South Dundas budget is $125,000 smaller than the combined budgets of the four former townships last year, a reduction of five percent.

Whitteker also fingered Toronto for downloading an extra $2.1 million on the United Counties this year.

"You ain't seen nuthin' yet," said Councillor Gillard. He predicted downloading would only get worse.

The delegation would not be put off. "We have come here because you sent us the bill," said one member.

Olga Slipchenko claimed "114 households on Lakeshore Drive (not including farms), or 8.7 percent of all households in Matilda pay 40 percent of the taxes" in that ward.

"It is quite obvious the majority of households in Matilda are not paying their fair share, although each of them use the services. You will probably find that 15-20 percent of the households are paying 60-70 percent of Matilda's taxes."

Whitteker suggested anybody unhappy with their assessment discuss it with county assessment staff in Cornwall, a free service. Short of that, the Mayor encouraged them to formally appeal their assessments. Appeals cost $20, and Whitteker said he had received word the province would refund the money, win or lose.

Slipchenko, stung by a $1,000 increase, replied, "I went and appealed my taxes, Mr. Mayor, and they threw it out."

She suggested that farmers pay more property taxes. "It's not fair; the shortfall is made up by us. Farms are businesses."

Opening another can of worms, Slipchenko referred to the less-than-a-marriage deal which formed the new South Dundas. Each ward has a slightly different tax rate. The former Williamsburg Township kept a $2.5 million surplus, to offset taxes in that ward exclusively.

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Williamsburg Fall Harvest Festival a bushel of fun

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Williamsburg was definitely the place to be last weekend as the community joined forces to celebrate the harvest season.

Some activities were held prior to the weekend and the winners declared on Saturday. One of these was the Scarecrow building contest which ran from September 5 to 14. The scarecrows had to be freestanding. Debbie Disheau was the top creator with Vicki Van Hoof grabbing second spot and Cameron and Colin French in third place. Joe and David Jansen were fourth. The Bale Decorating contest used hay bales that had to be an animal or human form or depict farm equipment. Bonnie Richmire earned first place while Vicki Van Hoof was second. Both were sponsored by the Williamsburg Community Association.

Two categories of colouring children were sponsored by Picadilly Print. Brandon Edwards (5 and under) won the junior side while Justin Stewart took the senior category(7+).

Bob Fetterly guessed 1200 lbs for the weight of a yard tractor to get first prize while Daryl Campbell of Avonmore took a stab at 1231 for second. The actual weight was 1212...nice going fellows! Eastern Engines sponsored this event. Margaret Hendricks was closest to the number of crabapples in the jar to win the Canadian Tire event.

Harvest theme was used as the heaviest potato earned notoriety (Post Office sponsored) and Tilly Casselman beat out Maria Gray and Bill Snyder for the ribbon. The heaviest carrot belonged to Jesse Wolfe followed by Michelle Ault's entry and Tollea Gillard who was third.

Sue Sherrer and Laurie Brown had the Most Fruitful Garden Baskets (Lea-Mar Variety). The biggest pumpkins are always a hit. This year Pinkus sponsored and Walter Froom won. Richie Warren was second and the Gillard gang snagged third spot. Growing sunflowers and zucchini takes a green thumb. Largest

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Morrisburg Applefest, Sat.

Morrisburg's Applefest celebrations take place Sat., Oct. 3. The festivities, which begin at 9:30 a.m. and run until 3 in the afternoon., are centred on the many local apple growers expected to hold court in the Morrisburg Plaza.

Apple products, apple cider, and all kinds of apples will be the apple in the visitor's eye at Applefest!

Featured events include an apple pie baking contest. Hosted by Pastry Deluxe, there are two categories: pies with apple filling; and pies with apple filling plus other fruit. Pies are due at the Eastend Promenade location by 11 a.m.

The "I spy the apple" is another featured contest. Look for the golden apples placed in participating businesses throughout the plaza. Ongoing throughout the week, the event finishes with draws for gift certificates at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Posters and poems by South Dundas elementary students on the heritage of the McIntosh apple and its discoverer, John McIntosh, will be displayed and judged at the festival.

Organizers with the Morrisburg Business Improvement Area hope you stop by to take a bite out of Applefest!

Iroquois Golf Course update

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

South Dundas Administrator Mike Waddell shed some light on the situation at the Iroquois Golf Course recently. It was the first public airing of the issue, which has been shrouded in rumour and kept under wraps during in-camera meetings over the past few months.

Speaking to questions posed by disgruntled Lakeshore Drive taxpayers at the council meeting last Thursday, Waddell said the Township provided "short-term funds" to the club last week.

"Is it a cost to South Dundas? No.

"These funds will be returned in 30 to 45 days with interest."

He recounted that the Club secured a $350,000 loan from the Royal Bank for the 18-hole expansion in 1996. That money was guaranteed by the Village of Iroquois, and assumed by the new municipality.

Waddell said the Club was required to make interest payments until 1998. A principle payment is due shortly; a cash crunch, putting the course in the rough, resulted. The club went looking for a better deal at the Bank of Montreal, which is refinancing the debt.

"South Dundas will be guaranteeing the loan," said the Administrator, noting the course sits on municipal property.

He said the terms of the Royal Bank loan were not very favourable to a seasonal business.

"Can the golf course survive? Yes, they can.

"Yes, they will make it. But it will take two or three years to get back on their feet. They can and will turn it around."

The club is embroiled in litigation with a contractor who worked on the project, causing some expense to the Township, Waddell said. "The contractor, reputed to be the best, did substandard work."

"I presume they'll be hiring a manager," Mayor Whitteker said of the club.

Waddell answered: "They may or may not. They'll take the off-season to see how the business plan is received. Barkley and Belanger are two good men on the ground to run the business."

Whitteker agreed.

"If they don't meet the agreement, we'll have to look at it," he added.



Franklin and Friend

Franklin is a story book character (Turtle) beloved by young readers and listeners. He came to life from between the pages of a book last week at Iroquois Public School. Thomas Corden visited with him before heading into the Scholastic Book Fair in the gym. An opportunity for parents to purchase great reading for their children these are popular affairs. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

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Fall Harvest Festival 1998

(Top left) Mayor Johnny Whitteker floats down the parade route at last Saturday's Williamsburg Fall Harvest Festival. (Middle) Agnus Smith, selecter of the winners in Whitteker's Meat Market miniature scarecrow contest. She poses with the pumpkin-headed handiwork of Jason Fowler. (Top right) Danny Kealey, eye to eye with a llama at the petting zoo, held at the ballpark along with a host of other activities. (Bottom left) Ladies of the Parklane Crafters, (l-r) Lois McPherson, Evelyn Coleman and Isobel Williams, show off their tin men display at the craft tent. (Middle) Whitteker's Meat Market float rolls on through. (Bottom right) Kids compete in the best children's costume contest.

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Proposal to restructure puts Library on chopping block

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

County Librarian Leanne Clendenning opened the book on a proposal to restructure the County Library system at the last South Dundas Council meeting, Thursday. Outlining the plan to a packed council chambers, Clendenning said closing eight of the 20 SD&G library branches would save $108,000.

This money would be reinvested in the remaining 12 branches, six of which will be "district" branches and six "community" branches. For South Dundas this means the Williamsburg branch would be closed, the Morrisburg and Iroquois branches respectively assuming the district and community roles.

"One of the biggest complaints we get is 'the library is never open,'" said Clendenning. Closing libraries, she argued, would allow the remaining branches to stay open longer. Morrisburg and Iroquois would each get 25 hours a week.

Morrisburg, she said, is already, in effect, a district library. Nearly 23 percent of its members travel from the former Williamsburg township. Her report showed the Williamsburg Library, open eight hours a week, has 162 members, or five percent of the Williamsburg ward's population. Matilda boasted the same level of use; it was closed earlier this year.

"Why can't our money be applied to keeping the Williamsburg Library?" someone asked from the public gallery.

Referring to the whole system, Clendenning replied, "250 hours over 20 or 12 branches represent much different scenarios."

"The Library Board is striving for improved service."

Citing perennial budgetary constraints, she said the library is struggling to maintain a comprehensive book collection with its eggs in so many baskets. The County Library does not want a repeat of the situation in 1993 when book budget cuts reached such a level that circulation was falling off, she said. Restructuring is supposed to address that.

"I didn't support closing the Williamsburg Library," said Mayor Johnny Whitteker.

"What bothers me is the amount South Dundas gets levied for the County Library," he said, mentioning that North Stormont pays $45,000 a year for the same number of branches, while South Dundas gets nailed for $125,000.

Councillor Rowdy Gillard asked Clendenning the amount of the County Library budget, and the percentages for books and administration.

The budget weighs in at $804-,000. "Seven or eight percent is spent on books," she said, adding the administration figure depends on what is meant by administration.

Replied Gillard: "I'll rephrase the question. When you made your budget, what did you put in for administration?

"Don't worry about it, I'll find out later," he quickly added, looking across at Councillor Cam Martel, who sits on the Library Board.

The Library system, said Clendenning, spends $194,000 in salaries for five administrative staff, plus $31,000 in benefits. Staff at the branches account for $312,000 in salaries and benefits.

"It hardly makes sense to me we pay more and more, and get less and less service," said Gillard.

"Right-on Rowdy!" cheered the crowd.

A mother of three asked Clendenning what else was in town for her children. "What am I supposed to tell my child, go out and vandalize?"

Councillor Audrey Rooney later resurrected a proposal for a separate South Dundas library system for council's consideration. That plan predicts libraries could be provided by the township itself for less money than the county levy. The book budget of such a system, which originally included Iroquois and Morrisburg, would have a book budget of $26,000, approximately one third the amount the County Library currently spends on 22 branches.

"It's not that easy to pull out," Whitteker said, noting the other municipalities would have a say in the matter.

"The hard answer right now is to make the system work," added Councillor Martel.

"We would face the same problems as the County Library."

Said Whitteker: "We'll have to take our position to County Council. If we're outvoted, we'll have to live with it."



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What next?

The school was open, but there were no students in the seats and no teacher at the head of the class. The staff of the secondary schools in eastern Ontario were instead out picketing in protest.

A day of learning lost.

A day that will have to be made up.

Senior students cannot afford these days off, and junior people need to be in class as well.

Mixed messages come down the tube and the public does not know who to listen nor who to believe. Negotiations were ongoing during the summer vacation. Something should have been settled then...it was not.

The teachers are frustrated, they want to teach, they want to coach and they want to get on with their job.

The Board says its' hands are tied by the province and so they cannot equalize the workload or the salary of their staff members at the secondary level. They need instead to clawback certain monies and distribute them differently.

Teachers doing the same job in various schools are not paid the same amount. Is this equality? This is one Board now and everyone should be treated the same, paid on the same salary grid.

Money seems not to be a provincial problem since a fax crossed my desk this very day from the Ministry of Education announcing some $600,000 for new schools , school operations and renewal funding. Whoa...parents are fighting to keep their schools open in their area and now money is coming to build new ones in over 40 school boards across the province.

Why do we tear down on one hand and rebuild new on the other??

What sense does this make?

Lets get the priorities straight. The students are what matters, their lessons and their future. Lets get this issue settled. No one needs to be a hero. Sit down people and get to the nitty gritty. Stop behaving like children and get on with the job. Negotiate in good faith and lets get our schools back on track.

Granted there are few ways for teachers to get their point across and the students should never be used as pawns, but what recourse is there? Who ultimately wins? Cut the losses and get on with life. Board members talk tough, sound like dictators and want to control the entire system. Teachers know what is important in the classroom, and if you have a child in high school, do you know how many are in their classses, we are told that the size is capped at 22, anyone know a class that has that small number?

Quality education is vital as the new millennium approaches. If our students are to be ready to compete on the global picture they need the best education we can provide. Expensive television ads tell us they are getting that kind of an education and yet a parent has to wonder. When things are finally on line, how much extra will the students be required to accomplish in how short a time frame? Teachers who are stressed and who work in a continual state of worry, who can provide no outlet for the students (Sports, music, activities that release stress for both learner and advisor) or themselves and who do not have the time to give extra help, to do the best possible job they are trained for, the job they want to do, carry on despite ...all the time knowing that class size is not capped and that they see upwards of 200 students every day. What quality education can we parents expect from such a system? Overburdened teachers in overloaded classrooms does not provide the hope for the future I want for my child. No longer are enrichment programs a part of a defined curriculum and so students stagnate with no opportunity for enrichment and growth beyond the classroom.

Sharing of resources and user pay, even when you are not the user...what is that? Special needs are ignored due to pressures that result in the Board cancelling programs.

Have we allowed our children to miss the opportunities they need to succeed?

Have you been heard?

What can a parent do to make a real difference?

How many administration people do we need? A list came to the editor stipulating close to a million dollars spent in Board offices in three centres under the Upper Canada Board...what a saving!

I am confused. Mixed messages come from all directions and I see a senior student missing valuable time in class, even overcrowded classes are better than none! Or are they? How will he realize his aspirations?

The province would rather legislate than negotiate... an antagogonistic situation has been created between the province, the teachers and the board.

There can be no winner. Teachers, students and the board all end up in the loss column in the final assessment.

The idea of "divide and conquer" techniques may give the illusion of victory,but in reality there is none. Everyone is angry and everyone is lashing out. STOP and lets really talk, lets negoitiate, no walking out until the process has worked. Enough is enough. Lets get everyone back in the classroom and get on with the learning process, it is what counts.

S.L.J.

Environment Science Course popular at Seaway High School

focus

by Sandra Lee Johnston
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When this reporter stopped by, they were poking about in slimy, algae infested, stagnant water.

Looking at the swampy area it was noted that small roped off areas were located in the shallow water.

Plant life was being examined, named and placed on the investigation sheet. Each student had signed up for the course and from all accounts they can hardly wait for the time slot to arrive when they delve into the subject.

They waded as far out into the murky water as they could. They spoke of mud that sucked at their feet and the low level of the water. Comparisons of plants found in the water were being made. Water plants were being drawn and careful observations were being made, as a name was given to the various flora and fauna.

Students were observed working together for the common mark, each doing their part, asking questions as they came across new fauna and seeming to enjoy learning.

Could this be school? Certainly not any that are recalled by this old timer. It looked to the observer that these senior students were actually having a fun learning experience. Is that what school can be in the 90s...fun? Why not? It would make learning a more natural thing, wouldn't it?

Located along the inland water ways north of the St.Lawrence, the various groups of students were busily engaged in learning in and along waterways that meander towards the larger body of water. "Surface water that comes from north of here created these streams and as erosion washed the land away creeks and bays were born," explains teacher Ms. MacDonald to a group of students. The plant life that invades the water and the shoreline become the topics of study for the students involved in this new science course.

A unique and promising educational adventure is being perused this semester for the first time at Seaway High in Iroquois as senior science students embark on a new course of study. Becoming more aware of their environment will prove rewarding not only in terms of subject per centage but also in terms of their lifestyle and future.

Teacher, Ms. MacDonald is enthusiastic about the course and admits that the spaces available filled rapidly as students realized what this advanced level subject was offering to them.

Through this subject area in the Applied Sciences Department, the students will be encouraged to develop a positive attitude towards environmental issues and an awareness of the sensitivity of the environment to human activity. They also will develop a questioning attitude towards lifestyles that make great demands on resources and the wasteful use of energy. A respect for the need to reduce, reuse and recycle human wastes will be cultivated. In the processes that evolve during and throughout the course, students will produce within themselves analytical skills so that they can respond critically to information involving the environment.

Included in the topics that may be studied are Environmental Quality: one unit on Water and another on Air, an Aquatic Ecosystem Study and Energy Resources. Then the decision is up to the class on three from the following list to complete their course mandate for the semester... Applied Genetics; Outdoor Skills (survival); Environmental Health Hazards; Soil- an Essential Resource; Fish and Wildlife Conservation; Pests and Pest Control; Plants, People and Environmental Modification.

As work continues on their "Sub-Watershed Report Card" the various groups work to identify the principal species of flora and fauna in their various study sites. The idea of linking suitable habitat to the viability of both at all levels of the food chain is being worked on. As the students go about collecting their data through both qualitative and quantitative surveys, they learn more through the hands-on experience than they ever would through any textbook. Experi-

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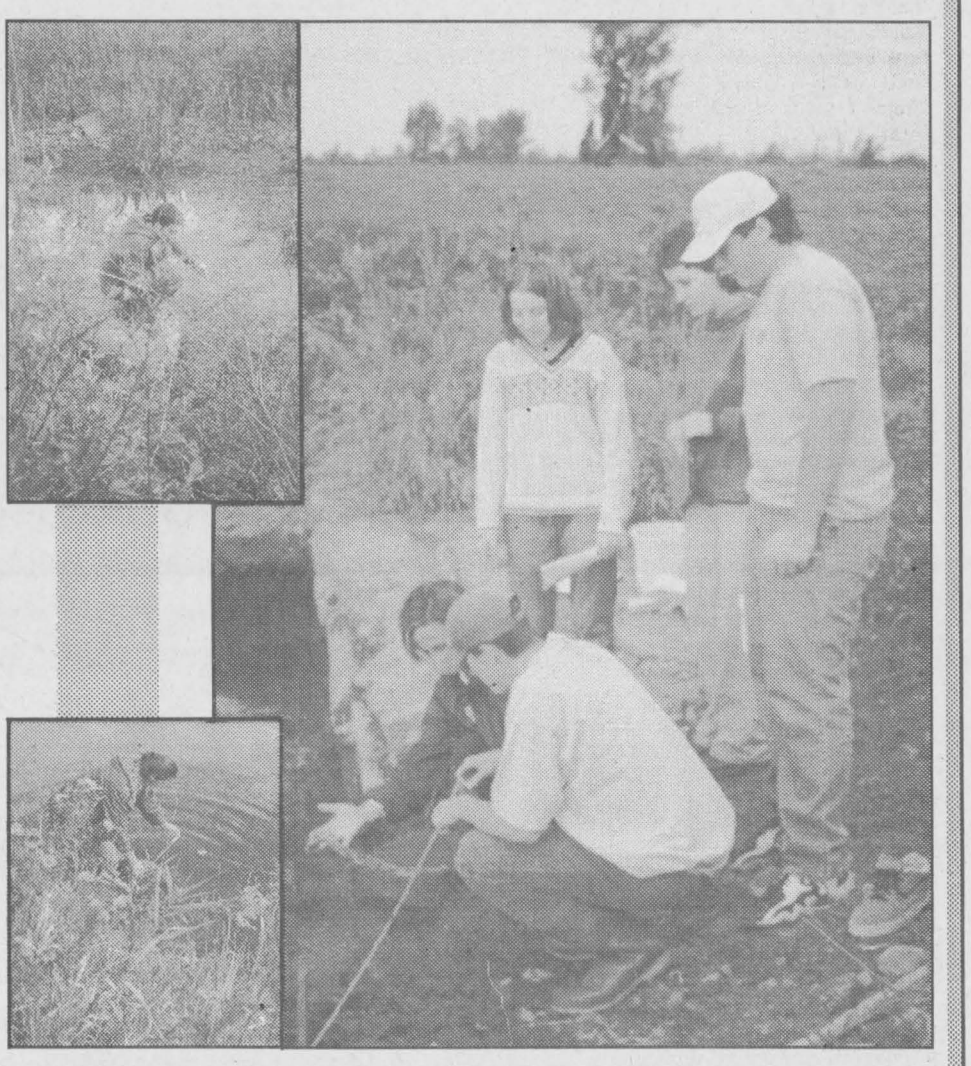

E-Coli and Coliforms
Numerous variables in the field create problem solving situations... students Paula Weagant & Travis Kelly (inserts) collect data from their quadrants (1m x 1m). These students listen to teacher MacDonald... Greg Millard, Glen Mellon, Katie Bowman & Melissa Gibson. Field trips & guests will highlite the course. ***Photos SLJ***

Weather could be worse...Not Now!

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

Well, every day is certainly a learning experience ...and well it should be. This writer got to meet Franklin the Turtle at Iroquois Public School the other evening. Hosting their annual Book Fair, the staff and students at the school enjoyed having this popular book character attend the area. The Fire Department cooked up a storm, well at any rate a great smoke screen (there were no mosquitoes, anyway!) and there were donuts and pop and when their bellies were filed, parents could wander inside to meet the teachers their children have this year. A good crowd turned out and many youngsters left with new books in their possession. Wee Caitlyn Hutt was enjoying choosing her favourite and young Casey McDermid could not wait to get into his book...he sprawled out on the gym floor and began checking out the pages.

The weeks that passed quickly while the "little girl" in the front office was on holidays are over. This old typer is happy to have her back, working two or three jobs can really take a toll. Considering that the latest we have been on production day lies in the 7-8 pm range and when one learns that we were until 9:30 pm last week...we really were lost without that extra pair of hands! Glad to have you back Wendy.

How about that cousin of El Nino? The storm on Saturday evening was wild and crazy and had more than one person nervous. The big guy and the writer were at a wedding, snapping photos for a very nice young couple. The family members were so caring, they were able to express their feelings without reservation when they spoke about the bride and groom, it was wonderful to see. There seems to be too little love in the world of the 90s.

Anyway, the photos were taken, things seemed to be running along well. Then as the reception was being held the power went off, not once, not twice, but there times. A storm warning is advised and worry sets in. Completing the task we headed home, but not until after we had both stepped out into the darkness and right into rivers of water which ran between us and the car. Wet feet, shoes and pant legs and we were headed eastward. The sky provided quite a show as sheet lightning lit up the entire sky for brief moments and chain lightning streaked across the eastern horizon. Rain pelted against the windshield and the wipers were creating a strobe light effect. The rain slicked road was treacherous and it was a relieved couple who arrived home to find the house safe and sound. The second son was out and so the worrying was not over, but he arrived home and his friend as well, ready to stay the duration until the storm passed...Sometimes they actually use their brain power to advantage, and it feels really terrific.

The niece back the road celebrated her birthday and we ensured a gift arrived from us. A great meal was had at the neighbours and a few hands of euchre, which we lost in style!! Mom certainly has never lost her touch in the kitchen.

A wee gal also turned another year older and we paid her a visit too. Cheese sticks were tasty and her gift a hit as well. This Monday will see a Beach Street miss another year older too and we wish Kassandra a happy birthday too.

A phone call from across the ocean and the cousin and son who spend vacation time with the Swampview gang was appreciated. It was wonderful to talk at them. A letter and their Christmas gifts will be winging their way across to the island so we can beat the rush.

The lawn at the church got a manicure before the rain came again, but the one at the ranch will have to wait a bit. This weekend should see the grass clipped, the flower beds checked and the pool closed for the season. Sheds will be cleaned up and summer equipment put away so winter toys can be gotten ready. It is time to turn our thoughts to the next season, it will descend rapidly. The leaves are showing their red and yellow hues prolifically everywhere we look. The sumacs have turned from green to red and the flies are trying to secure a warm place for the cold weather that looms ahead. They are numerous and their bites hurt!

The sunset the other evening was nothing short of spectacular. As the sun beats down and keeps the illusion of summer alive, the storms brew and the sky is breathtaking so many nights as the sun sets in the west.

The college kid took the drums to the city so he and the son of the folks where he is living this year can "jam"...perhaps this will provide an outlet for some of his frustration with the way his school timetable is screwed up. He looks forward to applying to art schools as soon as the applications are available. Night courses are filling his hours with work and the roller blades will make trips to school faster and maybe easier; but certainly more fun! He has plans to attend Octo-

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the bottom line

LEADERS ARE NEEDED! SCOUTS AND CUBS, YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY aged 8 - 14 are in real danger of losing out on a valued program. Beavers (5 - 7) and Venturers (15+) have programs up and running. The inbetween groups have no adults to operate their program. Loads of resources and help are available, outlines and equipment. Can you spare a few hours a week to help out? Camps need not be your responsibility if you are not so inclined. Call today to offer your help... 652-2235 (Mon.), or 652-4395 (Wed.) talk to Skipper. Don't let the movement die!! We can work something out! (slj)

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PARKING SEEMS TO BE AT A PREMIUM FOR THOSE FOLKS who work in the Iroquois Plaza. Since a street runs the length south of the Plaza stores, it is rather difficult to fit all vehicles along the building. I am all for green space but the grass between the Plaza and Dundas Street seems a viable alternative for parking. Winter will present all kinds of new problems... any suggestions? (slj)

THE REGULAR FACE IS BACK AT THE FRONT DESK. THE LITTLE GIRL FROM her vacation. Hopefully, things were not in too sad a mess for her... We did our best to cover for her. Flowers welcomed her back and brighten the place too. (slj)

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JANET JACKSON PUT ON A PRETTY AWESOME SHOW LAST WEEKEND. A couple from the Chieftain were lucky enough to have tickets. Sharron and her son came home with nifty t-shirts while Alice's daughter and her friend were suitably impressed with the stage performance. (slj)

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HARVEST FESTIVAL WAS TERRIFIC. WILLIAMSBURG was a place to be proud to call home on the weekend. Organizers and those who took part in any way deserve a real hand... a job well done indeed. Celebrating country living in style have become a tradition in the village that straddles County Road 31. There were bushel's of fun for everyone as the 7th Annual Fall Harvest Festival got down and fun-filled. (slj)

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Focus

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encing the inferring state of the aquatic environment based on the biotic and abiotic features they analyze will provide them with tools that will become useful in other areas of their lives and their work. And if as previously mentioed they have a little fun along the way...more power to the course! Learning can be fun, there is no harm in enjoying the process.

Their aquatic field work has the students describing the physical nature of their assigned site and as they take inventory of both plant and animal populations (utilizing sampling techniques) they will present their data in tables and graphs from the site group as well as compare with other groups in the class. Groups are establishing quadratic sampling areas along the ditch that runs parallel to the Golf Club Road, east side; the ditch that runs under the golf club bridge, (two locations) and along that stretch from the beach area north. Searching for summaries regarding the health of the aquatic ecosystem and adding such findings as the human impacts, the diversity any recommendations or predictions they can substantiate, this class seem to be truly immersed in their environment. It is important to note that they are also heading towards a complete new category of jobs that are truly 90s in their criteria. An awareness of the environment will create a completely new mind set as these seniors realize the implications that humans create and the danger that exists as humans continue to ignore their environment. As record numbers of plant and animal species face extinction around the world, man alters the habitats and dooms species as they destroy and exploit entire populations, with little or no regard for the future. Common sense dictates that such trends are taking the world along a collision course not only with fundamental systems that maintain our very planet as a tolerable place to live but life as we know it...look at global warming, the over-population of the planet, the depletion of water resources, losses of soil and loss of species. This planet we call home is a finite and when our resources can no longer support the people; then what?

This science course may well be just the tip of the iceberg. These students may be among those who stand up for what is environmentally right and future oriented. They will in fact become the leaders of tomorrow in this vital field. Many will realize a career in this field and future generations may use information from one of the very seniors met by this reporter to continue important works.

While the human capacity for destroying ecosystems is well established, we do as well, to some degree have the ability to restore them in some cases. It can be as simple as stopping the abuse. These students will develop various areas where they can help and learn what one person can hope to accomplish in the bigger scheme of things.

Just Livin'

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berfest with his best friend who is at school in Waterloo University. This should be a memorable weekend!!

As many of you prepare for Thanksgiving, we get set to travel to the U.S. of A. to attend this year's Can/Am Scout Camp with the Venturer Crew. Our American neighbours host us this time and next we will have them come up here to stay with us. Always a unique experience, these Can-Am camps are fun and allow us to share with our American counterparts some special moments.

A medical is on the agenda this week to ensure the driver's license stays intact. Not a favourite item, we will endure things and hope for a clean bill of health. The Sojgrens does not count since it is a chronic illness that does not affect driving. Like the arthritis, it is pesky thing that pains and angers the body, but does not stop one from functioning.

The roof remains in limbo. The insurance company has decided it may well be able to help us a bit with the expense...and every little bit is good. Hopefully the day the roofers arrive the sun will shine and the weather will cooperate. Once the outside work is complete, the interior ceiling will be repaired and things can get back to normal. Wow! What will we do without the boxes of books sitting in the hallway? The mess will be gone and we will welcome a clean room again.

The second son is done working for this year. He endured the rain and the lightning. He met some great people and had fun as he worked. A good learning experience he will benefit from it down the road. Buckling down to a difficult semester, he will be able to use the additional time he will have now without that 16 hours a weekend gone to the job.

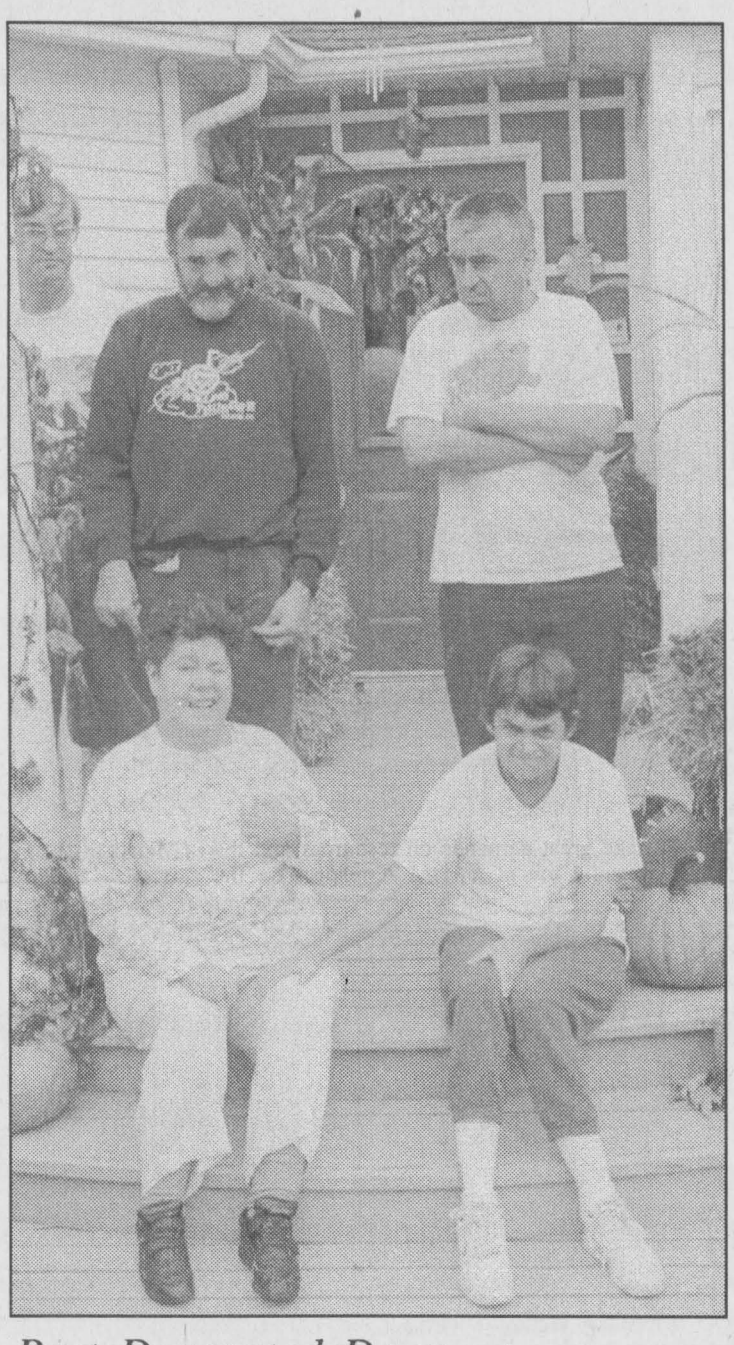
Washing the clothes is an adventure these days, what with hanging them out and then doing he 100 yard dash to beat the rain and get them off the line and inside before they get wet. Then they are back out in the sun and the wind and so on. The scenario remains and finally they do get dry enough to iron.

A very good friend of the family passed away this past week and attending the wake and funeral were tough. She lived a long and happy life and will be missed by those who knew and loved her. She and her husband who predeceased her three years ago gave this old writer her first real job, the one where money changed hands. Working on their farm was a dream come true for a teenage kid who wanted to be a farmer but was the wrong persuasion to venture into the land of agriculture in any significant way. Learning how to milk, bale hay, sew crops and harvest what had grown was invaluable. Working with farm animals and watching life begin as calves were born, feeding the herd and building a load of hay all taught lessons well learned. Being on time and putting in a good day's effort set the tone for life. Driving the old Chev up and down the long lane prior to attaining a drivers' license was awesome and the faith and responsibility placed in a young worker taught some valuable things as well. These folks made an impression and were lifelong friends. I will miss Thelma, but will always have the memories of days when we laughed and enjoyed the antics that made working there as much fun as it was a job.

Take care and stay happy. Walking along the street the other morning, while the chill was still in the air, I encountered an elderly couple leaving restaurant where in all probability they had enjoyed breakfast. Smiling at them, we were alone at this hour, I wished them a "Good Morning." They both smiled, albeit nervously and the lady replied, "And to you as well." We both felt better, and smiles remained in place for some time as we went our separate ways, about our own business. The greeting cost nothing, but we both earned so much. I felt good about speaking up...afterall I could have simply continued on my way in silence. It just seemed a nice thing to do for strangers in our community. Hope they felt better for it as well.

Til next week, so long...

The wisdom this week comes from Simone Weil who said, "The future is made of the same stuff as the present."



Best Decorated Door

The Dundas County Community Living group home took first place in Williamsburg's Fall Harvest Festival last Saturday. The four pictured on the steps: (standing, l-r) David Vexler; Carl Stewart; (seated, l-r) Sara Ann Delancy; Ann Stafford. Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen

St.Lawrence Area Birdwatching

by Linda Anderson

A visitor from British Columbia flew into our area last week...Bob Martin, formerly of Iroquois, now living in Kelowna. Bob sees some interesting birds on his daily travels; here is his partial list.

Black-billed magpies are very common, even around their swimming pool. Perhaps they are the equivalent of our grackles. Some are bold enough to drink the water from the dog's pail! They are pigeon size, usually seen beside the road.

The location of Bob's property, between an orchard and a pine forest, brings an abundance of different species. The evergreen trees provide shelter for about 40 **quail** overnight; in the daytime they venture out into the lawns and gardens to feed. These birds are fed in the winter by people in the neighbourhood. The same orchard last fall became a picnic spot for a **black bear** which feasted on windfall apples before hibernating for the winter. **Coyotes** are also numerous.

The hanging flower baskets around the house were utilized by **English (house) sparrows** as nesting sites. The house sparrow, an introduced species is extremely adaptable and can survive almost anywhere.

Their two species of **hummingbirds-rufous** and **ruby-throated** have migrated south already.

Just east of Kelowna, in the Kootenay Mountains, between Burton and Nakusp are **osprey** nests lodged in the hydro poles. Every 25th or 30th pole, there is a nest. In Ontario, hydro is helping the osprey by building nest platforms to prevent shorting out of the hydro wires. This magnificent bird which dives into the water from a great height is a sight to see. Since the banning of DDT in the early 1970s, the species is making a successful return.

Birdwatchers east of the village spotted five **turkey vultures** sitting beside their creek in the mud. Perhaps they were getting a drink.

Our hummingbirds left us on Sunday, September 30th and have been seen no more. The **ruby-throated hummingbird** spends the winter from Mexico to Costa Rica and is thought to be the only hummingbird to cross the Gulf of Mexico. It seems a miracle that these tiny birds can make such a trip across open water since they cannot glide but must make every wingbeat count.

Waterfowl Viewing Day was warm and windy and humid. We saw a male **white-throated sparrow** flitting in the old apple tree in the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. The bird was not singing its traditional, sweet song, but chirping instead; the white throat was quite visible.

The big migration of **geese** has begun with a viewer reporting a large flock very high up. Autumn has arrived!!

The number for reports is 652-2555. Thanks to Bob Martin for his bird observations.

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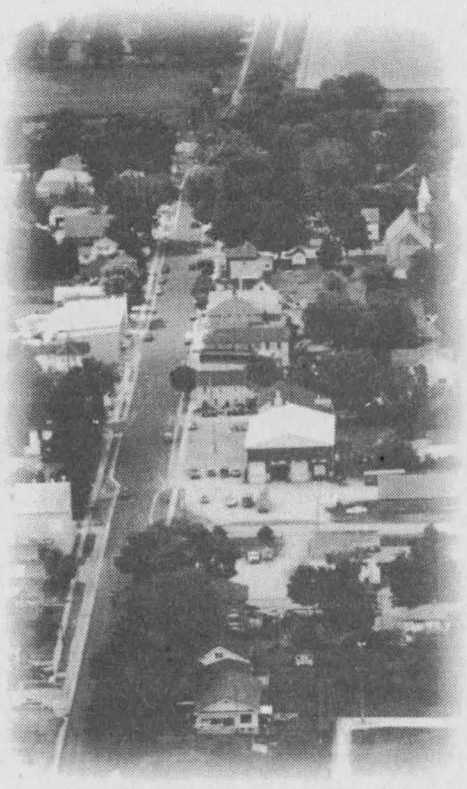

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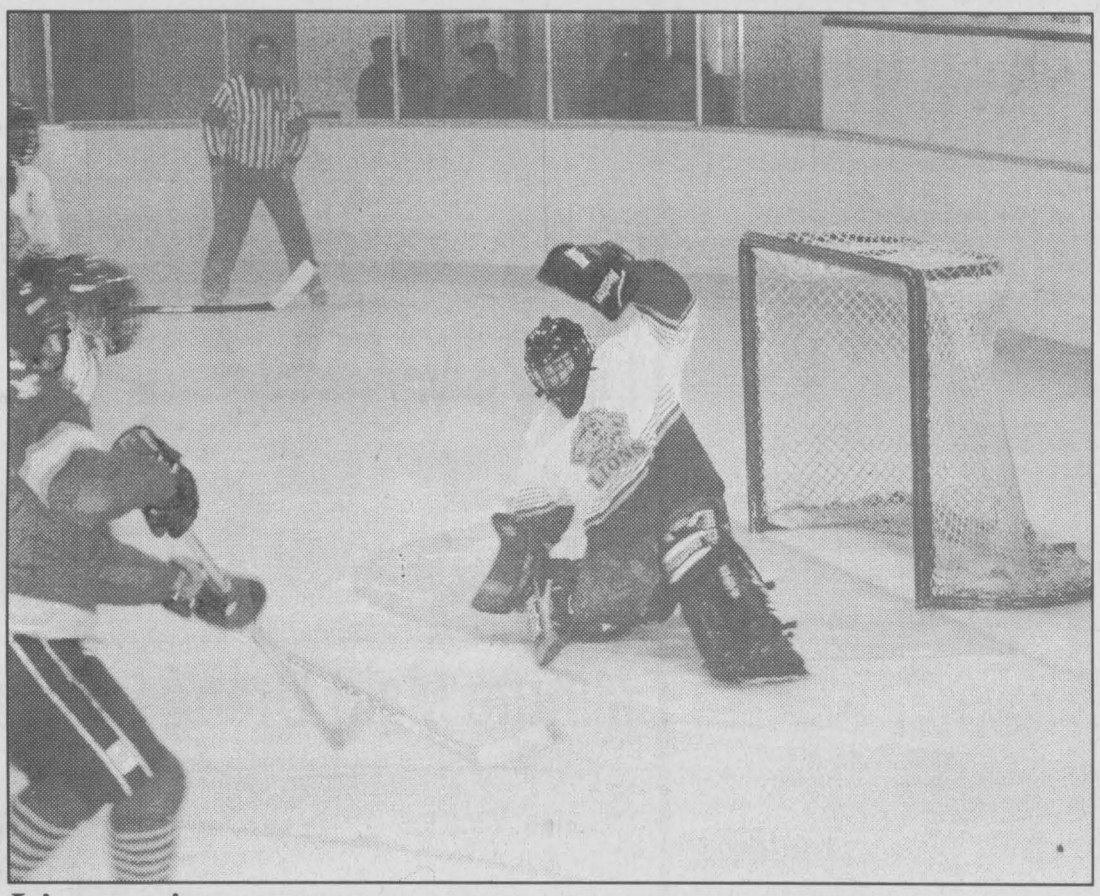

Lions give up two

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions opened the 98-99 season in Williamstown last Saturday evening. Sunday, the team hosted the Winchester Hawks. Morrisburg lost both games, but the coaching staff was impressed with some aspects of both games. This Friday you can catch the Lions at home as they host the Alexandria Glens. Game time is 8:15. Sunday they play the Kemptville 73s as they travel to KV.

Chieftain Photo by M.C. Bailey

Two games do not a season make

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A bounce here, a shot there and the first weekend of action for the Morrisburg Junior B Lions would have been a little different...

Skating into the 1998-99 season in Williamstown Saturday evening, the Lions ended up on the losing end of a 6-1 decision, but despite the number of penalties assessed, (a total of 28 were handed out to the two teams) both Coach Casselman and Coach Morrow were optimistic that they can turn things around. The lone counter for the Lions came off the stick of Travis Nelson who grabbed the pass from Jamie Barkley and Stef Champagne.

"We know we can beat these teams," said Casselman. "We took a few too many penalties (Char Lan) scored 3 power play goals, but the shots for the game were even (30-29). We just have to work harder."

At home Sunday hosting the Winchester Hawks, Morrisburg went to the dressing room after one ahead 2-1. "We had a great first period," Casselman noted. "Our break-out was impressive and the kids just have to realize that we ran into a hot goaltender."

Working an offensive pinch, the Lions got into some trouble in the second, giving up a few two-on-ones and it cost them. Winchester led 4-2 after two.

"We out-shot them 28-13 in the second period and went to the dressing room down 4-2!"

On the positive side, Sunday, the team did not get sucked into taking any retaliation penalties. As well, Casselman pointed out that this weekend will let the team know that the season is not going to be easy and there will be no substitute for a hard work ethic.

"It's a building experience and the kids know that can do it if they work hard," finished Casselman.

Magic formula for good health is WALKING

If someone produced a pill or potion which would refresh our mind, reduce fatigue and increase our energy, most of us would race out to buy the product.

What if it also promised to reduce high blood pressure, improve digestion and elimination, strengthen us against the bone weakening disease of osteoporosis and relieve our stress and tension? Quite likely we would doubt such extraordinary claims, but would be willing to try it when informed that it has no unpleasant side effects and is FREE OF CHARGE.

Our health professionals want us to know that the magic formula is WALKING. With so many things clamouring for our time, exercise seems relegated to the lower end of our priority list. Placing walking as a mandatory daily activity can actually make us more successful in everything we do. Walking increases the body's demand for oxygen, and trains our heart, lungs and muscles to work more efficiently. Onerous daily tasks will seem much lighter, if your body and mind are relaxed through exercise. It need not take too much of your time either. A few blocks every other day is a good start. increasing the distance and frequency of your walks gradually over a period of time will make the benefits self evident. You will feel better.

When winter weather conditions make outdoor walking hazardous to your health, Seaway District High School, in Iroquois is available to walkers from 7 to 9 pm Monday through Friday for indoor walking.

For those who do not like to walk alone, the Walker's Club could be a good source of companionship. There are scheduled walks and other health related activities in both Iroquois and Morrisburg. Both towns could do with larger numbers of participants, so come on out ladies and gentlemen.

For more information, contact Suzanne Grisel-Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Winchester at 774-2739, Gwen Hanes at 652-4732 or Marion Graham at 652-2854 in Iroquois or Joan Brunt at 543-2756 in Morrisburg.

October 4, Sunday has been declared Ontario Hiking Day. It will be celebrated at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary at 1pm. Report to the Visitor Interpreter Centre. The hike will be a great starting point for a new health regimen for you, your family and friends...see you there!!

SPORTS CORNER

with Brian St. Pierre

This week, as baseball playoffs are about to begin, I will attempt to predict what will happen over the next few weeks. The first round of the playoffs that begin on Tuesday afternoon are all the "best-of-five" series. All series after that will be "best-of-seven" affairs.

American League Division Series:

#1 seed-N.Y. Yankees vs. #3 seed-Texas Rangers. My prediction sees these two teams squared off only two seasons ago with the Yankees sweeping the Rangers. This season with the Yankees playing some of the best baseball in history, do not expect an upset here. I only see the Rangers possibility of winning Game 2 in the series when they face a struggling Andy Pettite.

#2 seed-Cleveland Indians vs. #4 seed-Boston Red Sox. I see the Sox to win this series in 5 games due to the greater depth of their pitching staff. This pick goes out the window if Mo Vaughan continues his post season history of swinging at everything and hitting nothing.

American League Championship Series

#1 seed-N.Y. Yankees vs. #4 seed- Boston Red Sox. In a series that these two storied franchises have waited a lifetime to play, the Yankees will once again get the better of their oldest rival, probably in 6 games.

National League Division Series

#1 seed-Atlanta Braves vs #4 sees-Chicago Cubs. I would love to honestly think that the Cinderella Cubs have a chance to win this series. When you match up Atlanta's pitching staff with Chicagos', you can only honestly think one thing...Atlanta in three.

#2 seed-Houston Astros vs #3 seed San Diego Padres. I look at Houston's top 3 starters and I am tempted to pick them to sweep this series. The Astros, however, are a franchise that never does things the easy way and this series will go the full five games before Houston prevails.

National League Championship Series

#1 seed- Atlanta Braves vs #2 seed-Houston Astros. The Astros and their pitching ace, Randy Johnson are the "in" pick of many baseball writers to get through the Braves and on the World Series. What sticks with me is that every time I watch Atlanta and houston play that the Astros are getting shut down by Braves pitching. I will pick the Braves in 6 or 7 games.

World Series

N.Y. Yankees vs Atlanta Braves. the Yankees have too much of everything if the Braves get this series to a 6th game, they have done well.



Rained out of business

The Iroquois Golf Course was the recipient of a pile of water as the rain storm that struck the area on Saturday night flooded the greens and fairways. Water lay deep around this area and the Course was closed to golfers for the day on Sunday as the sun and wind worked to dry things up. As late as Monday there were still puddles that had to be avoided as golfers took to the course once more.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Links at Iroquois

with John Lyon

The great growing season has been talked about before, but as the corn is being harvested in the fields it reminds us again of the wonderful growing conditions we have had here in Iroquois. Perhaps the growing season has been repayment for the destruction of the Ice Storm. Hubert Barkley and Gerry Belanger and the grounds employees have worked very hard with a small staff and no flexibility in the budget. Well done.

The men's twilight league closing tournament and dinner (very good) was held Saturday with Gary Barkey's winning the second half prize and Randy Mullin's team winning the first half prize. The 2nd half winning team members were Gary, Brent Mattice, Pat MacDonald, Ross Ferguson, Tom Dumbrille, Brian Clifford, Les Craig and Bill MacDonald.

Brent Mattice and Gerry Belanger had low scores of 78 for the day although Brent has a story to tell about his play on number 2. Les Gilmer, Perry Swank and Rob Delegarde won the 6 hole scramble with -6, having no birdies; 3 eagles did the job.

A survey of ideas for next year's format was collected from the participants by Rick MacKenzie and Brent Mattice. There are more survey forms available.

This men's golfing year was highlighted by the Club Championships for individuals with Randy Casselman wrestling the title away from Les Gilmer who held it for 4 years. The group highlight was probably the Valley League win at Glengarry Club in Alexandria, with many outstanding performances but especially by the youngest members of our team; Matt Anderson, Jeremy Adams and the Junior Rep on the team, Derek Swank. The last year Iroquois won was in 1989. Matt Anderson was runner-up in the Club Championships as well.

Again, golfers and friends are reminded of the Gala on October 10th. Tickets can be purchased at the Club or at the Civic Centre door the evening of the 10th. The kitchen was closed this past Sunday, the 27th, I hope the prepared sandwiches will be available for some of the remaining good days of golf.

There are scrambles at Morrisburg and Upper Canada, October 3rd and 4th for the men.

Some new directors will need to be elected this year at the yet to be announced general meeting. The present executive indicate the meeting will be called when the financial plan is finalized and approved.

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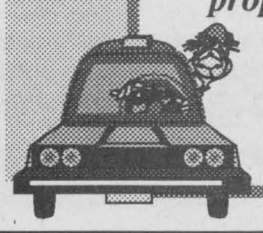
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And the sun had set for me,
I wanted no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul so free?
Miss me a little but not too long,
And now with your head bowed low;
Remember the love that we once shared.
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone,
It's all a part of the Master's plan.
A step on the road to Home.
When the family is all together,
Think of all the good years we once shared;
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me but let me go.
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OBITUARIES

Thelma Ault

At the Wellington House Nursing Home in Prescott where she had resided for the past five weeks, Thelma Fern Ault on September 26, 1998 after an illness that struck her in January of 1998.

Born in Aultsville on December 19, 1915, she was in her 83rd year.

A homemaker who lived her entire life in the Iroquois area, she and her beloved husband, Vivian lived on the Second Concession in the former Matilda Township where they farmed.

A member of the White Church and the Iroquois United Church when the former was closed, Thelma was predeceased by her parents; Albert and Carrie (nee Dafoe) Hollister as well as Vivian whom she married on January 1, 1934 in Cornwall and a brother, Clifford Hollister.

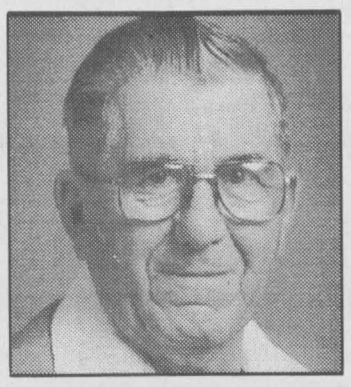
Mourning their loss are a son, Donald and his wife Beverly of RR1, Iroquois; grandsons, Dean (Judy) of Cardinal and Kevin (Cindy) of RR1, Iroquois, a great-granddaughter, Jessica and a sister-in-law, Daphne Hollister. Several nieces adn nephews also are saddened by the loss.

Memorial donations in her name to the Winchester and District Hospital, and the Canadian Cancer Society were appreciated by the family.

Service was conducted by Rev. Doug Carnegie at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Monday, September 28, 1998. Soloist Angie Thompson sang How Great Thou Art and Amazing Grace during the service and granddaughter-in-law, Cindy Ault delivered the eulogy as family and friends remembered Thelma with love.

Interment of cremated remains will be at Iroquois Point Cemetery. No pallbearers were used.

Hubert Farmer



Long-time Cardinal resident Hubert Charles Farmer died at Kingston General Hospital on September 16, 1998. He was 76.

Mr. Farmer's most recent residence was at 12 Charlotte Place, in Brockville.

He is survived by his wife Audrey (nee Strader) Farmer whom he married at St. Paul's Anglican Church, in Cardinal on June 19, 1945. Also surviving is son Michael (Gail), of Carleton Place and daughters Sandra Fenn, of London, Barbara (Keith) Carr, of Lindsay, Pam (Bryan) Somerville, of Prescott, Bonnie (Peter) Veltkamp, of Domville, Sherry (George) Prosser, of Prescott and Melodie Cromwell, of Brockville.

Also surviving are brothers Reg (Ann), of Iroquois, Gordon (Pauline), of Cardinal, Bob (Betty), of Prescott and Dave (Vern), of Johnstown and sisters Pearl (Doug) Cooper, of Cardinal, Betty (Coburn) Walters, of Cardinal, Grace (Ronald) Patterson, of Cardinal and Ivy Farmer, of Iroquois.

Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Farmer was also brother-in-law of Inez Farmer, of Cardinal, Nelda Farmer, of Cardinal, Gladys Alberry, of Brockville and Donna (Ron) Graves of Philadelphia, Pa.

He was predeceased by brothers Edward (Bud) and Paul and by his parents Hubert and Flossie Farmer to whom he was born in Brockville on October 17, 1921.

Mr. Farmer was a long-time resident of Cardinal and was a member of St. Paul's Anglican church there.

He was a construction worker.

Mr. Farmer's hobbies were music, playing guitar and darts. He was associated with the Brockville Legion Branch 96 and a member of The Diamond Jubilee.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, in Cardinal on September 18, 1998. A Legion Service was also held September 18.

Funeral Services were held at the funeral home on September 19, 1998 at 1 p.m. Rev. Doug Hayman officiated.

Interment was at St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mr. Farmer's grandsons Philip and Craig Somerville, Derek and Stephen Prosser, Peter Veltkamp and Benjamin Carr.

Memorial donations to the Cancer Society, Diabetic Association or St. Vincent de Paul's Palliative Care program are appreciated.

Lillian Wagner

At her residence in Morrisburg, with her family by her side, Saturday, September 19, 1998, Lillian Rose Wagner. Born on December 14, 1937, in Saskatchewan, she was 60 years of age. She lived with her parents, and in 1941, the family moved to Montreal. She worked for C.N.R. in Montreal the city where she received her education. She met the love of her life, Hal in 1955 and they were married on June 28, 1958. Lillian and Hal moved to Ottawa where they lived until 1961 when they moved to Morrisburg, where they resided to this day. Lillian was a member of the Lioness Club for 15-20 years and was immediate Past President. She was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge, the Morrisburg and District Curling Club and was involved in numerous Bonspiels.

Lillian had worked for the Workmen's Compensation Board since 1987 and thoroughly enjoyed her job. She continued to work even though she qualified for early retirement. She enjoyed baking for her family and fiends and will be missed for her laughter and ever present sense of humour.

"Lioness Lillian Rose Wagner...that name belonged to a woman who embodied a well of positive energy, a woman who was forthright with her opinions, compassionate and attended to the needs of friends and strangers alike. Lillian met life's situations with calm wisdom which was often tempered with a startling sense of humour. She was a mentor. She made us think hard, push through foggy issues. She made us laugh. She made us cry. But, she stood with us. And always...there was that bold humour. Lillian spent many years in Lionism and served in several clubs, most recently the Kanata-Hazeldean Lioness Club, of which her friend and travelling companion, Lioness Colleen is currently President. Lioness Lillian is widely remembered throughout the Multiple District "A" for her term as MD "A" Lioness President. We shall truly miss Lioness Lillian, someone who contributed unselfishly to her family, her community, her Lioness Club, MD "A" and to Lions International." The eulogy was delivered by close friend, Toula Deslauriers.

Lillian was predeceased by her father, Illes Papp.

Surviving their loss are her beloved husband, Hal and her mother, Julia (nee Tarr) of Montreal. Dear mother of Robert (Norma) of Morrisburg and Karl of Cornwall, Lillian is sadly missed by a sister, Margaret Rohac of La Salle, Quebec.

A Lioness Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, September 22. Memorial donations to Winchester and District Hospital were appreciated by the family.

Service was conducted by Rev. Bert De Bruijn in the Chapel of the Parker Funeral Home, Morrisburg on Wednesday, September 23rd. Interment followed at the St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery in Ingleside. Pallbearers included, Dr. John Hampton, Charles Brunet, John Cowell, Jim Kellar, Henry Berkers and Bill Armstrong. Honourary Pallbearer was Ralph Coulthart.

Margaret Hutt

On September 25, 1998, Margaret Ellen Hutt of Fifth Street East in Morrisburg at Winchester and District Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. Born in Morrisburg on April 9, 1922, Margaret was 76 years of age.

A lifetime resident of Morrisburg, Margaret was Custodian at St. Mary's Separate School for many years and also worked as a housekeeper for various families in the community. A member of St. James Anglican Church and the Royal Canadian Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 48 in Morrisburg, Margaret enjoyed knitting and crocheting when her health permitted and also enjoyed gardening.

Predeceased by her parents, Harold James and Nellie Sophia (nee Green) Jarvis as well as her beloved husband, Lloyd Dixon "Dick" Hutt; a sister, Molly Davidson and brothers, Edmund, Henry and George, Margaret leaves to mourn a daughter Debbie (Ed) Shaver in Morrisburg; brothers, John (Doris), Ted (Bonnie), Donnie, Bill (Dallas) and Hugh (May), all of Morrisburg. Saddened by the loss are sisters, Ruth (John) Rice of Morrisburg, Helen Bulbue of Cornwall, Betty Perkins of Ajax, Ann Dunn of Peterborough, and Mary (Denzil) Malcomson of Spencerville. She is also survived by grandchildren; Christina and Ashli as well as great-grandchildren Chelsea, Amber and Tayler. Several nieces and nephews mourn her passing as well.

Memorial donations to the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital and the Heart and Stroke Foundation were appreciated by the family.

There was no visitation. Arrangements were entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg, where service was conducted on September 29 by Rev. Bill Byers. Interment of cremated remains was at Knight's Cemetery in Inkerman.

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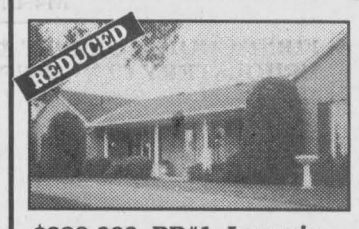
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HALLOWEEN PARTY - Friday October 28th 1:00 pm - come & join us for games, stories & the Alma Public School children - call ahead if you would like to come for dinner also.

BINGO	- last Wed. of the month at 1:30 pm	$.10/card
DAY AWAY	- 1st & 3rd Wed. of month - 1/2 day of crafts, games, etc. + lunch	$ 7.50
DINERS CLUBS	- Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. of each week	$ 4.50
FOOT CARE	- Wed., Oct. 21st & Wed., Oct. 28th	$ 12.00
MEALS/WHEELS	- Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. of each week - extras can be ordered for other days	$ 3.75
MEN'S CLUB	- 1st & 3rd Wed. of month- 1/2 day of games, speakers, etc. + lunch	$ 7.50
MOVIE	- First Friday of the month at 1:00 pm	$ 1.00
LINE DANCING	- Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.	$ 2.50
RESPITE CARE	- Sitters for convalescents are available for 336 hours per year per client.	$ 3.85/hr
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Friends of the Sanctuary — *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen*

Madeline van der Zweep of Ingleside and Jo Saunders of Chesterville preside over the Friends of the Sanctuary booth at the third annual Wildfowl Day fundraiser, held at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. The Sunday event attracted many to the popular preserve.

Great weather for Waterfowl Day at U.C. Bird Sanctuary

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Waterfowl day took off to a good start last Sunday with near perfect weather. Organizers were a little concerned the fierce thunderstorms of the previous evening would put a damper on the day's weather, but they needn't have worried.

Good crowds gathered in the pleasantly warm and sunny conditions to browse and buy in the craft tent, participate in children's events and take guided tours down the nature trails.

Madeline van der Zweep of the Friends of the Sanctuary, an organization incorporated about five years ago to help raise funds for the local wildfowl sanctuary, said she was happy with this year's Wildfowl Day.

The event has become the main fundraiser put on by the Friends, who were accepting donations at the gate. Items were also donated for a silent auction at the Friends booth in the craft tent, which featured some door prizes too.

Artisans displayed carved birds, paintings, decorations, and assorted bric-a-brac. Some were themselves members of the Friends, and putting sales towards the cause.

The barbecue and concession sizzled and hummed with activity, while a short walk down the path, kids released newly tagged ducks.

There was a well-attended retriever show. Black "flat-coated retrievers" charged up and down the field in tune with their masters' commands, the best friends a duck hunter could have.

van der Zweep said the move to a September date seems like a smart move. "This event is growing."

COMING EVENTS

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General Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 1998
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(7 a.m. Breakfast)
The McIntosh Country Inn & Conference Centre
S23-2tc

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Wednesday, October 7, 1998
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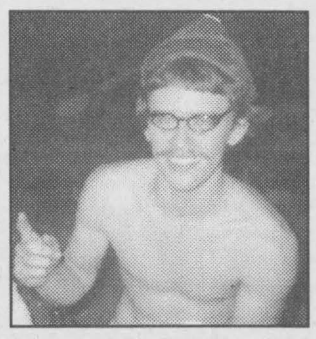

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Annual Quilt Show Weekend

Upper Canada Village held its annual quilt show, Sunday. Featuring the works of quilters from six guilds across Eastern Ontario, as well as antique quilts, the show had the theme "Bits and Pieces: Quilts as an expression of 19th Century Recycling." Here, Morrisburg's Verla Perrin of the Upper Canada Quilters displays her work.

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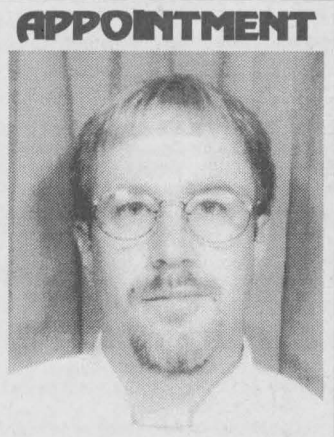

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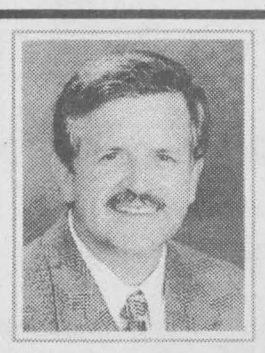

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Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

by Dar-Re

This past week at Branch 370 (like many other Legions) we celebrated Legion Week. We started with a Legion Dart Tourney (The best one yet) and ended with a visit from a bus load of touring vets and Legion members dropping in from the Picton area in the afternoon, followed by a Steak Barbeque dinner hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. This was a first time event and it is to be noted that for those who did not attend..."You missed out on a very successful event. The Ladies Auxiliary would like to express a very special thanks to Frank and Debbie who put so much time into the planning and ably cooking the steaks...for without their help, it would not have been the success that it was. Thanks Frank and Deb!!

On Monday nights, it is Bingo as usual and the Branch has been fortunate to have a fairly good attendance. Do not forget, the first Monday of every month is our $1000. Bingo.

Tuesday night past, the Euchre games carried on. First prize went to Helen Gillespie, while Glen Easter came in second place. Donalda Banford took the door prize. At Duplicate Bridge, Rick and Judy Darling were the winners. For those that are interested in playing either card games, just come to the Legion on Tuesday evening. It is a great night for some good fellowship as well.

The Pot of Gold was won by Brian Swerdfeger while the Meat Draw was won by Kevin Brown. Remember that for the Pot of Gold and the "meat draw" you have to be "signed in" to win.

Now at the Cribbage League play which takes place in the lounge at the Legion every Saturday afternoon, Joe MacDonald came in first, Percy Roberts was second and Roger Coulter was third. There were thirteen skunks and Walter Reid (making his first appearance this year!) was on the receiving end of three of them...how about that?!

I understand from all reports that it looks like things are shaping up for a good Mixed Dart League on Friday nights, with games starting this very Friday evening, October 2.

The Ladies' Auxiliary are gearing up for a busy fall and winter season. Don't forget to mark November 21st on your calendar for the Christmas Craft Show.

See you next week.

FROM THE FRONT

Festival

were rewarded (Black's TV & Appliances). Sunflower winners were Russell Schwerdfeger, Henry Vandermeer and Chris Merkley with HM to wee Treena Standering. Zucchini winners were Florence Merkley, Jennie Lague and Glenn McIntosh.

Best Harvest Centrepiece held the theme as well and Simzers donated the prizes. Julie and Jordon McNalty, Rita Koostra and Ann Lewis were winners.

Jason Fowler won for the miniature scarecrow contest while second was shared by Shannon Beckstead and Robyn Carrierre. (Whittekers' Meat Market). The store draw at Whittekers for a 20-lb turkey went to Trevor Tolley while the old fashioned ham was won by Gord Ramsay.

Tossing cow chips is a feat in itself. Mastering this one were Brittany Elliot and Sarah Casselman of Iroquois (Under 7) while Holly Johnston of Morrisburg and Brandon Elliot of Iroquois took tops in the 8-12 age group. The teenagers saw Stephanie Garlough and Allan Berkelaar both of Williamsburg took the honours. Stan Tibben and Bernice Dingwalso of Williamsburg were the adult tossers who did the best job. (Sponsored by David and Dianne Lapier).

Pickled Coin at the Bank of Montreal was $49.99...Allen MacKenzie nailed it at $47.00 for the win.

Best Carved Pumpkin was done by Roxanne Bourassa (LMS Motors) & Williamsburg Garage donated for the Best Children's Costumes on the theme. Allison and Amanda Jodoin, Travis Findlay and Sarah Dickey (5 & under), while Spencer Brown, Nicole Disheau and Jenna Shay (6 & older).

Jean Beckstead has the best tasting apple pie (Park Lane Villa) while Terry McIntosh grew the tallest corn stalk, 13'3". Bruce Whitteker's was 13'1 1/2" tall and Steven Byvelds came in at 12' 7 1/2 "...nice growing boys! (Roger's Barber Shop).

"Beef on the hoof" weighs as the beef stands. Fernley Johnston guessed pretty close to the heft. The beef weighed 2,391 and he put it at 2,395 pounds...not too bad for the win. (Ron Wilson's Stillmeadow Limousins). Gerald Adams sponsored the Horseshoe tourney and Robert Lapointe of Ottawa and Gerard Houde of Iroquois tossed ringers. Sarah Hartle guessed the number of beans in the jar. (2nds Please).

Bessie Bingo was won by Brian Robinson (round 1), Fernley Johnston (2) and April Richmire (round 3)-(Elma School).

The parade was a sight for all eyes as it wound through town. The Best Commercial Float was G&A Auto, Best Non-Commercial was Volley for Cancer. Best Paraded Tractor went to Paul Whitteker, and Harry Brownell had the Best Paraded Vehicle. Kasey and Kari Bennett had the Best Horse Entry and Elma School had the best Youth Entry.

Vehicles that won acclaim were a 1941 Plymouth (People's Choice) owned by Irene and Garnet Geneau of Summerstown. Doug McIntyre of Finch and his 1922 Ford (Oldest). Harry Brownell of Winchester and his 1948 Ford Coupe (Best Original). Bill Smith, Williamsburg showed his 1969 Plymouth GTX (High Performance). Richard Lane of Ottawa and his 1967 VW, (Best Foreign). Joe Brugmans of Ingleside and his 1961 T Bird (Best Restored) and the Best Engine went to Richard Lascelle of Cornwall.

Bonnie Richmire had the Best Decorated House (184 points), Brian and Jean Whitteker were second (177 points), and Mike and Diana Saunders (165 points) while Debbie Disheau (157 points) while HM went to Olive MacIntosh, Donna Casselman, Glenn and Celina Helmer, Flo's Chip Wagon and Philip and Cathy Tupper.

The Harvest Theme Door was won by Dundas County Community Living (99pts.), Julie McNalty (96pts), Whitteker's Meat Market (93pts.) and Evie Merkley (92 pts.). HM to Bonnie Haner, Debbie and Adam Hill and the Bank of Montreal...well done everyone!!

The Best Decorated Craft Booth was won by Gloria Logtens, Treats and Treasures of Berwick.

Helen Zewester and Lisa Heil knew their healthy Lifestyle questions while Gilda Shay and Gerald Adams were first and second in the celebrity Photo contest as local celebrities baby shots were to be matched with later snap shots... a fun event for sure. Who knew that was David Lapier as a toddler!! Noel Lalonde of Finch won the 50/50 draw.

ON PATROL

Police Displays

The O.P.P. officially opened their new offices in Winchester on July 1, 1998. Featured inside is a newly commissioned display cabinet containing North Dundas policing memorabilia. Items loaned to the office by their owners include shoulder flashes and badges from the Village of Chesterville Police, a 60's era radar unit, and the original police occurrence book from the opening of the Winchester detachment in 1959.

Plans are now underway to incorporate similar display cabinets in the Morrisburg and Long Sault offices.

Anyone with items related to policing in Stormont and Dundas who would be interested in loaning or donating them for display in local detachments is asked to call their respective community service officers. In Dundas County call Constable Al Lummiss at 774-2603; in Stormont County call Constable Joel Doiron at 534-2223.

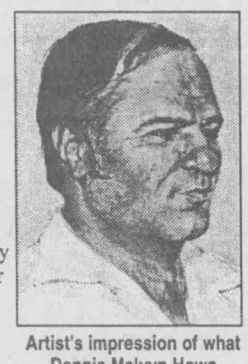
Youth Charged

Police charged a 15 year old South Dundas male with assault after investigating an incident which took place in Iroquois on Sept. 21, 1998. Under provisions of the Young Offenders Act, this individual cannot be named. He is scheduled to appear in Youth Court in Cornwall on October 19.

Cross Canada campaign hunts for man wanted on warrant for murder

Is one of Canada's most wanted murder suspects living in your community?

That's a question Detective Bob Wilkinson of the Toronto Police Service wants residents across the country to ask themselves during a coast-to-coast community newspaper campaign to catch Dennis Melvyn Howe.



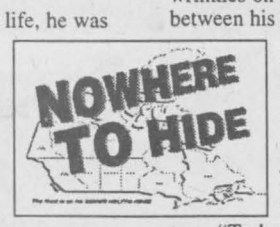
Artist's impression of what Dennis Melvyn Howe would look like today.

A first-degree murder warrant was issued for Howe in 1983 following the murder of nine-year-old Sharin Morningstar Keenan of Toronto. Keenan went missing from her neighbourhood park and her body was found in a rooming house refrigerator nine days later.

Although a warrant was issued for Howe's arrest, he has managed to evade capture for more than 15 years.

Police believe the suspect, now 57, has assumed a new identity and is living in Canada, possibly in a rural area.

"Most of his adult life, he was constantly in contact with the authorities for one reason or another," Wilkinson said. "It seems strange a person like this could just up and vanish."



Community newspapers across the country are hoping Howe will reappear during their Nowhere To Hide campaign. This week a copy of this story with an age-enhanced photograph of Howe are being distributed to up to 10 million newspaper readers from coast to coast with the help of the Ontario Community Newspapers Association and the Canadian Community Newspapers Association.

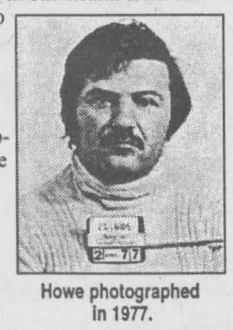
It is hoped Howe will be located through the efforts of this campaign.

Wilkinson, an investigator with Toronto Police's cold case homicide squad, said Howe, a drifter, is no stranger to "rugged, rural living."

Wilkinson said it wouldn't be a surprise to discover Howe is living in the woods somewhere. "But even if you live in the back woods, you have to come to town once in awhile. You have to get some supplies."

He may be working as a handyman in a rural area and venturing into town once a week for supplies.

"He was in bad health from the word go, so if he was living the life of a hermit, he would probably require medical attention," the investigator said.

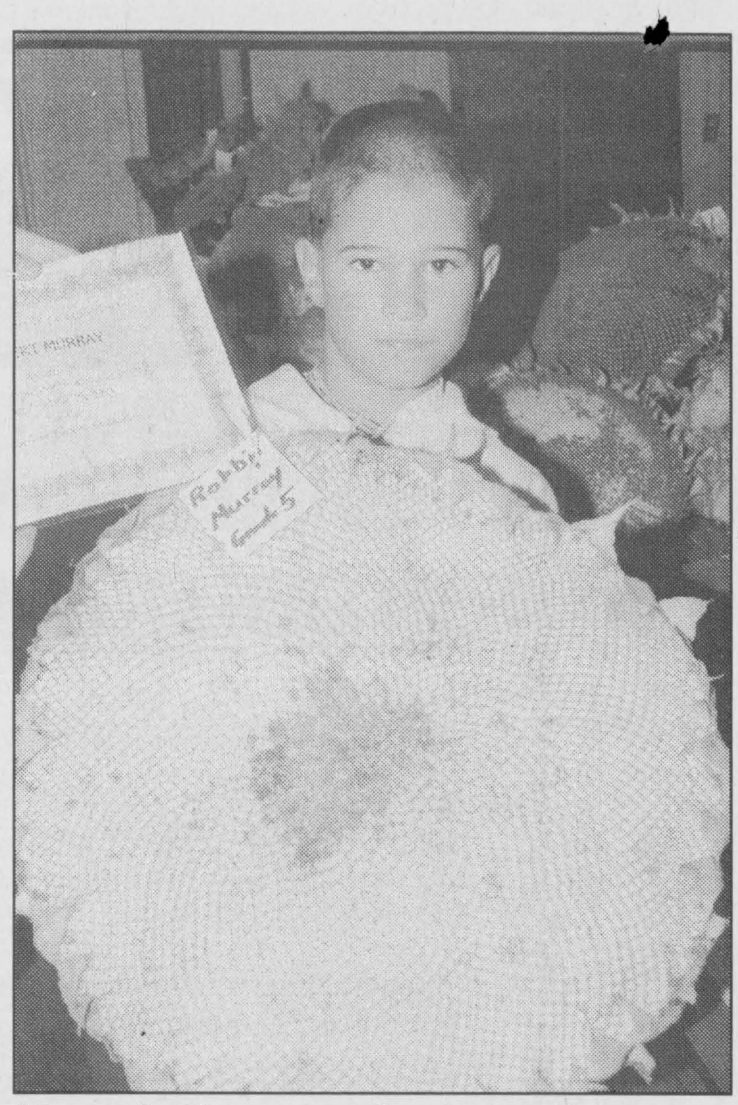


Howe photographed in 1977.

At the time of the murder, Toronto Police describe Howe as being five feet, nine inches (175 cm) tall, about 165 lb. (75 kg), with wrinkles on his forehead, a gap between his teeth, hairy chest and arms, square shoulders, a scar under his chin and crooked little fingers. Police said he is left-handed, had a deep, jovial laugh, walked quickly, smoked heavily and frequently used the term "Turkeys".

Anyone with information about Howe is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

For more information about Dennis Melvyn Howe, visit the Nowhere To Hide web sit at http://www.simcoe.com/news/murder/.



Now that's a sunflower.

Robby Murray of Benson Public School shows off the 54cm sunflower face that earned him first prize in the contest sponsored by the Cardinal In Bloom Committee. The contest was open to all elementary students in Cardinal. Murray, in the fifth grade, will enjoy a pizza party for four at the Islander Hotel. *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen*

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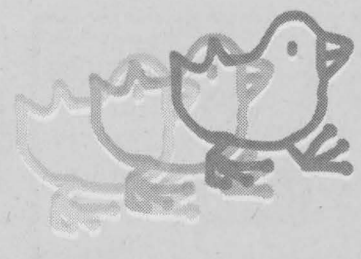

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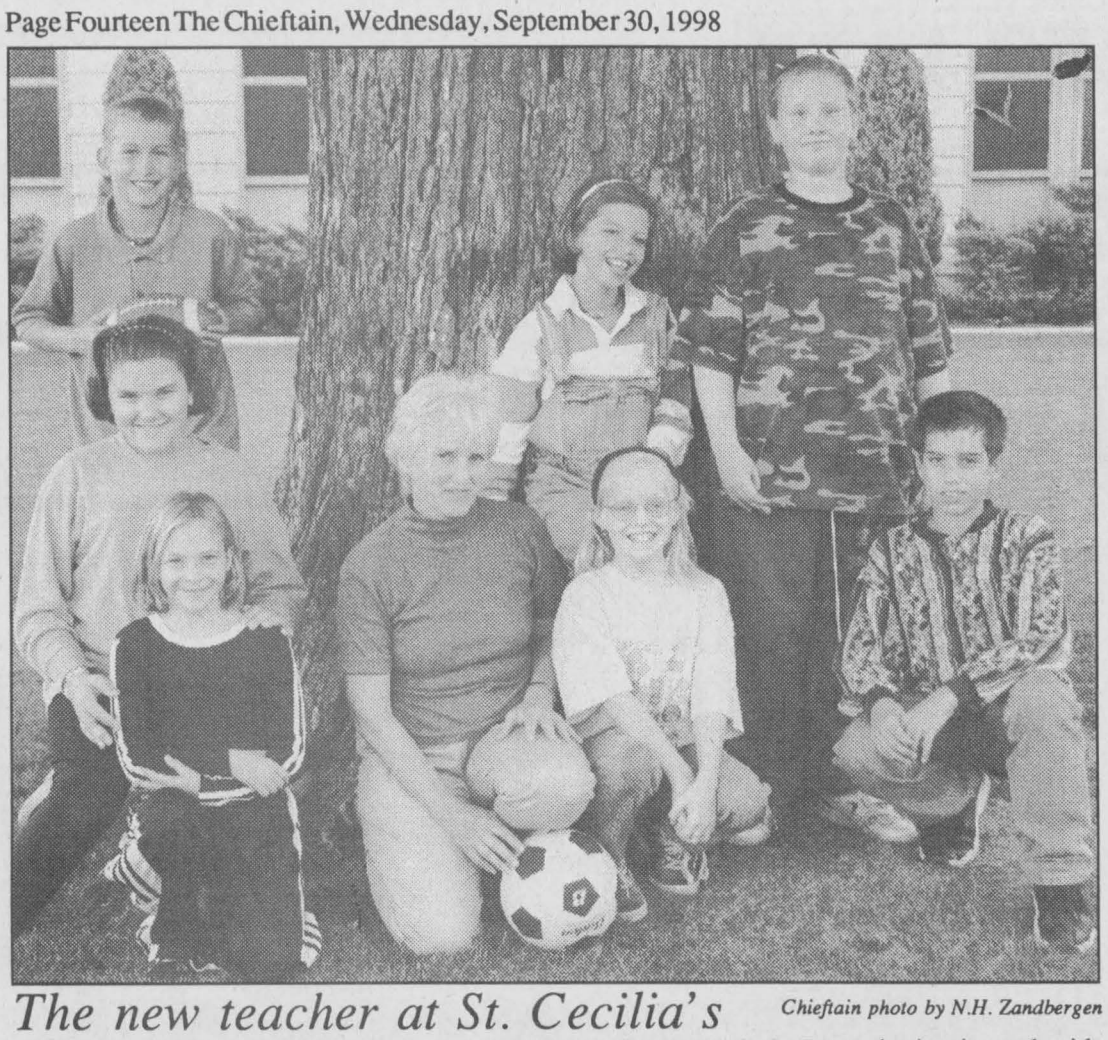

The new teacher at St. Cecilia's *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen*

Tina Serviss, the new grades 5 and 6 teacher at St. Cecilia's in Iroquois, is pictured with some of her students on a nice day after school. Serviss, of Morrisburg, is a long-time teacher in the Catholic system. But this is her first trip through the doors at St. Cecilia's.



And the new teachers at Iroquois Public

The new faces at Iroquois Public School this year: (l-r) Candy Duvall, T.A. Developmental; Harold Johnston, Junior Kindergarten; Ann Banford, T.A. Grades 1 and 2; Wendy MacGregor, T.A. Grade 2. Not shown: Chantal Lacroix, a French teacher shared with Morrisburg; Angela Wood, Music teacher two days a week; Colleen Hart, itinerant teacher.

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Their heart's in the right place. *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen*

The St. Lawrence Corporation's "Dream Weavers" were supposed to ride the Heart & Stroke Foundation's giant bike in the Williamsburg Harvest Festival last Saturday. But a scheduling snafu meant the bike was a no-show that day. Too bad, the cause was a good one.

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From Front

Teachers

ing with teachers. "The province has unilaterally determined the amount of money available for salary provisions and working conditions for the teachers."

The Board made an effort which would allow the teachers to teach the equivalent of 6 out of 8 periods, still meeting the requirements of Bill 160 as has been done in other Boards in the province and allowing time for preparation, marking of exams, extra help for students and sports as well as other extra curricular activities (Music, student's council etc.) "The Union has made additional requests that are virtually impossible given that this Board is already struggling with a potential budget deficit." Reportedly the Board has some $230 million in their budget to work with.

Teachers on the picket lines were quiet and did not want to talk to the press. They did admit they were frustrated and depressed with the entire situation. One was overheard to say, "No one wants to be out here, we feel we have no choice. We are getting it from all sides, the government and the Board" and then trudged down the sidewalk.

Tuesday the classrooms were filled and active again as teachers returned to their classrooms. Nothing was in the works as far as negotiations were concerned. The atmosphere at the local high school was strained to say the least as students and teachers worry about what will happen next. Everyone wants the school year to return to "normal."

Lakeshore

Councillor Sabourin confirmed that Matilda's original $500,000 surplus could only be used for Matilda's tax relief, while Williamsburg has the much fatter draw.

"If it's amalgamation, we should be sharing," Slipchenko said.

"The four councils last year decided this was the fairest," said Whitteker. "Would you think a municipality with a $2.5 million surplus should just throw it in the pot?"

"Yes!" roared the crowd in unison.

Councillor Gillard jumped to Whitteker's defense. He said amalgamation should be brought in "gradually to equalize it out.

"We can't do it all in two or three years."

The Mayor was grilled on his campaign promises to reduce taxes. Whitteker said he was following the predictions of a consultant who predicted easy tax cuts for the new South Dundas. "Fifteen percent less taxes on average the first year, 26 percent the second year, 26 percent in the third year," said the mayor, rhyming off the stats.

"Seems you were the only one who believed him," somebody remarked, to much laughter.

"I think now, during your last term, you should do something about it," said another.

One man compared council's handling of the tax issue with Hydro's PR disaster during the ice storm. "We have no information from you. If we had more, people would feel less ill-used."

He complained about the short notice given for the one-two punch of the September-October bills. Due dates set on the 25th of the month didn't win raves from seniors either, he said.

Whitteker committed to filling the information gap, and said the township will advertise a detailed explanation of South Dundas services and their costs.

M.P.P. Noble Villeneuve will also be invited to appear at a council meeting, to be held at a larger venue.

Mike Waddell reminded the protesters that county and education levies, as well as property assessments, are not set by South Dundas.

Said Waddell, "In those other areas, we are simply a collection agency."

Said a Lakeshore resident as he walked out the door, "This was a waste of time."

Crime Stoppers

This week Crime Stoppers is seeking your assistance in solving a house burglary which occurred in the 900 block of Fourth St. E., Cornwall, in and around September 26, 1998. What is particularly alarming about this house break is that three semi-automatic handguns were stolen.

Unknown culprits broke into this house through a north side basement window. Once inside they removed a stereo/vcr, some food from the freezer. In the kitchen they managed to find the keys to a locked gun room. Therein they stole a steel "Black and Decker" case containing three handguns. They ransacked the upstairs, and stole $300 in cash, some prescription drugs, a 35mm camera, a Domtar gold watch, an assortment of jewellery, and luggage. There was a substantial amount of damage as a result.

Handguns were: a Echasa Echave Arizmendi 32-shot semi-automatic, serial no. 95725; a Herbert Schmidt 22-shot semi-automatic, serial no. 579734; a Browning model 1935 Hi Power 9mm 13 shot, serial no. 50853.

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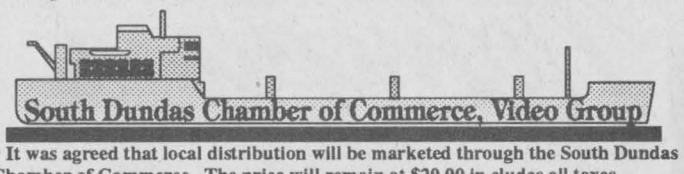
The anniversary has created a new interest in the project and the video has helped answer that interest.

The local support made this possible and it is most appreciated. Our next step is to have the video distributed to the T.V. networks where it will be shown on the specialty channels such as the History Channel. Since the video is the only one that gives a good overall view of the project, which ranks as one of the most important projects in "North America in the 20th Century", it is now ready to be part of the millennium celebrations.

Our next step is to have an educational kit prepared for use in our schools of which the video will be part. This will assist our educational system to teach the recent history of our area.

The Chamber of Commerce and the video group want to thank you for responding as you did to our request and hopefully ou will enjoy seeing your community on T.V. as such for a number of years to come. You are assured of knowing you have assisted in making our children, those residents who have arrived since the project was completed and visitors more aware of our local history.



* It was agreed that local distribution will be marketed through the South Dundas Chamber of Commerce. The price will remain at $20.00 in cludes all taxes.
* Profits from sale of the video will be distributed by the Chamber, after expenses have been paid.

"Waterway to the Heartland"

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by *Sandra Lee Johnston,* Chieftain Staff Reporter

The McIntosh Country Inn and Conference Centre was buzzing with anticipation as the official launch of the "Waterway to the Heartland / Saga of Long Sault" was about to make video stars of local people. A wondrous way to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Seaway Project completion, a video was born.

The video, "shows the history of the Seaway in a way it has never been shown before. Going back and talking to people who lived through it and all, we captured something no one else has been able to," and so allow the history of the area, to remain alive into the future. The first set of tapes is all but sold out, but more are ordered and can be purchased. A true treasure for local residents, it makes a grand gift as well.

Roundtable Discussions are held throughout the Township on the last Thursday of each month.

The Fifth Roundtable: will be at Williamsburg Chamber from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Thurs. Oct. 29th

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