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Ethanol Facility gets Financial Boost

Pictured at the announcing of the contribution to the Seaway Grain Processors Inc, operating subsidiary of Seaway Valley Farmers Energy Co-op are MP Paul Macklin, Robert Secard CEO Canadian Renewable Fuels group, MP Bob Efford-MNR, MP Bob Kilger, MP Bob Beaudria and Bud Atkins-Pres. SVC. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Co-op receives funding for Ethanol Facility

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Seaway Grain Processors Inc., the operating subsidiary of Seaway Valley Farmer's Energy Co-operative Inc. was one of seven projects from across Canada that received notification on Friday in Winchester that $10.5 million as a capital contribution from the Government of Canada Ethanol Expansion Program for the proposed ethanol project in Cornwall. The room at the arena had standing room only as local farmers braved the whiteout conditions to be on hand to hear the good news.

The Ethanol Expansion Program was created in 2003 as a means to spur the development of the domestic ethanol industry so that the product might be available for use in Canadian gasoline as a tool to combat air pollution in pursuit of Canada's fulfilling its obligations under the Kyoto Treaty on global warming. The program is jointly administered by Natural Resources Canada and the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and so both Ministers; R. John Efford and Bob Speller were on hand along with local MP Bob Kilger to make the announcement. "The funding would not have come forward if not for Bob. People around the table, including the Prime Minister have great respect for Bob and he has done a wonderful job representing this area," noted Speller. Kilger accepted the praise from his colleagues, but readily passed it on to the farmers themselves who have been working and funding to make this project a reality for over ten years now. "It was about the persistence of the shareholders, the ones who put their money forward years ago. I was proud to carry forward the message to Ottawa that came from these farmers," stated Kilger.

The idea that a $48 million ethanol plant in eastern Ontario, located in Cornwall's east end industrial park with the potential of turning 6.25 million bushels of corn into 55 million litres of ethanol each year was viable almost got lost in governmental shuffling. "It looked like the local group was out of luck. As recently as December there was $60 million available which was to be taken up by five projects and Seaway was not included," added Kilger. "But we (Myself, MPP Jim Brownell was involved as well as the Mayor of Cornwall) talked to government officials explaining that you (the farmers involved) were not Johnny-Come-Latelys as far as this was concerned, that you had put your money where your mouth is and within weeks the amount up for grabs had jumped to $78 million and two more projects were added to the list, including the local plan."

Bud Atkins, President of Seaway said, " We are extremely gratified by the support shown to our project by this commitment from the federal government. We want to thank all the parties that have worked so hard to bring this project to fruition. We particularly want to acknowledge the support of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, the City of Cornwall, MPP Jim Brownell, the tireless efforts of MP Bob Kilger of our behalf and the support of his colleagues from the Eastern Ontario Liberal Caucus and most importantly our Board of Directors thanks the Members and Shareholders of Seaway for their unwavering support over the many years of our pursuit of the

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Water & doctors, hot topics at South Dundas Council

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

As a winter snow storm raged outside, members of South Dundas Council held discussion on a number of issues.

With the Safe Drinking Water Act now in place, municipalities all over Ontario are facing high costs for water testing resulting from the Walkerton incident. The Nation Municipality requested that South Dundas support the resolution forcing the provincial government to provide funding for the implementation of any corrective measure in any small municipal non-residential system.

Councillor Charles Barkley supported the motion saying that many of the buildings involved have been standing for a hundred years and have never had any water problems. "This is pretty heavy handed typical government. All the buildings have been painted with the same paintbrush after Walkerton." Mayor Lyle VanAllan voiced concern about the churches, stating that only those on municipal water will be left. Councillor John Whitteker told council that the government is "Killing a fly with a sledgehammer," when it comes to water issues.

Dr. Wayne Domanko asked for council's support in acknowledging that South Dundas is an underserviced medical area. Domanko added that in the past this area managed to recruit and retain doctors for lengthy periods. However with the aging population and with demands on the medical system the doctors are working to their capacity. Domanko also added that over the next few years there will be a drastic shor-

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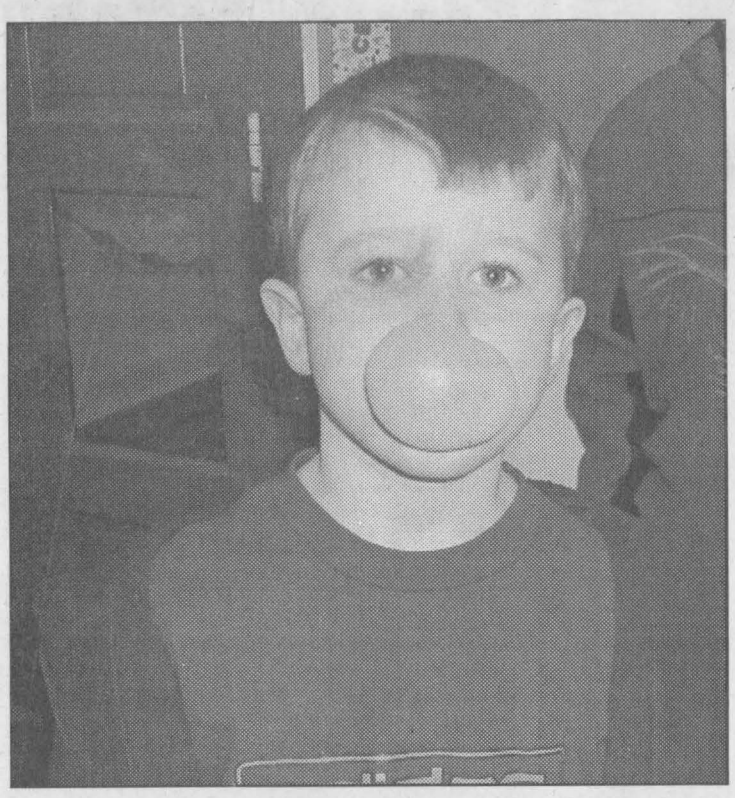

Champion bubble blower

Jonas Grant from Benson Public School shows his special talent during the Bubble Gum Blowing Contest held as part of the Winter Carnival celebrations at the school last week. Although he did not win the championship this was certainly impressive. *Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts*

S. Dundas to study budget as first draft presented

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

At a special meeting of South Dundas Township Administrator Andrew Brown presented council members with the first draft of this years budget.

He announced that although the reassessment figures will bring added money to the township coffers, a number of unexpected costs will force council to make drastic cuts to the figures presented.

The 2004 final assessment figures show a jump of 15.89% over last year, with farmland being hardest hit, jumping 57.92-%. This calculates into a $50.81 increase per $100,000 of assessment over last years figures. Residential properties went up 12.83%, a $203.23 increase per $100,000 of assessment. Commercial and industrial jumped 10.57% and 8.84%. The only taxpayers to get a small break are owners of multi-residential properties which dropped 2.34%.

Even with these higher figures, Brown explained to council that unforseen costly projects will eat up the excess money. Brown further explained that the liability insurance for the township has risen $70,000 this year, and also the Clean Water Act has forced the township to test the well water at all municipally owned buildings, which is very costly. The Township also has committed $70,000 per year for the Renew the Vision Campaign at Winchester Memorial Hospital. Brown added that the township would like to upgrade the current computer system used at the municipal office to the tune of $65,000, which would be used to install Windows Software. The Township will also have to spend $25,000 to have an accessibility study done on all buildings owned by the municipality. Public Works manager Hugh Garlough attended the meeting and presented council members with a figure of $1,050,700 for road maintenance and equipment for this year. Garlough explained that a recent study done by McIntosh Perry consultants showed

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Winchester Village seeking solution to water shortage

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In a rather ironic scenario, North Dundas Council approved a new subdivision at the February 9th meeting, with thirty-two single family units and a park area being constructed, with room for further growth in the future. The subdivision will be located directly across from council chambers. Following the zone amendment approval, Fern Decaire of Standtech announced that the capacity for extra growth had recently fallen from 200 residential homes to 100 or 150.

Winchester is currently serviced by three wells, numbered 7, 5 and 1, after a fourth well (#4) was recently taken out of commission. With Well #4 only producing the equivalent amount of water for one household, the huge costs to upgrade the chlorination system it was decided to decommission it.

One solution would be to pump more water out of Well #7, raising pumping from 400 to 425 gallons per minute. This would require a costly study and also government approval would be needed. "I think we have come to the conclusion that to re-rate Well #7 is not worth the effort. It's probably wiser to find a new well to meet the growth demands," Decaire told council members.

Another solution would see

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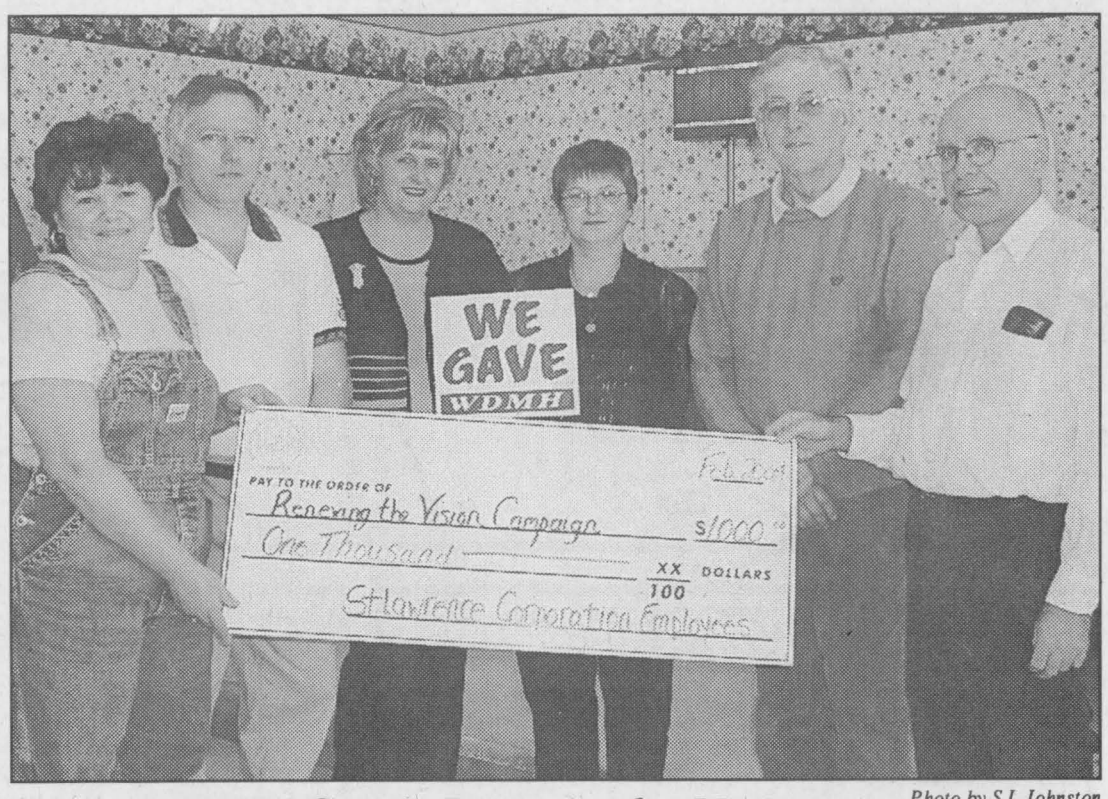

St. Lawrence Corp. Renews the Vision *Photo by S.L.Johnston*

The Morale Committee at St. Lawrence Corporation (Caldwells) held a 50/50 draw and the Corporation added enough to make their donation to the Renewing the Vision an even $1,000.Doreen Markell, Roy Baker, Cindy Ault, Lynda McQuigge, and Wayne Jones present cheque to Les Cruickshank. Absent was Sharon Hartle. Last year they donated the first $1,000.

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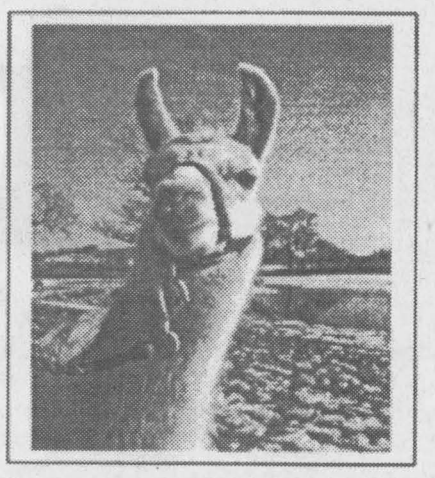

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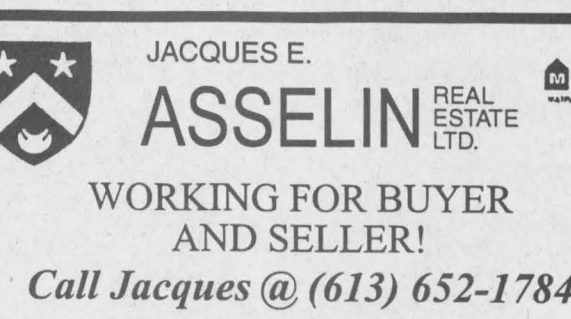

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Education Mural Jury

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Jack Barkley, Tamara Mitchell, Brenda Ramsay, Artist-Dave Yeatman, Yettie Zandbergen, Joy Harbers and Elsie Gallingher are jury members. As well, absent from the photo are members; Ruth Alguire, Doug Jarvis, Ann Presley, Laurie McElheran, Jackie Houde and Clayton Barkley.

Bylaw to reduce false alarms, get registered! Avoid $200 fine

The Police Services Board of S.D.&G. is hopeful that the new year will bring a reduction in false alarms for the OPP to respond to, and fewer fines for residents of the Three United Counties.

False alarms have become a major problem for police forces throughout the province. The dramatic increase in home and business security alarm systems in recent years has meant a similar increase in false alarms for police to deal with. Many municipalities, including SD&G have found it necessary to adopt security alarm bylaws in response to the problem.

SD&G, OPP respond to each alarm dispatch request to the Police Service. A false alarm means that officers find no evidence of an offence or attempted offence after completing an investigation of the alarm site. Depending on the location and circumstances, an alarm investigation can take an officer up to 60 minutes to compete. Considering that 99.24% of the 1342 alarm calls in 2003 were false, it translates into a tremendous and costly drain on police resources.

"False alarms are costly, not only financially, but in terms of police resources," says Inspector Mike Hopkins, Detachment Commander of the SD&G, OPP. "A false alarm can delay an officer's response in the case of a real emergency, and take officers away from other important police work such a break and enter prevention, patrols, etc."

The Counties' Security Alarm By-Law came into effect in January 1, 2003 and already has shown promising results. Police responded to 256 fewer false alarms last year than in 2002, a reduction of 16%. The figures may also mean that alarm owners have become more efficient at cancelling police dispatch in the case of operator error, which is also a positive indication.

The challenge has been in getting owners to register their alarms. Less than half of the alarm owners in SD&G have yet to register. Dave MacDonald from the Police Services Board stressed the importance to register stating, "This new by-law enhances protection of people's property. As part of the registration vital information is being gathered to assist police officers in responding should there be a triggered alarm. All unregistered owners are now in violation of this by-law and are facing a $200. fine. Immediate registration is required to avoid this costly fine."

Alarm owners face an escalating schedule of fees, based on the number of false alarms police respond to. There is no charge for the first false alarm, a $25 charge for the second, $50 for the third and $100 for the fourth and any subsequent false alarms. An unregistered alarm is subject to a fee of $200, which will include registration.

The registration is $36 for a three-year period for residential and business alarm systems. There is no fee for senior citizens over the age of 65, schools, municipal offices and churches, but the alarms must still be registered. Registration packages can be picked up at the United Counties Office at 26 Pitt Street in Cornwall, at local municipal offices and at SD&G OPP offices. Forms can be downloaded from the United Counties website at www.sdhcounties.ca.

For more information on the false alarm program and how to register call Alarm Coordinator Kelly Lackey at (613) 534-2223.

Latest Mural starting to take shape

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A year and a half ago the idea of creating an "Educational Mural" began to be studied.

A group of past and present teachers from South Dundas gathered to put forth ideas and together with their choice of artist for the project, David Yeatman, things started to come together. The main things for everyone concerned was that no school is complete without buildings and people, so it was decided that both concepts would be incorporated into the newest mural in the Township.

The next step was to research history books on Dundas County, to compare various books and sort through the differences found in them. Utilizing classroom photos from the various decades, it was decided to portray a variety of schools and students. Not wanting to single out any particular school or student, a variety is to be used to show the evolution of education in South Dundas. Divided into three separate sections, the mural will show the progression of schools from 1788 through to the present time. One sector will depict education from 1788-1848, the second 1849-1949 and the third 1950-2004. Showing where education began in South Dundas, the mural will show the evolution up to today.

The size of the mural was decided upon and it will be bigger than most already in place throughout the Township. At 56'x16', it will be a big one.

Members of the mural jury were on hand at Morrisburg Public School to meet the press and carry on with a meeting to further coordinate their next move. Along with them the artist, Mr. Yeatman was available to discuss how he will approach the project. "Any mural I do is based on information. My work is to present a visual story, especially when it contains history and heritage. During their first meeting with me, the jury gave me an idea of what they were trying to do.," notes Yeatman. Together, artist and jury realized that there it was not enough to show a number of buildings, it would be too boring. Talk soon turned to the human element, what history there was involving people: teachers and students from the first era to today showing the changes from early school times through to today. It was important to add transportation, demonstrating how students get to and from school in each era, (from milk wagons, horses and walking to bikes, motorcycles, buses, vans and autos, even snowmobiles) the clothing styles and so through using pictures the story began to evolve and the mural to take shape.

Mr. Yeatman and pointed out that every school in Canada, every school picture changes...even the way they are taken changes. Placing the students like stepping stones, shortest to tallest is something that evolved with time.

According to Yeatman, "The mural has to tell a story so everyone who sees it can enjoy it. It should create pride in the heritage of locals as well as get people interested so they will ask questions. In so doing visitors can learn about the history and heritage of the area in a positive way."

There has been no start date established yet even though the artist is ready to begin at any time. Once the funding is in place the mural will begin to take shape. Glen Cunningham, who initiated the first mural in South Dundas told the jury that there is some seed money in place already suggesting interest in the mural.

Everyone agrees that we are all looking for our roots and this mural brings to live a part of each of us. Therefore anyone who wants top contribute to this effort can do so by sending their cheque to the Township Office in Williamsburg, marking it for the Education mural. Receipts will be issued and if anyone wants to donate in memory of a loved one, a favourite teacher, a school that holds a special place in their memory, whatever, the idea of recognizing these memorial donations is being tossed around as well, a plaque on the wall maybe.

The mural will be located on the north east wall of Seaway District High School, a perfect way to add character to a blank, brick space.

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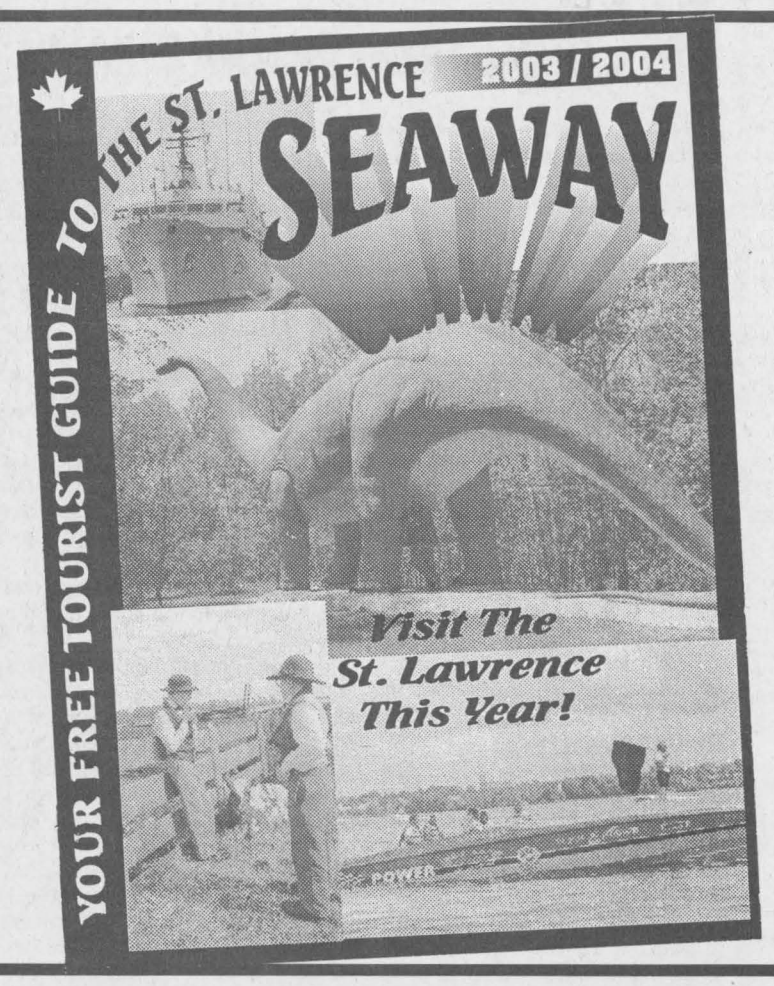

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Heritage Week

As this is designated Heritage Week and no one seems to realize unless they are specifically told it is so, I want to let my readers know that even though there is no day off work to commemorate this day it does exist and is important to each of us.

Living in a landscape rich in heritage and history we are very fortunate to be privy to our past as it is brought alive before our very eyes. We tend therefore to take for granted that others have nothing of their heritage and what has been lost cannot be regained.

Many cherished items that make up our heritage are fast disappearing and we stand by and let it happen. Take for example our lighthouses and grain elevators. Both a part of our natural heritage in Canada, even if you have never been inside one, along our coastline and across our prairies, these icons are being demolished.

Lighthouses have been the cornerstone of Canada's maritime heritage since 1734 when France built a stone tower lit by whale oil to guide ships to the fortress at Louisburg. At the turn of the last century 800 staffed lighthouses and foghorns were found in every province except Alberta and Saskatchewan. Today they number less than 600 and only 52 have resident keepers. All others have been de-staffed and automated as marine navigation technology moves towards satellite-based global positioning systems (GPS). As a result the Canadian lighthouse is a crumbling edifice and in the eyes of the government a costly anachronism. Only 19 lighthouses across Canada receive the highest level of federal heritage protection.

What then is the solution?

Possibilities for their preservation and maintenance include private ownership, although this results in the loss of public access and of control over modifications; Parks Canada administration, which could mean restoration or at least maintenance of heritage standards, but since it has neither the mandate nor the money it cannot protect them all; provincial or municipal involvement which could possibly keep lighthouses working as tourist attractions.

But, the long term solution might be the development of a federal Lighthouse Protection Act which would protect and keep these historical sites in the public domain. A committee has already been established to solicit support for such legislation.

Western Canada's country grain elevators, those colourful cathedral-like giants in Prairie wheatfields have become casualties of corporate consolidation. Extensive closure of railway branch lines coupled with the construction of large concrete grain terminals has resulted in Canada losing those wooden heritage structures at a rate of 100 a year in 1933, as many as 5,901 licensed country grain elevators were scattered across the Prairies. In mid-1988 only 1058 elevators remained. If this trend continues our prairie giants will all be gone in 10 years.

Today, new technologies and consolidating of marketing practices have rendered many of these structures obsolete. But, what do you do with a behemoth of a building designed only for one specific use and usually located in a remote area?

Adaptive reuse poses problems. Although restaurants and gift shops can be established on ground floor levels, it is difficult to find uses for the narrow, vertical wooden shaft-like cribs above.

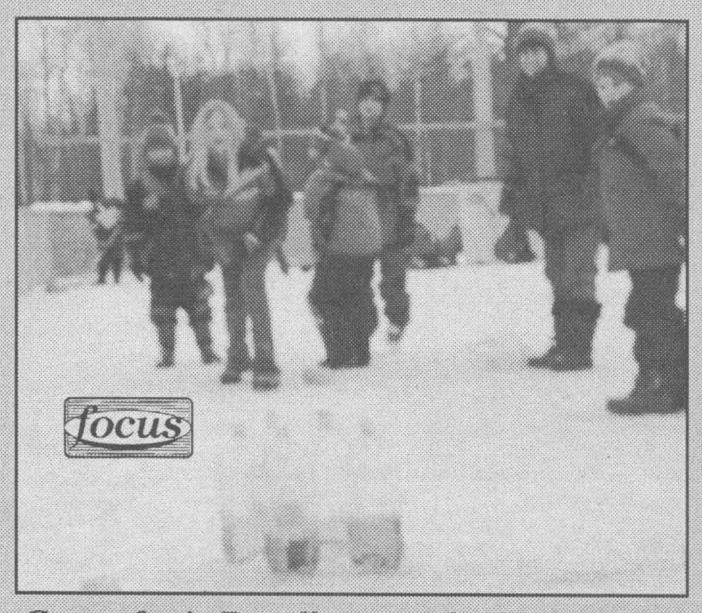
Currently the federal government has negotiated a temporary memoratorium on further rail closures until more assessments are made. Some would also like a moratorium on elevator demolitions as well, but there are many jurisdictional complications and liability issues. Long-term financing is essential for the maintenance of these structures. Creating a charitable trust may be one permanent solution.

We know first hand how easy it is to lose our heritage, there are very few of the original Iroquois homes remaining today. The Seaway construction and time, has devasted us of our historical structures.

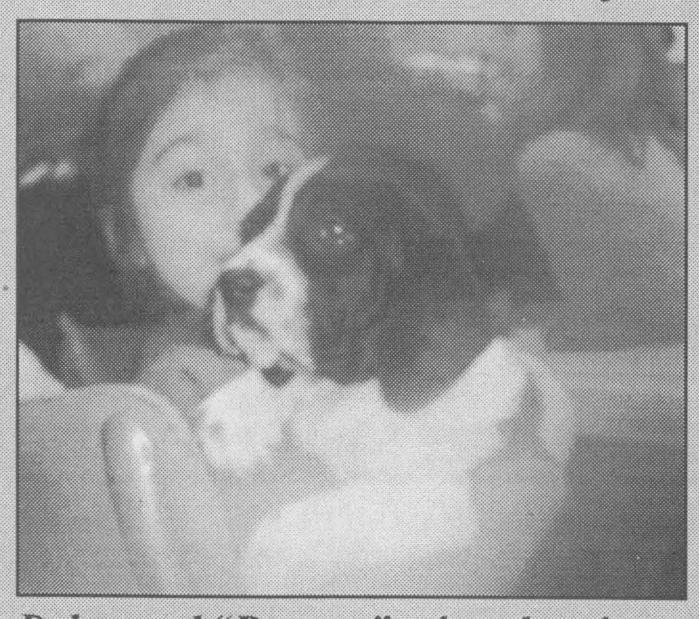
What is left here in our area to utilize in teaching our children where they came from for visitors to see what our roots were? Not very much although our murals attempt to bring our heritage to the fore.For instance, we lost Beach Haven, a beautiful building that stood stately by the St. Lawrence. We are in danger even now of losing more.

Any suggestions?? We cannot afford to keep them is heard over and over from officials, but can we afford to lose all of them? **S.L.J.**

Mountain Fun Warms a Cold Day



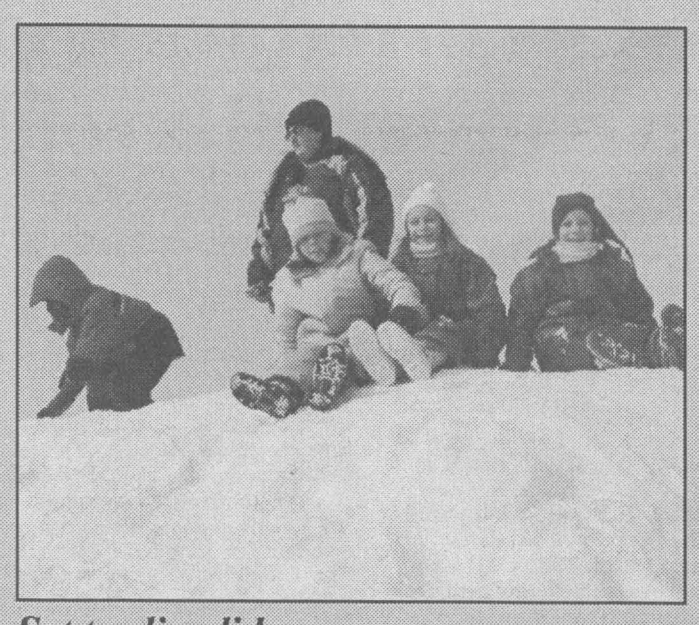
Grapefruit Bowling on the ice



Dylan and "Buttons" take a break



Mushin' your mutt was fun!



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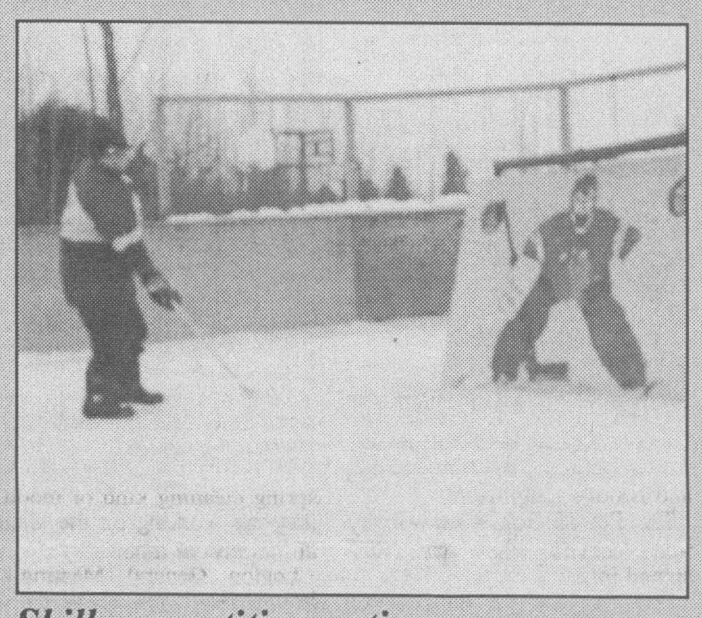

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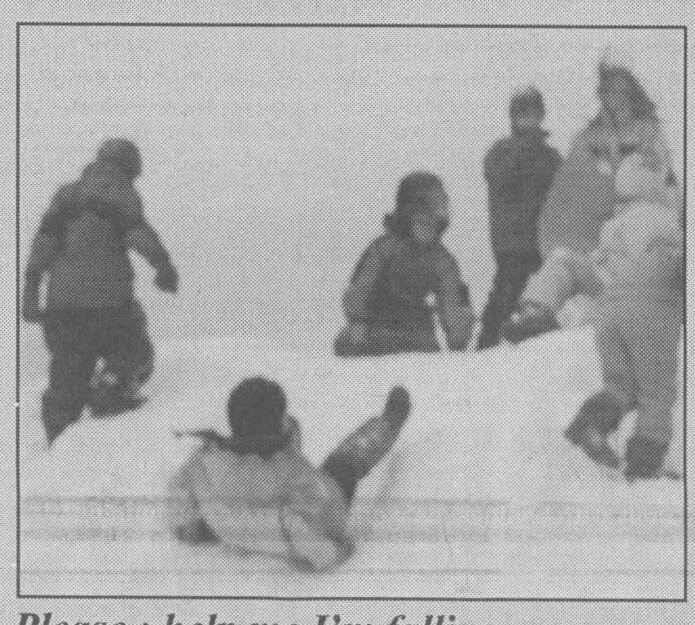

Please - help me I'm falling

Chieftain Photos - L. Roberts

Old man winter throws more snow our way

JUST PLAIN LIVIN'
with Sandra Lee

Well, if anyone felt winter was on the way out of this part of the woods, Friday should have been evidence enough to dispel the notion. Leaving Iroquois after lunch for a meeting in Winchester, this reporter was certainly not prepared for the horrific drive ahead of me. The roadways were drifting and filling in quickly. The wind was blustery and high, causing loose snow to drive across the roads. Wild and crazy the wind drove the snow and created whiteouts. When the drifts caught the wheel of the car it was tough to stay on the road as it pulled you towards the ditch. It took a great deal of effort to stick to the road, when you could find it. Several vehicles were in the ditch along the way, providing tangs of panic as I continued along my route. Coming through massive whiteouts hoping no one was coming towards me, I usually found myself on the opposite side of the road from where I should have been. Thankfully I was alone in the storm. The snow began to pile on the roadway and the driving became more difficult, the small car is rather low to the road and the snow was building up. When a snow break was present: whether being a bush,or a few rows of corn left unharvested the road would be clear and dry and I could get my bearings again in preparation for the next poor stretch of road. Headed east for a while I thought I was out of the snowy trouble, hah! the first corner was plugged with snow and the next one was worse. Sheltered in town the idea of bad roads and blowing snow playing with drivers was not even a thought. Then in the open spaces again, I was back in the thick of the white stuff. Everything was white, it all looked the same, and you could hardly see anything ahead except white. I felt like I was in a world of my own, and prayed that I would drive out of it safely. Reaching my destination I was happy to get out of the car and go inside for a few hours, allowing the weather to slide out of my thoughts. The all too soon, it was time to strike out for home and the memory of the storm resurfaced. Taking another route, I thought might be less drifted and clearer proved to be as troublesome to me as a line of traffic moved along so very slowly, as each driver was terrified, the wind blew with a renewed venegence, and an 18-wheeler looms near my trunk area. I got off the highway as soon as I could and headed west, thinking it would not be as bad. Ha! the wind was playing with the snow along here as well and depositing drifts across the pavement. A torturous drive we made it to County Road 16 and again were confronted with snow drifts and that blustery wind driving across my path. Snow drifts along the side of the pavement were hard to see and once more the steering was rough, trying to stay on the road and out of the ditch. The driveway at Swampview was an extremely pleasant sight for sure.

Plunged into yet another deep freeze we bundle up and hope for warming sunshine without winds and driving snow. Plugging the vehicles in just to be sure they start and locating the toque and scarf are becoming all to familiar to us. As old Man Winter ensures we know what he is capable of and how he can drive us deeper into our warm houses, we look forward to a warming trend that will bring us less frigid temps. This below the normal stuff is enough already!

Number two son is on Study Week which is like March Break in high school. Speaking to him we learned that he is required to continue his work with the Ministry of Natural Resources this week. This sidebar to his degree will soon be completed. He is working on his final research and will make his final presentation soon. Labs and various assignments make this break not much of a rest for him. He plans to come home for a day or so weather permitting towards the end of the week. We miss him a lot, but do not want him stranded here at home, so will understand if he does not get home. His dad and mom hope to go for a visit in March and the semester will be over by May. Time flies that is for sure and we will make it through til May if he does not get home, it will mean more care packages that is all.

Number one son and his fiancee are working on wedding plans, checking budgets and locating needs will keep them busy for some time. This wedding stuff is expensive and time consuming.

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the bottom line

OWLS ARE THE MYSTERIOUS CREATURES OF THE NIGHT AND ON Saturday, February 28 at 7pm, you will have the opportunity to learn more about them. A multimedia presentation by Dr. Brian Hickey of the St. Lawrence River Institute will be featured. The chance to learn about these beautiful, but rarely seen night time creatures is unique. Joining the Doctor on a hike through the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary will allow you to learn owl calls of the different local species. It is at this time of year when they are setting up their territories that the owls are most likely to answer back. A popular event, be sure to dress warmly. There is NO fee for this Friends of the Sanctuary event. Call 346-1577.

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THE MCGUINTY GOVERNMENT (ON) IS IMPROVING PATIENT ACCESS to medical tests and treatment and workplace safety with a $130 million investment in diagnostic and medical equipment. According to the government they have taken this action to strengthen the public healthcare system by funding equipment that will improve patient care. The $130 million is part of the federal Diagnostic/Medical Equipment Fund from the 2003 First Ministers' Accord on Health Care renewal. $14 million of this funding is being earmarked for employee safety equipment to reduce workplace injury in nurses. Ontario's total allocation is $193 million for each of three years, starting in 2003/04 for diagnostic, therapeutic surgical and safety equipment. This money is allocated as follows: $33.5 million for diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical equipment in hospitals completing significant redevelopment projects, $29.5 million for the Princess Margaret Hospital and Cancer Care Ontario to replace and upgrade radiation therapy equipment. $116 million for diagnostic, therapeutic, surgical and safety equipment and $14 million for safety and patient comfort equipment including ceiling mounted lifts, electric beds, mobility equipment like wheelchairs and walkers, patient bathing equipment and nurse call systems. Twelve hospitals in Eastern Ontario have been allocated funding for such equipment as computed tomography (CT) scanners, mammography, ultrasound and x-ray machines and employee and patient safety equipment. Locally, Winchester District Memorial Hospital will receive $200,000.

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Livin'

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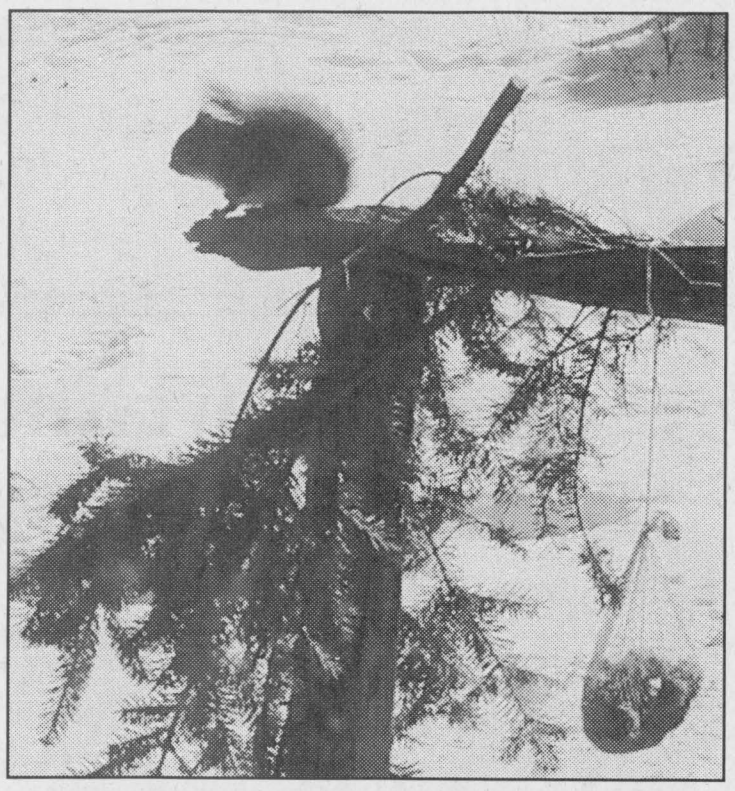
Involving the old mother (in law) is something I am grateful for since I have no daughters and would not get the experience.

Valentines Day...hope it was special for you. Number one son and his gal went skating on the canal and then enjoyed dinner in the city before coming home. Number two son was treated to sushi by his galpal and the big guy presented me with flowers and a card. When I asked about inviting friends for supper, he suggested I would rather change since we were heading out to dine. Picking up the friends we headed to the Blue Hen (I got it right this time, previously I called it the Blue Chicken, but that was just for fun!) in Brockville and enjoyed a delightful dinner of salmon and noodles. Since I had mentioned the restaurant after the last occasion we were there to dine, I introduced myself to the lady who owns the place this time. I wondered if the name was a chain of these eateries, but she explained it was simply her idea, and it works well, so we will certainly be there again in the future to try something else, Fridays are fish nights! It was very nice and most appreciated for sure. We girls seem to enjoy any meal we don't have to prepare or clean up after.

One good thing about all the snow and blowing that we have endured lately the snowmobilers are smiling, the trails are looking pretty good and even me old mum has her sled insured and a trail permit in place so she can get out there and enjoy the runs. Dad plows the laneway that leads to the trail and she has also been trekking back for wood. As long as she does not overdo things she seems to be getting along well. Her 50,000 km check up, almost ten years after her heart surgery went well and she can just continue along her normal route, doing what she loves.

As this goes to print, the weatherman has promised a break in the deep freeze. It will seem like spring if the temp goes up to normal for this time of year, around -5 degrees or so. Stay warm and smile a lot it is good for you!

The wisdom this week comes from Vince Lombardy who said, "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavour."



A Fast Food stop

A squirrel stopped by the bird feeder area to grab a peanut snack before disappearing into a cave in the nearest snowbank. This frisky little fellow is a daily visitor and so we ensure he gets sunflower seeds and peanuts to satisfy his cravings.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Curling News

by Steve Thompson

They've done it! Sid Morrell, Neil Williams, John Lyon and Gerry Thompson won the Parnell Cup for the fourth time this year. No other team has swept the four-club event since competition began in 1970. Other local teams over the years have won one or more times, and have been lead by Howie Eamon, Stanfield (one of whose team members was J. Parnell for whose father the trophy is named), and of course Sid Morrell, who has led more teams to victory than any other skip from here, Prescott, Lancaster or Cornwall. Well Done!!

Sydney Schnurr took the girls' Little Rock team to Prescott on Sunday and while they dropped their first game, the next earned two ties. Congratulations to Kelsey and Jenna Craig and Nicole and Melissa Toonders for a fine effort.

Bobby Hart organized a second Two-Person Bonspiel at the club this year, and it turned out to be a successful and highly entertaining event. Several new curlers, women's teams, father-son combinations and a couple of university students, to name a few competed for the prize money. In the "C" Final, Derek and Collin Tupper defeated Jeremy Schnuur and J.J. Hollister. "B" Final bragging rights belong to Bob Fortin and Doug Tupper who won over Tara Deavey and Leslie McDonell. The "A" Championship featured a draw to the button to break a tie. Glen Couglar watched as his son Danny, a first year curler, drew to a four-foot circle over Bobby Hart, whose partner Derrick Whitteker was curling today for the first time ever. It was an exciting day, with some superb shot making mixed with unlikely bounces to provide suspense-filled competition. Special thanks to the organizers who also made a generous donation to the club's camera fund.

It was great to see someone organize an event like this. It would be nice to see other new club activities take place. Why not consider volunteering to help the club in some way? Perhaps someone would like to reactivate the May yard Sale this year. Extra income is always helpful. Our reserve fund is over $7000, but that can disappear in a hurry if major repairs are needed.

In a Senior Mixed Bonspiel in Winchester, Jack Dikland, Cheryl Thompson, Raymond Benoit and Sandra Beckstead played well and split their games there with Perth and Cornwall.

Your Club Executive met this week and several matters were considered. The minutes are available in the clubhouse. membership, bonspiel and bar revenues are up, but insurance and association dues are higher. However, the club is in good financial shape, assuming the rest of the year goes well and that there are no major problems. Jack Dikland expects to recommend a movie camera purchase for the center sheet shortly, along with an estimate of the installation costs. Ian McGillis has offered to donate a video monitor so that spectators can follow the game more closely via the ceiling-mounted camera at the far end of sheet "B". the executive passed a motion that will see the club's portion of the remaining house of gold draws this year dedicated tot he purchase and installation of the movie camera/video monitor combination.

The Canadian Junior Champions were decided over the weekend. Mouzar of Nova Scotia defeated Cantin of Quebec for the women's title, and on the men's side, Peters of Manitoba won out over Blanchard of Newfoundland.

Good curling to all!!

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

By Dar

Doubles was the name of the game when twenty crib players gathered in the lounge on Saturday. Finishing in first place with a score of 1056 was Roger Coulter and nipping at his heels in second was Ron Perrin who earned 1053 points. Trailing along in third place was Bob Esford with 1046 points while Bernie Montroy with a score of 1042 points took the honours of reigning in the bridesmaid chair. There was a season high number of skunks with Bob McKee and Gladys Parks managing to snag two a piece.

At the Euchre table (I am not aware of how many tables were busy) but coming in first was Frank Welsh while Doris Wright came in second. Doug Gow captured the door prize and Sheila Scarbo had the low score for the evening. Not a skunk was in sight all evening.

For Bridge played this same evening, three tables were occupied and the high winners for the evening was Gary Barkey and Brooke Leightizer.

The Pot of Gold was won by Len Roberts who was NOT signed in!

Friday's meal is to be a quarter chicken baked, with mashed potatoes and gravy and since I forgot the dessert it will be a surprise this time.

Our day of Darts for Hearts was very successful again this year. About 125 people attended for the worthy cause. More on this event elsewhere in The Chieftain. I want to personally thank everyone who came out and took part.

On Sunday afternoon the die-hard NASCAR fans took over the bar area and lounge as the Daytona 500 was run. The pot luck meal after the race was a delicious feast.

On Saturday, February 28 there will be a 50/50 Dart Shoot with registration taking place from 12 noon until 1pm with play starting at 1 sharp. The cost is only $2 per round and all are welcome. On this same day in the evening the Legion will host a dance featuring the Revivals who play 50s and 60s music and toss in some country as well. They are good so plan to attend and have a great time. A light lunch will be provided as well.

The Ladies Auxiliary are in a spring cleaning kind of mood as they are working on the kitchen at the present time.

Legion General Meeting on Wednesday night...come out, you might find it interesting!

Until next week, take care.

Come together for Tourism

Attractions, accommodations, arts & culture, food & beverage, event coordinators, heritage, recreation & leisure, retail, any and all tourism stakeholders in South Dundas are being asked to Come Together for Tourism this Thursday afternoon in Iroquois. Township Council and Staff invite everyone who is involved with the Tourism Industry in South Dundas, whether directly of indirectly.

The purpose of his meeting is to get all the movers and shakers of our community in one room and to start looking for the common goal in the promotion of tourism in South Dundas. Together we can find ways to effectively promote our community to the world as a place offering a variety of experiences and activities.

Mary Eaton of the Ministry of Tourism and Mike Lalonde of Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism will start the meeting by giving presentations focusing on tourism in Eastern Ontario. The floor will then be open for comments, suggestions and questions from the floor. registration starts at 1:30pm and the meeting will take place from 2-4pm, Thursday, February 19. Plan to attend, everyone is welcome. For information call 543-4558.

File for your child

Did you know...

Filing tax returns for your children can be very beneficial to them down the road. If your child has taxable income of less than $7,756, there is no federal tax to pay. However, by filing a return to report your child's earned income for RRSP purposes, you will be building up the Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) contribution limit that can be used in the future.

In addition, if your child is over the age of 18, they may be entitled to the goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credit. The only way to receive this benefit is to file a return.

For more information, visit www.ccra.gc.ca/iis and select "G" from the drop down menu for GST/HST credit.

Tips for working students

Even if you're not expecting a tax refund, filing a return could provide some welcome tax relief in the future.

According to Chartered Accountant Louis Provenzano, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Toronto, students should always file a tax return because it will generate Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) contribution room and tax credits that can be carried forward indefinitely.

"For students filing a return, remember that the first $3,000 of a scholarship, fellowship, bursary, or prize from a program that entitles the student to the education tax credit is tax-free. If you moved to attend school, your moving expenses may be deductible and if you attended a foreign university, your tuition fees may be eligible for a tuition credit in Canada. "

If you have any unclaimed education and tuition fee credits, carry them forward to reduce your taxes in the future when income is higher. You have five years to claim tax credits for student loan interest, but you can claim education and tuition fee credits indefinitely," advises Provenzano.

For further information about taxes, contact a Chartered Accountant.

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Sports

~Winter Fun Day At Mountain
~Junior "B" Lions End Season
~Charity Volleyball On Weekend



Figure Skaters winners at Perth

Morrisburg Skating Club made a good showing at the Perth Invitational. Pictured are the winners who came home wearing medals, all in Ladies Free except one (seated) Logan Patterson (2nd), Erin Stewart (1st), Alisha VanHoof (2nd) while standing are Kirsty Robinson (2nd), Kaila VanHoof (3rd), Kristen Stewart (3rd in Interpretive Ladies "A") and Hailey VanAllen (3rd)

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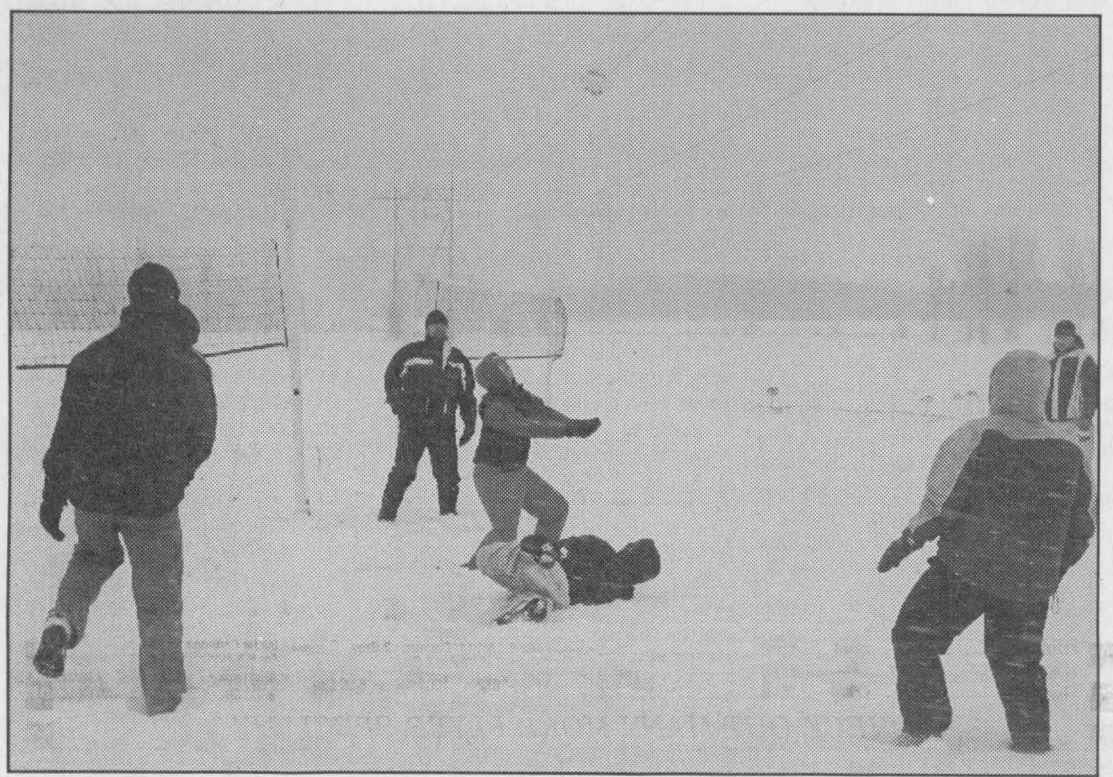


Stormy weather for volleyball

A freak snow squall hit as these two teams took to the court during the Jason Hill Memorial Volleyball Tournament held at Cedar Glen Golf Course on Saturday. Six teams participated in the tournament raising money for the Seaway High School Bursary in Jason's name. Despite the nasty weather conditions and high winds, these players were great sports and had a good time.

Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts

Morrisburg Junior B Lions end season on losing note

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Junior "B" Lions have ended what must have seemed a very long season for them. Unable to earn a playoff spot for some time now, the Lions nevertheless played as hard as possible every time they hit the ice. While they finished above Winchester in the standings the Lions dropped their final game against the Hawks 5-3. February 1, saw the Lions in Williamstown facing the Rebels. Ready for action the Lions were up by three counters in the first frame, while holding the Rebels scoreless. Unfortunately their energy seemed to ebb away and they allowed the Rebels to come back and knot the score. Heading into overtime the match was up for grabs, and the Rebels struck swiftly for the victory.

Sunday in Morrisburg the Hawks came flying into town. The teams played a good period of hockey in the first. The Hawks opened the scoring but Lion Kent Nugent shot back for the Lions with 1:46 showing on the clock to even the game. The second period belonged to the Hawks as they counted two more. Mike Carbino tried to keep the Lions hopes alive as he potted one more giving the Lions a chance to come back. The Hawks bulged the twine again to go up 4-2 heading into the final frame. Only five minutes into the final period, the Hawks nailed another counter into the mesh making the score read 5-2. With 11:46 left in the game the final counter was scored by Jason Denio but it was not enough as the Lions could muster no more and dropped this one 5-3.

All Lions scoring plays were on the powerplay demonstrating that this was one lesson learned, to capitalize on these advantages. Matt VanEgmond handled the nets for the Lions. Frustration showed in the penalty box as 38 were served, 20 by Lions and 18 by Hawks.

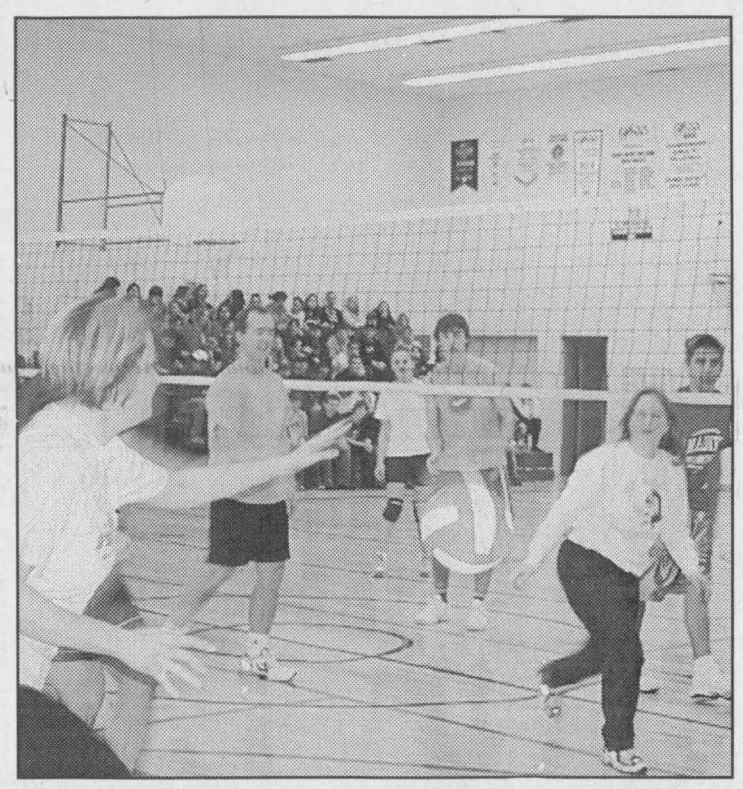
Saturday night, February 7 the Lions trekked to Williamstown and roared into the lead 3-0 on two goals from Chad Galipeau and a single from Jason Denio. Allowing two counters into the mesh the Lions were holding onto a slim lead 3-2 as they headed into the third period. Early in the third the score was knotted at 3 each when Galipeau struck for his third of the night giving the Lions one up. The Rebels were able to come back to tie the game at 4 causing overtime. Matt Van Egmond was in the pipes for the Lions throughout the game and sadly was beaten for the victory in OT.

Friday night last week Morrisburg hosted the Glens from Alexandria. The Glens are in first place and were not going to give an inch. Even though the Lions were on the board first when Jason Denio scored at 15:35 after taking the pass from Jon Chambers. In what began as a pretty even match up, the Glens shot one past VanEgmond in the pipes for the Lions to knot the score at 12:29. They went ahead at 9:33, but Justin Elliott teamed with Tyler LaFortune and Travis Baldwin to knot the score at 6:26 of the first.

The Lions could smell a victory and came out tough in the second scoring at 18:41 of the second period as Denio pounded one home. Earning the assist were Kyle Jarvis and Matt McBean. Sadly this concluded the Lions scoring while the Glens hit a scoring frenzy in the third period counting four more to claim the win, 9-3. Two counters were scored on the powerplay for the Glens. The teams were even as far as penalty box visits were concerned, having 11 assessed on each side.

On Sunday afternoon the Lions visited Kemptville to play the 73s who are in third place overall this season. Held scoreless in the first frame the Lions were down 3-0 heading into the second period. Two of the 73s counters were scored on the powerplay showing the lack of discipline the Lions began feeling. A spark ignited the Lions as they scored a short-handed counter at 19:29 of the second period when Jason Denio took Chad Galipeau and Pat McLeod down ice with him to beat Rob Lappa who came into the 73s net in the second period. The score read 3-1 for the 73s. A powerplay goal by Kemptville widened the gap and when they added two more that Jacob Rodrique could not stop from entering the Lions net, the score was 6-1. The Lions showed heart and determination as Chad Galipeau found net behind Lappa after taking the pass from Justin Elliott and Jason Denio to close the hole in the score a bit. The 73s would count two more before the game needed, defeating the Lions solidly 8-2. It is interesting to note that Morrisburg pounded the 73s net with 26 shots. Jason Payne handled them in the first while Lappa was tough in the remaining periods. Rodrique was busy fielding 25 shots from the hot sticks of the 73s. A tally shows 18 penalties handed out, 8 to the Lions and a Game Misconduct to the 73s.

As the Lions look to a new season, they have to realize they have talent, untapped at times, and know they can come back more mature and stronger next year ready to place higher in the standings. Looking back at their strengths and weaknesses they can assess where they need to concentrate their efforts. Next season begins now! Have a great summer fellas!



Track Fund Growing

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

A fundraiser volleyball match between students and staff raised about $550 to help the Seaway Track Fund grow. Winter has halted work but finances are needed. Ms. Williams seems to be batting the ball rather than spiking it?!

Winter Fun Day held at Mountain Memorial Park

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Despite the hardy winds and rather cold temperatures, kids and adults alike, joined together at Mountain Memorial Park to enjoy the Annual Mountain Winter Fun Day.

The day's activities began at 11:00 with dog sled team demonstrations and rides by Bernie Boucher and the SNDG Dog Sledding and Carting Association. They provided demonstrations and for anyone interested, they could go for a dog-sled ride through the scenic snow covered trails located at the park. After riders learned the ins and outs of racing, they took to the track with their mutts to see who had the best racer. Kids and adults mushed their way with their rookie dogs in one of the most popular activities of the day.

On the ice their were a number of activities planned for the afternoon. The ever popular puck shoot for accuracy drew a few hockey players while the bowling with grapefruit drew kids of all ages. There was a curling contest as well as an egg toss and to finish out the fun a pinata. All participants won a prize and were then invited to stay and skate on the ice that was absolutely perfect due to the cold temperatures.

Of course the sliding hill drew the attention of many youngsters, who were using Crazy Carpets, sleds and their bottoms to race down the hill.

For anyone who felt the cold tingling in their toes, fingers and noses there was a treat awaiting in the recreation building. This building is a replica of an actual train station that volunteers worked at to restore. Inside they had homemade soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, beans, desserts and the best chili some had ever tasted.

Always a great success this little town sure knows how to take the chill out of a cold winter day. Congratulations to everyone who helped make this day a great success, and to the many volunteers who have made this one of the best little parks in the area.

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Iroquois and District

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER - February 24, 5 to 7 pm at the Iroquois Civic Centre. Pancakes, sausages, and real maple syrup. Ice cream for dessert. Hosted by the P.W. and C.G.G. of Iroquois. Tickets at the door.

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Darts for Hearts hosted at Iroquois Legion

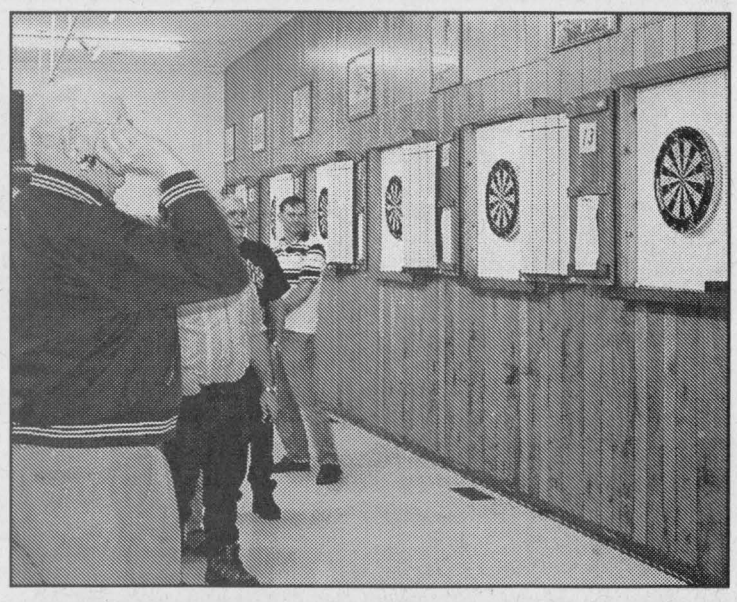
by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The parking lot at the Iroquois Legion on Dundas Street was filled to capacity on Saturday as the Annual Darts for Hearts was hosted. Inside there was little space not occupied as players awaited the draw to see who they would be teamed with. Darts were ready as everyone waited patiently for their name to be called by Earl Nesbitt Sr., Chairman of the event.

A special Valentine basket was up for grabs and when the draw had been made, Lisa Lewis was the lucky winner. The 50/50 draw winner was Darlene Riddell, congrats ladies!

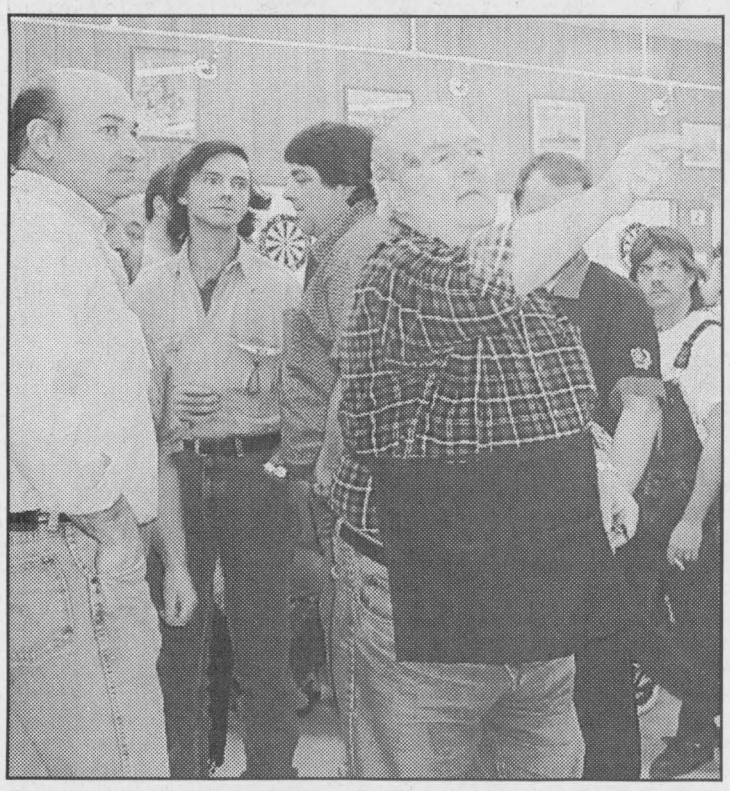
Earl was more than pleased with the turnout and the calibre of play demonstrated at the Legion. When the final dart had been tossed, Earl tallied the funds raised and the grand total was $1403.50 which will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Society, Dundas Chapter.

Without the support of the following businesses the event would not have been possible. Thanks goes to Thompson's TimBrMart, Rooney Feeds, Rise 'n Shine Restaurant, Becker's Iroquois, Crawford's Meats, Sears Iroquois, Mustard's variety, Jiggers, Uptown Girls, Carolyn's Hair Salon, Bank of Montreal, Byers Furniture, The Chieftain, Royal Bank, Beaupre Jewellers, This and That, Gilmer Pharmacy, Biba, S&F Foodland, Stinson's Gas Bar, KBD Transportatioon, Mr. Mozzerella, Tommy's Automotive, Lloyd McMillan, Nick's Garden Centre, Pap's Garage, Thompson Yamaha, Plante's, Brinston General Store, Ritchie Feed and Seed, Ross Video, Dundas Bus Service, Whitteker Bus Lines, Jim's Performance, Swank Construction, Asselin Real Estate, Cardinal Creations, Boar's Nest, Rick's Gas Bar, Wendy's Beauty Salon, South Mountain Pizza, Joyce Beauty Salon, Pat Hart, Annie Deli, Rona Hardware, 730 Truck Stop, Landmark Hotel, O'Carrolls Grocery, Vanguard Drugs, General Dollar, MadMacs Furniture, Cardinal Convenience, VanAllan's Garage, Schrader's Garage, Curves-Morrisburg, Pokey's Place, Cooks Corner, Bo's Barber Shop, Auto Pro, Canadian Tire, Village Stylists, Home Hardware, Bargain Shop, Biba-Morrisburg, McIntosh Inn, Straders, Blacks Lumber, Lees restaurant, Pier 31, Leisa's Cutting Hand, Lisa Hair Salon, Giant Tiger, Micro Pro, Flagg Creek Country Store, Seaway valley Pharmacy, Subway, Mr. Grocer, T&T Roofing, Red Dot Cafe (Osgoode), Cardinal Lions Club, The Hartford, Computer Shop (Cardinal), Candace Menges, Ruby Ann Latullippe, Brockville Braves Hockey Club, Penny Fairfield, Ann Merrifeild, Darlene Riddell, Anderson's Strings and Things, Leo and Barb Merkley, LCBO (Iroquois), St. Lawrence Corporation Club 478, Whitteker's Meat Market, Brian Robinson, Pinkus Tire, Bonnie Richmire, HomeHardware (Ingleside), Flo's Chip Wagon, Eastern Engines, J&S General Store, Shannon's Creations (Ingleside), Jean DeJong, Marion Michalica (Riverside), Alice Pemberton, Tri-County Tire, Judy Sypes(Ingleside), Sharon Lewis (Morrisburg), Village Hobby Shop (Cornwall), Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home, Rick's Gas Bar (Cardinal), Scorpion Restaurant, King;s Pizza, The Brookslyn Jewellery (Chesterville), Jake Easter, Darlene Riddell, Dick McEwen, Iroquois Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Ross Video, Julie Waddell, Lyle Fykes, T&T Roofing (Morrisburg), Cecil Tyo, Mikes' ValuMart, and Sobers Pub & Bar (Morrisburg). The winners' table was filled with a vast array of prizes thanks to the afore mentioned.



A Veteran Toss

Ted Grattan throws a dart to signal the opening of the Darts for Hearts an annual event at the local Legion. A veteran, Ted made a 13 on his shot a day after Friday the Thirteenth, luck must have been with him! He was not darting though.



Darts for Heart

Jake Easter tosses a dart to get the Annual Darts for Hearts underway at the Iroquois Legion on Saturday. Knowing first hand the value of heart research and medical attention, he is always ready to help a good cause. *Chiefatin Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Lions Club Hosts Ladies Night

by Jim Mustard
Event Chair

The Iroquois/Matilda Lions Club hosted their Annual Ladies Night on Monday, February 9 at the Plaza Restaurant in Iroquois.

Our members and guests arrived to a tastefully decorated setting and elegant atmosphere. Owner, Paul McLaughlin and staff then presented a fabulous buffet meal thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After a short order of business, our guest speaker and local resident, Bill Farrell showed a presentation on the Legacy of the Diaver Diamond Mine in Northwest territories. A totally amazing and successful project Bill is very proud to have been a part of it and rightfully so.

A question and answer period followed his presentation as the many inquisitive minds wanted to learn more. A few draws for our lady guests concluded a great evening. Thanks to Paul and Bill for making our special night a memorable one.

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F18-1tc/15741

Anyone with any information concerning a snowmobile parked along Carmen Road, near the gas pipeline on the evening of February 7, 2004, please call 543-3557. Break and enter related.
F18-1tp/15747

Death Notice

JOHNSTON, HILDA (nee Seeley), beloved wife of the late Arnold Johnston, on Thursday, February 12, 2004. Formerly of Iroquois. Hilda will be sadly missed by daughter, Judy and her family and son, Tom and his family. Hilda was in her 88th year. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Mariatown on May 15, 2004.
F18-1tx

Notice to Creditors

All claims against the Estate of the late **Edith Eleanor Dillabough**, late of the Township of South Dundas, County of Dundas, who died on the 2nd day of January, 2004 must be filed with the undersigned representatives on or before the 1st day of March, 2004 after which date the estate will be distributed having regard to the claims of which the Estate Trustees then shall have notice.

DATED: at Morrisburg, Ontario this 27th day of January, 2004.

By: Carlton F. McInnis and Shirley Carnegie, Estate Trustees
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Kingsway resident marks 94th birthday



Lois Baldwin, a longtime resident of St. Marys, now a resident of Kingsway Lodge, second floor, celebrated her 94th birthday on Sunday. February 1. Lois was born in Iroquois in 1910. Iroquois is along the St. Lawrence River east of Brockville. During one year at the Iroquois High School, Lois was voted the best all-round student. She played the base fiddle in the high school concert band and played basketball for her school team. While in high school, Lois swam across the St. Lawrence River with another person, Marshall Ellis, starting at the United States side, accompanied, of course, by a person in a boat. They landed on the Canadian side about four miles down the river.

Lois also sang in the United Church choir while in Iroquois. After high school, Lois attended the University of Toronto for three years, studying Commerce and Finance, and for a couple of years she waited on tables at Bigwin Inn. She has worked in Toronto, Victoria B.C. and Montreal. In 1941 Lois joined the Canadian Women's Army Corp. (CWAC) as Lieutenant, stationed at Longue Point Ardonise depot, Montreal until Oct., 1944 when she worked with the U.S. Army on War Supplies (Lend-Lease).

On September 18, 1943, Lois married Capt. Clifton L. Baldwin at Hart House Chapel, Toronto. Later, after the war they resided in St. Marys, where Cliff was engaged in the hardware business, where M & M is located now. Cliff is now deceased.

Lois was on the Provincial Executive of the I.O.D.E. for 17 years. Lois and Cliff had three children, Philip, who lives in Georgetown, Ont.; Claudia, who resides in Australia; and Brian, currently living in Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Lois Baldwin had three brothers and two sisters. Only one brother and one sister are still alive. Mrs. Ona Cockburn, age 90 in London and Mahlon (Mike) Beach, age 87, of St. Marys.

POLICE Report

Charges Laid

North Dundas-While responding to a call involving a noise complaint at an apartment in the Village of Chesterville on February 14, 2004, police seized a small quantity of marihuana from an apartment resident. A 25-year old Chesterville man will be facing a charge of Possession of a Substance when he appears in court in the Village of Morrisburg this March.

South Dundas-A routine traffic stop in the Village of Morrisburg on the evening of February 14, 2004 resulted in the arrest of one man on a number of criminal charges. Charges of Impaired Driving, Drive Over 0.8, Failing to Comply with the Conditions of an Undertaking (3 counts-curfew, alcohol, keep the peace), and Obstruct/Resist Police are pending against a 19 year old South Dundas male, who was held in custody for the purposes of a show cause hearing.

Traffic Update

In the last week police were called to investigate 22 motor vehicle collisions in Dundas County. Other investigations resulted in two charges on connection with alcohol related drinking and driving offenses and the seizure of one radar warning device.

Alarm/9-1-1 Calls

This week police responded to 5 false alarm calls and three false 9-1-1 reports.

CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers and the Ontario Provincial Police would like your help in locating two suspects responsible for an armed robbery that took place at 19 King St. in Chesterville, in the Bank of Nova Scotia Parking Lot.

On Thursday October 30th at approximately 9:20PM in the evening two male suspects approached two victims who were making a back deposit on behalf of a local grocery store. The males appeared to the two victims from behind the Bank of Nova Scotia. The two suspects confronted the victims on the east side of the bank. One male who was carrying a wooden stick assaulted one of the victims by striking him on the forearm. The second male suspect who was also armed with a wooden stick began to approach the second victim demanding the deposit bag. Fearing for their safety the victim threw the bag to the ground where the male grabbed it and ran away.

The first male suspect fled the scene as well and was observed running down King St. ducking in behind two business. Though both suspects were wearing nylon stocking over their heads, some description was provided and is as follows;

First male is described as a white male, 5'8", very thin face, short dark hair, moustache, wearing tight black clothing, dark colored shoes. The second male who was observed without his mask is described as having short red hair, and was clean shaven. This suspect also wore tight black clothing. One of the victims was treated at Winchester hospital for injuries to his forearm.

If you have any information regarding this incident, or any other criminal activity, please call Crime Stoppers at 223-TIPS. That's 233-8477 or toll free at 1-800-222-8477. Remember, Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, we will not record your call, and you are not required to testify in court.

For Further Details Contact: Prov. Cst. Todd Quinlan, Police Coordinator, (613) 534-4130, (613) 534-4131 fax, or 1-888-273-3528 pager.

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Mathieu Desnoyers, Alex	27	38	65
Steve Jarvo, Char	30	34	64
Sam Raymond, Ak	29	34	63
Jeremi Synott, Ak	22	39	61
Dan Lefave, Char	25	34	59
Brett Brady, Kv	29	25	54
Ryan Kuhn-Lalonde, Ak	20	34	54
Derek Duval, Char	21	31	52
Darcy Smith, Kv	14	38	52
Louis Brisson, Alex	16	35	51
Patrice Brunet, Alex	10	39	49
JustinElliott, Mor	21	27	48
Matt Methot, Kv	20	28	48
Tyler Rasa, Kv	18	28	46
Kyle Laurie, Kv	15	30	45
Derek Crawford, Char	18	26	44
Chad Galipeau, Mor	19	22	41
Kyle Jarvis, Mor	13	28	41
Shawn Smail, Win	17	23	40
Marc-Andre,Fournier, Win	25	14	39
Stephane St. Denis, Char	11	27	38

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NOTICE TO TRUCKERS AND SHIPPERS
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Half load restrictions will be enforced on all County roads in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. It is expected that enforcement will commence **Monday, March 15th, 2004**, however, should the temperature rise above zero degrees, enforcement will commence on **Monday, March 1st, 2004. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL ROAD USERS TO MONITOR SIGN POSTING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE** with the exception of:

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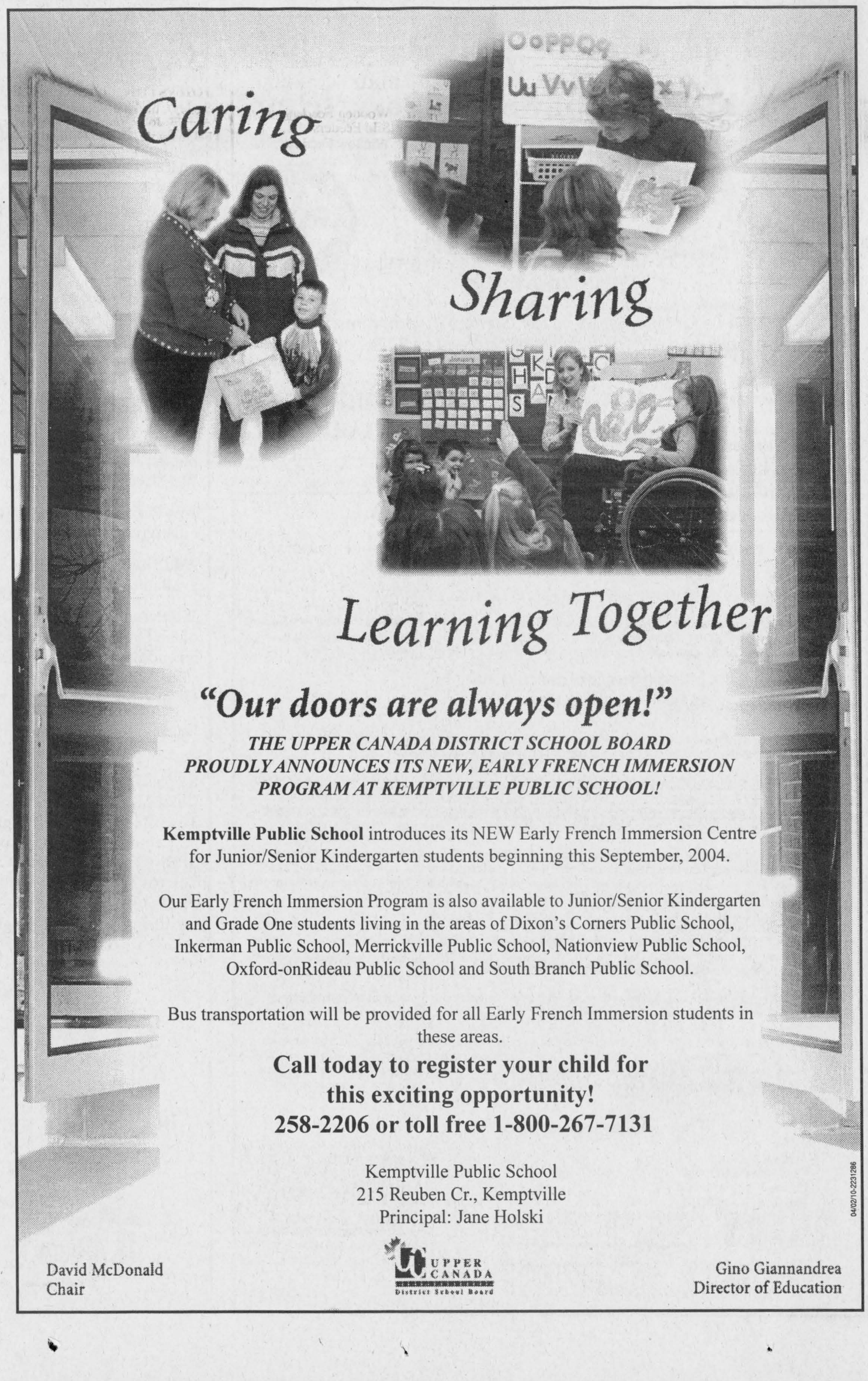


CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT

Winchester

Winchester hook into the Chesterville water supply. Chesterville has recently upgraded the well located in Maple Ridge.

Recent camera studies done on the wells have also discovered blobs of gel in the water supply. The salty deposit is the result of over pumping, which brings salty water to the top. Council approved the purchase of monitoring equipment which will be used during the high peak periods to help monitor salt content in the water supply. Decaire assured council that this anomaly posed no health threat to users.

Water Testing

tage as many local doctors reach the age of retirement.

Councillor Whitteker told council that this is the first time the local doctors have asked for help. He added that the people of this area are lucky to have medical clinics so close. The motion to send a letter was approved unanimously.

Council also received a letter from L and B Properties owners of the Ambulance Station in Morrisburg. Land Ambulance Manager Heather Arthur put forth the policy stating that many municipalities are being encouraged to own the facilities. One such area is North Dundas who recently purchased the ambulance station in Winchester.

In another letter received by council, Cam Martel has requested that his name be removed from the Industry Canada application on the Brand initiative. He requested that CAO Andrew Brown, point person for the township advise council and Industry Canada of his decision.

Budget

that this amount would have to be spent over the next five years on the roads to keep their current standard. Garlough told council that the study showed that the current roads maintenance standard is 6.19, with 10 being excellent and 5 meaning drastic repairs were necessary. He also added that the consultant would like to see funds put into reserves yearly to help build capital for any larger purchases i.e a new grader which will be needed in the future.

As the mayor and councillors studied the figures Brown told them, "these are preliminary figures, and right now we are looking to you for guidance and direction." They will take the numbers home for further study and bring any suggestions to the next budget meeting slated for March 10 at 7:30.

Co-op

project."

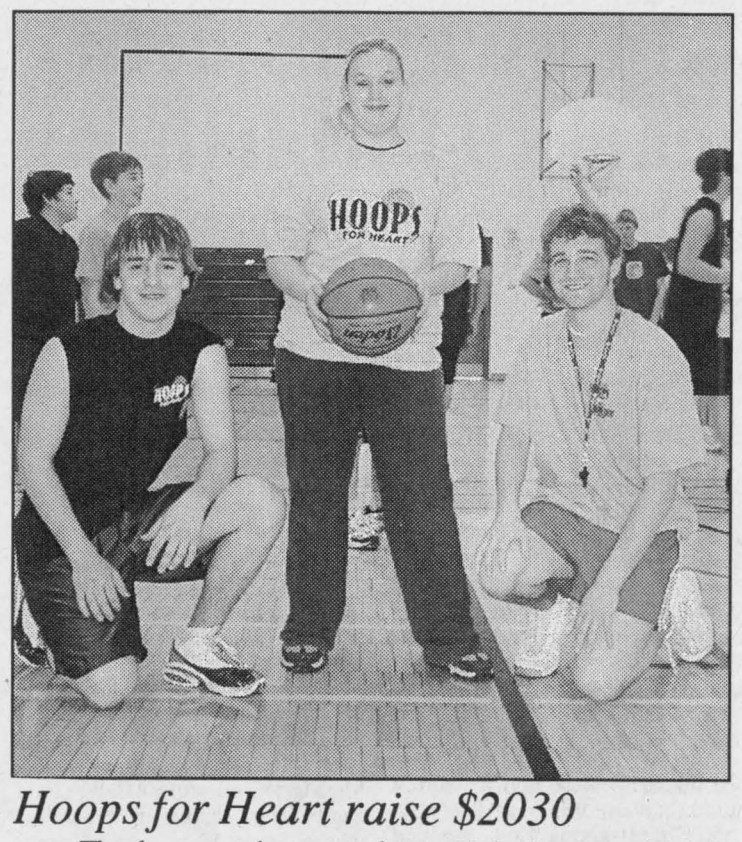
Atkins continued saying, "This announcement is of enormous importance to Seaway but does not mean that the ethanol project is a "done deal". This contribution does provide us with the last piece of the project financing required to begin development. We still need to complete documentation and due diligence activities with each of our financing sources, but I fully expect to do so within the time frame (four months) set down by the Program. We've been ready for a long time! We look forward to moving on with the development of the project and the Canadian Ethanol industry and realizing the benefits to the environment, the agricultural community and the local economy that will result. Thanks to the Ethanol Expansion Program for this huge assist in making it all happen!"

The other projects that received funding are in Manitoba, Quebec, Saskatchewan (2), British Columbia and Sarnia Ontario, and combined (750 million litres annual fuel ethanol capacity) they will more than quadruple Canadian ethanol production-increasing supply to almost 1 billion litres per year. Currently there are more then 1,000 retail locations selling ethanol-blended gasoline in this country. All cars made since 1970 can use a fuel with up to 10% ethanol. All vehicle manufacturers approve the use of ethanol respecting it in their vehicle warranties. Ethanol can be used year round and can in fact serve as a gas-line antifreeze. "This is a very exciting time for the ethanol industry in Canada, said the Honourable Bob Speller,"This is a positive announcement for Canadian Agriculture as these plants will create new markets for our farmers, boost our rural communities and support regional development."

While those accepting the funding will produce fuel ethanol from grain (corn or wheat) using proven technology. The Canadian government is actively researching to develop a technology that would produce ethanol from agricultural residues (including corn and straw stalks) and forestry byproducts. Ethanol reduces GHG (Green House Gases) emissions, up to 40% with grain based ethanol and 80% from ethanol produced by emerging cellulose-based technology. GHG contribute to climate changes. Ethanol helps maintain cleaner engines and helps clean the fuel injection systems and has no adverse affect on engines or components of any engines.

As the announcement was made, R. John Efford, Minister of Natural Resources Canada said, "These contributions will help provide the capital and confidence needed to make these plants a reality. By working together with the private sector to increase production of ethanol-based gasoline, the government of Canada will ensure that our transportation sector will reduce GHG emissions that contribute to climate change."

Also in attendance were local governmental representatives form North Dundas, Mayor Runnals and Deputy-Mayor Bill Smirle who added their appreciation. Robert Secard of the Canadian Renewable Fuels Group offered his congratulations to those who had the courage to go beyond and make ethanol plants a reality. "This is good for the environment, the country and those who come after us. When you use Ethanol, you know we can grow more grain and corn to continue the technology."



Hoops for Heart raise $2030

Thanks to student organizers; Kyle Jarvis and Mark Byvelds, Hoops For Heart at Seaway were a great success. Pledges from students taking part will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation Jennifer Witford was top fundraiser with $331.40.

Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston

Bantam Girls victorious in latest outing against Russell Invaders

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

In a rather different hockey game the Morrisburg Bantam Girls travelled to Russell on Sunday morning to face the Invaders.

The local girls came out tough and with some great goal tending coupled with a strong defence, they were able to win a tight match by a slim goal.

One scoring play was all that the first period produced. Ali Tait put Morrisburg on the board at 8:16 of the first frame after taking the sweet pass from Christine Stewart.

The second period was a lot like the first in that only one counter found its way to the mesh. This time it was the invaders who bulged the twine at 11:55 when Jennifer Quinn took the pass from Jessica Grisel and potted the goal to knot the score at one.

The only marker in the third came from the hot stick of Tait again for Morrisburg as she snagged the lead on the solo marker.

A total of five penalties were assessed in this game, four to Morrisburg who seemed frustrated with their performance in the second period especially when they could not score.

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PROJECT NO. 025098 – CONTRACT NO. TRG-2
CONSTRUCTION OF MORRISBURG - IROQUOIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND RESERVOIR

Tenders, sealed in the envelopes provided which shall be clearly marked as to contents, will be received by the **TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DUNDAS**, 4296 County Road 31, P.O. Box 160, Williamsburg Ontario K0C 2H0, (613-535-2673), until 3:00 p.m. local time, as recorded by the **Township**, on

THURSDAY MARCH 18, 2004

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On the same day, commencing at 3:15 p.m. local time, the tenders will be opened and read publicly by the Tender Committee in the Council Chamber at the above-mentioned address.

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Complete tender documents may be obtained from the Cornwall Office of The Thompson Rosemount Group Inc., commencing February 18, 2004 on payment of a certified cheque in the amount of $214.00 ($200.00 plus $14.00 GST) per contract set (non-refundable), payable to "The Thompson Rosemount Group Inc".

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Tenders are subject to a formal contract being prepared and executed and the receipt of a Certificate of Approval from the Ontario Ministry of Environment.

The Township reserves the right, at its own discretion, to reject any informal tenders and that the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. The Tenderer understands that fundamental to this competition is the selection of a tender that, in the Owner's opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner and the Tenderer agrees that the Owner reserves the right to select a winning tender that may be informal.

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Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal will hold a public meeting pursuant to (the requirements of Section 34 of the Planning Act to consider zoning by-law amendments for the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Johnstown Community Centre, 24 Sutton Drive, Johnstown,

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendments - Two applications have been received. The first application is to rezone lands from a residential first density to a residential first density special exception zone to reduce the required interior side yard, rear yard, and front yard setbacks adjacent to Perry Street and Shanly Road in the Village of Cardinal. The reason for the application is to permit the current setbacks of the existing dwellings and to permit two dwellings on one lot in fulfillment of a condition of severance. The lands are legally described as Part of Lots 414 and 415, Plan 25, in the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal The amending by-law places this lot in a special exception zone to allow for these reduced standards. (See key map for location)

The second application is to rezone lands from Residential (R1A) to a Highway Commercial Special Exception Zone to permit the construction of a mini warehouse and public storage facility, and an accessory dwelling. The lands affected are described as part of Lots 11 and 12, Plan 6, Village of Johnstown, and are located on the west side of Queen Street and the north side of County Road 2 in Johnstown. The mini warehouse and public storage facility will consist initially of one building with approximately 20 rental storage units. Eventually, other buildings will be constructed to add additional storage units, all of which are for rental to the general public. A restriction will be imposed to prohibit the storage of toxic materials or bulk fuel storage. (See key map for location)

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

Additional Information relating to the proposed zoning by-law amendments is available at the Municipal office during regular business hours.

If a Person or Public Body that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal in respect of the proposed zoning by-law amendments does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Council before the Zoning By-law amendments are adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Dated at the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal this 13th day of February, 2004.

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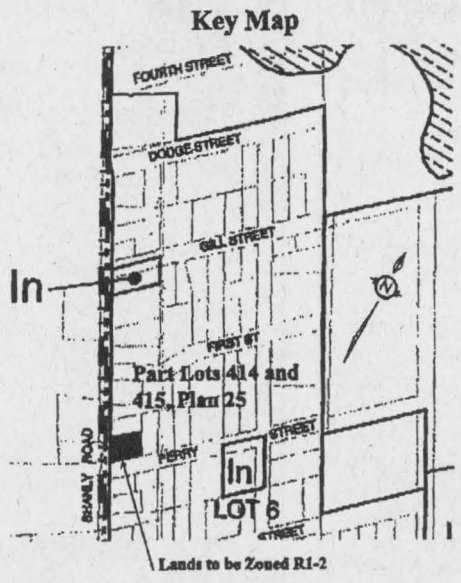

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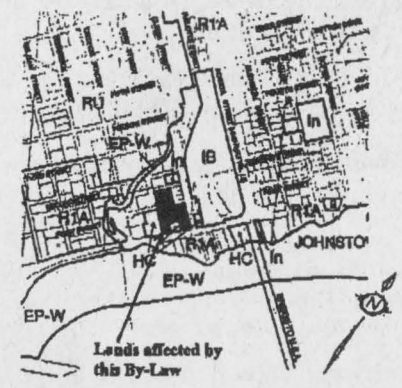

Part of Lots 11 and 12, Plan 6, Village of Johnstown

Wood Burning: Twelve free workshops across Ontario

Considering that so many of us relax in front of a wood stove or wood burning fireplace, or keep a wood furnace stoked each winter, we sure don't talk about it much.

When was the last time you saw an in-depth newspaper or magazine article on the subject? A television or radio show that looked into how and why people burn wood? No, wood burning is a private, personal activity that many engage in but rarely acknowledge outside the family.

According to surveys conducted for Environment Canada, almost one in four Ontario families burn wood at home. In fact, not counting apartment dwellers (hardly any burn wood), almost one in three Ontario homeowners burns wood.

A cottage or camp would hardly be worthy of the name without a wood stove or fireplace to take the chill off. It seems lot of us do it and yet we almost never talk about it in public forums.

But that is changing this winter as a small band of activists fan out across Eastern Ontario to spark a discussion about burning wood for heat and enjoyment. Equipped with boxes of brochures and booklets and towing a mobile display, they are hosting a dozen gatherings in towns and cities from Peterborough to Cornwall and Ottawa to Pembroke. These evening workshops, promoted under the banner "Burn it Smart!", are aimed at helping people burn wood in safer, more efficient and healthier ways. Environment Canada's Ontario regional office contributed some seed money to get the project off the ground, and dozens of sponsors and local partners are advertising the workshops and encouraging their customers and colleagues to attend.

What accounts for the popularity of wood burning in a high-tech world of computers, cell phones and rockets to Mars? People who use a fireplace just to watch the flames tend to treat wood burning as a casual hobby that enhances a comfortable lifestyle. But families that heat their homes with wood, partly or totally, have a deeper attachment. While cost savings are always mentioned as a factor, most wood burners can give several other reasons for going to all the trouble of cutting and splitting and stacking firewood.

Vanessa Percival, owner of Embers, a stove store in Perth, says do-it-yourself independence and shelter from high energy prices and electrical power failures are also high on the list of motives.

"But there are deeper reasons too", she says. "My customers often mention the quality of heat from a stove or fireplace and the intangible satisfaction they get from wood heating - some call it homemade heat."

It might come as a surprise to those who haven't tried it, but a number of skills are involved in successful wood burning, some of which take some practice to get right. Just about everyone who attempts it has had a disastrous experience lighting a wood fire, ending up with a smouldering mess, a smoke filled house, singed fingers, or all three. John Gulland, one of the organizers of the Burn it Smart workshops, agrees that building and maintaining wood fires takes practice. "After twenty five years of heating with wood, I'm still working on my technique," he says.

Even buying decent firewood is a challenge for most of us. How can you tell if the wood is good or if you are getting your money's worth? And once you do make a purchase, how do you respond to your brother-in-law when he insists that he could have got it for half the price?

A key goal of the workshops is to provide advice on how to convert wood smoke into usable heat. Not only do good burning practices increase heat output while reducing wood consumption, they also reduce the risk of chimney fire, and result in less smoke pollution that can poison the air in a community on a cold winter night.

Building good fires, buying good firewood and reducing smoke are just a few of the topics to be discussed at the Burn it Smart workshops. A lot of effort has gone into searching out and refining the workshop's content. A wood heat consultant since 1980, John Gulland says, "We have scoured scientific research reports for ideas and combined that with practical insights from experienced dealers and users." The result, he says, is a series of practical suggestions that people can put to use right away to improve their wood burning experience.

A night out to hear from some of Canada's most experienced wood heat specialists is a great opportunity for people to catch up on the latest news from the world of wood burning. Says Gulland, "I'll bet no one leaves one of these workshops without having learned something new and useful."

Vanessa Percival agrees and adds what she claims is her own selfish reason for promoting the workshops: "The better informed my customers are, the easier my job becomes," she says.

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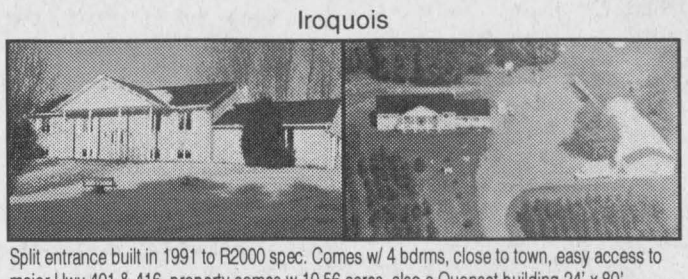

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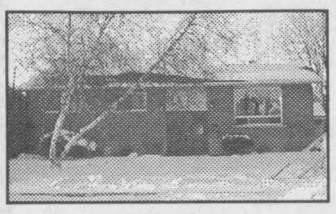

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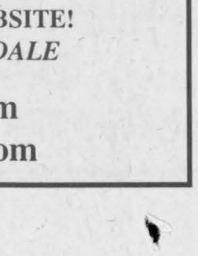

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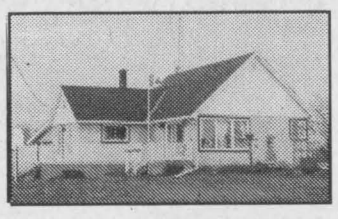

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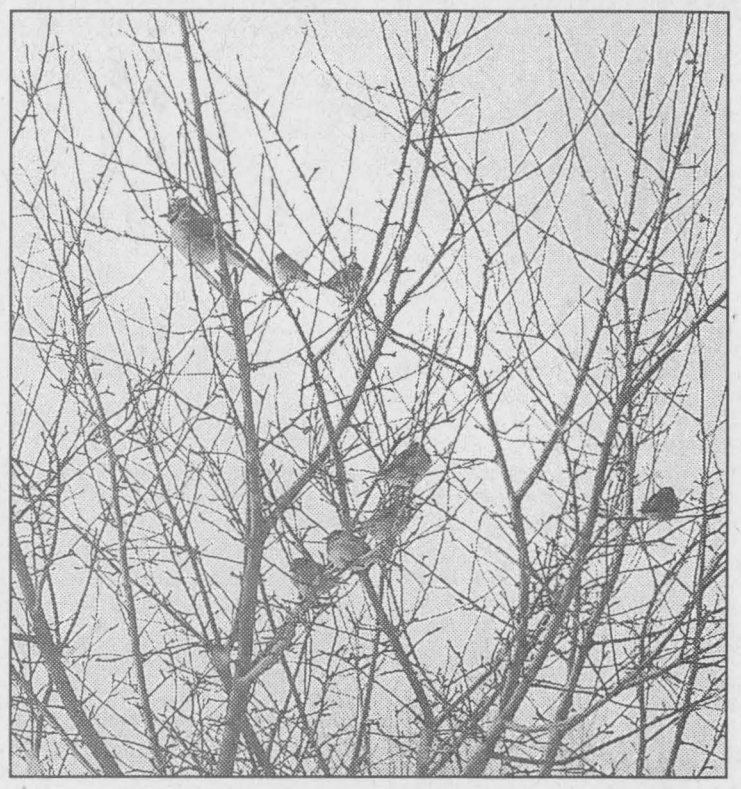


St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching

As the cold, snow and high winds play havoc with our fine feathered friends, they continue to search for food at feeders in our area. Keep those feeders filled folks, the birds need to have a place to know they can get food. Remember, at the same time wintry weather forces birds to increase their caloric intake it also reduces the pickings for them, meals are tough to find. Gone are those tasty insects, no more leaves crawling with plump larvae. Ripened seeds of fall are no longer and berries are a thing of the past. Any seeds that remain are covered with snow or have been scattered to the wind, ice coats tree buds and fruit. There are a lot of us who look out for the birds, keeping seeds and suet available. It should be noted that although winter is rough for the birds, they are capable of foraging successfully for themselves despite the bleak, bone chilling conditions. Beak to mouth survival is not an easy life and so humans stepped in and things are easier for the birds. Feeders enable them to find food faster and more easily than searching for tiny weed seeds and semi-frozen grubs. Less hunting means less risk for the birds as well. I think if we are honest with ourselves, though many of us feed the birds to satisfy our own winter-weary souls. Watching the birds flit from feeder to shrub, from tree to bush, from log to snowdrift lifts our spirits and provides smiles and conversation. Creating a kinship with nature and gaining a closer look at our feathered friends gives us hours of pleasure.

A caller from the Broken Second reports she has the regular compliment of Chickadees, Mourning Doves, Sparrows, House Finches and Blue Jays each day. She also has had a male Cardinal on several occasions and finally her faithful watch proved worthwhile as he came back with the little woman . The female is not as striking as the male, being a duller colour, but she is a head turner nonetheless. One lonely Rabbit comes by for a meal too. She tells us about a feeder that has a bar to keep Squirrels and Blue Jays out of the seed. The ground being frozen, when she gave it to her husband, he placed it where his original feeder was located. Unfortunately as we speak, she adds that only one Sparrow sues it thus far. She suggests that we all make sure to shovel around our feeders, especially when it snows, ground feeders will be able to pick up whatever falls from the feeders when the other birds grab and fly.

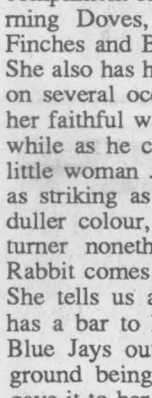
Our Squirrel keeps coming back for peanuts and is becoming quite bold as he fills his jowels and darts away, but in his own good time. Our contingent of Blue Jays and Starlings keep enjoying our feed. A number of Sparrows and Chickadees are regulars at the feeders and the Mourning Doves wait patiently in the apple tree waiting their turn. They feed off the ground along the walkway where we toss seeds. Often they will sit on the veranda steps, lined up on various steps looking like a game or ready for a photo shoot. Sheltered from the chill blasts of wind by the high snowbanks on each side of the walk, they seem to enjoy soaking up the sun shine. Our male Cardinal has been back for a snack. He does not stay long, and is very timid. It seems like he is checking things out in case he brings the family by...wish he would! The other morning and then again that very night we noticed three lumps on the brisk walk, it was our Bunnies-big, middle and small enjoying some food before darting away to their shelter, wherever it is. Their ears flick as soon as we came near the doorwindow. Amazing how they know you are watching even with the door between us. They nibble at the goodies we toss out there and then are off like bullets across the snow drifts.

Our Irena Birder called to tell us she has seen 20 Snow Buntings along Rowena Road sitting in a tree. Grabbing her binoculars she noted they were mostly black and white but noticed some yellow on them as well and a brownish tinge could be detected through the glasses. A female Hairy Woodpecker drops by quite often to enjoy a snack while a male Hairy seems to prefer the new seed bell in the back yard. She has had 8 Juncos, 7 Blue Jays and Snow Buntings sighted west of the houses along Irena road getting a drink the other day when the sun was strong enough to melt the snow and allow it to run down hill. There were 8 Mourning Doves who came by for a meal and when she came to town she saw a Robin near Swampview on the roadway. Wonder what this lone wormer found to eat? Seems pretty early to see Robins! Two Red Polls were in the yard checking out the feed bell. She notes they have very little red on the top of their heads, rather it is a pale colour.

There are a lot of Starlings and Crows around the area these days. We miss the honking of the Canada Geese as they have quit flying over the house and with the River frozen solidly the Ducks and Geese are not floating on the frigid water any longer.

A caller along County Road Two reports regulars at the feeders,Mourning Doves, Blue Jays, Crows and Woodpeckers who seem to really like the suet blocks. They report a Hawk the other day who had just finished enjoying a smaller bird for lunch-Nature takes care of her own. Sparrows abound at every feeder these days and they too have a large number of Rabbits around the place...afterall they say bunnies reproduce rapidly. A Squirrel drops by to grab a snack too often, but he is cute.

Keep those calls coming in to 652-4395 and continue the column. Thanks to the callers this week.



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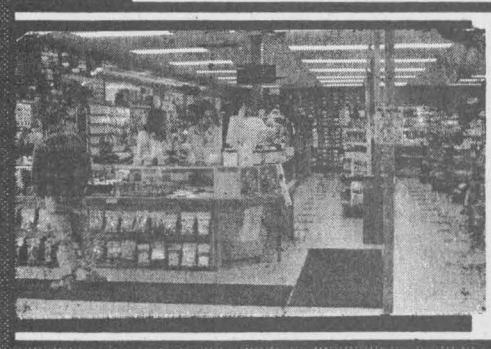
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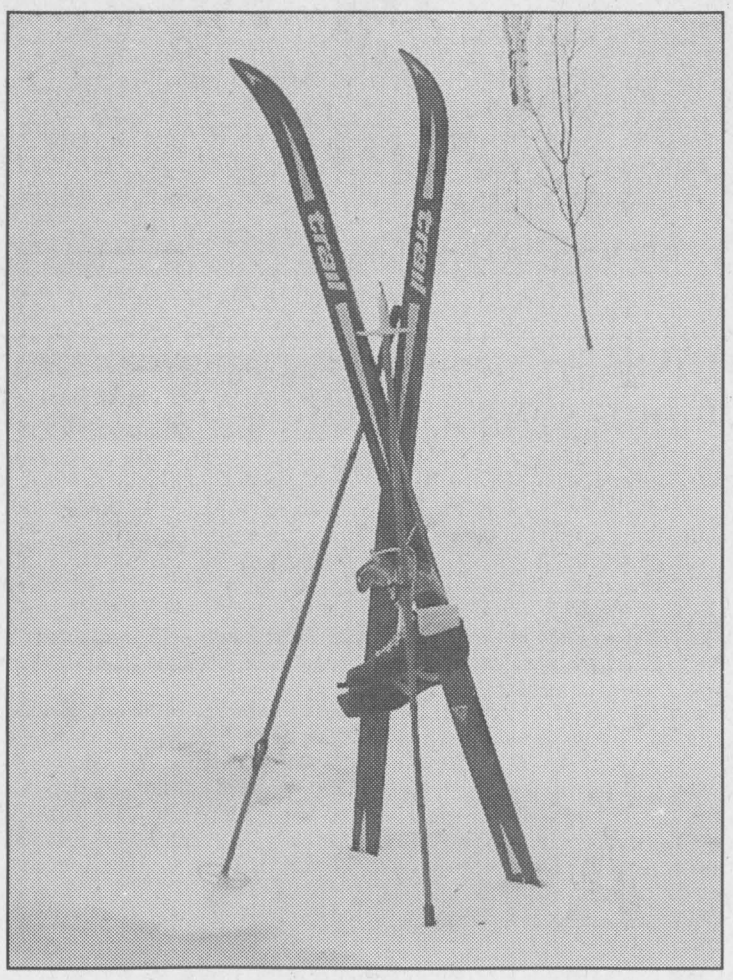
Provincial parks that offer a variety of heated indoor accommodations for an overnight winter visit include: MacGregor Point, near Point Elgin on Lake Huron; Algonquin, east of Huntsville; Sandbanks, on Lake Ontario near Picton; Silent Lake, south of Bancroft; Killbear, outside of Parry Sound; Quetico, near Atikokan; and Pinery, near Grand Bend

Several provincial parks also offer well-marked, groomed trails for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or hiking. Some also have hills for tobogganing or artificial rinks for ice-skating.

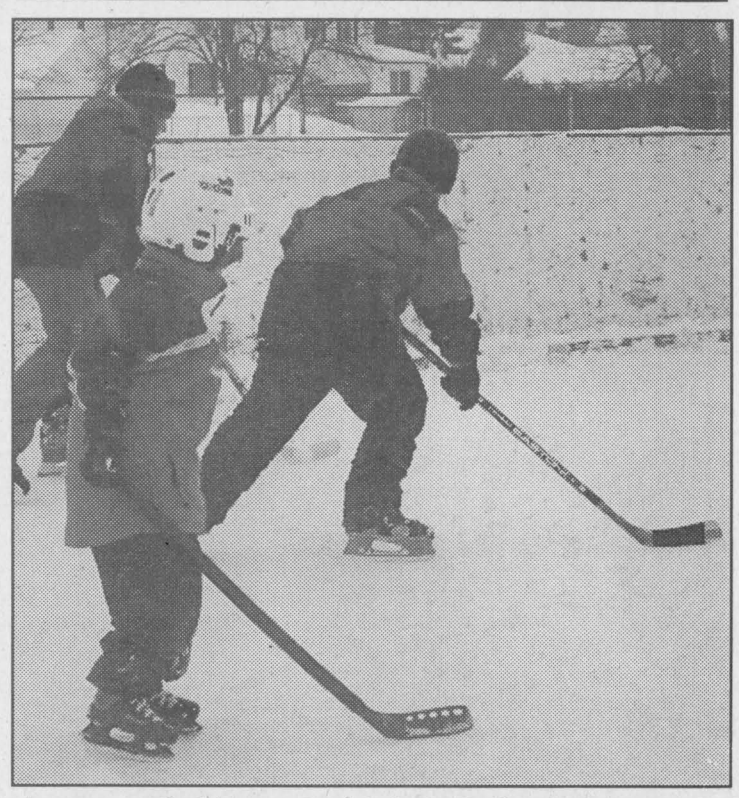
Reservations are required for all roofed accommodations, and for basic winter campsites at Bronte Creek, MacGregor Point and Pinery. For other parks, reservations for basic winter campsites are recommended but not required.

"Whether visitors are staying overnight or just out for the day, basic cold-weather precautions should always be taken before heading to a provincial park in winter," said Ramsay. "Always contact park staff for the latest information on snow and ice conditions before finalizing plans."

To make a reservation or to get further information, please visit the Ontario Parks Web site at www.OntarioParks.com. Reservations can also be made by calling 1-888-ONT-PARK (1-888-66-8-7275). To make a reservation for lodge accommodations in Killbear, Pinery and Quetico, it is necessary to call the park directly.



Cross-Country skiing is great exercise for all.



A game of shinny at the Iroquois rink



Four-wheeling is popular for work and play..

Anglers reminded to stay safe

With the ice fishing season about to move into full swing across the province, Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay is reminding winter anglers to make personal safety a top priority at all times.

"By all means enjoy this fabulous winter sport, but bring your common sense with you," said Ramsay. "Ice conditions can be deceptive, they can change in an instant, so stay alert, stay aware - stay alive."

With over 250,000 lakes teaming with fish, Ontario is a paradise for ice fishing enthusiasts from across North America.

Anglers should always check ice conditions with local ice hut operators before venturing out onto a frozen lake. It's also a good idea to let others know where you're planning to fish and when you plan to return. Appropriate dress and equipment are key. Many anglers now don floater suits and carry a set of ice picks.

Other important ice facts include:

- Ice does not freeze at a uniform thickness across most lakes and rivers. Check thickness regularly with a spud bar or auger as you go;
- Not all ice is created equal. Ice that has formed over flowing water, prings, pressure cracks, old ice holes or around the mouths of rivers and streams can be weaker than surrounding ice.
- Clear blue ice is the strongest; white or opaque ice is much weaker (thickness levels should be doubled); and ice that takes on a honeycombed look - common during thaws or in the spring - should be avoided altogether.
- Travelling on frozen lakes or rivers with snowmobiles or vehicles can be particularly dangerous and added precautions must be taken. For instance, at least 20 cm (8 inches) of clear blue ice is required for snowmobiles and 30 cm (12 inches) or more is needed for most light vehicles.

Chili when you're chilly

After a fun few hours in the great outdoors what could taste any better than a steaming hot bowl of chili?

Whether skiing, cross country or downhill: after a run along the trails on your snowmobile, or a fun filled day with the children, sliding down hill, skating on the pond or at the rink: after building a snowman or a snowfort when you stand dripping on the mat inside the front or back door nothing can beat the smell of chili as the spices mix and the ingredients meld to create the most wonderful dish ever.

If there is anyone out there who does not know how to make chili...in a large pan brown a pound of lean ground beef, drain off excess fat and add a chopped onion, a stalk of celery chopped, 4 cloves of minced garlic, 2 tablespoons of chili powder, 1 tablespoon dried oregano and 1 teaspoon of salt and pepper. Cook for 2 minutes. Add a can of diced tomatoes and 1 can of kidney beans, drained and rinsed. For the adventurous you can add a chopped carrot, and a cup of frozen corn kernels to your mix.

Bring to a boil and reduce the heat to simmer for half an hour. Garnish the top with a cup of shredded cheese-your choice.

Variations exist and you can change this recipe to suit your tastes and needs...for instance you can use spicy sausage instead of ground beef and add a green pepper and red kidney beans with a cup of sour cream and green onions or boneless chicken thighs cubed a red and a yellow pepper and kidney beans with chives, parsley or onions or mushrooms and chopped walnuts with tofu, green pepper and kidney beans, plain yogurt and green pumpkin seeds or two cups of cubed peeled butternut squash together with a carrot, zucchini and black beans.

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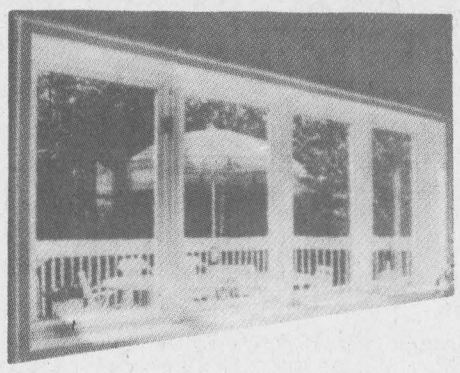
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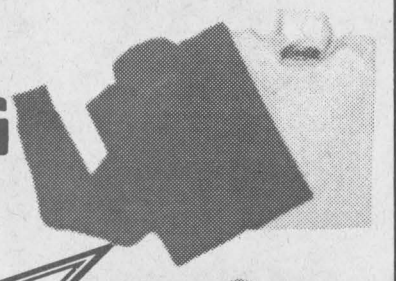
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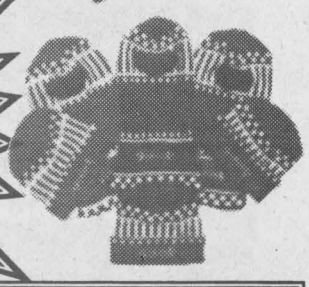
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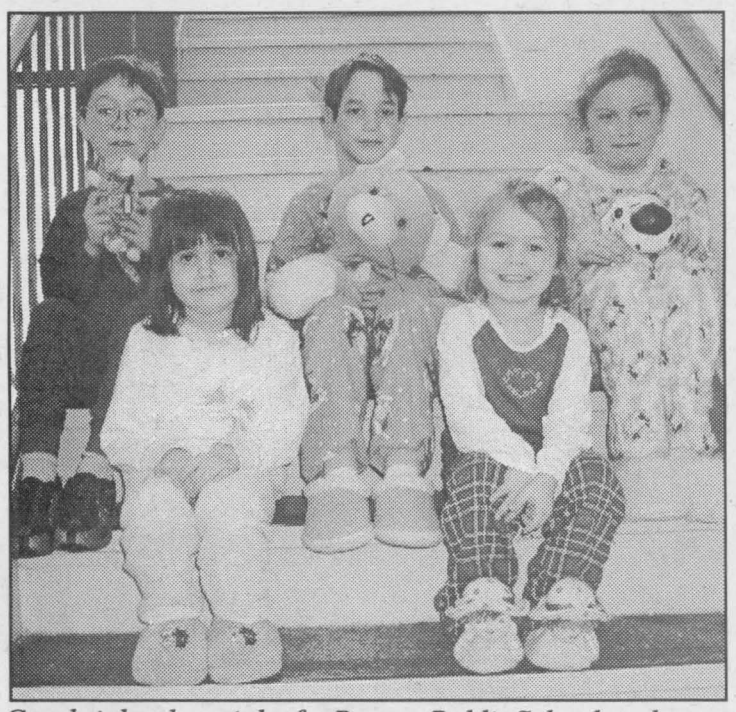


Goodnight, sleep tight, for Benson Public School students.

Beating the Winter Blues at Benson P. S.

by Lori Roberts
Chieftain Staff Reporter

While many of the local residents are mystified as to why winter seems to be hanging on stronger this year, students at Benson Public School in Cardinal celebrated the season with their Winter Carnival.

Sponsored by the Student Council, a week long celebration was held with many events to help students beat the winter blues.

On Monday, students were encouraged to get in the mood for summer by digging out their brightly coloured shorts, shirts hats and donning their sun gear to celebrate Beach Day. Curtis Toupin, Jordan Witteveen, Troy Tousignant, Taylor Calhoun, Brittany Simzer, Marrisa Baker and Jenna Toupin were gathered in the gym to show The Chieftain their prize winning outfits.

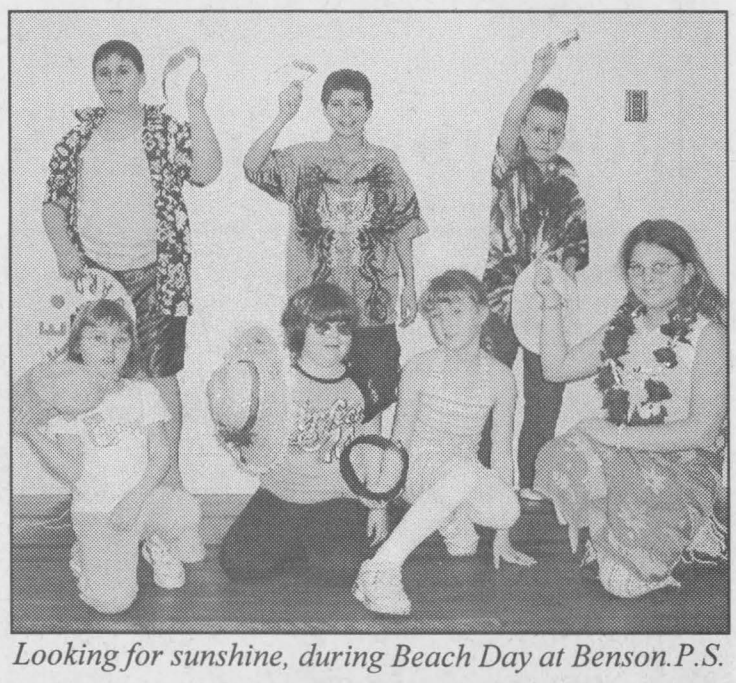
On Tuesday, students came to school wearing the pyjamas and carrying all shapes and sizes of stuffed animals. Katie Stewart with her Sabrina the Teenage Witch slippers and Payton Turner wearing Strawberry Shortcake slippers were as cute as could be. Alexander Hale wore his Spiderman P.J.s, while Kurtis Murphy and Jenna May Bilmer brought their stuffed animals along to keep them company.

Students were encouraged on Wednesday to break the rules and chew bubble gum on their way to the Bubble Blowing Championship. Rebecca Williams and Spencer Disheau were crowned champs with Brock Murphy, Sarah Smith, Jonas Grant, and Sarah MacDonald also placing at the top of the school.

Thursday afternoon the grade 6,7 and 8 students enjoyed a Valentine Dance while Friday the school enjoyed a skating party.

the students will take part in a Talent Show today (Wednesday) in the gym with parents invited to join in on the fun to help cheer on the contestants. Students were encouraged to take some time to rehearse before auditions took place at recesses beginning on February 2.

Certainly a great way to help students celebrate this great season and have some fun midway through the school year.



Looking for sunshine, during Beach Day at Benson.P.S.

Dixon's Corners Public School

NEWSLETTER

by Penny Levesque
Vice-Principal

Hopefully everyone in the Dixon's family had a happy and loving Valentine's Day.

The grade 5/6 class had a memorable trip to Ecole de Neige. They had a break in the weather with fun filled days of sunshine and outdoor winter activities. The students were not only submerged in the french language but they also plunged into snow activities. Cross country skiing, skating, winter outdoor games, sliding and tubing were a few of the activities enjoyed by all. I would like to thank the teachers and parent volunteers who chaperoned the students at Ecole de Neige. Teachers and students will sleep soundly for a week or two after all that fresh air!

Back at school, the grades 3/4, 1/2 and kindergarten enjoyed a winter fun day on Tuesday, followed by a musical instrument demonstration at North Dundas on Wednesday. Everyone had a good tome.

Just a reminder to all parents that an evening with Michele Borba is coming up March 4, 2003. This is an evening set aside for parents to hear Michele speak on building Moral Character for all children. this program is very worth while and comes highly recommended.

Have family fun, every evening and read to your child!

COMING EVENTS

DIANE VALLIQUETTE
and
JOHN FOSTER
were married on
February 4, 2004
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We will be having a **raffle** and **silent auction** to generate funds for our outdoor playground equipment (eg. basketball nets, soccer goals, etc.). Raffle draws and the silent auction winners will be announced at the breakfast at 12:30 pm Please come out, invite your friends, maybe win a great prize, and most importantly, support **your local Catholic School!**
F11-2tp/15732

Dundas County Hospice
Presents
"Grief vs. Depression"

A presentation focused on identifying the difference between the normal grieving process and depression.

Speaker: Martha Atteridge-Buffton from Carleton University
Date: Monday, February 23
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Park Lane Senior's Support Centre, 4324 Villa Drive Williamsburg, Ontario

For further information please call 535-2215. We welcome anyone with an interest in this topic.
F18-1tc/15745

Winter Safety
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PANCAKE SUPPER
Tuesday, February 24
4:30 to 7 pm
South Mountain United Church
Adults $5
12 and under $2.50
Pancakes, deep fried sausages, home-made donuts and Mennonite maple syrup. Snowmobilers welcome.
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PANCAKE SUPPER
SHROVE TUESDAY
February 24, 5 to 7 pm
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Tickets at the door.
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Race to the finish

These two sled dog teams race for the finish line at the Annual Mountain Fun Day held on Saturday. The two are part of the SDNG Dog Sledding and Carting Association and were taking riders through the scenic trails at the Mountain Memorial Park. This was just one of the many events taking place, where huge crowds gathered despite the cold temperatures.

Chieftain Photo by Lori Roberts

