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Certificate of Merit for Sarah Charbot

(l-r) M.P. Bob Kilger, Sarah Charbot, Jim Pakeman and South Dundas mayor Johnny Whitteker. Charbot received a Governor General's Certificate of Merit for saving Pakeman's life after a waterskiing accident in the summer of 1998. Without her knowledge, Charbot was nominated for the certificate and was genuinely surprised to be the focus of attention at Seaway on Monday. She was praised for her heroic actions by the S.D.&G. M.P., who presented her with the certificate on behalf of the Governor General.

Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen

Sarah Charbot receives honour for heroism

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The heroic actions of a Seaway student brought her some special attention at an assembly this past Monday.

Sarah Charbot didn't know it until shortly before the ceremony began in the gym, but she was to receive a Governor General's certificate, "for an act of great merit in providing assistance in a selfless manner," from federal M.P. Bob Kilger, in front of her peers.

In 1998, Charbot, who lives on County Road 2 near Cardinal, was a passenger in a boat pulling a slalom waterskier in the Galop Canal. The skier, Jim Pakeman, a fellow Seaway student, had one of his feet come loose from the slalom board, causing him to crash into the water. His left leg, which remained attached to the board, was shattered, the front tibia broken in 30 places.

Charbot, a certified lifeguard, leapt into action. She and another individual swam out to Pakeman, who was conscious but unable to swim. She kept the young man afloat, treading the 52 C water for about half an hour while the other person went to get help.

"In effect, saving his life," said principal Larry Poirer, Charbot, 19, wide-eyed as she shared the stage with politicians — Kilger, South Dundas mayor Johnny Whitteker and Iroquois councillor Audrey Rooney — and beaming parents Dale and Janice, with grandmothers Charbot and Thompson.

Her "special friend," Jim Pakeman, 21, was up there with his rescuer too, as were his parents, Jim and Karen.

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Youth Service Canada contingent is back with a maze of ideas

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A cedar-hedge maze and a limited edition set of South Dundas medallions were among the ideas bandied about by members of the local Youth Service Canada contingent when they visited South Dundas Council at its temporary meeting spot in Iroquois last Thursday.

The 'millennium heritage maze' concept belonged to Christa Getchell, who proposed growing the maze somewhere along the waterfront in South Dundas. It would be an excellent way to combine heritage and tourism and to use the waterfront "to our advantage," she said.

The only similar maze in eastern Ontario is found at a private residence in Kemptville, Getchell noted.

At 26,000 square feet, the maze would include two viewing towers, a sitting area, and fountains and lights. Funding would come from private sponsors, marked with plaques at the site, as well as government grants.

"There's a whole bunch of funding available," said Y.S.C. coordinator Kirsten Gardner, adding Getchell's idea fit well with today's emphasis on eco-tourism.

Coun. Cam Martel liked the idea and said a maze could be worked into the township's plans for the waterfront.

Gardner, recently hired by the township to chase down as many government grants as possible, was also presenting a unique idea for the new century: five limited edition South Dundas ornaments, which would be made available next year. Medallion-like and made of pewter, the five editions would commemorate each of the four wards as well as Riverside Heights.

Gardner suggested the Iroquois ornament would show a laker at the locks. Morrisburg's would show the old high school. Matilda would get the McIntosh apple and Williamsburg, Dr. Locke. The Anglican church in Riverside Heights, moved during the Seaway, would make up the image on a fifth ornament.

Up to one thousand copies of each edition would be cast, depending on demand. A much smaller number of silver copies could also be produced. An Ottawa company has already offered to take on the job without charging artistic or moulding fees, Gardner noted.

A similar idea has already been tried in Guelph, where medallions sold for $15 each. "They sold like hotcakes," she said enthusiastically. "They sold out in a month."

Provincial funding is likely available to help with the project, she added.

A jesting Cam Martel suggested the Williamsburg medallion be emblazoned with the likeness of none other than Mayor Johnny Whitteker.

Bylaw officer considered

The occasional nicotine addict is lighting up inside the Morrisburg Arena and then sneering at employees who tell the person they are breaking the non-smoking bylaw, so council is looking at hiring the services of a genuine ticket-toting bylaw enforcement officer.

Recreation manager Keith Robinson told council that his workers at the arena don't get much respect when it comes to asking violators to butt out.

Right now, bylaw infractions are dealt with on a complaint basis by Don Lewis, head of planning and enforcement for South Dundas. But as CEO Mike Waddell pointed out, it's too much for one person to handle the enforcement part.

"He can't be at the hockey game every night and out here checking handicapped parking at the same time," he said from the chamber in Iroquois.

As it is, the township doesn't have a handicapped parking bylaw. And even if it passed one immediately, Lewis wouldn't be equipped to tuck tickets under windshield wipers; instead, bylaw violators in South Dundas -- whether they be renegade smokers or parkers -- must be personally served with a court summons.

Coun. Audrey Rooney pointed out the former Village of Iroquois managed to get a bylaw ticket book shortly before amalgamation, though it was quite a lengthy legal process to do so.

Council had bylaw enforcement on the mind as it was poised to pass yet another, this one to outlaw parking in the clocktower courtyard at the Morrisburg Plaza. It passed unanimously.

"If we're going to pass a bylaw, we've got to have the resolve to enforce, or not bother," said Coun. Cam Martel. He suggested the township hire a separate bylaw enforcement officer to look after the "smaller details" like parking issues, smoking and poop 'n' scoop.

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Fix-up or replace Morrisburg arena

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A year after some quick fixes to the Morrisburg arena roof, South Dundas Township's insurance company is asking questions, putting pressure on council to finally decide what to do with the old barn.

In August 1998, council received an engineer's report from the Thompson Rosemount Group recommending a minimum of $985,000 in repairs to bring the building up to code. The report cited three structural failures that, it said, made it "remarkable" that the entire roof hadn't already collapsed during winter snow loading.

Council responded last year with some interim measures that included having employees regularly shovel snow off the roof, and replacing two structural beams.

However, a letter released at Thursday's council meeting in Iroquois indicates South Dundas's insurance company, having recently seen the report for itself, wants to know what "council intends to do in respect to the problems at the arena."

The cost of a new arena has been estimated at $8 million.

So what does council intend to do?

The short answer: take a harder look at its options and finally, make a decision.

Councillor Cam Martel framed the issue. "The report indicates some structural changes have to be made. The question is, do we fix it?

"Or, if it's going to be replaced, then you do what you do to replace it."

Council is already looking at one game plan on the replacement front.

"We did make a few decisions on what we were going to do," declared councillor Rowdy Gillard, who noted township staff were instructed to look into a partnership arrangement on a new arena.

Township CEO Mike Waddell confirmed he is in contact with officials in Kanata, where a municipal arena, in a revenue

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Christmas Wish Tree Campaign

For the 1999 Christmas season, you can honour your friends and loved ones and support your local hospital with a donation to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Christmas Wish Tree Campaign.

As a symbol of your generosity, Christmas trees adorned with decorations, bearing the name of your choice, will be displayed in the hospital lobby for the yuletide season.

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Donor cards, for mail-in donations, can be picked up at the hospital. They come in a Christmas card format so you could spread a good idea while you spread Christmas cheer. Or, for last minute types, make your donation in person and claim your little bit of twinkly real estate.

'Tis almost the season to be jolly

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

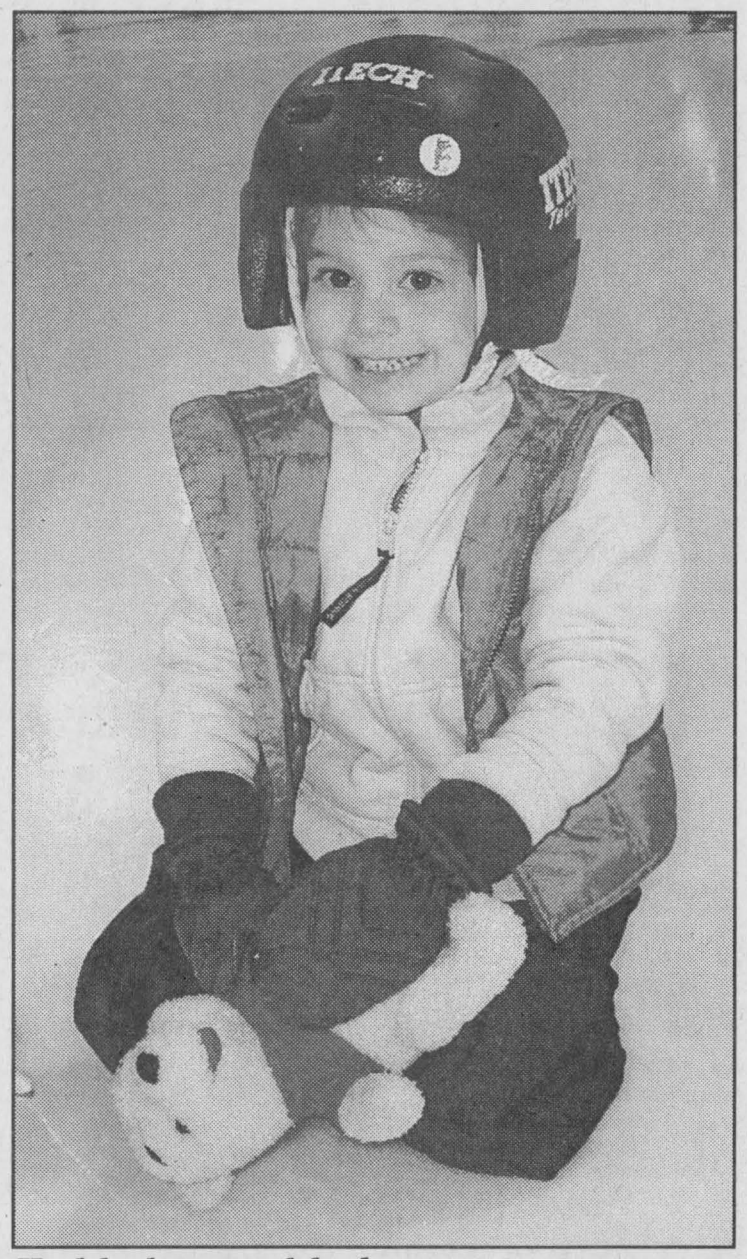
Ho!Ho!Ho! Bless my buttons, it is almost time to load the sleigh and head out...well Christmas is only 24 days and counting. Advent calendars have their first window open and celebrations and church services are in place as the season heads into full swing.

Santa has been to Iroquois (Triple T last Saturday and we missed him!!Sorry about that). The Light up the Night extravaganza in Winchester is scheduled for this Friday night, sure to get each of us in the festive mood. Santa will fly into Morrisburg in time for their parade on Saturday, December 4. The following Sunday, the fifth, Matilda Hall will host a Christmas Season Service for shutins and seniors, everyone is welcome. Things get going at 11am, and there will be a communion, a Christmas play featuring the Matilda United Charge Sunday School children and the singing of all the old favourite hymns. Lunch will follow and transportation is provided for anyone who needs a ride. Call 652-4993 if you cannot find a lift. The various church schools in the area will present their annual concerts and church services will be held to celebrate the birth of the Chirst Child.

Running from December 3-5, the Second Annual Country Christmas Tour in South Dundas is sure to score points as shoppers begin the seasonal trek in search of the perfect gift. Offering unique ideas for the festive season, this is a wonderful way to spend a day.

December 11, Santa will arrive in South Mountain and take part in their annual parade as it leaves Nationview School and heads for the Fairgrounds, floats will fill Main Street.

The area is alive with celebrations of the season as Christmas time draws near. Take time to enjoy as many as you can. A drive around the local villages will provide a free show as some pretty amazing light shows are on display at neighbours here and there...Ho!Ho!Ho!



Teddy has no blades

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This young skater had a teddy along for security. We could not learn his name, but were told that a short time ago, he crawled onto and off of the ice during skating lessons. A few careful lessons and some expert advice from his teacher and he skates like a pro already. Falling is a very normal part of the early going on the ice.

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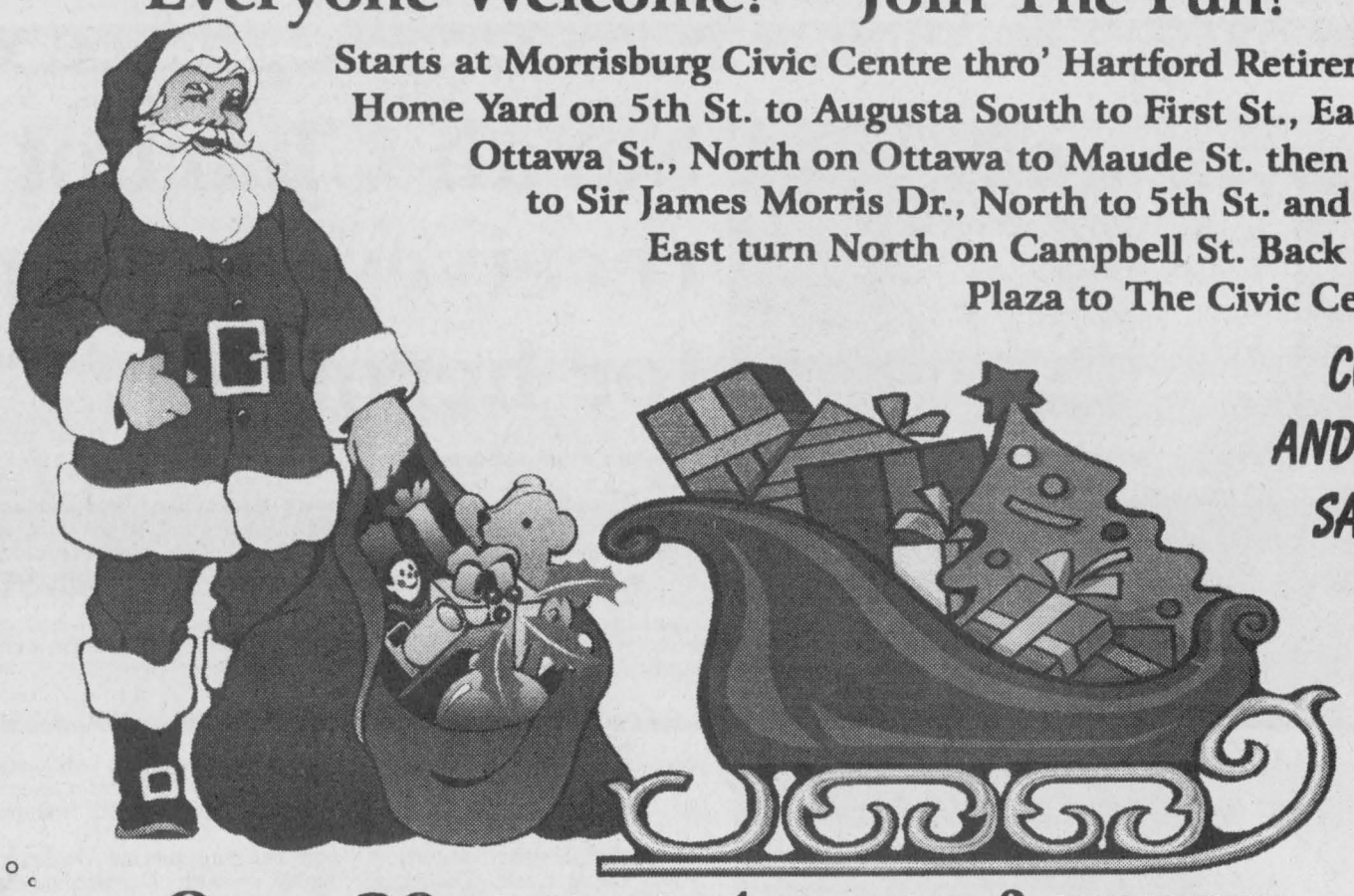

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Jim Millard SDHS Communications teacher accepts a cheque from Jim Lewis of S&F Foodland for $1500. towards necessary equipment for the Community Radio Station. One of four Co-Op students who work the station regularly, Kevin Fields, the CISD South Mountain connection was ready to go "On Air" as the money passed hands. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Cedar Glen amendment approved

by Nelson Zandbergen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The wheels have been put in motion to allow the severance of five lots off the Cedar Glen Golf Course.

The first step in allowing the severances came during council's Thursday meeting in Iroquois, where a site specific amendment to the Williamsburg ward's official plan received the blessing of township politicians.

The issue now goes to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, which may or may not approve of the idea.

Dennis Casselman, president of the golf course, and his planning consultant, Bill Buchanan, were on hand at the meeting to make their case for allowing the five residential lots. The lots would be located on Saddlemire Road, backing onto the course.

The lots, which would be put up for sale, generated considerable discussion regarding what, or what has not been previously agreed to with golf course representatives.

In the summer of 1998, the golf course, which had recently expanded to the back nine holes, was in discussion with township officials about sharing the costs of widening Saddlemire Road.

At the time, the golf course was thinking of relocating its club house to the old Saddlemire farmhouse at the end of the road.

"Discussion papers were passed back and forth," Casselman said on the telephone later, but no formal agreements were signed.

By the fall of that year, Casselman said, township officials were made aware the clubhouse relocation would not proceed for at least another five years.

"It didn't make sense for us to enter an agreement on the road at that point," he stated, insisting the road expansion and the lot severances remain unrelated matters.

"One has no bearing on the other."

At Thursday's public meeting, however, some council members tried to link the two issues.

"The whole issue was wrapped around the expansion of the golf course," Coun. Cam Martel said.

Coun. Audrey Rooney expressed concern the new lots would lead to demands for a better road from new home owners.

"I know they'll be at council asking for a wider road.

Added Rooney, "We'd never get the tax dollars out of these five houses."

Casselman jumped in and noted there are three established houses on the road already, two of them occupied.

"The road should be fixed for them to start with," he said.

Saddlemire Road was originally built by Dr. Locke.

"We're circumventing what we agreed to," Martel said. "We would do our share, you do your share, and we all win."

He added potential buyers should be made aware the township won't necessarily be widening the road anytime soon.

"I'm a little confused," Casselman responded. "Our intentions were definitely clear for another five years."

Coun. Rowdy Gillard defended the golf course. "I've never held anybody up to fix a road," he stated.

"What he's asking for is some severances on a road."

Mayor Johnny Whitteker said he hoped the golf course would agree to help with improvements to the road if the clubhouse is moved there.

Casselman told The Chieftain the club house could, "and I emphasize 'could'," be moving to the Saddlemire house after the next two phases of expansion are done at the course.

He said the course would be willing to re-enter cost sharing discussions on the road at that time. The course would lean toward lending equipment and labour for the job, he said.

There were no dissenting votes on the official plan amendment.

Royal Canadian Legion Newsletter

This past Saturday, November 27th, the Cribbage League had seventeen players doing battle on the boards in the lounge. Capturing top spot was Willis Douglas who has been hot lately after spending two weeks at his deer hunting camp. Holding up the ladies end of things was Sandra Horricks in second place while Duane Kirker edged out Joe MacDonald for the third spot. Only ten skunks appeared on the day and Bob McKee was the only player to nab a pair.

At the Euchre on November 23rd, there wree thirteen tables being played. Bill Sanderson ended up in first place while Marjorie Gray grabbed second and Joe Roberts got the door prize. The skunks were lingering around on this evening as Ron Wardle, John McCaslin, Fred Brouse and Doris Mills were attracted by the little critters.

At Duplicate Bridge on the same evening, there were five tables being played and the top winners of the evening were Rick and Judy Darling. Now this is one game that I am told is quite interesting for those who get involved. Should anyone be interested in joining the fun, you are all welcome to participate, just come out to the Legion on any Tuesday evening...everyone is welcome.

Don't forget about your membership...if you haven't already gotten in on the early bird, as of December 1st you can add four bucks to the early bird and end up right on time. Try to remember to get your dues paid as soon as possible. Just maybe our Branch will be awarded a plaque for having the most paid up members before the end of the year.

The Diners Club will be entertaining at our Branch on December 9th. Should anyone be interested in joining in on the lovely meal and want some fellowship (which always follows the meal), please phone John Wilson at 652-4958 and he will fill you in on what it is all about. I have been at the Branch on several occasions when the Diner's Club have been getting the meal ready and it only costs a few dollars. Something like five or six bucks for a terrific meal and some good company too! This is open to anyone who wants to come out.

The Ladies' Auxiliary are gearing up for a busy catering season and this all starts as of this week. How the time goes, next thing you know, it will be New Year's Eve. All the tickets have been sold and there is a waiting list as this goes to press.

As I write this newsletter, I am thinking that the Branch should look pretty nice as some of the members were starting to gather and put up some decorations on Sunday. Unfortunately I was unable to help them as I was invited to Chesterville to assist the Chesterville Branch with their grand opening of their new Branch. They have built a new home next to the arena. I can tell you they certainly have a very nice new Legion home. They have every right to be proud of what they have accomplished. Bev and Joyce Young did the majority of woodwork like the main bar and stage and the beautiful kitchen cupboards. They are lovely! If any of you gets the opportunity to drop into the Branch and tour the new facility, they will be open daily and welcome everyone.

Before I close for this week, our prayers and thoughts go out to Comrade Gerry Henophy and family for his beloved companion Comrade Lorraine Breau who is seriously sick

See you next week.



Lions Club donations

Iroquois/Matilda Lions donated $500. to the House of Lazarus (Shirley Nichol-Scott accepts) and another $500. to the Dundas County Food Bank (Judy Hilson, co-ordinator accepts) as Lion Dwight Gilmer hands over the money to two worthwhile enterprises that help so many in the area. Always doing good for the community, those Lions are great guys! *Chieftain photo by S.L Johnston*

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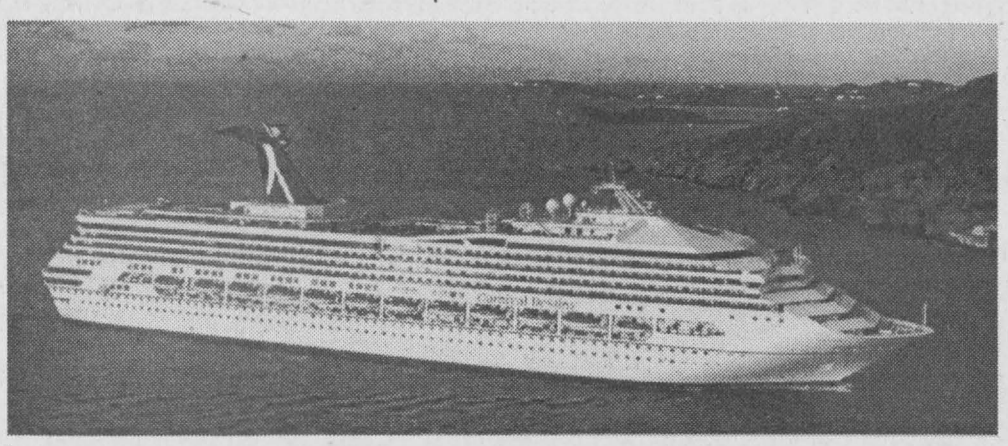

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Safety first...

Well, I guess we all know that it is vital to be safe from harm.

Taking care to ensure the safety of those we love is a priority for most.

Knowing that our children can enjoy their childhood in a safe neighbourhood can provide peace of mind for us. Even when they grow into teenagers we want to make sure they are safe, we equip them with knowledge and try to be certain they know what is right and wrong and how to handle various situations. We teach them and hope the lessons sink in. Yes, I have to say safety is a very important part of all our lives. When reaching adulthood, there is still someone who cares and our safety remains on the agenda. Driving safe vehicles, playing safe and working in a safe environment becomes something we each endeavour to create for ourselves.

Many of us contributed in some manner to the fundraising that enabled the local playgrounds to become home to some awesome play equipment. Dedications followed as the parks were named in honour of residents. Youngsters enjoyed the equipment playing for hours on them. Whether climbing or sliding, jumping or hanging, the youngsters enjoyed the time spent on the wooden structures.

Now, after years and years of playing on these wooden playstructures, our young people will not be subjected to the hazards they pose. How many of us played on play things we constructed ourselves from scraps? Now wood is not good enough, not safe enough. Everything on the playground must be metal. Now the children will be playing on steel equipment...is this safer?

Safer from what?

The Canadian Safety Standards dictates what can and cannot be utilized for playground structures. They say it is steel, not wood.

The wooden equipment is being torn down and discarded and in its place, when the money is available, steel structures will replace them.

Standing near the rink in Iroquois the other day as a work crew busily tore apart the beautiful wooden structure that had given youngsters so much pleasure, so many hours of fun. A young lady came along with her mother and the horrified look on her face told a sad tale...she was utterly devastated that "her" favourite playstructure was being demolished. She did not realize it will be replaced by a steel one that should be great fun in the winter as those wild and crazy kids who dare to be brave will place a tongue or a bare hand on the metal and remain stuck there until help arrives...or worse, as they slip and slide on the metal pieces that will be so slippery during the winter months.

Someone on the CSA knows best.

There must be piles of statistics to prove their theory.

Youngsters will have to find their own entertainment until new structures are constructed. The swings are still there, although the wind has been whipping through the mesh seats of those for the toddlers and the weaving is not as strong as was anticipated. The weather seems to be getting the better of the material and so parents are warned to be careful when taking their smaller child to the swings, test the seats before lowering your child into them.

Play safe...stay safe.

The Lions Club put a lot of hard work and sweat into these structures. This was apprecaited by everyone. Hopefully they will not be discouraged from doing for the youth of this community due to this ruling. The insurance scares that have people suing for little or no good reasons in hopes of finding an easy route through life has everyone worried about trouble and what can happen "if"....

The cost is in the thousands to replace these structures and who really knows if safety is being served with the use of metal?

Was the wood so dangerous?

Will metal insure no incidents or accidents?

Who is to say for sure?

We want all youngsters to be safe and to enjoy the green space. We all want the same thing, a safe play area. Will we have it after the new equipment is bought, paid for and erected??

I hope so.

S.L.J.

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Scouters join forces to explore what the next century may hold

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

It was a retreat of sorts where Scouters (Leaders from the various sections in Scouts Canada-Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers) from Voyageur Region came together for the first ever full conference of the newly formed region.

The acronym STiNC which stands for Scouting Together into the Next Century, the skunk symbol on the crests all registrants took home, the neckers worn by the committee members were black with a white strip down the back, and along with the very visible Stinky the Skunk, it was evident that while learning was to be accomplished, an air of fun and a lightness pervaded the conference.

This conference marked the first time since amalgamation of St. Lawrence and the National Capital Regions brought representatives together. Leaders came from Quebec and Cornwall, Ottawa, Nepean, Iroquois, Prescott, Brockville, Winchester, Kemptville, Smiths Falls, Richmond, Morrisburg,Manotick and places in between and about ...and were over 400 strong.

The year 2000 is fast approaching and it was the intention of STiNC'99 to offer tips in these changing times. As always the goal was accomplished through the sharing of ideas, the learning of new skills, by networking and in preparing for the future.

It was evident from the moment one arrived that this was going to a fun filled day. From the long line up enroute to registration, the laughter and the sharing began immediately. As Scouters recognized friends not seen for a while and the sun broke through to shine warmly, things were actually coming together after 18 months of planning. It was difficult not to break into song, Scouters are noted for doing this type of thing! The committee charged with the task of pulling this conference off admitted that they worked hard, "We ate, e-mailed, cried and laughed in order to get this job done on time," noted Beth Peterkin, Committee Chair.

Opening ceremonies featured Larry Jerneau, Acting Mayor of Brockville, MP Joe Jordon and MPP Bob Runciman. Alongside the political dignitaries were David Sweet (guest speaker), Suzanne Craig representing the Quebec Scouts contingent, Beth Peterkin, and various regional dignitaries: including the Regional Commissioner, John Whitham. Each of the stage people welcomed everyone in turn, suggesting a general theme, that "Scouting is a great way to educate our youth."

Mr. Sweet did a terrific job of focusing the day for everyone as he spoke. He suggested that there are guides to assist leaders in all walks of life from "developing a broad perspective" to realizing that "programming is vital"...when he said, "Do what you do so well and they (the youth) will come back and bring a friend." He encouraged each leader to "set lots of goals"...both personally and for the group. He said it is important to document your goals, set reasonable time limits, measure your progress, make goals attainable and they will become reality rather than becoming dreams. "Creating a learning environment" where failure can live as well as success is important. He explained how a "fail safe" environment will ensure that learning never stops. His advice on "making the most of every opportunity" was well received, especially when he said, "Do not apologize for Scouting, be bold...it IS the best thing going." It is terrific stuff to hear someone say, "Grasp every learning moment, teach when they are ready to learn. Instill confidence and reassurance, encourage your youth to go farther" and realize that, "Things you do will change lives."

Choosing from 41 workshop topics, those attending were provided with a wide range of activities to enhance the learning process and give new ideas on programs. Many of the 49 presenters have an interest in scouting but also have a professional relationship with their topic. JJ Clarke for example, a meteorologist for CJOH Television is an avid outdoorsman. His Weatherwise workshop, very popular on the day's roster showed how to forecast weather without using modern radar techniques. Did you know that bees never get caught in the rain? Watching the smoke from your campfire can actually predict the weather? It is a fact that a red sky at night and numerous other sayings and proverbs are accurate harbingers of weather, helping you to be better prepared even when no radio or TV is at hand to keep you abreast.

The mood of the day was laidback and relaxed. An informal yet eventful day, these conferences allow Scouters time to network and check out various items that are available to make their programs more exciting as well as to allow them to see that they are a part of a bigger movement than their own Colony, Pack, Troop, Company or Crew. Talking over problems, explaining what works well in their group and just laughing over a hot coffee, these are wonderful adventures for Leaders. Explaining to another leader how a certain program element worked well for you can help them and boost your confidence. Going home with a bag of fresh ideas keeps the youth interested and will encourage them to keep coming back. It is a terrific way to rejuvenate your self and your program...keeps things from growing stale.

The magic of starting campfires and keeping them interesting and fun was one lesson. The presentation on the Law of the Jungle was a hoot and learning to keep the 10-year old Cub (usually final year for a Cub) into the program-coming back for more was informative. Developing and encouraging leadership roles in youth, equipping a troop without breaking the bank hit home for many,learning how to turn concepts into cash provided fundraising ideas and cool camp crafts are always

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Souvenirs from STiNC Conference reminders of fun.

~ Back spasms shake old editor ~

Just Plain Livin'
with Sandra Lee

OUCH! A massive onslaught of muscle spasms in the lower back have tossed a curve at the old Editor this week. Moving some stacked newspapers in a box that were getting dangerously high must have been the lift that was just too much. What started as a mild pain when I moved a certain way has developed into a full fledged painful stabbing sensation most of the time. The "back buddy" Orbus Form back rest helps, but there seems to be no real relief. I tried lying on the floor, icing the worst spot and still no real relief. The big guy was very sympathetic and was ready to do whatever he could to alieviate the pain, but nothing seemed to really do much good. Stairs were impossible and getting into and out of the car was near to impossible. Then Saturday evening things really broke into a crazy state as a spasm tried to move upwards and was somehow thwarted...OUCH!!! A visit to the medical man was not very fruitful as he brushed it off as a pinched nerve-maybe and suggested ice and pain pills. A stop by the bone crunchers office found him away and his co-cruncher busier than a cat on a tin roof...no appointments until Monday. Suffer all weekend long and nothing for it but to grin and bear it. I was definitely NOT a good patient. I did get some sleep though when enough pills were popped and a visit to see a systems therapist was to be the ticket. Although his initial work on the soft tissue was painful, things began to feel better and the movements that had earlier pulled and stretched and been painful began to ease some and the pain faded slowly at first, but working the spasms through was a great idea and the muscles will be better for it. Now, if that Loto ticket would come through this feeling could be revisited every few days...just imagine what you would do with the big win! Not many would think of massage therapy, but this old bod needs help and I would definitely look into it. We will be seeing one another for a while, but he is helping and the epsom salt baths in the whirlpool tub seem to be helping. His magic fingers and his knowledge of what to punch, pull and when to stop.

The weather and the pain made it impossible to strike out to see the Fort Town Santa parade. By all accounts it was great, despite the rain. The reporter was on assignment and was quick to let his old Editor know that he got a wonderful soaking while trying to capture some of the creative masterpieces on film..."Welcome to the news world Nelson!"

Saturday saw the pain not so bad and I had prepaid to attend a Scout Conference in Brockville and so like the old fool I am I struck off for the day, back buddy tucked under my arm and the promise that if it grew too painful I would be home immediately. Standing a lot and walking a bit, sitting no more than necessary, I made it through a very interesting and informative day. That night, I paid for the daytime activities and wondered if it was worth it. Meeting folks not seen for years was fun and the fact that they remembered me says something about this organization. It was mentioned that the open hugs and smiles as familiar faces were spotted, we are one group who has no inhabitions and can show our feelings without fear of retribution or sarcasm. Mentors and presenters who taught a young Scouter the ropes way back when...

Very little ironing was done, enough to get everyone through a few days is all. Sunday was spent reclining most of the day, and so the Grey Cup was watched. Cheering for the Hamilton Tiger Cats from our province was fun and the fact that they won was not too shabby either. Some good playing on both sides of the scrimage line too. Danny can toss that ball and those receivers were awesome, one-handed catches and all. It was a good game and since the prone position does not allow a lot of things to be accomplished, it worked out as well as could be expected. I did enjoy the game and the second son dropped by every once in a while to check on his old mom as the first son and the big guy were out part of the day. Speaking of the first born, he is winding down the semester and will soon be actively seeking employment for the long Christmas holiday, to help pay for that Mac computer he needs for the second semester. He and the gal friend baked cookies the other night and they taste pretty good...maybe he missed his calling? We are more than willing to allow him to try his culinary expertise out any time too! The little Tempo has a new gas tank, seems that the gasoline will be better in the tank than on the ground. The little gold car is still travelling back and forth to the city and has only 5 more round trips until a break in the school action will give it a rest until the New Year. We are seriously con-

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the bottom line

CROOKS ARE FINDING A NEW TWIST ON SOME OLD SCAMS WITH Y2K. Y2K, the police say, provides an opportunity to fraud artists and others who shake down unsuspecting victims. The fraudsters key in to public fears surrounding the unknown impact of Y2K. Phone calls soliciting personal banking information or offers to sell emergency preparedness kits should set off alarm bells. Don't be surprised if you receive such a call. Hang up and tell someone.

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POLICE HAVE BEGUN THEIR CRACKDOWN ON IMPAIRED DRIVING for the holiday season. The inceased levels of roadside surveillance run until Jan. 2 next year. O.P.P. will partner with other police agencies and organizations to crackdown on impaired driver as part of the annual Festive R.I.D.E. Campaign. During the five week campaign last year, a total of 100,595 vehicles were stopped and 120 persons charged under the criminal code. 242 received 12-hour licence suspensions.

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FRIENDS OF THE APPLE TREE MINISTRY ARE SPONSORING A TURkey dinner on Christmas Day for anyone who wants to share a community meal. This will be the third Community Christmas Dinner. It starts at 12:30 p.m. in the Legion hall in Morrisburg. Following a dessert of home-baked pies topped with ice cream, there will be a chance to chat over coffee, sing a few songs and pick up a treat from Santa. There's no charge for the meal, but a free-will offering will be accepted. Please call the Anglican Church office (543-3904) by Dec. 22 if you plan to attend.

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COME AND ENJOY CHRISTMAS STORIES AND ACTIVITIES AT THE Iroquois Library. A preschool storytime for children ages 3 to 5 years runs Wed., Dec. 1 at 2:30 p.m. Please register at the branch.

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A 'CHRISTMAS FROM THE HEART' SOUP LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD at 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 11, at the Morrisburg Curling Club. The meal features soup, a roll, an apple, and tea or coffee, and is sponsored by the Dundas County Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Proceeds go to the Foundation as well as the South Dundas Christmas Exchange. Cost is $3 per meal, plus a food donation for the Exchange. Organizers promise a wonderful Christmas ambience at the event. Participants can help themselves to the cash bar, or maybe get checked out at the blood pressure clinic instead. The deadline for take-out meals will be Fri., Dec. 10; phone 543-3134 or 543-2547.

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welcome. Games are a sure fire way to keep kids coming and challenging mind and body helps as well, this workshop had leaders acting like youth. Storytelling is an artform and learning to do it well will benefit your youth no matter their age. A Brockville RCMP Constable gave tips on dealing with youth suspected of being involved with drugs, "Communications is the key when drugs are concerned," said Officer Rennick.

A full slate of events kept the 9-5 conference hopping as scouters moved from one workshop to the next. Lunch was prepared by students at the school where the event was hosted, TISS in Brockville and was right on the mark.

Taking a hike along the Rideau Trail through Voyageur Region could be a great adventure for the youth. Whether a short ramble or a trek along the entire 300 km-the second longest hiking trail in Ontario could be the challenge you and your youth are seeking. Learning the recipe for a great Scouts Own allowed everyone to take part in a self-directed spiritual journey. Blending messages, spirits and songs, stirring in innovation and pouring into a quite place, icing with reflection and allowing to sit quietly for a time, garnishing with joyful presence and serving to youth to enjoy; the goal here was to create a Scouts Own that all would remember for a lifetime. Sitting in on a workshop dedicated to CJ'01 which is being hosted in PEI in 2001. Preparing for 10 days and nights of fun without compromising the leaders; sanity and the well being of the youth in your care can be a daunting experience. It should be a fun filled time that will remain with each who takes part long after the event is over. Forewarned is best prepared and knowing that the winds will be wild and woolly, that tents will be pitched in that PEI sand can allow time to ensure that long pegs are ready, when homesickness settles in- what can be done to help, how to get there and home again economically, what subcamps are for and how to locate the essentials are all important. A treeless campsite and how to ensure the youth have a terrific time was discussed. Keeping communications open and remembering that the obvious stuff is most often forgotten can contribute to a great experience for everyone.

An introduction to the exciting world of astronomy and space science, hands-on discovery activities like creating a tea bag galaxy and realistic lunar craters, the participants constructed simple pocket sundials, planisphere star finders and handle a real meteorite (Which according to Iroquois Beaver Leader-Hawkeye was pretty heavy). The Advisors Forum was an open hour of exchanging ideas, problems and solving of as many as time allowed for Venturer and Rover Advisors to delve into. A panel discussion was open to any questions that needed clarification, on keeping abreast of all the recent changes in Scouting. A new Region, new Districts, new Scout Badge Program, new Cub Star badges, different uniforms and everyone going co-ed...moderated discussion proved a pile of answers to new and experienced leaders.

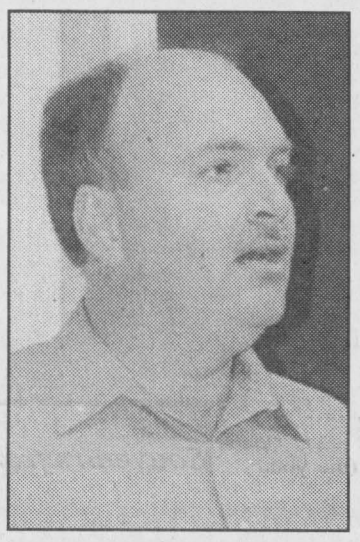
Visiting the world of puppetry gives a way to communicate that has long been used to relate to youth. A good leader keeps their cool, keeps the youth happy and their meetings running smoothly. There is enthusiasm, molehills not mountains, feeling safe, where trust and fairness abounds. Listening is important and participation by all. Utilizing discipline correctly can lead to a better experience of everyone involved. A session helped everyone become comfortable with talking to adolescents about sexuality, through exploration frequently asked questions and the fact that helpful community resources available to leaders were clarified,this workshop was well received. Risk management...more than just the prevention of physical accidents. What about the risks where the intellectual, social and spiritual develop of youth are concerned? Setting priorities for risk management while engaging in challenging and fun activities was explored. Cool web pages, using multimedia in scouting is the way of the next millennium. Court of Honour means that the Scouts themselves take control of the operations of the troop and it can work...encouraging youth to accept more responsibility and become leaders is vital if the program is to be effective. Motivation will create a leadership team of youth and leaders. Profits are important when groups fund raise and new ideas as well as tried and true ways to earn cash where everyone is treated fair including ethics, budgeting and working with donors, volunteers and the media. It is important to recognize achievements not only in the youth but in adult helpers too. Saying "Thanks" goes a long way.

Could you cook a 10kg turkey in a BBQ? Bake a cake in a cardboard box? Cook breakfast on the bottom of a tin can? Cook without a stove...no naphtha or propane? And the eating was a bonus in this workshop!! Grabbing ideas that turn waste into useful items always draws a crowd, so it was that Cool Camp Crafts was a popular one. A unique folding hot-dog stick you can wear on your belt, a one match fire starter made from recyclable items from around the house, a personalized situpon to keep your bottom up off the cold ground were all made and the plans taken back to groups throughout the Region. Pulling Together examined the team basics that will deliver results that are desirable.

A special time saw everyone gathered together again to enjoy a Voyage in Scouting History from the beginning in 1907 when a group of young boys camped on Brownsea Island as Scouting for Boys was born to 1916 when Wolf Cubs were started, 1917 saw the birth of Seas Scouts and Rovers, we travelled the time line in style. Lord Baden Powell (B-P) became the Chief Scout of the world in 1920 and the first World Jamboree was held. 1922 marked the first Woodbadge course for leaders. B-P paid his final visit to Canada in 1935, in 1937 the land was secured for Opemikon, a composite camp on Christie Lake. The totem that stands outside the Scouts National Headquarters in Ottawa was carved by patrol leaders in 1939. B-P died in 1941. The first Canadian Jamboree (CJ) was held in 1949. The 8th World Jamboree was held at Niagara On The Lake. The Cub program expanded to include 5 stars, Scout Trees started planting towards their 60 million tree goal, 1967 Venturers were set up and Beavers came to be in 1974. Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Scouting in 1982 was followed by CJ'85 in Guelph and CJ'97 in Thunder Bay. From meagre beginnings, there were 79,000 Beavers in 1990; 78,000 Cubs, 34,000 Scouts, 7,000 Venturers, 1700 Rovers and 44,000 Leaders. "A lot of proud moments that will be a tradition carried onward by the leaders of today and tomorrow."

Scouting is the only youth organization that incorporates a spiritual aspect to their program, setting it apart from all others that young people can become involved with. The Scouter's promise says, "On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and the Queen to help other people at all times and to carry out the spirit of the Scout Law," sums up the program at all levels.

As the sessions ended and the halls filled with excited voices which meant the day was a success, as leaders could not wait to tell their colleagues what they had learned, what they had done and how they could not wait to get back to the youth they lead to share the new ideas.



JJ Clarke teaches us about weather

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sidering an apartment or a boarding arrangement for son number one, the travelling will be wild when the snow is piled, have to see what his timetable is like for January through April. It is a never ending story of cash flow.

Helping the second son locate material for an English assignment has brought the big guy and the writer up to speed on World War II events. One downfall of living in the country is that facilities like the library is never open when you need it and driving to larger centres is not always feasible. We have a pile of info in many books which we do not always feel are worthwhile, but then these situations suggest we did the right thing purchasing the numerous books that line the shelves. He has been getting help from the grandparents around the corner as well and so it is a family project for sure.

That little smattering of snow that stayed on the ground Monday night into Tuesday made the Christmas wonderlands about the village come to life. Beach Street residents and a number in Carman Court have really outdone themselves. There are a number in Cardinal that are pretty spectacular as well. One in particular as you drive along the old canal from the east, your eyes are drawn to a very tall evergreen standing snuggled against a house and it is completely decorated. There is even a star poised at the very top, how they achieved this is a question to ask. The big thing is that they have enough lights to make it truly beautiful. Some folks attempt to decorate their outside trees and figure a strand or two of coloured bulbs are enough, when they just look silly. If you are going to decorate, then do it properly, and a masterpiece like this tree stands testimony to this way of thinking. Marvellous job!! The white stuff certainly adds the needed touch to everyones efforts. It is dark so early each day already, seeing the colourful display as I drive home brightens spirits after a long day that's for sure. Swampview is still without decorations, perhaps this weekend will be cold and stormy enough to spur us into action.

Driving to work on Monday it was quite the picture opportunity when I noticed that two young men were actually playing golf on the Iroquois Links, snow and all! Space does not allow for such things to make the pages of the paper since there is always too much "real" news, but it would have been a perfect front page grabber!!

Cutting out angels for the Annual Christmas Exchange tree that will be in the Bank of Montreal has The Chieftain Staff using noon hours to ensure that every child on our list gets at least one gift. If you want to really feel the spirit of the season, why not drop by and grab an angel this next week, it will make your Christmas even better.

Keep smiling and stay happy. get that shopping done and leave time to truly enjoy Christmas. The wisdom comes this week from Alfred Hitchcock who asked, "What is drama but life with the dull bits cut out?" Chew on that one for a while!!

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St. Lawrence Area Birdwatching
by Linda Anderson

Once again, a springlike November has passed and our days have been blessed with weak sunlight and brisk winds, blowing all those leaves around that we thought we had gathered up. (Better for the garden, too, that they stay on the ground, say some experts).

But now it is December, with no snow to speak of in our area and winter finches are slow to arrive. Feeder watching is a wonderful way to pass the time as we wait to see what species will come to feed on our treats.

Tree Sparrows have arrived:

The Northern Tree Sparrow was spotted in some bushes by our Irena Road birdwatcher. Although it hasn't shown up at any village feeders yet, finding adequate seeds is no problem for the birds because we have no snow cover. Their arrival date was about two weeks ago.

Woodpeckers in Town:

A resident on Elizabeth Drive near Carman Road called in a report of a **Pileated Woodpecker** in the trees in his garden. This largest of the country's woodpeckers, with its crested head and huge size is quite unmistakeable. Although a shy bird, the pileated may occasionally frequent residential areas if there are woodlots nearby.

Aging trees in the village provide plenty of insect food for woodpeckers. Another resident on Elizabeth Drive brought home some large pieces of rotten bark from one of their garden trees. Behind the bark, he discovered the overwintering hiding place of hundreds of ladybugs.

Caution: Pheasant on the Road:

Our Irena Road birdwatcher saw a **ring-necked pheasant** standing on the Rowena Road and had to honk the car's horn to make it move. Pheasants are not native to Canada, but were introduced to this country. Their call is much like the sound of a rusty clothesline being reeled in.

Chickadee Food:

A visit to a woodlot at the Iroquois Point Cemetery produced a **ruffed grouse** scurrying into the thickets and a small group of **black-capped chickadees**. The chickadees were attempting to break open the galls on the goldenrod plants. Inside the gall is a small insect. The gall is a growth actually produced by the insect and the larva (worm) is inside. In the spring, it will bore its way out to begin a new life cycle. Chickadees do feed on small insects as well as sunflower seeds.

Cat on a Cold, Slippery Roof:

Although this is a bird column, we couldn't resist this one. Our cat Tiger (aka Kitty) could be heard howling from our roof peak early Monday morning. Trapped up there, no doubt on a chase for starlings which like to sit on our TV aerial, Kitty had serious reservations about getting down alive. The cat literally slid down the icy shingles as if he was on a sled and landed upright and intact on the trellis roof of the deck. Shaking his cold paws in disgust, he finally managed to make it all the way down, starling-less and into the house for his regular breakfast. Cats being cats and all that!

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Seaway girls take championship

The Seaway junior girls' basketball team took the Upper Canada District School Board championship last Tuesday when they won this tightly fought game against Rothwell-Osnabruck. *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen*

Bantam House back to winning

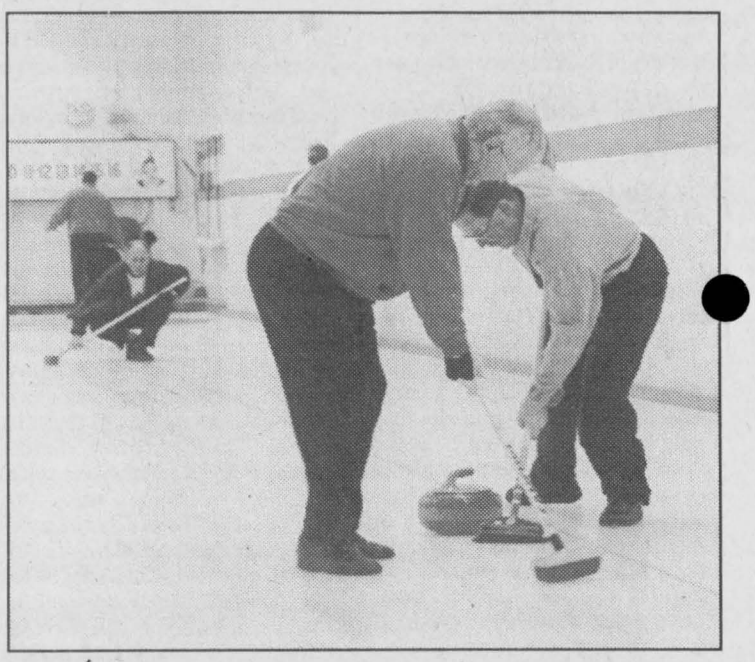
by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Bantam House team played host to Kemptville on Saturday and came away with a 6-3 victory. The boys had an outstanding game with only nine skaters due to injuries.

Matt Hicks started the ball rolling with the first goal of the game assisted by Corey Lanthier and Tyler Norgaard. Lanthier slid one past the Kemptville netminder to make it 2-zip. Assisting on the goal were Norgaard and Hicks. Kemptville got on the board with one from Keith Parson and then tied the game thanks to Ryan Hodges. Tony Moneck shot one past the Morrisburg goaltender to give Kemptville their only lead in the game.

The Lions got their second wind and came back strong with Frank Buwalda bulging the twine twice to give Morrisburg a 4-3 lead. Assisting on Buwalda's goals were Jamie Byvelds and Hicks. Byvelds busted out on a break-away and slid the next one home unassisted. The final goal of the match came off the hot stick of Buwalda giving him the hat trick with assists going to Hicks and Byvelds. Nick McGill of Iroquois and Andrew Chung gave fine performances in the Morrisburg pipes.

The coaching staff was proud of the way the boys handled themselves and got the job done while playing short handed.



Curling action

Bob Bergland, Graham and Robert Houze, and Harry McCallam formed one of the local teams competing in the Men's Founder's Bonspiel in Morrisburg last Saturday. Teams representing Prescott, Ingleside, Winchester, the R.C.M.P., not to mention Morrisburg, were on hand at the bonspiel. *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen*

Governor's Bonspiel a hit for Iroquois Matilda Lions

The local Lions Club was a bit disappointed according to President Paul by the smaller than usual number of clubs entered in the Governor's Bonspiel on Saturday November 20...8 instead of 12 teams showed up. Those who did attend enjoyed a great day of curling, followed by a delicious roast beef dinner catered to by the Morrisburg Curling Club.

The Iroquois/Matilda team included Rick MacKenzie-Lead, Arnold Barkley-Second, Dwight Gilmer-Third, and Clare Dunbar-Skip. These fine gents won their first match by a decisive margin over a team from Finch Lions. However, they were just as soundly beaten by the over-all winning team from Kemptville. Kemptville Lions not only won the Governor's Trophy but got first pick at the excellent variety of prizes on the table as well.

The Iroquois/Matilda Lions Club wish to thank the area businesses who gave so generously to make the Bonspiel a hit, the support is appreciated by the Club, they include: Craig Packaging, 730 Truck Stop, CASCO, CTC-Williamsburg, Locke Welding and Rental, Iroquois Enterprises, C&L Feeds, H&I Country Supply, Gilmer Pharmacy, TimBr Mart-Iroquois, Rooney Feeds, Byers Furniture, S&F Foodland, and Mustard's Variety.

Lions roaring through season

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Tuesday evening, the Morrisburg Arena was pretty hot. The PeeWee House Lions showed the Kemptville Panthers how they play hockey in Morrisburg sending them home with the scoreboard reading 14-zip.

Having to stave off only 20 shots during the game, Anthony Knapman could have become complacent, but he remained focused as did Travis Dillabough who backed him up part way through the game. The Lions played some pretty heads up hockey as Kevin Phifer, Kevin McIntosh and Mitchell Julien all scored hat tricks. Others who contributed to the high score included Thomas Toonders, Anthony Lemaire, Matt Schwerdfeger, Alan Bozie and Dan Toonders. A lopsided game that provided confidence for all players on the Lions squad and showred the staff they have some good moves.

On Sunday afternoon the Lions travelled to Prescott where they faced the South Grenville II team. The Lions had just come off a tourney in North Dundas and so were not as focused as they could have been. None the less they played hard, especially during the second period. Taking some penalties they should have avoided (and they knew it!), this was a well played game at both ends of the ice. A lot of good work in the pipes kept the score knotted at three a piece.

The weekend saw the Lions in another tourney. Game one had the Lions face off against South Grenville in a see-saw couple of periods until the local lads decided to get down to it and win the game in the third. Both teams are pretty similar and quite evenly matched. this was a good one for fans to watch.

Coach Lewis noted that Thomas Toonders played both forward and defence on the power play situations. Scoring for the Lions were Dan Toonders who nabbed the hat trick, while singles came off the sticks of Mitchell Julien, Kevin Phifer, Kevin Mcintosh and Tyler Galindo. Assisting on the counters were Matt Schwerdfeger, McIntosh, Grant McMillan, Tyler Galindo, Anthony Lemaire, Thomas Toonders, and Mitchell Julien.

Another nail-biter, the second game had everyone on the edge of their seats. Tied at one after one period of play, the North Dundas Demons and the Morrisburg Lions had played mighty tight hockey, neither scoring until the last few minutes of the first frame. During the second both were held scoreless. The third seemed to belong to the Lions as they counted four goals. Mitchell Julien had scored in the first and came back to nail one home in the third as well as assisting on Kevin McIntosh's goal that got things started in the final period. Anthony Lemaire did his part to add to the count and Kevin Phifer tucked the puck in on a solo play. The final scoreboard read 5-1 for the Lions. No penalties were assessed in the entire game.... a penalty-free game is not often on record. Coach Lewis stressed the fact that the team talked about the "game plan" and the importance of "team work" to a victory.

The final was like a television

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Lions busy schedule doesn't hamper their winning ways

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Novice "B" Lions continued their busy schedule with 3 games in 5 days last week.

On Tuesday, the Lions travelled to Maxville to take on the North Glengarry Braves. Chris Tindal (#14) scored the hat trick and led the Lions to a 9-zip win. Jane Moss (#9) added two to the scoreboard while singles were counted by Alix Tait (#4), Alex Whelan (#11) and Pat Bongers (# 12). Grabbing credit for assists were Alix Tait (2) while Bongers, Whelan, Jay Keller (#16) and Nathan McDonell (#7) all helped on one goal each.

On Friday, November 26, the Lions travelled to Williamstown to face the CharLan Rebels. The Rebels led 1-0 after the first period, before the Lions regrouped and regained their scoring touch. "Rookie" Michael Davidson (#2) scored his first goal on a fine individual breakaway effort which sparked the team...the Lions would go on to be victorious 8-1. Other markers went to Alix Tait, Scott Douma (#18) and Alex Whelan, each with two while Bongers added a single. Assists went to Whelan, Tindal and Bongers in the winning effort.This game allowed the Lions to improve their undefeated regular season record to 7 wins and 3 ties...excellent everyone!

On Saturday, November 27, the Lions played the Smiths Falls Bears in an exhibition game. The Lions skated to a hard fought 2-0 win in a fine defensive struggle. The Lions hit the score sheet first on a great shot by Pat Bongers assisted by Jay Keller and Scott Douma. Chris Tindal assisted by Nathan McDonell added a counter late in the third. Ryan Swank played a solid game in the pipes for the Lions counting his third shutout of the year.

The next home game for the Novcie "B" Lions is Wednesday night, December 1, when they will host the Char-Lan Rebels. See you there!

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Successful Invitational Cashspiel in Curling

with Steve Thompson

Women's curling flexed its muscle again at the local Club last Tuesday, as Morrisburg hosted a successful Invitational Cashspiel. Rinks from Brockville, Prescott, Cornwall, Lancaster and Morrisburg entered the fun.

Lancaster and Brockville were the winners, while the Morrisburg team of Anita Cooper, Barb Rabideau, Cheryl Thompson, Beth Byers, Ann McDonald and Roseanne Hicks finished fourth, while Margaret Reynolds, Betty Locke, Donna Stephens and Dorothy Culkin were fifth. A home cooked meal and a bevy of fine volunteers contributed to making this a premier event, which the local women plan to make an annual competition.

On Saturday, also at the Morrisburg Curling Club, the Men's Founder's Bonspiel was on and a former champion, Ken Gilespie of Prescott took the trophy, first presented in 1903. Prescott, always a strong contender, placed three teams in the top six. Last year's champion, Bob Bedingfield unfortunately finished out of the prizes. His team included Earl Jeacle, Karl Duncan and Ray Baker. Another local rink, composed of Robert Houze, Harry McCallam, Bob Bergland and Graham Houze finished fifth. Other teams were entered from Winchester, RCMP, Rideau and Navy. Again this year it was an entertaining competition with fine shot-making, good fellowship and wonderful meals, made a greater success by the numnber of hard-working local volunteers.

Sid Morrell announces that Regional Playdowns for curling participants in the Ontario Senior's Games will be held in Morrisburg next Thursday. Two local mixed teams are entered with rinks from Cornwall and Lancaster rounding out the slate. They will each play two games on December 11 beginning at 9:30am, with two advancing after a final game on Friday.

Finally, Nancy Skakum is smiling today, having walked off with a top prize from the Morrisburg Culring Club. She'll be happy to tell you all about the big win!

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Christmas Craft Show on Friday, December 3rd from 6 pm - 9 pm at the Cardinal Village Square Mall. Sponsored by the Cardinal Lions Club.

Sights and Sounds for a Winter's Night. An evening of Slides, Christmas Carols and Anthems. Saturday, December 4, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. Knox Presbyterian Church on Church St., Iroquois.

Christmas Wreath Workshop on Sunday, December 5 at 1 p.m. at the Bird Sanctuary, Morrisburg. For only $20, you could make the perfect winter wreath. Call 534-2808 to pre-register (before Dec. 1)

Lions Club Turkey Bingo, Dec. 9. at 7 p.m. Alfred Taylor Community Centre, North Gower.

Join us at Matilda Hall on Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. for the "Songs of Christmas!" Bring your family! Bring a friend. Let us celebrate Jesus Birthday. Sponsored by the Community C.R.C. Dixon's Corners and the United Church, Brinston.

Christmas lunch at the Carman House, Dec. 11th from 11:30 - 1:30. $3 per person, children under 5 free.

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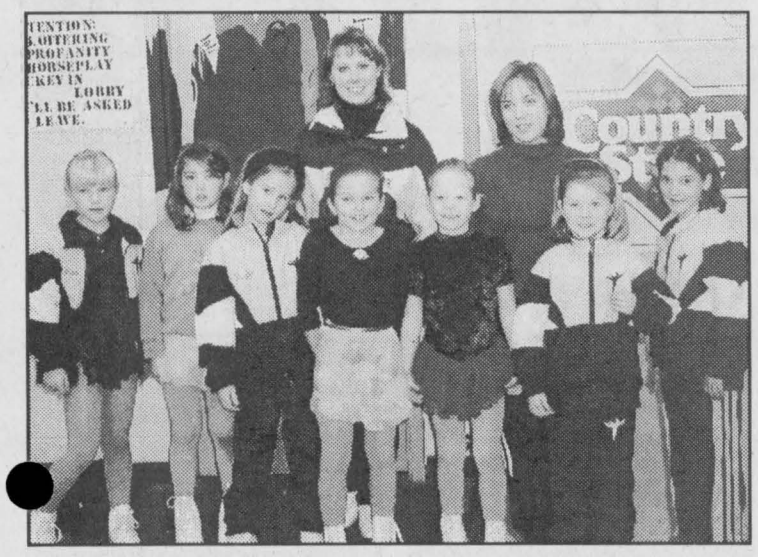
Winning three games or more this week, when the men played in Cardinal on Tuesday, November 23, was Jerry Carr with 5 wins, Duane Kirker with 4 and then with three wins under their fingers were Tim Gonczowski, Ross Polite, Brad Windsor and Tom Beach.

Highscorers were Rick Sayeau with 140x2, Tom Beach 140, Jeremy Adams 138 , Tom Reston and Bill Walter with 135 each, Jim Kirkby and Ron Bradford with 125 each, followed by Jim Logie with 124-121, Mark MacDonald tossed a 121 as did Ken Murphy.



Local Skaters ready to perform

These gals were ready to compete in the Morrisburg Invitational last weekend on home ice. Kathleen German, (3rd- Jr. Bronze A), Kelsey Hall, (3rd- Intro Flight 2), Haley Mills (first place Canskate D), Meghan Adams, Taylar Tippens and Amy Veltkamp (3rd intro Flight 3). In back are Alison Scott (Coach), Laura Baker and Courtney Keicks. *Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston*



Blades ready to skate *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Rose Deighton (3rd- Sr. Bronze Flight 3), Karen Stevens, and Kathleen McKendry standing behind, Lindsay Gilmer, Courtney Thompson (Intro Flight 1) and Kristen Phifer. In front are Jessica Thompson (3rd CanSkate D) and Lorie Casselman. Absent from the photo session was Tara Hickman. (Coach).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Canadian journalists' ears burning

Dear Editor,

Canadian journalists' ears must be really burning lately! The people causing these media professional's ears to burn, are the staffers at Justice Minister Anne McLellan's Canadian Firearms Centre. After all, for the past couple of years, CFC staffers have been duping the Canada's media into presenting news stories to the Canadian public that support the establishment of their own bureaucracy and the implementation of the controversial Firearms Act, better known as Bill C-68. They did this by peppering their news releases with copious misleading or out-and-out false statistics. These statistics are designed to either support the need for their unpopular legislation, or to imply support by Canadian's for their burgeoning bureaucracy. McLellan's CFC staffers must be rolling in the aisles whenever the media presents their slanted statistics to the Canadian public. They must be really amused that the media rarely, if ever, checks the veracity their statistics. These staffers must be doubly amused that the media has accepted their portrayal of opponents to this legislation as dangerous right-wingers, verging on criminality, whose views must be ignored.

I offer the following three examples of statistical manipulation by CFC staffers to support my theory that they are laughing behind the backs of Canada's largely urban media.

Firstly, there was quite a furor raised in the recreational firearms community last year, when an opposition M.P.'s Freedom of Information request revealed that the CFC had inflated the RCMP's violent crime statistics. The CFC multiplied the number of violent crimes investigated by the RCMP by nine times in their news releases. When confronted with this prevarication, the CFC admitted that they used different "criteria" to count violent crimes. After hurried back room meetings at the Department of Justice, the RCMP Commissioner, also an employee of Anne McLellan, stated that the RCMP and CFC had revised their violent crime criteria. This incident raised little concern within the Canadian media. After all, they had repeatedly used these statistics in their news articles, and I imagine they were somewhat reluctant to admit their gullibility.

Secondly, I would like to draw your attention to often-repeated CFC statistic that there are three million firearm owners and seven million long guns (rifles and shotguns) in Canada. The media has used these figures ever since the CFC produced them. The recreational firearms community has constantly refuted these values, but has been ignored by the general media. The CFC derived these figures from a telephone poll carried out for them, by the pollsters, Angus Reid. Firearm advocates repudiate this poll, as they feel many Canadians were reluctant to divulge whether or not they owned firearms to someone at the end of a telephone, purporting to be a legitimate pollster. Furthermore, they feel that as the sampling was mainly urban, the figures derived are further skewed. In addition to these somewhat subjective arguments of the firearm community, Justice had already commissioned a much more thorough study of firearm ownership in 1976, under Warren Allmand. This study indicated that Canadians owned somewhere between sixteen and eighteen million legitimate long guns at that time. Canada Customs tell us that between 160 and 250 thousand firearms have been lawfully imported into Canada annually since then. Added together, and allowing for a reasonable number destroyed or known exported, there are between 21 and 24 million long guns in Canada. With respect to the number of firearm owners, another government department, Statistics Canada, states that slightly more than 23% of Canadian homes contain firearms. This gives us a figure of between six and seven million firearm owners. Now why would the CFC knowingly want to use these false values in their press releases? Perhaps they believe another of their polls that tells them they will be lucky if 40% of owners register their firearms. 40% of seven million is around three million! 40% of 24 million is around 7 million! I'm sure that someone in the media establishment could have done these same calculations.

My third example of misleading statistics produced by Jean Valin, the CFC Public Affairs Director, is his statement that 450,000 Canadians have registered 1.4 million handguns under their new registry. He often gives these figures to the media to imply that the registry has achieved a great success since its implementation a year ago. However, what he fails to add, and what the media fails to ask, is that these 1.4 million handguns have been registered with the RCMP over the last 65 years under previous legislation, and were simply transferred to the new registry last December first! The CFC has actually registered less than 70,000 firearms over the past year, and ninety percent of those were firearm retailer's inventory and Canadian museum's artifacts!

In conclusion, if I were a journalist, I would be extremely angry that I had been manipulated by a government source that I felt I should be able to trust. I guess that I would also be ashamed for failing to serve the Canadian public, by not thoroughly investigating the press releases given me by the CFC. I could then have presented a more balanced and objective report to my audience. Meanwhile, are my ears ever burning!

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Births

IT'S A GIRL!!!
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IT'S A BOY!!!
LIBERTY: Big brother Matthew is pleased to announce the safe arrival of his sister, ***Jaynee Lynn,*** who was born on Wednesday, October 20, 1999 and she weighed 8 lbs, 6 oz. Proud parents are Laureen & Todd Liberty. Thank you to the maternity staff for the wonderful care. A sincere thank you to Dr. Rivington for taking care of mom and my new baby sister.

IT'S A BOY!!!
MOTT: Ralph & Judy St. Pierre of Iroquois and Bob & Jo Mott of Perth wish to announce the birth of their first grandchild, ***Nathaniel Robert (Nathan)*** on Tuesday, November 9, 1999. Nathan is the son of David & Nancy Mott of Uxbridge, Ontario and the nephew of Marianne St. Pierre. Everyone is overjoyed!

IT'S A BOY!!!
VERHEY: Scott & Tanya Verhey are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their son, ***Braden Scott,*** born on Thursday, November 18, 1999, weighing 7 lbs, 6 ozs. Proud grandparents are Lee McCaslin and the late Donna McCaslin and Adri & Barbara Verhey. Special thanks to Dr. Crabtree and the staff at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Cards of Thanks

FAWCETT: ***A very special Thank You!!*** Thank you to everyone who came out and shared our 25th Anniversary with us. Thank you Joanne, Mark and everyone for all the planning and hard work you put into this surprise. Your gifts, cards and best wishes will always be remembered.
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MARRINER: We would like to express our appreciation for the tremendous support received during the recent loss of a cherished family member, Randy Marriner. The beautiful floral tributes, memorial donations, letters and cards of sympathy all helped to make a difficult time a little easier. A special thanks to the many friends, Harvex staff and customers and members of the agricultural community who visited the funeral home. It is comforting to know that Randy's life touched so many.
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In Memoriam

O'CONNOR: In loving memory of my mother Rita (Coughler) O'Connor who left us suddenly on December 1, 1998.
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Sadly missed by your son Raymond (Angie) and the grandchildren.
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Auctions

Auction Sale
Thursday, December 2
6:00 P.M.
McHaffie Auction Hall
Morrisburg
Antique china cabinet; kitchen cupboard; washer; dryer; refrigerator; deep freeze; new curio cabinet; electric stove; dressers; microwave; lamps; end tables; 2 single beds, complete; double bed; Morris office chair; love seat & chair; wood chairs; treadle sewing machine; bed frame & headboard (waterbed); dishes; ornaments; glassware; bedding; kitchen appliances.
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Lions

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movie. The "A" Championship game gave the fans more than they needed to cheer about. Knotted at the end of regulation play, one each, the goalies had played some pretty great hockey, some nice saves and both were able to cut the angle down and keep the puck out of the twine. Their defensive squads played tough as well. This one could have gone either way, as forwards from both ends of the ice did everything but score. "Our boys showed they can throw a legal check with the best of them," said Coach Dale Lewis. Coming back to break the tie, it was 4 on 4 with no results and then 3 on 3 to the same end, no one could score. Thus it was that the decision came down to a shoot out...with Lions own Anthony Lemaire emerging as a hero scoring the winner and giving his team the gold. Congrats fellows on some great hockey!! Well done indeed.

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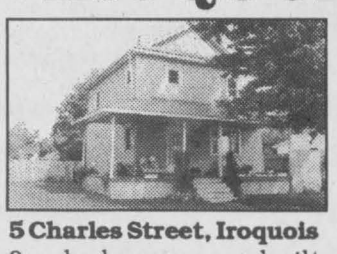

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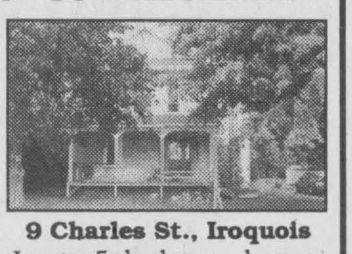

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FROM FRONT

Charbot

"She's a heroine," Poirier added.

Kilger opened the certificate as Sarah looked on to applause.

It's signed by Governor General Romeo LeBlanc. (This was in the works for quite some time now).

"I've never had the pleasure or honour in 11 years of public life to present to one of our youth commendation from the Governor General," Kilger said, clearly enjoying the "rare opportunity."

The mayor congratulated Charbot on bringing honour to South Dundas. "I see South Dundas is going to be in good hands," he said.

She was modest in her own comments. "I really do appreciate this," she told the audience, but adding she had only done what she was trained to do.

Pakeman said later that his friend had kept him awake during the ordeal by continually asking him questions.

Following five months in a cast the leg today feels "pretty good," he noted.

"It's hard not to be proud," said her father, Dale, gingerly holding the certificate open to look at the text inside.

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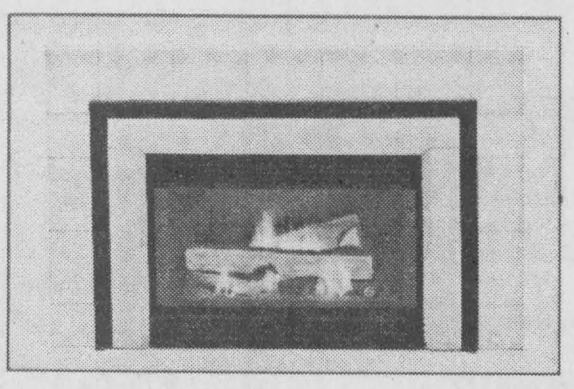

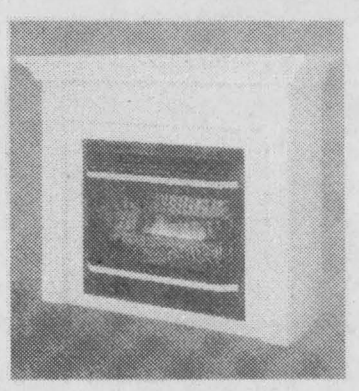

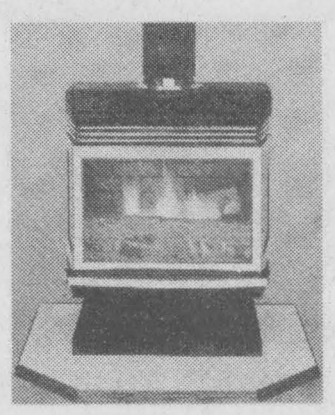

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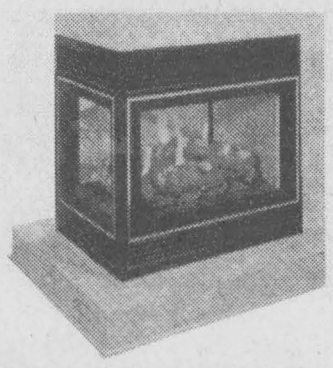

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Heavy rains did not dampen Prescott's Christmas spirit



Coast Guard floats down King Street at Prescott's Santa parade.
Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A call went in to Greg Adams on Friday afternoon. Afterall the skies were sagging with the heft of rain that fell steadily throughout the day. The forecast was calling for rain and more rain..."Would the Light up the Night Santa Claus Parade" go on as scheduled?" The enthusiastic response came back and rain or shine the parade would be happening. All other events were to be inside, so the weather would not affect the entertainment portion of the evening fun.

Boosting the best ever display as more than 50 floats and bands made their way along King Street, the Parade co-organizer was pleased with everything but the rain. "Individuals, clubs, service groups and the business community have all come onboard and look at the wonderful response!" said Greg after the parade wound down and folks began to pile into the gym at South Grenville High to hear country singer Ron McMunn. "I guess there were between 6 and 8 thousand people lining the streets for the parade...wow!!"

Prizes went to those floats that dazzled the spectators and the judges, Fred Stretton and Ralph Martin...school entries from Benson Public in Cardinal and Boundary in Prescott while the top prize went to ValuMart's entry. The lights were something else, the Coast Guard and Beach Home Hardware were among those who were crowd favourites. The Brockville Lions Steel and the Cornwall Nativity Bands grabbed top spots for band and marching band.

Then the final entry came into view,lit up brightly against the deep darkness of the evening, Santa's 1931 Bickle fire truck signalled the start of the season for many youngsters. The parade lasted close to an hour and everyone came prepared for the rain as umbrellas and rain gear were everywhere. Some lucky residents live along the route and enjoyed the colourful display from the sanctity of porches and homes.



Saturday craft show at Williamsburg C.R.C.
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Wednesday, December 8, 1999
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Winchester Community Centre (upstairs)
Registration 9:30 a.m.
Program starts at 10 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Colin Reesor OMAFRA Marketing Specialist at 1 p.m.
Panel Discussion at 2 p.m. on GMO crops
Call 989-2054 or 774-2313 to reserve lunch (cost $10)
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Happy Anniversary

Lee & Jean Shaver

December 3, 1948 ~ December 3, 1999

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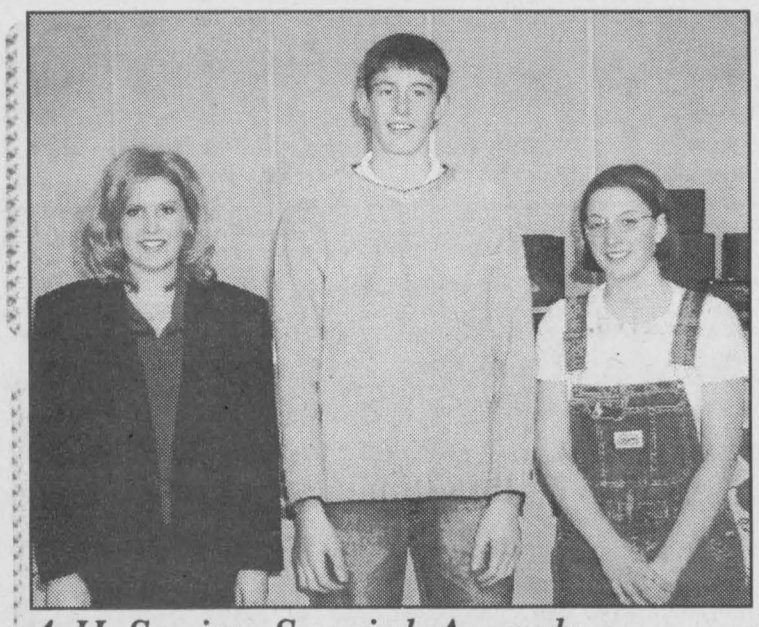
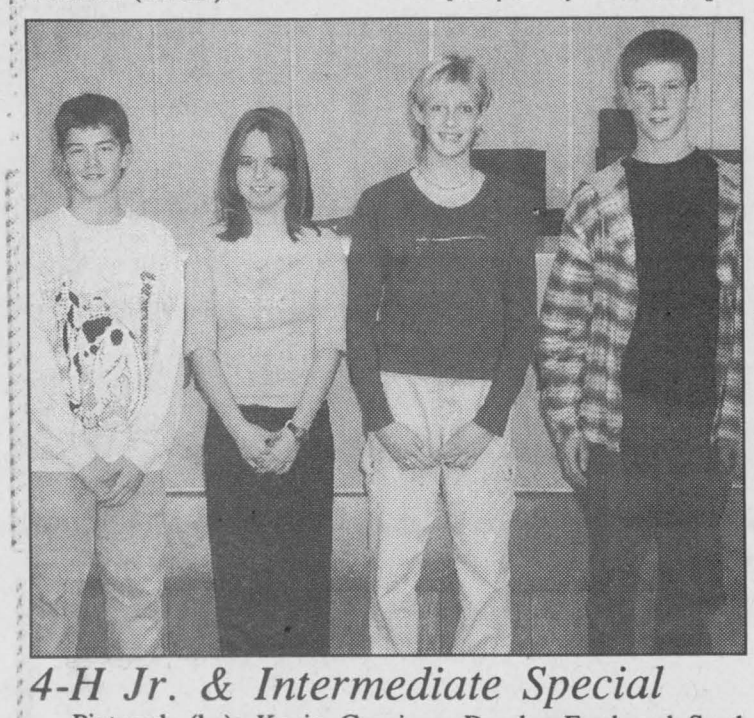


4-H Senior Special Awards

The Dundas County 4-H Club held its annual awards night in Winchester Saturday night. Pictured, Senior Special Awards winners (l-r): Kelly Fawcett, Bank of Nova Scotia Award (3rd place); Richard Groniger, Bank of Nova Scotia Award, (2nd place); Erin Schuler, Parmalat Award. The top senior award, from the Winchester Lions, went to Robert Velthuis (absent). *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen*



4-H Jr. & Intermediate Special

Pictured, (l-r): Kevin Groniger, Dundas Feed and Seed Award (2nd place junior); Shannon Toonen, Plante Farm Equipment Award (3rd place intermediate); Kristen Keyes, Lannin Memorial Award (top intermediate); Mike VandenBerg, Plante Farm Equipment Award (2nd place intermediate). Not shown, Kaylah St. Pierre, Dundas Feed and Seed Award (3rd place junior); Meagan Kittle, Royal Bank of Canada Award, (top junior). *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen*

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Rooney agreed. "He probably would generate a salary. This should be on the agenda for the budget next year."

On a related note, O.P.P. Sgt. Brent Mattice informed council that handicapped parking is not enforced by the O.P.P. in the entire United Counties. It's up to SD&G Counties Council to request the inclusion of the service in its contract with the police, but that hasn't happened yet.

Hearing that, Mayor Whitteker suggested the upper tier will make the request.

Lewis's report

In his report, the planning and enforcement manager said he was dealing with property standards issues on two properties in the township: one on Nuddell Bush Road and one in Brinston.

Lewis received direction from council to proceed with the removal of junk, at owner's expense, form the Nuddell Bush Road property.

He also told council that he was proceeding with legal action, under the Building Code Act, against the owner of a burned-out building in Brinston because there's been no word on renovation or demolition plans for the site.

Lewis was congratulated on his nomination to continue for another year as the president of the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario.

Cops amenable to move

Sgt. Mattice told council the O.P.P.'s accommodation service has given the green light to relocate the Morrisburg detachment at the Morrisburg Civic Centre.

Renovations will need to be done on the building, including the construction of a new one or two-bay garage at the site.

"I think we should move ahead," the mayor said.

Council has yet to formally approve the matter.

Morrisburg Recreation gets cash

Up to $12,500 will be spent by the township to match the fundraising efforts of Morrisburg Recreation, which has so far raised $10,000.

The money will be used to put new plastic docks at the Morrisburg beach as well as some new playground equipment at Earl Baker Park.

Older play structures coming down

Newer is better when it comes to play structures, kids and township officials would agree.

The township, however, is not driven so much by a love of new toys as it is a fear of lawsuits. Township crews are dismantling a number of older, wooden structures out of concern that children could be hurt.

Structures at Earl Baker Park in Morrisburg and at Haldane Park in Iroquois have been felled recently, to the chagrin of some of those who helped raise the money to put them there in the first place.

Recreation manager Keith Robinson, who has up-to-date training on playground equipment standards, told council that some of the equipment is rotting and unsafe. He and his crew took down the Haldane Park structure on the same day of the council meeting.

"These were just not safe according to regulations," Coun. Rooney said later.

Apparently, as regulations become more stringent, existing equipment finds itself on the chopping block, even if it hasn't deteriorated all that much.

"It's a shame, isn't it?" said Candace Menges, one of a community group who recently raised $15,000 and last year spent a portion of it to spruce up the now absent structure, installed previously by the Lions Club.

"We followed all the codes. I think it's ridiculous."

Robinson told *The Chieftain* he believes the township will share half the cost of replacing the Haldane Park structure with Iroquois Recreation in an arrangement similar to the one concluded on Thursday with Morrisburg recreation. Any new structure would be made of metal and comply with the new CSA regulations. It would also be designed specifically for five to 10-year-olds.

Wooden structures are a problem, according to Robinson, because they tend to attract older children. The older kids cause damage more quickly, damage that can lead to injuries in younger children.

He estimated the cost of one of the new structure at $12-$13,000.

The township plans to eventually phase out all wooden structures. Iroquois' Render Park, off Maple Avenue, will also lose its structure, though not for another year, Robinson said.

Arena

sharing agreement, is operated by the company that built it.

Mayor Johnny Whitteker said there was no way South Dundas taxpayers could foot the entire bill for a new arena.

"Grants are all cut completely and all the money has to be raised 100 per cent by local rate payers," he said.

"Maybe we could do it if it was just the arena, but you've got bridges and roads and sewers."

Whitteker proposed leaving the lobby side of the building alone but completely rebuilding the shell around the rink on the west, disturbing as little as possible inside.

"I would think a million might do it."

Replacing the boards around the ice surface might also be a part of that idea, Whitteker told *The Chieftain* on Monday.

The mayor also said he was skeptical of the Thompson Rosemount's engineering report. He suggested council get a second opinion, noting the building withstood the ice storm without collapsing.

Council seemed to favour the idea of having another engineering firm take a look at the building, though no resolution was passed.

In addition to several thousand dollars spent on the two roof beams in 1998, the township installed a new compressor system and new overhead doors at the arena. More recently, $7,200 was spent to install a wheelchair ramp at the facility.



4-H County Awards

Pictured, (l-r): Katrina VandenBerg, Chesterville Lions Club Award; Brenda Velthuis, Dundas Veterinary Services Award; Bryan Groniger, Ottawa Valley Harvestore Award; Kelly Fawcett, Agrico Award and Mountain Lions Club Award. Dundas Holstein Club Award went to Robert Velthuis (absent). *Chieftain photo by N.H. Zandbergen*

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South Dundas prepares volunteers for Y2K just in case

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

South Dundas has moved one step closer to being prepared to support citizens who may be affected by a major disruption of services resulting from the Y2K bug.

Early last month a township Y2K contingency plan was approved by Council. Two support centres, one in Morrisburg and the other in Iroquois are proposed in the plan as one-stop service sites where in an emergency, people can go to meet their immediate basic needs. However, everyone has had plenty of notice of possible problems from Y2K and people are expected to prepare for a possible emergency and be self-sufficient for up to three days. These support centres will provide assistance to those who may have problems coping with the emergency. The support centres will depend on volunteer staff to meet the needs of the people.

On Wednesday, November 24th, fourteen community volunteers joined members of the South Dundas Emergency Planning Committee, township councillors and representatives from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, Community Care Access Centre for the Eastern Counties and SD&G Social Services, Iroquois Amateur Radio Club members (Ray Smollett and Keith Beaupre) and local newspapers (The Chieftain and The Leader) at the Iroquois Civic Centre in an exercise to test the support centre concept. The organization of the Centres is based on Health Canada's Reception Centre model that has been used in most of Canada's major disasters. The majority of the volunteers who participated in the exercise had attended a Health Canada workshop in February of this year. Among those manning the Iroquois Centre were Henry and Jessie Geurkink, Councillor Rooney, Bob Bennett, Councillor Sabourin, Rev. Bill Byers, Hazel Ace, Leona and Ron McIntosh, and Arie Geurkink.

This exercise was undertaken by the township of South Dundas with financial assistance from the Federal government's Joint Emergency Preparedness Program. This is administered in Ontario by Emergency Measures Ontario, Ministry of the Solicitor General.

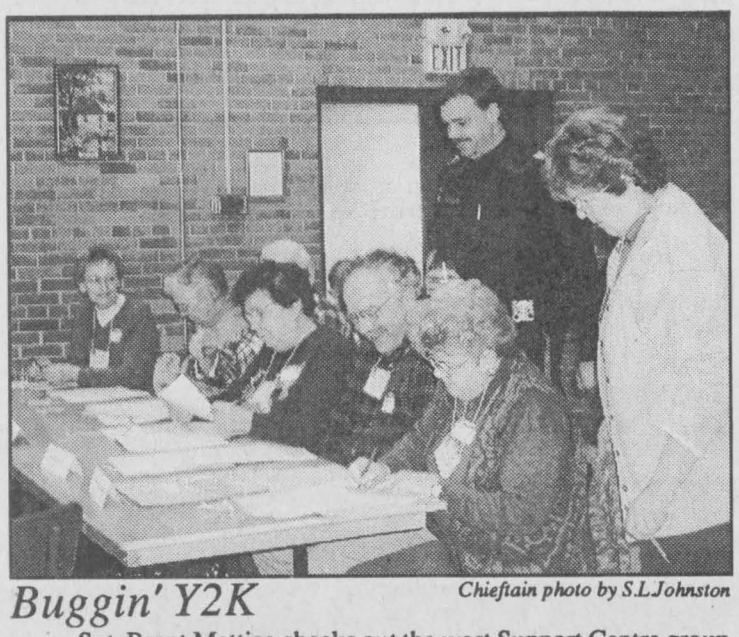
All emergency preparedness exercises end with a debriefing. Bill Shearing, the exercise director said, "The comments of the exercise participants during the debriefing were very positive. They felt the support centre concept should meet the needs of the people. The exercise gave them a much better understanding of their roles and responsibilities if asked to assist in implementing the township's Y2K contingency plan."

Even if nothing major happens as a result of the Y2K Bug, this exercise has strengthened South Dundas' ability to provide effective emergency social services for a future major emergency.

The exercise scenario saw a power disruption on Saturday, January 1, 2000 at 1am, spread over a wide area and with memories of Ice Storm '98 vivid in most minds the flood of panic engulfed most of eastern Ontario. With a long range forecast for below average temperatures... the cold meant problems for many people in South Dundas. The Emergency Plan was activated at 9am after the Community Control Group met an hour earlier. A "State of Emergency" was declared by the Mayor at 8:45am and support centres will open at 11am. Support centre volunteers will be in place by 10 and CISD, 107.7fm has been alerted to stand by to broadcast public service announcements. Amateur radio support is in place.

Running through such a scenario provides valuable information and allows everyone to see what they need to know, what has to be in place to be effective and what safe guards are needed.

In conclusion, Bill said, "Each one of us has a responsibility to prepare our family for any emergency, not only Y2K, and looking after your neighbour is a vital part of community insurance." The response from the business community and the manner each person dealt with things during the Ice Storm shows we can handle things in South Dundas.



Buggin' Y2K — *Chieftain photo by S.L.Johnston*

Sgt. Brent Mattice checks out the west Support Centre group as they deal with a situation at the emergency preparedness exercise that was held in Iroquois last week. All agencies have to work together in order to ensure that everyone who needs help in an emergency gets it and in time to truly help. The scenerios carried out ensure that help will be there and response time will be cut in case of a Y2K or other emergency that might arise.



Sonny and Cher, on stage at Seaway, Friday.
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Sights & Sounds For A Winter's Night

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WINCHESTER DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TACKLES YEAR 2000 ISSUES

WDMH has taken a proactive approach to dealing with the complex and critical implications of the Year 2000 or as it is widely referred to, "Y2K". The Board of Directors has expressed its support of the Year 2000 as a top priority issue for the Hospital. A Y2K compliance team has been formed and a Y2K Co-ordinator has been appointed the task of overseeing Year 2000 issues at the Hospital. In preparing for the new millennium, the team has addressed legal issues, insurance issues, information systems and has experienced Year 2000 compliance programs and the development of contingency plans.

The Year 2000 will be the first century change ever faced by an automated society. Because the majority of information systems were programmed using two-digit representation for the year (the "19" at the front of the year is assumed by most systems), the potential problems associated with systems not recognizing the change in century are causing considerable concern across all sectors. However, the implications are perhaps felt most significantly within the health care sector, where reliance on technology spans from the operation of electronic beds to heart defibrillators.

Should We Be Worried?

The answer in a nutshell is 'no'. The Hospital has shared information with other hospitals and health care providers as well as "non-health" related businesses in identifying, assessing and addressing the implications Year 2000 will have on hospital systems and technology. Using the Guidebook "Getting Ready for Year 2000 - A Handbook for Ontario Hospitals", and an online Year 2000 Tool Kit of resources developed by the Ontario Hospital Association, the Hospital is prepared to deal with the challenges of Year 2000 compliance. For the past year, the technical folks in our Information Systems Department, as well as our department directors and managers throughout the hospital, have been testing and reviewing our equipment's readiness for the Year 2000 (Y2K).

For the past months we've been testing all of our hospital equipment, with a special emphasis put on the equipment used in a life-support situations. For the most part, our equipment is Y2K compatible. In some instances we've had to replace some computer chips in order to make the piece of equipment function. In other instances we've had to replace equipment because there was no way to fix the internal mechanism in the computer. The Government has been very helpful in providing our hospital, and all Ontario hospitals, with a special Y2K fund in order to fix or purchase new equipment.

Although there are still some outstanding issues, and some testing still required, The WDMH is confident that its critical service equipment (the equipment used in life-threatening situations) will function. Some equipment is technically "Y2K ready", meaning that some minor aspect such as the date function on a computer print-out may not be working. This may mean our health care professionals will have to manually record test results. But the equipment itself will still perform the task that it's meant for.

Other equipment that we cannot get parts for in time, or that has not been certified Y2K compliant by an outside supplier, will not be used. In these cases, department directors have identified alternate ways of achieving the same results for patients. Of course there could be circumstances beyond our control, such as electrical supply failures. Hospitals traditionally have back-up sources of power just for such emergencies. We have contingency plans in place for "worst case scenarios." Remember we deal with emergencies on a daily basis, so although Y2K is a concern, we want to assure our patients and their families, that we are as prepared as we possibly can be.

Frequently Asked Questions About Y2K and The Winchester District Memorial Hospital

We've prepared some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that may address your concerns. If you have other questions or concerns, please give our Director of Corporate Services a call at 613-774-2422, Ext. 5628. There aren't any guarantees, but we're doing our best to beat the Y2K problem at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Q: Should I call the Hospital to check to see if everything is alright?
A: As noted above, everything should be operating as usual at the Hospital.

Q: Will you have additional staff at the Hospital in event of Y2K problems?
A: We have a special Y2K Team that will be on duty New Year's Eve through to January 5th to deal with any unforeseen problems that occur as a result of the changeover from 1999 to 2000. Other staff will be "on call" should they be required.

Q: Will there be delays in service if I come to the Hospital on January 1st?
A: We anticipate it will be "business as usual" on January 1st, but because of the unpredictable nature of medical emergency load during this period we cannot make any guarantees.

Q: Is there a chance that surgeries will be cancelled?
A: We traditionally decrease the number of surgeries performed over the holiday season. We will be operating at a reduced level of service-much like a weekend level of service. Emergency surgeries will be performed as required.

Q: Is there a chance medical records might be lost in the changeover?
A: All of our medical records have been "backed-up" on the hospital servers which are Y2K compliant.

Q: Will my doctor's office be Y2K compliant?
A: Doctors do not work directly for the Hospital. Please check with your doctor's office.

Q: Will there still be ambulance service?
A: The WDMH does not manage the ambulance service, however you can contact Kevin Finnerty at 416-327-8501 for information.

Q: Is the WDMH working alone or with other hospitals on the Y2K issue?
A: We have developed our Y2K testing format based on guidelines from the Ontario Hospital Association. As well, we have been working with our external suppliers and local service providers in order to coordinate our readiness activities. However, it is the responsibility of each hospital or service provider to ensure that they have tested, repaired, replaced or eliminated pieces of equipment that may be impacted by the change of the new millennium.