



Photo by Liam Kavanagh-Bradette

Two people are dead after a head-on collision on Highway 401 near Trenton at 9:50 a.m. Monday near Trenton. According to Napanee OPP Cst. Tammy Coleman, 23-year-old Korin Howes from Belleville, Ont., was travelling west in the eastbound lane. The other vehicle, driven by Shaina Harrison, 23, a Loyalist College student from Oshawa, Ont., collided head-on with Howes.

Loyalist student dies in crash

By Sean Macey and
Liam Kavanagh-Bradette

One of the two people killed Monday in a crash on Highway 401 was a Loyalist College student.

Shaina Harrison was a practical nursing student.

"I am deeply saddened to let you know that one of the young women who lost her life in the accident on the 401 yesterday morning was currently enrolled in our practical nursing program," said Maureen Piercy, president of Loyalist College.

The crash occurred in the eastbound

passing lane, between Aikins Road and Glen Miller Road, near Trenton.

According to Napanee OPP Cst. Tammy Coleman, 23-year-old Korin Howes, from Belleville, was travelling west in the eastbound lane when she struck Harrison's car.

Both drivers were pronounced dead on

the scene.

The college is offering support through the school's tragic response team and human resources for students, staff and faculty.

Dianne Spencer, executive director of college advancement, declined to comment.

Many turn out to give gift of life at blood donor clinic

Sixty-six units collected at bi-annual clinic at Loyalist College

By Rebecca Rempel

It's an easy way to get a free cookie.

As well as a free beverage, an excuse not to do anything strenuous for the rest of the day and a heart-felt thank-you.

Staff of the Canadian Blood Services held their bi-annual donor clinic at Loyalist Friday, Feb. 3. The agency visits Loyalist once each semester and has time-slots for 110 donors throughout the day. Eighty-five donors pre-registered and

many more students and faculty were expected to drop in.

"Our target was 64 units," said Kingston regional contact Annie Barrette. "We actually collected 66 units at Loyalist."

The regional base in Kingston travels from Kingston west to Brighton area. They run mobile clinics in communities during the week, usually two or three, in addition to their base in Kingston opening its doors three days a week.

The whole process for giving blood takes about 45 minutes, with the actual bleeding taking 15 minutes.

After registering, donors have their iron levels checked, answer a questionnaire, speak with a nurse regarding recent medical history, have their vitals checked, give blood and then revitalize with juice and cookies. At any one of these steps leading up to the actual donating, volun-

teers can be deferred. Reasons for deferrals include low iron levels, travel to a malaria known area, a new piercing or tattoo, or recent dental work.

In addition to regular donors, there were many first-timers rolling up their sleeves on Friday. Emilee Somerville, a first-year developmental service worker student, was sitting in the cafeteria with her classmates when they saw the clinic and decided to go.

"Feel pretty good," said Somerville after completing her donation. "I'd do it again for sure."

Third-year engineering student Ryan Rumohr was also a first-time bleeder.

"I'm used to needles and getting prodded," said Rumohr, who's been in a few accidents. "So it's all good."

"My dad needed blood, my mom needed blood and my brother needed it. All from accidents," Rumohr said as

he gave blood. "I can see (giving blood again)."

Don Terry has been donating blood since 2000.

"I did," Terry said when asked if he knew anyone who has needed a blood transfusion. "I got hit by a dump truck. Cut my nose, broke a couple ribs, punctured my liver and had breaks in my pelvis."

Terry said it was important for people to give.

"I wanted to bring my grandson with me this morning so he would get the idea.

"I look at it almost like organ donating," Terry said. "If somebody else could use it, then fine."

The mobile clinic won't be rolling back into Loyalist until November 2012, but volunteers are welcome to make an appointment at the next clinic in Belleville, which will be at the Belleville Fish and Game Club March 5.

Dog races a go despite lack of snow

Race shortened to 25 kilometres at sunny weekend event

By Zachary Greco

The dogs were out and the sleds were ready for the annual Marmora Cup sled dog races, but the snowfall decided to keep at bay Saturday and Sunday.

At -3 C, with the sun shining and not a cloud in the sky, the mushers took what they could get from the lack of snow. This year's race was shortened to 25 kilometres from the usual 60 kilometres.

The mushers said they didn't mind the lack of snow and cold winds, because the races were a go.

Many of this year's sled dog races have been cancelled because of uncooperative weather.

"We really didn't know if we were even going to race today," said musher Kris Sampson from South River, Ont. "We were just coming to check it out and if it was good for the dogs we were going to go."

Sampson usually runs about five to eight races a year. But this was the first race of the year for some at the weekend's races.

"It was good. It was a very fast trail," said Sampson. "It started to warm up a little bit later in the day so it was good that we got an early start. Mother Nature is a big part of this, so you do what you can."

The trail was modified this year to fit the weather conditions by moving the start/finish line and shortening the trail. Volunteers worked on the trail prior to the race in an attempt to keep the races alive this year, moving snow from different areas in the woods to the trail.

"There was not enough snow to get the pad down for the weight pulls, so that had to be cancelled," said volunteer Lynne Gapes.

One event, skijoring, was supposed to have been cancelled but went on with the only one racer in attendance.

"We've got a gorgeous day today. After all the rain we've had this winter, this is phenomenal. This is one of the better days we have had this winter," said Gapes.

"I'm very pleased with how things turned out," said SnoFest chair Richard Lowery. "It was a great community effort getting the trail ready and we received favourable response from the crowd and racers."

When the races started in Marmora, the trail was originally a 150 kilometre run, which turned to 120-kilometre, which in turn dropped to the current 60 kilometre run.

Weather conditions aside, the races still had a good turnout of competitors, said volunteer Brian Galloway.

"The trail's a little bit icy but nobody's having a hard time with it," said Galloway. "As to local snow conditions, we're really lucky and it's a good turnout."

Galloway has been at the Marmora races since it was a 150-kilometre race and was the race marshal for about five years.

"I've stepped down now, but people used to know that if they've seen the hat they knew the guy under it was the person to talk to," said Galloway of his badger pelt hat.

The hat made from a badger, which was shot, skinned and sewn in Lethbridge, Alta. has been a staple of the Marmora races for the last 15 years.

"The crowd's down a little bit this year," said Galloway. "But it was so iffy that it was touch and go there for a while."



Liam Kavanagh-Bradette

Eli Golton, who placed third, urges his team in the last leg of the 26-mile dog sled race in Marmora this past weekend.

Cab driving not for the weak-hearted

Statistics Canada named it as country's most dangerous profession

By Melissa Murray

Area cab owners and managers have a laissez-faire attitude about cab driver safety and implementing new safety measures for drivers, after a cab driver was assaulted by a passenger last week.

A 25-year-old man from Calgary faces charges of allegedly assaulting a Belleville cab driver, and someone who tried to help him on Front Street, on Feb. 1. Both the passerby and the driver received minor injuries.

Between 2001 and 2005, Statistics Canada named cab driving Canada's most dangerous job.

Of the 69 murders that occurred within a workplace, 11 were cab drivers, while 10 of them were police officers.

Despite that statistic and the recent assault on a Belleville cab driver, Bill Montgomery, general manager of Central Taxi's Belleville division, said protective shields and dividers between the driver and passenger haven't worked.

"It interferes with the driver-customer relationship," said Montgomery.

"The passenger feels like they've been thrown in the back of the police car," he added.

Shields were used in the Cornwall area, but were removed within months of installation, said Montgomery. "People refused to get in the cabs," he said.

Coventry Connections, a company based in Ottawa, recently bought Central Taxi, which will bring many changes to how Central cabs operate.

By July, Central hopes to have new technology in their cabs to improve safety, but that won't include a divider.

"We have problems with assaults, but shields are not going to prevent that."

Bill Mills, owner of ABC Taxi in Trenton isn't too concerned about driver safety, although he does admit there is a possibility of installing protective shields.

All a cab really needs for business is a meter, a radio and a top light, said Mills.

Mills' company runs 16 of the 60 cabs legislated for Quinte West and he said his cabs may be in need of a security update.

"Assaults aren't really that common," said Mills, who admits it is more likely to have a customer try to walk out on a fare, or pay less than the amount on the meter.

"When [assaults] do happen, we like to see that people are dealt with to the fullest extent of the law and that they don't get away with it."

"Incidents [like what happened in Belleville] are a rarity, but when they do happen, it's at night when people are intoxicated and get a little stupid."

"Drivers usually have to handle those situations themselves, but they too have to be careful so that they aren't charged with assault."

Trenton taxi drivers serve a community of more than 19,000 and Mills said the community they serve makes all the difference.

"Our market isn't that large compared to the bigger cities. We know most of the people we drive around and we take in less people who are flagging cabs." "We worry about it, but it isn't our foremost concern at this time."

Trenton man takes top prize in lottery

By Jessica Corriveau

A Trenton man beat the odds on Jan. 25 and won \$100,000 in OLG's Poker Lotto.

In a 1 in 2,598,960 chance, Ben Leavey, 50, took home the top prize in the nightly draw of Poker Lotto, an Ontario lottery game in which traditional lotto numbers are replaced with regular playing cards.

Cards are randomly selected, offering both instant in-store wins for poker hands of up to \$5,000, as well as the nightly prize draws of up to \$100,000, both on \$2 tickets.

Leavey's five-card match winning ticket was purchased at Daisy Mart on Dundas Street in Trenton.

The father of two plans to use his winnings to fulfill his financial obligations and place a down-payment on a house.

"I'm pretty excited!" smiled Leavey while claiming his prize at the OLG Prize Center in Toronto.

The prize was well timed for Leavey, having been laid off from his job in December. He is a regular lottery player and said he enjoys playing Lotto 6/49, Super 7, and Poker Lotto.

Leavey declined to be interviewed by The Pioneer.



Photo by Liam Kavanagh-Bradette

Marmora firefighters pull a comrade from icy water during a training exercise and public demonstration of their new rapid deployment craft. The RDC will help firefighters rescue people who have fallen through the ice in the late fall through the spring.

Firefighters test new equipment

By Liam Kavanagh-Bradette

Saturday morning, the Crowe River was near freezing, chunks of ice clung to the banks and the water was moving fast.

The Marmora and Lake volunteer firefighters, some dressed in bright yellow rescue suits, others in older red models,

demonstrated their training as well as their newest piece of equipment in a training exercise on the river.

The rapid deployment craft, a yellow 15 foot inflatable raft crossed with a canoe. The RDC floats on water and glides over ice. It inflates in a minute, can be towed by a boat, ATV or snowmobile and can sup-

port over 2,000 pounds.

It was being shown in use during Snow-fest, Marmora's annual winter carnival.

The firefighters got their training to perform ice rescues last year "So far we've rescued a few people, a dog and a duck," said Capt. Scott Broadbent.

The nearly \$4,500 needed for the RDC

came from money raised through ticket sales from last summer's Classic Cruisers.

"During the summer, we have boats but it's in the late fall through early spring that things can get difficult," said Broadbent.

"Even if there's no ice, the cold water can be very dangerous over just a short period of time."

Have a heart by giving generously

Canvassers will be going door-to-door for Heart and Stroke in February

By Zachary Greco

February is here and for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, this means it's officially Heart Month.

All month long, canvassers will be going door-to-door collecting donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In the Quinte area, about 11,000 canvassers will be hitting the streets in an attempt to reach this year's goal of \$130,000.

"It is a great way to get out and give back

to your community," said area manager Maureen Corrigan.

Along with the door-to-door canvass, numerous businesses and organizations will be selling hearts for donations, posting them on a wall to show who donated and how many people have been making contributions.

"Many will be having a 'Red Day' where employees will wear red for the day and make a donation to Heart and Stroke," said Corrigan.

With streets still available for canvassing in the area, Corrigan said anyone interested in volunteering can contact the Heart and Stroke offices and a street will be assigned along with the necessary donation kit.

"I manage an apartment building," said volunteer Lorraine Clarke, "so I have a

kit that I set up in the lobby and I'll have people come down and donate if they are interested."

There are an estimated 70,000 heart attacks each year in Canada, causing the deaths of over 16,000 Canadians. Stroke has now become the third leading cause of death in Canada, contributing to six per cent of all deaths in Canada.

Unless you have been living under a rock for the past few months, you'd have seen the Heart and Stroke Foundation's new advertising campaign, *Make Death Wait*.

The two commercials, one for men and one for women, both contain an eerie narration while showing a group of guys working together and women with their children and families.

"I love these guys," says the voice of

heart disease, "So who's it gonna be this time? Ahh, it doesn't matter, I'll get one of you. I always do."

The commercial for women is even creepier, with the voice of heart disease talking about how he loves women and how they put the family first. At first glance, one would assume the commercial is an anti-rapist commercial, with the creepy voice-over and voyeuristic camera shots.

"I love how you're so concerned that I'll get your husband. You have no idea that I'm coming after you," says the creepy voice at the end of the commercial for women.

With a campaign of this sort, the Heart and Stroke Foundation are striking the ever-absent fear of heart disease and stroke into the minds of millions across Canada.

Black history recognized in February

By Sharon Kallaste

February is Black History Month. It's a time to reflect, and recognize the importance of African-Canadians, their development, accomplishments and contributions, to the culturally diverse Canadian society spanning through five centuries.

No events or special activities have been scheduled in Belleville. Although in the past, Belleville Public Library has recognized Black History Month with book displays this year their emphasis is on heart health month.

A display in the Loyalist's Parrott Library was prepared over the weekend and be on view from Feb. 6 – 26.

"We do up displays for various significant declarations. We have included a broad scope of black history published works from the days of the Underground Railroad, to more current books of heritage interest and included short summaries of key historical facts for quick reading," said library technician, Lynn McCracken.

"We don't receive any instructions from the college administration regarding Black History Month. However, we are very open to our international students if they would like something done," said Jodie Russett, the international centre's co-ordinator.

Various students expressing an interest in bringing awareness to cultural events and special declarations have approached the International Centre in past years. The international centre provides advice, in the area of advocacy, social and academic services.

"We do whatever we can to assist any students who are dedicated and committed to these special occasions, to bring awareness to all students of the college," said Russett.

"To me, Black History Month represents the beginning of the social justice movement. While it is important to have a designated time to celebrate, we must never lose touch – taking every opportunity to recognize our history and call it out when we see it," said Catherine O'Rourke, director of student services.

Rosemary Sadlier, president of the Ontario Black History Society, was instrumental in attaining the month of February as Black History Month, with national declaration activation in December 1995.

An excerpt from Sadlier's address posted on the OBHS website reiterates how important history is to students.

"African Canadian students need to feel affirmed; need to be aware of the contributions made by other blacks in Canada; need to have role models; need to understand the social forces which have shaped and influenced their community and their identities as a means of feeling connected to the education experience and their life experience in various regions in Canada," wrote Sadlier.

The portrait history of special achievers lines Loyalist's hallways.

Asked if there have been any African-Canadian alumni reporting significant accomplishments that can be shared during Black History Month to encourage and inspire new students, Michelle Randolph, Loyalist's alumni services co-ordinator, said that "the database of alumni is needing some work."

"I just started in September. The position has had some turnover – but I'm not going anywhere and really want to step up the alumni program and services," said Randolph.

"Everyone needs to stop thinking that we are different. If you really look into history, we all come from Africa," said Alicia Wynter, a first-year photojournalism student from Kitchener.

"We all have the same dreams and aspirations and wanting to be happy," said Wynter.

Pamella Houston, of the Ontario Black History Society spoke of the society's efforts in creating awareness. They have posters, T-shirts and flyer packages available to any group that may be interested in bringing awareness to everyone.

"It's not just about being black. It was an important time for everyone. It's also not just about the month of February. We need to be aware of history all the time," said Houston.

With files from Mellissa DiNardo

Waft of pancakes entice visitors to church

By Chloë Ellingson

It's 4:30 on a Monday afternoon, and the community hall of Trenton's Grace United Church is already starting to fill up.

The smell of pancakes fills the room lined with tables covered in floral tablecloths and set with mix-match cutlery and mugs. Scheduled to run from 5pm to 7pm, the AOTS's annual pancake supper has already begun.

"It's a lot of fun," said AOTS member Howard Dyke, 80. "Otherwise, I wouldn't be doing it."

Dyke spends the evening serving pancakes to roughly 150 guests from a griddle

at the back of the hall, close to the kitchen doorway, which is a busy thoroughfare for those carting trays of pancakes and sausage to and fro.

This pancake supper is an annual event for Trenton's AOTS. The group's name stands for "As one that serves," a quote from a biblical passage in the Gospel of Luke. True to their title, the organization will be putting some of the evening's proceeds towards its annual goal of sending a few kids to camp Quin-Mo-Lac.

AOTS began in 1923. According to Trenton's AOTS president, Al Anthony, 76, the group had about 500 clubs across Canada by the 1960s.

"Unfortunately, with the younger people

not wanting to get involved and the older people dying off. We are now down to less than 100 clubs in Canada," said Anthony.

This trend is evident in his own experience. "When I joined the club back in the '80s, I would have thought that we had 35 to 40 members," said Anthony. "We now have 14."

Dyke said he also worries about the future of the group. "It's mostly older people, which is unfortunate, because for us people that are over the hill, it's a little difficult to do all the jobs we have to do."

The pancake supper does indeed involve physical work. Luckily for AOTS, the hall seems to be swarmed by eager youngsters who scurry from table to table with syrup and coffee deliveries. These

busboys and girls are part of a scout group, which meets in the church basement every week.

Youth involvement tonight doesn't seem to have any correlation to youth involvement in AOTS. Younger people have not shown interest in keeping this tradition going.

"They just don't seem to have time for church, which isn't a disadvantage, in a sense," said Anthony. "That's just the young generation and we're not going to change it."

Despite an uncertain future, this group is not bogged down by doom and gloom. Soup and sandwich events are scheduled for May and September and a strawberry social is on the agenda for June.

Fundraiser helps raise money for sports and wellness centre

Centre to be completed in next few months

By Rebecca Rempel

Members of City Council made big waves at Boston Pizza Monday night.

Make-A-Splash campaign hosted a fundraiser night at Boston Pizza in Belleville, Monday, Feb.6.

Ten percent of all sales made between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. went towards the Make-A-Splash Campaign. In addition to the fundraising, tables were being served by 'celebrity' servers throughout the night. Mayor Neil Ellis and Councillors Jodie Jenkins, Pat Culhane and Jack Miller all shadowed a waiter from Boston Pizza and talked to customers.

"Being a waiter, I don't know if I've ever had that on my resume, so it will be nice to have," said Ellis.

"I've had many drinks spilled on me actually. I look forward to spilling water on city hall employees in my section."

"I haven't spilled anything," said Jenkins. "(Mayor Ellis) hasn't even brought anything to anybody!"

Make-A-Splash is raising money to-

wards pool equipment for the new Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre. The centre will be completed in the next few months, and the campaign is reaching close to it's goal.

Needed equipment includes items such as underwater wheelchairs, spinal boards, lifeguard equipment, a defibrillator, water toys, a slide, starting blocks and a timing system.

Monday night's event raised \$296 through the restaurant and an additional \$225 in donations, raising the grand total to \$89,282. The goal is to raise \$100,000.

"I think the fundraiser went great," said Sarah Routhier, aquatics coordinator, by e-mail. "Even better than the money raised was getting the word out and being able to talk to people at the new facility."

The new facility will include a 25-metre pool, a large therapeutic pool and an aquatics play area. Municipal, provincial and federal government funding covered the cost of the building, but funding is needed to provide all the little things that will make the facility a place of enjoyment.

Donations of over \$25 will be recognized on the Donor Wall which will be displayed at the aquatics facility as well as the Make-A-Splash campaign page on the Belleville City website.



Photo by Rebecca Rempel

Jodie Jenkins is put to work at Boston Pizza Monday night, Feb. 6. Councillors and the Belleville mayor all appeared as 'celebrity' servers for the Make-A-Splash Campaign fundraiser, which raises money for equipment needed for the new Quinte Sports and Wellness Centre.



Photo by Melissa Murray

Skip Kesa Van Osch, 20, yells at her teammates to sweep during their game against Alberta at the Strathcona Paper Centre in Napanee on Feb. 4. The girls lost to Alberta in a close match, 9-8. The game was a part of the Junior Curling Championship, which will be held until Feb. 12.

Four teams big winners at junior curling nationals

Tournament winner will represent Canada at World Juniors in Östersund Sweden
By Melissa Murray

Four teams made a clean sweep at the Canadian junior curling championship in Napanee, after the first weekend of play. Each day, more than 20 games are played to move the 13 men's and women's teams through the tournament. The women's Alberta team beat out British Columbia and Saskatchewan on Saturday and Prince Edward Island and Ontario on Sunday. On the men's side, Alberta, Quebec and Northern Ontario, all had a perfect record of 4-0. But by Tuesday, only two teams were still undefeated, becoming quick favourites for spectators at the competition, said Stephen Paul chair of the host committee. "The Alberta teams have been playing extremely well, with a 6-0 streak for both the men's and women's teams," said Paul. And the crowds have responded. "The crowds have been exuberant. The

teams brought friends and family from all across Canada and they've brought their flags and cowbells to all the games," said Paul. Alberta skip Brendan Bottcher, 20, and two of his teammates are familiar with the championship. Both lead Bryce Bucholz, 19, and second Landon Bucholz, 19, curled with Bottcher in 2010. Between them and their teammate Evan Asmusen, they have logged 42 years of playing experience. Their counterpart, the women's team, played in the 2011 Canadian Winter Games and won silver. They too, have played the game for most of their lives, logging 45 years of curling between each teammate. The Alberta women's team squeaked by British Columbia during their first match when British Columbia skip, Kesa Van Osch, narrowly missed the last shot in the 10th end, to give Alberta the win 9-8. Not every team has as much experience as the Alberta teams. The men's and women's Newfoundland leads, Brendan Murphy and Nicole Noseworthy, have only been curling for one year and the men's Prince Edward Island team has an average career of just over four years. Both Ontario teams have the most ex-

perience on the men's side. Northern Ontario has 47 years of experience, while the Ontario team has 51 years. The girls beat out the boys in experience, though, with Prince Edward Island's team logging 55 years of experience between the four 20-year-old girls. Some players are also making and breaking appearance records. Will Mahoney, Mitch Young and Thomas Scoffin of the Yukon will make this tournament their sixth appearance at the Canadian Juniors, tying them with three other people. David Aho of the Northwest Territories switched to the Yukon team after six appearances in the tournament. He now has the most appearances of any player at a Canadian junior championship with seven appearances. Chelsea Duncan and Linea Eby of the Yukon are tied with each other for the most appearances at the junior championship each competing six times. Last year, Regina's Saskatchewan went 13-0, but this year their Saskatoon club is representing Saskatchewan and they are off to a rocky start with two wins and two losses. More round-robin games will be played throughout the week. The women's final game will be held on

Undefeated Winners	
<u>Undefeated Records Mens:</u>	
1952- Saskatchewan 9-0	
1962- Saskatchewan 10-0	
1963- Alberta 10-0	
1986- Manitoba 12-0	
2011- Saskatchewan 13-0	
<u>Undefeated Records Womens:</u>	
1975- Saskatchewan 10-0	
1978- Alberta 10-0	
1989- Manitoba 11-0	
2010- Ontario 13-0	
The last men's back-to-back winner was Alberta in 2006 and 2007.	
The last women's back-to-back winner was Manitoba in 2008 and 2009.	

Saturday Feb. 11, and the men's game will be held the following day. First rocks for both games are thrown at 7 p.m. Each of the games will be televised on TSN. "We are really excited to show off the tournament and Napanee to the country during the final games," said Paul. The winner of the tournament will represent Canada at the World Juniors at Östersund, Sweden from March 3-11.

Fancy gadgets all part of boat show offerings

By Megan Voss

The ships have sailed again at the Quinte Mall. For the past 15 to 20 years, more than just a few boats have been anchored throughout the aisles during the mall's annual boat show. From Jan. 30 to Feb. 5, many local businesses filled the space between stores, advertising a variety of different kinds of boats. Steve Smart is in his eighth year at the boat show. Although the hours are long, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, he said it is worth it. "It's a positive effect to be at the show," he said. "We get exposure that we don't normally get." Erin Graham is, administrative assistant for the Quinte Mall, agreed the boat show is a draw for the mall. "It's an annual event that people look forward to," she said. "It brings in more than just regular shoppers." "It's a different level of advertising – we try to bring in local businesses," Graham added. Smart and his wife, Pauline, own Smart's Marina Ltd. on Mazinaw Lake, which sells several different kinds of boats, as well as providing rentals, service, cleaning, and boat storage. Smart described the new technology out there for boats and how people have been looking for fancy gadgets as of late. They include special lighting effects such as moody lighting on the boat, lights installed under the boat to light up the water around it during the night, and illuminated cup holders. "It's a trend that comes from the automotive industry," he said, adding that boats are usually a year behind. However, some of the new technologies are a bit more practical. The new boats coming out are more environmentally friendly and leaner. He also spoke about the effect of the "bad" winter this year. Many outdoor businesses use the sales they get selling winter leisure equipment to buy boats for the summer, and because of the warm weather, the sales have been down. However, Smart said the warm winter creates more interest and that the boating season may start earlier. He hopes that he will be able to get some deals on paper and have the boats available to buyers by May.

Kyle Donnan athlete of week

By Melissa Murray

Kyle Donnan of the Loyalist Lancer's volleyball team was named OCAA athlete of the week, after setting the all-time high for career points of 911, during last Friday's game. He is also the all-time kills leader in the league. The Loyalist Lancer's volleyball teams are up against Durham College tonight in Durham. The Lady Lancers, second in their division, are serving against the eighth place team. The men aren't far behind the ladies, who sit fourth in their division, while Durham is just two points behind them. The Loyalist Lancer's men's and women's basketball teams will tip off against the Cambrian Golden Shields Friday night.

Golden Hawks fighting their way back up in standings

Team bounces back with two wins in a row playing on the road this past weekend
By Dan Pearce

The Trenton Golden Hawks moved up a spot in the Canadian Junior Hockey League, or CJHL, top 20 rankings this week, to number nine. Though it's a far cry from the first place position they held earlier in the season, the Hawks are fighting their way back up the CJHL leaderboards. On Friday, the Hawks outshot the Lindsay Muskies 38-30 at home, but still came up short, losing 2-1. However, on the weekend, the Hawks bounced back, winning two in a row on the road. On Saturday, they thrashed the Mississauga Chargers 8-0, outshooting them 61-25 and on Sunday, they did the same in Toronto, defeating the Toronto Junior Canadians 5-2, and outshooting them 45-26, to make it two straight wins. This improves the Hawks record to 35/7/5 over the season, keeping them in first in the highly competitive Eastern division and second overall in Ontario. The Cobourg Cougars (35/7/5), second in the Eastern division, are within striking distance of the Hawks, trailing



Photo by Dan Pearce

Retired Toronto Maple Leafs captain Wendel Clark autographs a jersey for Amber Hattie, eight. Clark signed autographs and dropped the puck at the Trenton Golden Hawks Ontario Junior Hockey League game against the Lindsay Muskies on Feb. 3 at the Community Gardens Arena in Trenton.

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by just two points. The Cougars have won their last five games, including a decisive 3-0 shutout win over the third-place Wellington Dukes. The Cougars will see if they can continue their hot streak against the the Hawks on Wednesday in Trenton. The Dukes, last year's OJHL winners, received an honourable mention in the CJHL rankings. They currently sit in third place in the Eastern division, trailing the Cougars by seven points, and are seventh in the OJHL with a 32/11/4 record. The Dukes get a chance at redemption on Friday, when they face off against Cougars. Rounding out the Eastern division are Whitby (27/12/9), Kingston (23/21/2), Lindsay (23/23/1) and Peterborough (8/37/4), who failed to make the CJHL rankings.