Cardinal council suspends talks with Edwardsburgh

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"We have options to consider as far as amalgamation is concerned, but the province is driving the bus," said Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw as he and Council discussed the Draft Terms of Reference for Restructuring between the Village and the Township of Edwardsburgh."

Councillor Joe Scott spoke with a tinge of defiance in his voice as the debate continued saying, "Cardinal has always been a municipality that has taken a stand... Cardinal should take a stand now!"

Jim Pakeman reiterated what all Councillors seemed to favour, "I built in Cardinal because I believe in the Village of Cardinal; we can stand our ground on this one!""

Councillor Scott added, "The residents of Cardinal can only lose if restructuring occurs." He went on to say, "The province has the power to make the municipalities bend to their will."

Reeve Dishaw seems to feel the burden most, that which this issue of amalgamation and restructuring carries, "This is the hardest issue for me since I have been on Council."

Rick Patrick made Council aware that things may yet be taken out of their hands, and no matter what they decide around their council table, others may be making the decisions for them and the people they represent. "You realize that amalgamation can still happen, even if we do not support it."

Joe Scott offered that the entire process is not fair, "The public is still in the dark as far as what is going on with amalgamation, and who can explain it, not even us!"

Reeve Dishaw suggested that perhaps the first step towards clarification would be, "I propose a public meeting to bring the people up to speed on where things stand right now on this issue; we need a costing analysis." This seemed to fit with correspondence council had received from the Front of Young in which they were asked to concur with their resolution calling for a "delay until the taxpayers have the information necessary on amalgamation as far as costs and benefits.

Local resident and former Councillor in the Village of Cardinal, Ray Laming asked for Councils indulgence and read two articles he had clipped from a daily newspaper. One was entitled, "Building on Shaky Ground" by Eric Dowd and the other read, "Outcome will be the Same"...both illuded to the fact that amalgamation has not been thoroughly researched, there are no studies to back up statements that are being used to support restructuring. It seems, according to these articles, that politics rather than reason are the driving forces behind amalgamation. Mr Dowd suggests that there has been no evidence of real savings through amalgamation. He also concludes that with the provincial cutbacks, it needs to be questioned whether municipalities can in fact handle their affairs even with no provincial grant monies forthcoming to help them. One Councillor suggested, "If a municipality has a high commercial/industrial base it could conceivably be the least affected by amalgamation"...food for thought!

Council worked their way through the 28 items contained in the list of terms of reference diligently and with caution. After discussions ended, a resolution was passed saying, "Cardinal Council does NOT accept the Terms of Reference for Restructuring with Edwardsburgh Township"...further it was concluded that Cardinal Council will suspend all talks with Edwardsburgh Township Council until such time as the province tells everyone what is going on.

During the discussions, certain items were put on the table, those which the Cardinal Council feels are important, those which raise questions. Among these are: What would happen to the Village swimming pool? the community centre? how the garbage tag system would work? What benefits if any does amalgamation have for the residents of Cardinal? Will amalgamation mean residents of Cardinal will be travelling to Spencerville to pay bills? Would representatives be as readily available in the new structure? Will Cardinal be taking on a liability? ("Our arena makes money, do we want to take on one that perhaps doesn't?...and so on?!" asked Jim Pakeman)

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Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank takes time to look back over the last year

As the year is coming to a close I would like to reflect on 1996 and some of the events that have taken place.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Jane Ewing who replaced Councillor Bruce Mullin at Council.

At the administrative office we bid a fond farewell at the end of March to retiring Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Marlin and promoted Lorna Seibert to Acting Clerk-Treasurer and Nancy Kenney to Acting Deputy Clerk. The transition was smooth and without any problems. To assist in the office Council hired Ruth Bell as secretary on a part-time basis.

With the help of consulting engineers we have received a draft report on the upgrading to our sewage system which will be done in 3 stages, taking 3 to 5 years commencing in 1997, with an estimated cost of $50,000 for the first stage.

Restructuring has become a household word in 1996 and in conjunction with the Village of Morrisburg, the Townships of Matilda and Williamsburg Councils, this Council has, with some regret but with no choice, opted to amalgamate our Village to form One New Municipality which at this time will be called the Township of South Dundas. A public meeting will be scheduled the third week of February, after the Roma Convention.

The one regret that this Council feels is that Iroquois' 140th Anniversary of Incorporation will be its last come 1997. With the help of the Anniversary Committee, Summerfest, the business community and our service clubs and many other volunteers we will try to make 1997 a year to remember.

Council will make every effort to keep 1997 taxes down and sewer and water rate increases to a minimal amount. We have to look at our sewer rates before budget time. We received a letter that we will be cut $28,000 for 1997.

Iroquois Hydro will not have any rate increases in 1997, making this 4 years in a row that the hydro customers have been served without rate increases to their utility bills.

Amalgamation talks between the hydro systems of Iroquois, Morrisburg and Williamsburg will commence in January of 1997 as Councils were advised that there could not be 3 independent hydro commissions within the new municipality.

1997 will be this Council's last year in office. We have, since the beginning of our term, tried to serve this Village the best we know how and will continue in 1997 to work for the people of our municipality to the best of our ability.

It's going to be a busy year.

On behalf of Council I wish to thank the following for their constant hard work and dedication:

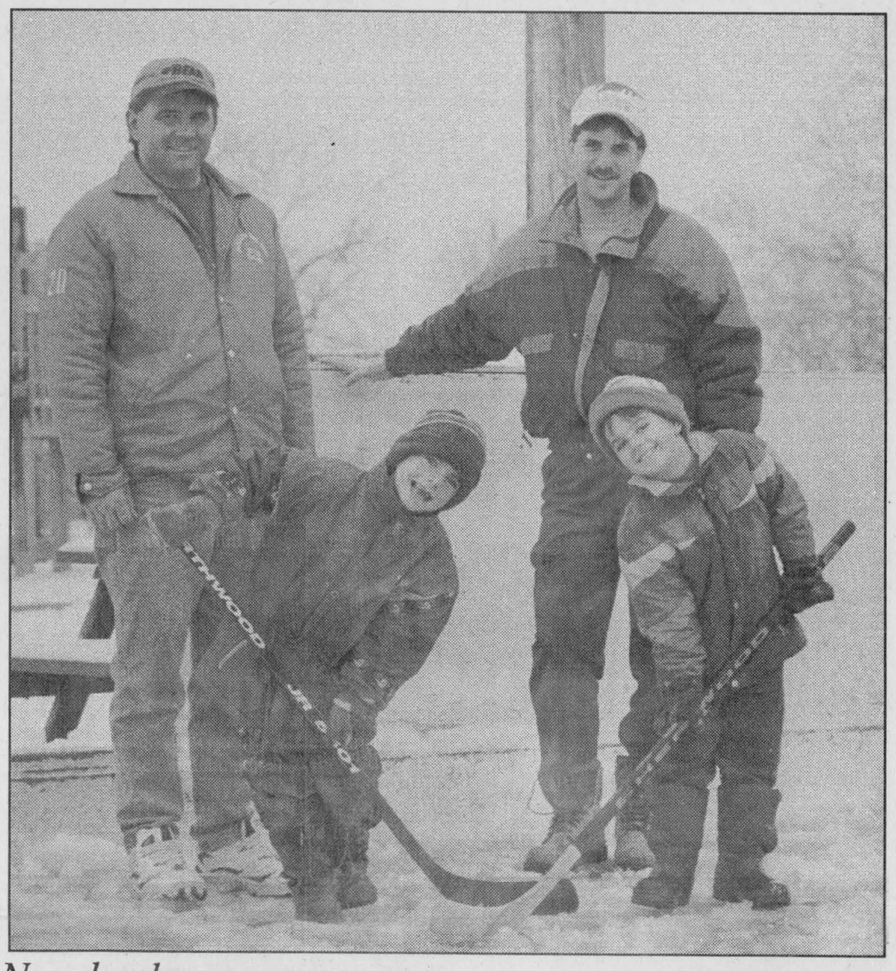
Administraive staff and works crew,

The various committees, boards and volunteers,

Our Volunteer Firefighters.

A special thanks to the Iroquois Public Library Board and their staff for the dedication and effort they have made to have given this municipality a Library to be proud of.

In closing, on behalf of this Council, I take great pleasure in wishing all our residents and rate payers a very happy, healthy and prosperous 1997.



New hockey program

Pictured above (back l-r) John Cooke and David McCaslin will be operating a recreational hockey league on Saturdays at the Iroquois Outdoor Rink. The program will be for children aged 5-9 and will run for the next 11 weeks. Also pictured above, (front l-r) Gregory McCaslin and Jordan Cooke.

Chieftain photo by S. McKibbon.

Winter Carnival starts this Saturday

The 22nd annual Matilda Winter Carnival is ready to kick off this Saturday night, January 11 at Matilda Hall. The festivities begin with the Carnival Queen Pageant at 7 pm.

This year's contestants include Megan Swerdfeger, Lisa Adlington, Angie Thompson, Marla Duvall, Rebecca Cooper, Shari Shaver and Erin McDonell.

On Sunday, the carnival continues with a pancake brunch and family activities. Brunch will be served at the Hall from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

On Monday, January 13, all those who love country entertainment can take part in activities at Matilda Hall starting at 7 pm.

On Tuesday night, the infamous amateur talent night will be taking place at the Hall starting at 7 pm. Karaoke will be a part of the evening's features. On Wednesday afternoon, January 15, the carnival afternoon tea and fashion show will take place at the Hall from 1:30 to 3:30.

These events only mark the beginning of a fun filled week of activities in Matilda Township. Stay tuned and see you all there!

Barkley feels '96 was a good year

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

1996 was a busy year for Matilda Township Reeve Charles Barkley. The first major cut in transfer payments from the provincial government.

Continuing work on preparing the old Stampville School for senior citizens.

A stint as warden of the Three United Counties.

Amalgamation.

"It was a pretty busy year," said the reeve reflection on 1996. "But I think we were prepared for it and did a good job."

According to the reeve, one of the highest priorities in 1996, amalgamation, will undoubtedly carry over into 1997.

"We (the four reeves of South Dundas) had a meeting yesterday (Monday) and we're going to form a transition committee," explained Barkley.

If the proposal the reeves came up with on Monday is accepted by the four councils of South Dundas, then the transition committee will be made up of eight members.

The reeve and deputy reeve of each municipality will form the transition committee and after decisions are made, they will then be taken back to the councils for discussion and approval.

"It (amalgamation) looks like it will work if everyone wants it to work and we've had three resolutions (at the county level) approving and all we need is for Morrisburg to do it and it should be done soon," Barkley said.

Amalgamation must be completed by the time municipal elections roll around this coming November and although there is still a great deal of work to do,

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Volunteers look to put the fun back in hockey for kids

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

So you live in Iroquois or Matilda and your son or daughter wants to play minor hockey.

You've got to take them to the rink once a week for practice.

Two hours...

You've got to take them to Morrisburg, Winchester, Spencerville or somewhere else once a week for a game.

Two to four hours depending...

Then on top of that there are tournaments.

Undoubtedly all day....

The next thing you know, you and the family are spending all your free time on the weekends at a rink!

Sitting around with some friends one night, discussing hockey and the time commitments involved with having a child participate in sports, John and Karen Cooke agreed that things shouldn't be as complicated as they are.

With this in mind, John and Karen sat down and came up with a plan to organize some recreational hockey for children that would teach them the fundamentals of the game and at the same time not cut into time the whole family can spend together on weekends.

"We wanted to do something that would be fun and give the younger kids a chance to get out and play some hockey," said Mr. Cooke.

Mentioning the idea to a few friends, the Cooke's picked up their first volunteer. Iroquois resident David McCaslin who in the past has been involved with T-Ball, thought the idea was good and decided to help.

The volunteers have already talked to Iroquois recreation and have booked an hour of ice-time at the Iroquois Outdoor Rink every Saturday morning for approximately the next 11 weeks to operate the program.

For a one-time fee of five dollars, children five-years-of-age to nine-years-of-age, can come to the Iroquois Rink every Saturday morning at 10 am beginning January 11th, and take part in hockey.

"It's going to be a time for the children to learn the basics and actually get out and play some

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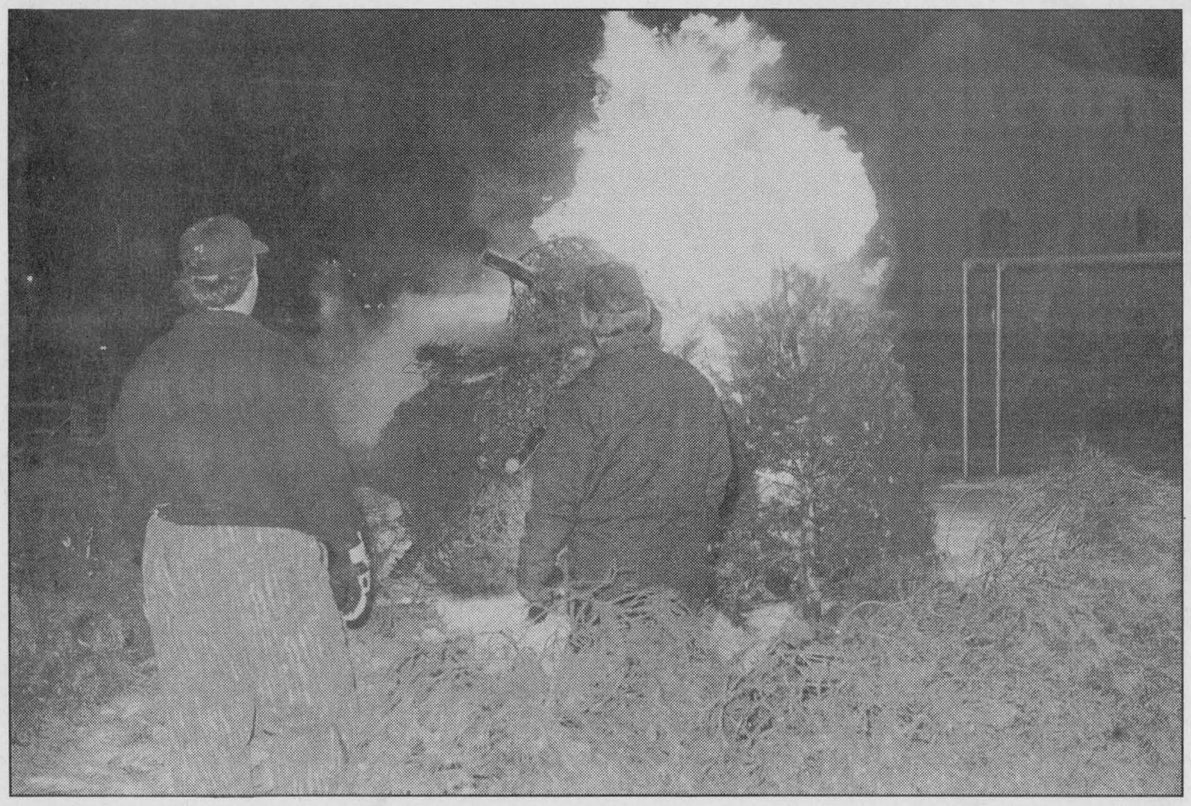

Burning the yule logs

Chieftain photo by S.McKibbon

Volunteers pile on trees at Iroquois' second annual Christmas tree burning Saturday night. Flames and smoke licked the sky, but keeping the trees burning in the cold weather and freezing rain was difficult, says volunteer Stephen Law. He estimates more than 80 trees were burned which will help with disposal. The number of trees burned was up slightly from last year even though fewer people turned out to watch the proceedings. Law says organizers are hoping weather will co-operate next year.

Waste problems in Mountain Twp.

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Dan Wright doesn't want to talk to reporters about the new waste treatment plant he wants to build on property at the corner of French Settlement Road and County Road One, even though it would give him a chance to tell his side of the story.

'It's been our experience that it doesn't get portrayed that way. It's better if we don't say anything, that way our words don't get twisted as badly,' said Wright.

But at least one Mountain resident already has a problem with Wright's project that would see solid and liquid waste separated and treated with the solid waste being mixed with wood chips and sold as fertilizer.

Herman Jansen, a Reids Mills resident told Mountain Council Monday night he was concerned that the liquid waste, which Wright says would be fed into a weeping bed, would seep into a nearby creek and municipal drain.

"That's one of the nicest creeks anywhere. And it runs all the time, summer, winter."

Jansen seemed unimpressed by Reeve Estella Rose's comments that discharges would be monitored by the Ministry of the Environment. He compared the proposal to a waste disposal site near Boundary Rd. in which raw sewage is dumped on top of open earth by individuals licensed by the Ministry of the Environment.

"If they (MOEE) allow that then..." Jansen said.

"But this is a 1000 times better than that," said Rose. She told Jansen of how she and Deputy Reeve Don Johnston travelled with Wright to a site in Quebec that uses a similar process to the one Wright wants to use.

"We were very impressed. There was no odour," said Rose. She

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this week

Carnival girls!

The Matilda Winter Carnival Queen pageant takes place this Saturday and you can meet all the contestants in this week's edition of The Chieftain. Please focus on page four.

On a roll

The Morrisburg Novice B Lions have been on quite a roll this season. Over the holidays, the Lions won four games in a row. Please skate over to page six for the story.

'96 remembered

Mountain Reeve Estella Rose reflects on 1996. Please turn to page seven for the story.

Many thanks

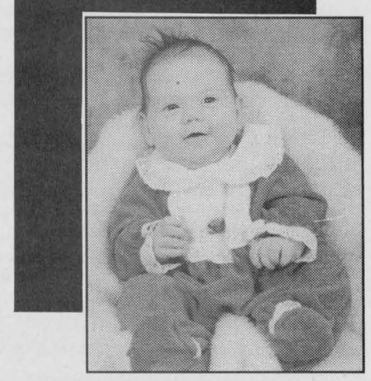
The Iroquois Library has some people to thank. Please turn to page ten for the information.

Babies of 1996

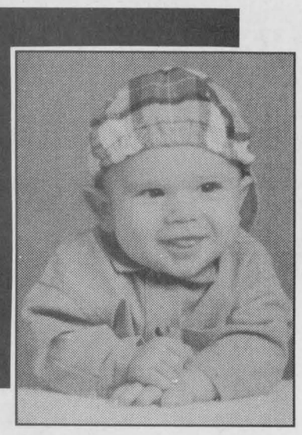
Baby Week



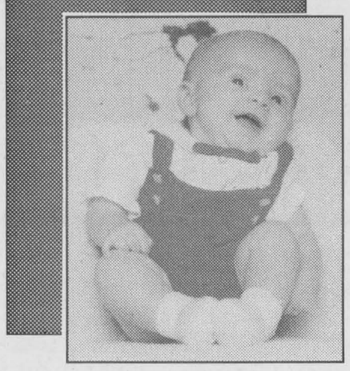
JADA ANN HEUSTIS
Born August 12th, 1996
daughter of
Darrin & Angela Heustis
(nee Barnhartd)



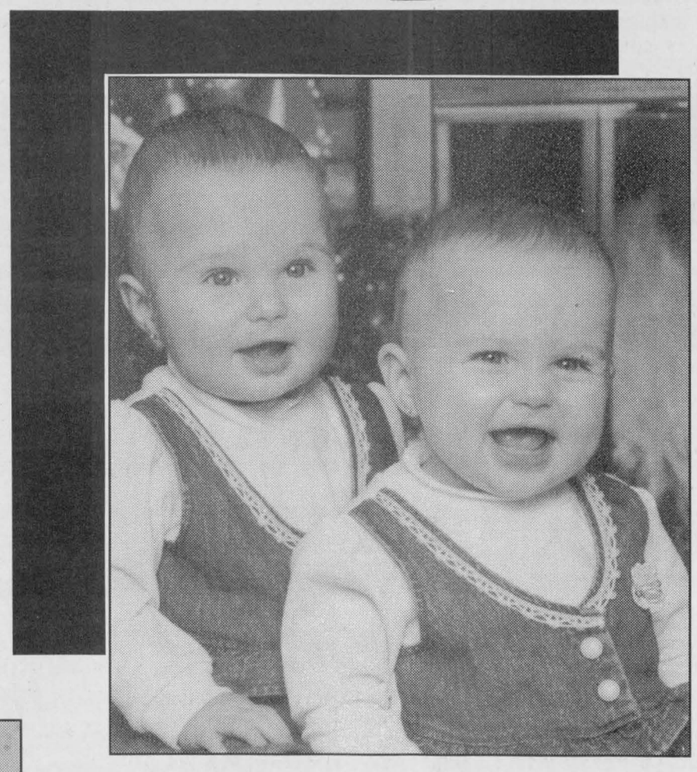
ERIN JEAN WILLIAMS
Born September 14th, 1996
daughter of
Jonathan & Ellen Williams
(nee Seely) of Chalk River
special cousin of
Paige & Jordan Cooke



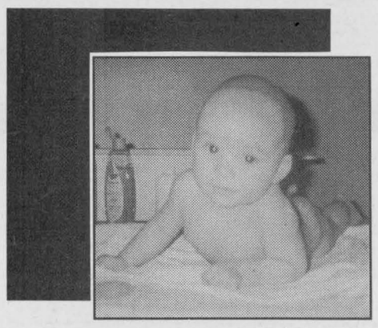
BRODY ERIC PICOTTE
Born July 17th, 1996
son of
Steven & Paula Picotte



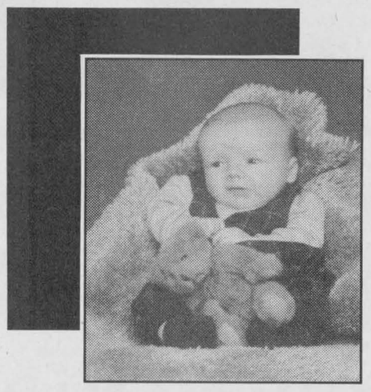
KYLE MARKELL-HUBERT
Born April 15th, 1996
son of
Vicki Markell &Tim Hubert



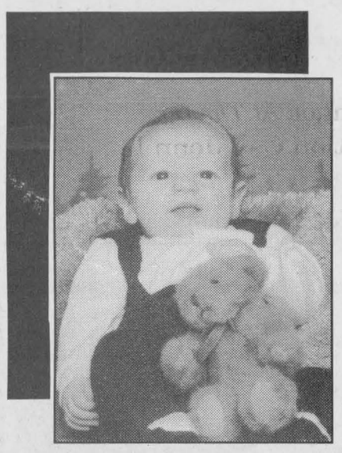
BROOKE KATELYN CUMMINS
&
TAYLOR LYN CUMMINS
Born February 20th, 1996
twin daughters of
Dean & Kelly Cummins (nee Francis)



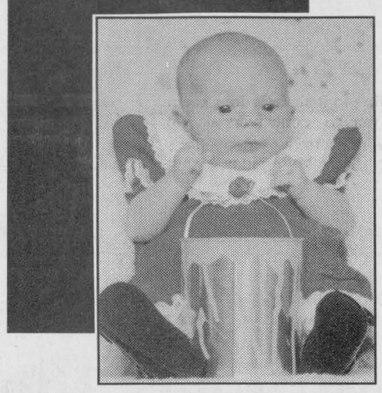
COLE PALMER
Born June 20th, 1996
son of
Greg & Amy Palmer



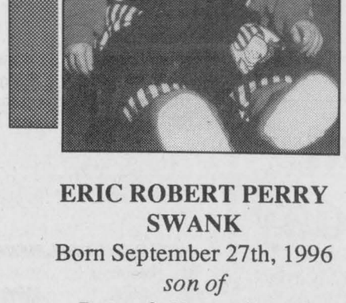
MATTHEW SPENCER LIBERTY
Born October 18th, 1996
son of
Laura Fawcett &
Todd Liberty



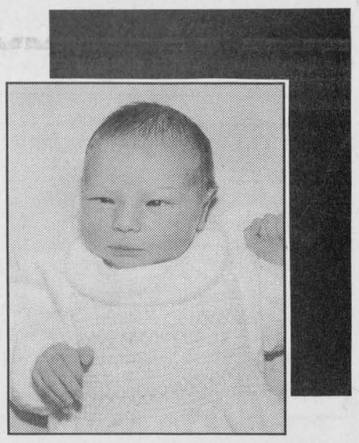
DAMEON LOGAN VANALLEN
Born October 3rd, 1996
son of
Cindy Hill &
Wayne VanAllen



KELSEY LEANNE MONTROY
Born October 13th, 1996
daughter of
Sheldon & Sheri Montroy
(nee Smail)

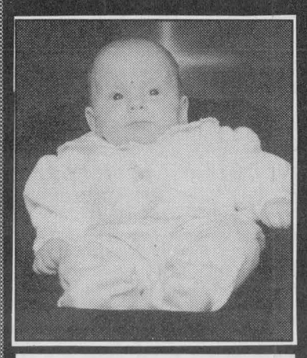


ERIC ROBERT PERRY SWANK
Born September 27th, 1996
son of
Perry & Nancy Swank
brother of Ryan & Kristina

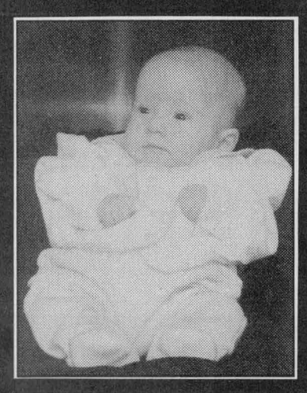


CAITLYN LEANNE ELIZABETH WOODS
Born September 27th, 1996
daughter of
Buffy Bernier & Ed Woods

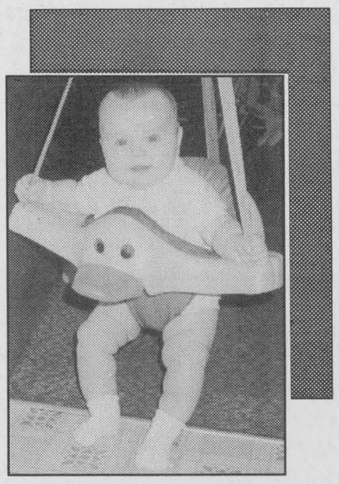
Double The Fun!



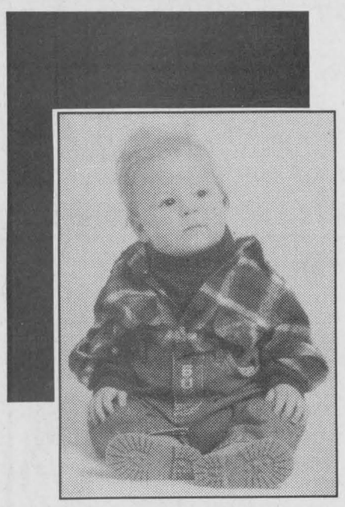
TIFFANY LYNN ROSKELL
Born September 4th, 1996
daughter of
Luke & Judy Roskell



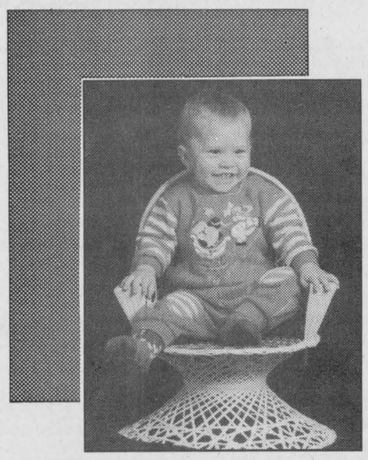
STEPHANIE ANN ROSKELL
Born September 4th, 1996
daughter of
Luke & Judy Roskell



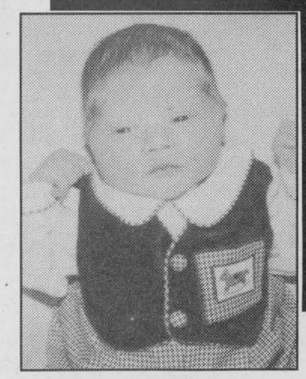
ASHLEY ANN SMITH
Born March 5th, 1996
daughter of
Robin & Ann Marie Smith
sister of Jennifer



JORDAN THOMAS SMAIL
Born April 8th, 1996
son of
Tom & Angela Smail



JERRED CLIFFORD JOHN VENEMA
Born January 31st, 1996
son of
Jerry & Linda Venema



HECTOR ISSAC WATTIE
Born December 1st, 1996
son of
Sarah Keeler &
Shawn Wattie

Baby Week

Cardinal council holds the first regular meeting of '97

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Cardinal Council met for their first meeting of the new year on Monday evening last.

On the agenda to start things off as Acting Clerk Donna Gladstone took care of the correspondence, was a letter from the Policing Bureau informing them that Harry deWolde has been assigned to municipal contract servicing. A Police Officer for the past 29 years serving with the Metropolitan Toronto, Alliston and the OPP Services, Harry's broad base of experience, people skills and genuine interest in assisting the Village of Cardinal in achieving the best policing arrangement should benefit the village. He will also provide analysis of the amendments to the Police Services Act after first reading of same, to the Council. The amendments will address police financing, structure, adequacy, governance and oversight.

Council agreed to allow the Royal Canadian Air Cadets to sell lottery tickets on Friday, January 24 in the Village of Cardinal. They did however deny a request from the United Way for a donation since they had done so when the Salvation Army asked late last year for a donation. They also expressed their opposition to the Break Open Ticket Program operating a video terminal in the Village.

An application was received from Donna Burrell for the Library Board. The Board is not complete, but Council felt this was a matter that the Board should decide, but they did accept her as a Board member contingent on the Board's approval. Other Board members are Lorne Cross, Christina Edge and Anne Gladstone. The Librarian is Margaret Ann Gaylord. It was noted that Board members are volunteers.

An inspection report was circulated concerning the Water Treatment Plant. Jim Grant will hold this on file for future reference. All recommendations have been met.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs wrote to Council to inform members of the 1997 Municipal Support Grant entitlement they will receive under the Municipal Support program. This represents a two-year funding commitment to the Program which the Finance Minister made. The entire program allocation will be $736 million, of which $666 million will be delivered through the Program. Cardinal learned they will get $84,298, paid in seven equal monthly installments beginning the last week of June 1997 and ending in December, 1997.

The amount Cardinal will get honours the commitment made last year to add back the one-time amounts deducted in 1996 for the social contract and transportation transition fund. This amount is then used to offset the across-the-board reduction to the 1997 grant. Also in this correspondence was the fact that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will continue to have a financial integrity fund available to assist municipalities in serious financial trouble as they attempt to amalgamate with their neighbours or those who find themselves in dire financial circumstances and in danger of defaulting on their financial obligations.

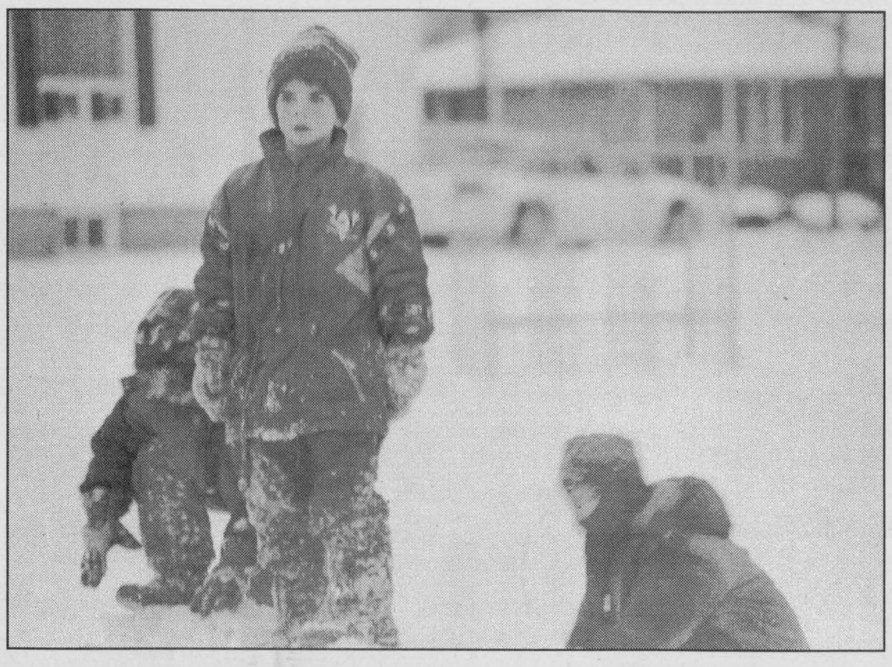
The Cardinal Fire Department responded to 8 calls over the month of December including a rubbish fire and a car fire. A total of 159 hours were logged by the Department.

Council passed a borrowing By-Law authorizing the borrowing of some $700,000. to cover taxes until they are all collected and any other expenses unforeseen that arise.

After a tie vote on the number of garbage bag tags that will be distributed to residents, the number was reduced from the 72 given last year to 60 per household. The time covered is April 1997 to March 1, 1998.

In other business, Council appointed Julie King as their Planner for 1997, Richard Tobin as their Solicitor and the members of the Community Centre Board: Tom Owers, Dick Willis, John Fahrungruber, Dan Mclaughlin, Walter Smail, Ed Riddell and Joan Toupin.

Council adjourned to meet again February 3, 1997.



A day of fun

The weather last Saturday was perfect for some fun in the snow. Pictured above, these Iroquois children were caught enjoying themselves at the playground in the centre of town. Many children took advantage of the snow and warm winter weather before heading back to school Monday.

Chieftain photo by S. McKibbon.

Snowarama is set to go in 1997

Dedicated snowmobilers are revving up their sleds in anticipation of Snowarama '97, the now 23-year-old tradition of snowmobile rides throughout Ontario, to raise money for children with physical disabilities and their families. The first Snowarama event in the Eastern Ontario Region will kick off in Pembroke on January 11, 1997.

Since its inception back in 1975, Snowarama has raised over $12.5 million for Easter Seal kids. "In the Eastern Ontario Region, there are more than 1,300 Easter Seal families who will benefit from these events," says Fiona Brown, Regional Development Manager for Easter Seals. "Snowarama events are an extremely important part of our annual fundraising plans as they raise a lot of money to help with costs of maintaining existing programs in the area. They also raise awareness of how community organizations can work with Easter Seals to help these special kids."

This year, The Easter Seal Society, Ontario, a non-profit organization, is celebrating 75 years of service to children with physical disabilities. Money raised through Snowarama '97 will help to finance essential medical equipment, community nursing, parent support programs, advocacy, funding for research and Merrywood Camp - a fully - accessible facility near Perth which gives kids a chance to enjoy a memorable camping experience.

With the wonderful support and assistance of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile clubs, Snowarama continues to be the largest charity fundraising event of its kind in North America. To find out how to Ride for the Kids in a community near you, call 1-800-461-3391.

Make your move.
PARTICIPACTION

CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT

Barkley

Barkley believes South Dundas will be ready.

As for the next round of tax cuts from the province, Barkley noted that they won't be as great as they were in 1996, "but it'll still be a challenge to see if we can keep taxes low and provide all the same services."

Something the reeve feels he and council accomplished in 1996.

"We had a big cut last year. We were prepared for it and we meant the needs of the township without a big increase," said Barkley.

An ongoing project, the renovation of the former Stampville Public School, should, according to the reeve, be completed in 1997.

"The contracts are all ready to be signed and we hope the seniors can move in early in 1997," Barkley said. Council is renovating the former school to be used as a satellite office of the Park Lane Senior Support Centre in Williamsburg.

As Warden

1996 also saw Reeve Barkley become Warden of the Three United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. Although it was a huge time commitment on the part of Barkley, the experience was extremely rewarding for him.

"It really went fast," he said of his stint as warden. "You get to cover a lot of ground and get the whole spectrum of the counties and I think it gives you a broad picture of how everything works."

"If was a very fulfilling experience," finished Barkley.

Hockey

hockey," said Mr. Cooke.

A minimal amount of hockey equipment will be required. Children will need a helmet with a mask, a mouth guard, elbow pads, skates and a stick, and any extra equipment the children wish to wear will be acceptable.

Although there will be some fundamentals of the game taught, the emphasis will be on having fun and participating without the competitiveness found in other organized sports.

The organizers believe that there is a demand for such a program and would also like anyone interested in volunteering to help to call 652-2605 for more information.

Cardinal

The Reeve summed things up saying, "Cardinal will continue in its existing capacity no matter what the province says." Joe Scott offered advice which made chuckles and nods of agreement go round the table..."Let the province do it; it will be up to them to explain to the people, the onus will sit squarely on their shoulders. Why should we do their dirty work for them?"

Mountain

said that at the Quebec facility the liquid discharge was fed into a municipal water treatment lagoon.

Jansen said he had been concerned when Wright's property had been re-zoned to "light industrial" a number of years ago. He said he was concerned that council had approved a further re-zoning to allow the project.

"We haven't approved it really," said Rose who told Jansen that he should attend re-zoning hearings, which would have to come before any approval, to voice his concerns.

Council had found that the current zoning did not allow for Wright's project and a zoning amendment would still be needed.

Coun. Robert Guy asked Wright at the meeting if council could see test results on samples of discharge from the Quebec waste treatment facility. Wright said yes and added, "The filtrate coming out, your talking dollars and cents how clear you want to make it. The filtrate coming out is very acceptable for the ministry of the environment but it's dollars and cents that's going to make that filtrate as clear as you want."

"What we saw down there was very clear," Rose interjected.

"So when you process this stuff you can either do say a low grade processing which would leave more pollutants in the water or you can do a high grade processing which leaves less pollution," asked Guy.

"That's right," said Wright.

"The ministry of the environment will likely dictate how much you can leave in there," Rose added.

"That's right there are specifications we have to meet. What's coming out of their filtrate now meets the specifications of the Ministry of the Environment, but as I say there's even more filters that can be put on the discharge, its all just dollars and cents," said Wright.

Wright went to council Monday night to ask the municipality to draft a zoning amendment. He just missed Jansen's presentation, arriving in council just after Jansen left.

Council said they would approach county planner Kay Stone to avoid a perception of collusion between council and Wright.

"If it would be better to get an independent planner to look at it then we have no problem with that," said Wright.

"Our planner can prepare the necessary documents for public meetings and so on and I think maybe at the same time if we ask her (Stone) if she has any problem responding to it since it does seem to be maybe controversial we don't want it to look like she's working from both sides," said Rose.

Council passed the motion to approach the planners about drafting an amendment.

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Robbing Mike to pay Jean

Thanks to gross incompetency of Federal Justice Minister Allan Rock and the federal government's justice department, taxpayers across this great country we call Canada, can say goodbye to over two million dollars of taxpayers money.

What really gets me about all this is that everyone keeps saying how the federal government will have to pay former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, an estimated $1,000,000 in legal fees like this is all Mulroney's fault.

First off, even if the RCMP and the federal justice department suspected Mulroney of any wrong doing, they should have investigated everything just a little more thoroughly before accusing him of wrong-doing on the international stage.

I mean really, this is still Canada, and as much as we love to hate the man who brought us free trade and the GST, he's still innocent until proven guilty.

Secondly, it's not, and I can't stress this enough, IT IS NOT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT IS GOING TO PAY FOR THIS!

IT IS YOU AND I, THE TAXPAYERS OF CANADA.

Oh yea... Brian's lawyers are going to get their $1,000,000 or so and yes, let us not forget, federal government lawyers are going to get their $1,000,000 or so.

Not only are we on the hook for all this incompetency, but my pay cheque in 1997 is going to be a little less than it was at the end of 1996, because Prime Minister Jean Chretien and his Liberal regime have seen fit to raise my Canadian Pension Plan contribution (something that more than likely won't be around for me to collect when I'm 65) and steal the tax cut that Mike Harris gave me last year and the one I was expecting to get this year!

It always amazes me to see a poll stating how popular the Prime Minister is.

I mean really, he campaigned on a promise to remove the GST and guess what... Every time I purchase something, I'm still paying the federal government 7 percent in taxes!

Ontarians were surprised by Mike Harris and the common sense revolution because Harris has done virtually everything he said he was going to do.

We may not like amalgamation and cuts to social programs, but downsizing government and making people work for welfare were all things Mike told us he would do.

On the other hand, Jean and the boys have lived up to the lowered expectations we all have of politicians and my pay cheque will be just a little less in '97 because of it.

Thanks guys.

MCB

Happy anniversary

During 1997, Canadians from coast to coast to coast will be commemorating a special milestone in the history of this country. January 1, 1997 is the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Citizenship Act. Prior to the passage of this important legislation, there was legally no such thing as a "Canadian." Men and women from this country were considered British subjects residing in Canada. When travelling abroad, they used British passports. The passage of the first Citizenship Act changed all this.

In February, 1945, a Canadian Cabinet Minister, Paul Martin Sr., visited a military cemetery in Dieppe France. As he walked among the wooden crosses, he was moved by the terrible sacrifice that Canadian soldiers had made in the fight for peace. He was also struck by the varied origins of the names on the graves. These soldiers had come from different ethnic and religious backgrounds. They had come from different parts of the country. The one thing that had united them was that they were Canadians. They had also fought and died to defend the country they loved. Martin felt that he must do something to honour their memory and their sacrifice. It was here in the cold winter of France that the idea of Canadian citizenship was born.

Martin, supported by Prime Minister William Lyon MacKenzie King, drafted a Canadian Citizenship Act and presented it to the House of Commons in 1946. After much debate, it passed with overwhelming support. The Act received Royal Assent in July 1946 and came into effect January 1, 1947. Shortly afterwards, at a citizenship ceremony in Ottawa, Prime Minister MacKenzie King had the honour of being the first person ever to say, "I speak to you as a citizen of Canada," after he received the first citizenship certificate.

With the passage of the Citizenship Act, Canada became the first nation in the Commonwealth to create a national identity other than that of a British subject. For each member of the British Commonwealth, the Canadian Citizenship Act provided a framework in which they would form their own citizenship legislation.

Since the Act was passed into law in 1947, over 4.2 million new Canadians have been granted under the Act. It is amazing to note that according to the 1991 Census, 395,275 Canadians have dual citizenship.

Over the past five decades, this country has grown and developed into a leader among nations. Canada is respected and envied as a prosperous and compassionate country. A Canadian passport is welcomed with a smile in countries around the world. This 50th anniversary is an opportunity to think about how precious our citizenship is. It is also a chance to reflect with pride on how much we have accomplished as a country.

Citizenship is about getting involved and making a difference in communities and neighbourhoods across this country. It is about taking responsibility to build on the successes of the past.

Canadian citizens are this country's most visible and valued ambassadors. Individual Canadians have excelled in all aspects of human endeavour. Canadian innovators and scientists have helped transform the world and how we view ourselves in it. Our athletes are internationally recognized for their sportsmanship and excellence, and our artists are respected worldwide for their vision and daring.

Many of Canada's accomplishments can be traced to our willingness to develop and to accept new ideas and new beliefs. This has allowed us to broaden our perspectives as individuals and as a nation. Canadians have shown that people of diverse faiths and backgrounds can live together peacefully and prosperously.

The United Nations has named this country of ours the best place to live three out of the last four years. Based on a variety of factors including standard of living, literacy and infancy mortality rate. Can there be any higher praise?

In 1995, a private sector panel ranked the 118 best cities in the world to live in. Canada had four cities in the top 12. Our three biggest cities, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal were all in the top 10...no other country came even close to that.

This is a wonderful year to celebrate what we are so fortunate to have.

S.L.J.

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Seven girls vie for Matilda Winter Carnival Queen crown

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Seven intelligent and beautiful young women will vie for the 22nd Annual Matilda Winter Carnival Queen crown this Saturday (January 11) and you can take part in the festivities.

In past years the carnival queen contestants have given judges some tough decisions to make and this year promises to be no different than others.

All of the seven contestants attend Seaway District High School and all have ambitions of pursuing post-secondary education in everything from industrial psychology to gerontology.

focus

The girls

Erin McDonell

Erin McDonell is the youngest of the contestants this year and at 15 years-of-age she is attending grade 10 at SDHS.

"I'm doing it for the experience," said Ms. McDonell whose sister Lesley took part in the contestant last year.

Erin's escort for the night will be Curt Porteous and her sponsor for the event will be Harbour's Flame Centre.

In her spare time she enjoys skiing, hanging out with her friends, all sports in general and shopping.

When she finishes high school she hopes to attend college to become a dental hygienist.

Erin has three sisters, Lesley, Laura and Emily and her proud parents are Sharron and Glenn.

Rebecca Cooper

With a part-time job after school at a local gas station, 16 year-old Rebecca Cooper is no stranger to the people of Matilda Township and Iroquois.

In her spare time she enjoys hanging out with friends and shopping and she too is looking at this pageant as a good learning experience.

Ms. Cooper's sponsor for the night will be Cooper's Sport Trophy Engraving and her escort will be Will Beckstead.

"Right now I'm thinking about taking gerontology in Toronto," said the grade 11 student when asked about her plans after Seaway.

Rebecca has an older brother Spencer and her proud parents are Shelly and Brian.

Angie Thompson

Also 16 years-old, Angie Thompson is definitely no stranger to township residents. The grade 11 SDHS student participated in the pageant last year and was awarded the runner-up position behind Tracey Lewis.

"I want to give something back to the community and take on the responsibility of representing the township," said Ms. Thompson of her reasons for competing in the pageant.

Angie's sponsor for the evening will be Gibson Electric and her escort will be James Byers.

Angie has one brother, Andrew and her proud parents are Robert and Carol.

In her spare time she enjoys singing, the piano and many different sports.

Megan Swerdfeger

Megan Swerdfeger has grown-up in Matilda Township and she too believes the pageant will be a good learning experience.

The 17 year-old SDHS student attends grade 12 and is looking at become a dental hygienist when she finishes secondary school.

She enjoys singing, playing the piano, skiing and swimming in her spare time and has two brothers, Dean and Kyle.

Megan's sponsor for the evening will be Third High Farms and her escort will be Aaron Banford.

Her proud parents are Margaret and Glenn.

Lisa Adlington

At 17 years-of-age, Lisa Adlington attends grade 12 at SDHS and is look-

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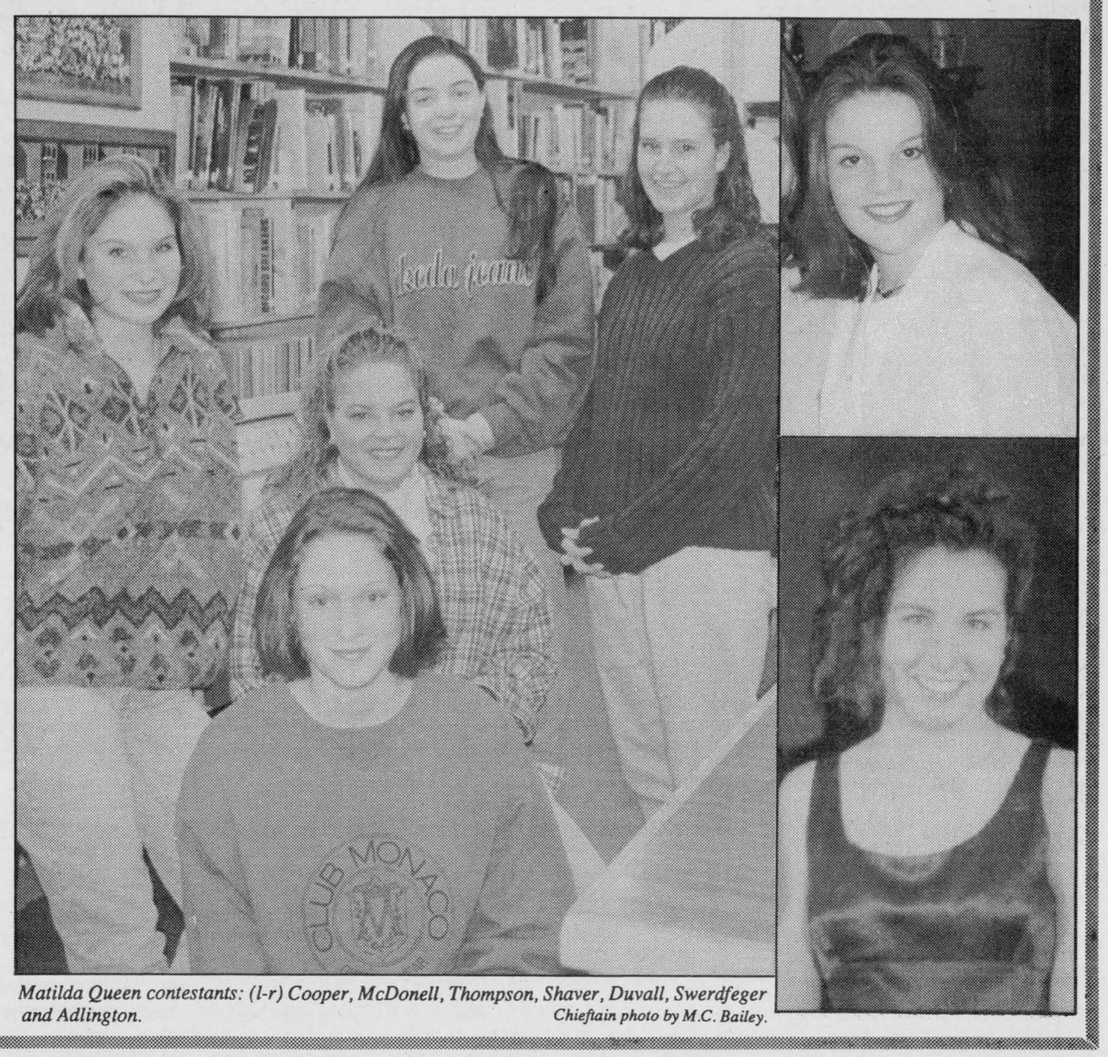

Matilda Queen contestants: (l-r) Cooper, McDonell, Thompson, Shaver, Duvall, Swerdfeger and Adlington.

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Swampview busy preparing for '97

Just plain livin'

with Sandra Lee



The tree has been taken down and placed outdoors for the birds. Strings of popcorn and some dried fruit, suet and a couple of gingerbread cookies will provide a treat for our fine feathered friends. The garland is off the staircase and the Santas are wrapped and put safely away until next Christmas. The gifts have been washed and or put in their places. The final meal of New Years Day leftovers has been eaten...the season is complete.

The outdoor lights are still in place, and even if they are turned on, they send a welcome message to weary workers as they head homeward after a labouring day, and the writer for one enjoys coming home to their cheery glow.

The old writer and the Swampview gang hosted the inlaws to New Years Day feasting. A couple could not make it, but they were the losers (Even if I do say so myself!), the food was eatable and the game played afterwards had everyone in stitches. The clean up was not too drawn out, in fact it was decided that we would just do it before we went to bed and save the big guy from having to get down and dirty the following day. (The writer had to go to work)

A fast trip to the big city resulted in the final payment to secure registration made to Scouts Canada so the 1st Iroquois Scout Troop can be certain they will have a spot at CJ'97 in July. Some after Christmas shopping at the mall and a delicious supper at Red Lobster had smiles on all four faces at Swampview.

Things at work are slowly getting back to normal. We have experienced Fridays that were Mondays and Tuesdays, Mondays that were Wednesdays and Thursdays that were days off and now each day will be what the calendar says it. Whew! Hope you all enjoyed the barrage of newspapers that The Chieftain brought to you for your reading pleasure over the holiday season.

The sons were prepared for school and their mother was happy to see them heading Westward on Monday morning. Their dad was up and out early since his day begins at 8am with the first class and ends early as the last class is over at 2:15. This is nicer to be home on a stormy day and not have to contend with the foreboding darkness as evening comes upon us.

The weather has been right on the mark, as far as the Farmers Almanac is concerned. Why it even predicted what they have experienced out west. This is not to say that anyone is happy about this stuff, wet and damp, cold and rainy...it is supposed to be winter. The snowmobiles have not yet been allowed out of the shed, much to the disgust of the sons who are ready to be out and about on them. A Christmas break is always so much more fun when there is snow, and somehow it always seems warmer when we have snow to insulate us. There were plans, or perhaps I should say dreams of a winter camp for the Scouts, with piles of white snow, where we could build snow huts and sleep in them to prove the insulating powers of the snow; but if this weather persists we will not make it this year.

The new pickem'up went to work this week. It seems to run smoothly. We will decide which will travel to Prescott and which will only be required to go to town each day...major thing for the Swampview gang. The brown car has served us well and will be retried from duty. Some have suggested that we pay someone to take it away, but she still runs well and the exhaust and tires are great, the body needs some TLC, but she will make a wonderful winter car for the folks around the corner.

A load of movies have been watched over this holiday season due in part to the rain and such. Some get a thumbs up and others do not. The new 007 was good, Eraser (with Arnold) and Twister were enjoyed by all and then there was Independence Day which we thoroughly enjoyed since we had seen a show explaining how the movie was made. Happy Gilmore was a fun one and above all we must realize that each show is just that, a Hollywood display, not reality. The crummy weather is our excuse since we seldom grab a movie, but when the outdoors does not allow us to get out and do something creative, we go the movie route.

A trip to Brockville on behalf of the Scouting movement gave this writer the opportunity to check out what bright lights and Christmas decorations are still up, and there were some pretty awesome sights. On the way home down Highway 2, there were some massive trees with countless light strands adorning the green branches. A lot of folks used the white lights this year and the effects are terrific. The trip west was wild since the wind blew strongly and the snow came with such force that it was almost impossible to see where we were headed. When we reached our destination the shaky hands were happy to be pried off the steering wheel. The drive east was much more pleasant as the storm had dissipated.

This weekend we will celebrate the birthday of the eldest son. It is tough to realize that he is turning 19, where has the time gone? He is applying to colleges and universities, and his mother is certainly feeling old. (That is what happens when you marry young!)

This week is booked solidly for the writer, every evening there is an assignment or a course to take in. This weekend is also the responsibility of the writer so it will be tough to find time for R and R. Thankfully the ironing pile has dwindled and the list of "to dos" is shorter than usual, so we will get through everything.

Sunday afternoon the big guy and the writer took in an open house as some friends have moved into their newly constructed home along the river and invited folks over to nibble and visit. Then some wintry type pictures were snapped as old Jack Frost had been out and about with his icy fingers touching this and that. The river has not frozen and yet the layers of ice on dry land play havoc with walkers and the frozen, barren wasteland lies dormant alongside the running water. The snow clung to weeds and presented a wonderful photo opportunity.

The niece who has returned to

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the bottom line

IF YOU'RE IN IROQUOIS THIS SATURDAY AND YOU ENJOY BASKETBALL, you might want to stop by Seaway District High School. The senior Spartans are playing in a ten team, two school, basketball tournament. Seaway plays Saturday morning at 8:30 and again at 12:15. Head out to the school and cheer on the home town team. (mcb)

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THE CHIEFTAIN WANTS TO WISH ANGIE AND EARL HALLADAY OF Cardinal congratulations on the addition of baby Keisha to their family. Keisha was born Friday, January 3, 1997 at 1:41 pm weighing 7 lbs. and 1 oz. She was the first baby born at Brockville General Hospital in 1997. (mcb)

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SLJ WANTS TO WISH HER SON RYAN A HAPPY 19TH BIRTHDAY. THE BIG DAY is this Friday. Sandra Lee really didn't want to say what she got him for his birthday, but she did give me a hint.... They're fuzzy and you wear'em on your feet! (mcb)

JUST WANTED TO SAY HOW BAD I FELT FOR ALL YOU DALLAS FANS LAST Sunday! It really is a shame that the Cowboys won't get a chance to make Super Bowl history with a record fourth championship in five years. About the only thing worse than being a Dallas fan would have to be, being a Maple Leaf fan! (Go Leafs, go) (mcb)

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LIFE AT THE IROQUOIS CHIEFTAIN IS ALMOST BACK TO NORMAL. OVER the holidays it was extremely difficult to keep our days straight, but now that Wednesday is really Wednesday and Friday is no longer Monday-Tuesday, we can all get back to our regular schedules. (mcb)

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DON'T FORGET THE SPECIAL MATILDA WINTER CARNIVAL PULL-OUT tab found in this edition of The Chieftain. The special flyer will give you all the information about the winter carnival and the events you won't want to miss. (mcb)



Shrouded in winter

The power dam looms in the background fog as the old lock area is ice and snow covered. The frosty tree stands on guard over the wintery scene across from the boathouses. The river, sitting majestically in the centre of the picture, seems almost untouched by winter's cold and icy hand.

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston.

LETTERS

Amalgamation could be the saviour

Dear Editor,

I note from a recent issue of The Chieftain that our local Municipal Council will be calling a public meeting to discuss Amalgamation with surrounding municipalities. This could be the most drastic change in the life of Iroquois Village since the Seaway Development. Amalgamation seems to be inevitable and could be the saviour of small municipalities struggling to survive increasing costs and dwindling revenues. If the process is well planned and executed and is not purely politically driven, we must be vigilant and ensure that the identity and the well-being of Iroquois Village is not compromised.

I urge each of our citizens to consider this matter and discuss it with friends and neighbours and above all to plan to attend the public meeting when the date is announced. The future of Iroquois is at stake. We have to be interested and involved. There has been a lack of information to the public from the people preparing recommendations on the final plan of Amalgamation and we would certainly expect them to come to the meeting fully prepared to show us the basic structure of the new Amalgamated Municipality including anticipated cost savings, amalgamation of services and staffing. I hear by the grapevine that the basic plan was prepared by the Counties and includes the Counties structure. I had thought we were looking at a 1-tier government. If we are, in fact dedicated to real serious cost savings, then why not look at the feasibility of operating without a very expensive second-tier?

Mr. Harris says we are getting this thing...ready or not, so we better be ready!

I believe it is unfair to leave the final decision to our local Council, rather, we, the citizens must decide what we will accept. Real Power finally is "People Power". Governments listen to the people and afterall, we should know what is best for Iroquois.

Be on hand at this critical meeting for the good of Iroquois.
Ed. Thompson.

LOOKING BACK

43 Years ago:

The first thing that strikes the writer about this issue is that it came out on a Thursday, January 7, 1954. The second thing is that there are three big advertisements on the front page. (This does not happen any more!) Also on the front was the **"looking back"** column, this one referring to **1905.** Included in this were the timely notes from the area, and an **early closure headline;** seems that everyone felt the home was being neglected and felt if businesses closed at 8pm the store owners could spend quality time at home. The exception was Saturday nights during the skating season. Also of note was the **Leap Year Ball** when young ladies of the area came out to strut their stuff as it were, and the suitable young gents came to see them. Some included, Ada Harkness, Laura Banford, Dora Driscoll, Maud Tuttle, Annie Coons and Myrtle Wallace.

The town skating rink was in fine shape according to the paper. A schedule was being drawn up and caretaker, Frank Sisty had everything set to go. The cost for a single time to skate was 10 cents for children or 25 cents for adults. A family could skate all season for $3., public school children $1. high school kids $1.50 while adults paid $2. The Lions Club sponsored the rink.

The Savoy Theatre in Cardinal was showing Iron Mistress with Alan Ladd and Virginia Mayo. In **Winchester** the theatre was hosting a double bill with Tobacco Road (Dana Andrews) and Grapes of Wrath with Henry Fonda, while the **Cameo in Morrisburg** was showing Ride the Man Down with Rod Cameron and the **Williamsburg Picadilly** had The Cruel Sea on its billboard staring Virginia McKenna.

The bulk of the paper was filled with correspondence from various places in the area, Hainsville, the Broken Second, Bishop's Mills, Maynard Hyndman, Glensmail, and Roebuck.

33 Years Ago:

This issue from 1964 also came to its readers on Thursdays, not Wednesdays as it does in the 90s.

Irena School celebrated the season with a Christmas Concert. Pictures show us the pupils and their teacher, Miss Linda Coughler along with their music teacher, Ruby Bell.

A picture page gave readers a look back at the year that was.

A Teen Talk column reported that the top ten for the week were Dominique, Forget Him (Bobby Rydell), I'm Leavin' It Up To You (Dale and Grace), Everybody (Tommy Roe), Loddy Lo (Chubby Checker), Sugar Shack (Jimmy Gilmer), Maria Elena (Los Indies Tabajaras), There, I've Said it Again (Bobby Vinton), Pretty Paper (Roy Orbison), You Don't Have to be a Baby to Cry (The Caravelles). **The Beatles had taken the entire country by storm,** Beatlemania had sold 500,000 copies.

27 Years Ago:

By this time, the Iroquois Post was only that (No Matilda attached) and it was delivered on Wednesdays.

Denzil Prunner had just taken over the Esso Service Station across from the Shopping Plaza. The Llo-Mar Restaurant was connected with the Station and was to be operated by Jack Goodin of Riverside. Prunner's Esso was set to open for business.

John Turner was Canadian Justice Minister.

Skating at the Iroquois open air rink was free and again the weather would dictate when it could be utilized. A tentative schedule was in the news. Hockey was played regularly.

25 Years Ago:

The Village was welcoming a new medical Doctor as Doctor Basil Forbes, General Practitioner opened his office on Church Street in Iroquois. Office hours were Monday to Friday and Saturdays from 11 til 1. He was "on call" anytime. The news story announced that within two months Dr. T.J. Smyth also of Belfast, Ireland would be arriving to set up his own practice in the Village too.

The Cold Storage Plant was being placed on the saleblock. It had become a victim of changing times and needs in the area. The St. Lawrence Valley Co-Operative Cold Storage Ltd. was owned by a stock company composed of area farmers and orchardists, who have their own facilities now.

A warning concerning the heavy snow falls that had been hitting the district, and the need for all vehicle owners to get them off village streets so that removal operation for the snow can carry on and also so accidents do not occur.

"Big Al" was coming to town, as Lee Shaver and Sons, Alouette Snowmobile Dealer in Stampville were bringing the four engined beauty to allow folks a peek at the attention getter.

10 Years Ago:

Local Reeves were giving their predictions for the year ahead. Most areas were gearing up for numerous projects to be completed. **Reeve Rooney** in Iroquois was looking to housing growth and the operation of the new lagoon at Dominion Textiles. **Reeve Mellan** was looking at roads and housing as well in Matilda. Cardinal's **Reeve McLaughlin** saw the Prosser subdivision growing. He also predicted sidewalk improvements and equipment upgrading in the village.

Matilda's Winter Carnival was set to begin, the 12th annual event.

Local resident, Irene Haldane had the winning Super Loto ticket and found herself one million dollars richer.

Jaime Adams arrived home ahead of the storm dumped on Iroquois for Christmas and on Christmas morning walked unaided for the first time since her latest operation in Baltimore. This one fused her neck bones.

Karen Gorrell of Morrisburg purchased Thom Realty Ltd from Gordon Thom.

Icy roads had caused a brash of automobile accidents in the area.

The new recreation building in Brinston was all but completed. The new structure replaced three shacks that had been doing the job of change room, snack bar and equipment shed. It was hoped that at least half the cost, some $50,000. might be underwritten by grants.

5 Years Ago:

Matilda Township was gearing up for their 17th Annual Carnival. Ten young ladies were vying for the crown and the honours that would go along with wearing the Queen's tiera.

Upper Canada Village was hosting an 1860 style Christmas. As the turkey basted on the hearth, youngsters waited anxiously for Saint Nicholas to arrive.

Cardinal was set to discuss Police Services Board with the Solicitor General.

Peter Hoy was set to make the leap to the big leagues as his pitching arm had been noticed by scouts from the U.S.

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ing forward to the competition.

Involved with students council and on a number of different school committees, she doesn't have a great deal of spare time, but she does enjoy baseball when she has a chance and she used to be a member of the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club.

"I'm not really nervous because I enjoy talking to people," said Lisa who entered the contest because her father suggested it to her.

Ms. Adlington's sponsor for the evening will be Sears/The Nook and her escort will be Dave Millard.

When she finishes high school, she hopes to pursue an education industrial psychology and work around the world.

Lisa has two brothers, John and Mike and her proud parents are Tom and Dorothy.

Marla Duvall

One of the oldest in the competition, 18 year-old Marla Duvall would like to give something back to the community and believes the pageant will be a good learning experience.

Attending grade 13 at Seaway she hopes to take business at university next September.

Ms. Duvall's sponsor for the evening will be the Iroquois Gas Bar and her escort will be Mike Heffron.

She has one brother, Sean, and her proud parents are Sharon and Ralph.

Sherri Shaver

Also 18 years-old and attending grade 13 at Seaway, this will be Sherri Shaver's third Matilda Winter Carnival Queen pageant. In her first pageant two years ago, Ms. Shaver won the Miss Congeniality award.

"It's a good experience and you get to visit with people you wouldn't normally hang around with," said Sherri about her reasons for entering the pageant. "Besides, everybody who enters is a winner."

In her spare time she enjoys snowmobiling, poetry, reading, volunteer work with the scouts and meals on wheels, as well as skiing.

In the fall she hopes to pursue a degree in criminology or psychology.

Ms. Shaver's sponsor for the evening will be Shaver Sand and Gravel and her escort for the pageant will be Mark Shaver.

She has one sister, Wendy O'Donahue and her proud parents are Michael and Debbie.

Just Livin'

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school to attain more knowledge and a higher degree in her chosen field has our best wishes and support.

The big news at Swampview is that the discriminate shopper has finally found her French Vanilla Coffee...searching everywhere since the Scout trip to the USA in the fall when we enjoyed this unique taste treat, right in our very own town did it show up on the shelf. The number one son and his mom really enjoy a hot cuppa this stuff.

The other niece who has entered the Matilda Carnival Queen contest also has our best wishes and support as she vies for the honour of wearing the crown. A great experience, she knows that she can only benefit from this evening.

A couple of folks who we have come to know through church on Sundays celebrated on New Year's Eve in a spectacular manner. We want to wish Toby and Mark all the best as they head along the marriage road. There are no pat answers to a happy and successful marriage, but hard work and a respect for your partner help a lot.

This week's wisdom comes to us from Cecile M. Springer, who said, "Above all, challenge yourself. You may well surprise yourself at what strengths you have, and what you can accomplish."

Take care and keep busy. We will meet again right here next time.

Bird Notes

by E. G. AVERY



Here beginneth the first notes of the New Year. Bird-watching during the holiday season was less than spectacular around here, due to the unusual weather conditions. Most birds "stayed home", and the only feeders that were doing a good business were those near wooded areas. Proof of this is in the list from Irena and surrounding countryside. The first Juncos appeared. These are interesting members of the Sparrow group; they are larger, and plain dark grey with white 'aprons", and almost-white beaks. When flying, white outer-tail feathers can be seen.

Another first for this season was a small group of Pine Siskins which belong to the Finch family, and often travel with Goldfinches.

Also seen at the feeders were Blue Jays, a Cardinal, Tree Sparrows, House Finches, and more than enough Starlings.

The Ducks and Geese that have been seen during the past few weeks are still visiting the fields, and are probably staying over the winter near the Bird Sanctuary, as they usually head off in that direction.

A visitor who was home for the Christmas holiday saw an interesting (and very co-operative), bird, a Great Horned Owl. This is one of the large Owls about 22", with a wing-spread of 55", and is a permanent resident the year-round across the entire continent. This one allowed a close-range view, and was easily identified. What a hoot!

Crime Stoppers

Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a theft of a snowmobile from a Highway 31, Winchester Township residence.

Sometime between 9:00 p.m. December 27th and 2:30 a.m. December 28th, 1996, unknown suspects entered the yard of the residence and removed a 1995 Polaris Storm snowmobile, black/pink in colour, with Ontario plate 752005, VIN #09507822435739 from the trailer it was sitting on. Total value of the theft $12,000.00.

Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers also needs your help in solving two break-ins in the Morrisburg area.

Sometime during the late evening of Wednesday, December 18th unknown persons gained entry to a storage trailer at a construction site on Allison Drive. Stolen property consisted of commercial power tools, such as a concrete saw with diamond blade and circular saw.

The second break-in occurred at the MacEwens Gas Station during the evening hours of December 29th. Unknown persons forced entry into the premises and once inside broke open a safe and removed cash.

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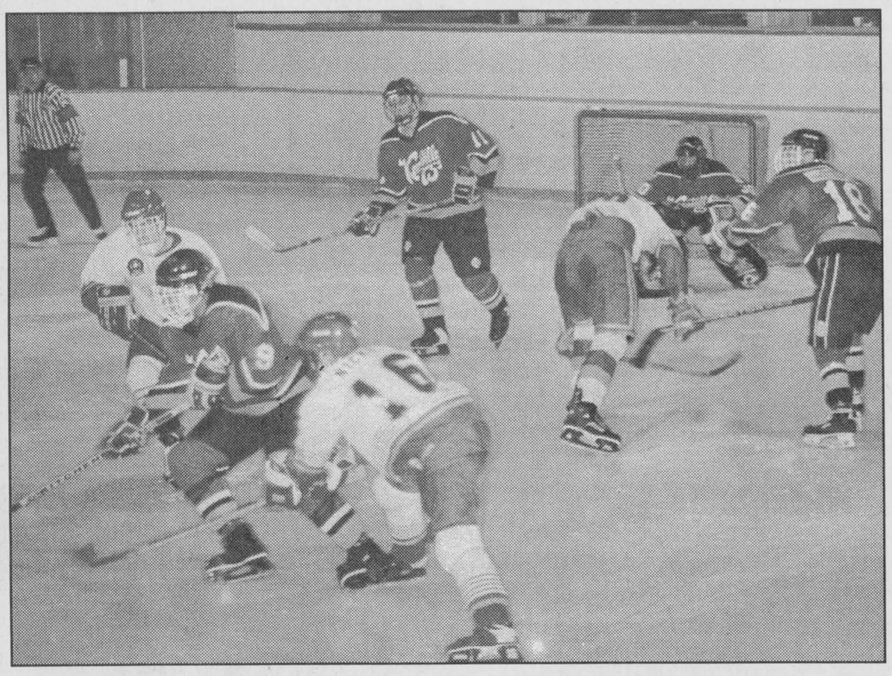
Lions host the Islanders this Friday



Lions lose again

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions lost two games on the weekend. Pictured above the Lions hosted the Kemptville 73's and ended up on the losing end of a 9-2 tilt. Morrisburg's only two goals came from Rob Darling and Wayne Disotell. On Sunday the Lions travelled to Alexandria and lost 9-4. *Chieftain photo by S. McKibbon.*

Novice B Lions win four in a row

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Novice B Lions, with a combined league and exhibition record of 24-5-1, continued their winning ways with victories over the Brockville Warriors, the South Grenville Rangers and the NGS Braves, over the holiday season.

Warriors

Visiting the home of the Brockville Warriors on the 17th of December, the Lions fell behind by a goal when Brandon Durant beat Robert Bongers at 3:51 of the second period.

Morrisburg's David Patterson scored the game tying goal at 9:05 of the third when he capitalized on a beautiful feed from Greg O'Neil and Kyle Weeger.

With the game tied at one, the Lions kept the pressure on and with 2:41 left, Patterson did it again for the winner.

This time Weeger hit Travis Dillabough with a pass, Dillabough fed Patterson and the Lions took home a 2-1 win.

Shut-out

Travelling to Spencerville for a game against the South Grenville Rangers, Robert Bongers was out-standing in the Lions cage as Morrisburg scored five unanswered goals enroute to a 5-0 win over the Rangers.

Kent Nugent opened the scoring for Morrisburg in the second when he beat Rangers goaltender Even Muldoon. Brandon Van Allen picked up the assist on Nugent's goal.

Having a great night, Dillabough then proceeded to score a natural hat-trick with assists going to O'Neil, Kyle Migliacci and Patterson.

The Lions fifth goal of the night came from O'Neil who scored an unassisted marker with :17 seconds remaining.

Van Allan Hat-trick

In an exhibition game with the NGS Novice A Braves played in Finch, Morrisburg's Brandon Van Allen lead the attack for the Lions with three goals and an assist for a four point night.

Played on the 21st of December, the Lions carried a one goal lead into the second period.

Morrisburg's first of the night came from Dillabough at 3:59. The assist went to Patterson.

In the second, Van Allen picked up his first of the night when he capitalized on a pass from Nugent at 9:32.

Three minutes later, Van Allen set-up Nugent to give the Lions a 3-0 lead going into the third.

Van Allen finished off his hat-trick in the third when he beat Adam McRae at 14:20 and 1:00. Assists went to Nugent (2), Evan Tait and Nick Whelan.

Nugent Five points

Hosting the South Grenville Rangers on the 22nd of December, the Lions dominated with a 6-1 victory.

Lions captain Kent Nugent was on fire all night, scoring a natural hat-trick in the first, assisting on the only goal of the second and scoring one more in the third.

Assisting on all but one of Nugent's goals, was line-mate Brandon Van Allen.

The Lions other two goals came from David Patterson and Travis Dillabough.



Novice C Lions win!

Pictured above the Morrisburg Novice C Lions hosted the North Dundas Devils last Sunday evening. The Lions jumped out to an early lead and hung on to defeat the visiting Winchester team 5-0. The Lions have been having a good season this year. On the far right along the boards, Lion Cody Cassell sends the puck into the Devils zone. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Lions drop another two games

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions losing streak continued over the weekend.

The Lions gave up games to the Kemptville 73's and the Alexandria Glens.

Hosting the 73's last Friday evening, Morrisburg lost 9-2.

Rob Darling and Wayne Disotell had the only counters for Morrisburg. Assists went to Les Hagget (2) and Disotell (1).

Another loss

On Sunday the Lions travelled to Alexandria and lost 9-4.

The Glens scored four unanswered counters in the first and never looked back!

Morrisburg's goals were scored by Ryan Warner (1) and Les Hagget who picked up a natural hat-trick. Assist went to James Cooper (3), Nick Dixon (1), Jeff Hyndman (1), Wayne Disotell (1) and Corey McAllister (1).

The 9-19-2 Lions are now 2.5 games out of a playoff spot behind the 11-16-3 Winchester Hawks.



Winter fun

Chieftain photo by M..C. Bailey.

With the Christmas holidays coming to an end last Sunday, and school looming on the horizon, these three students took advantage of the cold weather and new snow. The battlefield memorial at Upper Canada Village was a great place to do some sledding on the weekend.

Friday night dart league stats

Editors Note: Due to Christmas holidays the publishing dates of the paper were changed. The Dec. 27th dart news were faxed to our office Dec. 30th (as usual), however, the paper was already printed and being delivered. Here are both weeks of dart news.

Dec. 27th: Into our 13th week of darts and things are going good. A lot of spares needed after the Christmas holiday.

Standings: C.D.s 83 1/2, No Surrenders 83, Double Outs 76 1/2, 3 Guys and a Babe 76, The Gems 72 1/2, Half Pints 70, Jay Birds 69 1/2, Misfits 66 1/2, Glen's Gals 63 1/2, Fab Four 61 1/2, Rod & Reel 59, Shaky Shooters 57 1/2, Fly by Nites 51 1/2, Untouchables 51, The Broadway Crescents 50, Duelling Darters 48 1/2.

High Scores: Glen Easter 140, 100; Chris Thompson 138; Trevor Easter 132, 100, 100; Duane Kirker 121; Bill Simzer 116; Lloyd Greenough 116, 100, 100; Sue Pelehos 111; Sharon Easter 107; Joyce Fader 104, 101; Debbie Hess 101; Glen Adams 100, 100, 100; Richard Deschamp 100; Earl Nesbitt 100; Gary Bradford 100; Steve Barkley 100; Garnet Summers 100.

Finishes: Bill Hutt 6, Gary Bradford 5, Thom Greenough 5, Glen Adams 4, Chris Thompson 4, Jaime Adams 3, Walter Reid 3, Jean Warham 3, Trevor Easter 3, Jim Carkner 3, Dennis Burns 3, Debbie Shaver 2, Duane Kirker 2, Sue Pelehos 2, Glen Easter 2, Debbie Hess 2, Leo Merkley 2, Craig Tucker 2, Deb Valiquette 2, Art Ault 2, Barb Merkley 1, Tony Easter 1, Elizabeth Brooks 1, Bill Simzer 1, Pearl Roy 1, Mike Merkley 1, Bobbie-Jo Deschamp 1, Ed Shaver 1, Carroll Summers 1, Lorna Seibert 1, Lorraine Adams 1, Donna Hodgson 1, Pat Thompson 1, Joyce Murphy 1, Mary Graydon 1, Sandra Taillefer 1, Shelley Paul 1.

Happy New Year Everyone!!

Jan. 4, 1997: We have started a new year and lots of people are out with the flu so the rest carried on with fun darts and having a good time.

Standings: C.D.s 91, No Surrenders 89, 3 Guys & a Babe 83 1/2, Double Outs 82 1/2, The Gems 76 1/2, Half Pints 74, Jay Birds 73 1/2, Misfits 70, Glen's Gals 69 1/2, Shaky Shooters 64 1/2, Fab Four 64, Rod & Reel 61 1/2, The Broadway Crescents 56, Untouchables 55, Duelling Darters 55, Fly by Nites 54 1/2.

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Finishes: Duane Kirker 5, Glen Adams 5, Glen Easter 5, Trevor Easter 5, Gary Bradford 5, Bobbie-Jo Deschamp 4, Bill Hutt 4, Walter Reid 3, Chris Thompson 3, Jean Warham 2, Steve Barkley 2, Carroll Summers 2, Garnet Summers 2, Sharon Easter 2, Craig Tucker 2, Sam Strader 2, Richard Deschamp 2, Ron Strader 2, Bill Simzer 2, Victor Brooks 2, Ronnie Lewis 2, Barb Merkley 1, Rodney Francis 1, Elizabeth Brooks 1, Earl Nesbitt 1, Kim Francis 1, Carl Gibson 1, Sue Pelehos 1, Art Ault 1, Donna Hodgson 1, Joe Roberts 1, Joyce Murphy 1, Reg Farmer 1, Mary Graydon 1, Danny Daye 1.

Seaway Spartans to host tourney at SDHS Saturday

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Seaway District High School and Rothwell/Osnabruck High School in Ingleside will welcome eight teams to a ten team senior boys basketball tournament beginning this Friday night.

Seaway will play its first game of the tournament Friday night at 4:45 pm when they host Glengarry High School.

On Saturday the Seaway team will host North Grenville at 8:30 am and then play again at 12:15 pm when they host Rideau High School. The fifth team in Seaway's pool will be Elgin High School.

All of the Spartans games will take place at Seaway District High School.

"It'll give us a good idea of the competition we might meet at EOSSAA (Eastern Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association)," said coach Corden.

In the "B" pool and playing their games at Rothwell/Osnabruck, will be the host Lancers, VanKleek Hill, Grenville Christian College, North Dundas and Bishop Smith.

All championship games will take place at Rothwell/Osnabruck, with the consolation match set for 4 pm and the championship game set for 5:15.

"Hopefully we'll be there for one of those games," said Corden.

Regular season

The boys basketball season at Seaway resumes this week with the midget and junior teams hosting L'Heritage Friday afternoon. The midgets start the day at 1 pm and the junior game will follow at 2:15.

The senior Spartans will host the North Dundas Devils in regular season action this Thursday evening at 4:15.

Pee Wee Thunder hold Cardinal tourney

The Rideau - St. Lawrence Thunder Pee Wee girls hockey team came within one goal of advancing to the final in a ten-team tournament they hosted in Cardinal last Thursday.

Despite outshooting the Ottawa National Capitals 29-6, the Thunder dropped the game by a score of 1-0. A tie in this, their second game of the day, would have secured them a first place finish. The loss dropped them to fourth in what turned out to be an extremely close tournament.

In the Thunders first game against the Belleville Bobcats, Vicki Hodgkinson opened the scoring on a nice pass from Annie-Laurie MacPherson. A rebound from a Jenn Clarke attack was scooped up by Sarah Asbreuk to make the score 2-0, and another feed from Annie-Laurie MacPherson to Robin Sheedy in the slot gave the Thunder their third goal. Vicki Hodgkinson also assisted. The Bobcats scored their only goal in the third period, the game ending at 3-1.

The Cardinal Lions Club donated Hustler awards for each game of the tournament; local winners were Jenn Clarke and Vicki Hodgkinson.

The final placings for the 'A' side of the tournament were: Aylmer - 6.5 pts.; Cornwall - 5.5 pts.; Ottawa - 5 pts.; Rideau - St. Lawrence - 4.5 pts.; Kingston 4.5 pts.; Belleville - 4 pts.

Rideau - St. Lawrence finished with the lowest goals against in the tournament with a 0.5 GAA and placed 3rd for goals with a 1.5 GFA. They finished a +2 on the day. Solid goaltending was provided by Meghan Hendershott and Sarah Dulmage.

The 'C' side of the tournament saw Smiths Falls Cubs take first place in the round robin with victories against Potsdam and Ogdensburg. They also went on to defeat Aylmer C in the 1-0 final.

The Cubs outscored their opposition 7-0 on the day, posting 3 straight shutouts by Kylie Lumsden.

The Cubs scoring came from Caitlin McGregor (2 goals, 2 assists), Nicole Crawford (1 goal, 1 assist), Tegan Healy (2 assists), Danielle Hurois, Tammy Poll, Katie Rycroft (1 goal, 1 assist each), and Sarah Harrison, Branny Berry and Sadie Bower each with 1 assist.

A 150 player penalty-shot shoot-out was won by Cornwall's Michelle Hickley, the best goalie on the day was Rideau-St. Lawrences' Sarah Dulmage who takes the honour for the second time in 3 years. A crowd favourite, the shoot-out is a trademark of the Cardinal tournament.

Two new programs

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Morrisburg Figure Skating Club (MFSC) is moving into unfamiliar territory with two new morning programs, Kidskate and Icebreakers.

Icebreakers is a brand new CFSA course designed to teach skating fundamentals to people eighteen years of age and older. According to MFSC president Marion Thompson the objective of Icebreakers, "is to introduce adults to an active-living lifestyle through progressive skating skill development under the guidance of certified coaches in a fun group format."

The Kidskate program is similar in its objectives, but is geared toward children of three to five years.

"The Kidskate course will cover basic movement and will have a strong element of play," says Thompson.

Where the club is really breaking new ground though is in the hours.

"We've never done morning skating during the week before," says Thompson. She says that in an effort to raise funds and interest in the sport the MFSC has been looking at a variety of alternatives. She says the use of morning ice time has the advantage of lower costs.

For $60, people can sign up for the 10 week courses that start January 22nd and 23rd. Participants will skate on one of two days during the week and sessions will last an hour. Thompson says the format for the sessions will be a half hour of lessons and the remainder of the time left for practice.

Registration will happen on January 11th and 15th from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Morrisburg arena.

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Kilger gets challenged

Bob Kilger, member of parliament for Stormont, Dundas has been challenged by Don Boudria, member of parliament for Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, to participate in the Annual Ski-A-Thon.

Mr. Kilger will be in need of support from his community to meet this contest and is appealing to his community for support to meet this challenge on Saturday January 25.

To participate, skiers must collect $35 in pledges. This will allow them to take part in a free day of skiing and races. Skiing is from 2:00 pm till closing. Races will take place at 6 pm. Pledge kits are available from the Canadian Cancer Society office at 16 Second Street East in Cornwall, or call (613) 932-1283.

There will be a prize for everyone taking part in the races. A special draw for skiers that collect $100 or more in pledges for a week-end of skiing at Mont-Habitant will take place.

We look forward to seeing you on January 25 and hope you will enjoy a day of great skiing on the slopes of Mont Habitant. By taking part in this event you will also assist in the fight against cancer.. cancer will be beaten.

For more information call the Canadian Cancer Society at 932-1283.

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

A public service provided by the businesses listed here in co-operation with this paper.

Jan. 12: Isobel Eastman, retired kindergarten teacher turned author, will talk about her books, "Out of the Mouths of Babes", and "When We Were Just Born", to the **Valley Writers' Guild, 2 p.m., St. John's United Church, Prescott St., Kemptville.** Visitors pay $4 at the door. **For more info call Joy at (613) 658-5245.**

The Good Companions Iroquois Senior Citizens covered dish lunch, Jan. 14 at 12 noon followed by entertainment. All Senior Citizens welcome.

The Living With Cancer Support Group's next meeting **Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.** at the **Williamsburg Senior Support Centre.** For further info call **652-4588.**

Annual Euchre & Bridge, Moonlight Chapter O.E.S., Civic Centre, Iroquois, Feb. 5th, 1997. Prizes & Lunch. $2.00.

Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 11th, Ham Supper at St. Paul's Anglican Church hall in Cardinal, 4:30-6 p.m. Adults $7.50; children 12 and under $2.50; preschoolers free. Takeouts available.

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Car fire

The Iroquois Fire Department responded to a car fire on Monday December 30th, 1996. Chris Merkley's Cavalier caught fire south of Dixon's Corners at approximately 1:45 pm. The Fire Department was on the scene in a matter of minutes but the car was too far gone. No one was hurt in the accident.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

Reeve Rose reflects on 1996

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Don't expect any major public works projects for 1997, says Mountain Township Reeve Estella Rose.

"I think most councils won't be starting any major projects, because they're not going to be able to see them through," says the Reeve of one of the most proactive townships involved in the amalgamation issue.

She said the completion of the Inkerman Rink facility would probably be one of the last capital projects Mountain would embark on. She said that the other major project over 1996 and in the coming year would be improving township roads to prepare for amalgamation.

"Starting something big like a new Industrial Park would be kind of ridiculous. I think a lot of us had on our wish list a new official plan."

Many of the councillors were disappointed that the township's property zoning bylaws would not be updated, Rose says.

"There's really no point now though, you might as well wait for the new council."

Rose says 1996 has been a busy year with the amalgamation discussions. As we move into 1997 Rose says she's happy her municipality was able to maintain a steady level of service for rate payers, despite cuts to provincial funding. Cuts which she says forced Mountain to take a more active role.

"I think we see that as a township we don't have the tax base to carry on our own," says Rose. She says Mountain needs the help of the other municipalities. While some critics of municipal amalgamation have said expenses will increase, Rose says she believes money could be saved.

"There are things that you're doing four times over, like heating four different buildings that we can save money on by using only one building."

Rose says she also thinks that municipal staff could be even more efficient than they are now, because she says with a larger amalgamated staff they could specialize in a single area of expertise. Rose says staff now wear a number of different hats and everyone on the municipal staff must know about all areas of municipal services.

Among accomplishments in 1996, the Reeve says she is proud of the way staff were able to pitch in and maintain services when Mountain's clerk, Glenna MacIntosh, suffered an aneurysm and had to take time off work for an extended period.

"I think one of the things that helped was Glenna's training to the staff and also the way everyone pitched in. Barry (Scott) and Richard (Sharkey) have been helping wherever they could."

Rose says she was also glad to see that a steady level of service was maintained at no extra cost to the taxpayer, despite rising costs and falling provincial funding.

Rose was bullish on the prospects of a newly amalgamated North Dundas.

"I think that if everyone tries they can make it work on the new council."

St. Lawrence Division

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Kemptville	30	27	00	03	218	82	58
Char Lan	30	19	08	03	161	106	43
Alexandria	30	12	14	04	131	149	30
Winchester	30	11	16	03	149	164	27
Morrisburg	**30**	**09**	**19**	**02**	**137**	**205**	**22**

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OBITUARIES

Eileen Zeron

Suddenly at home, on Tuesday, December 31, 1996, Eileen Zeron of RR1, Morrisburg.

Born in Morrisburg on March 11, 1908, she was 88 years of age. A housewife who spent her lifetime in the Morrisburg area, she was a member of St. James Anglican Church in the Village of Morrisburg.

Eileen enjoyed knitting and baking and following horse racing since her husband and children were involved in the sport.

Predeceased by her parents; Harry and Grace (nee Hunter) Myers and her beloved husband, Wilfred who she wed in Ottawa on November 5, 1924, as well as sons; Charles and Harry and daughters; Evelyn Gilson and Marguerite Myers: brothers, Donald, Harold and Pat and a sister, Audrey Merkley.

She will be sadly missed by daughters; Irene Marin of Cardinal, Betty Zeron of RR1, Morrisburg and Carolyn (Mrs. Ernie Belmore) of Ingleside. Also mourning their loss are sons; Calvin (Edna) and Jack (Carolyn) of RR1, Morrisburg; Jim (Gail) of Kemptville and Sanford (Doreen) of RR1, Cardinal, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family appreciated the donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation made in Eileen's memory as well as those to Winchester and District Memorial Hospital.

Friends were received at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Iroquois from where Rev. Bill Byers conducted service on Friday, January 3, 1997. Interment followed at St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Iroquois. Pallbearers included; Jim, Sanford and Mike Zeron, Charles Farlinger, Alfred Hanes and John Larmour.

Lillis Jane Coons

After a brief illness, Lillis Jane Coons on Thursday, December 26, 1996, at Riverside Hospital, Ottawa.

Born in Vernon, Ontario, on December 20, 1912, she was 84 years of age who last resided in the Senior Citizen's Apartments in Russell.

A homemaker who spent 21 years of her life as a housekeeper and store-keeper at Fred and Anita Weagant's, she had lived in South Mountain prior to moving to Russell, eight years ago.

A member of the Russell United Church, she was a member of the United Church Women and the Russell Women's Institute.

Predeceased by her parents; Samuel Craig and Matilda (Cameron) Craig as well as her beloved husband, Elzeon Coons. Sisters, Myrtle Ogilvy, Sadie Hanks and Annie McIntyre and a brother, William McIntyre also predeceased her.

Sadly missed by sons, Mervin (Doris) and Maynard, all of South Mountain. As well daughter, Lorraine (Mrs. Wayne Patterson) of RR2, Iroquois, a brother, Lawrence (Alice) Craig of RR1, Winchester and a sister, Katie Lake of Russell also mourn the loss. She will be sadly missed by grandchildren, Tim Patterson of Iroquois, Cindy Patterson of Calgary, Cory Coons of South Mountain and Shelley Coons of South Mountain. She is also survived by nieces and nephews; Ian Ogilvy and Bill Hanks, both of Vancouver, Jack Hanks of Cayuga, Ontario, Ida Blonski of London, Ontario and Eileen Hamelin of Russell.

An excellent cook, Lillis gave away much of her baking to family, friends and those she knew were ill. She loved gardening and especially flowers. A busy lady, she always found time to give of herself to others.

The family appreciated the donations in her memory that went to Winchester and District Memorial Hospital.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on December 28, 1996 where service was conducted by Reverend Fred Milnes. Interment was at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Chesterville. Pallbearers were Hugh Hamilton, Laird and Bob Weagant, Tim Patterson, Cory Coons and Richard Hamelin Jr.

Gerrit Luimes

Suddenly at home, at Park Lane Villa, Williamsburg, Gerrit Luimes on Friday, December 27, 1996.

Born in Doetinchem, The Netherlands on March 21, 1915, he was 81 years of age.

Gerrit had lived in Holland, then moved to Canada, and resided in Toronto for 3 years before coming to Matilda Township and living in Brinston for 3 years before moving to Spencerville where he remained for some 36 years before moving to Williamsburg where he had lived the past five years.

A member of Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church, Gerrit was one of the founding members of the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church and the Timothy Christian School.

He was predeceased by his parents; Jan Luimes and Grada (nee Weenink) Luimes as well as his first wife, Hendrika Jansen, whom he lost on September 10, 1990; and two sisters.

Mourning their loss are his second wife: Kryna Uitvlugt-Van-Oudenaarden whom he wed on May 3, 1994 at Park Villa in Williamsburg; sons: Hank (Jane) of Winchester; John (Jeannie) of Toronto; Bill (Bonnie) and Jack (Joyce) all of Ottawa; Tom (Greta) of Kanata; Albert (Carolyn) of Renfrew and Ed (Stephanie) of Spencerville. A daughter Wilma Mulder (Albert) of Ottawa; 3 brothers and 3 sisters in Holland and in Canada also survive. He will be sadly missed by Kryna's 10 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as by his own 19 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Farming for Gerrit was not only an occupation, he thoroughly enjoyed it. He enjoyed playing the trumpet, as well as singing and listening to music.

The family appreciated the donations to the Timothy Christian School in his memory. Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Sunday, and then again at the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church prior to service there. Rev. George Rowaan officiated on Monday, December 30, 1996. Interment followed at New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg. Pallbearers were Wilma Mulder, Hank, John, Bill, Jack, Tom, Albert and Ed Luimes, all Gerrit's children.

Dorothy Mark

After a brief illness, Dorothy Mark of RR1, Morrisburg, at Winchester District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, December 26, 1996.

Born at Osnabruck Centre on March 4, 1914, she was 82 years of age. A housewife who had spent the last 30 years at her Morrisburg residence, she had resided in Aurora and Williamsburg previous to moving to RR1, Morrisburg.

A member of the Williamsburg United Church, she had married the former David Chu Mark on October 2, 1930 in Waterloo, Quebec. She was also predeceased by her parents, William Hayes and Bertha (nee Copps) Hayes; a daughter, Gloria Casselman; a grandson, Steven Casselman; a great-granddaughter, Randi; a brother, Charles and sisters; Lula May Johnston, Julia Munroe and Marion Takarabe.

She is sadly missed by sons: Edward (Mary), Robert and Allen, all of RR1, Morrisburg; Dover (Sue) of Cookstown; Douglas (Peggy) and Archie (Evelyn),all of RR2, Williamsburg; William (Betty) of Winchester; James (Sue) and Ken (Pat) all of RR1, Morrisburg; and Steven (Sherry) of Newmarket. Also mourning their loss are daughters: Eileen (Mrs. Joe MacDonald) of Toronto; Hilda (Mrs. Clare Casselman) of RR1, Morrisburg; Joyce Mark and Ruth (Mrs. Wellington Casselman) all of RR2, Williamsburg. Several nieces and nephews survive as do 36 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Dorothy enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She was devoted to her entire family, a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario were gratefully appreciated by the family in her memory.

Service was conducted at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Sunday, December 29, 1996 with Rev. F.E.A. MacPherson and pastor John Hayes sharing in the officiating. Interment was at New Union Cemetery, Williamsburg. Pallbearers included Mahlon Casselman, David, Tim, Ross and Ron Mark and Ken Casselman.



Winter fantasy

Frosty snowflakes cling to cat-tails in the swamp. The warm/cold air syndrome with that condensation thing created a fantasy land in the area. As mist and cold met the effect created made for great photo opportunities this past weekend.

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To His garden of rest;
It's true what they say,
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Sadly missed, lovingly remembered by sister Rose
J8-1tp

SHAVER - In loving memory of our dear son, Larry Shaver, who passed away January 11, 1991.
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Upright and just to the end of his days,
Sincere and kind in heart and mind,
What a beautiful memory he left behind.
Always remembered and very much loved, Dwayne and Gladys Shaver and family
J8-1tp

Card of Thanks

BARKLEY: I would like to express my sincere thanks to my family, friends and neighbours in helping Charlie and I through his illness and after his passing. A special thanks to Dr. Marston, Dr. Prins, Interim Nurse Audrey McTaggart, Coordinator Debbie Wood, the Cancer drivers, the nurses at Winchester Hospital, the pallbearers, Rev. Georgia D. Copland for her lovely service, the Marsden & McLaughlin Funeral Home and Respir-Care for their prompt service. Thank you all,
Verna Barkley & Family
J8-1tp

COONS: The family of the late Lillis Coons wishes to thank the Reverend Fred Milnes and all of those who called, sent cards, made floral tributes or donations to various organizations at the time of our recent bereavement. We gratefully acknowledge the many donations of food and the help of our neighbours. We would also like to commend the doctors and staff of the Intensive Care Units of both the Winchester Hospital and the Riverside Hospital, Ottawa, for their loving care. Your kindness will never be forgotten.
Lorraine, Wayne, Tim & Cindy Patterson, Maynard Coons, Mervin, Doris, Cory and Shelley Coons
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FETTERLY: It is not easy to find words to adequately express my gratitude for the care and kindness I have experienced over the last month. Especially do I acknowledge Dr. Houze and Lynn, Dr. Jacques, Eric Barr and Phyllis, niece Barbara, Donald and Judy. To all friends for your expressions of encouragement and support "Thank You".
Mack Fetterly
J8-1tp

GEURKINK: We'd like to thank our children, grandchildren, family, friends and neighbours for celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary with us. For the many best wishes in person, by telephone or cards thank you. Thank you also for the gifts, flowers and large fruit basket we received. You helped to make this a day we will always remember and cherish. We feel truly blessed.
Arie and Janny Geurkink
J8-1tp

OBITUARIES

Charles Alex Barkley

At Winchester and District Memorial Hospital, on Tuesday, December 17, Charles Alex Barkley of Davis Drive, Iroquois.

Born in Inkerman on November 17, 1931, Charles was 65 at the time. A retired labourer at Canada Starch where he was employed for over 37 years, Charles lived the last six years in Iroquois.

He spent his lifetime in the Cardinal and Iroquois areas. A member of the Brinston United Church and a former member of the Canadian Trotting Association, he enjoyed meeting and talking to people during his daily walks around the Village of Iroquois.

Predeceased by his parents, John and Eliza (nee Beckstead) Barkley, as well as a brother, John; sisters, Ada Barkley and Edna Baker and a daughter, Lois Johnson, he was an avid football, baseball and hockey fan who had raised, owned and raced horses for some 23 years.

Charles will be sadly missed by his beloved wife, Verna (nee Rintoul) Barkley whom he wed on June 11, 1954 in the Prescott United Church Manse. Also mourning the loss are sons; Ray (Carly) of RR2, Iroquois and Roy (Sharon) of Hainsville: daughters; Janet Levere of RR1, Iroquois and Lynda (Mrs. Richard Ferguson) of Athens: brothers; Clark (Jean) of Brinston and Harry (Audrey) of Brinston and sisters; Ruby (Mrs. Ralph Snyder) of Morrisburg and Theresa (Mrs. Dennis Brett) of Toronto and 10 grandchildren will miss their grampa.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society and those to Winchester and District Memorial Hospital were appreciated by the family. Service was held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Thursday, December 19, 1996. Rev. Georgia Copland officiated. Interment was at Hainsville Cemetery. Pallbearers included Jack and Mark Barclay, Allan and Don Brown, Don Sauve and Dean Summers.

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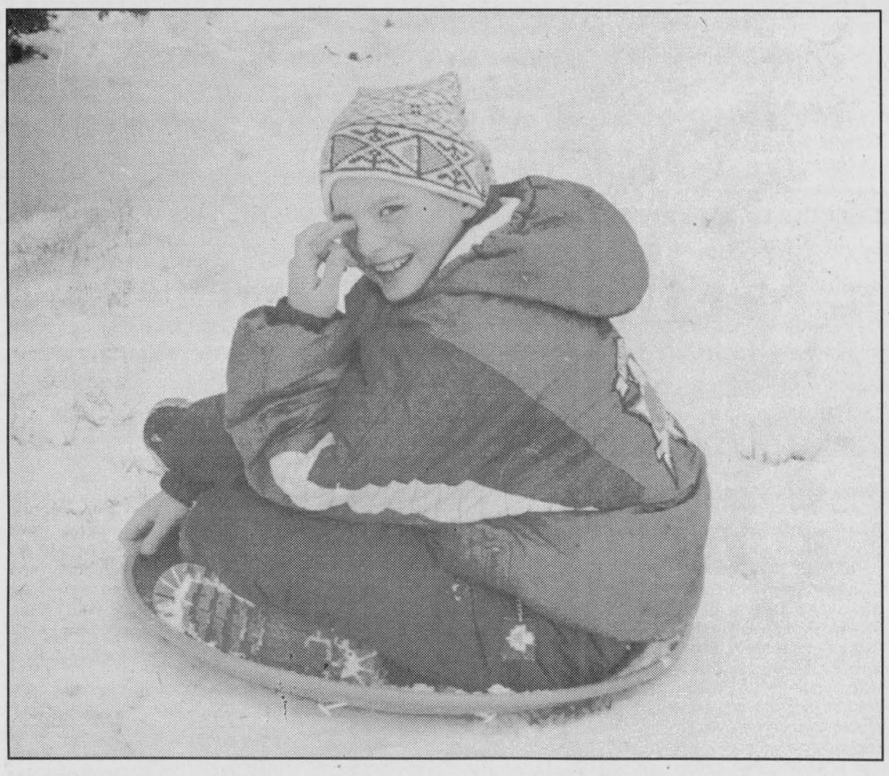

Speed is good!

Pictured above, Charles Bilmer sits in his saucer after taking a quick run down the Crysler Memorial Battlefield Hill at Upper Canada Village last Saturday afternoon. Charles, his brother Les and his sister Amber, took advantage of the cold weather and snow to do a little sledding.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

On PATROL
POLICE FILE

Break and enter

Morrisburg - On December 30th, OPP attended the scene of a break and enter at the McEwen Gas Bar on Highway 2 in Morrisburg. A forced entry had been made into the building overnight and a quantity of cash was taken.

Stolen vehicle

Winchester - During the early morning hours of January 1st, 1997, OPP investigated a report of a stolen vehicle which had been taken from the area of the Lions Club in the Village of Winchester. A 1994 Pontiac Bonneville had been taken while it had been left warming up. The vehicle was later recovered in the village near the Winchester Public School. No arrests were made in relation to this incident.

Snowmobile take

Winchester - On the afternoon of January 1st, 1997, Police investigated the theft of a snowmobile in the Village of Winchester. A 1989 Polaris Indy 500 black and blue in colour had been parked at a private residence on York Street in the village when it was taken.

Drinking and driving

Dundas - Over the past week two criminal code drinking and driving charges were laid in Dundas County and two 90 day drivers licence suspensions were issued.



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401 closed down

The west bound lane of the 401 Highway east of Morrisburg was closed down last Thursday to remove a tractor trailer from the median. The truck driven by Daniel Coulombe of Laval Quebec struck guard rails along the highway and landed in the Hoasic Creek, resulting in severe damage to the vehicle. Mr. Coulombe was charged with failing to provide a breath sample.

Enjoy the winter
Skate Safely

Crime Stoppers reflects on past year

January is International Crime Stopper's Month. Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers recently held a ceremony to present awards to former members of the Board of Directors and also to recap the success Crime Stoppers were able to have in 1996. Serving the Three United Counties and Akwesasne and governed by a volunteer board of directors, Crime Stoppers are NOT government funded.

An entirely successful year, 1996 saw Crime Stoppers assist local law enforcement in solving 80 criminal cases during the year.Building on the hardwork of both former and current members, Crime Stoppers enjoys events and exposure only dreamed of a short, few years ago. The strength of the organization lies in the commitment received from all of the people involved with their very effective programme.

Memorable events that Crime Stoppers held include, the awarding of "Program of the Year in Ontario"...population 100,000-200,000. This award is a major accomplishment for the programme that is only 4.5 years old! They hosted the RCMP Musical Ride. They acquired their mascot, WHODUNIT,and held a county wide student contest to name him. He has travelled throughout the territory extensively for the past 10 months and is a hit with the public everywhere he stops. They have unveiled a major billboard on Vincent Massey Drive in Cornwall, unveiled a rink board at the Akwesasne Arena. All Three Counties now have Municipal Standard road signs that publicize

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NEWSBRIEFS

SOUTH DUNDAS

Amalgamation

Iroquois, Matilda and Williamsburg have all ratified the counties amalgamation proposal for South Dundas. Morrisburg is the only municipality in South Dundas not to do so. However, Reeve Gord McGregor said he expected Morrisburg council to ratify the proposal in January.

MORRISBURG

McGregor is pleased

Morrisburg Reeve Gord McGregor was pleased with all that council accomplished in 1996. The reeve cited the Church Street project as councils major accomplishment for the year. As for running in the next municipal election, "at this point in time I'm seriously thinking about not running," said the reeve.

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Teen Dance Friday

Iroquois Library has a good year in '96

To all those who have helped to create a success story, Friends of Iroquois Public Library would like to start the year 1997 by saying a heartfelt "Thank You!"

To those of you who have been following the activities of Friends through our articles in The Chieftain and our activities out and about, we are pleased to report that we finished our 1996 year by achieving our goal to computerize the Iroquois Public Library.

A project that began in June of 1994 has been accomplished!

We would like once again to thank the following people for their major contributions:

Bank of Montreal: $1,000 grant and Ruth Bell for her help in acquiring this grant;

G. & R. de Puyjalon for their generous donation and personal support;

Cedar Creek Crafts for their generous donation of $100 and 2 beautiful clowns which were raffled off in December 1996 (Thanks Kim and Anna Mae);

A. & J. Hole for their donation of a handcrafted doll house and winter bird cross stitch which were raffled in Nov. 1995;

Shelley Bentley and Upper Canada Playhouse for allowing us to be part of the Christmas Craft Show at S.D.H.S. for the last 3 years;

Ministry of Citizenship and Communications for its grant of $3,000 and E. Pietersma for help in acquiring this grant;

To the Village of Iroquois for allowing us to use the town truck so that we could participate in the last couple of Summer Festival Parades and thus let people see that we were out there working towards this goal;

To the Iroquois Council for allowing our town to retain the wonderful resource we have in our Public Library and not going the easy route and merging with the County Library System.

Special thanks to Lorraine Fader for contributing her time and talent to teach our stenciling courses that gave us a real foot up with our fundraising and also provided hours of enjoyment for those of us who participated!!!

To our families and friends who, when we got a new brain wave for raising funds, said OK, when, where and what can we do to help.

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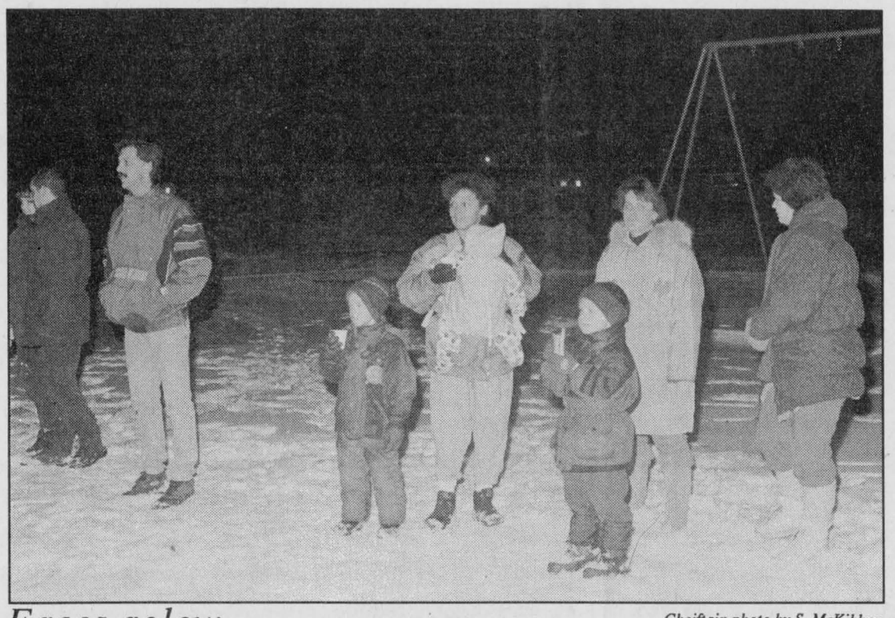

Faces aglow

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A small, hardy contingent braved freezing rain Saturday to watch the flames rise at Iroquois' second annual Christmas Tree Burning party. Blisteringly cold weather came too late for people to skate on the nearby rink which had been ravaged by warm, slushy weather. Nevertheless hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate helped to make for a good time. Children, seemingly impervious to the cold, delighted in playing in the snow and on the nearby playground equipment.

McKibbon reviews new movie

by Sean McKibbon
Chieftain Staff Reporter

If you watch *The English Patient* and find at the beginning you are confused it is because the beginning is confusing. If, by the end you are crying and blithering about how everybody in the film deserves an Oscar, Michael Ondatje (the author of the novel the movie is based on) is a brilliant Canadian writer and the cinematography was marvellous, that's because *The English Patient* is a very moving film.

Of course this is no surprise to those who remember that *The English Patient* won Ondatje the Booker Prize a few years ago. American critics have been gushing about the film saying it's better than the book, but somehow I doubt it. The problem is the starting. Oh, it's exciting enough--an biplane flies across the Saharan desert and is gunned down by British troops on the ground. The pilot (Ralph Fiennes) survives but is horribly burned. He's found by North African Nomads and they keep him alive. But after the Nomads things start to unravel a bit.

You see the film centres around Fiennes and how during his last dying days his affair with a married woman intersects with the lives of a young Canadian nurse (Juliette Binoche) and a Canadian spy (Willem Dafoe). Nobody knows who the pilot is because he's been scarred terribly by the plane crash and he claims to have amnesia. But Dafoe has suspicions and as Fiennes' memories come back we learn more and more about his past.

The problem is how all the characters get together seems contrived. Even without reading the book you can tell that some bits have been chopped out for expediency. The rest of the movie more than makes up for any omissions.

Once the film gets going it is magnificent. Fiennes and his lover Kristin Scott Thomas make you feel the heat of the Sahara with their affair. Intrigue swirls around the twists of the plot like a sand storm and tension mounts in the movie like sweat gathering on your forehead.

There's an excellently gripping scene in which a Canadian officer must disarm a German bomb under a bridge, while oblivious American soldiers, celebrating the end of the war, hamper his efforts by stomping around and running about.

What is perhaps most remarkable about this movie is the prominence of Canadian Characters. Maybe they aren't the absolute main characters, but they are there. For a movie with so much "Canadian content" to get wide screenplay in the U.S. is truly remarkable. In the old days you might see Jimmy Stewart pointing out a fictional Canadian bird in a brief scene just to satisfy Canadian content regulations. More recently I've become sick of seeing what is obviously Vancouver or Toronto passed off as New York or Los Angeles. Why do film makers feel so compelled to set their films in the America?

But I digress. *The English Patient* is unabashedly Canadian, deserves Oscars galore and Michael Ondatje is to be congratulated.

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Crime Stoppers

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Crime Stoppers. They also hosted their third and largest golf tourney.

Chairman, Brad Comeau of Morrisburg presented awards for dedication, commitment and service to Crime Stoppers to Supt. Carson Fougere of the OPP. East Region also presented a special plaque to former chair Pat Lefebvre (Director and chair), Noel Vaillancourt(Director and Vice Chair) and Verna MacIsaac. (Director).

Reporting on tips received, a total of 1932, with 340 crimes solved and 519 persons charged with property recovered valued at $2,4-10,826.00

Inside an Hour

Well, the biggest thing happening this weekend is of course the Matilda Winter Carnival, but there are... dare we say it... alternatives.

Country music aficionado desperados may want to check out Silver Creek at the Country Hideaway, Friday and Saturday. The four-member Silver Creek Hails from Ottawa and plays a blend of old and new country songs.

If you like to write, or if you're into books, or if you happen to be a fan of Isobel Eastman you might want to go to Kemptville's St. John's United Church where the Valley Writer's Guild will be holding its January 12th meeting. Eastman will be speaking about her work and the craft. She's written two books: Out of the Mouths of Babes and When We Were Just Born. The material for her first book came from when she taught Kindergarten in North Gower. She kept a journal of all the off-the-wall, profound and funny things her students said. In April of last year she published a second book to teach young children the facts of life. The meeting starts at 2 p.m. and admission for visitors is $4.

The Morrisburg Curling club is hosting the junior girls' playdowns for zones one and two, Sunday January 12th. Sydney Schnurr says there promises to some great curling as the high school aged rock throwers and ice sweepers match their wits and skill. Check it out at 10 a.m. Sunday.

If curling isn't your thing, you can always seek out other winter fun at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary on January 12th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. it's their Winter Fun Day. There will be sleigh rides, dog sled demonstrations, snowshoeing, skating and a snow sculpture contest.

Admission to the event is $3 per person, which includes a hot lunch on the trail or at the Visitor Interpretive Centre. For members of the Friends of the Sanctuary admission is only $1.50 Children 4 years of age and younger are admitted free of charge.

After the weekend, on Tuesday The Park Lane Seniors Support Centre starts it's 11 a.m. exercise course for older adults. The instructor is Donna Mcbean and the cost is only $3 per person.

Also on Tuesday, the Good Companions in Iroquois have their regular meeting at the Iroquois Civic Centre at noon. There will be a pot luck dinner and a member of the Morrisburg detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police will speak to the group about security measures for senior citizens.

Looking ahead, waaaay ahead to February 13, 14, 15, 21 and 22 the Brockville Operatic Society presents Fiddler on The Roof at the Brockville Arts Centre. Not only will some great local talent be featured in the production, Chieftain reporter Sean McKibbon will be in the musical also! Well... don't worry he doesn't have any really big parts. However, his brother Brenhan McKibbon is playing in the role of Perchik. Go out and see the play! Gift certificates for tickets go on sale next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, so you can get the jump on the good seats. Regular ticket sales start January 20th. Tickets will be $13 for adults.

COMING EVENTS

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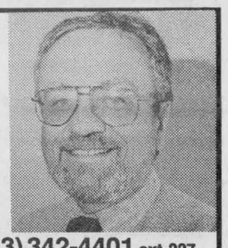
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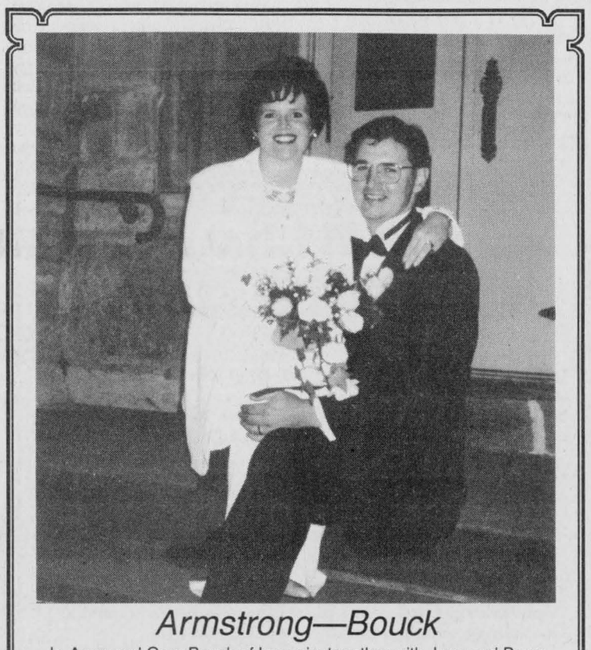

Armstrong—Bouck

Jo-Anne and Gary Bouck of Iroquois, together with June and Percy Armstrong of Winchester, are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Robin and Dean, at Winchester United Church on October 18, 1996. Robin and Dean would like to extend their appreciation to their families and friends for being part of their special day. We would like to thank Rev. Carole Poley-Delisle for officiating a wonderful and meaningful wedding ceremony and thanks also to Roger Levesque and his staff at Baldi's in Iroquois for hosting a terrific meal and a very enjoyable evening. Robin and Dean continue to reside in Guelph.

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