Iroquois Council selects Jane Ewing as new councillor

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

After two hours of deliberation last Thursday evening, Iroquois Council members passed a resolution naming Jane Ewing as Iroquois' newest council member.

The councillor's seat became vacant after Bruce Mullin resigned from council in mid-December. With a new business and young family, he said he could no longer afford the time to be an effective representative.

Council members gathered last Thursday evening to interview four candidates who applied for the vacant position, including Ewing, Garnet Summers, Kim Cassell and Pauline Sicard.

Following the interviews, council went "in camera" to choose the best candidate for the position. Reeve Peter Swank said it wasn't an easy decision to make.

"They were all well-qualified," he said. "And we were all glad they applied for the position."

After considerable discussion, council choose Ewing as the new councillor.

"She is well-qualified for the job," Swank said. "She worked four years in the (Iroquois) office (as secretary to the clerk) and that gave her good background."

Although Ewing doesn't have a lot of experience as a politician, she did run in the last municipal election in November 1994. She received 199 votes, but it was not enough to give her a councillor's seat.

Ewing said she was quite surprised to hear that she was chosen by council. But she said she is very excited about the challenges ahead. Late Friday morning, she was still reeling with the news.

Ewing became interested in municipal politics during her four years as secretary to the clerk in the Village of Iroquois. When the election came in 1994, she decided to throw her hat in the ring and try her hand as a politician.

"I thought I would run and see what I could do for the village," she said.

Ewing said her experience in the clerk's office will be a benefit to her. But she admits politics is very new to her, and it will take some time for her to learn the ropes.

"I'll have to take a little time (to get things under my belt)," she said. "I'll be behind for awhile and the new kid on the block."

Interview

At last Thursday's meeting, each council member asked each candidate one or two questions. Ewing was the first candidate interviewed, followed by Summers, Cassell and Sicard. All candidates were asked the same questions.

Council wanted to know their views on: how they would improve Iroquois; where they would cut back on village spending as a means of dealing with government cutbacks; how they would deal with a council decision that went against their personal opinion; what they have to offer council; their opinion on restructuring and amalgamation; and how much time they are willing to devote to council.

Both Summers and Sicard said more time should be given to building relationships between the community and young people.

"Potential for the high school and the children is being overlooked," Summers said. "I haven't been here long enough to see any big problems...but I don't see anything for the young people that live here."

As a Nationview Public School vice-principal, Sicard has experience working with young people. She said that the relationship between the village and young people needs improvement. She suggested involving the younger generation in some of Iroquois' community programs.

"I wonder if you've explored all the options to empower the students," she said. "If you take their opinions into consideration, and respond to them correctly, they find a way to police themselves. That's probably something you could take another look at."

The candidates shared similar opinions on other questions as well. They were each willing to sacrifice the time to spend at council meetings and other committee meetings. But most said they weren't informed enough to suggest where council could make budget cuts.

"I'm not trying to evade the issues, but it's hard to say I'm going to cut here and here...without being involved," Ewing said. "I'd try to deal with the issues and work on them."

Ewing will have lots of opportunity to work with council on many of these issues over the next two years.

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Lewis chosen as 1996 Matilda Winter Carnival Pageant Queen

by Rebecca van Noppen
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Tracy Lewis wasn't expecting the surprise she received Saturday evening when she was crowned the 21st Matilda Carnival Queen at Matilda Hall.

Although she wasn't expecting the honor, she says she is very pleased that she can represent Matilda Township this upcoming year.

"I just love where I live," Lewis says, adding she is proud of Matilda Township.

She enjoys the closeness, quietness and peacefulness of the community, as well as the fact that she knows her neighbors and enjoys spending time with them.

Lewis was one of seven contestants who participated in this 21st annual pageant. The contestants included: Lewis, sponsored by Plante Farm Equipment Ltd.; Amy Casselman, sponsored by Frank Ault Excavating Ltd; Sherri Shaver, sponsored by Sears/The Nook; Joanne Fawcett, sponsored by C&L Feeds; Angie Thompson, sponsored by Gibson Electric; Stacey Lewis, sponsored by Cooper Sport Trophy; and Lesley McDonell, sponsored by Harbers Flame Centre.

Being named 1996 Matilda Carnival Queen fulfils one of Lewis' childhood dreams. Lewis says ever since she was young she wanted to be Matilda Carnival Queen. Last year, that dream almost came true when she was named runner-up to Carnival Queen Jo-Anne Larocque.

Just missing the great honor last year, she was not to be outdone in 1996. However, she says she expected one of the other girls to receive the queen's crown.

"I think everyone did very well on stage...and I think everyone did a wonderful job," she says.

Along with this honor of being crowned Matilda Carnival Queen, comes many responsibilities. She will attend the rest of the Carnival functions this week, and will represent the community in parades and community activities throughout the coming year.

Thankfully, Lewis will not have to do this alone. She will have help from runner-up Angie Thompson, and two other winning contestants, Stacey Lewis and Joanne Fawcett.

Stacey Lewis was chosen by her fellow-candidates as Miss Congeniality 1996.

A new award was also granted this year. Unplanned by the organizers, Joanne Fawcett received the newly-created Judges' Award.

According to recreation committee chairperson Linda Thompson, the judges were so impressed by the honesty and sincerity shown by Fawcett during the individual interview, they wanted to give her a special honor.

During the pageant, the judges called Thompson aside and asked her if this award would be appro-

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Matilda Carnival concludes Sunday

This weekend marks the end of the 21st annual Matilda Winter Carnival. But before the concluding festivities on Sunday, there will still be a lot to take part in through the rest of the week.

On Thursday evening there will be a bingo night at Matilda Hall, with a $1000 jackpot up for grabs. Doors open at 6 p.m. On Friday evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Theatre of Soul will entertain at the pre-teen dance, and then at the teen dance which runs from 9 p.m. to midnight at Matilda Hall.

The Dr. Tom Maxwell Memorial Car and Snowmobile Rally will take place on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Registration takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m at Matilda Hall. Supper is from 4 to 6 p.m. Jim Wicks and Westburg Union will entertain throughout the afternoon and evening. The cost ranges from $3 to $12 depending on what participants are involved in.

The Carnival ends Sunday with a family sleigh ride and weiner roast from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Ron Smail's farm, east of Brinston. Signs will be posted to direct people to the farm. At 7 p.m., the day ends with a hymn sing and ecumenical church service at Matilda Hall. Freewill donations are accepted, and refreshments are provided at all the events.



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Carnival Queens

Four beautiful young ladies came out as winners in the 21st annual Matilda Winter Carnival Pageant on Saturday night at Matilda Hall. After an afternoon of interviews, and an evening in front of 300 people, the seven contestants were anxious to find out who would wear the crown. From left to right are: Angie Thompson, 1996 Matilda Carnival Queen runner-up, Tracy Lewis, 1996 Matilda Carnival Queen, Joanne Fawcett, Judges' Award recipient; and Stacey Lewis, Miss Congeniality 1996.

VanAllen seeks council support

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Chair of the South Dundas Recreation Council (SDRC) Lyle VanAllen was looking for support in Morrisburg Monday evening. Mr. VanAllen was asking council to support the amalgamation of the SDRC and the South Dundas Economic Development Commission (SDEDC).

"At the last joint meeting of the four councils it was decided we would present a small budget," explained VanAllen. "Recreation and economic development have been sharing the same office and working to keep everything separate, but we thought we might better have one complete office for both groups."

VanAllen admitted that he was not exactly sure what the function of the SDRC would be in '96, but he told council that there would be some secretarial work.

Reeve McGregor told VanAllen that the book work for the arena would be taken care of by Mor-

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Funding reduced for local council

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Village of Iroquois will receive a 28.5 per cent funding cut from the provincial government in 1996/97. That percentage works out to a reduction of $34,829 in funding; $5000 more than expected.

According to clerk-treasurer Betty Marlin, Iroquois Council was expecting a cut of $29,000 or $30,000.

Marlin received a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on Monday morning, outlining the funding cuts.

Like every other municipality across the province, Iroquois will have to decide during budget deliberations this spring, where it will make up for this $35,000 shortfall.

Although Reeve Peter Swank would like to promise there will be no tax increases this year, he says he can't comment on the situation until they look at the budget.

"We're very disappointed with this," he said Monday afternoon. "We expected a 22 per cent cut and we get 29 per cent."

Last year, the village received $77,700 in transportation grants, and another $44,595 in unconditional grants; totalling $122,295.

In 1996, these two programs will no longer exist. The province has decided to fold the three existing programs - municipal roads, unconditional grants and grants for northern transportation assistance - into a block fund to be called the Ontario Municipal Support Program (OMSP).

Now, municipalities will be given a lump sum to cover a variety of services with virtually all conditions removed. Iroquois' total 1996 block funding amounts to $87,466. It will be paid in seven equal instalments on the 23rd to 25th of each month, starting in June, 1996.

The government has taken this step "to give municipalities more control over how they spend their money and to give municipalities greater freedom and autonomy."

According to the ministry, 1997-98 block funding will be determined after the government reviews the provincial-municipal governance and financial relationship.

In the meantime, Iroquois Council will be looking at each village department to determine where cuts will have to be made.



Home destroyed

Arson was the cause of a fire that destroyed this home in Williamsburg Township last Thursday afternoon. The Morrisburg Fire Department provided back-up for the Williamsburg Fire Department who were fighting another fire in Elma. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

OPP investigate incendiary fire north of Morrisburg

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Ontario fire marshall's office was called in to investigate a fire in Williamsburg Township last week. The fire destroyed the home of Emma Hamilton and John Yalden north of Morrisburg on the west side of Highway 31.

"It is a case of arson," said Marcel Lalonde Fire Investigation Supervisor for the Eastern District of the Ontario fire marshall's office. "It was an incendiary fire."

Detective Constable Switch and Jim McBride from the Fire Marshall's Office are investigating the fire which occurred last Thursday afternoon.

Working out of the Winchester detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, Constable Lummiss noted that the police were called to the scene last Thursday at 1:55 pm.

"We were called to a house fire on 31 Highway in Williamsburg Township. The report says there was one resident, an Emma Hamilton," said Constable Lummiss who noted the investigation was ongoing.

Mr. Lalonde could not release the details as to how the fire was started.

"After we determine (if the fire was deliberately set) it becomes a crime. There are certain times that it is not to their (investigating officers) advantage to release all of the information," said Mr. Lalonde. "But having read the preliminary report in some detail, it is a set fire."

The fire marshall's office is not called to every fire in Ontario. They are only called to investigate if there is a suspicion of arson. They look for the cause and origin of the fire.

"The time it takes to investigate a fire varies from an hour to days depending on the damage and complexity. There are a lot of variables," explained Mr. Lalonde.

The decision to call in the fire marshall's office is a judgement call made by the fire chief of the responding fire department or the police.

Williamsburg Fire Department was fighting a house fire in Elma when the fire on Highway 31 started.

A partial unit from Williamsburg was sent to the fire on Highway 31 and the Morrisburg Fire Department responded as a back-up.

According to Williamsburg Fire Chief Doug Disheau he did not call the fire marshall's office.

"It wasn't arson as far as I was concerned. I haven't even spoke to the owners yet," said Mr. Disheau who has already logged over 30 hours fighting fires this year.

The decision to call the fire marshall's office in to investigate is based on a number of different events.

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Cardinal waits
Cardinal Council awaits confirmation on bill C26 from the provincial government. Please turn to page 3 for the story.

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He's baaaacck....
The Terminator has returned to the Lions Den. Find out about Shawn Hummell's ferocious return on page 6.

FROM THE FRONT

Carnival

priate. Thompson said she was so excited, she could hardly wait until the award was bestowed.

Although Thompson believes this new award is a great addition to the pageant, she doesn't believe it should be awarded each year, unless the judges feel one of the young women deserves the honor.

"I don't feel it should be offered every year. It's strictly up to the judges," she said.

Thompson says the pageant night and Carnival kick-off was very special.

"I was on such a high after it was over," she says. "The evening was made even more special because the judges created the new award."

Over 300 people attended the opening night ceremonies, and Thompson says she is glad to see so many people coming each year.

Dave Holmes, evening radio personality with 96.3 Country FM Kingston, was the pageant's emcee. Thompson says he really helped people feel at home and relax throughout the evening.

The judges included: Prescott resident Pat Harper; local MPP and agricultural minister Noble Villeneuve; and sitting in for Brockville Mayor John Doran was past-radio personality Jim Lefebvre.

"I think the judges did very well," Thompson says. "The girls seemed to respond well to them."

Each contestant was asked 10 or 12 questions during private interviews before the pageant began. Then on stage, each contestant had to answer one of the questions in front of the audience.

Judges looked for various qualities in the contestants, including: versatility, sincerity, originality, credibility, confidence and enthusiasm, among many other characteristics.

Betty Casselman provided musical entertainment throughout the evening. One of her students, Bradley Wylie also performed a piece on the piano and received a standing ovation in turn.

Billy Sipes once again played his accordion, for the 21st year-in-a-row. Reuben Geleynse also sang two special numbers, one of which he composed himself. Andrew Thompson serenaded the newly-crowned queen as she walked the runway.

United Counties Warden and Matilda Township Reeve Charles Barkley officially opened the ceremonies, along with the members of the Matilda recreation committee.

Morrisburg

risburg and as a result he wasn't sure if there would be a need for a secretary.

"We will be looking after the arena books and as far as I know Matilda will be doing the same with their hall, so the need (for a secretary) from SDRC won't be there," said McGregor.

McGregor continued by telling Mr. VanAllen that he could support his proposal in principal, but he was having some problems with a $15,000 price tag.

Van Allen quickly countered that he was not sure what the cost would be and cost would be something both organizations would need to look at if the four municipalities approved the co-habitation.

"There will be a need (for a secretary) there. I took typing in school but I have no intention of typing up the reports," VanAllen smiled as he finished.

McGregor asked council if they would support the coming together of the SDRC and the SDEDC and approval was given in principal.

"As long as we are not committed to a dollar amount at this time," added councillor Larry Schnurr.

McGregor also pointed out that once a job description had been completed, it would be up to the organizations to open a job competition.

"It will be a new position and it will have to be advertised," said McGregor.

Mr. VanAllen agreed and commented that he felt it would more than likely be a one year contract.

Fire

"Normally it's all circumstantial," said Mr. Disheau. "Things you find at the fire, things that were said."

"At this time I don't have reason to think that it was arson but we are not full-fledged investigators. If the fire marshall says it's arson then it's arson," finished Mr. Disheau.

Residents could feel bite of dog bylaw in Edwardsburgh

by Jeff Brownlee
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Edwardsburgh Township has sharpened the teeth on its dog bylaw.

Council made amendments to the four-year-old document at the Jan.2 meeting that will have residents digging deeper into their pockets if they don't voluntarily come forward and purchase a dog licence.

Council added a new fee schedule to the bylaw that will see all licence fees jump by $5 if purchased after Mar. 15.

This year, licences bought before Mar. 15 will cost $15 for one dog and a $25 fee for each additional dog up to five dogs. A spayed or neutered dog is $10 and $15 for each additional dog.

Residents who decide to wait for the knock on their door in the spring, will be charged an extra $5.

Last year, the municipality didn't start selling dog licences door-to-door until April. A total of 490 licences were sold.

With a large rural area to cover, not every potential dog owner was reached.

"It's an incentive program," said Reeve David Dobbie. "We have had problems in the past and this is a solution to those."

The problems the reeve was referring to stems from opposition and blatant refusal to buy the canine certificates.

This year, people who refuse to pay will get a surprise when they open their tax bill.

The municipality will tack on the proper amount for each dog on to the tax roll, even if the house is rented.

Council also leashed the number of pooches per household in residential areas from five to three.

But residents who currently live in Spencerville and own four or five dogs don't have to worry about getting rid of their canine friends. The municipality will grandfather those ratepayers into the bylaw on the condition that when one of the animals goes to doggy heaven, it isn't replaced.

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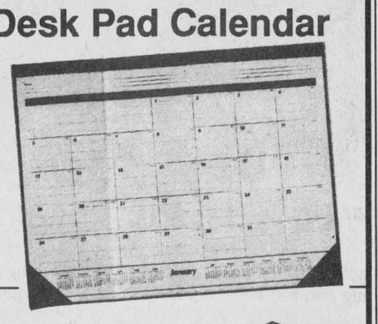
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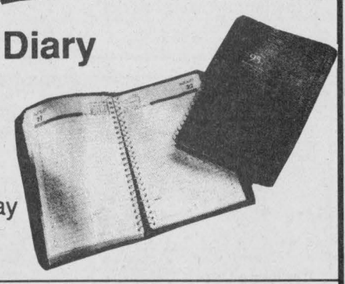
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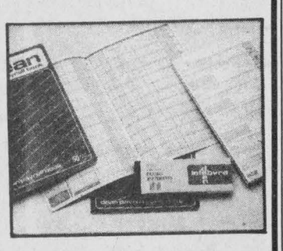
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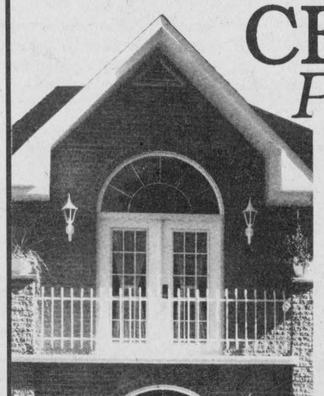
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Cardinal awaits confirmation on C26 from provincial government

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The first Council meeting of the year can be a rather long one. Cardinal members found this out as 1996 got underway on Tuesday evening last. There are a number of items which need to be attended to as the new year arrives.

The Clerk advised Council that indeed the Village will be looking at cut backs as the provincial government's Bill 26 continues to put pressure upon local seats of government. While there has been nothing received by Council in writing to affirm how much the Village will lose in subsidy monies, it is estimated to be in the neighbourhood of 28 per cent less than in 1995. "The province will provide "block funding" to municipalities. According to Mr. Walsh, this should amount to a total of $149,030. that will be paid to Cardinal in seven equal payments over 1996. "This reveals a shortcoming from last year's total of $59,310.. which represents a 28.5 % decrease. The municipality has to come up with this shortfall without raising taxes. The MTO subsidies are gone with the cutbacks. The Ontario government does not have to balance their budget, but we at the Municipal level have no choice, we do have to balance our budget. Since there is only one taxpayer, this makes the municipal government look bad in the eyes of the people. We have to either cut services or start charging "user fees"... The Clerk wanted Council to be aware of what to expect when the news officially comes from Queen's Park. He also suggested that all recycling grants have been done away with, as well as 50% of the Library grants. "The 1997 grants will be determined by the Ontario Government when they realize what happens this year."

This news led the members into a rather heated discussion on Garbage Stickers for 1996. While Mr. Harris advocates "User Pay" initiatives, Councillor Patrick suggested that Council allow each resident 60 free bags. "This is one per week, with extras for big holidays. We have to continue to encourage people to compost and recycle. If they put the effort forth they should be able to handle the situation nicely, the enhanced recycling program seems to be working." He went on to suggest that if Cardinal gives bags free to residents, while other municipalities charge for theirs, Cardinal may be on the receiving end of tagged garbage from outside the Village coming to the dump.

Jim Pakeman did not agree."I feel we need to give our taxpayers something and garbage is the one item we can do for them. I think 80 bags a year is not too many. Do we want to encourage people to harbour their garbage or toss it along the sideroads enroute to the dump?" Supporting more bags than had been offered, Pakeman wanted 78 or 80 bags/year/household and triple the fee for extra tags. (Presently it costs $1 for extras). Councillor Burrell agreed with Mr. Patrick but felt his number a bit low, citing 75 as his magic number. Councillor Joe Scott agreed with what had been said voting for 84 tags and reeve Dishaw reported that checks he had done throughout the Village showed that most families had one bag out on pick-up day."I believe enhanced recycling has helped and if people are careful they can cut back even more." A recorded vote showed a compromise by all members, 72 free tags will be given to all taxpayers, with Councillors Scott and Pakeman voting "no" and the Reeve breaking the tie. Dump tipping fees, incineration and additional costs for extra tags will be discussed at a later meeting.

A big question on the minds of Cardinal residents was answered by Council. All members agreed that the Policing issue could not best be addressed through Video Surveillance. "It is not the most cost effective solution for us," said Rick Patrick. Joe Scott agreed, adding that his concerns were not being helped by the system, "The response times for the police cannot be assisted." All Councillors agreed that the presentation was excellent, but with the cut backs and the privacy and freedom of information issues not addressed, and the fact that residents were not in favour..."We do represent the people of this community and they do not want it," stated Councillor Burrell. Joe Scott summed things up when he said, "We had just decided to look at our options, it was never our intent to go ahead with any certain solution, we have a policing problem and wanted to look at how we might solve it."

Several By-Laws were brought up to date and speed, including # 96-1 concerning Animals; #96-4-Fire Department fees; #96-5 an amendment to the Building Permit Fee schedule; #96-6 the appointment of a new Deputy-Chief for the Fire Department (Lyle Nicholls will take over these responsibilities as of 02/01/96).

Council entertained David Lockhart as he requested support from Council to construct a new structure behind the existing Marina building to house a bathroom and shower facility for transient boaters and storage area for the compressor he uses for scuba divers. Mr. Lockhart will provide a site plan for the proposal before Council can give the go ahead. He also wanted Council to consider more dockage for transient and stop over boats, and asked Council if the waste pump line from the Marina (boaters utilize) could be replaced with a larger one and noted he was aware that his present pump needs to be replaced with a larger one better able to handle the extra work load. Reeve Dishaw agreed that the Marina has had rough times which resulted in the Municipality taking possession of the facility. "Development capital has gone into the operation, and it seems that Dave has gotten things well in hand down there." Council would want to know that Dave would construct the building and lease the facility from the Village. He also said he would do all necessary diving for the municipality to inspect the Chlorine ring and the zebra mussel situation, free of charge if a deal can be struck. Council wanted to be certain that no costs would be incurred by the taxpayers of the Village, and that all funds put up by the Council would be recouped. "The business we had last year warrants a growth in the facilities, I do not cut into Johnstown or Prescott's business, we have our own clientele."

Public Works Super, James Wonch explained to Council that snowplowing and removal has thus far been more than is usual, but reported confidently "Slow but sure we'll get her done." Blocking driveways with snow is a problem he feels has been dealt with effectively. He suggested that Council may want to look at the possible formulation of a policy on snow removal in the Village. "Some business people are inquiring as to whether they can get their snow removed through the municipality...it is not right to do for some and not others." He added that visibility is a major factor this winter with the high snowbanks and no place to dispose of the snow when it comes off the streets. Another area to be looked at will be the sewer and water by-laws regarding residents who travel during the winter and want valves shut off and turned on...user fees may be an answer. Snow banks and their safety at Benson Park are a concern Jim Pakeman made Council aware of; it will be checked into.

Council will sit tight as far as annexation of properties from Edwardsburgh Township are concerned. The two are Richardson Point, west of the cut and the boathouse area to the east. Divers use the area and may help with problems like erosion, poor roadway, garbage, lack of facilities and brush.

Ontario Hydro rates were approved..."No change in Cardinal rates for 1996."

Several resolutions from other municipalities were concurred with by local Council. One that would have the MNR not compete with private sector in Provincial Parks.

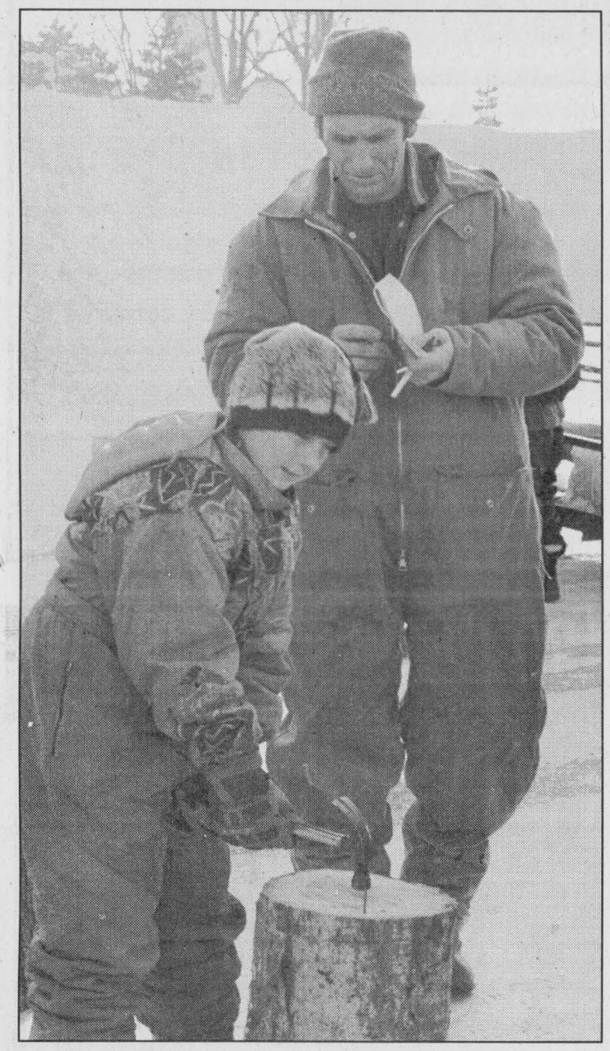
Discussion ensued on the matter of Policing in the Village as a letter from the Ministry of the Solicitor General Bob Runciman advising that a comprehensive review is in progress in the province regarding the inequities in Policing financing, the efficiency of Policing and the fair sharing of costs. Council was disappointed, "This is the same place we were at this time last year. He has the information and it takes four months to reply to our request to meet with him regarding our designation as a Policing Village...a copy best go to Villeneuve, I am not happy with him either on this issue," echoed members around the table.

Three fire calls were responded to during the period from 01/12/95 to 31/12/95, a car fire, a medical call and a false alarm. These coupled with training time and out of town meetings totalled 63 hours spent on fire business in the month of December. The Department wants to renovate to accommodate an office for the Chief and the Deputy-Chief. Their budget will be ready for next month's Council meeting. Council will check out the construction options as to lower costs and better utilization of space; they agreed there is a need for change at the Hall. The resignation of two fire fighters should not affect the compliment of manpower, as resignations had been anticipated and the number of trained firefighters was up to the requirement. Jim Pakeman, council rep on the Department, will bring back further information next month as to whether anyone else is necessary to fill the roster.

Council was informed that Jim Grant will be taking a waste water treatment course vital to the village's efficient and effective operation of the system. He is presently involved in a preparation course leading to this level of education.

Council is asking for volunteers to come forward, so that a group can be formed in Cardinal to upgrade the 1967 edition, the Green Book on the History of Cardinal. Anyone interested can call 657-3266 (Donna Gladstone) or the Reeve. Council will endorse the idea and provide some help once the committee is ready to state their needs.

Council meets next month on February 1, Thursday evening at 7:30pm. Due to the annual ROMA conference in Toronto, members will be away on the usual date of the monthly meeting.



Hammering the cold away

Local residents took part in the Matilda Carnival winter games held during family fun day activities on Sunday afternoon. Hammering and log sawing were part of the competition.

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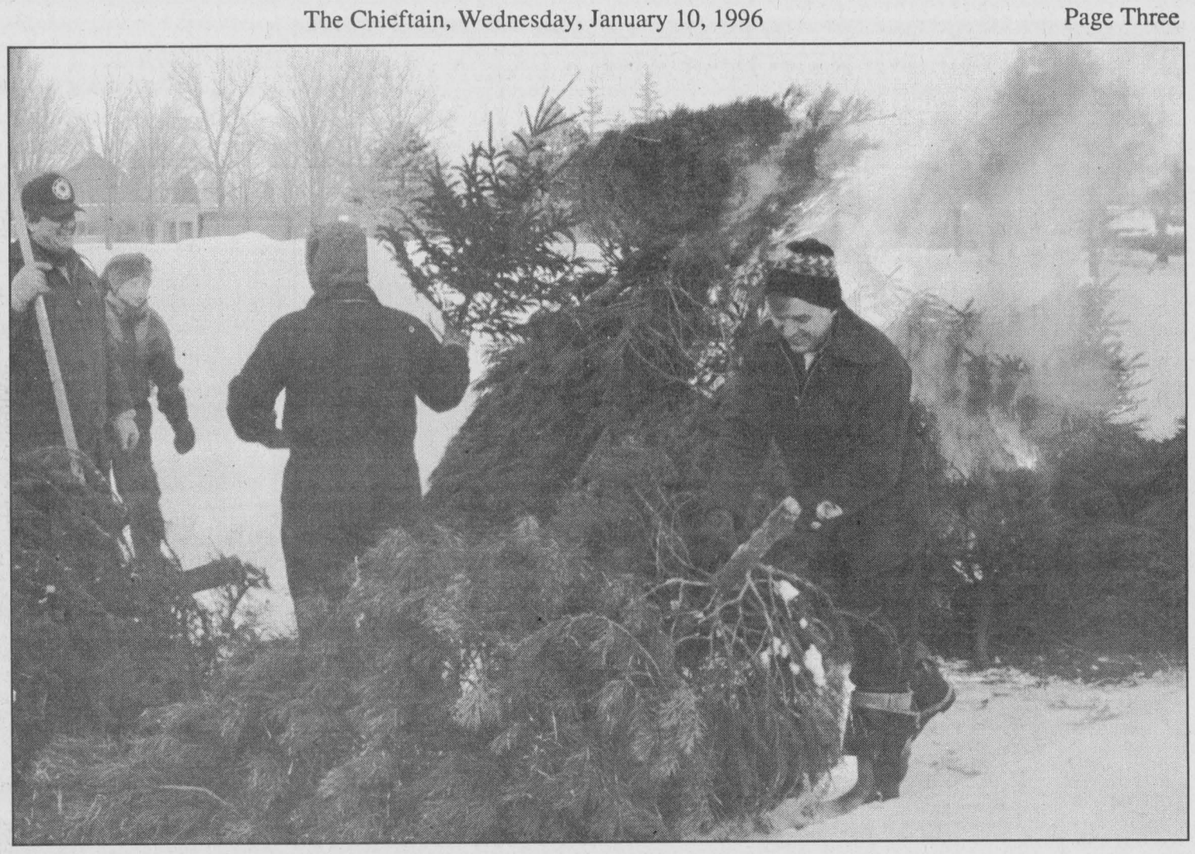

Tree burning party

The first annual tree burning and skating party was held on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the west-end park. Volunteers from the Iroquois Fire Department started and controlled the fire that burned approximately 100 Christmas trees. While the fire was burning, local residents braved the cold weather and spent some time on the outdoor ice rink. At least 100 people attended the event hosted by the Iroquois recreation committee.

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Womens' rural farm life in the 90's

The course will be held again for six Wednesday in January and February 1996. If you would like to beat the winter blues, attend some thought provoking and creative days, and learn some new things, come and join us in room B4 in the Parish Building, Kemptville College. The cost is only $35. for the six days and it will remain $30. for a paid up membership in WSA. It is $10. per day if you wish to attend only one day. Time is 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. with one hour for lunch.

January 17: 10 a.m. - Opening and registration, renew friendships and meet new friends. 10:30 a.m. - Let us learn about our neighbours to the North. Sally Webster of the Inuit Women's Organization "Pauktuuutet" will tell us about the Inuit culture and will also show some of the unique Inuit handicrafts and artifacts. 1 p.m. - Speaker Shirley Fawcett of Winchester will speak on literacy. She is a fundraiser, co-ordinator, volunteer tutor and a member of the Dundas Community Learning Centre. She will speak on the Lauback method that is used to teach reading and what a wonderful experience it is for people to finally learn how to read. 2-3 p.m. Purple loosestrife is the flower curse of the Canadian environment. We all admire those beautiful purple flowers along the road and in the wetland, however, they are very destructive for their environment. A video from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters will help clarify this issue, and make us aware that we all should take part in getting this flower under control. The Canadian Wildlife service has provided information on wetlands.

January 24: We will join Farmer's Week at the Kemptville College.

January 31: 10 a.m. - Marian Newman is an expert on Agriculture in the classroom. What humorous questions can children ask? How do you make children aware of where their food comes from? She will bring displays and recipes. Time permitting the video: "The Facts behind the Food Scare" may be shown. It explains how a scare can throw a totally wrong light on a food or chemical and the financial harm it can do. 1 p.m. - Jolan Musclow of Jo Jo Gym of Osgoode has this afternoon reserved to teach healthy living. Some of her topics are: how to reduce your body fat; good self esteem leads to an active lifestyle; exercising with weights gives a good workout, etc.

February 7: 10 a.m. - Ray Rollman from Statistics Canada will demystify statistics for us. Why are statistics so very useful for future planning for the government, local communities and business and therefore good for us all? 1 p.m. - World War II has been over for 50 years and Audrey Renton from Kars is a veteran of this war. Our speaker is an energetic lady who was in active service from 1940-45. She collects real life stories of veterans and has her own story to tell. We finish this afternoon with a video from the National Film Board "And we knew how to dance: Women in World War 1." Twelve true stories. The work of women from the era led the way to social change, it opened the door to voting rights and expanded employment opportunities.

February 14: 10 a.m. - Colleen Glassford is from the Foot Care Clinic of the Para Med Health Services in Winchester. Her topic is foot care. Feet are so important and why are they so neglected? Learn how to take care of your feet so they last a lifetime. 1 p.m. - Max Sabey will speak on the future of Agriculture in Canada. He will use his farming knowledge of the west and the east in the 1930's to the present, and then will give his thoughts on farming in the future.

February 21: 10 a.m. - Carol Orr is the supervisor of the Health Unit of Leeds Grenville. Topics: heart and stroke; nutrition, link between food and disease; healthy drinking water and hopefully pollution free wells and how we can test them; health care reform, what is new and is changed with the Harris government and what are the implications for rural areas? 1 p.m. - Have you ever visited places you only could dream about and ever wonder whether that dream could become reality? The Van der Lindon's made that dream come true and travelled with their truck and camper to Arizona, Grand Canyon, Nevada, Death Valley, Hollywood, Mexico, Carlsbad Caverns, just to mention a few places. Enjoy a slide show and personal stories by Eda Van der Lindon.

February 28: 10 a.m. - Trudy Vriend from Osgoode will join us with treasures from Africa and India. Quilts were created in a new cottage industry in Africa because of this enterprising lady from Osgoode. She will show beautiful cottons from India. 1 p.m. - We will see a very unique button collection of Lillie and Charlie Patterson of Winchester. Amazing what you can do with your unused buttons, such as wall hangings and quilts. Some buttons have their own story.

Advance registration is appreciated. For more information and for registration contact: Alida Scheepers 774-3356, Tony Spikker 489-0404, Florence Fnukal 258-4195, Diny Achtereekte 445-3024 and Eda Van der Lindon 821-1936.

Please share this article with your friends and neighbours and invite them to join us in the Kemptville College for six relaxing, enjoyable days.

Enjoy the winter
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Crime Stoppers

Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving the theft of vehicles.

Local policing authorities are reporting numerous thefts. The Ontario Provincial Police for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry report that they have a problem with the theft of snow machines. Cornwall City Police report that the thefts of cars and trucks are increasing.

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If you have any information on this or any other crime you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to $1,000.00. Remember we don't want your name but please give us your information. Call Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 and for long distance calls 1-800-265-8477.

Bird Notes

by
E. G. AVERY

Attendance at the feeders is still down, and everyone is asking "Where have all the Birdies gone?" Even in Irena the regulars are showing up in smaller numbers. They did have a surprise however, when a flock of "mystery birds" came along. They were greyish with touches of yellow, and a chestnut cap. They were about the size and build of Evening Grosbeaks, but the colouring was very different. The nearest that could be found in several books was the female Pine Grosbeak, but it might be some other "new" species.

A December bird-count in the Ottawa area was down by half, and the difference is said to be due to the strange weather conditions this year. They saw several types of Owls and Hawks, and even a small group of Robins feeding on apples in the Arboretum.

There has been an update on the Butterfly disaster in Mexico. Apparently some of the Monarchs that were presumed dead after the severe snowstorm, gradually revived, and the loss is not as heavy as was at first believed. Those Monarchs are really tough little creatures! Having made that long flight from here to Mexico in order to avoid the famous Canadian winter; it must have been a shock to find the "sunny South" under a blanket of snow.

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Perception is not the law

"Sometimes the perception is there, but perception is not the law." Yves Drouin, municipal advisor, ministry of municipal affairs and housing

Iroquois Council members have gone through the difficult process of choosing a new village councillor.

As of last night, Jane Ewing is officially the newest member of Iroquois Council. In making this choice, and selecting Ewing to this position, council has entered a difficult situation...not because of who she is, her background or experience, but because she is married to the village foreman, Bill Ewing.

Because of this new situation, many people are asking questions; questions that deal with conflict-of-interest, and the possible conflict Ewing has entered into.

Ewing, herself, has had countless inquiries about the possible conflict she will have in becoming a village councillor.

There is a definite perception within the village, and amongst its residents, that Ewing has a conflict-of-interest. She is now a councillor and part of the team that employs her husband.

Although that perception exists, there is no law that prohibits her from representing the community as a council member. Clerk-treasurer Betty Marlin can tell you that. Ewing can tell you that. The reeve can tell you that. And so can the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Technically, there is no conflict-of-interest.

As long as she declares a conflict in discussions relating directly to her husband and his position (like wage issues), she can sit on council. In fact, any of the council members' spouses could work for the village if they wanted. According to municipal guidelines, all the council member would have to do is declare a conflict and withdraw from discussions when the issue arose.

"Sometimes the perception is there (that there's a conflict), but perception is not the law."

Despite the reality of the law governing conflict-of-interest issues, Ewing and the rest of council with her, will have to tread slowly and lightly as they discover what discussions she can and cannot be a part of. Council members may have to hold their tongues. But maybe not. It all depends on Ewing's own reactions.

To her credit, Ewing does have some experience that may help her deal with this new situation. Working with family members most of her life, she says she has learned to deal with conflict and difficult situations. Her four years as secretary to the clerk in Iroquois' village office also gives her solid experience and backbone in dealing with complaints, not only about village situations, but about her husband as well.

Both Ewing and council members will have to keep on their toes. Hurt feelings and misunderstandings could result if meetings and discussions are not held in a professional manner.

RVN

Let them shovel

I came across an interesting story in the Standard-Freeholder last Monday. A woman in Cornwall took matters into her own hands after three young offenders broke into her home on New Year's Eve and took two televisions, a VCR, a stereo system, some clothing and her gold jewellery.

The woman phoned the police with the names of the three teens she thought had her property and when the police didn't respond, she called up the boys herself.

After threatening them she got one television, the VCR, the stereo system and her clothing back. She paid the teens $120 for her belongings.

One of the televisions, the gold jewellery and the money was not returned.

When contacted by the Standard-Freeholder about the incident, Staff Sgt. Brendon Wells of the Cornwall Police Force promised to look into the matter and over the weekend three young offenders, one 15-year-old and two 16-year-old males were arrested.

Two of the bandits were charged with break and enter, theft and breach of probation. One was charged with break and enter and theft.

Obviously two of these young offenders had been charged with something before.

More likely than not, the woman will never see the rest of her belongings or the money but what is more important is that these young offenders will likely be on the streets again in no time flat.

Today's youth have no regard for the law or our system of justice. It is unfortunate, but obviously these young offenders did not have the parental guidance needed to mold a young person into a responsible human being.

If the parents of young offenders are not willing to control their offspring, then it should be left to the state.

Instead of slapping them on the wrist, a clear message should be sent through negative reinforcement. A few weeks spent at a boot camp for young offenders would be a welcome change.

For this offence say a minimum of three months spent shoveling snow from city sidewalks and private driveways.

MCB

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Miracles do indeed happen... and local lady can prove it

focus

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

There are things in a lifetime that we are prepared for, but then there are those which we can never really be ready for.

We, the whole family were aware that she had problems with her heart...afterall it is heredity, runs in the family you know. The confirmation that angina was present was the first taste of what to expect... but when the call for help came; when the red lights of the ambulance ricocheted off the house brick and lit the yard with a crimson glow, none of us was ready for the consequences.

Seeing her on the bed, pale and in obvious pain, unable to do anything to help her was a horrid feeling. My mother had suffered a heart attack. It was severe but she would recover. What goes through your mind as you hear a doctor say these words? After spending the better part of a late night and early morning in a waiting room the senses are dulled. Patiently awaiting "the word" from the medical community is a traumatic experience. Walking down the corridor to the ICU to see a loved one can seem like an eternity when the feet are alone in their quest."Only one visitor for a brief time until tomorrow, she needs to rest." Questions abound for sure. What does a heart attack do to a person? to their family? to their life? Well, until it happens you really do not have any idea!

She did recover, and things did not change too drastically. Sure, everyone tippy toed around, like they were walking on egg shells. No one wants to cause another attack. People scurry to help, to take the load off, to watch that the patient does not over do things, smokers become the enemy and every morsel of food is eyed for its nutritional value and cholesterol count...every calorie is checked. Life could become a strange creature if you let it.

The deal is that you cannot allow a heart attack to rule your being. Recovery gives you and the family a chance to slow down, take a closer look at what is really important as you all alter your lifestyle to suit what the patient really wants to live for.

During a heart attack, the portion of the heart muscle which is damaged by the infarction is on the way to healing soon after the sudden event and the strengthening thereof begins, the heart must maintain its normal functions despite the traumatic accident.

My mom recovered, came home from the hospital and celebrated Easter with the family, just like always. (After a February and March that left us wondering, this was great). But deep in the subconscious, fears lingered and festered.

Then it was off to the Ottawa Heart Institute for tests. Seems that the severity of the attack was not fully known and the doctor wanted to have the upper

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Who would have thought...snowmobiling after by-pass surgery? photo by S.L. Johnston

Swampview chilled to the bone

Just plain livin'
with Sandra Lee



It is over for another year...the Christmas break that is, and the sons and the big guy are back at the grind. They were not especially keen on this happening, but there was one in the house smiling rather broadly on Monday morning!

The tree is out in the snow, covered with popcorn and berries hoping that the birds' taste buds will tempt them into returning to the ranch. We have noticed one lonesome Blue Jay in the feeder, and since he is the only feathered creature to be spotted in the past few weeks, we were happy to welcome him. The decorations have been stashed away until next December, and things are back to the normal routine.

How about the deep freeze we are encountering? The hoar-frost on Sunday morning was a beauty to behold. Hanging limply on the branches and coating the evergreens with delicate, white fingers of cold, this creation of nature makes a picturesque, scenic, panorama that astounds the viewer with an explosion of white. But...it was some cold. The frigid weather has played havoc with vehicles and people alike. Starting in this weather is tough, who would want to start in this weather if they had sat outside all night long? As batteries are tried to the limit and the oil which must be like frozen molasses in the engines that sit in the ever lowering temps are asked to get underway, it is a wonder they even turn over, let alone kick into life! Bundling up does not always beat the cold, but what options do we have? Layering helps and son number two went snowmobiling with grams and grampa on Sunday and we learned that his boots are a touch too small, already..will these boys never stop growing? A stop at the hut and some hotdogs hit the coldest spot and what a cuppa hot chocolate can do to bolster energy and confidence! It was not as cold as his mother thought, but his eyelashes were frosted when he arrived home.

Son number one went picture taking for an assignment at school, and even tried to take the engine heater plug cord along for a ride. It is hard to remember all the things to check when we leave the yard!!

The big guy played the organ in church for the first regular Sunday this past weekend. He did a fine job, although he is tough on himself about such things.

The city cuzzins who spent some of the holiday at a ski resort returned safe and happy. How they kept warm is beyond me, but they seemed to accomplish it, and we are glad they had fun.

The dreaded flu bug dropped by the other day, and over stayed his welcome. Son number one was pretty sick for some twelve hours and the rest of us still have our fingers crossed that we avoid it. The big guy takes the flu shot in the fall and so we hope is immune. It is an awful strain, stay away from it if you can!

The trip to the city did not come to fruition last week as the cold had us on the run and worried that things might freeze up enroute. There was no real need and so we will go when the cold snap is broken.

We want to offer our congrats to the Matilda Carnival Queen and acknowledge that another young lady from the old stomping ground came in a close second. Home is always special and Stampville will remain in our hearts forever...way to go Angie!

The turkey carcass came out of the freezer and became some pretty slick tasting soup. Adding a few carrots, onions, celery, potatoes and peas, with some salt, pepper, garlic, poultry seasoning and worchester sauce makes quite a tempting bowl to sit before the family. Everyone seemed to appreciate the effort as bowls were cleaned. Son number two even asked for another bowl before bed time,wow.

The snowplowers keep busy and the snow keeps coming. We did miss the blizzard that hit the U.S., although I am of a mind that a real snowstorm would warm things up, and we could definitely use something to warm us just a tad.

This holiday will surely be remembered for the movies we watched...some great, some not so great and others just plain terrible. It is not wise to listen to the critics as they do not always recommend the best shows. Some good family times were had though as we struggled through those which would have been better left on the shelf. When the children get older, time spent together with the folks gets less and farther between episodes, so we must cherish those precious few we do get. In fact as this effort is being read, son number one is celebrating his eighteenth birthday. Wow!! It seems like yesterday his dad and I were bringing home that wee, small bundle with the white hair. We could not have been more proud, and remain so to this very day...have a great one Rudy!

This week that looms on the horizon is a busy one and so the family cake for the occasion will be delayed until the weekend. Not to worry it will happen.

As the words are typed onto the monitor this week, the left shoulder and neck are riddled with pain. The left side is never going to stop hurting or is it? Hope springs eternal, and I keep thinking that nothing else can bother me, until the next item starts. I have certainly learned that an accident is something to be avoided at all costs. It seems like the hurting never stops. The knee insists on hurting even in this cold weather. (Feels like there is not enough skin to allow it to bend) The tendons and muscles are painful even when resting, I look

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the bottom line

WELL, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SET A RECORD Monday night for having the shortest meeting in the history of this council's term. It was also the shortest meeting I've attended in two-and-a-half years. The meeting was completed at 9:30 p.m. Usually they go at least to 10:30 p.m. But without delegations, and being a post-Christmas and New Year's meeting, things moved right along. Congratulations to all!

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IF THE KICK-OFF WEEKEND FOR THE 21ST ANNUAL MATILDA CARNIVAL IS any indication, this year's festivities may be the most successful in years. With a packed house on Saturday night at the pageant, and over 600 breakfasts served at the brunch Sunday morning, the Carnival is already an incredible success! Our congratulations are extended to the 1996 Carnival Queen Tracy Lewis, and runner-up Angie Thompson, as well as Miss Congeniality Stacey Lewis, and winner of the Judges' Award Joanne Fawcett. If you haven't made it out to the Carnival this year, you won't want to miss anything else. The festivities end this weekend with car and snowmobile rallies on Saturday, and sleigh rides and an ecumenical service on Sunday.

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THANKS TO COUNCILLOR AUDREY ROONEY, THERE WAS A LITTLE bit of humor during last Thursday's interviews with the councillor candidates. She broke the ice by asking three of the four applicants, if they knew anything about trucks, or could tell the difference between a Dodge and a Ford. You see, former councillor Bruce Mullin was her right-hand-man who helped her understand the workings "of all things mechanized." Without him, she has been a little lost. We'll have to wait and see if Councillor Jane Ewing can help her in this department.

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THE FLAMES BURNED INTENSELY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE FIRST annual tree burning and skating party. With over 100 people attending it was quite a success. Many people were there, including our own Sgt. Brent Mattice and his family, Ron Delegarde of course, and Stephen Law. As Mr. Delegarde pointed out, it was nice to see that Stephen didn't sleep through the event this year. It was also nice to see Stephen working so hard. (Just kidding...we know you do some sort of work for the government!) Anyway, despite the incredibly cold temperatures, the event had a great turn-out. See you there next year!

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JUST WHEN YOU THINK THE STORMS CAN'T AFFECT YOU... THEY DO! There have been a number of friends and acquaintances I've spoken with this week, that have had their plans altered due to the snowstorms in the eastern United States! Can you image being so snowed in, you couldn't go to work or to school? It almost sounds good.....

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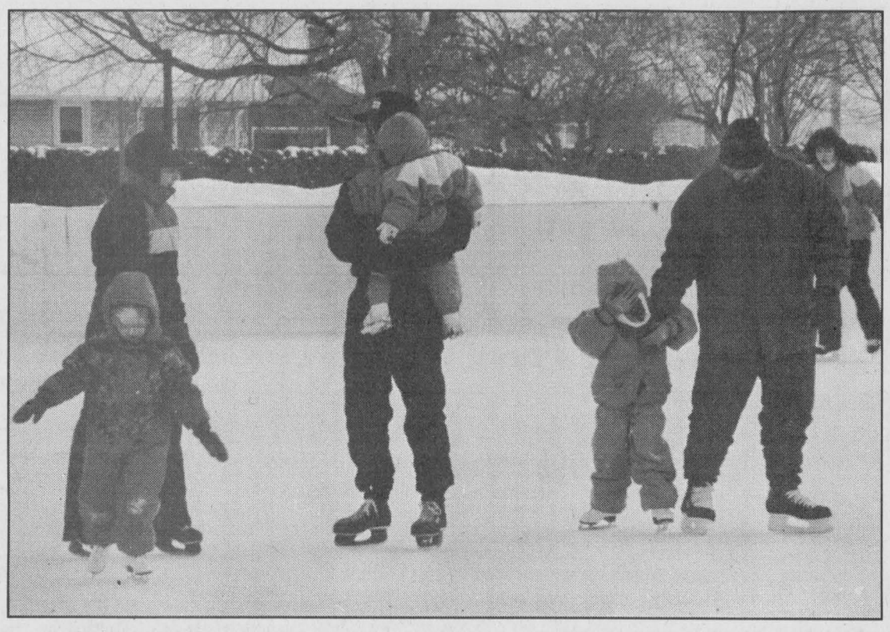
BEFORE I FORGET... I WANTED TO REMIND YOU TO ATTEND THE $1000 jackpot bingo at Matilda Hall on Thursday night. Doors open at 6 p.m. It promises to offer some great financial winnings to many.



Skating fun

Many youngsters came out with their families on Sunday afternoon to Iroquois' west-end park to enjoy a skate around the outdoor ice rink. A skating party, held in conjunction with the first annual Christmas tree burning, drew at least 100 people out of their homes on a very cold day.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

No conflict as new Councillor

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Although it may seem Jane Ewing has a conflict-of-interest as Iroquois' newest councillor, that perception does not reflect what the law states.

Within the last week, The Chieftain has received a number of comments, questionning how Ewing can be a member of council when she is married to village foreman Bill Ewing. Many people have wondered if she has a conflict-of-interest.

According to the conflict-of-interest act and municipal advisor Yves Drouin, there is technically no conflict-of-interest for the new councillor.

"She may have a conflict of interest with some of the issues," he said, but added not everything discussed by council involves the village foreman.

As long as Ewing declares a conflict when issues are raised concerning her husband, she has every right to sit on council, according to Drouin. Ewing will have to declare a conflict for such issues as wage discussions.

"Sometimes the perception is there (that there is a conflict), but the perception is not the law," Drouin says.

Although Ewing says she is aware of the potential conflict, she believes council can work through each situation.

"I think it can be handled," she says. "No one knows exactly how it will work, but we have to try...And I'm willing to try."

Reeve Peter Swank says this perceived conflict was one of the difficult considerations council had to look at when they discussed who would be the new councillor. But in the end, council members decided they could deal with the situation.

"We feel we can work around it," Swank says.

According to Drouin, conflict-of-interest can happen to any member of council. But it is up to each council member to declare that conflict.

If a council member doesn't declare a conflict and a taxpayer confronts the member, that taxpayer could potentially take the member to court over the issue. However, Drouin says it can cost a minimum of $10,000 to do so.

The previous NDP provincial government looked at making changes to this conflict-of-interest act through Bill 163. This bill would have made it easier for a taxpayer to take a council member to court. Under Bill 163, a taxpayer could pay $200 for a commissioner to look into the situation. If the commissioner decided conflict-of-interest charges should be pursued, the issue would go to court at the government's expense, not the taxpayer's.

However, this option never came to fruition because Bill 163 was never passed.

Drouin says the Harris government has promised to look into the conflict-of-interest issue, and may present a report within the next six months.



New councillor

Jane Ewing is Iroquois' newest council member. She was one of four applicants to apply for the position, after it was left vacant in mid-December, when Bruce Mullin resigned. She was sworn in at last night's regular council meeting. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

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Focus

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hand and be as informed as possible. A Cardiac Catheterization would give necessary, detailed information about her heart, the valves and the coronary arteries and so tell exactly what damage was done and allow the doctor to formulate a plan for her future. Threading a small catheter through a blood vessel from the groin to the heart and then injecting a dye which highlights the coronary arteries, and taking x-rays throughout the procedure gives a pretty clear picture of things. The results for mother were that the bottom of her heart was in fact dead and not pumping and the left side of the artery system was definitely blocked. This left no recourse but surgery.

Another time of panic and wonder. What could be done? What after the surgery? How would she be affected? What would the family be expected to do? How would life as we knew it change? So very many questions to be asked and answered. Perhaps the hardest part is the numerous questions which remain unasked and thus unanswered; those which remain tucked in the inner sanctum of the minds of everyone.

It became evident that The University of Ottawa Heart Institute, a unit of the Ottawa Civic Hospital, is indeed a learning centre for the medical profession, as students came to mother's room to discuss, to enquire and to check. A fly in the ointment as it were, was a certain young intern who suggested that we head home and sit on a waiting list for the actual surgery. (we all know what happens to many on these lists) A few choice words of wisdom from the writer and a date was set for the operation. Waiting is a most difficult thing for everyone and being an hour from home and loved ones is rough at times of trial. But...everyone learns at this place and so it was off to class for the patient and a family member who is to endure the entire process. Someone has to be a step ahead once the patient is home and the ever watchful eyes of the hospital staff can no longer be there. Sometimes things just fall upon you, and that was the case, as there was no one else but the writer who could leave work and devote the time-frame necessary. The biggest problem, being my distaste for such matters, was overcome rapidly, what choice was there? (thankfully there was no need to be involved in the actual operation!)

Sessions are scheduled and both attend, this way there are no questions...both are aware of exactly what will take place from the moment the day arrives for the procedure until recovery is a reality. Being prepared for the weakness, the fatigue, the frustration and irritation which will occur helps patient and family better obtain a handle on things.

The knowledge that you are in the best possible place for care and that the very top of their field will perform the surgery gives comfort. Speaking with others going through the same feelings and having similar thoughts is also a relief. Meeting people who travel hundreds of miles to get the best care available gives a boost to morale and seeing others who have gone through the surgery and are on the road to recovery is a beacon at the end of what seems like a black tunnel at times.

The day arrives and the sedative is given to mother. A l-o-n-g wait will ensue, as the operation for a triple by-pass can take four to five hours. The option to stay at the hospital and wait is foregone...not a time to be alone. Pacing and praying are the order of the day. Then, when the telephone rings it is so hard to pick up the receiver, like it carries the weight of the world on that slim piece of plastic. BUT...it has to be done and so, summoning strength from an empty barrel, the news is good!!! "Things went well, and a number and a nurses' name is given so family can speak to the attendant who is at the bottom of the bed where mother lies starting the slow trek to being better.

That very evening, mother sits on the side of the bed. (after relaying the wonderful news home, the writer had no energy, and could barely sit on the side of her bed!) What a place for miracles !

The next two weeks would prove a test for more than mother. Sitting, walking, talking, being quiet so that rest could help heal, and more sessions for when recovery begins at home leave no time for thinking, but luckily enough to pray and be thankful. Recovery is hampered by a bleeding ulcer that everyone could have done without. Throwing the schedule to the wind, and dashing hopes, this setback did not stop the process. Encouragement and faith in the medical community at this marvellous centre kept everyone going.

There were highs and lows, the night spent in a recliner chair at mom's bedside, the first time she showed where the vein was taken for the by-pass from her leg (black, blue and purple ALL over) the arguments with the nursing co-ordinators, the trips up and down the claustrophobic elevator, the long walks in the spring sunshine as mom slept, and the loneliness when it seemed time went forever; were all forgotten as she grew stronger and more confident in her abilities. The final obstacle to going home loomed ahead, going up and down a set of steps without difficulty was masterfully accomplished and the time drew near ..."We were going home!"

This was a stressful time, packing, waiting for dad to arrive and trying not to seem too anxious. When he did pull up in front of the entrance, we headed down the elevator for the last time. It was strange, leaving the hospital that had been home for so many weeks. Then too, the feeling that we would now be on our own was a frightening thought. The sweats (chills) which had been eluded to for mom were being experienced by the writer! But we made it through the door and into the fresh air, with brave smiles on our faces and gladness in our chests...she had made it through a very hard part of life and was headed to the next challenge.

The first few weeks at home were sore, often depressing, full of frustration and the changes required enroute to a full recovery sometimes presented themselves as overwhelming. Those hard to deal with times called for mountains of patience and concentration on the task at hand; no more, no less; so that the changes required could be fashioned and lived and dealt with. When dealing with a convalescent period, time is the optimum word. It takes t-i-m-e.

Risk factors have been identified and steps are taken to change those you can, or at the least to control those you can. Each one decreases the chances of further heart problems. Some are easily overcome while others are more of a tribulation to beat. Starting easy and building up is a secret that works in all areas. As I recall, taking a shower was a major accomplishment; since the fear of being alone and standing unassisted while water pelted on the bod was a threatening thought, not just for mom, but for me!

Being aware of the need for rest, not necessarily sleep and the best exercise in the world...walking would benefit mother even today. The pain in the leg where the vein was stripped out, and that in the chest where the breast bone was sawed in half would linger. Understanding how the surgical team stretches the breast bone after it is cut to expose the heart and arteries, and how they tie it back together with steel skewers (for lack of a better descriptive word) that stay in there, makes the process more bearable. Learning that the top two ribs are broken in the procedure and that healing time is incredibly long can help too. Realizing that the surgeon actually held her heart in his hand during the operation and cut away as much of the damaged portion as possible boggles the mind.

Not being able to drive (sudden stopping might cause the breast plate to crash into the steering wheel and no one wants to think about this!) was tough, but once she got back into the swing, this was not a problem. Building up activities, both around the house and the yard came gradually. When she overdoes it she knows, some part of her tells her in no uncertain terms. The toughest part for the family was to leave her alone (you want to be there every minute of the day), and not to do all the tasks at hand. (even the most menial seemed too much for her to do in our minds)

Time does heal and she was soon anticipating her post-operative clinic appointment with the surgeon. Returning with a clean slate and encouragement to "keep going as you are," she continues to walk (indoors at Seaway High in cold weather and outdoors in warmer temps) and carry on as she wants, living life to the fullest. She gardens in spring and summer, enjoys her minivan and the freedom it allows her, time spent with family remains a top priority. (Gingerbread houses at Christmas with grandkids and sewing projects that brought smiles to many faces under the tree on Christmas morning are all part of her regular routine, again.) Whether seadooing at the cottage or snowmobiling and embracing nature, feeding the birds or preparing a meal fit for a king, she takes things one day at a time.

She reads her Cardiac Surgery Discharge Booklet and follows the advice therein as she continues to grow stronger and to overcome whatever lies ahead. Life takes some crazy twists and we can only ride them out sometimes, searching the better route after the turn. My mother has done this and as she arranges flowers for the good fairy to deliver and whistles as she thinks she is alone in the house, all seems right with the world and the wondrous miracles performed at the Heart Institute are reality for us.

The next visit to the clinic in Ottawa is scheduled for the fall of '96. Continuing her checkups with the local clinic and her doctors in Iroquois and Morrisburg will ensure that all is as it should be. The hands that heal at the Heart Institute make miracles happen and we are fortunate that this is so, we have experienced it and are grateful. The love and tenderness shown by the staff and the knowledge which allows the great things to take place will never be taken for granted by my family.

Santa Claus picks tag draw winners

Santa Claus parked his sleigh on the Iroquois plaza roof and flew down the chimney, visiting many local businesses. Santa and his special elf picked the tag draw winners for each store. The lucky winners included: Ross Haley, Jocelyn Archibald, Karen Cooke, Marilyn Deneault, Joan Murphy, Debbie Shaver, Russ Fader, Tressa Lapier, Jessie Geurkink, Jean Murphy, Judy St. Pierre and Olive McIntosh.

One Year Later

Once again Santa Claus was a busy fellow as he picked the tag draw winners just before Christmas. This year's winners included: Marjorie Keyes, Luella Sears, Femmie Tibben, Connie Bylsma, Kent McDermid, Red Haley, Sharon Hartle, Carole Brouse, Marilyn Beach, Tracey Adams, Marie Gillard, Evonne Delegarde, Gloria Froats and Freda Tibben. This special visit from Santa always helps the local businesses promote the tag draw contest. Congratulations!

LETTERS

Christmas Exchange a resounding success

To the editor:

We are pleased to inform you that on December twentieth, South Dundas County displayed true spirit of community. Food baskets were filled to overflowing by many merry volunteers and a gift was sorted for each child at the Morrisburg Legion. And, 192 families experienced a happier Christmas because of our efforts.

Our Christmas Exchange committee all expressed the feeling that our community believed it was time to increase compassion, support and assistance this Christmas Season. Your Angel Tree was instrumental in making that possible.

It is with a great deal of pride that we acknowledge your contribution and thank you for your interest in this community effort. The media plays a critical role in communicating the goals and needs of an undertaking such as this. We are extremely grateful for your wonderful press coverage and your support.

Sincerely,
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- ✔*The Terminator is back in town!*
- ✔*Atom B II's advance to tourney final*
- ✔*Hard fought battle for Pee Wee A Lions*

The Lions host the Islanders Friday!



Hare scores again!

Geoff Hare has been playing tremendous hockey as of late. Pictured above Geoff deeks Dom Cugiletta in net for the Kemptville 73's to score his second of the afternoon. Morrisburg ended up losing the game 7-5 but Geoff picked up six points in the effort. Chad Duguay picked up three assists in the game. Friday night in Alexandria the Lions defeated the Glens 10-4.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

The Terminator is back and earned point makes statement of intent

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

Shawn "The Terminator" Hummell made his '96 debut in a Lions uniform last Friday evening in Alexandria and was awarded with a goal less than two minutes into the game.

A quick slapshot from the point at 18:06 of the first period put Hummell in the point race and the Lions on the score board.

"It's good to have him back," said Lions head coach Johnny Morrow of the six foot 200 pound veteran defenceman.

Hummell did not play in the first half of the season due to commitments at college in Belleville, but his school schedule was not as tight this term giving him the chance to come back to his old team.

With Hummell's return to the club, one of the overage players had to be let go.

"It was a tough decision," said Morrow, "but we released Travis Froats. He's been having some problems with his knees and he's missed a few games."

Morrisburg easily defeated the Alexandria Glens in their Friday night encounter at the Bill Gebbie Arena 10-4.

Hummell opened the scoring, Geoff Hare and Eric Quenville added one each before the first period ended.

In the second it was Hare and Ryan Warner who scored two.

Warner started the third period off with a goal which was followed by counters from Hare, Chris Proulx and Jeremy Gowsell.

The Glens got goals from Daniel Methot, Stephane Boisvenue, Yves Ruest and Olivier Demeester.

Sunday afternoon at the Cow Palace the Lions dropped a 7-5 decision to the second place Kemptville 73's.

Kemptville opened the scoring with goals from Derek Hutt and Shawn Forbes.

Before the buzzer sounded to end the first, Hare put Morrisburg on the board.

Kemptville added four in the second to jump out to a 6-1 lead before Hare could give the Lions their second of the game.

In the third Morrisburg came out hard and Jon Saunders brought the home team a little closer at 18:39.

Kevin Wright added one for the Lions at 10:42 and Hare scored his third of the afternoon at 8:37.

Down by one, it looked like the Lions might be able to salvage a point with the tie, but Mike Hutt beat Tommy Payment with four minutes left to play and the Lions could not answer.

Rink opens as temps remain cool

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Iroquois rink at the west-end park has been officially open for two weeks and dozens of young people and families have been enjoying this facility over the Christmas holidays.

According to Iroquois recreation committee chairperson Kim Cassell, the rink is open from Thursdays to Sundays. They are the same hours of operation as last year.

Although people can skate at the rink any time, the rink building is only open from Thursdays to Sundays during hours of operation.

The public is free to skate: from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays; from 4 to 8 p.m. on Fridays; and from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

The rink is slotted for hockey games from: 7 to 10 p.m. on Thursdays; 8 to 10 p.m. on Fridays; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, and 6 to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

Cassell says this split system for skating and hockey works well, for both skaters and hockey players. Both interests are covered. Skaters don't have to worry about the hockey players and vice versa.

"We haven't had any complaints (about the system)," Cassell says. "David's been good keeping control of things."

For the third year-in-a-row, David Ace is taking care of the ice and the facilities. He runs a concession stand during the hours of operation.

Last year some minor repairs were made to improve the condition of the boards. Cassell says more repairs will have to be done in the future, but that may take another subcommittee and more fund-raising efforts.

Improved heating in the rink building and a new kitchen are among the items on Cassell's wish list for the rink. But whatever the condition of the rink building, the ice is in good shape this season and is being well-used.

If you haven't been out to enjoy the rink, take some time, lace up your skates and get out into the fresh air. It's well worth the time.

Atom B II Lions advance to A championship game after tourney

January 5,6, and 7, saw the Morrisburg Atom B II's at an Atom Tournament in Brockville. They played four games before advancing to the "A" championship game.

The first game, against the South Grenville Rangers, remained scoreless until the second period, when Morrisburg started their way to the 6-2 victory. Points for Morrisburg came from Scott Carswell (4 goals and an assist), Lindsay Johnson (3 assists and 1 goal), Liam Maguire (4 assists) and single points from Ian Tait, Travis Baldwin, Michael O'Brien, Chris Ladoucer and Josh McElheran.

South Grenville's markers came from Drew Lawrence, Kyle Bosley, Derek June, Jason Vanhanen, Michael Todd, and Jason Desrosiers.

The next victory came against the Gananoque Islanders with a score of 4-0. Morrisburg's credits go to Scott Carswell (2), Liam Maguire, Justin Elliot, Chris Marshall, Joshua McElheran and Travis Baldwin. Matt Dillabough and Nick Cryderman shared the shut-out.

The final game, before advancing to the semi-finals, was played against the Cornwall Aces. Morrisburg could not capitalize on their many opportunities to score and lost 3-1. Cornwall's points came from Mathieu Bergeron (2), Jason Jeeves (3 points) and Steven Newman. Morrisburg counted on Scott Carswell and Liam Maguire.

Morrisburg was then ranked second in their division and was able to advance to a semi-final game against the Brockville Braves. Morrisburg's game winning goal came with less than 2 minutes left in the third period. Justin Elliot, Richard Banford and Ian Tait are credited with the scoring. Once again the excellent goal tending from Matt and Nick saved the day.

The final game was played against the Alexandria Glens and while the game ended in an Alexandria win 3-2 the Lions played like "A" champions. Alexandria's points came from Michael Lauzon, Roch Lebrun (2), Matthew Lalonde (2) and Julien Quesnel (2). Morrisburg's tallies are credited to Scott Carswell (2), Travis Baldwin and Chris Ladouceur.

The Atom B II's also ventured to Char Lan to play in a B Level I tournament over the Christmas Break and played two excellent games of hockey.

The first game was against Massena and took an overtime period and a nine player shoot-out to claim Morrisburg as the 2-1 victor. Massena's goal came unassisted from Ryan Raymo. Morrisburg's goals were also unassisted from Scott Carswell and Josh McElheran.

The second game of the tournament was another nail-biter with Morrisburg losing to Char Lan by a score of 2-1. Char Lan's points came from Michael Fraser, Robb Schaefer, Steve Jarid and Dominic Dube. Morrisburg's lone goal came unassisted from Scott Carswell.

Pee Wee A Lions make it to A final

North Dundas defeated the Morrisburg Pee Wee A Lions 4-3 in a hard fought A final.

Derek Murdoch scored the winner for North Dundas with a little over four minutes left in the game.

Mike McCann played a very strong game in the losing cause. Robert Annable scored two unassisted goals for Morrisburg while Scott Barkley scored the other from Jason Denio and Nick Hall.

To get to the finals Morrisburg defeated Long Sault 3-0 in their first game.

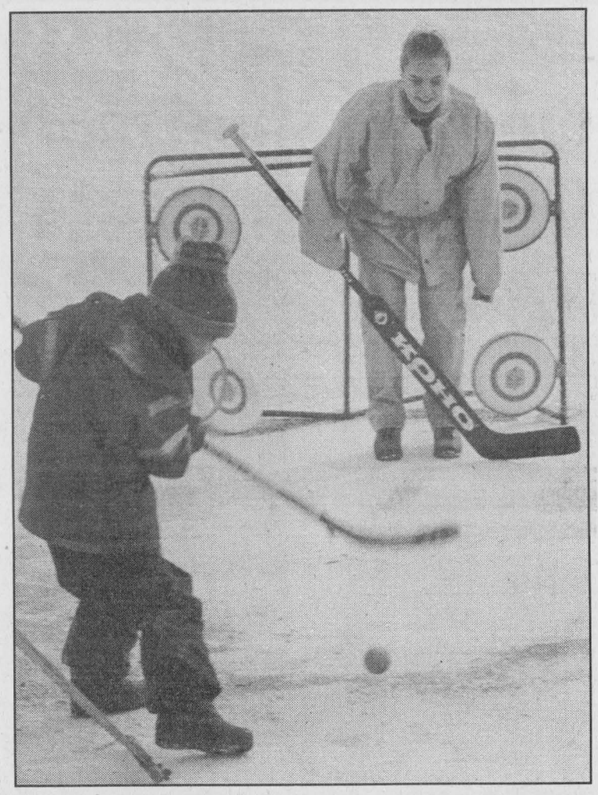
Mike McCann and Bryan Verhoeven shared the shutout in goal. Jason Denio led the way with two goals while Eric Irvine scored the other from his own end of the rink into the empty net.

Robert Annable, Bobby Paradis, Bruce Lewis and Scott Barkley all picked up assists.

In their second game of the tournament the Lions defeated Vankleek Hill 5-1.

Bryan Verhoeven recorded the win in net.

Jason Denio led the offense with two goals and two assists. Brad Casselman had one goal and one assist while Scott Barkley had two assists. Mike Shaver picked up the other goal while Eric Irvine also recorded an assist.



He shoots and scores!

This youngster tested his skills against the 1996 Matilda Winter Carnival Queen runner-up Angie Thompson on Sunday afternoon at Matilda Hall. This shoot-out was just one of many activities that took place as part of family fun day activities on Jan.7.

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The Chieftain Sports Scoreboard

St. Lawrence Division

	Gp	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Char Lan	31	23	04	04	186	104	52
Kemptville	30	16	09	05	150	118	40
Winchester	30	14	13	03	151	163	35
Morrisburg	**28**	**12**	**13**	**03**	**153**	**163**	**29**
Alexandria	30	04	24	02	134	174	11

Rideau Division

	Gp	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Westport	30	21	08	01	157	113	44
Gananoque	29	18	10	01	158	114	39
S. Grenville	28	12	14	02	129	134	29
Athens	29	09	18	02	117	163	23
Brockville	31	06	25	00	98	179	14

Morrisburg Lions Home Games

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January 21 vs.
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January 26 vs.
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Long Sault Vipers Home Games

January 13 vs.
North Stormont 8:15 pm

January 20 vs.
St. Isidore 8:15 pm

January 27 vs.
Casselman 8:15 pm

OPP investigate rash of B & E's in local area

Sometime between 7p.m. and 7a.m., Jan. 3, 1996, culprit(s) broke into the change box at the parking lot of the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital. One hundred dollars in loonies and an unknown amount of hospital parking tokens were taken. The tokens are described as brass colored, quarter-sized with "Good for Parking Only" stamped on one side and "Canadian Parking Equipment Limited" stamped on the other side.

Sometime overnight between Jan. 3rd and 4th, 1996, an Iroquois resident awoke to find his 1993 Ski Doo Safari, green with pink trim, bearing Ontario licence 715402 stolen from his front yard.

Sometime overnight between Jan. 3rd and 4th, 1996, a 1988 Chev GMC pickup truck, red, bearing Ontario licence TC7202 was stolen from a resident's laneway located on Highway 2 in Matilda Township.

Sometime overnight between Jan. 3rd and 4th, 1996, a 1968 double tilt snow vehicle trailer, bearing Ontario licence 27049E was stolen from an Island Park Drive, Iroquois residence.

A break, enter and theft occurred on Jan. 5, 1996 at the Christian Reformed Church in Dixon's Corners. Unknown culprit(s) entered the church causing approximately $200 in damage, and stole the following items: a WYSE central processing unit along with a Burroughs printer (both IBM compatible); a Northern Telecom telephone - model JAZZ; a black GE answering machine black; two Sony Walkman Cassette players; and a GE ghetto Blaster with AM-FM Cassette and removable speakers. Total value of the items is about $600.

A break, enter and theft occurred at the Hulbert United Church sometime between January 3rd and 6th, 1996. A Citizen microwave oven, model JM55481 and a Kenmore vacuum cleaner model 32655 were stolen.

Morrisburg OPP charged Albert Runions, 44, of 6B, Victoria Crescent, Morrisburg with impaired driving. Mr. Runions is to appear in Morrisburg court on February 20, 1996.

There was approxmately $2000 damage done when unknown culprit(s) tore a large square piece of tarp behind Universal Terminals on Jan. 8, 1996.

Friday night dart league in Iroquois

Jan. 5: Christmas Party is over and for the ones that attended we had a wonderful time. The committee would like to thank Charles Barkley for the use of his hay wagons, Walter Reid for his generator, Victor Brooks for the delicious stew and his two helpers Debbie Hess and Lloyd Greenough, Gail Melvin for Karaoke, Legion ladies who did the clean up after the meal and also to Santa Claus.

Standings: No Surrenders 92, The End 89, Four Aces 80 1/2, The Farmer's Heifers 78, Babe Watchers 77 1/2, The L.D.'s 77 1/2, Running Bare 73 1/2, No Show 68, The Hopefuls 64, Late for Supper 58 1/2, Smokin' Guns 52 1/2, Joe Joe's Hopefuls 46.

Games Finished: Gary Bradford 4, Trevor Easter 4, Danny Dodge 4, Leo Merkley 4, Glen Easter 3, Earl Nesbitt 3, Howard Hutchinson 3, Bonnie Gibson 3, Sandy Dodge 3, Bill Hutt 2, Duane Kirker 2, Reg Farmer 2, Rodney Francis 2, Walter Reid 2, Craig Tucker 2, Joe McDonald 2, Carl Gibson 2, Percy Roberts 2, Barb Merkley 2, Donna Hodgson 2, Bill Dodge 1, Lloyd Greenough 1, Steve Barkley 1, Art Ault 1, Robbie Shaver 1, Jean Greenough 1, Sharon Easter 1, Joan Ault 1, Ann Nesbitt 1, Ann Cameron 1, Geoffrey Wilson 1, Debbie Shaver 1.

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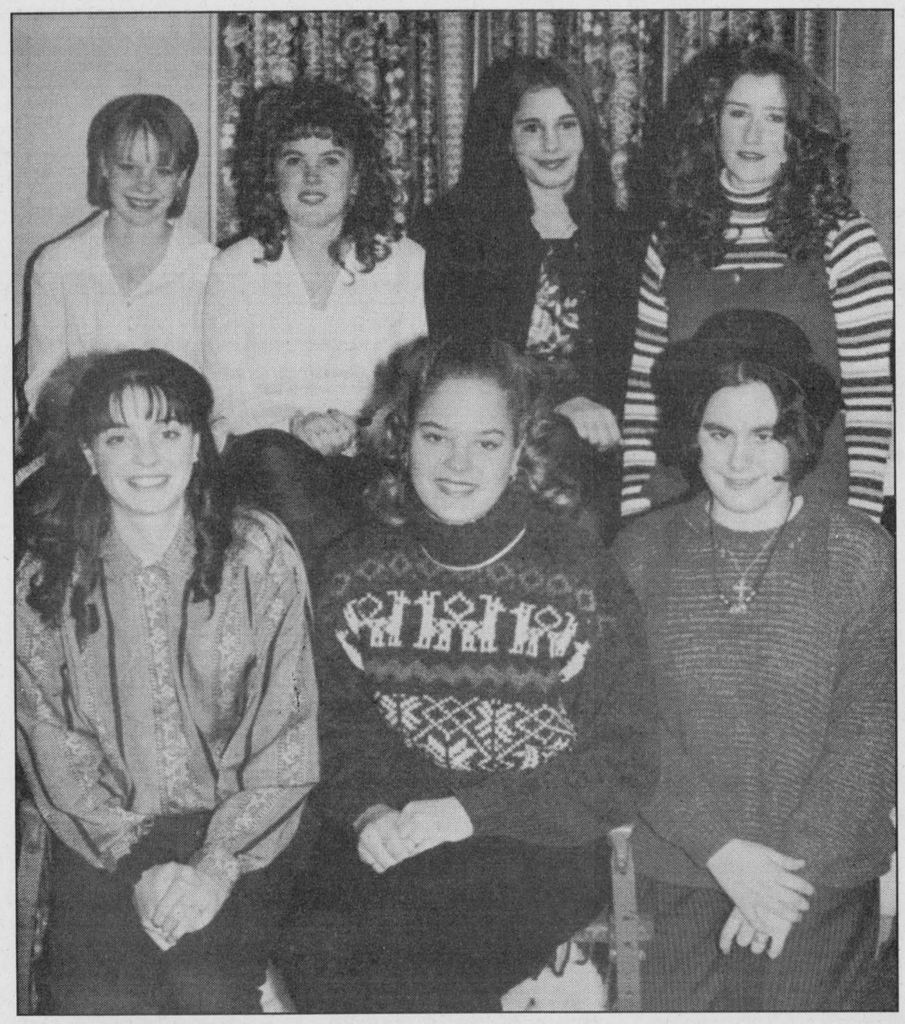


Pageant contestants

Seven Matilda Township residents participated in the 21st annual Matilda Winter Carnival Queen Pageant on Saturday night. The contestants included (in the back row): Joanne Fawcett, Stacey Lewis, Lesley McDonell, and Tracy Lewis. In front are: Sherri Shaver, Angie Thompson and Amy Casselman.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

Amalgamation remains stalled

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Dundas County amalgamation committee is no further ahead than it was a month ago.

The committee, made up of reeves and other municipal representatives, is still awaiting restructuring guidelines from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, before it formulates its proposal for the province.

According to committee secretary Bonnie Dingwall, the committee isn't expecting to hear from the ministry until later this month, when the omnibus bill is expected to be passed.

Before the committee can receive guidelines from the ministry, the provincial government must pass the controversial omnibus bill. Bill 26, also known as the Savings and Restructuring Act, amends 47 provincial laws, one of which deals with municipal restructuring.

Once the bill is passed, regulations and guidelines can be approved. At that point, ministry officials can offer suggestions to municipalities on how to develop a restructuring proposal.

The amalgamation committee was hoping to hear word by Dec. 20th. However, that didn't happen.

Although the ministry tabled the bill before Christmas, no decisions were made before the legislature adjourned for the holidays. MPPs did ask the government, however, for at least three weeks of discussion on the bill.

As a result, hearings began on Monday to discuss possible amendments to the omnibus bill. Members of the legislature are expected to reconvene on Jan. 29 to pass it.

Dingwall says the amalgamation committee is still unsure when it will receive word from the government on what steps to take.

"But we're not anticipating anything until the end of January," she says.

Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank said he hopes more light will be shed on the amalgamation and restructuring issue when Iroquois Council members and other local representatives attend the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference at the beginning of February in Toronto.

The conference will address issues of block-funding, new ways of reducing costs, municipal reform, restructuring and amalgamation, and will also look at the example of Alberta's municipal reform system.

Council members and staff will also have an opportunity to address Municipal Affairs Minister Al Leach and a number of other provincial ministers in the ministers' forum.

In the meantime, the committee awaits word from the province. Until it has some direction it will not formulate an amalgamation proposal.

Committee members have discussed many possible options for the county including one-tier government and a two-tier system, but no concrete direction has been taken.

The committee met once in early December, after meeting with all eight councils at the end of November. Members decided not to meet again until they received direction from the ministry.



Pageant judges

Three notable citizens volunteered their time to judge the 21st annual Matilda Winter Carnival Queen Pageant on Saturday night at Matilda Hall. They had a tough decision to make, as they had seven young, talented women to interview. From left to right are MPP Noble Villeneuve, skating judge Pat Harper, and sitting in for Brockville Mayor John Doran, past-radio personality Jim Lefebvre.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

Morrisburg mall entrance median removal questioned

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

No one from the Business Improvement Association (BIA) was called when village crews removed the median from the mall in Morrisburg. Chair of the BIA George Davies attended the council meeting Monday night to ask council if they were planning on replacing it.

Mr. Davies told council that a number of mall business owners were upset the median was removed completely. He admitted that some were happy to see it go, but added, it was a four to one margin in favour of replacing the median.

"Even with the water break it didn't take the complete removal of the median," added Mr. Davies.

Councillor Martel explained that when the water break occurred the village crew had to remove the centre piece of the median. He told Mr. Davies that they had planned to replace the centre piece.

"But then it came down to a question of safety," explained Martel.

According to Councillor Martel the removal of the middle portion of the median left jagged edges. A split decision was made at that time to remove the median completely.

Mr. Davies told council that since the median had been built, there had been no accidents and Councillor Martel agreed.

"Accidents were a recognized problem and we will look at what's going to happen this year," said Martel.

Jumping into the discussion Reeve McGregor voiced his opinion by letting everyone know that there would be no one better to assess the situation than him.

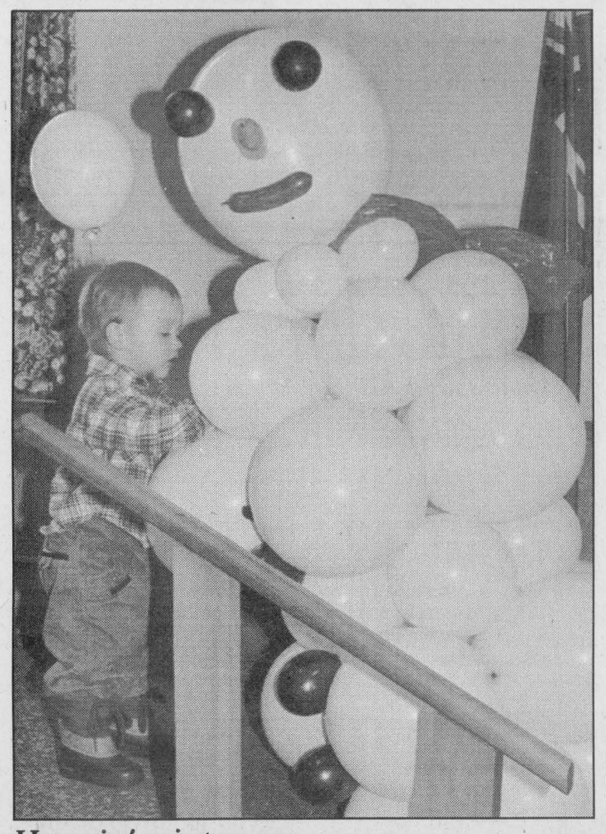
"Having spent eight years (McGregor owned a restaurant in the mall south of the median) watching the traffic, there were more tires bumped on those curbs, and I'm not sure it's a total loss."

However the reeve did say that council would consider replacing the median with a modified version.

Councillor Martel noted that the material removed from the median was retrievable. He finished by telling Mr. Davies that council would have to wait until the spring before any type of median could be constructed.

STILL much to DO! The War Amps

Ontario Snowmobile Safety Committee issues warning



Huggin' winter

This young fellow couldn't keep his hands off this balloon snowman at the Matilda Carnival celebrations on Sunday. This snowman, along with a green balloon evergreen tree were part of the decorations at Saturday night's pageant.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

The Ontario Snowmobile Safety Committee is warning unstable ice on lakes and rivers could prove fatal this season, despite apparently ideal conditions after record snowfalls throughout much of the province, particularly the Muskoka region and all of Northern Ontario.

The committee is warning that significant snowfall doesn't mean safe ice. Snow acts as an insulator. It doesn't let the cold penetrate. This results in unstable ice which won't hold the weight of a snowmobile and its rider(s).

Already, five snowmobilers have died in separate mishaps across Ontario this winter. The deaths follow a typical pattern: male, alcohol consumption, speeding, riding on lakes and rivers with thin ice and riding on roads. Four of the five incidents occurred in Northern Ontario.

"Snowmobiling on lakes and rivers is risky at any time - and particularly at this time of year," said Transportation Minister Al Palladina." But it is also dangerous to snowmobile along the road. A recent study shows that while most snowmobiling deaths occur on lakes and rivers, most injuries occur on Ontario streets and highways."

Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation Marilyn Mushinski says there is only one safe way to travel on a snowmobile. "Ontario has a vast system of excellently-groomed trails," Minister Mushinski said. "The trials are in place to provide snowmobilers with a safe mode of travel and a way to avoid lakes and rivers."

The Ontario Snowmobile Safety Committee is reminding everyone to "Ride Safe, Ride Sober", keep within the posted speed limits and enjoy the season.

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Just Livin'

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for the warm weather to arrive in about 59 days and hope it can help the healing process.

Yes, warm sunshine and green sprouts are just around the corner. The spring and summer catalogue has arrived at the ranch and looking at swim suits and shorts really make it seem close. The first seed catalogues came in the mail too and so we can start planning the garden. I want to get an herb garden growing this year, and so will spend some hours browsing those pages carefully. Another summer wish is for a trellis and this one I will have to work on, so I best get started! This is something I have always wanted. I tried to forget it, since I could never figure where I could put one...well, I think I have it worked out, time will tell.

A big battle was won once more at Swampview as the dog got her toe nails clipped. She dreads this more than anything she has to endure. We are not sure why, and since she was a stray we have no reference point. She cringes and even when held puts up some fight to get away. The lament she renders would make your ears curl and the stoutest of hearts cry for her. This seems to really be a tragic happening for her. But, the nails were going to start curling under the foot pads and had to be trimmed. Son number two and the big guy did the honours as the writer gave instructions (every task needs a foreman/woman!) and the job was accomplished. Some day she will thank us, though it may be some time.

Out and about on the weekend, it was wonderful to see so many hearty souls out. Identities are tough since all skin is covered and only eyes meet you over scarves, toques and coat collars. We Canadians are truly a tough lot. Whether skating, throwing snow, snowmobiling, sliding or just walking in the brisk air, we have no option, but to grin and bear it, bundle and not let it beat us. Afterall we live here because we love the seasons and do not get upset when the going gets cold?! If properly dressed, and as long as extended periods of time are not tried, the cold can be fun.

The sun creates an illusion as we look out the window. It looks like a beautifully warm day and sitting in the sunshine can warm a body through. The trick is when you open the door and that cold blast hits you square in the face,what a shock to the system. The old River remains open and the fog it creates makes a grey-white background for the rest of the scenery as presented through the windows at Swampview. This is always a sure sign of exactly how cold it infact is. The steady stream of exhaust fumes that everyone trails behind their vehicle is a good sign of how cold it is out there. Everyone has some complaining to do about their car or truck or both as the temperature plays games with the throttle, the choke, the gas line, the carbs, the starter, the alternator and so on...it is pretty cold to be in the outdoors twenty-four hours a day. Be patient and use that plug in heater or get the vehicle into the garage. Warmup periods are necessary and keep an eye on those guages on the dashboard, they are there to help. Square tires result from sitting in the cold and condensation is the enemy as well. Wiper blades can freeze and be broken if and when you clean the windshield. As this is being printed for the paper space, it has been snowing...just a dusting mind you, but it feels infinitely warmer than yesterday, I knew snow would warm us up! Why now I can think about winter Scout camp next month. Decisions have to be made on whether to sleep in tents or not and so on...more later on this though. A load to watch and care for, but then it keeps the adrenalin pumping as you check and push, twist and turn, even kicking those slush balls off the bumper and undercarriage keeps you warm!

There is a load of black ice out there, a lot of vehicles towing others without proper lights or safety items being utilized, and the roads are not in great shape. Take care, drive safely, and keep it on the pavement. Take care, you are loved. See you all next time.

Alzheimer Awareness Month

The leading cause of death among Canada's elderly is expected to triple by the year 2030.

Currently, over 250,000 Canadians suffer from the degenerative brain disorder that destroys vital brain cells -- Alzheimer Disease.

There is no known cure for the disease and as the "baby boom" generation ages, Alzheimer's is expected to plague 750,000 Canadians by the year 2030.

The disease begins with subtle behavioral changes, but progresses to where the individual cannot understand, remember, think, communicate and perform simple tasks. In short, it leaves the person completely dependent.

Canadians spend $3.9 billion dollars a year to provide care for persons afflicted with Alzheimer's.

According to Stephen Rudin, executive director of Alzheimer Canada, there is a tremendous demand for alternative housing within the Alzheimer community, especially when individuals are affected by the disease at an early age.

Families' options are currently limited. Keeping a loved one at home can require outside support, which is costly. Subsidized or free care is available, but it can be limited to as little as two hours per week.

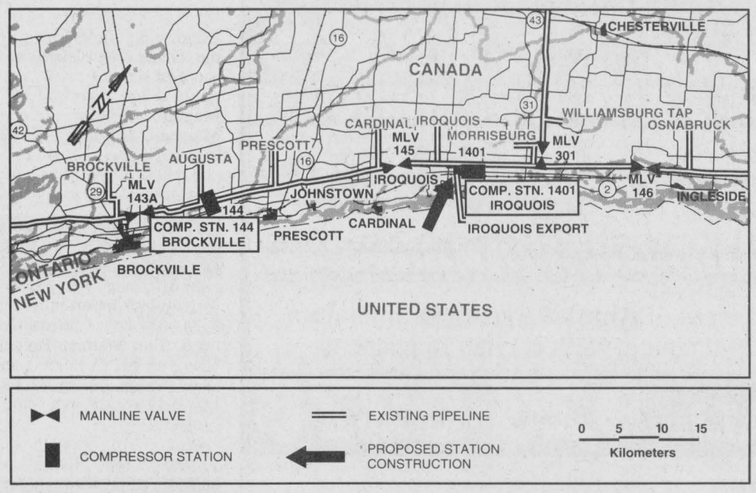
There are very few community-based care facilities in operation those that are can cost from $700-$1800 per month.

"We need financial and physical resources for community-care facilities," said Robin Charleswood, who currently works full time and cares for his wife Di, 44, who has Alzheimer Disease.

Alzheimer Canada is hopeful that governments will encourage the development of such care facilities.

January 1996 is Alzheimer Awareness Month. Alzheimer societies across Canada are embarking on an educational campaign aimed at informing the public on this growing disease.

From more information, contact the Alzheimer Society of Leeds and Grenville at 342-7392.



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TransCanada will be applying to the National Energy Board (NEB) to obtain approval for the transfer of the compressor unit from Station 1401. As part of our application to the NEB, we will be conducting an environmental and socio-economic assessment for this relocation. To ensure community concerns are identified and addressed by both TransCanada and the NEB, we are seeking comments from members of the public on the potential environmental and socio-economic impacts of the relocation project.

The NEB Information Bulletins 1,2,3, and 4, which describe the pipeline route approval process and how landowners and members of the public can participate in this process and TransCanada's Environmental Management Handbook (1995) have been distributed to local municipal offices in the vicinity of TransCanada's Iroquois Station. We will also be forwarding a copy of the environmental and socio-economic assessment report to these local municipal offices when it is completed. If you are interested in reviewing any of this information, please contact one of the clerks of a municipality near the station.

TransCanada is committed to consulting with members of the community and views your comments as a valuable component of the planning phase. If you have any comments or questions regarding the proposed relocation, the approval process, or any environmental and socio-economic issues, please contact:

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The Best family
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CASSELMAN: The families of the late Olive Casselman wish to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for their floral arrangements and charitable donations and also food. Special thanks to Marsden-McLaughlin Funeral Home, your support was much appreciated. To Rev. Barr, thank you for your comforting words.
J10-1tp

THOMPSON: I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to friends and relatives for phone calls, flowers, cards, visits, food and prayers while I was a patient in Ottawa Civic Hospital and since my return home. I am most grateful to Dr. Henry and Mrs. Shelly Prins for their kindness and care. I wish to send thanks to the Doctors and Nurses in Emergency and on the 5th floor who were very kind and attentive. The visit of Rev. Marion and Mr. Pete Johnston was deeply appreciated. A special thank you to God for allowing me to be home and able to enjoy Christmas prepared by our wonderful family. Don and I thank everyone so very much.
Anne Thompson
J10-1tp

Births

IT'S A BOY!!
FROATS: Ryan Sidney, born December 26 at 12:01 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz., to Scott and Tracey Froats of R.R.#2, Brinston. Proud grandparents are Jean and Dennis Froats of Brinston and Pat and Dalton Hart of Morrisburg. We would like to thank Dr. Coolican and all the nurses at Winchester Hospital for the wonderful care we received.
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IT'S A GIRL!!
HUTT: Kim, Bill and big brother Bryan are pleased and very proud to announce the arrival of Kaitlynn Luann born December 9, 1995, 6 lbs. 11 1/2 oz. Proud grandparents are Brian and Anna Mae Keeler, Anne Hutt and Lawrence Scarbo, Bob and Peggy Hutt. Proud great grandparents are Luella Keeler and Rachel and Charlie Hutt. Special thanks to Dr. Prins, Joan, Lorraine, Kay and the wonderful nursing staff at Winchester Hospital. P.S. I want to thank Mrs. Claus for the lovely gift.
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In Memoriams

COWAN - In fond and loving memory of a dear brother, Orval Cowan, who passed away January 7th, 1995.
We thought of you today Orval,
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And the day before that too;
We will think of you tomorrow,
And all our life through;
We will think of you forever,
For we thought the world of you.
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And his hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
Of the one we loved so much.
These memories are our keepsakes,
With which we will never part;
God has him in His keeping,
We have him in our hearts.
Love Mom, Dad, Norma and Steve, Dan and Laura, Tim and Margaret
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SHAVER-
Why?
I sit by myself, all alone in tears,
Wondering why you were taken for the past five years;
I never get answers, just more questions I ask,
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CHIEFTAIN DEADLINES
Readers are reminded of the deadlines for publication of items in the Chieftain.

Photo Announcements	Mon. Noon
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LOOKING BACK

30 years ago
A beautiful black, yellow, blue and orange butterfly decided to get an **early start on life, flying around the basement of a village home. Graham Caldwell** found the butterfly to be a lively little fellow.

25 years ago
Council met with representatives from the Ontario Housing Authority to discuss housing in the village. With **only 10 lots left unsold,** the lack of land was expected to become **critical during the year. Council considered holding off on further development south of the apartment area on Carman Road,** reserving that land for other purposes.

10 years ago
Matilda Township resident Lorna Seibert brought a **petition to council** asking that a **portion of the fourth concession road** be **plowed.** Feeling that the road be **kept open year-round,** it was **already designated a public road,** and **used regularly during summer months. Reeve Lorne Mellan** was of the opinion that the **township was not liable** because **winter maintenance** had never been provided on this particular road. Council members felt **travellers already knew the risks of travelling the road,** and that to **provide maintenance on a secondary road** might set a precedent.

The **burglar alarm sounded at Ron Fader Furniture Ltd.,** in the Iroquois Shopping Plaza, but the police were **unable to determine the cause of the alarm** because there were **no signs of an attempted break-in.**

PTE Kevin Palmer, son of Ida and Ken Palmer of Iroquois graduated from **Canadian Forces Recruit School in Cornwallis, NS. He was posted to Gagetown, NB.**

The **cap collection (175 hats) of Iroquois resident Bill Ewing** attracted the attention of the **CBC's Country Report.**

Five years ago
Carrie Barkley was chosen to play **hockey for Team Ontario** at the **1991 Canada Winter Games in PEI.**

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Pier 31 has moved

Pictured above are the owners of Pier 31 in Morrisburg. The store moved from its old location at the east end of the mall, up to the west end in the former Morrisburg House of Carpets location. Valerie and Vicki completed the move last week and are ready for your business.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

Edwardsburgh makes amendments to dog bylaw

by Jeff Brownlee
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Edwardsburgh Township has sharpened the teeth on its dog bylaw.

Council made amendments to the four-year-old document at the Jan.2 meeting that will have residents digging deeper into their pockets if they don't voluntarily come forward and purchase a dog licence.

Council added a new fee schedule to the bylaw that will see all licence fees jump by $5 if purchased after Mar. 15.

This year, licences bought before Mar. 15 will cost $15 for one dog and a $25 fee for each additional dog up to five dogs. A spayed or neutered dog is $10 and $15 for each additional dog.

Residents who decide to wait for the knock on their door in the spring, will be charged an extra $5.

Last year, the municipality didn't start selling dog licences door-to-door until April. A total of 490 licences were sold.

With a large rural area to cover, not every potential dog owner was reached.

"It's an incentive program," said Reeve David Dobbie. "We have had problems in the past and this is a solution to those."

The problems the reeve was referring to stems from opposition and blatant refusal to buy the canine certificates.

This year, people who refuse to pay will get a surprise when they open their tax bill.

The municipality will tack on the proper amount for each dog on to the tax roll, even if the house is rented.

Council also leashed the number of pooches per household in residential areas from five to three.

But residents who currently live in Spencerville and own four or five dogs don't have to worry about getting rid of their canine friends. The municipality will grandfather those ratepayers into the bylaw on the condition that when one of the animals goes to doggy heaven, it isn't replaced.

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We thank all who apply but advise that only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted by January 31, 1996.

Charles F. Adams
Chairperson of the Board

Roger Davidson
Director of Education

OBITUARIES

Sadie Jones

On Thursday, January 4, 1996, Sarah Jane (Sadie) Jones, at the Dundas Manor Nursing Home in Winchester, her place of residence for the past three weeks.

Born in London, England, on July 21, 1902, Sadie was 93 years old. She had lived her lifetime in the Iroquois area, most recently as a resident of the Seniors' Apartments in the village. A hairdresser all her life, Sadie was a friend to many in this area, especially Leo and Annette DeVette of RR1, Morrisburg. She enjoyed playing cards, was an avid bingo player and crochetted. A very talented craft person, she was always happiest when she was busy.

Predeceased by her foster-father and foster-mother, George and Lucy Shaver and her sisters, Harriet, Minnie, Elizabeth and Ada.

Donations to Winchester and District Hospital were appreciated in lieu of floral displays. Service was conducted at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois by Rev. Eric Barr on Monday, January 8, 1996. Interment will be in the spring at Sprucehaven Cemetery, Brinston.

Mabel White

At Winchester and District Memorial Hospital, on Sunday, January 8, 1996, Mabel Leona White of Ottawa Street, Morrisburg. Born on August 30, 1909, in Huntingdon, Quebec, she was 86 years of age.

A homemaker, who for the last ten years resided in Morrisburg, after having lived in Ottawa and Shelburne, Quebec previously.

Predeceased by her parents Samuel and Anne Henderson (Kelly) as well as a sister, Ruby and a brother, Morris. She will be missed by her husband, John whom she wed on July 3, 1929 in Ormstown, Quebec as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would appreciate donations in remembrance to the Winchester and District Hospital. There will not be a visitation at the funeral home, rather a memorial service will be held at St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, Ingleside in the spring. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home, Iroquois. Interment will be in the spring at St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, Ingleside with Rev. Harry Brown officiating.

Alice Perault

At Winchester and District Hospital, Alice Marguerite Perault after a lengthy illness, on Thursday, December 28, 1995. She was born at Dixon's Corners on August 21, 1912. She was 83. A lifetime resident in the Iroquois, Brinston and Morrisburg area, she resided at the Hartford in Morrisburg for the past two years.

A homemaker, she was a member of the United Church in Brinston and Morrisburg.

Predceased by her parents, William and Ethel Thompson (Webb), her beloved husband, George Perault whom she married in Norfolk, New York on May 23, 1929, sisters; Joyce, Edna, Violet, and Alta; brothers Alex, Bruce and Gerald and a daughter, Dawn Bowman, she was well known in the area.

She is sadly missed by a son, George "Junior" Perault of Morrisburg; a daughter, Marie Wheeler of Middleburg, Florida; a sister, Donna Dungan of Oakville, 11 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family appreciated donations to the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital. There was no visitation. A memorial service will be held at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Saturday, June 1, 1996 at 11 am.

Interment will follow the service at Sprucehaven Cemetery.

Russell Higham

After a brief illness, Russell Higham at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, on Tuesday, January 2,1996. Born in the County of York in England on January 4, 1928, he was 67 years of age.

An auto body repairman, he had resided on Church Street in Morrisburg for the last 24 years. Previous to moving here, he lived for some 20 years in Cornwall. Before this he called Niagara Falls home.

He is sadly missed by his loving wife of the last 43 years, Marion Diplock, as well as a son Lance"Casey" and his wife Bonnie of St. Andrews; a daughter, Cathy and her husband, Bob Nichol of Athabasca, Alberta; as well as brothers, Roger of Niagara Falls and Fergus of British Columbia. Five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews also mourn the loss.

Predeceased by his parents, the late Harry and Lucy (Greenfield) Higham and a son Terrance, Russell was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Morrisburg.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society were appreciated by the family in lieu of flowers. Service was held at St. Paul's on Friday, January 5, 1996 with Rev. Joachim Barkley-Probst officiating. Arrangements were made by Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg. Cremation followed the service. Pallbearers included Bob Nichol, Roger Higham, William Summerville, Timothy DeVito, Verne Brown and Jeff DeGroot.

Jessie Beaupre

Suddenly at Winchester and District Memorial Hospital, Jessie Beaupre of the Senior Citizens' Apartments, Iroquois, on January 1, 1996.

Born in Williamsburg Township,on July 30, 1920, Jessie lived her entire life in the Iroquois and Morrisburg area.

A homemaker, Jessie was a familiar resident on the sidewalks of Iroquois the past few years. A very friendly neighbour, she was a former member of the Morrisburg Women's Institute.

Jessie was predeceased by her parents; Mahlon and Mabel Beckstead (Coughler), her loving husband, Ron Beaupre and a sister, Doris MacLaren.

She is sadly missed by step-son, Edward Beaupre of Cobourg; step-daughters, Pauline Farmer of Cardinal, Joan Duperron of Ottawa, and Dorothy Beaupre of Toronto, as well as a brother, Graham Beckstead of RR1, Morrisburg, a niece, Ethel and her husband, Bill Britton of Cornwall, step-grandchildren, step-great grandchildren and step-great great grandchildren.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation were graetfully received by the family in memory of Jessie. Service was conducted at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on January 4, 1996 with Rev. David Gogolin officiating. Spring imterment will follow at Dundela Cemetery.

Olive Casselman

Suddenly on Thursday, January 4, 1996, Olive Rita Casselman of Beach Street, Iroquois, in the village. Born in Chesterville on June 24, 1916, she was 79 years of age.

A homemaker, she married Irwin Casselman on November 15, 1933 at the Dunbar United Church.

Her former residences include Kitchener and Winchester Springs.

Predeceased by her parents, Horatio and Bertha (Dillabough) Barkley, sisters Ada Crowder, Bella Servage and Vera Barkley, and a brother Harvey Barkley. She was a member of the Iroquois United Church.

Mourning the loss of their loved one are her husband Irwin; sons, Don and his wife Velma of Dixon's Corners, Gordon of Morrisburg, Lyle and his wife Linda of Cambridge, and Glendon and his wife Donna of Morrisburg. She will be sadly missed by 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one great great grandson as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family was grateful for the generous donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of Olive. Service was conducted by Rev. Eric Barr at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Iroquois on Saturday, January 6, 1996. Interment was at the New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg. Pallbearers included Rob and Allen Casselman, Wayne and Gary Kirkwood and Jack and Joe Casselman.

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Announcement on theme and plan for rural tourism

The Department of Economic Development for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry is pleased to announce the completion of the rural tourism strategic plan.

The tourism strategy was developed through a series of community consultations which involved individuals, groups and organizations with a stake in rural tourism.

"Great efforts were made to involve and inform everyone with a stake in rural or agri-tourism, in the project," said Floyd Dingwall, past United Counties Warden. "The idea was to have the community involved in setting the priorities, rather than just hand them down."

The efforts made in developing the strategy revealed that rural tourism is different from urban-based tourism, and therefore, a unique approach is required. The recommendations contained in the implementation plan have been developed accordingly.

The participants in the community consultations said there were a number of issues of primary concern, including: inventory, networking, marketing and signage, skills and product development, self-reliance, and a central theme.

Participants said a comprehensive tourism inventory must be conducted to identify what we have and what we need. They felt that the first thing needed is an audit of tourism products and services.

"We need to be completely familiar with what we have to offer and be able to tell the full story. This effort will tell us the condition of our resources and highlight our strengths and weaknesses."

The rural tourism industry also needs networking opportunities. Tourism is a business about people, feelings, communication and creativity. The opportunity to network, to interact with others in the sector is essential for the development of rural tourism.

Rural tourism marketing and signage is unique and requires development. The marketing of rural tourism poses unique problems and opportunities. The relative importance of tourism in rural SD&G is higher than in more diversified urban centres. Unfortunately there is also less awareness of this area as a destination.

There is also work to be done in skills and product development. SD&G is endowed with beautiful farms and agricultural scenery. If we are going to capitalize on this, we must develop the skills and products necessary for farm vacations, farm tours and other forms of complimentary rural tourism.

Self-reliance is also considered the key to success. Recommendations reveal that we should not rely on government to do everything for the community. The plan should by implemented in a multi-level fashion, where action and results come from individuals, businesses, event organizers, communities and all levels of government.

A central theme must also be developed and promoted for SD&G. Themes serve as a basis for marketing and promotion, as they create an identity and serve to highlight the unique aspects of the region.

"The recommendations surrounding these issues were designed to be realistic, obtainable, cost effective and action oriented," Warden Charles Barkley said.

Immediate implementation of this strategy is now being undertaken.

The plan centres on two central tiers for action. The first is the development or building of the rural and agri-tourism capacity. The second concerns the marketing of the tourism capacity in SD&G.

"The plan will help to serve as a guideline for our support of tourism marketing, development and promotion," Barkley said.

Copies of the implementation plan for the development of rural tourism in SD&G are available from the department of economic development by calling 613-448-2027, or faxing your request to 613-448-1671.

Signing offered at T.R. Leger

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Starting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, the American Sign Language Vista, Signing Naturally course will be offered at the T.R. Leger alternative school in Morrisburg.

Level one courses will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will run for 15 weeks. Level one covers the basic principles of American sign language, and is designed for individuals who have no knowledge of signing, or for those who need a refresher course.

Starting on Wednesday, Jan. 17, the level two course will be offered, and will take place for 15 weeks on Wednesday evenings. These classes also run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Level two builds on what was learned in the level one course.

The cost of each course is $85, and those taking level one will have to purchase a work book and video text for $60. However these texts will cover levels one, two and three.

Mariette Frigon-Thew is the course instructor for both classes. She started teaching the level one course at T.R. Leger last spring. Thirteen people participated, with 11 successfully graduating. The spring course was the first time a signing course was offered by the school.

Frigon-Thew began signing when she was young. She fingerspelled for 21 years so she could communicate with her sister. It wasn't until the last two years that she started taking signing courses at local community colleges. Presently, she is pursuing levels four, five and six at Algonquin College.

Frigon-Thew says there is a lot of interest from people within Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry to learn signing.

"The interest is there. People just have to be notified that these courses are being offered," she says.

Sign language is basically visual and memory-oriented, that is why Frigon-Thew emphasizes no talking and no writing in her classes.

She teaches the courses, as if she was a deaf person.

"You learn more if there are no voices and no writing," she says.

Frigon-Thew is looking forward to teaching these two levels, and she encourages anyone who is interested in signing to give her a call.

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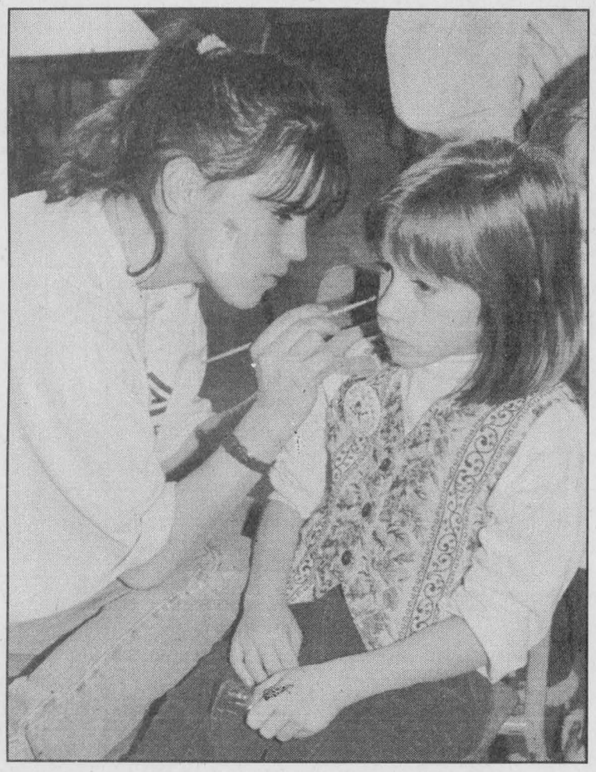

Beautiful designs

Face painting was part of the fun on Sunday morning at the Matilda Carnival brunch. This year's brunch was so successful, the cooks ran out of food. Over 600 plates were served up to local residents, and that number more than doubles last year's. Recreation committee chairperson Linda Thompson says she is pleased and excited to see so many people getting involved in the Carnival this year. Events continue every night this week and throughout this weekend.

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INSIDE AN HOUR

Your Chieftain Guide to local entertainment

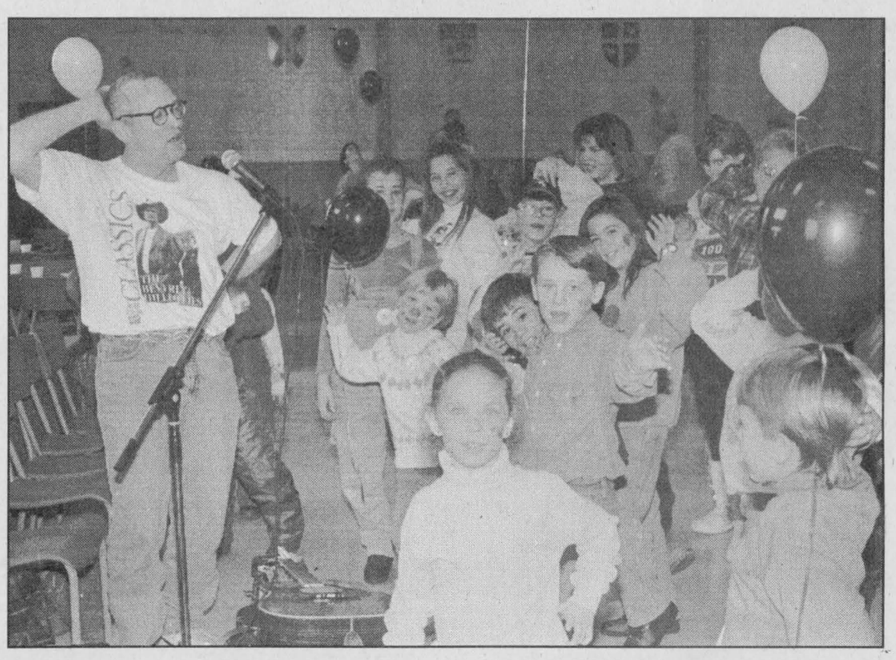
Carnival, carnival, carnival, that's right entertainment fans the 21st Annual Matilda Winter Carnival is up and running.

Thursday evening you can take in the BINGO at Matilda Hall and Friday night there will be a teen dance. Theatre of Soul will be performing for the pre-teens from 6 to 8 pm and for the teens from 9 to 12.

Saturday you will want to make sure you get to the Matilda Hall early and register for the snowmobile rally or the car rally. The Annual Tom Maxwell rally is by far one of the most popular events at the carnival.

Registration takes place from 11 to 1 pm and supper will be served from 4 to 6. Following the dinner you can stay at the hall and dance the night away to the sounds of Jim Wicks and Westburg Union.

Sunday take the whole family out to Ron Smail's Farm east of Brinston (watch for signs) for a family sleigh ride and wiener roast.



Entertainment frenzy!

Children's entertainer Paddy Stewart had the young people in a fun, winter carnival frenzy on Sunday morning during the carnival brunch at Matilda Hall. Stewart had the youngsters singing, dancing, laughing and posing for this picture. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

NEWSBRIEFS

EDWARDSBURGH

Flat-rate fire coverage accepted

Edwardsburgh council passed a bylaw at the Jan.2 meeting accepting a $4200 fee for first-response coverage from the Village of Cardinal.

The agreement covers Cardinal Fire Department's costs for calls in the south end of Edwardsburgh Township.

The fee is the same as 1995.

Council hopes to renegotiate its agreement with Prescott Fire Department for the same services in Johnstown this month.

MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP

Township faces funding cuts

Mountain Township received word this week from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that its road grants and unconditional grants will be cut by $75,032 in 1996. That works out to a 17.5 per cent reduction. Mountain Township Council members discussed the cutbacks at their regular council meeting Monday night. Whereas in 1995 the township received $509,480, in 1996 the township will receive $434,448. Every municipality is now receiving funding in one lump sum through the Ontario Municipal Support Program. Road grants and unconditional grants are now rolled into that one program.

IROQUOIS

Tree burning draws 100 people

At least 100 people came out in bitter cold temperatures on Sunday afternoon to participate in the first annual tree burning and skating party. Councillor Art Roberts said he was very pleased with the turn-out, and the number of trees they burned. On behalf of council, Roberts said he wanted to thank the fire department volunteers and the recreation committee volunteers for putting time into this event, and making it such a success.

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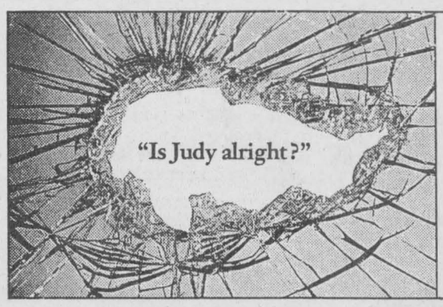

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Ontario

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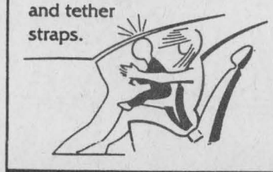
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Farmers' Week and Trade Fair
January 20-27, 1996
Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology

Ecological Day	January 20
Goat Day	January 20
Money Matters	January 22
Beef Evening	January 22
Dairy Day	January 23
Accent on Living	January 24
Crops Day	January 25
Protecting Our Water Resource	January 26
Pork Day	January 26
Hort. Day - Farmers' Market	Januray 27
Sheep Day	January 27

Registration at the door
For information call
John Madill **(613) 258-8444**

Immanuel Fellowship Rowena Full Gospel Tabernacle
Iroquois, Ontario
Pastor Marcel Charette
Phone 535-2029
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study - Tuesday Nights
Watch TBN Channel 20

Harmony Community Church
(Missionary Church of Canada)
Hwy. 31 & Ormond Rd.
774-5170
10:30 am Celebration Service
10:30 am Outdoor Sunday School
7:30 pm Evening Service
Wed. 7:30 pm Bible Study


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To all brides-to-be and family and friends: you are invited to the

Morrisburg Bridal Preview
Sunday, Feb. 4
Noon-4:00 pm
Special feature at 4:00 pm: Fashion show by Al-Mor Bridal Wear in the auditorium
There will be 25 exhibitors to shop and compare and help you plan your special day from floral arrangements to honeymoon packages
Organized by The Village Green Flower & Gift Shop, Morrisburg and Al-Mor Bridal Wear, Chesterville
Show to be held at
The Operating Engineers Training Institute
Hwy. 2, Morrisburg, Ontario


Come and Worship

St. Peter's - St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Pastor: Rev. Diane Raddatz
Tel: 535-2569
Dunbar - St. Luke's
Sunday's - 9:15 a.m.
Williamsburg - St. Peter's
Sunday Worship & School
11:00 a.m.
Everyone Welcome

United Church of Canada
Iroquois Pastoral Charge
Worship Service
Every Sunday at
10:30 a.m. - Sunday School
at 10:30 a.m. also
Everyone Welcome
Minister - Rev. Eric J. Barr, B.A., M.Div.
652-2056

Anglican Church of Canada
Parish of Morrisburg/Iroquois
543-3904 Office
Rector the Rev. Harry Brown
January 14
Epiphany 2
8:00 St. James Holy Communion
9:30 St. James Morning Prayer
9:30 Holy Trinity Holy Communion
11:00 St. Johns Holy Communion
St. James Morrisburg/St. Johns Iroquois
Holy Trinity Riverside Heights

St. Cecilia's Church
Rev. Father Tim Shea
St. Cecilia's, Iroquois
Mass - 9:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Church
St. Mary's, Morrisburg
Mass - 11:00 a.m.
Saturday's 7:30 p.m.

United Church of Canada
Matilda Pastoral Charge
Patsy Henry
January 14
Brinston - 11:00 a.m.
Hulbert-Valley - 9:30 a.m.

Philadelphia Pentecostal Church
Cardinal, Ontario
Invites YOU to come and Worship with US!
Rev. David Gogolin
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Service - 7 p.m.

Anglican Church of Canada
Parish of Edwardsburgh
Rector The Rev. Doug Hayman
St. James' Parish, Crystal Rock
9:00 a.m.
St. Paul's Church, Cardinal
11:00 a.m.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Knox Church, Iroquois
Rev. Marion Johnston
B.A., M.Div.
652-2301
Church at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morrisburg Pentecostal Church
Pastor: Duncan Perry
Church: 543-2681 Home 543-3450
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:45 a.m.
Christian Education Hour
10:45 a.m. Worship the Word
7:00 p.m. Praise Gathering
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7:00 p.m.
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Pastor: Rev. John Gerrits
Phone: 652-2400
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7:30 p.m. - Evening Service
Nursery provided during both services.
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Cardinal Free Methodist
Shanly Road at Second Street, Cardinal
Pastor Rev. Geri Johnston
342-0242 or 657-1317
Sunday
Worship: 11 a.m.
Pioneer Club: 6 p.m.
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