# Looking back at Iroquois and district over the year 1996

*Looking back on 1996, we reflect together on the important issues, activities and events that took place and helped shape our lives.*

*Change is a part of our world. Just looking back on the year, tells us as much. No doubt, the biggest news for us in 1996 was that we will all be forced to amalgamate and access to our local representatives will be more distant.*

*We hope that the amalgamation of Iroquois, Matilda, Williamsburg and Morrisburg will save us money, but only time will tell if the change is a good one.*

*In this special year-end issue, we have tried to capture some of the good moments that took place in Iroquois, Matilda Township, Morrisburg, Mountain Township and Cardinal in 1996. As we look back, we also look to this year ahead; 1997 is an unmarked canvas yet to be imprinted by the brushstrokes of our lives. We hope you enjoy this "looking back" issue as a special reminder of the many interesting things that have happened in 1996.*

## A look back at some of the events that helped make 1996 a special year

### *January 96*

**Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank** announced the resignation of Councillor Bruce Mullin. According to Swank, family commitments forced Mullin to resign.

**With some help from Santa,** the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club raised $300. Santa volunteered his services to distribute festive cheer at parties.

**Newspaper owner Brian Crawford** announced an increase in the cost of his chain of weekly newspapers. Crawford cited hikes in newsprint and postal rates as cause for the increase.

**Iroquois council announced** it would be hosting a Christmas Tree Burning Party in January. The event was being held to assist Iroquois recreation as a fund-raiser, while saving the village money on tree pick-up.

**In his year end review,** Morrisburg Reeve Gord McGregor told ratepayers he was pleased with '95. The reeve also said council would work to hold the line on tax increases.

**The Morrisburg Junior B Lions** 11-12-3, lost their first two games of the New Year. Coach Johnny Morrow told The Chieftain his boys just ran out of steam.

**Despite the predictions of tough** times ahead in '96, Matilda Reeve Charles Barkley was optimistic we would get through. "There's work to be done and we'll need men to do it," said the reeve.

**After two hours of deliberations,** Iroquois council passed a resolution naming Jane Ewing as Iroquois' newest councillor. Ewing took over the spot left vacant by the resignation of Bruce Mullin.

**Tracy Lewis was crowned** the 21st Matilda Carnival Queen at Matilda Hall. "I just love where I live," said Lewis adding she was proud of Matilda Township.

**Chair of the South Dundas Recreation** Council, Lyle VanAllen, was seeking the support of the four municipalities in his effort to have the SDRC amalgamated with the South Dundas Economic Development Commission.

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

**The Ministry of Transportation** (MTO) concluded that traffic flow at the intersection of Highway 2 and Carman Road did not yet warrant the installation of traffic lights.

**Iroquois council was asking** plaza business owners not to shovel snow from their canopies onto road allowances around the plaza. The issue was raised by village foreman Bill Ewing.

**Morrisburg House of Carpets moved** from their location in the Morrisburg Shopping Centre, to owner Fred Harper's home on Highway 31. Harper did not want to move, but noted that hard times had forced him to take a serious look at his overhead.

**Iroquois council appointed** Laurie Zanchetta to the Iroquois Recreation Committee. The resolution was passed upon the recommendation of the committee and its secretary Stephen Law.

**Matilda Recreation Chairperson** Linda Thompson was extremely pleased with the 21st Annual Matilda Winter Carnival. Ms. Thompson gave a great of deal praise to the many volunteers who worked to make the carnival such a great success.

**Morrisburg council passed** a bylaw to prohibit adult entertainment in the village. "That kind of stuff belongs in the city... Or Vernon," said Morrisburg Deputy Reeve Dirk Testerink.

**Eric Goodmurphy and Sandra Lee** Johnston of the 1st Iroquois Cub Pack and Scout Troop respectively received their Woodbadge II necker and beads at a ceremony in Ottawa.

**Gerald Belanger of Island Park** Drive in Iroquois was involved in a high speed chase that ended near Hainsville. Mr. Belanger noticed his stolen truck driving on the 401 and proceeded to chase the suspects. Two men were arrested.

**Sue and Len Roberts** of Iroquois were caught taking advantage of Iroquois' newest business venture - The Village Laundromat. Doug Byers and Garry Banford opened the laundromat in the shopping plaza.

**Iqbal Bath, owner of Red** and White Foods in Iroquois, said that the local grocery store would not be closing. According to the manager of the store, a 50 percent off sale was being held to clear the merchandise so the owner could start over.

**The Williamsburg International** Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) announced they would be holding a surf and turf dinner in February. Tickets were being sold for $25 a piece.

**Jack Notman was pleased** to announce the appointment of Tom Morrow to the sales team at Notman Motor Sales Ltd. in Morrisburg.

**The Morrisburg Midget A 76-77** champs announced they would be holding a 20th anniversary celebration at the Chubbs Old Timers Hockey Tournament in Morrisburg.

### *February 96*

**St. Lawrence Parks Commission** (SLPC) Marketing and Communications Director Diane Rennie announced that the SLPC was doing everything it could to keep all of its attractions open in the face of government cut-backs.

**After 38 years in the** pallet-making business, George Jackson sold Iroquois Enterprises to three of his employees. The found of the Iroquois-based business turned over ownership to Andrew Davies, Kurt Greaves and Robert Jackson.

**The Annual Sweetheart Dance** in Matilda was ready to go with all proceeds raised going to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). Hosted by Steven Barkley, the music was provided by Jim Wicks and Westburg Union, as well as Running on Empty.

**Local Ontario Provincial** Police detachments were facing changes to reduce duplication, improve efficiency and save money. Both the Winchester and Morrisburg OPP detachments were being administered through the Long Sault detachment. Staff Sgt. John Mesich had been appointed to oversee all three detachments.

**With cuts equalling $400** million across the province, school boards were faced with doing more with less. The Director of Education and Secretary of the Board for the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry County Board of Education, James Dilamarter had not received word from the Ministry of Education as to how much his board would lose.

**Bill's 77's won the annual** Chubbs hockey tournament in Morrisburg. Team members included, Scott Corden, David Brown, Jim Whelan, Barry Elliot, Garry Hess, Caleb Robson, Mark Duvall, Chris Greer, Barry VanAllen, Mark Beaupre, Steve Cruickshank, Frank Hummell, Leo Lafortune and Wayne Markell.

**Adam Millard and his cousin** Dave came up with a new business idea in Iroquois. The Seaway District High School students opened a wake-up service in the local calling area.

**The Upper Canada Playhouse** board of directors were working hard to develop a fund-raising project that would help the Morrisburg theatre get out of its $130,000 accumulating debt. Board chairperson Bill Shearing announced that a brainstorming workshop to look at fund-raising options had been a success.

**With assistance from the** Ontario Arts Council, the Iroquois Public Library announced their Children's Concert Series for the year. The shows included Felicity Falls, Dick Smith and Syncona, and Mousetales.

**Matilda council appointed** the Hall Board representatives. Board members included Lorne Mellan, Allan Finlayson, Mrs. Joan Zandbergen and Marlene Lewis. Bev Sabourin and Norm Tinkler represented council on the board.

**Upper Canada Playhouse** artistic director Marshall Button came close to missing one of his own performances on a recent four week tour. On his way from Halifax to St. Catharines, he came close to being fogged in at the airport. However, a connecting flight got him to St. Catharines just in time.

**In the hopes of improving** the village's cash flow situation, Iroquois council was looking into re-adjusting the tax payment schedule for local taxpayers. Clerk-treasurer Betty Marlin suggested that taxpayers pay 50 percent of their tax bill in March, 25 percent of their tax bill in June and the last 25 percent of their tax bill in October.

**For the sixth year-in-a-row**, the Iroquois Legion sponsored the Darts for Heart event to raise money for the Dundas

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# Scrooge and A Christmas Carol is a resounding success at the Playhouse

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The spirit of the season was indeed alive and well this year as a group of the areas' most talented actors and actresses took to the stage.

Charles Dickens would have been proud. Under the direction of Gregson Winkfield a large number of would be stars took to the stage at the Upper Canada Playhouse to present that classic tale of Scrooge.

What would the Christmas season be without Ebenezer Scrooge? A treat for local theatre goers, the tale of how old Scrooge got the Christmas spirit was brought to life and local talent played the parts to boot.

A perennial favourite, the audience is introduced to Scrooge, "A tight fisted man, wrenching, grasping,a covetous, old sinner, hard and sharp."

As we meet the old humbug himself, (aka Charlie Marsden) he is being visited by his nephew, Fred (aka Adam Millard) who tries in vain to wish his crusty uncle a Merry Christmas. Scrooge will have none of it, as he suggests that everyone who goes around with those cheery words on his lips, if he had his way, "Would be boiled in his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart!" When Scrooge tosses his paperweight at Fred, the young man takes the golden weight as a gift of the season and leaves his uncle to his work.

As Scrooge is then visited by a series of apparitions, starting with his business partner, Jacob Marley (aka Chris Trory) dead these seven years now, the audience feels that he will get his before the play concludes. As Marley speaks to Scrooge trying to convince him to change his ways, to save himself, his heavy chains a symbol of bonds forged during his lifetime, he seems to be against a brick wall. As he tells Scrooge to get his priorities straight before his time comes, to avoid a fate so devastating as his own, Scrooge cannot see the light... yet.

Scrooge then is paid a visit by three more apparitions, namely Christmas Past, Present and Future.

Christmas Past (aka Patrick Melchin) takes Ebenezer to time when his innocence was shaping the future. He is at school (Sean Cox) and his sister Fran (aka Leanne Bing) comes to see him. There is a lot of love between the two.

Then Scrooge is taken to times when he apprenticed to Mr.Fezziwig (Marc Calder) , of times when he had friends (Ray Besharah) and was engaged to a lovely gal, Belle. (Laura Barkley). The engagement broken, the young man, Scrooge (Trevor Riopelle)

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## Have a safe and happy New Year!

As we celebrate this festive season together, we are reminded to be alert when we're driving. Drive safely in your vehicles and on your snowmobiles.

The Ontario Snowmobile Safety Committee also wants to remind you that with all of the warm weather we've been having, it is not yet safe to drive your sleds across lakes and ponds.

Don't let the new snow fool you! In fact, snow actually acts as an insulator.

Drivers of vehicles should also be reminded to drive safely, especially this week. As people celebrate the New Year, they will be attending a lot of parties Tuesday night. We at The Chieftain would ask that you think before you drive. Get a designated driver for the evening, before you plan to leave for your party. This way the roads will be much safer for all those who are travelling at this festive time.

Take care and Happy New Year everyone!



### *Small but fun*

Williamsburg's Santa Claus Parade on December 22 proved the old adage that small is beautiful. With eight floats and two fire trucks, it was more than enough fun. People dressed up as bears, reindeer and other delightful animals and Christmas creatures. Colorful floats put together with hard work and imagination trundled through the village as a happy crowd of onlookers flocked to the roadside.

*Chieftain photo by S.McKibbon*

# Reeve Dishaw reflects on 1996

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw is ready for 1997. As he reflects on the year just out going, he explains that, "Cardinal Village saw the year 1996 as a capital year indeed."

When asked to explain this Reeve Dishaw says, "In June, the new Municipal Building was completed and paid for as a result of lot sales in the Prosser Subdivision and one third funding from the Federal and Provincial governments, under the Infrastructure Program. This initiative also allowed for the completion of the CID, Hydro Substation and improvements to Cardinal's Landfill Site in the fall of the year."

Other projects the Reeve shared information about included the canal restoration, paving of Dundas and Middle Streets, Victoria Street sidewalk, municipal numbering system, emergency plan update, hydro study report for Grenville Hydro and the Prosser Subdivision completion.

Time restraints caused the Fire Hall addition and Public Works sand and salt storage building along with their budgets to be forwarded into the new year.

The new Sewage Treatment Plant is six months ahead of schedule and the Reeve proudly says, "We anticipate a smooth start up in mid January." The reeve continues telling us that a public open house will be arranged in the spring so that all interested parties can see for themselves exactly what has been constructed.

Council will be meeting shortly to analyze their year end budget as well as discussing projects for the upcoming year, 1997.

As might well be imagined, restructuring and/or amalgamation talks will continue with the Township of Edwardsburgh and the Reeve stresses, "All of us await the Who Does What Provincial Legislative session results beginning in January. Public input will be sought once a clear financial impact picture is attained.

# Matilda looks for Queen contestants

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The 22nd Annual Winter Matilda Carnival is almost set to go and Carnival Queen Pageant organizers are still looking for a few more girls.

The 1996 pageant had seven participants and this year organizers have six scheduled to vie for the coveted crown.

"We have six girls right now but it would be nice to have a few more," said Joy Harbers, one of the event organizers.

Contestants have to be between the ages of 15 and 18, and must live in Matilda Township, or have parents who still reside in the Township.

"Anyone who wants to register can call me," said Mrs. Harbers, "or they can call Dennis Cooper."

Each girl who enters receives a number of prizes and for the second year in a row, each contestant will be sponsored by a local business.

The business donates $100 to the contestant they sponsor and that money can be used to purchase a new dress or make-up or do the contestants hair.

"If the girl doesn't have a business to sponsor her, all she has to do is tell us and we'll help her find one," added Harbers.

The winner of the Carnival Queen Pageant will preside over all of the winter carnival events, and will be called upon a few times over the course of the year to represent the township at special functions.

A runner-up will also be picked and the contestants vote for Miss Congeniality.

The three judges this year will be Pat Harper who owns her own business, John Doran the Mayor of Brockville and Don Hill, personnel manager at Beaver's Dental in Morrisburg.

The MC for the evening will be Greg Adams, an OPP officer from Prescott.

If you would like to participate in the pageant and you fit the qualifications, you can contact Joy Harbers at (613) 5352301, or Dennis Cooper at (613) 652-4630.

## this week

### *Another year has passed*

In a few short days 1996 will come to an end. It has been an eventful year full of surprises. Please take some time, sit down, have a cup of whatever, and reflect with us on the past year.

### *A ship's tale*

S.L.J. will tell you the tale of Northern Ice as she cruised into the Iroquois Marina. Please turn to this week's focus on page four.

### *Lions win*

The Bantam B Lions won their own tournament in Morrisburg last Monday. Please turn to page six for the story.

### *Cardinal in '96*

Take a look back at Cardinal and area in '96 beginning on page nine.

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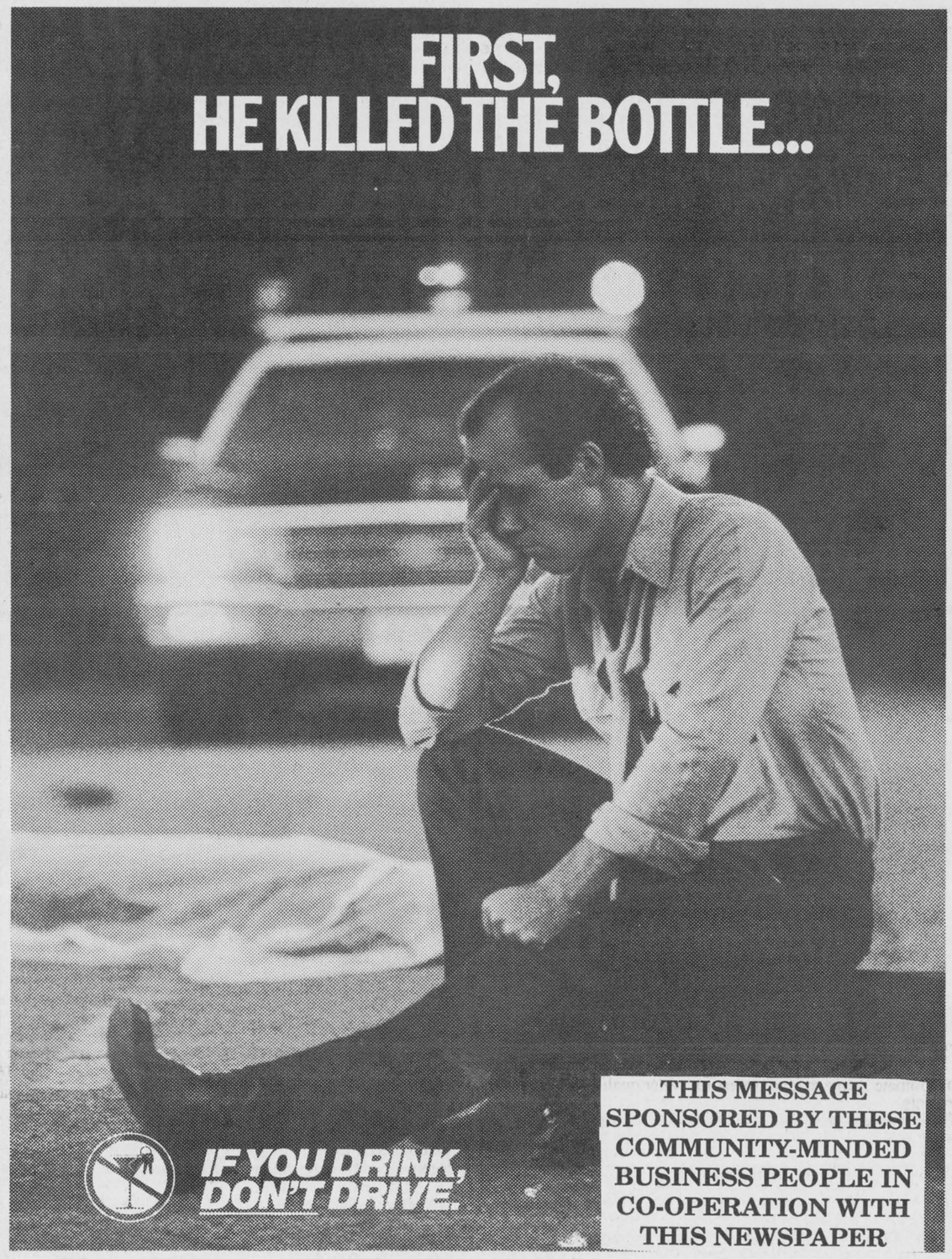


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# Looking back at Iroquois and district over the year 1996

## Looking back

Continued from the front

County Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Chapter president Margaret Reynolds accepted the $900 donation from one of the event organizers.

**Iroquois Golf Club president** Eldon Horner told Iroquois Council that the golf club expansion in Iroquois came in $40,000 under budget. Horner said the new 18 hole course would open in the spring.

**With a dwindling membership** and less funds to operate, the Morrisburg and District Chamber of Commerce attended the regular meeting of Morrisburg council to solicit support for the Tourist Information Booth in the Morrisburg Mall. Council agreed to support the operation of the booth.

**The Women and Rural Economic** Development (WRED) group held a dinner meeting at Baldi's Deli in Iroquois. The guest speaker was Astrid Bierworth who spoke about time management.

**Jason Chow's coughing saved** his family's life. Jason woke up coughing in the middle of the night and his family discovered that their home/restaurant, was on fire. The Hong Kong Restaurant was completely destroyed in the early morning blaze.

**Iroquois clerk-treasurer** Betty Marlin was working hard with Iroquois council to keep taxes at a zero percent increase in 1996. Reeve Swank told The Chieftain that he felt people in the village paid enough in taxes already.

**Local Ontario Provincial Police** officers thanked Seaway District High School students who helped provide information in an alcohol related incident in Iroquois. Sgt. Brent Mattice said a lot of kids came forward to direct him to the right areas and the right people to talk to concerning the incident.

### *March 96*

**With four seconds left in** the game, Derrick "Air" Casselman stepped up to the foul line draining two shots to secure the Seaway District High School Spartans win at the Eastern Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association basketball championship. With the win Seaway advanced to the provincials. Team members included Les O'Reilly, Chris Krug, Kyle Swerdfeger, Guga De Almeida, Mike Adlington, Hugh Porter, Jamie Scott, Derrick Casselman, Jason Rooney and Kevin MacKillican.

**Doris Coons of RR1 South Mountain** was hired as the village of Iroquois' new part-time secretary-accounting clerk. Three people out of 30 made the short list and Coons was the only one with experience.

**It was announced that the CJOH** No Stars would be coming to Morrisburg later in the month. The event was being organized by the Morrisburg and District Lions Club.

**The Iroquois Scouts teamed** with the Iroquois Playground Committee to raise funds both groups needed. Together they were going to sell Easter hams and deliver them to patrons.

**Iroquois council passed a** bylaw naming Lorna Seibert as acting clerk-treasurer and Nancy Kenney as acting deputy clerk-treasurer for the village. Seibert was to replace Betty Marlin, who was retiring at the end of the month.

**The Iroquois East Marina** committee re-worked its 1996 budget proposal in the hopes that council would authorize the committee to run the marina for another year.

**Iroquois council approved** a public works winter policy that provided village employees with maintenance guidelines. The objective of the policy was to keep costs as low as possible and still provide adequate service.

**Jim Derouchie was the winner** of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club draw for a weekend getaway for two. Approximately $1000 was raised through the sale of draw tickets.

**The Dundas County Community** Internet Access Centre in Morrisburg was officially opened. The Morrisburg Centre, at the T.R. Leger Alternative School Campus, was looking forward to providing free internet access for local residents.

**The Bridal Show at the Howard** Johnson Hotel in Morrisburg, sponsored by local businesses and The Iroquois Chieftain, was deemed a huge success. Over 150 people attended the event.

**Sarah Crawford was the lucky** winner of the 50-50 draw held by the Ist Iroquois Scout Troop. Scout Leslie Crawford sold the ticket to his grandmother and presented her with a cheque for $150.

**George Jackson, representing** Iroquois Enterprises, presented Candice Menges, from the Iroquois Playground Committee, with a cheque for $500. The Playground Committee was extremely grateful for the donation.

**After five years in the organization**, chairman of the South Dundas Recreation Council, Lyle VanAllen, announced his resignation from the board.

**Eighteen people attended Iroquois'** first community patrol meeting. Sgt. Brent Mattice explained how the community patrols can be set up. Another meeting was scheduled for later in the month.

**Doug Grenkie headed up a concerned** community group at the regular meeting of Matilda council. He was in attendance to discuss an upcoming Ontario Municipal Board hearing over re-zoned land in the township.

**An earthquake in Ste-Agathe Des-Monts,** in Quebec, was felt as far away as Williamsburg. The quake measured 4.5 on the richter scale and was the largest since November 1993.

**The Matilda Trade Show was** fast approaching and organizers were working diligently to make sure the show would meet local business needs. Organizer Joy Harbers was hoping that the show would be a success in '96.

**Nigel Brown sent Morrisburg** council a letter asking about the purchase of a taxi licence in the village. According to Councillor Jack Notman, Mr. Brown would be given a taxi licence if he could meet all of the ministry criteria.

**Ken Palmer, Roger Coulter, Joe McDonald** and Ted Grattan, captured the Provincial Cribbage Championship at the Legion Provincial Playdowns in Port Stanley, Ontario. The four man Iroquois Legion team earned the right to represent Ontario at the National competition in Winnipeg.

**The Iroquois Legion celebrated** its 50th anniversary in Iroquois in March. In a special 50th anniversary tab produced by The Chieftain, Gerald Cornell, Joe Roberts and Johnny Millard, charter members of the Legion, reflected on the past.

**A group of 20 students from Britannia** High in Vancouver were spending five days in Iroquois. The 20 students were involved in a band exchange with Seaway District High School.

**The provincial New Democratic Party** held its election of officers in Morrisburg. New officers included, Trevor Tolley, Michael Cowley-Owen, Randy Butler, Helen McQuaig and Marion Adams

**The Iroquois firefighters did their** best at the annual dart tournament and came in second. Team members included Shawn Markell, Bill Hutt, Danny Dodge and Sean Tetlev.

### *April 96*

**Seventeen concerned citizens** of the Village of Iroquois turned out to a meeting of the newly formed community watch patrol. Walter Reid and Bob Taylor acted as chairpeople.

**A car rally sponsored** by the Canadian Jamboree Committee '97 on behalf of the 1st Iroquois Scouts was held.

**16 Legion members** were honored at the 50th anniversary celebrations Saturday evening at the Iroquois Legion Hall.

**Sgt. Brent Mattice** set up a road block in an attempt to apprehend a suspect in a bank robbery at the Shopping Plaza in Morrisburg.

**Mike Casselman won the 1996** Earl Steinberg Trophy. The trophy is presented to individuals who over the past years have contributed their time and effort to help the young people of the community in sporting events.

**Seaway curlers** took the bronze medal at OFSSA in Brantford. The team consisted of Josh Adams, Spencer Cooper, Mike Brunt and Travis Thompson.

**Frank Albert and Fred Langlotz** are honored by co-workers, families and friends as they retire. Both gentlemen began their careers in law enforcement in the early 60's at the Morrisburg Detachment.

**Iroquois Playground committee** continued its effort to raise money by setting up Aprilfest in the village of Iroquois.

Jim Styles received a five-year service award from the Canadian Cancer Society.

**Iroquois Public School** student, Kevin Phifer landed a job with the Ottawa Senators as a stick boy.

**The South Nation River** Conservation Authority decided not to eliminate grants to landowners for water quality improvement projects.

Ernie Schuck won the April bridge party at the Iroquois Civic Centre.

A large crowd turned out to watch the Royal Yacht, HMY Britannia travel through the Iroquois Locks.

**Iroquois' Deputy Reeve** Wilf Gibbons lashed out at small business by stating that he wants a crack down on chipwagon owners.

Iroquois Council gave its support to the Iroquois East Marina Committee. For the second year in a row, the committee will run the marina.

**Iroquois Council** declared April 28th a day of mourning. The observation was in recognition of workers who have suffered death, injures and disablement in the performance of their jobs.

**Karen Cooke, representing** the Iroquois Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, donated $500 to the Iroquois Fire Department for training literature. Fire fighter Jack McQuigge accepted on behalf of the fire department.

**The Eastern Ontario** Health Unit received the Ontario Community Council on Accreditation of Health Agencies award.

**A special retirement party** was held for retiring clerk-treasurer Betty Marlin. After 38 years of working for the United Counties and the Village of Iroquois, Marlin decided to take early retirement. Reeve Peter Swank was among many of her colleagues who extended best wishes to her.

**Experiencing a $67,911 cut** in transfer payments from the province, Morrisburg councillors were struggling to maintain services in the municipality with less money and without raising taxes.

**Iroquois council announced** there would be no increase in taxes in 1996. After a lot of work, council kept its promise to keep taxes at a zero percent increase.

**Hall of Famer** Kitty Wells graced the stage at Matilda's Hall.

**Michael Kirkwood,** Becky King, Emily Moss, Andrew Jacques and Kyle Gervais of Iroquois Public School went to the Canada Quiz Championship in Cornwall.

**South Dundas region** of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario raised more than $38,500.

**Iroquois Council** refused responsibility of the 1996 Citizen of the Year Award.

**The Masonic Association** of Eastern Masonic District donated $4400 to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

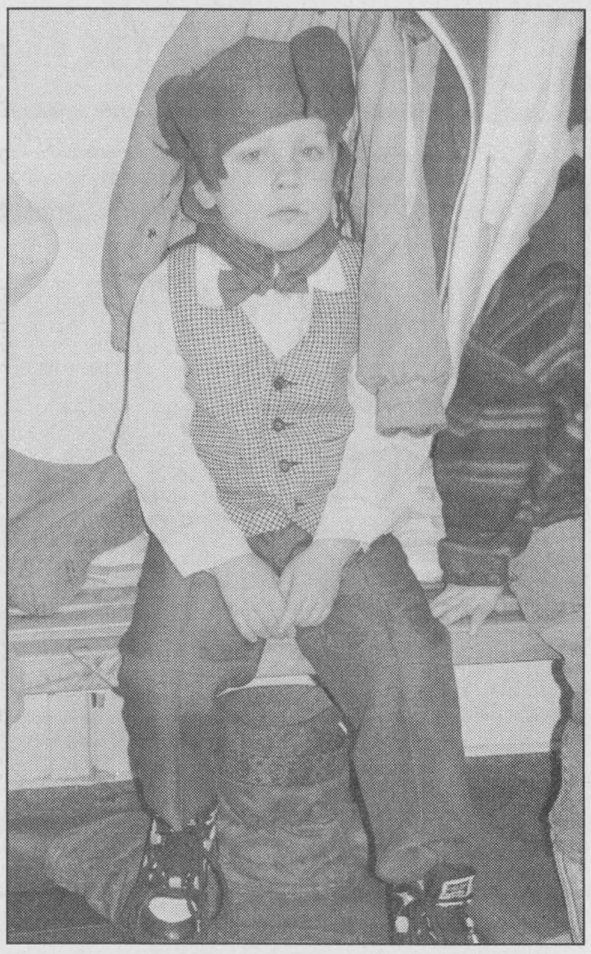
**Emily Millard** received a grant from the Seaway Valley Singers to go to a children's choir camp for the summer.

### *May*

**Ontario Municipalities** might soon have to pay for their own policing costs, a Ministry of Municipal affairs official told a meeting of municipal clerk-treasurers. Iroquois' acting clerk-treasurer Lorna Seibert told council that Iroquois taxpayers could end up paying an extra $138 per person to $234 per household. Iroquois' total annual cost could run between $131,000 and $166,000. However, Seibert cautioned that these figures might not be accurate because no guidelines had been released by the province yet, although they were expected to be issued in a few weeks.

**A $25,000 early retirement package** given to former clerk treasurer Betty Marlin was expected to save the village of Iroquois $80,000. However the decision upset some people because council went ahead with it at a special meeting Feb. 27th without informing the media or making any sort of public announcement. Marlin retired March 29th, after serving SD&G and the Village of Iroquois for 38 years. The village was to give Marlin $5,000 a year for the next five years, plus group and medical insurance until she reaches the age 65 in the year 2000.

**Iroquois council decided** to keep chip wagons in the village without raising the annual licensing fee of $300. Reeve Peter Swank was outvoted by his colleagues on the issue of raising the fee to $500. The issue arose during April's regular meeting when Deputy Reeve Wilf Gibbons suggested council look at its policy on seasonal businesses. At that meeting Gibbons said chip wagons take away business from local taxpaying restaurants. He suggested council either outlaw chip wagons or raise the licensing fee.



### *A cute reindeer*

This young man was indeed a Christmas reindeer in the Dixon's Corners Public School production. Waiting is no fun at his age and he is anxious to get on stage and be done with his part.

*Chieftain Photo by M.C. Bailey*

**The St. Lawrence Parks Commission** anticipated a loss of $3 million in revenue from the provincial government in 1996. Although the cut in transfer payments was only $2 million, it did little to ease the pain of the 44 employees whose jobs were cut.

**Iroquois firefighters were busy,** responding to four calls within a five day period. Although the number might have seemed out of the ordinary Deputy Fire Chief Perry Robertson believed the department was on track with 1995's statistics, citing a long period in the previous month with very few fires.

**The Seaway District High School** Improv Team was to defend its board wide championship title Thursday, May 16th at the Upper Canada Playhouse. According to team coach Dave King, the Seaway team entered the improv competition for the first time last year and to everyone's surprise won the board championship against CCVS, GVSS and Tagwi SS. This year there were to be new entries from Glengarry DHS, St. Lawrence HS, Char Lan DHS and St. Joseph's SS.

**The Iroquois Fire Department** responded to a fire at the home of Ron Keeler in Brinston, on the evening of Thursday, May 9th. The house was completely destroyed by the blaze.

**The Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Separate School** Board closed down two French city schools as part of an attempt to get out of its $685,000 deficit. The board was facing a $4.2 million cutback. The adult education program within the French section of the board was also cancelled and 144 workers were laid off in the spring.

**Williamsburg resident Pearl MacIntosh** and several others organized a committee to oppose the closure of the Winchester driver examination centre. The group held a press conference and circulated a petition against the closure. A plan released by the provincial government called for the closure of 25 MTO offices-- including the in one Winchester-- to save $650,000 a year.

**Although Morrisburg held** the line on taxes for the year, the school board issued Morrisburg with a five percent increase. The school board was to collect $1,409,923, an increase of $72,000. Coupled with the cut in provincial transfer payments Morrisburg faced a loss of $140,000. Reeve Gord McGregor said the shortfall would mean the municipality wouldn't be able to pursue any major projects.

**Iroquois council decided to continue** monthly billing of property owners for water and sewer services even if the properties were vacant. Arie Guerkink, an Iroquois taxpayer who owns a number of rental properties, protested when he was given a $81.15 bill for water and sewer services. He said four of his apartments were vacant and that he shouldn't have to pay for the service if it wasn't being used.

**Seaway District High School** hosted Federal Industry and Trade Minister John Manley. The Minister visited the High School to present nine students with plaques of appreciation for their part in the Montreal unification rally. Manley also wanted to recognize community partners for their role in Seaway's media studies department. Manley was accompanied by Stormont Dundas and Glengarry MP Bob Kilger.

**Six local scouts made a presentation** to Iroquois Council about their upcoming trip to Thunder Bay in 1997 for the Canadian National Jamboree. The presentation was part of their work toward the Chief Scout's Award, which requires them to make a presentation to a group outside of their scout troop.

**Municipal representatives** from South Dundas Council gathered in Morrisburg council chambers the morning of May 23rd to discuss the formation of committees to study amalgamation. Called together at the request of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Warden Charles Barkley were Gord McGregor (Morrisburg) Dirk Testerink (Morrisburg), Peter Swank (Iroquois) Art Roberts (Iroquois), Bob Bennett (Matilda), Bill Horner (Matilda), Johnny Whitteker (Williamsburg) and Lyle VanAllen (Williamsburg). They listened to a presentation from County Clerk Raymond Lapointe. Barkley said he had been told that municipalities that had made concrete proposals for amalgamation by the end of 1996 would have an extension on the deadline for amalgamation of four to five months. Barkley said that it would be better for the initiative to come from the municipalities than to have everything amalgamated by the Provincial government. The meeting ended with a decision to break up in to committees to discuss different aspects of amalgamation.

### *June*

**Iroquois Council and other Dundas** municipalities opposed the closure of the Winchester drivers examination centre. Council was to send a letter opposing the closure to local MPP Noble Villeneuve and Ontario Premier Mike Harris. Council made the decision after hearing from a committee of concerned citizens who oppose the closure.

**Iroquois council was looking into** setting up a compost area for leaves. Art Roberts was to consult with Morrisburg representatives to see how the Morrisburg composting area was established. Although some councillors thought the issue had already been settled, Reeve Peter Swank said an official area should have been designated. Morrisburg was said to have saved $20,000 per year with its composting program.

**Laurie and Larry Day won $50,000** in the Ontario Lottery Corporation's Bingo game.

**The staff of the Winchester** District Memorial Hospital appeared again in a production of *The Good Doctor* at the Upper Canada Playhouse.

**A delegation representing Morrisburg's Church St.** residents demanded that the municipal council fix sewer lines that back up each spring and flood Church St. basements with refuse. Deputy Reeve Dirk Testerink said Council had to pay off three large debentures before addressing the problem. Reeve McGregor said that the Council did plan to address the problem during 1996, but, he added, the council might have to work on the project in two phases and fund it through a debenture.

**Seven Iroquois Scouts** earned the Chief Scouts Award. Ryan McQuigge, Adam Lewis, Ryan Henry, Ryan Hill, Leslie Crawford, Jeremy Johnston and Drew Henry won the award which requires scouts to do 30 hours of service above and beyond those already used to earn badges previously.

**Playwrights of *A Party to Murder*** pulled their play from the Upper Canada Playhouse's (UCP) summer season after the playhouse's artistic director Marshall Button resigned. Button resigned after general manager Barbara Howatt and production manager Kate Van Doninck were fired just two weeks before the opening of the season. Rounding out the exodus of talent was the set designer (Howatt's husband) of the season's first play *Ned Durango Comes to Big Oak*, and the play's lighting designer, who is a friend of Howatt. While UCP board president Brenda King said that the firings were because the two employees were bringing their dogs to work and refused to do otherwise, comments in local newspapers revealed that Howatt Button and Van Doninck felt differently. Howatt was quoted in the Ottawa Citizen as saying "it is a power struggle," between the board and the employees. While Button's resignation letter was quoted to say the action was "an unthinkable takeover of the operation of a professional arts organization by non-professionals." According to King the dogs presented a liability that insurance companies would not insure for and there were concerns about the dogs shedding and the smell of dog food in the theatre.

**The Township of Matilda** passed their 1996 budget and residents found out their taxes would rise by one per cent. Matilda Reeve Charles Barkley said he would rather see the taxes go up one per cent in 1996 than have the council wait to raise taxes three or four per cent after a few years. Matilda was facing a $43,000 cut in Provincial transfer payments as well as increased school board taxes.

**Last Friday afternoon** the St. Lawrence Parks Commission invited members of the public and the media to go for a sail on

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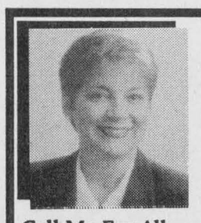

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# You are generous

For eight years now the South Dundas Christmas Exchange has brightened the lives of many families at this time of year and you, the people of South Dundas are to thank.

Last Wednesday morning, over 200 local children woke up with presents under the tree, children that would not have had presents if it hadn't have been for you.

Established to help those who are less fortunate, the South Dundas Christmas Exchange provided food baskets and presents to over 180 families this year.

The money raised through direct donations to the organization and through the South Dundas Christmas Exchange jars in local businesses and banks will be used to purchase the food for the 1997 drive.

At a time when the middle class have been taxed to the limit and there doesn't seem to be an end in sight to tough economic times, you the people, have through your thoughtfulness, given hope to a multitude.

A week and a half ago, when I stopped at the Bank of Montreal and picked up all of the presents to be dropped off at the Legion in Morrisburg, the old adage, it is better to give than to receive, came to mind.

At a time in the year when depression can hit even the best of us, it never ceases to amaze me at just how generous, thoughtful and caring people can actually be.

It is so nice to know that the true spirit of this holiday season lives in so many of us.

A great deal of credit for the South Dundas Christmas Exchange must be given to those who organize the exchange, but the most credit must go to those of you who took the time to donate money, gifts and your time.

Your kindness will not be forgotten and once again, thank you for making this one of the brightest Christmas seasons ever.

**MCB**

# Looking Back

Looking back...that is the final issue of each year. The reporters take the newspapers out that filled the previous year and reflect back on what made the front page; what was news and what was just fill-in material.

The task looms ahead, and we all put it off. Each of us becomes a procrastinator. Whether the amount of work scares us off or just the idea of going over what was, truly terrifies us, we wait until the final moment to complete it.

Then it has to be done and all there is to it, is to get down to it.

As the weeks melt into months and the news becomes a memory once again, the mind starts to play games.

The end of another year is hovering on the horizon.

It is therefore time to sit back and relax, take stock of what was as we look to the future and anticipate what will be.

In the busy world of the nineties, it is increasingly difficult to take time to do anything, except that which has to be done right now in order that we can move onward.

We must, at all costs slow down and realize that the important things will wait; the work will still be there tomorrow. If deadlines are not facing us dead straight in the eyes, we can leave it go for one more brief moment.

New year resolutions are so easily made, and then just as easily not kept.

Use your time wisely.

Take a few moments to reflect.

Are there things in your life that beg to be changed?

Do you see yourself looking back in five years to this year just ending, and seeing it as a year best forgotten?

What can be done to make the best of the year ahead?

Take time to think.

Take time to realize that you can slow down and everything will not fall apart.

Take time to be sentimental. That ornament on the tree this Christmas that was purchased on a special outing will evoke memories that may well bring a smile to your face. The movies of Christmases past when the children were young and Santa was a major part of their season will provide hilarity for them as well as you. (That cannot be me??!)

Take time to call someone far away who would delight in the sound of your voice at this time or any time of year. You will be rewarded as well.

Take time to spend quality time with those who truly matter in your life. Not a hurried trip to this or that, but actual time, unrushed and relaxed, doing something you all treasure, together. No looking at watches or clocks, no worry about the time...just fun and laughter and sharing.

Play a game with your kids. Any game will do, whether strenuous or a simple board game. Sit and enjoy the camradery, the jokes and the struggle to command the game.

Read a book. It need not even be a good book, just a book. Sit by the crackling fire, in a cosy rocker with a hot cuppa and no other sound invading the silence. Enjoy the adventure that the pages filled with words will take you on. Get away without leaving your spot.

Be adventurous. Do something you have dreamed of, not really dared to try.

Visit someone you should have gone to see ages ago. Spend some time with that grandparent, friend or relative who needs to talk to you face to face. Share some of your dreams with that person, and listen as they share with you.

Bake something...anything. Try a new recipe or go with an old favourite that everyone who tastes it will tell you just how great a cook you are.

Stay in your jamies until noon someday. Lounge around the house, and do not answer the phone, or the door. Eat when you are hungry, drink when thirst asks for refreshment. Laze about and fell good about doing it...you deserve it.

Try a day of nothing or anything. Set up no plan and follow no schedule. Go when and where the urge takes you. Enjoy an entire day with no strings attached.

Do not look at your appointment book for a day. Pay no mind to what should be finished by the weekend, or next week or when ever. Sit down and laugh, write a letter to someone long overdue for one. Grab your camera and start taking pictures of what you see. Take a walk and snap along the way. Enjoy nature. Really look at what is all around you, this day and every day. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, be aware and behold what is staring at you.

When you have tried one or more of these take a step back and critique the outcome. You will be happy with the results. Work will be there to go to tomorrow and no one will have taken over your assignments. You will feel better and so will those you shared with.

During your holiday season, take things easy.

Happy New Year, as we head into 1997, focus on what is important to you. You are indeed master of your own destiny...make it so.

**S.L.J.**

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# The Northern Ice cruised into the Iroquois Marina- here is her story

**by Sandra Lee Johnston**
**Chieftain Staff Reporter**

Just as the ice began to form in the bay, Northern Ice cruised into the Iroquois Marina. But this is a story which deserves to be told as it happened...

Launched from the Miramichi west public wharf in New Brunswick on November 18, 1996, Northern Ice was finally afloat. About to embark on an adventure that had been 21 years in the making, this steel ship represented a lifetime of effort by Ron and Juliette Nowlan.

Ron is a native of Miramichie who now lives in Ottawa where he works as a computer consultant. Constructing a ship of steel is not every man's dream, but Ron and his wife Juliette, a Neguac native were determined and after some 13,000 hours of work over a period of some 21 years, the ship which was to serve as retirement haven for the couple came to be on the water. The ship is ready before they are set to retire.

Speaking to Ron at the Iroquois Marina, The Chieftain learned that the journey to this point has been a labour of love, with pitfalls along the way that had to be overcome. "We sold our first home in Seven Islands because the backyard was not big enough for the construction," says Ron. Starting the work in 1975, the couple had to have the construction hauled to their new home, wherever that might be. Ron's work takes him to various locales...he travels a lot. Only when he went to Vancouver in 1980 did they leave the ship behind. It was then that they entrusted the work of five years of their lives and their future home to Ron's uncle, Ernest Comeau of Neguac.

In an attempt to explain the amount of work, time and effort that has been expended on this ship, realize that the Ice is 13 feet high, about 15 feet wide and 50 feet long. The shell is three quarters of an inch thick and the ship is made of steel, epoxy and concrete. The hull alone took the Nowlans three years to complete, working on it themselves. (except for the one day it took to plaster.) It was at this stage of things that they called in 27 friends and professionals to bind their three years of hard work.

In the beginning the Ice resembled a bird cage. It was made on mole frames and fitted with 8500 feet of steel rod.2-25 inches in diameter. Two layers of rod which ran diagonally through the haul three inches apart with four layers of galvanized wire mesh on either sides of the rods. According to Ron, "It was all tied together at every junction where the rods crossed, that is about 13,800 times!" The plastering consisted of all the helpers filling each hole in the wired mesh with a mixture of cement and epoxy.This took all of one day.

The ships' deck is made of teak, a special type of wood that absorbs silica sand as it grows and is non-slippery. this alone cost in the area of $21 per board foot, and 150 square feet were utilized, for a total cost of $3,400. A rough estimate by Ron is that this deck took he and his wife in the neighbourhood of 265 hours to build. "There are no screws, it is all done with epoxy, and so will never leak."

The question which comes to mind then is what the total cost of the ship might be. "Well, begins Ron, an easy going fellow who is concentrating on his ship as we speak, the total cost of material would be about $126,000 so far." Parts were shipped from all over the world, with most of the electronics coming from the United States. "Shipping costs were high to get the parts," explains Ron.

The idea was to go to Kingston, but the weather began to turn bad and so the Ice was docked at Iroquois and will remain in dry dock until spring. The plan is for the Nowlans to live on the Ice from then on. Ron's jobs are contracts which last from three to six months and involve travel. They will sail to the area he is working in and then head on to the next location.

"There are still about 300 hours of work remaining on the ship to add trimmings to the interior and the sails and rigging have yet to be completed. A

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*Ron Nowlans checks the underside of Northern Ice-his pride and joy.*

# Swampview gets through Ho, Ho

## Just plain livin'

**with Sandra Lee**



Swampview is all a glow with the Christmas season. The tree came to reside in the living room a little later than usual,but it was up and decorated in time for Santa's visit and adds that certain flair to the area. Son number two was in charge of this since the old mother who usually oversees such things was not up to par. The flu, cough that insists on clinging, the cold and the headache won't leave and so others have had to fill in.

Sunday service saw the youngsters present their annual Christmas show and as always, they were just right as each tiny person did their part. Son number two read and made the family proud. Son number one and his father played the Little Drummer Boy prior to the service, dad on the organ and son on the drums. It sounded pretty good, even if the writer is a little prejustice. They did it again on Christmas Eve at the annual service...nice touch. The niece and her mom along with the city cuzzin and her mom who sang on Christmas Eve did an excellent job as well.

The entire house took on a Christmas mode as the son decorated and each of the rest of us joined in when time allowed or we felt good enough to lend a hand.

There was no snow for Christmas day, unless we can count that dusting that touched here and there, mostly it reminded us of spring. As this is being written we have received some fluffy stuff and it is welcome. Everything looks so clean and bright as the sun strikes the white.

Christmas morning tradition was changed a bit this year as the grampa was under the weather, and had not ventured outside in numerous days. The plan always called for each family to open their gifts and then travel and gather more as they go house to house of the relatives until we end up where we started for breakie. This year, gifts were taken to grams and grampa so he could enjoy the company and watch as we opened our presents. Breakie and then it was off for dinner at the other side of the family for the Swampview gang. Too much to eat, more gifts and a game then it was home to spend some time checking out the gifts and soon after out to grams for supper. More food!!! Board games are popular with the younger set and so we all played Risk and Song Burst. Dishes washed and put away and then it was off to home and bed after a very full day indeed.

It should be told here, because many know and the rumour mill will run rampant anyway...a hurried trip on Christmas Eve to procure those last minute items for under the tree, resulted in a flat tire. Yes, it was raining at the time and with a headache and a less than steady hand due to the flu bug, it was wonderful when a brother came long and offered to handle the chore. There were more offers to assist the writer and it made a feeling of pleasure come alive as it was realized that people are still basically good in the area. Thanks Billy, it is good to know people such as yourself who would venture out in the rain for someone else.

As was perviously mentioned in this column the second son had purchased the gift for the writer, seeking financial assistance from the dad and brother. There was a certain amount of worrying since this was "the" gift and who could imagine what he would get his mom!? Anyway, he did fine, a new winter ski jacket was in the box which he wrapped in newspaper since he could find no Christmas paper. He and the writer had been shopping and had separated after the writer mentioned how she liked this red and black jacket. "If money comes along for Christmas, I may just buy that one!" Now there is no need, thanks fellows, I love it! and it fits perfectly.

The Beatles Anthology will get loads of play time and the books will be read if time allows. With so many issues coming out in such a short period we have been busy at the newspaper. Not feeling up to par does not help either. As this is being typed, the left leg is painfully yelling as it has done all day long...could have pinched a nerve, but who knows?

Here's hoping you got what you asked for and that the year ahead brings happiness and health to you and yours.

The three men are rumbling about the house with little or nothing to do but argue and play the new SuperNintendo game,listen to the new CDs, read and watch TV. The snow will give them a desire to be outside and that is good. A bit more is needed before the snowmachines can come out of the garage, but since everyone else is getting more than they need, we can hope.

Cards and letters from the West and merry old England cheered us up, and we will get replies in the mail soon. It is so, so great to hear from folks not heard from often enough throughout the year.

Walking out to the car this morning on the way to work, the snow was so fluffy and white, the air crisp and clean and the air still and quiet. Snow stuck to barren trees, 18-wheelers barrelling down the highway...alone in a winterwonderland headed towards another destination, the world seems right and life pleasant afterall. It was so nice, the unbroken atmosphere and the absence of traffic and people.

Tying the mesh on the new hockey net was a task that both sons attempted at various times during Boxing Day, in the end it was accomplished. Watching Mission Impossible was great, son number two got this one in his stocking, and checking out a lot of new books that sit under the green branches have kept us occupied. The outdoor lites take on a new glow amid the snow that sits on the branches now. A trip through the area tonight will give us a free show of colourful delight. Hopefully some snaps will be grabbed for posterity.

The turkey remains frozen and will some out this weekend to thaw and then be cooked so that we can enjoy the smell that shall permeate the entire house. We would not want to miss the leftovers and all, so we bought a bird. Our meals on Christmas were at the relatives, so we missed the leftovers.

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# the bottom line

**MERRY HO, HO EVERYONE. YES KAREN... THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS. THE** Jolly Old Gent himself came to the Bailey household and left some amazing Christmas presents. I'm telling you, the Nintendo 64 is absolutely fantastic. (mcb)

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**BRACE YOURSELF... WE AREN'T OFFICIALLY OUT OF 1996 YET, BUT THE** Matilda Winter Carnival is only a few weeks away and everyone should be thinking about attending. This year's edition of the carnival is going to be better than ever and you can pick up all the information in The Chieftain's special winter carnival tab on the 8th of January.

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**I WAS TALKING TO SANTA LAST NIGHT AND HE WANTED TO THANK** everyone who took the time to leave him some snacks Christmas Eve. He told me that travelling around the world in one night can be very trying on an old body and the snacks keep him going! (mcb)

**CHIEFTAIN ADVERTISING LADY WENDY LESLIE WAS ONE LUCKY GIRL ON** Boxing Day. Wendy got to see the Rangers - Senators game at the Corel Centre and she got to do it from box seats. The only problem is that she doesn't know how she'll be able to go back and sit with the common people now! (mcb)

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR IS JUST TWO DAYS AWAY. THE CHIEFTAIN STAFF WANTS** to wish everyone a Happy New Year and remind you to drive safely and drive sober. We don't know anyone who can afford to lose their licence on the spot for three months! (mcb)

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**ANOTHER YEAR HAS COME TO AN END AND WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR** Looking Back issue of The Chieftain. Take your time and enjoy the memories that 1996 has to offer and look forward to all that 1997 will bring. (mcb)

# Looking back at Iroquois and district 1996

## Looking back

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one of six two hour voyages up the St. Lawrence on the 110-foot long brigantine, Fair Jeanne. More than 1200 people came to see the ship docked at the Crysler Park Marina and 278 people went for a ride. The ship was built in the late Captain Fuller's backyard on the Ottawa River between 1979 and 1982.

**A rather strange accident** resulted in three people being injured and transported to hospital on Saturday afternoon. A late model Mercury Sable travelled off the eastbound lane of Highway 401, became airborne and "landed" on the guard rail of the overpass on Brinston Road. The Iroquois Fire Department responded as did ambulance services in the area.

**Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services** David Tsubouchi announced that Stormont Dundas and Glengarry had been selected as one of the first 20 sites for the government's new workfare program. The program, called Ontario Works was to be phased in across the Province in September. Tsubouchi said the program would help welfare recipients acquire skills, self confidence and contacts to assist them in finding a job.

**Iroquois was considering** looking into closing the Iroquois Marina if more boats did not use it by July 1st. The councillors discussed the issue briefly at the regular council meeting on Tuesday when they heard only two boats were moored at the marina.

### *July*

**Iroquois' Lost Villages Golf Course** opened nine new holes to make it a full 18 holer, on Sunday, June 30th. Designed by John Lyon, the newly opened back nine was welcomed by some 100 golfers. An "expansion committee" had been looking into making the course 18 holes long since 1991.

**The Winchester District Memorial Hospital** (WDMH) faced a $43, 718 deficit according to an annual report by Roy A. Glassford, acting WDMH president. The report was given at the hospital's annual meeting. Despite this Glassford said hospital staff and board members were looking at the coming year with optimism. In 1995 the hospital had a surplus of $7,507. Clawbacks in OHIP billing helped to account for most of a $91,000 drop in patient services. But increases in other revenues served to moderate the loss.

**What a great day to celebrate** the 129th birthday of this country. It was picture perfect, a brilliant blue sky with white clouds dancing across it. There were flags flying in yards, on porches, antennas, roof tops, the maple leaf could even be spotted on people's faces and yes... there were also flags flying from flag poles... Annual Canada Day celebrations at Iroquois Point were quite a success with numerous community groups setting up booths offering a variety of refreshments and entertainers like Mary Perry and Grenville County Country took to the stage to ring in the nation's birthday.

**Iroquois' acting clerk-treasurer** clarified a dispute over the mill rate for 1996. Some people said council had announced a zero-percent increase, but noticed an increase in taxes of about 25 per cent. Lorna Seibert explained that a special area levy had been collected in 1995 to pay the mortgage on the sewage treatment plant. When the mortgage was paid up in 1995 the taxes for 1996 could have gone down, but council decided to keep collecting the same special amount as in 1995 to cover future upgrades to the plant, Seibert explained. However, whereas on the 1995 tax bill the special levy was outlined as such, in 1996 the special levy was included in the general mill rate. According to Seibert this made it seem like a tax increase. She did acknowledge though that residents north of the 401 as well as businesses were being charged for sewage services they didn't use or had already paid towards because the two mill rates had been lumped together. She said that council had authorized her to prepare tax credits for those adversely affected.

**Iroquois Council was planning** to regulate garage sales in the village. At the last two July council meetings representatives voiced concerns about signage problems and how some people had turned "garage saling" into a regular weekend business. Coun. Art Roberts proposed a bylaw similar to that of Cornwall's, which would see residents have two free days in a year to have a garage sale and pay a fee for a license if they wanted to have more.

**Residential break and enters** were an ongoing problem from the beginning of 1996 in some areas of Dundas County. Incidents in Mountain Township accounted for 57 per cent of the break and enters reported.

**Iroquois Council decided** to ask building inspector Jim Grant to look into the problem of uneven sidewalks in the Iroquois plaza. Council had heard several complaints in the past week from residents.

**Mr. Garnet Crawford,** the Publisher Emeritus of the Weekly Advance was presented with the prestigious Gold Quill Award by the Canadian Newspaper Association (C.C.N.A.). The award is one of the highest marks of recognition bestowed by the C.C.N.A. and is given not only to mark 50 years in the business, but also to recognize the recipient's contribution to the community.

**ASSE International Student Exchange** Programs qualified Michael and Lola Corriveau/McEvoy as a host family for Joao Zanona, a student from Brazil.

### *August*

**At the July 23 special meeting** of Iroquois Council, an amending bylaw was passed to set fines for such offenses as parking on a crosswalk, parking in a no parking area and parking within an intersection. The amendment applied to bylaw 4-95, which regulated traffic within the village. Fines of $10-15 could be levied under the new amendment. Although council had already passed a bylaw setting out fines a new one was needed because the first one did not meet with the attorney general's approval.

**Three Tubie crafts** made the record books Sunday afternoon, but only one took the 1996 Tubie title. Rick Groves and his crew won the race with a time of 22:45, smashing the original record of 23:08 set by Sean Bouldrice's team several years ago. But two other teams were right behind Groves: Danny Cassell's team with 22:57 and Bouldrice's crew with 23:03.

**More than 50 motor homes** arrived in Iroquois to take part in a Penn Coachmen rally. Members of the group travelled to Gananoque, Ottawa and Upper Canada Village as part of their visit. They were based at the Iroquois campgrounds.

**Iroquois council** said it would begin looking into giving its work crew the authority to tow vehicles illegally parked during snow removal hours. Village foreman Bill Ewing said the crew stopped towing cars two years ago when they were told they didn't have the authority. Ewing said that during every storm the crew has to go around two or three vehicles and then send a truck the next day to clean up the leftover snow.

**Isobel Williams** of Williamsburg was proud of her son, Astronaut Dr. David Williams, when his first space shuttle flight assignment, slated for March 19, 1998 was announced by federal Industry Minister John Manley. Williams was selected by the Canadian Space Agency in 1992. He will be the sixth Canadian to fly in the shuttle.

**More than 500 people** attended the Haddo You Do Country and Western Jamboree, Sat., Aug. 10. Proceeds from the event were to be divided between its sponsor-- the Haddo Recreation Committee and the South Dundas Snowmobile Club. The recreation committee had earmarked their funds for renovating the Haddo Recreation building, while the Snowmobile Club was going to use its share of the money to develop snowmobile trails and possibly renovate its clubhouse.

**Noble Villeneuve,** on behalf of Health Minister Jim Wilson, announced the appointment of a board of directors for eastern Ontario's Community Care Access Centre (CCAC). The centre was to establish a better co-ordinated and more accessible system of community-based, long-term care services, said Villeneuve.

**Vicki Shaver of Finch** won the $2,000 winnings in the Great Ontario Duck Race. The race was sponsored by the Dundas County chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Eastern District Masonic Association. Both organizations were to share the profits from the contest equally.

**The annual South Mountain Fair** enjoyed plenty of sunshine, larger crowds than in 1995 and cool breezes. Local musicians Theatre of Soul played to the delight of crowds and the ever popular agricultural exhibits were a great success.

**The Volley for Cancer** raised more than $10,000. The Raco Raiders from Cornwall won the A side of the volleyball tournament and the B side went to the Chesterville Yahoos.

**Iroquois Council** allowed Seaway District High School to put a radio transmitting antenna on top of the village's water tower. The High School was in the process of establishing a new low-power FM radio station.

**Regional Cable TV was expanding** its service to Iroquois, Morrisburg and Cardinal residents. The company received permission to add an additional satellite dish to property near the village's sewage treatment plant. The company also got permission to enlarge its eight foot by eight foot building on the property. The enlargement was due to requests for movie channels.

**Morrisburg Recreation learned** that activation of the Morrisburg Arena's ice plant might be delayed by as much as two weeks. Morrisburg Reeve Gord McGregor told the group that an inspection of the arena revealed damage to one of the main beams and further closer inspection revealed damage to at least two more beams and another 19 joint plates. Arena inspections are required every five years and cost $500. The more intensive second inspection cost $3,000.

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## Focus

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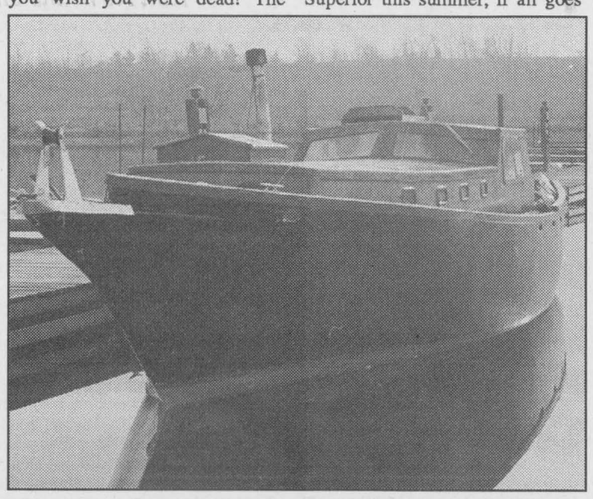
high powered generator will be installed. The 50 horsepower Perkins engine in her was used for power to get this far.

After the Ice was launched in eastern Canada, the Nowlans sailed around the Gaspe coast and headed up the mighty St. Lawrence River. One of the main concerns before they left was the thought of getting sea sick. "We had a bet on who would get sick first," laughs Ron. He had heard a song about sea sickness hitting in three stages...first you think you are going to be sick, you feel as if you are going to die and thirdly you wish you were dead! The good thing is that usually it only lasts three days. The Nowlans took precautions, by buying every medication they could find to prevent, cure or at least ease the pain of the curse of the sea.



*Northern Ice docked in Iroquois*

This marvellous steel and cement ship docked at Iroquois Marina just as the ice was starting to form in the slip. Lifted out and set carefully on dry land to be worked on through the winter months, she will be placed back into the merky St. Lawrence in the spring. Built with loving care by her owners, Ron and Juliette Nowlans, she is a magnificent vessel. *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

A friend, Leigh Murdock, who is an engineer began the journey along with the Nowlans, but had to turn back at New Castle on the Gaspe coast, leaving the Nowlans alone on the Ice. "We had loads of electronic toys to aid us with navigation, our radio, two depth sounders, a GPS and numerous others without which we could have been in trouble," says Ron; "At the least we would have taken longer than the three weeks it took us to arrive here."

The plan had called for them to leave New Brunswick on the 19th of November the day after the Ice was launched, but mechanical difficulties held them up until the 22nd.

Along the route there was ice to contend with as three or four days in a row an inch of ice had to be removed before they could move on, "It took an hour and a half to two hours to clear it off so we could get underway."

As we met Ron, he and his daughter were busy making sure that the Ice was lifted safely out of the water. Having had the ship launched with a special crane at the East Coast, the Nowlans watched as the Iroquois Marina crew carefully pulled into position and began securing the vessel. As the straps were placed strategically under the steel hull and the lift actually started, Ron watched anxiously. Then he ventured under his ship to check for damage incurred during the trip. Snapping photographs and movies of the entire process, they spoke proudly of the adventure the Northern Ice has been for the family.

"We hope to sail to Lake Superior this summer, if all goes as planned," notes Ron. He explains the technical side of the ship, quoting numbers as he tells how solidly she is and how the proper mix of cement was vital to the process. He shows pride as he tells how strong and safe his ship is.

Arriving in the ship yard where he can work on her this winter and next spring, the Ice sits quietly, keeping her secrets as her deck glistens in the winter sunshine.

Ron tells how there are some 27 flags of countries he and Juliette plan to visit already in the cabin...the dream lives on.

## Just Livin'

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For those faithful who know that this old writer forgot a couple of gifts at the store after they were paid for, will be happy to know that they were picked up in time for the visit from the old elf in the red suit.

Son number two is wearing an Avalanche hockey shirt, while the other son is the proud owner of a Buffalo Sabre shirt, new design and all. The old mother is hoping that she gets to wear them once in a while.

Once this issue is put to bed for the weekend, things at the ranch will swing into school mode as son number two wants to complete a rather large assignment before the semester begins again.

A phone call from an Aunt in the big city was welcome on Christmas Eve. We will wish her another Happy Birthday as she was a Boxing Day baby. She was at the cottage celebrating the season with son and his family. A lovely spot at any time, this time of the year would be nothing short of spectacular, the scenery and all.

With a little free time coming up, letters will get written and sent to those who deserve a reply.The ironing pile will dwindle and some quality family time will be spent with the sons.

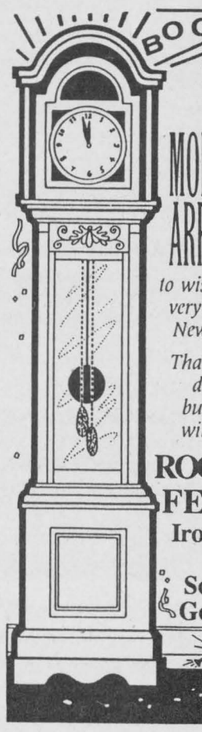
A pair of earrings that match the anniversary ring were a surprise for the old writer. Seems the old fellow purchased these on the Scout trip way back in October, and hid them til now...what a guy! Not a peep, and they were hidden all this time, probably right under my nose!

The eyes are trying to cross and the fingers are protesting, enough already...so I will leave you for another week, the last in 1996. Stay tuned for the new year as we swing into 1997-wow, time waits for none of us.

Just before I go, how many were able to stare skyward on Christmas Eve and see the full moon? It was the last full moon on a Christmas Eve until later in the 2000s, so if you did see it, as this writer did, you were fortunate.

This week's wisdom comes from John Andrew Holmer, who said, "There is no experience better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." Take care and have a safe holiday. Look to the new year as a beginning; do some of the things you have only dreamed of doing.

Happy and safe New Year!





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## *Lions win!*

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions are 2.5 games out of a playoff spot, but came a little closer last week when they defeated the Alexandria Glens 7-6 in a hard fought battle. Picture above, former Morrisburg Junior B Lion Rob "Blades of Steel" Casselman prepares to drop the puck in a second period face-off. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

# Morrisburg Bantam B Lions defeat Nepean in tournament championship

**by Michael Bailey**
**Chieftain Staff Reporter**

The Morrisburg Bantam B Lions defeated Nepean 4-1 in the "A" championship game of their tournament in Morrisburg, Monday December 23.

Opening the tournament at 8 am against the South Grenville Rangers, Morrisburg got off to a bit of a slow start, but picked up the pace at the end of the first period.

With 2:26 left in the opening frame, Joel Adams hit Brad Casselman with a beautiful pass for what would turn out to be the game winning goal.

Then, with three seconds left, Eric Irvine scored on a feed from Nick Hall.

Michael Gibson, in net for the Rangers, held off the attacking Lions in the second frame, but two more in the third period gave Morrisburg a convincing 4-0 win.

Hall and Bartt Notman each scored unassisted goals for Morrisburg.

The shut-out went to Nick Hart in the Lions cage.

### Game 2

With a two hour rest in between games, the Lions were ready for the North Dundas Devils in game two of the tournament.

The tournament's Most Valuable Player, Morrisburg's Joey Dufresne, who had an outstanding day defensively for the home-town team, was the first to register a goal in game two.

Dufresne capitalized on a pass from Robert Annable and with 6:19 left in the first, the Lions had a 1-0 lead.

Sixteen seconds later, Notman crossed an amazing pass to Greg Millard and he blasted it past Lucas Gallo to give the Lions a 2-0 lead.

Morrisburg added another goal in the first for a 3-0 lead when Millard picked up his second of the game at the 5:11 mark. Millard's second goal was assisted by Corey French and Brian Scott.

Craig Danchuk made the game 3-1 when he beat Lions goal Nick Hart with 1:02 left in the first, but that was the only goal the Winchester team would score.

Millard capped off a three point game with an assist on Josh Tambash's goal at 8:56 of the second.

### Championship

With two wins in the A stream of the tournament, the Lions headed to the championship game against Nepean.

Nepean had earned the right to play in the championship game after doubling Athens 6-3 and hammering Canton 6-2.

Nick Hart, who had been outstanding in net for the Lions over the course of the day, did not disappoint in the championship game, allowing his team to gain an early lead.

At 8:46, Nick Hall turned the puck over in neutral territory and carried it into the Nepean zone, beating Adam Findlay to give Morrisburg a 1-0 lead.

The Lions second unanswered goal of the period came less than a minute later when Millard poke checked the puck away from one of the Nepean players and passed it to Joel Adams.

Adams found Brad Casselman in the open and with a precision pass, placed the puck on his stick.

Faking the one-timer, Casselman had Findlay moving before the shot came and them buried it in the mesh behind the sprawling Nepean goalie.

To his credit, Findlay had a good second period, holding off the attacking Morrisburg forwards and keeping his team in the game.

In fact, with 6:47 left in the third period, Treyman Burrows game Lions' fans a scare.

Notching his fourth goal of the tournament, Burrows counter cut the Morrisburg lead to one.

The Lions however, broke the Nepean momentum when Adams went to the net alone. Twisting his way through the defenders, Adams went upstairs to regain the Lions two goal lead.

Then, less than three minutes away from a championship, Brian Scott and Thomas Casselman combined on a picture perfect passing play to send Irvine to the Nepean net.

Finding the five hole, Irvine added some insurance giving the Lions a 4-1 victory over Nepean, and the championship title.

# Around the league

Action in the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey league continued over the holiday season with the Rideau Division leading Athens Aeros (16-7-3), defeating the basement dwelling Brockville Tikis (3-25-0), 9-5.

Athens continued their winning ways with a 7-4 victory over the visiting Nepean Raiders on the 22nd of December.

In second place in the Rideau Division, with a 15-10-1 record, the Gananoque Islanders gave up two points to Picton and another two to Ernestown.

Holding down third place in the Rideau Division with an 8-17-1 record, the Westport Rideaus also lost two games last week. Picton downed the Rideaus 7-4 and North Frontenac squeaked out a 2-1 victory.

South Grenville, in fourth place with a 4-22-0 record, lost 8-6 to Ernestown and 6-3 to North Frontenac.

### St. Lawrence Division

Morrisburg split the week's action with a 7-6 win over the Alexandria Glens, and a 9-2 loss to the league leading Kemptville 73's on the 22nd of December.

Holding down fourth place in the St. Lawrence Division, the 10-13-8 Winchester Hawks gained some ground on the bottom feeding Lions with victories over Char Lan and Alexandria.

The Hawks now have a two and a half game lead over the Lions in the race for the last play-off spot.

Despite a dismal performance against the Hawks, the Char Lan Rebels gave the best team in the league a run-for-their-money on the 21st of December.

Visiting the Rebels haunt, the Kemptville 73's needed overtime to knock off the home town team 4-3. Had Char Lan come up with the win, it would have been the 73's first lost of the season!

### Scoring race

Kemptville, on a 26 game unbeaten streak, also holds down the top five positions in the St. Lawrence Division scoring race. Andrew Williams (21 goals, 37 assists), Andrew McVey (21 goals, 30 assists), Glen Brown (20 goals, 27 assists), Greg Kealey (18 goals, 26 assists) and Jeff Ricci (12 goals, 32 assists), have accumulated a total of 244 points in just 26 games.

Together, these hockey players are averaging 9.4 points per game!

Winchester's Ryan Nichol slipped into the sixth position with 28 goals and 15 assists for a total of 43 points.

The Rebel's Eric Fontaine holds down seventh place with 40 points.

Eighth and ninth place go to Morrisburg's Corey McAllister (25 goals, 12 assists) and Nick Dixon (13 goals, 20 assists) and tenth place is filled by Dan Dupuis from the Rebels, with 32 points.

### Rideau Division

Athens Aeros veteran and franchise player Kark Herbison continues to dominate the Rideau Division scoring race with 31 goals and 27 assists for a total 69 points.

In a distant second place, Gananoque's Ryan Vivian has 15 goals and 23 assists for 38 points.

Third place belongs to Mark Millward of the Rideaus with 37 points. Fourth place belongs to Jeff Scobie of the Islanders with 34 points.




## *Donation*

Pictured above, Chris Merkley thanks Jim Primrose for the donation Jim's Performance Plus made to his soccer team. The money from the donation was used to register the soccer team for the first half of the season. Merkley's team plays in the Cornwall Indoor Soccer League. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

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## Christmas

begins to feel that all that matters in life is money and standing among the business community. As others wed and leave the circle that could have moulded Ebenezer differently, he is taken in another direction by the spirits. Party merriment do not draw him any more. Fezziwig and his Missus (Deborah Smith-Peto) enjoys the season and his daughters find suitors. Clovia Fezziwig (Julie Breuer) and her sister, Saffronella (Nicole Bing) were to wed Dick (Ray Besharah) and Cecil (Andrew McCourt), while Belle and Scrooge went their separate ways.

Then Scrooge is whisked away as Christmas Present (played admirably by Ab Carr) to the home of his employee, Bob Cratchit (Don Smith) where the entire family, Mrs Cratchit (Esther Noon), and their four children: Belinda (Lizzi Laurin), Martha (Nicole Bing), Peter (Ray Besharah) and Tiny Tim (Nicholas Whelan) were sharing a meagre Christmas that was high on love and spirit of the season. As the family raise a glass in his honour, Scrooge begins to realize the harsh reality of his miserliness and how it affects the man who does more than his share at the accounting office each day under less than ideal circumstances thanks to Scrooge. Christmas Present shows Scrooge "greed"and"want" personified (Robyn Carr and Woody McCadden). He reminds Scrooge of things he has said about death creating more room for those who live, the workhouses providing for the needs of people and such.

As Christmas Yet to Come (Brad Lynn) takes Scrooge to where peddlers and rag collectors hover like vultures waiting a death, some comedic relief enters the play as the Charlady (played so well by Anne Chande) reaps the rewards of her pillage, it is the vision of his name engraved in a cemetery stone that finally strikes the nerve that gets Scrooge to change his thinking pattern.

When Scrooge awakens to Christmas Day, he is ready to alter his ways immediately and sets out to provide for those who have stood by him. The turkey, brought by the poulterer (Tony McCadden) and sent to the Cratchit home is nothing short of amazing (and funny). As Tiny Tim and Scrooge become fast friends, as Fred welcomes his uncle Scrooge to dinner and Mrs. Fred ( Tiffany Daoust) is so pleased that Scrooge has come and made Fred so happy.

Scrooge learned how to keep Christmas well...all year long.

Of note is certainly Iroquois' own Charlie Marsden who everyone knew would be the perfect Scrooge...he was. His moments where humour crept into his portrayal of the miserly old fool added a certain something to the role and allowed the audience to not hate Ebenezer all the time.

Reverend Don Smith plays the foil to Scrooge as Bob Cratchit, who bears his burdens in life well.

His handicapped child, Tiny Tim seems a welcome addition to his life rather than a burden. He works for meagre wages and provides for a large family. The warmth and love they share makes up for any material wealth they lack. His quiet and serene manner add a touch of humour as well, and in complete contrast to Scrooge.

Adam Millard does a great job as Fred and the Undertaker; Trevor Riopelle is a believable young adult Scrooge; Laura Barkley has to play a Belle who loses her Ebenezer and a dying Fran, both done well; the youngsters do a terrific job as they each play their part in turn...Woody, Patrick, Robyn, Leanne, and of course Nicholas.

This writer enjoyed Ab Carr as Christmas Present. He reminded me of the part in the original version which is a Christmas tradition at our house.

Ken Melchin's fiddle added something rare to the show and Jeanne Ward's guitar helped the show too. The Seaway Valley Singers provided appropriate music at just the right time throughout the show (under the direction of Michael Goodwin). The special effects were better than anticipated by this reporter (an early rehearsal visit promised some awesome stuff), and the paper mache turkey was terrific!

The sleigh filled with real looking fruit for Christmas Present was great, and it crossed my mind that the ingenuity and imagination of the volunteers who created these was just marvellous.

Folks who were on stage and not mentioned include, Peggy Taylor, Samanatha Trory, Glenna Walkdon, Chris Miller, Jessica Calder, and Amber Windsor, who all did a fine job.

Putting this entire project together was no small feat. Under the watchful eye of Gregson and his wife Rachel (UCP General Manager), everything was made to work. As Gregson wrote in the programme: "Volunteers made this play with their enthusiasm. A big show is work, yet, they've made it fun. Most of the children have never performed before, but they have taught us good will and concentration. They have been marvellous. The volunteer crew built the set from scratch...beds on wheels, the door, the sleigh, the fruit, the poultry. Look at the costumes. Look at Cratchits' fireplace (a cardboard box!)...I am so impressed, No, I am in awe. Thank You!! What a welcome to your community!!

Christmas spirit alive and well...a caring community came together and produced a marvellous gift for all who came to enjoy A Christmas Carol.Thank You all.

*Watch for children playing*



## *A Scrooge Christmas Carol*

*Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

Local talent created a Christmas Carol to remember at Upper Canada Playhouse. Pictured are Adam Millard (Fred), Tiffany Doaust (Mrs. Fred), Don Smith (Bob Cratchit) and Charlie Marsden (Scrooge) standing while Esther Noon (Mrs. Cratchit) and Nicholas Whelan (Tiny Tim) are seated. A wonderful Christmas gift to the area, the play was indeed "the thing."

# Police investigate four car accident

The Prescott detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated a four vehicle accident which occurred at 4:20 pm on December 26th.

At the time light snow was falling, with the roadway partially covered. Traffic was heavy and slow moving when a northbound car attempted to pass a long line of traffic by Jochem's Road in Edwardsburgh Township (just north of Spencerville).

The northbound car, driven by 20 year old Mucktar Ayanle of Charlotte North Carolina, struck a southbound care being driven by 36 year old Jan Kilburn of Kemptville.

This collision threw the Ayanle vehicle onto the west shoulder of the roadway and caused the Kilburn vehicle to spin out of control.

The southbound Kilburn vehicle then struck a northbound care being operated by 34 year old David Thomas of Ottawa. The Thomas vehicle was pushed off onto the east shoulder of the road and the Kilburn car was then struck by another northbound car being driven by 61 year old David Page of Burlington.

Neither page or Ayanle were hurt.

All four vehicles were virtually destroyed in the collisions.

Injuries were suffered by Jan Kilburn and his passenger Deborah Kukkonen of Kemptville. Kilburn was treated and released at Kemptville while Kukkonen was kept for observation, Kilburn with cuts and Kukkonen a possible concussion.

David Thomas was also treated and released for cuts at Kemptville while his passenger, 29 year old Alison Uncles of Ottawa was transferred to the Civic Hospital in Ottawa to be held for observation for bruising as she is 8.5 months pregnant.

Police feel luck was with these motorists as no one was more seriously injured in the collisions.

As a result of the investigation, Mr. Mucktar Ayanle has been charged with careless driving.

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## Community Calendar

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

**St. Paul's Anglican Church, Cardinal,** will kick off a year of celebrations in honour of the **125th year in the village,** with a **New Year Levee. Ecumenical service at noon, Levee in Parish Hall, 1 p.m.**

**Tree Burning & Skating Party,** sponsored by **Iroquois Recreation, Sat., Jan. 4th, 6 p.m., Iroquois Rink.** FREE tree pickup Sat. morning. Donations gratefully accepted. Refreshments available.

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

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

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

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# Looking back at Iroquois and district over the year 1996

## Looking back

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### *September*

**Local schools boasted of higher than ever enrolments** as the term began. IPS saw an increase of some 32 students necessitating the construction of a portable classroom to accommodate them. St Cecilia grew as well due to the small grade 8 class that graduated last June. SDHS also added some students and came in at over 565 this year to get started. A new VP came on board and the high school will have to contend with the changing of the system at the grade 9 level and the phasing out of grade 13.

**An International organization of Airstream trailer owners,** the Wally Byan Caravan Club International, dubbed Silver City (Most of the motorhomes are silver) arrived in South Mountain for a four-day stay in the area.

**Brian Howald of Morrisburg had published his first novel,** The Chopper of Lucy Electra" is based on the Seaway move.

**Kemptvilles' Snowmobile Klub hosted their fifth annual Sno'Show.** A resounding success this event drew over 1200 people to the small town to check out what is offered for the snow season ahead.

**Upper Canada Golf Course held their annual Ladies Open** and although the weather was not perfect, everyone enjoyed the day. Local winners included Ida Palmer, Nelly Leightizer and Lisa Bailey.

**Seaway Hoops basketball program** operated by Irv Francis and Scott Corden proved to be a great success. Helping youngsters gain the skills necessary they are fortunate to have such good teachers.

**Marjorie and Sam Keyes celebrated their 50th** wedding anniversary with family and friends at the Iroquois United Church.

**The HMCS Toronto, a naval frigate** slipped through the Iroquois Locks and headed home to Halifax. Spending the summer travelling to create an awareness of the Canadian Navy, this very sophisticated of warships docked in Johnstown and the general public was allowed on board to check out the fourth of the twelve patrol frigates entering into service in this country.

**The Ice Plant at the Morrisburg Arena was operational** for the 96'97 season. Necessary repairs were in the works and things were looking good for the hockey season.

**Work was set to begin on the new outdoor skating rink in Inkerman.** The Recreation Association of the small community are covering the costs with fund raising efforts and will not rely on the taxpayers to cover any costs.

**St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Morrisburg celebrated** their 120th Anniversary in style as a parade of Pastors brought back many who stood at one time in the pulpit of the local church.

**Joey Merkley wanted to see Garth Brooks** and was confident that it would happen. As the show at the Corel Centre drew closer, things were not looking great. Teachers at IPS where Joey attends as a DC student had tried everything and could not get a ticket for the young fan...then in the nick of time a ticket was given to him and there was no doubt this young man enjoyed the concert.

**New Morrisburg Junior B Lions coach, Terry McDonald** looked to the season ahead with thoughts of the year being a rebuilding year for the team. A low number of returning players and a lot of fresh faces in the lineup along with their top overage players unable to return, will ensure that things will get back to basics for this year.

**Councillor Art Roberts resigned from the Library Board.** Lines of communication between the Board and the Council seemed to have been having difficulty and Roberts was frustrated with his volunteer position. Audrey Rooney became Council's liaison person.

**The 147th Warden's Banquet was held in Dixon's Corners** as folks gathered to show their appreciation to the latest Warden of the three United Counties. Charles Barkley may well be the last in a prestigious line of Wardens. The last time Matilda Township had their Reeve named Warden was 15 years ago when George Cooper had the distinction.

**Hockey enrolment in Morrisburg was down this year.** Initiation players had to pay this year, last year it was free so numbers were up considerably. As well a fund raising fee of $100 was payable by each player upon registration, due to user fees and restraints on money from other sources.

**The SDRC announced that the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club had a large amount of money** in GICs purchased almost a year ago. Members were divided over this issue some thinking it good to have reserves while others felt it wrong for a non-profit organization to be sitting with such an amount of money.

### *October*

**Iroquois Council heard some complaints** on their composting idea, while at the same time they heard from a large number of people who felt it was long overdue. The site, it was reported seems to be fermenting on its own and requires only to be turned once a month. The process works effectively on its own. It was decided to allow the composting to run on a trial basis for the year and then discuss its merits.

**Apple Day was celebrated in the Iroquois area** as the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts worked together to sell juicy McIntosh Reds. All donations for the apples received help the youth involved in the programs with activities and equipment.

The **SDRC were found to owe the Morrisburg Minor Hockey Association** some $24,407 in back subsidy payments. It was decided that the Association would seek financial support from the municipalities to cover the loss. The money goes for ice time and referee fees.

**Morrisburg Council voted to proceed with Phase II** of the South Dundas Amalgamation Study. One dissention among the members was heard as Councillor Schnurr suggested that he did not agree with the Ministry telling municipalities what to do.

The **annual Waterfowl Day was hosted by Ducks Unlimited** at the Bird Sanctuary. Scout and Cub groups came along to camp for the weekend and take part in the nature learning, trail walking and bird banding. They also constructed bird houses and learned how hunters use Goose calls. Artist Brenda Carter from Merrickville was on hand with some of her excellent works on display and for sale. Artisans showed their work as well and provided a wonderful learning experience for all despite the inclement weather.

The **Iroquois Scout troop returned from a Camporee** in Pennsylvania over Thanksgiving weekend. Camping with American Scouts gives the Troop something real to draw from when they work to realize that young people all over the world are taking part in the same movement they are a part of.

**Reverend Bill Byers came to the Parish** of Morrisburg-Iroquois-Riverside Heights as the new Anglican Minister. He replaced Harry Brown who retired. Bill and his family were getting settled into their new routine and were welcomed to the parish. Making new friends and getting their bearings in the area, the Byers family welcomed the Bishop who inducted Bill into his new position.

The **Junior B Lions continued their losing streak,** as they bowed under pressure from their opponents. Sitting in the basement they were rebuilding slowly as the season progressed.

The **Junior girls Basketball squad** was on a winning run while the seniors were not faring as well on the court.

**IPS boasted two winners** as the Senior boys were winners in a round robin tourney at Nationview and the senior gals were B champs in soccer play as they hosted the tourney.

**Seaway students listened and learned** about the history of the waters in the area as diver,Dave Lockhart spoke about the ships that are in the St. Lawrence that divers explore and how his hobby became his work.

**Matilda Township held an Ontario Municipal Board hearing** in an attempt to deal with a dispute over the land separation distance of 210 metres that is required. This distance applies to that required between residential land and that designated as aggregate reserve property. No decision was forthcoming, but a written statement would come in due course.

The **annual Williamsburg Fallfest** was a huge success despite the inclement weather. A celebration of community, this annual event has everyone pulling together in a common cause and the results prove that nothing can stop those determined for fun. From the parade to the house decorations, to the create a farm animal to the biggest pumpkin there was something for everyone.

When **Highway 2 becomes the responsibility of the Counties** on April Fool's day 1997, the Province is downloading , the taxpayers will be hard pressed to pay for the repairs. The Harris government is paying only half of what is needed to maintain the highway and so when it falls under the county system, there will be much work necessary.

A **fire left the Michael Ryan Jr. family homeless.** The family was away at the time that smoke was noticed coming from the windows by a passerby. When the fire department responded it was too late to save the interior of he home on College Street in Iroquois.

**Seaway had voted for their student council reps,** including Dave Millard, Barbi Law, Natalie Patterson, Jennifer Morrow and Saskia Jarvis.

### *November*

**IPS was bursting at the seams and a new portable classroom** was under construction to accommodate the overflow of students. Once complete it will alleviate problems caused by a larger than projected enrolment.

**The Library Board dedicated three books** to the memory of living legend, Doctor Peter Playfair who passed away one year ago. Dr. Playfair was a Board member and most involved in the activities of the Library in the village throughout his life here. The books will be used in the Library and remain a tribute to a fine man.

The **Tory Party is rebuilding.** Sandra Lawn, John Doran and Gord Brown were vying for the position of Leeds/Grenville nominee for the Federal party.

The **Scouts hosted their annual Haunted House** and a large number of people came out to be scared as they were taken through the mystic creations that the Scouts came up with. The money raised goes into the CJ"97 fund and will be used so that everyone can attend this once in a lifetime event in Thunder Bay this summer.

The **Morrisburg Figure Skating Club** was sending eight skaters to the Sectionals at the Minto Skating Club in Ottawa.

The **Junior boys Volleyball team were red hot** as they spiked their way to victory over all comers. Brandon Cassell was top man on the court and Brad Boivin was out for the season due to a football injury. Sitting in second place for the A school division, Seaway will try to recapture the title they lost last year.

**Haddo Recreation hosted their annual fall car rally** and it was a resounding success for the group.

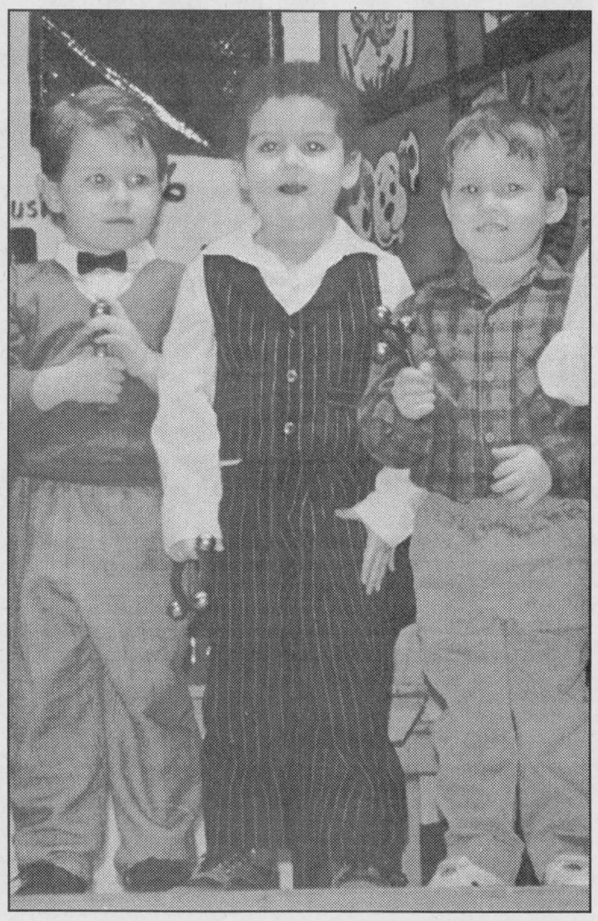
**Paul Claxton recorded a perfect cribbage hand** at the Legion. For those not aware a perfect hand is 29.

**A Safe-T-First identification system protection** step was taken by numerous parents as they had their youngsters photos taken, their finger prints stamped and vital stats recorded, in case the unthinkable should happen and their child were kidnapped. A safety precaution, these folks were ahead of the game.

**Carrie Barkley had returned from Russia** where she played hockey. A student at Concordia University in Montreal, she is known for her sportsmanship on and off the ice. This unique experience was shared with readers.

**IPS came home from a cross country event** held the Bird Sanctuary with the gold. Tops in the 12-year old boys and girls categories as well as the 13-year old gals.

**The Garden moved to a new location** and will bloom again in the spring. Jeff Arsenault who created this wonderful place moved his family to a new home across town from the previous location on Casselman Road. He has some plants in place and the fence and gazebo are set, the bench and the walkway are installed. The pond awaits the fish and the herb garden is ready, when things get growing, The Garden will once again extrude happiness and a feeling of peace and contentment.



*Chieftain Photo by M. C.Bailey*

### *Three young men*

Singing their hearts out,. these youngsters stand tall, and proud. Young people all around the area were caught by cameras from The Chieftain as they took part in their school Christmas concerts this year.They all helped make it a very Merry Christmas indeed!

**Seasons' Shop and Garden Centre** was in the seasonal mode as they had Christmas everywhere. Their open house drew large numbers of curious and shoppers alike. A terrific place to grab that certain something special for that someone on everybody's list.

An **early morning fire destroyed the home** directly across from the Golf Club house. No one was in the home at the time, but the interior was gutted.

Work was progressing on bringing a **local radio station to the area.** It would be based at Seaway High where presently The Storm blasts out to the school each and every day. Seeking community help to operate and suggest options for programming so that the station meets the needs and interests of the people it will serve.

A letter was sent concerning the issues at task for the **Library in the village.** The future of the Library with Amalgamation looming had more than a few people wondering what would happen to the public institution. Council assured everyone that the Library will remain as is no matter what.

**The area observed Remembrance Day** in a fitting manner. Iroquois, Morrisburg, Matilda, and Mountain had services to honour those who gave the supreme sacrifice on our behalf. **Legion awards** were presented to those deserving of honours as they were thanked for their dedication and service to the communities thev call home.

### *December*

**Iroquois Council learned that they have Sewage problems** that will require attention over the next few years. The Sewage Collection Optimization Study Draft Report indicated that the village will need to rehabilitate their sewer collections system in order to reduce high levels of extraneous flow. The purpose of the study was to investigate problems and advice on correcting deficiencies in the sewage system. Council needs to look at cost effectiveness as well.

**The Angel tree was in place** at the Bank of Montreal. Sponsored by The Chieftain, the tree ensures that youngsters less fortunate than most will have something under their tree this Christmas. By taking an angel and replacing it with a gift, a smile is certain to appear on a small face this year.

**Elementary teachers of the Ontario English Catholic Teacher's Association,** the SD&G unit voted in favour of strike action after negotiations broke down.

**The floating casino, The Showboat** cruised past Iroquois enroute to Chicago and turned more than few heads. A beautiful ship, this colourful dream ship was docked east of the locks for a bit.

**Two new Cubs were invested** into the Iroquois Pack. Akela welcomed Matlock Guse and Colin Vanderpoel.

**The Junior B Lions scored a win** against Brockville. Their fourth this season they proved they can get the job done.

**Kenneth Chung and his skating partner, Allison Murphy** will advance to the Divisionals in Quebec after placing fourth at the Sectionals in Ottawa.

**Santa made his first appearance** in the area at Rooney Feeds in Iroquois. Dropping by to allow pet owners to have their favourite feline or puppy, hedgehog or guppy photographed with him, the SPCA were pleased with the turnout.

**The Scouts were presented with yet another cheque.** This time it came from the Cardinal Lions Club to assist the youth group make it to CJ'97.

**The Toronto Maple Leaf Oldtimers** drew a crowd in the Morrisburg arena, even Santa Claus arrived to see the likes of Andy Bathgate and Walt McKenchie play some pretty great hockey. A fundraiser for the arena, it was a successful event that everyone who came out for enjoyed.

**Aggie Casselman celebrated her 95th** birthday with family and friends. She told us that aches and pains are not part of her life and she had no explanation for her longevity, no secrets to help others and no advise.

**The basketball courts at Seaway were hot** as the boys teams, Midgets, Juniors and Seniors all grabbed convincing wins in their openers.

**The Lions were able to extend their unbeaten streak** as they defeated Westport and South Grenville Rangers at home in Morrisburg.

**Morrisburg's open meeting on Amalgamation** provided no answers as the general public is as unsure of what the best scenario is for this move. Questions were raised but no definite answers were forthcoming, since no one is sure of what to expect. No firm figures on actual savings are yet available.

**Seaway drama classes presented Alice in Wonderland** as their major project for the semester. Performed at UCP, the play was well done and the crowds who came to see went away smiling. Elementary students came in droves to watch and choose their favourite character from Wonderland. They were able to see the actors and actresses minus some of their costumes so they knew there was nothing to be afraid of.

**Noble Villeneuve, MP spoke in the area.** As Minister of Agriculture and Food, he told those attending that Amalgamation will not be forced upon any municipality. He warned however that each would have to consider the financial repercussions, and deal with doing better with less as the province doles out less and less to the municipalities.

**The Village of Morrisburg sold property to IPCF Properties Incorporated** to allow the owners of Wheelers Valu-Mart to extend their store an additional 30 feet to the west. Parking is to be enhanced at the westerly portion of the plaza to accommodate vehicles and make up for those spaces taken by the expansion.

**Santa came to Iroquois** to present each wee visitor with a bag of treats and enjoyed a hearty breakfast with those who turned out. The Scout Troop hosted and did the cooking and serving of eggs, sausages, pancakes, juice, coffee, tea and toast.

The **Friends of the Sanctuary** invited everyone to take part in a wreath making session at the bird Sanctuary. The finished products were marvellous.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# Seaway Reports

**by Sarah-Jane Whittaker**

In celebration of the arrival of the Christmas break, Seaway hosted its annual Christmas Variety Show on Friday December 20th. Several Classes took the opportunity to display their creative skills: Mr. Price's OAC English Class and Mr. McAllister's Grade Eleven French Immersion Class performed their renditions of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," while Ms. Bentley's Grade Eleven English Class brought Mr. Bean to Seaway. OSAID and the healthy Lifestyles Committee performed skits with important holiday messages for Seaway students. Music included a harmony performed by Siggy Leslie and Margaret Barkley, a duet performed by Angie and Andrew Thompson, and orchestrations performed by Seaway's bands and choir.

Seaway's faculty presented parodies of Friends and Seinfeld, while Mrs. Birtch took an interesting piano lesson from Miss Flaherty. The musical Grease arrived at Seaway, thanks to the air-band team of Megan Swerdfeger and Kylie Adams. Finally, students were delighted with the performances of school bands bOb, Pants and Succotash. Congratulations to Miss Kristine Flaherty and Miss Wendy Gibb for a successful show.

Seaway's bands and choir were occupied for the majority of last week. On Monday night, the ensemble presented an evening concert to raise donations of canned food for Seaway's Christmas Food Drive. The group then hosted a performance for Iroquois Public School and St. Cecilia's Separate School on Tuesday, then travelled to Morrisburg Public School the next day for another performance. Our bands were well-received by all of their audiences, and deserve the rest that they will acquire in the Christmas holidays.

# Recycling looked at

**by Steve Coleman**
**Chieftain Staff Reporter**

Edwardsburgh council decided Dec. 16 to recycle two bids it received to collect re-useable material.

A deal the township worked out with TCL Waste Systems in Brockville to collect recyclable goods at no cost in '96 came back with a $27,845 price tag for the new year. A tender from a Carleton Place company would have cost $37,200 for the year.

For the last year, the Brockville firm has been putting out blue boxes and bins and collecting them when they're filled. For collecting the goods at no charge, the company sold the contents it picked up.

A surplus of second-hand goods on the market dropped the prices for most of the products and changed all of that. About the only recycled product that's still selling well is the aluminum from soft drink cans.

Instead of accepting the tenders received for last Monday's council meeting, Reeve David Dobbie and Clerk Richard Bennett decided to phone around to see if they could find a better deal from a local hauler.

"It would have cost $5,700 to collect corrugated cardboard (with the tendered contracts)," said Dobbie. "We would have been better off recycling the ashes and turning them into lye soap. For recycling to work in Ontario, the provincial government has to get involved."

Edwardsburgh was lucky it signed its last contract when it did, said Bennett.

Augusta Township had to pay a higher price than some of the deals signed by other areas earlier in the year. After that, the price really went up.

Edwardsburgh council expects it could have more estimates ready for the first township council meeting on Jan. 6. The current contract expires when the calendar changes to 1997.

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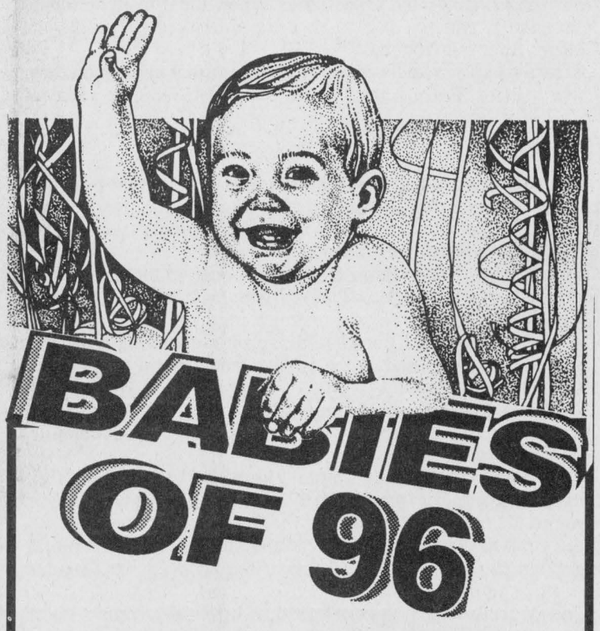


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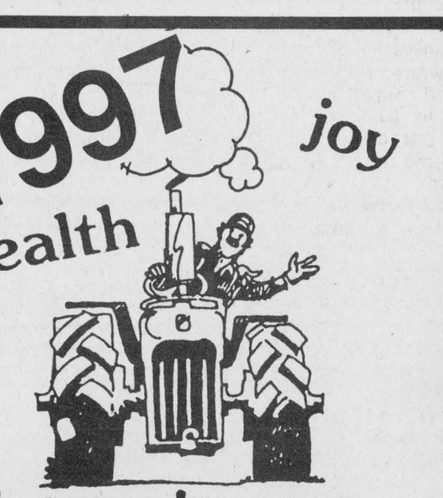


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# Looking back at Cardinal and district over the year 1996

## *January*

**Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw** announced that council was looking forward to the challenges of 1996. On the agenda for 1996, council planned to complete their new municipal building.

**Despite the challenges that Mountain** Council faced in 1995, Reeve Estella Rose believed the year had been a productive one. Rose gave a great deal of credit to the many volunteers in the township.

**Cardinal Public Works Superintendent** James Wonch explained that there had been a great deal of plowing done in 1995, but believed that he and his crew could deal effectively with the snow.

**The Ontario Snowmobile Safety** Committee was warning everyone that unstable ice on lakes and rivers could prove fatal if care was not taken.

**Edwardsburgh council passed** a bylaw accepting a $4200 fee for first-response coverage from the Village of Cardinal. The agreement covered Cardinal Fire Department's cost for calls in the south end of Edwardsburgh Township. Council hoped to renegotiate its agreement with Prescott Fire Department for the same services in Johnstown.

**Mountain Township received word** from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that its road grants and unconditional grants would be cut by $75,032 in 1996. Every municipality was receiving funding in one lump sum through the Ontario Municipal Support Program.

**The Nation Valley Snowmobile Association** received a $500 award from the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile clubs for its membership sales. According to South Dundas Club President Jeff Whitteker, Nation Valley ranked fifth in all of Ontario for the most increased sales by November 1st.

**Police investigated a motor vehicle** collision on Highway 43 near Kerr's Ridge Road. Sandra Greer of Mountain Township was driving west when the vehicle slid on ice and rolled into the ditch. The vehicle suffered severe damage, but no charge was laid.

**Miriam Woodland of the** Spencerville Fair Board announced that a 20 percent slash in grant money could put an end to the 140 year-old tradition in Spencerville. Woodland announced that the fair would be held in 1996, but was not sure beyond that.

**The Cardinal Lions Club sponsored** their third annual Tree Burning party west of the Cardinal Legion. Organizers estimated that between 200 and 300 people attended the event to watch their Christmas trees burn.

**Leroy Empey and ten of his Mountain** Township neighbours were doing what they could to protect themselves from being robbed. The neighbours decided to start a Neighbourhood Watch Program in Mountain.

**The Ontario Association of Fire** Chiefs were forced to submit account books from their annual meeting and educational seminars to be audited. The request for the audit came from Prescott when it learned that $3,000 in seed money to get the convention off the ground would not be repaid.

**The Cardinal and District Resource** Centre announced it would be closing in 1996. The eight-member board of directors were busy with government agencies and breaking the news to clients.

## *February*

**A faulty switch left Cardinal** residents Jim and Joan Grant with a basement full of raw sewage. Joan Grant came down her basement stairs and found the sewage trickling into the basement. By the time the flooding stopped, there was four inches of sewage covering the floor. The problem was caused when the alarm at the Adelaide Street sewage pumping station did not go off.

**Cardinal council appointed** David Grant as the village building inspector. Grant, a certified water treatment plant operator was to work with chief building official Jim Grant.

**Cardinal council passed a** resolution to encourage village residents to take part in the 1996 census. Council told residents that completion of the forms would ensure that accurate and complete data would be collected by the government.

**Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw** was less than pleased with the provincial government over the closure of the Cardinal and District Resource Centre. Dishaw said he couldn't understand the government's decision.

**Edwardsburgh council passed** a new waste disposal bylaw that called for a 50 cent fee for garbage labels. It was projected that residents of the township would pay $26 annually to dump one bag of garbage, no heavier than 30 pounds, per week.

**The surf and turf dinner to** aid Winchester District Memorial Hospital raised $4,000. Organizer John Dalrymple had hoped to raise $2,500, and was extremely pleased that the event surpassed its goal.



*All Dressed up...* *Chieftain Photo by S.L.Johnston*

This young man and little lady were all dressed up for their Christmas Concert. Parents are so very proud of their youngsters as they perform in these annual events. The ties that bind the school and the community are such wonderful times shared.

**Cardinal council supported an** Elizabethtown Township resolution asking Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Al Leach to establish a committee or government task force to review the operations of the Ontario Municipal Board.

**Mountain Township Building** Inspector Richard Sharkey announced that February was a slow time of the year for him and the township. Only one building permit had been issued.

**Prescott OPP announced that alcohol** was not a factor in the triple fatality on Highway 401. Investigating officer, Const. Jules Morier described the roadway as extremely slippery with blowing snow.

**Benson Public School in Cardinal** held their Winter Carnival. The King was Mervin Winters, the Queen was Crystle Massy, the Prince was Brian Day and the Princess was Erika MacDonald. Limbo contest winners included Holly Roode, Kyle Davy, Meguel Brisson and Sara Byers.

**The Dundas Federation of** Agriculture announced that Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Noble Villeneuve would be the guest speaker at their annual banquet in South Mountain.

**Local Ontario Ministry of** Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs employees didn't know if they would be attending the annual Dundas Federation of Agriculture banquet. Employees working out of the Winchester OMAFRA office went on strike in February. They were among 55,300 unionized public servants who walked off the job.

**Cardinal and Edwardsburgh** Township residents who relied on the Cardinal and District Resource Centre for its home support program were told they could still do so. Despite the closing of the CDRC, the home support program would still operate.

**Prescott Ontario Provincial** Police officers in conjunction with the OPP Drug Enforcement Section announced the arrest and seizure of one of the largest quantities of hashish made in Eastern Ontario. Police arrested Michael Audre Courvette of St. Columbon, Quebec, at Angelo's Restaurant on Highway 16.

## *March*

**Faced with a $53,500 cut in** transfer payments from the provincial government, Edwardsburgh Reeve David Dobbie instructed all department heads to start off their budgetary process with sharp minds and sharp pencils.

**Guest speaker at the Dundas** Federation of Agriculture, Noble Villeneuve, told those in attendance that everyone would have to do more with less. He reminded several hundred people at the South Mountain agricultural hall that the province pays $25 million a day in interest payments.

**Mountain Township resident Nick** Zrymiak continued to look to Mountain council for support for the township's Community Watch program. Zrymiak was looking for council's authorization to put Community Watch signs throughout the township.

**Pet owners in Leeds, Grenville** and West Dundas, were encouraged to keep pet vaccinations current especially those for rabies and distemper. There had been an increase in reports of diseased raccoons in the area.

**A letter from M.S. Thompson and** Associates Ltd. sparked some heavy debate among members of Cardinal council. The engineers were responding to an enquiry concerning the existing pumping station in Cardinal.

**Amalgamation was the main discussion** at the annual Good Roads Convention in Toronto. Barrie Scott shared this information with Mountain Township council. Other topics included further funding cutbacks, contracting work, user fees, block funding and decision-making freedom.

**Singer-songwriter Robert Sprague** and his band Shadowlands agreed to make a special guest appearance at the annual Palliative Care Telethon in Brockville.

**Mountain Township council decided** not to make a $50 donation to the Dundas County Soil and Crop Improvement Association. Council members decided that residents have the opportunity to make individual donations to the association, so council shouldn't have to make a contribution.

**Due to government cutbacks the** Winchester District Memorial Hospital announced it would be closing 11 beds in the spring and would cut 12 full-time equivalent staff positions. Hospital president Don Smith said the changes would not have a negative affect on patient care.

**The Mountain Lions Club announced** it would be getting involved with the townships's Community Watch program. According to Lions member Brian Telford, the club members would be meeting with the Ontario Provincial Police to iron out the details.

**Jamie McIntosh began organizing** a recreational rollerblade hockey league in Winchester. Jamie was looking for players from across the county to make up the league.

**Students at Benson Public School** in Cardinal received their measles shots. Krista Sayeau from Benson posed for a picture which appeared on the front page of The Chieftain.

## *April*

**Roy Fawcett was attending a car** auction in Vars when he received word his Mountain Township organ warehouse was burning down. After the blaze, Fawcett said the fire would not put him out of business.

**Cardinal Deputy Reeve Rick** Patrick chaired the regular meeting of council in the absence of the reeve. Patrick commended the finance committee and chair at the County level for their excellent job as far as keeping the county levy as low as possible.

**Casco in Cardinal made** a generous donation of three computers to Benson Public School. The students showed their appreciation to plant manager Jim Grey during a special assembly in the gymnasium.

**Mountain Township building** inspector Richard Sharkey had been authorized by council to do whatever he had to so that township resident Terry Spratt would comply with a stop-work order.

**Faced with a $53,500 cut** from the province, Edwardsburgh Township reached into taxpayers pockets for the first time in three years. Council adopted a 1.5 percent municipal tax increase.

**Snow and rainy weather was playing** havoc with road maintenance in Mountain Township. Road superintendent Barrie Scott told council that township employees had been grading roads daily from noon until 8 pm.

**Flags were lowered across Mountain** Township as they mourned the passing of veteran politician Ewart Simms. The former township reeve and United Counties warden, had given over 20 years of service to the electorate.

**The Cardinal Fish and Game Club** announced it would be holding its annual junior mudpout derby at Sawmill Creek. Cash prizes were donated by the Cardinal Lions Club.

**The administrative staff of** Edwardsburgh Township received kudos from the auditors. John Gareau from the chartered accounting firm Craig, Gareau, Keen, Despatie and Markell, was impressed with the books and figures from Edwardsburgh.

## *May*

**Cardinal council passed a bylaw** declaring a zero percent increase in taxes. Council hoped to be able to provide the same level of services and still continue with a number of major projects in 1996, despite cuts in the provincial government's transfer payments that would leave the village $52,000 short of its expected revenues. A further reduction of 28 per cent in transfers was expected for 1997. Capital expenditures, such as those for the sewage treatment plant, were down a third from 1995, and this eased the cash crunch. The completion of the new treatment plant meant Casco no longer had to be paid to handle sewage for the town. Instead residents paid for the service directly.

**Union Employees of Cardinal's** Best Foods went on strike on the afternoon of May 6th over contract negotiations. Fifty-nine union employees walked off the job at 3 p.m. and picketed in

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*John Lee*
*Former Father*



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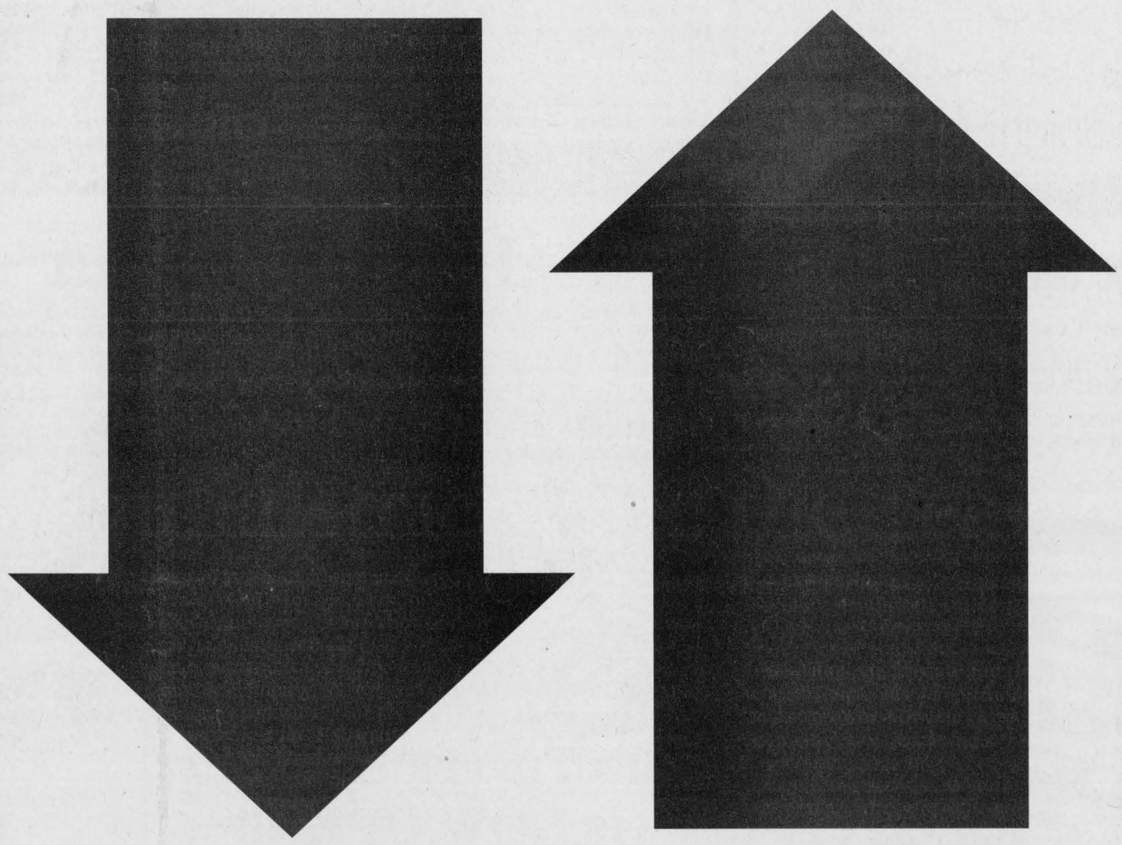

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The Chieftain Arts & Entertainment Page

✔*Don Morrell swings in Iroquois*
✔*Matilda hosts Running on Empty*
✔*Elvis is in the building at UCP*

Happy New Year

# Looking back at Cardinal and district 1996

## Looking back

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front of Best Foods temporary gate. Neither management or union officials would comment on the contract or negotiation process. Plant Manager Lloyd Casselman said Best Foods was continuing to produce with management. While Best Foods workers shared the same union as Casco employees, Casco workers were not on strike.

**Unionized employees of Cardinal's Best Foods** went back to work after a week of strike action. Forty-nine of the 59 unionized members voted on a new contract Saturday night, May 11th. Forty-four voted in favor and five against, according to plant manager Lloyd Casselman. According to Casselman the new contract included wage and benefit increases.

**The Cardinal Business Association's** annual trade fair was a great success as over 700 visitors crowded through the gates to attend the event. A record 52 exhibitors were on hand.

### *June*

**Cardinal Council held its first meeting** in the new municipal building. Amongst the business of the meeting was the issue of licensing cats. Councillors wrangled over the feasibility, but in the end Reeve Larry Dishaw directed the clerk-treasurer to write up a draft by-law for discussion. Also on the agenda was news from Mr. Walsh that the sewage treatment project was ahead of schedule by one month. Council agreed to give the Block Parent group $25 to cover insurance for members at schools, conferences, malls and parades.

**The Village of Cardinal** invited local citizens to attend the Saturday, June 22nd ribbon cutting ceremony for their new municipal building.

**Saturday, June 22nd, the general public** was invited to view, tour and share their opinions with village staff of the new municipal building at the corner of Queen Street and Highway 2. A ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. was followed by a reception and open house. In late May the municipal staff moved from their cramped quarters to the new facility. The new 3000 square foot building was equipped with air conditioning and built to be accessible to persons with disabilities. At a cost of $243,000 it was built under the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Works Program, with all three levels of government sharing equally in the cost.

### *July*

**Cardinal Council was putting** the finishing touches on a bylaw to license cats, restrict their movements and restrict the number of cats residents could own. The bylaw received two readings on Tuesday and Coun. Jim Pakeman called for public input. Pakeman who opposed the by law believed there needed to be a number of amendments, such as lowering the cost of licensing spayed and neutered cats in order to provide an incentive to owners to have their pets sterilized and thus control the cat population.

**A fire at Casco on June 28th** forced Cardinal firefighters to work at heights of more than 80 feet and in tunnels. The incident highlighted the need for training in high angle and restricted space rescue, said a report read to Cardinal Council, July 2. Council also heard that Lt. Dwayne Comstock had retired from the Cardinal Fire Department after 25 years of service. Firefighter John Haynes also resigned.

### *August*

**The Cardinal Sea Sharks** took first place against nine other teams in the Prescott Swim Meet, held July 27. They sent 36 swimmers to the meet and four came home with medalions as the top swimmers in their age categories. Carley Sullivan won the six and under girls category, Ryan Davy won the nine and ten boys class, Jamie Longtin won the eleven and twelve girls group and Katie Jodin won the 15 and older girls category.

**The Sea Sharks continued to dominate** swimming action when the devoured the competition at their own swim meet August 10th. A total of 44 swimmers from Cardinal participated and collectively racked up 652 points to handily win the meet. Chesterville finished in second place with 610 points, Johnstown grabbed 268, Kemptville amassed 206, while Prescott counted 182 for the day.

### *September*

**Large crowds celebrated Labourfest** in Cardinal as there was something for every age and every taste. From Volleyball to baseball, from roast beef to hot dogs, Cardinal was the palce to spend some or all of the long weekend befroe school started for the year.

**The Friendship group of St. Andrews and St. James Presbyterian** Church in Cardinal hosted a new-to-you sale. Support was good for the project to raise funds for the church.

**Benson students took part in the Red Cross's International Development Symposium.** Learning about third world countries and the differences in classes in some countries gave them an insight into poverty. A developing country is far removed from canada and the students were able to see how our standard of living is higher than most.

**Cardinal Council wanted to decide their own destiny** as far as amalgamation is concerned. All were in agreement that it is up to them what happens and not someone in Toronto who knows little of what happens in a small town.

### *October*

**Robin Yandeau of the Cardinal Fire Department** was at Benson to award the Fire Safety poster winners with their prizes. Among the winners were Sara Rust, Brooke Jodoin and Niki Stewart.

**Young people at the Walter Baker Youth Centre** held a fund raiser, a craft sale and tea which thanks to the generosity of the community went very well.

**Cardinal Lions Club were handing out donations** at their regular meeting. The Girl Guides receieved $300. while Brenda Loucks , a Lion member received a plaque in recognition of her dedication and loyalty as Bingo Chairman for 95/96. Dominique Reid was given a crested sweatshirt for her volunteer work on various committees in the Lions Club.

### *November*

**Cardinal Legion members marched** in memory fo their fallen comrades on Remembrance Day and after the church service blitzed the village selling poppies. Service was held at the cenotaph on the 11th with a large crowd attending as wreaths were placed in memory of what went before.

**Reeve Larry Dishaw explained** to his council what options County Council is looking at as far as restructuring and amalgamation are concerned.Cardinal council feels they can take care of themselves, as they have in the past, but have no choice in the matter.

Cardinal council appointed **Lorne Cross and Joane Murphy to the Cardinal Public Library Board.**

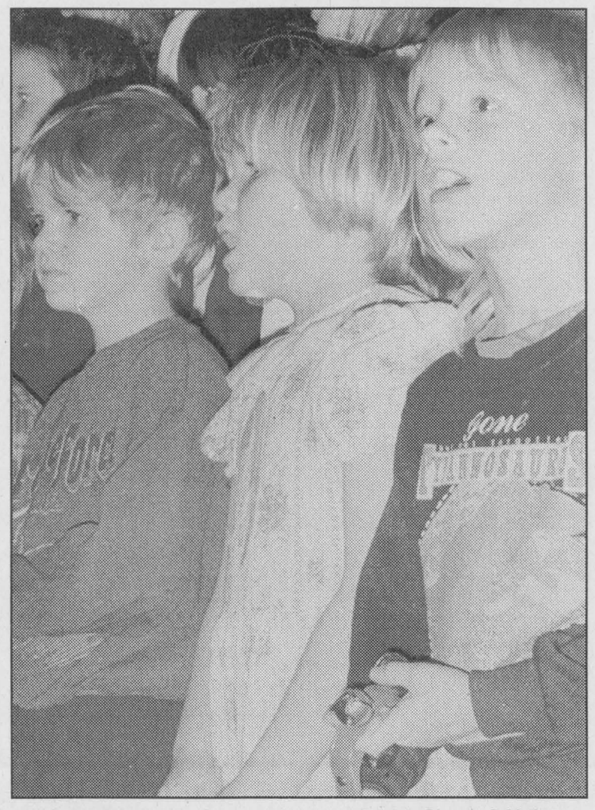
**NCA, Cardinal's Record Company** signed Lucio. A new CD is coming out and NCA will distribute it coast to coast. Lucio played backup on the latest CD made by NCA'a first signed artist, Jackie Barnhartd.

### *December*

The **winners of the Colour Me Beautiful Christmas** home decorating contest sponsored by the cardinal Business Association were presented with their prizes. David and Marianne MacDonald were judged the best, while Ted and Mary Lockhart came in second place. Third went t Peter and Shirley Grisdale.

**Casco Health and Safety Co-ordinator**, Wayne Barkley received a plaque recognizing Casco's 125 year contribution to the safety of the village of Cardinal.This year was the first timw 911 service took over the responsibility of dispatching Cardinal's emergency services such as Fire department and Police.

**Fire Department volunteers honoured** for their long service records in Cardinal were Dwayne Comstock and Bob McDonald (25 years each) while Jean Paul Pigeon had put in 16 years of service. Vince mallet was commended for his 10 years of dedicated work and Melva Comstock and Caroline McDonald were honoured for their tireless work as Ladies Auxiliary members of the Department.



*Sweetly singing*

*Chieftain Photo by S. McKibbon*

Wee voices in the night are so sweet. Benson students did a fine job as they presented their annual concert. The community came out to support the efforts of all who took part. Christmas carols never sounded better than when young people sing them.

## COMING EVENTS

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
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# Inside an Hour

Just a reminder about where to go for New Year's Eve.

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In Dixons Corners Running on Empty will be bringing the house down. Fill up on some New Year's cheer for just $17.50 per person.

The Cedar Glen Golf course is having a party too. For $10 a couple can have a ball with food, dancing and party favors.

"Roc N Mic" Szymanski will be impersonating Elvis and other musical entertainers at the Upper Canada Playhouse. His Dec. 31st, 8 p.m. show will be preceeded by cocktails. Afterward there will be food. Boogie on over there as a couple for $30. Call for tickets at 543-3991 or 543-4187.

The dynamic duo that is Dayton and Eric will be providing music for partiers to ring in the New Year with at the Morrisburg Legion. Tickets are available at Bo's Barber Shop or from Judy Laurin at Scotia Bank or at the Legion Bar. Addmission is $15 for one person and $25 for a couple.

Jim Wicks and Westburg Union will be at the Cardinal Legion's New Year's Eve Dance. The 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. bash is $17.50 per person and offers a light lunch and party favors as well as the dancing and music.

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11:00 a.m. - St. John's
St. James Morrisburg/St. Johns Iroquois
Holy Trinity Riverside Heights

*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.

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St. Mary's, Morrisburg
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Hulbert-Valley - 11:00
Brinston - 9:30

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Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Service - 7 p.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
Youth Aflame - Wed. Nights
7:00 p.m.
Dial-A-Prayer 543-3456