Looking back at Iroquois and district over the year 1995

Looking back on 1995, 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 has been the cuts that have come down through the Harris government. We've watched government officials both provincially and municipally try to comprehend and deal with these changes. As they have this year, they will continue to decipher what these financial cutbacks will mean for our community in 1996.

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 1995. As we look back, we also look to this year ahead; 1996 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 1995.

A look back at some of the events that helped to make 1995 a special year

January 95

Newly elected Reeve of Iroquois, Peter Swank promised to make good on his promise of keeping taxes in the village fair. Swank told The Chieftain he was hoping the winter maintenance budget would be lower than expected.

Brenda Ryan of Brinston was so excited she couldn't speak. Ms. Ryan won $25,000 playing Instant Bingo on Christmas Eve. The winning ticket was purchased at Rick's Gas in South Mountain.

Morrisburg Deputy Reeve Dirk Testerink thanked Morrisburg voters for their vote of confidence in reelecting council. The Morrisburg D.P. said Council would spend their first term completing projects already started.

Jo-Anne Larocque was chosen as the 20th Matilda Carnival queen. Jo-Anne was chosen over seven other contestants. Larocque was encouraged to enter the pageant by friends and family.

Morrisburg Reeve McGregor told the village that his council's new disaster plan was going to be an important part of the village. Council took it upon themselves to update the village's disaster plan. They hired Mr. Bill Shearing to do the job.

The Iroquois outdoor rink officially opened for skating. It was announced the rink would not be open Monday to Wednesday, but would be open the rest of the week.

The first snowstorm of the new year hit on January 2nd.

Ken Kirkby was chosen as Matilda Citizen of the Year. Nearing his 67th birthday Mr. Kirkby received the honour of a lifetime from his peers and fellow Matilda residents.

Former Morrisburg Fire Department Fire Chief Art Carkner, was presented with a token of appreciation for his years of service. Mr. Carkner retired as Fire Chief.

Matilda Rebekah Lodge announced the winners of its Christmas Draw. Pearl Bureau of Brinston won a paper tole picture and Jean Wickwire of Brinston won a baby quilt.

Morrisburg Councillor Larry Schnurr expressed his thanks to volunteers Dave Tait and Barry VanAllen for their efforts in organizing a crew to build the village an outdoor rink.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital announced the opening of their new birthing suite. The suite was situated in the obstetrical unit.

Iroquois Village clerk Betty Marlin moved into her new office where the old reeve's office used to be in the Civic Centre building.

McCooeye Financial Services moved from Morrisburg to Iroquois. Mr. McCooeye's office is located directly south of the Sears Outlet in the Iroquois Shopping Plaza.

Iroquois Council was considering closing the community police office in the Iroquois Plaza. Council was looking at the possibility of having a community police office at the High School.

Iroquois councillor Art Roberts questioned why members of the Carman House museum board were accepting remuneration for their work. He raised his concerns at the regular council meeting.

In the wake of BiWay Store closures across the province, the Morrisburg establishment was hoping for the best. Company spokesperson Dick Wertheim told The Chieftain, "Chances are if I haven't heard of it then it's not closing.

The newly formed Iroquois-Matilda promotion committee met for the first time at the Iroquois Council Chambers. Committee members included E.P. Thompson, Peter Swank, Wilf Gibbons, Jacques Asselin and Jim Locke.

The walls of the Iroquois lock were covered with zebra mussels. Lockmaster Miles MacDonald said he had never seen so many mussels on the lock.

Construction at the Beavers Dental Plant in Morrisburg was going over budget. Excavation of the site began in 1994 and it was estimated that the project would cost $3,000,000.

New Centennial Restaurant owner Nick Theodosiou celebrated the opening of his new sports bar in Morrisburg. Nick was hoping to receive plenty of public input into what patrons would like to see in the new bar.

The Winchester and Morrisburg detachments of the Ontario Provincial Police were continuing their investigation into the murder of Kenneth Hutt of Winchester.

Brian "The Brinston Rocket" Swerdfeger scored three goals to lead the RCA hockey team to their first victory of the season. Ron "Ricochet" Wood, the pride of Williamsburg was also credited with a couple of goals.

Geoff Hare drove home the overtime winner as the Morrisburg Junior B Lions downed the Winchester Hawks in an afternoon encounter. Morrisburg won the game 7-6.

February

Elmer Buchanan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, addressed the issues of change in the Agrifood industry at the annual Dundas Federation of Agriculture banquet in Mountain Township.

Former Iroquois resident Fred "Bosco" Linderman and Iroquois resident Ray Telford, rescued a man from the icy Bay of Quinte water.

Great Shakes owner Ray Benoit was robbed. Thieves broke into the community policing office and climbed the wall to gain entry into Great Shakes. Approximately $300 was stolen.

Seaway District High School's curling team took top honours at the Gore Mutual School Boy playdowns in Morrisburg. Team members included Mike Brunt, Travis Thompson and Joshua Adams.

After several years of serving as president of the Dundas Federation of Agriculture, executive John Mellan stepped down. In his place, Gordon Garlough was acclaimed into the new position at the annual DFA meeting.

Miss Edith Render donated a lovely quilt to the Iroquois Playground Committee to auction off as a fund raiser. Chair Nancy Swank was pleased with the donation.

Ontario Provincial Police at the Morrisburg detachment arrested an RR2 Chesterville man on a charge of first degree murder. Charged was Alistair Edward Deighton age 49.

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry MP Bob Kilger visited the Howard Johnson Hotel to discuss different issues with party faithful. Mr. Kilger hinted that Canadians could probably expect an increase in fuel taxes in the next budget.

Jigger's soccer team ended a three game losing streak as they defeated St. Lawrence College. The team was at 2-8-2, and tied for second place in their division.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions lost a close one to the Alexandria Glens. The loss moved the team one game back of Char Lan in fourth place.

Snow White was the guest of honour as the Brinston United Church Playgroup held their third annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Prominent Brinston businessman Kelly Peters spotted Elvis Presly. Peters saw Elvis outside a hotel in Vegas and of course, the King was singing!

Seaway District High School presented Wendy Gibb and Cindy Alguire with a plaque for their hard work and dedication to the school's drama and music programs.

Jeremy Adams led the attack as the Bantam B Lions decimated the visiting Smiths Falls Bears. Adams scored four goals and picked up four assists for an eight point night.

The Seaway High School Curling team of Mike Brunt, Spencer Cooper, Josh Adams and Travis Thompson, defeated Napanee, South Carleton and Arnprior to earn the right to go to the provincials.

Kaitlyn Shaver and Stacey Cassell are the first two girls to become involved in the Scouting movement in Iroquois. Boy Scouts Canada changed its name to just plain Scouts Canada to reflect that it is no longer gender specific.

Seaway District High School teacher Ian Hamilton was looking for donations from the community. Heading up the business and computer studies department, Mr. Hamilton was looking for individuals and businesses with old computer monitors.

While Iroquois council considered closing the village's community police office, Morrisburg Ontario Provincial Police Staff Sgt. Jim Graham said the police wouldn't stand in the way.

Kyle Wheeler-Rhyndress was chosen as the poster child "Timmy" to represent Easter Seals. A longstanding tradition with events such as Snowarama, Kyle's mom Linda was thrilled when Lion Dwight Gilmer suggested the idea.

After reassessing his appointment to the South Dundas

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Local T.R. Leger alternative schools will soon provide community Internet access

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

T.R. Leger alternative schools in Morrisburg and Winchester will soon have Internet access.

Through the federal industry ministry's Community Access Program (CAP), 271 rural communities will have an on-ramp to Canada's information highway. The announcement was made by Industry Minister John Manley last week. Morrisburg and Winchester are among the fortunate communities.

T.R. Leger applied for funding in October. It was one of 760 organizations which submitted proposals to establish Internet sites and provide training on how to use it for job and business creation.

Although the exact amount of funding is not yet known, T.R. Leger Dean Brenda King says they are very excited about what this funding will mean for the schools and the community at-large.

"It's a nice Christmas present to the community at a time when things (businesses) are closing down and the world is becoming a smaller and smaller place," she says.

CAP regional manager David Reid says this funding will help rural communities keep up-to-speed with the latest technologies.

"A lot of people don't even have computers at home," he says.

But government and community representatives hope this CAP program will make a difference for people who don't have computers at home. According to Reid, it will keep rural communities like Morrisburg and Winchester at the same access levels that exist within urban communities.

King says the T.R. Leger proposal covers four areas of service. The school hopes to offer classes to train people in using the Internet.

King says they also will provide an atmosphere where people can just come in and surf-the-net to find out what the information highway is all about. This way people will be made aware about the Internet before they put it in their own homes or businesses.

The third area of service will be for people who are occasional users.

"Some people may never choose to bring Internet into their stores or homes, but their need may be occasional," King says.

In this case, they can come in and use the service whenever they

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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 snowmachines.

The Ontario Snowmobile Safety Committee issued a warning last week about unstable ice on lakes and rivers. They could prove fatal during this holiday season. The committee is warning that significant snowfall doesn't mean safe ice. Snow acts as an insulator and it doesn't let the cold penetrate. This results in unstable ice which won't hold the weight of a snowmobile and its riders. Already, five snowmobilers have died in separate mishaps across Ontario this winter.

Drivers of vehicles should also be reminded to drive safely, especially this weekend. As people celebrate the New Year, they will be attending a lot of parties Sunday 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 this festive weekend!

Matilda looks for Queen contestants

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Organizers of the Matilda Carnival Queen Pageant are looking for contestants for the Saturday, Jan. 6 event.

Linda Thompson says there are already about 10 people that have shown interest in signing up.

The pageant is set to go on Jan. 6, 1996 at Matilda Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The deadline to enter the pageant is Dec. 31, 1995. Applications must be submitted to the clerk's office (652-4403) or Thompson (652-2486) by that date.

According to Thompson, the contest will be run a little differently this year. As had been done several years ago, the contestants will represent a local business.

"This will make it nicer for the girls," she says. "Everyone will be a big part of the pageant (not just the winners)."

Each young woman will be given a sash to wear, and the winner will have a special sash.

"They all deserve the recognition and a keepsake," Thompson says.

Contestants have to be between the ages of 15 and 18, and must be a resident of Matilda Township. They will each have to answer one of 10 questions during the pageant, and will wear both casual and semi-formal attire, as they walk down the runway.

Before the pageant, they will each be interviewed individually by the judges. Judges will look for various qualities when looking at each contestant. They will look for: versatility, sincerity, originality, credibility, confidence, enthusiasm, tone of voice, annunciation, grammar, attire, concern for others, and many other characteristics.

This year's judges include: Prescott resident Pat Harper, a veteran contest judge; local MPP Noble Villeneuve; and Brockville Mayor John Doran.

Dave Holmes, from Country FM Kingston (CKWS, CFFX and CFMX) will be the pageant's

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From the mouths of children...

Often come beautiful sounds and wonderful music. Junior kindergarten students at Dixon's Corners Public School definitely stole the show at the school's annual Christmas concert held on Wednesday, Dec. 20. They sang Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star, Ring the Bells and Jingle Bells, while ringing their bells and other percussion instruments. These students, along with those from every other grade, presented musical pieces for parents, grandparents, and family and friends. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

Heritage project sailing onward

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

It's taken the volunteer committee a while to get sailing, but the proposed canaler project has been gaining speed as it struggles to beat the up hill current of governmental red tape.

Cardinal resident Jim Grant attended the regular meeting of Matilda council last week to discuss the four municipality canaler project.

Mr. Grant is spearheading a volunteer group from the Cardinal area who are hoping to bring one of the old ships that used to travel up the pre-Seaway canal system to the area.

Over the last year the canaler committee has sent letters to numerous shipping companies and Mr. Grant told Matilda council that there are still two canalers in working condition.

"MP Jim Jordan has taken quite an interest in the project," said Mr. Grant explaining that Mr. Jordan worked in a local shipping yard as a young man loading the canalers that travelled the St. Lawrence.

"He suggested to us that we look at this project from a heritage point of view," said Mr. Grant.

The canaler committee is operating with no money, strictly a volunteer group and Mr. Grant let council know that he was not coming to Matilda to look for money.

"It's (the project) still in its infancy stages and we have a lot of doors to knock on yet," said Mr. Grant.

Reeve Barkley was personally in favour of the project, "I have no problem in giving moral support or support in principal, but we all know there's not much money around," said Mr. Barkley.

Council agreed to support the project and passed a resolution in that regard.

this week

It's over!

In a few short days 1995 will come to an end. It has been an eventful year full of surprises. Please enjoy our special Looking Back issue featuring the year in review.

Personal zoo

Check out page four as we focus on Carla and Gary Saunders' personal zoo. It's a story you won't want to miss.

Lions streak ends at ten

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions ten game winning streak came to an end in Kemptville. See page 6.

Cardinal in '95

Take a look back at Cardinal and area in '95 beginning on page 10.

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Looking back

Continued from the front

Economic Development Commission, Jacques E. Asselin resigned from the position.

Carman House Museum board representatives went to the Iroquois council meeting to give reasons why they accepted honorariums for their work on the board.

Mr. Lyle VanAllen presented a cheque to the municipality of Morrisburg for $20,000. The money was raised by the Old High School Reunion Committee and went towards the window renovation project at the old High School.

Even though the ice was soft, over 50 local residents came out to enjoy an evening of fun at Iroquois' outdoor skating party. The party was considered a success said recreation chairperson Kim Cassell.

With over 80 participants raising $680 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the annual Dart for Heart tournament was a huge success. The event was sponsored by the Iroquois Legion Branch 370.

Rejeanne de Puyjalon was accepted as the new member of the Iroquois Public Library Board.

The 4th annual Seaway Valley Interclub was held at the Morrisburg arena. MFSC members who took part included Barbi Law, Jane Locke, Sarah Hawn, Kenneth Chung, Laura Baker, Brittany Thompson, Brennan Martin, Brian Law, Allen Chung, Kyle Gervais, Liam Martin, Stephanie Chung and Kate Coolican.

Jim Lewis celebrated ten years in business. The owner of the S&F Food Town said it was important for him to keep the store's original name, Stone and Fisher, maintaining the same tradition and values of yesteryear.

Councillor Larry Schnurr commended the effort of Bill Shearing as Morrisburg council took a look at a document that would be the corner stone of Morrisburg's new emergency master plan.

Over 200 people came out to Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners for the first ever South Dundas Snowmobile Club Fish Fry. Over 20 volunteers helped to make the day a huge success for the snowmobile club.

March

When South Dundas welcomed the International Union of Operating Engineers to the area and into the vacant Seafarer's Training Institute, hopes were high that the Union was here to stay. However, with a surmounting debt load and no money, the International Union of Operating Engineers were forced to shut their doors.

Iroquois Council decided to shut the local community policing office located in the village plaza. Members decided that due to office space made available for the OPP at Seaway District High School, the village would discontinue rental of the office beside Great Shakes.

The Iroquois-Matilda promotion committee was looking at several possible locations for a new tourist information booth. At the same time it was looking to several local residents to help create a design for the tourist booth.

Teachers and students of Iroquois Public School's Developmentally Challenged program held a tea to say thanks to businesses that participated in their work program.

A grower pesticide safety course was being offered at Winchester's OMAFRA office. In 1990 it became mandatory for farmers to be certified to purchase schedule one, two and five pesticides.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions were facing elimination in their best of seven playoff series against the Alexandria Glens. Tim "Big Time" Casselman was having another outstanding playoff season for the Lions.

Jamie Helmer picked up 20 points to lead the Seaway Senior Spartans to a 51-46 victory over the Tagwi Warriors. The win gave the Spartans the S.D. and G. Championship.

The Scouts and Guides in Williamsburg attended the Annual Thinking Week Pot luck Banquet. District Guider, Jeannie Whitteker was pleased with the way the evening went.

The Williamsburg Odd Fellows and the Williamsburg United Church, made donations to the Williamsburg Guides and Scouts. Mr. David Lapier and Mr. Bruce Garlough presented cheques to Scout Leader Gord Holmes.

It was standing room only at the gun control and crime information meeting held at the Winchester arena. Over 600 people packed the upper room to listen to guest speaker Bob Kilger discuss his government's proposed gun legislation.

Dundas Heart and Stroke President Margaret Reynolds was very pleased with the amount of money raised at Iroquois Public School's Jump Rope For Heart. The students raised $6,040.

Dale and Judy Winters took over the Iroquois Becker's in January and the new operators told the village that they were here to stay.

The first ever bridal fair at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Morrisburg was a huge success. Over 100 people attended the event and some had to be turned away.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions were eliminated from the playoffs in game six of their best of seven series against the regular season division championship team the Alexandria Glens.

The MFSC's "Around the World in 80 Minutes" was a huge success. Guests at the show had a chance to witness the different countries of the world as portrayed by the different Morrisburg figure skating groups.

Councillor Schnurr told Morrisburg council that he was



Ice trouble

Several Iroquois plaza stores had ice trouble two weeks ago, due to ice build-up on the front of the shops. The worst store affected was the plaza's Consignment Store. It seems problems started with the malfunction of the canopy's drainage system.

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all for a patio bar in front of Nick's Sports Bar in the Mall. With Deputy Reeve Dirk Testerink away, Reeve McGregor stopped the proposed patio bar for Nick's by voting against it and tying the vote.

Paul Taillefer, Mrs. Marion Gleeson and Dr. John Marston, approached Matilda Council to offer support for a county-wide bike path.

Four projects worth $485,919 were approved in Morrisburg through the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works Program. Municipal Affairs Minister Ed Philip announced the funding project.

The Nor-Dun Seniors' Support Centre received $450 from the John Stewart Estate Memorial Trust Fund. Making the presentation on behalf of the trust fund was committee member Estella Rose to Nor-Dun program coordinator Nancy Gibson.

Chucky Sypes was hot with the stick at the first Shooter's Pool Tournament. Chucky had met finalist Todd "Newton" Aikman in round one before defeating him in the championship match.

Upper Canada Playhouse Artistic Director Marshall Button announced he would be taking a leave of absence from his work. Donnie Bowes took over for Button.

It was announced by Iroquois council that Marcel Charette would continue to pick up commercial garbage in the village at a cost of $12,800 a year.

The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club announced it would donate the material and labour to construct a 12 foot by 16 foot tourist booth for the village of Iroquois.

Harold and Edna Baldwin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary amidst family and friends at the Iroquois Civic Centre.

Following a heated debate at the South Dundas Recreation Council's joint municipality meeting, Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank came away with a two percent savings for the smallest of the four municipalities.

Approximately $8,000 worth of computer equipment was stolen from Seaway District High School. The Winchester and Morrisburg detachments of the Ontario Provincial Police were investigating the theft.

Iroquois council decided to upgrade the sewage treatment plant's flow meter. Council members passed a resolution agreeing to the purchase of a new flow meter for $2,000.

Theatre of Soul released their first self titled demo tape. The tape included three original T.O.S. songs and was sold at local retail establishments in Iroquois and Morrisburg.

With unbelievable weather, Iroquois' newest golf pro Johnnie Watson, was getting ready to open up the course in Iroquois.

At the South Dundas Recreation Council joint meeting, Williamsburg Reeve Johnny Whitteker announced that he believed the proposed South Dundas Swimming Pool should be built in Iroquois.

April

The Iroquois Playground Committee held its Aprilfest fundraiser. About $600 was raised through raffle tickets, food, craft tables and sale booths. Tracy Armstrong, Nancy Swank, Toby Roach, Maggie Corden, Karen Cooke, Jill Summers and Debbie Fournier all helped sell soup, sandwiches and desserts for the special lunch.

Mrs. Hasson's class at Seaway District High School posed along with Dance for Heart organizer Stephanie Cassell following the SDHS Dance for Heart fund raiser. Together the group raised $1,100 for Heart and Stroke.

Iroquois council passed a resolution naming Ron Delegarde as an alternate member of the South Dundas Recreation Council. They passed the resolution so there will always be two voting members representing Iroquois at SDRC meetings.

Sarah and Karla Tibben took a break to pose for a picture as they helped out at the Tibben Farm Equipment open house in Brinston. The day was a great success.

The Iroquois Scouts invaded the shopping plaza to help raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. The Scouts were selling daffodils in front of plaza stores.

The Morrisburg and District Chamber of Commerce new executive posed for a picture. The new executive included John Gareau, Bev Law, Anne Marie Dawley, Karen Gorrell, Rick Fleming, Chick Bidgood, Roy Brister, Linda Bowers, Don Hill, Dirk Testerink, Earl Baker, Nick Lee, Sheri Fairbairn and Eldon Horner.

As part of the Ontario Provincial Police traffic management plan, the seat belt campaign kicked off across the province in April. In Dundas County, all officers were enforcing the seat belt legislation with zero tolerance.

Iroquois council passed a resolution accepting a zero per cent tax increase for the village. The residential mill rate was set at 105.26 and the commercial mill rate was 123.83.

The Morrisburg/Williamsburg Village Picnic on Canada Day found an organizer. After the annual Canada Day Celebration committee folded, the Chamber of Commerce volunteered to take over the organization of the event.

For the third consecutive year, John Devries of Williamsburg emerged the big winner with a Herd Composite BCA of 244.0 at the annual DHI banquet held at Dixon's Corners.

Vicki Boivin and her sister Valerie St. John decided to purchase Pier 31 in Morrisburg. The sisters knew it would be a lot of work, but both agreed, "being the boss is great."

A pizzeria that had enjoyed great success in Alexandria was setting up shop in Iroquois. Little Rikki's owner Rick Weber was excited about his new venture with partner Rosanne Chollete.

The Friends of the Library held a stencilling fund raiser for the Iroquois Public Library. About $120 was raised through the afternoon class led by Lorraine Fader. The next stencilling fund raiser was expected in October.

Scout Jeremy Johnston received a recognition certificate at a special council meeting in Iroquois, for completing the top, gold level of his citizenship badge. Reeve Peter Swank made the presentation.

Willis Douglas, Wytze Douma, Leslie Dunn, Duane Kirker, Allan Fisher, John Wilson, Reg Farmer and Wilf Gibbons, were on their way to attend the 50th Liberation Anniversary of the Netherlands in Europe.

Iroquois Council accepted a bid to purchase a new village tractor. The new tractor was to be used to mow the campsite grounds, in front and behind of the shopping centre and around the Civic Centre, the cenotaph and the ball diamonds.

Bill Ewing sent a letter to Morrisburg council. Mr. Ewing was concerned about the new signage legislation in the Morrisburg mall. Council passed legislation to prevent businesses from putting signs along Highway 2.

Michael Cowley-Owen of Maxville announced that he would seek the NDP nomination for this riding in the pending provincial election. A consultant in communications and management, Mr. Cowley-Owen was also a member of the Seaway Valley Tourism Association.

Barbi Law, Autumn Davidson and Saralyn Bouwman were just a few of Seaway's graphic design students who had their work on display at Iroquois' Royal Bank.

It was learned that the abandoned train resting on the original Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada roadbed at Chrysler Marina would not find a home in Morrisburg.

The members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held their Sunday morning service at South Mountain's Anglican Church hall. Not because they wanted to, but out of necessity. The 115 year old St. Andrew's Presbyterian church burned down after a bolt of lightning struck the roof.

The 1st annual Matilda Trade Fair was deemed a success and was in no small way due to the organizing prowess of Linda Thompson and Joy Harbers.

The Dundas County Hospice held its second annual volunteer appreciation banquet at the Park Lane Seniors Support Centre. Board members Vicki Byers, Donnalynne Clement, Wendy Byvelds, Jan Clapp, Dr. Andy Thomas, Heather Jones, Allison Tucker, Mary Beattie, Laura Mullin and Heather Balfour, were pleased with the appreciation banquet.

The Village of Iroquois was told it would need to build up its reserve funds. Municipal auditor Dennis Medaglia of BDO Dunwoody Ward Mallette, went over the village budget with council. He encouraged them to look ahead at future expenditures that may have to be made.

Shell Cumberland, The Chieftain Editor was the talk of the town. After announcing she would marry Clancy Baldwin, everyone wanted to know what she would wear at her wedding.

Robert Annable and Richard Groniger formed a winning partnership at St. Cecilia's Separate School. Their shared effort, a project on batteries, earned them recognition in their school and then at the United Counties level in Cornwall.

May

Paul McAllister, Recreation Coordinator of South Dundas Recreation officially resigned. After working in the position for the past three years, Paul handed in his resignation and is gone from the organization to take on the responsibilities in the same field in another area.

A student in the woodworking shop at Seaway High lit a bunch of wood chips on fire using a cigarette lighter. The small fire was quickly sucked into the exhaust system in the shop and the fire spread under the floor of the room into an external hopper at the east end of the building. Damage was estimated at $2000. and the ventilation system has been completely flooded and cleaned.

Brinston United Church ladies held their annual bake sale and incorporated a heritage exhibit in the church sanctuary. Pictures, old books and Lorne Strader's Democrat, or Sunday Wagon were on display and some 100 people took advantage of the opportunity to look back at the area's past.

Joe McDonald was top cribbage player for the season at the Iroquois Crib League. Ted Gratton was second for the second year, while Percy Roberts came in third. Clare Tucker received the "skunk" award for his total 24 skunks in 27 weeks of play.

Matt Charbot, senior Track and Field star at Seaway High helped his school finish in second place against AA schools at the annual Dave Stevens Track and Field meet.

Homegrown Cafe came to the Village to scout talent for their upcoming shows on local TV station, CJOH.

The Village of Iroquois purchased a new tractor which they took possession of to assist in the mowing of small areas that have been causing problems for the larger unit they have for the parks etc.

The Dundas chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation noted that they had raised close to $38,000. during their annual door to door blitz.

Premier Bob Rae called a provincial election in Ontario on June 8, 1995. Local candidates included, incumbent Noble Villeneuve, Dennis Sabourin and Michael Cowley-Owen.

Chiefs Hockey Team constructed three volleyball courts. They will remain permanent structures south of the rink area, for the use of the community at large.

Iroquois Legion Branch 370 conducted a commemorative and Remembrance Day service to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day in Europe. Recalling those who gave their lives in the cause for freedom and peace, wreaths were placed at the cenotaph.

Williamsburg hosted their fourth annual yard\garage sale. Organized by the Williamsburg Community Association, the profits go to the yard sale people.

Matilda Township was invaded by the energy efficiency team. Home tune-ups have begun and residents will see savings immediately as their heating and cooling units work more effectively and efficiently. Adding items that save money is good for all homeowners.



Santa Tracker

The Chieftain sports editor Michael Bailey played Santa last Thursday in his "Santa Tracker" as he delivered gifts, left under the angel tree at Iroquois' Bank of Montreal, to the South Dundas Christmas Exchange. Over 200 children received presents this Christmas, thanks to the generosity of those in South Dundas communities.

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The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club presented a donation of $1000 to the District Lions' Club to be used in a group project at the Ottawa Cancer Clinic.

Shooters' Sports Bar celebrated their first anniversary. A good sized crowd gathered to extend congrats to the Amlani family.

Matilda saw their first bicycle rodeo run at the hall at Dixon's. Sponsored by the School at Dixon's, Cooper's Sport Trophy, Seaway Treasures, Canadian Tire in Williamsburg, and McGillis Home Hardware.

Eileen and John Johnston in Mariatown opened their Seasons Shop and Garden Centre.

Sarah Charbot took home the gold in the annual S.D. and G. County speak-off.

The Seaway Valley Singers held their second annual spring concert in Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church. Featuring soloists from Ottawa, the local choir sang to a full house.

Tenants and guests helped the Park Villa Senior Support Centre in Williamsburg celebrated their tenth anniversary.

Rohm and Haas (NYSE:ROH) marked the completion of their Petroleum Chemicals plant expansion at Morrisburg with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Iroquois Council tells residents that they will face an increase in taxes this year as school board taxes come in at 6.05 per cent over what was expected.

Iroquois Enterprises and its employees encouraged safety in the workplace and marked 500 days without time loss injuries.

Students from Dixon's Public School planted 200 trees at the Dundela Community Centre with a hand from the South Nation River Conservation Authority.

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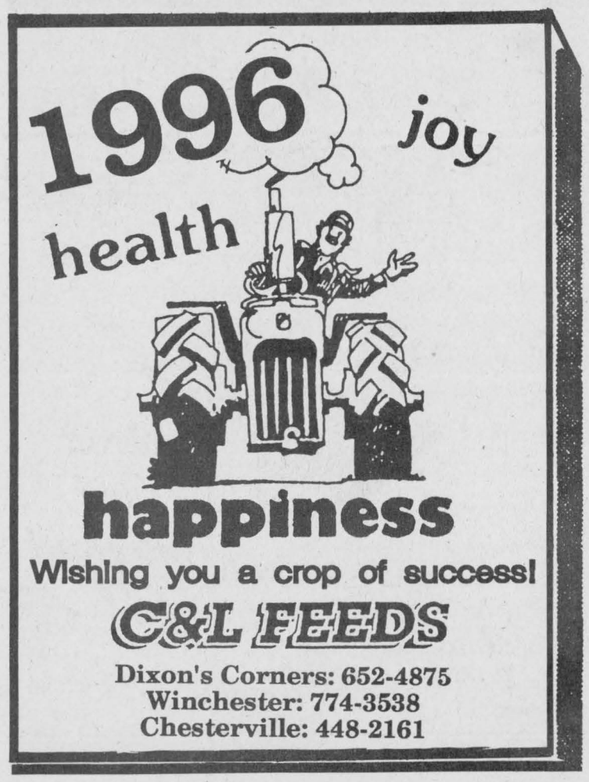

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Looking back at Iroquois and district over the year 1995

Looking back

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The Morrisburg Junior 'B' Lions Hockey Club eliminated in the first round of the play-offs this year, held their annual dinner and banquet at Cedar Glen Golf Course in Williamsburg.

It was announced that the Morrisburg and District Chamber of Commerce would take over the hosting of the 25th annual Tubie Weekend.

A generous donation by Leitch Technology Inc. was most appreciated by the communications technology program at the local high school.

The Iroquois Cub Pack hosted the annual District Cuboree. The theme for the event was "Cubs in Space" and as the 80 Cubs from across the area took part in events centring around the theme, everyone had a great day learning and laughing. The Scouts from Iroquois lent a hand and began fund-raising for their adventure trip to the Canadian Jamboree in Thunder Bay in 1997.

Local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in the annual Scoutrees, where the youngsters plant trees for pledges.

S and F Foodtown was the victim of an armed robbery. A lone male entered the store and demanded money from the tills.

A gas leak at the Iroquois Marina cost the village about $1200. When the tank leaked and saturated the ground, the remaining gas was caught in a container, less than 100 gallons.

Iroquois Council agreed to store a barrel of paint containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) for the Village of Morrisburg.

The Tourist Booth was to be relocated at the Point. Jacques Asselin did not agree that this was the best place for the booth, since it is used as a draw to bring people into the Village, and when it is at the Point tourists will avoid the business section of town.

Morrisburg gardener, Jeff Arsenault along with his beautiful garden made it to the pages of a special interest publication for Canadian gardeners.

The village was being bothered by beavers as they cut down trees at the Marina.

Barry Van Allen was named Coach of the Year. For his honour, he was awarded the Red Lawlor Coach of the Year Trophy by donater Bill Dillabough.

Seaway High sent two athletes to the Regional Track and Field Competition for Eastern Ontario in Kingston.

Upper Canada Village celebrated Victoria Day in grand style. Fire engine trials and the Brockville Infantry Company, a parade and members of the temperance movement were all there.

Plans were laid for the development of a multi-service agency for the five area counties and the city of Cornwall. (S.D. and G. as well as Prescott Russell).

The water treatment plant in Iroquois does not meet government standards and the local Council has been told long term plans to improve the system will soon be necessary.

Legion members in Iroquois, Willis Douglas and Reg Farmer have collected and are now able to display war memorabilia and nostalgia items from the armed forces.

The local Scout and Cub groups completed their Boatwise course which they have been working at for the past several months.

June

A meeting of the four municipalities involved in the South Dundas Recreation Committee confirmed that the group will remain partners and continue as the SDRC.

Iroquois Council revoked a taxi license held in the Village by Matilda resident, John Saadi.

Mountain Council decided to budget for the recreation money it is assessed for the Winchester Community Centre just in case.

The OPP Torch Run gathered some $1200 in the Iroquois-Morrisburg area as it tripped through the province.

The Grade 12 Communications Tech class at Seaway paired with the local Lions Club to produce a pamphlet which will be distributed in the Village. S and F Foodtown will foot the bill for the project.

An outdoor mass was celebrated at St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church in Iroquois in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the parish.

Eppie and Gwen Bosma celebrated their 30th anniversary with everyone wishing them well.

After a solstice of one year, the Seaway High Athletic Awards banquet returned with success written throughout the evening.

Sharon Spear came home from the Ontario Federation of Secondary School Association Athletics Track and Field Meet in Kingston wearing a third place Bronze medal.

Liberal hopeful, Dennis Sabourin was in town to unveil a plan to boost Tourism along the Seaway.

Dixon's Corners Public School students had a successful year in French Scrabble as they wound up in second place in the competitions at the County level and third overall in SD&G.

Seaway High entered their first-ever team in the S.D. and G. Improv competition and were top winners.

Incumbent, Noble Villeneuve was returned to Queen's Park in the election of June 8.

The four corners at Dixon's will become a four-way stop, hopefully eliminating the scare of accidents on this busy corner of Matilda Township.

Morrisburg Council learned that some residents are complaining about tractor trailers being parked overnight on residential streets in the Village.

Local residents were warned that the Baldwin Bridge, two kilometres east of South Mountain will be closed for major repairs until November.

St. Lawrence District Scouts hosted their American counterparts at Morrison Island as they celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the International Camporee which sees young people from both sides of the river get together to share ideas and have some fun learning experiences.

Vivien Reddick celebrated her 80th birthday with family and friends in Williamsburg.

Matt Anderson of Cardinal shot an Ace at the Iroquois Golf Course.

The United Church Sunday School in the village held a car wash and the weatherman co-operated perfectly with sunshine and dirty vehicles.

The gals from IPS came home with the County 3-Pitch Championship.

The young men from IPS came home from the 3-Pitch team with the B Championship.

At a council meeting in Morrisburg, plans were unveiled to turn the former high school into a museum.

Isabel Charlebois, daughter of Andre and Lucy on the 3rd Concession in Matilda Township was awarded the Jeannie Seguin Award from La Citadelle High School in Cornwall.

Knox Presbyterian Church in Iroquois hosted an evening of local talent to raise funds to assist the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in South Mountain.

Local band, South Mountain signed a multi-year artist management agreement with Savannah Music Group.

Iroquois Fire Department came back from the Eastern Ontario Firefighters Association Convention and Games with their 17th consecutive first place trophy.

Council granted permission for a refreshment garden to be part of the South Dundas Snowmobile Club's Watercraft Rally to be held at the Iroquois Marina.

Iroquois Village employees will enforce the garbage bag limit. While speaking of this four bags per household, it was noted that the recycling in the Village is on the decline. **Two of the playgrounds in Iroquois got facelifts** as two local businessmen donated their equipment as well as manpower to the projects. Frank Ault and Lee Shaver were on Maple and Caldwell digging and hauling earth away readying the areas for pea gravel.

MPP Noble Villeneuve presented plaques to Darlene Riddell and Reg Farmer for their years of dedicated service to their country and community.

It was retirement party time as two teachers at Seaway High called it the end of their careers. Perry Stacey, head of the Mathematics Department has been teaching in Iroquois for the past 34 years. Sid Morrell who leaves his headship in the Science Department after 32 years will be missed as well.

Ladies from Dixon's Public School were the B Champs in the annual County three-pitch tourney. The guys from the same school came in second place in the west division finals of the county three-pitch tourney...way to play ball!

Bill Anderson shot a hole-in-one at the Iroquois Club on a 127 par 3.

Grads from university and or college included, Michael Whittaker, Leo Valiquette, Trisha Elliott and Kate Merkley. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Keeler celebrated their 25th Anniversary with family and friends.

Senior kindergarten students graduated to grade 1 in a most impressive ceremony as they sang, acted, recited and spoke in French.

Villeneuve became the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, with responsibility for Francophone Affairs in the new Harris Government.

The issue of fire permits was discussed at Matilda Council and the Fire Departments who respond to calls within the Township.

Local Scout leaders were awarded service pins and awards. Eric Goodmurphy received his one year pin, while Shawn Markell, Michelle Ritchie and Tammy Blakely were awarded five year pins. Sandra Lee Johnston received her ten year pin and medal.

Christine Prins and Roger Gervais were united in marriage and now reside in Ottawa.

Gail Burrell retired from her teaching career. Working with youngsters at Iroquois Public School since 1968, Gail had been with the Leeds and Grenville County Board prior to coming east.

The Morrisburg Open Golf Tourney was a success as Russ Cameron swung his way to victory over his nearest opponent, John Taylor.

Sean Duvall graduated from St. Lawrence College. He will continue his education at Lakehead University in the fall.

Siebenfeld Equestrian Centre at Irena hosted the Eastern Ontario Paint and Pinto Horse Club Show.

July

Iroquois Council and village foreman Bill Ewing encouraged Iroquois residents to spray for grubs to avoid skunk problems in the spring. Both skunks and moles prefer to eat white grubs (June beetle larvae).

S&F Food Town employee Betty McEwen discovered her car window smashed early one Monday morning. Police officers said the extreme heat probably caused the glass to break, but McEwen said the damage looked like it was caused by a hammer or a baseball bat.

Although attendance was slightly lower than usual at Canada Day celebrations held throughout the area, everyone seemed to have a good time. The low attendance was attributed to the fact Canada Day fell on a long weekend.

An armed robbery at S&F Food Town, that shocked the tiny village of Iroquois in May, came full circle when the OPP charged an 18-year-old Arnprior man Christopher Berthiaume with 16 counts of armed robbery. Chesterville's LCBO was among the other victims listed on the police report.

Mountain Council once again reiterated its position about withholding funding to the Winchester Community Centre early in July. Until it saw positive changes, Mountain Township council said it would not give the facility its $10,000 grant.

The Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) became a teaching hospital for surgical residency. It was accepted as a site for the Queen's University residency program. A chief resident from Queen's was coming to do surgical training with Dr. Chande.

The Mountain District High School and North and South Mountain Continuation School Reunion drew hundreds of people to South Mountain during a weekend of reminiscing and remembrances.

The Iroquois Fire Department responded quickly to a blaze just west of Iroquois. Lightning struck a barn owned by William Fridgen. With wet and dry hay in the barn, it wasn't long before it burned to the ground. However, Fridgen managed to save the family horse from re-entering the burning building.

A rash of break-ins and general mischief prompted some Morrisburg residents into forming a Neighbourhood Watch Program. Speaking on behalf of the newly formed group, Art Carkner informed Morrisburg Council about the program's progress.

Cake-Walk by Colleen Curran was showcased at the Upper Canada Playhouse. The play is a nice, light comedy about a smalltown cake-baking contest.

Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank taunted the crowds during the Summer Festival to try and dunk him in the dunking tank. Sponsored by the Iroquois Fire Department, the tank raised hundreds of dollars for Muscular Dystrophy. The reeve's wife Ada was the first person to throw a ball and was the first person to dunk the reeve.

They've got legs and they know how to use them! The fabulous five and their famous legs helped raise $376.01 for the Iroquois playground committee through the sexiest legs contest. The legs of Allan Bailey, Jim Mustard, Dan McLaughlin, Garry Banford and Jacques Asselin were unveiled at the Iroquois Summer Festival opening. Bailey's legs won the contest.

Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank issued a personal apology to a local resident regarding allegations he made that a local resident was dumping yard debris on private property. Swank wrote a letter of apology to Terry O'Reilly following a meeting between council and O'Reilly.

While negotiations continued between a consortium and the Canadian government regarding the commercialization of the St. Lawrence Seaway, it was unclear what the commercialization would mean for its employees and the local economy.

They flew in from all across eastern Ontario and Quebec to enjoy a delicious meal served by Iroquois' flying club members. The 29th annual fly-in breakfast drew 115 planes. Over 800 breakfasts were served.

The auditor's report of the South Dundas Recreation Council's 1994 budget showed "serious deficiencies in the accounting records and internal control." Auditor Ross Markell said the accounting records were "terrible."

Although Iroquois Council decided not to make any rash decisions about changing garbage pick-up or recycling programs, members agreed Iroquois residents should be encouraged to recycle more of their garbage.

Iroquois residents were told they would soon have access to the home tune-up program offered by Cornwall's Energy Efficiency Team (EET). The program promised to offer energy savings of up to $150 to the homeowner.

Mountain Township residents wanting to enrol their children in minor hockey at the Winchester Community Centre could breathe a sigh of relief. At the end of July, Mountain Council changed its mind and decided to give a $10,000 grant to the centre; a grant it was withholding until management of the centre improved.

Village crews and contractors were busy repairing several drainage systems on Frank Street, as well as the back of the Iroquois plaza.

The first annual Summer Festival bicycle rally winner was Martha Whittle. The first children's rally of its kind, this year's winner finished the course in 39 minutes and 45 seconds.

Ronnie Young and the Young Guns took the championship in Nick's Sports Bar's Pool League. Young, Ian Fairbairn and Adam Tyo finished with a combined total of 80 points for the championship. As a result, they took home the top prize of $300.

Iroquois resident Jim Mustard was honored as the Citizen of the Year at the Summer Festival official opening. Deputy Reeve Wilf Gibbons presented him with a plaque and congratulated him for his outstanding work in the community.

Jeff Beaupre was surprised to see a "Beaupre Tennis Court" sign unveiled at the village volunteer appreciation barbecue. Jill Summers presented the sign on behalf of the village and Iroquois' recreation committee in recognition of the effort he has put into Iroquois' tennis courts and programs. Iroquois Council previously passed a resolution naming the tennis courts in his honor.

August

The Williamsburg Non-Profit Housing Corporation did not remain intact due to the most recent cuts coming from the Harris government; the cancelling of a project that had slated the construction of a 31 unit complex. With some 80 names on a waiting list, the complex was to have seen 40 per cent of the townhouses going to people over 55 years of age, three for clients of Dundas Community Living, and the rest going to families.

Matilda Council discussed the pending seniors' centre proposal with a delegation headed by Joan Zandbergen. The idea is to purchase the former Stampville School and renovate it to suit the needs of local seniors as a satellite of the Park Villa Senior Support Centre in Williamsburg.

The Hainsville General Store opened with owner Tammy Thomas behind the counter ready to serve the public with convenience items available.

Tanya Duncan and Michael Domanko announced their plans to marry. Eldon and Shelly Horner welcomed their first son, Joshua into their lives.

Winning three straight, the first Matilda senior girls ball team in some ten years took top spot in a county wide tourney hosted at Haldane Park in Iroquois. Coaches Jim Adams and Nancy Mellan were very proud of their girls' showing.

The Iroquois-Williamsburg Juniors placed first in their division with a record of 13-1-0. Glen Adams was proud of his squad. Playing Morrisburg, Osnabruck, and Winchester White, they played well all year long.

The 25th Anniversary of the Morrisburg Tubie races saw Rick Groves and his team come in first to be crowned King of the River. The Spirit of the St. Lawrence Racing Team did not break the record set three years ago, but after coming second twice before, they were happy to win.

Local teens, Dinu Chande and Stephen Grant saved a family of four from the deep depths of the mighty St. Lawrence as their boat capsized near the Golf Club point.

William and Myntje Harbers celebrated their 40th anniversary and their children and grandkids were on hand to ensure a great time for all.

J and M Family Fun Video opened in Morrisburg beside the Ice Cream Parlour with the latest in home video movie rentals available.

Clare Reynolds of Church Street in Iroquois was the top winner in the annual Great Duck Race. Sponsored by the Masons, sales were down about 10 per cent this year, but the prizes up for grabs totalled some $5000. Other local winners included Shirley Kirkby and Sharon and Barb Kolff.

Iroquois Council looked to the S.D. and G. County Board of Education for help in solving the loitering problem in the

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Celebrating the season

Members of the Seaway District High School band entertained the audience at their recent candlelight service held three weeks ago. Along with other musical performers from the local high school, they helped everyone get into the spirit of the season, in celebration of Christmas and the New Year. This concert was just one of many held throughout the area by local choirs and schools.

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NEWSBRIEFS

APPLE HILL

Family snowshoe day

Domtar Forest Products is offering a free fun-filled family snowshoe day at the McKinnon Forestry Interpretative Centre on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We encourage the general public to bring their snowshoes and join us for a few hours. Our three kilometres of trails have lots of snow and many interesting points of interest!" says Suzanne DeRochie, community awareness coordinator. A bonfire will be lit for toasting marshmallows and hot chocolate will be provided. Visit the forestry museum, look at the displays and play some family forestry board games.

MORRISBURG

Family fun day

A family fun day is being held at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary Interpretive Centre on Wednesday, Jan. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A camp fire lunch will be held at 11:30 a.m., followed by a sled dog demonstration from noon until 1:30 p.m. There will be horsedrawn sleigh rides from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Groomed cross-country ski trails will be open, and people will also have the chance to snowshoe. Hot chocolate and juices will be available all day. The cost is $3 per person and children under five get in free. The Interpretive Centre will be open from Jan. 2 to 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MORRISBURG

Moonlit ski-hike at the Sanctuary

If you think cross-country skiing is fun, why not try it in the dark? From 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, 1996 (weather permitting), the Friends of the Sanctuary will lead a guided moonlight ski-hike at the Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. Admission to the excursion is $2.50 per person. The Sanctuary is located 14 km east of Morrisburg off Highway 2. To obtain confirmation that the event is ongoing, you may call the Sanctuary at 613-537-2024 on Jan. 6, 1996 at 7 p.m.

IROQUOIS

Door-to-door campaign

Iroquois Council has granted permission to the Eastern Ontario Branch of the Kidney Foundation of Ontario to conduct its annual door-to-door fund-raising campaign in the village. Volunteers will be collecting during the month of March. The Foundation provides funding for medical research, patient services and public information. Over one million Canadians suffer from kidney disease or a related disorder. The door-to-door campaign allows the Foundation to continue searching for a cure.

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Thanks Iroquois and area

Over 200 local children woke up Christmas morning with presents under the tree.

The magic of Christmas was alive over the '95 holiday season as Iroquois and area residents came to the aid of the South Dundas Christmas Exchange.

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

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

The money raised through direct donations to the organization and through the SDCE jars in local banks and businesses will be used to purchase the food for the '96 drive.

Last Thursday morning the families being served by the Exchange drove to the Morrisburg Legion. Each family was given a box of food and then allowed to pick gifts for their children.

A great deal of credit must go to those who organized the Exchange, but the most credit must go to those of you who most generously donated.

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.

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

MCB

Time out

It's that time of year where you get so busy you don't know where to turn next. Your "to do" lists are longer than any of your children's Christmas wish lists. And there's just not enough time in the day to get the cookies baked, presents wrapped, and house cleaned.

But once the stores close on Christmas Eve, the last presents are purchased and your "to do" list is left behind, there is peace. Maybe not complete peace, but peace nonetheless. Peace from the world that dictates more and more how we should spend the holiday season. Bustling activity, with very little rest. That's how I see it...until Christmas Eve arrives. When you can't shop anymore. The world can no longer dictate how to spend your evening.

That's the time I find the most enjoyable. Christmas Eve. Spending with family. Reflecting on the past years and the year ahead.

It is the Christmas tree and the ornaments that do it. When I look at the tree and each ornament, I'm reminded of people, events and occasions that have influenced me, encouraged me. Some bring sadness, but others bring laughter...the first ornament we received as a wedding gift. The skier ornament we bought in Whistler, BC. They are all reminders of the life I have been privileged enough to enjoy.

While some may consider this nothing but sentimental drivel, I contest that there is something of importance in my tree ornament reminders. They lead me to reflection about life and where we're heading as individuals and as a society.

There is not enough reflection in our world. Where we expect everything in an instant, we have lost the ability to reflect and meditate.

Maybe if we took the time to think about what we say and do, we wouldn't take others for granted. Maybe we wouldn't hurt others. We wouldn't expect so much from others or ourselves.

This holiday season is the one time in the whole year that is conducive to reflection, and many of us don't take advantage of it. Sure, we set New Year's resolutions. But many of us don't usually fulfil them.

It is my challenge to you to stop and think. Think about your family, your relationships and how you can make your life more fulfilling. Most of us know that no matter how hard we work, joy, peace and satisfaction do not come from our jobs, from the money we earn, or from the alcohol we believe can soothe our sorrows away. Because truthfully, we're never satisfied with our alcohol, our money, or our material possessions. They don't bring comfort, peace or love.

Perhaps it is time individuals and society together reset their priorities. As funding cuts come from all directions, we may have no choice, but to realize our resources are found in one another.

Think about. This season. Take time to evaluate your life. How can you be a benefit to your family, your friends and community? If you stop long enough to think about it, maybe you'll find the answers.

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Saunders' Country Critters is a personal zoo for local couple

by Jeff Brownlee
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

Carla and Gary Saunders are hog wild over their pets.

With eight pot-bellied pigs, two llamas and as many Sicilian donkeys roaming around the couple's property, their home on County Rd. 44 is literally a zoo.

But they wouldn't have it any other way.

"Our animals keep us sane," said Carla, 38. "No matter how bad a day you've had, they will always cheer you up."

In the past, the Saunders have always kept dogs, but it wasn't until a death in the family a year ago that they decided to branch out in the pet department.

"One of our dogs died last year and I was a basket case," Carla said. "Gary brought home a donkey to cheer me up on Christmas Day."

That was just the beginning.

The arrival of three pot-bellied pigs one week later made the family grow to four and then two llamas in April made it six. The couple's own personal zoo grew again in June when they travelled 25 hours through forest fires to pick up a second donkey near the Ontario-Manitoba border.

To house the new additions to their family, they purchased an additional three acres of land and built a 28 by 30-foot barn last summer which bears the name, *Saunders' Country Critters.*

"It's not you're average barn," said Gary, 43.

He's right. It's more like a resort.

Constructed out of pine lumber cut right off their land, the barn boasts colonial-style windows and three 10 by 10-foot stalls for each type of animal.

Amadeus and Theodore love to languish in the *Llamas' Lounge,* while Coco and Taxi ass around in the *Donkeys' Den.* Wilbur, Molly and Francis like to ham it up in the *Pigs' Parlour* as well.

All family members get along fine, Gary said. Even with the couple's two Siberian Huskies and Shih Tzu.

While at first glance, keeping this many animals may seem like a lot of work, it isn't, Gary said.

"These pets are low maintenance," he added. "They don't require that much care and don't eat very much."

While the donkeys' and llamas' diet consists of mostly hay and water, the pigs eat a special feed that costs around $13.50 for a 20-kg bag.

An average day consists of the morning ritual of feeding and watering the animals and then grabbing the leashes and taking the llamas and donkeys for a walk to their outside pen.

But this doesn't include play and cuddle time.

"We love our animals," she said as Amadeus gave her a hug. "Maybe a little too much.

"Many nights I've came to the barn and read. It's very relaxing."

The love and affection the Saunders show for their pets has its rewards. Not only are the animals friendly, but approachable.

When the gates to their pens are opened, each one comes running looking for some attention.

"It's a great feeling," added Carla, almost drowned out over the howl of one of her huskies that thought it was his turn to get his belly scratched. "We have no qualms about children playing around any of them."

When the couple started a year ago, they didn't know anything about pot-bellied pigs, llamas or Sicilian donkeys. They bought many books about each animal, but said the best way to really learn is through experience.

"We're still learning," said Gary. "The animals are full of surprises."

One of the biggest surprises for the couple was learning just how intelligent pot-bellied pigs are. The pigs, which grow close to 55 pounds at adulthood, have a great memory.

Wilbur, the only male pig, has learned how to open the refrigerator door and has kept Gary busy trying to come up with a new gate locking system almost

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Carla and Gary Saunders take their family for a stroll

Photo-J.Brownlee

Santa is history at Swampview

Just plain livin'
with Sandra Lee



Yes, we around the ranch are recovering from yet another Christmas. The jolly gent in the red suit made a stop at Swampview and left too much under the tree...oops, back it up!

The tree, we had the tree early enough, but then the old writer was on that rat poison to keep her blood thinned, and it was so low that any little tiny germ that ran by screeched to a halt and joined the system. The last blood test was a flop since the clinic called the day after to report that the vile was unable to be tested and another would have to be donated. Now, actually this is no big deal, but since this is a major item on this one's agenda, and since this was to have been the last donation of the red stuff and celebrations had begun. The final donation was never carried through because the germ that dropped by decided to stay...indefinitely. A cough and the stuffiest of noses resulted. A voice that cracked and snapped and a soreness that made moving nigh to impossible, a headache that lingered and a fever dictated a visit to the good medicine man. Well, the face must have resembled the feelings, because it was off the cumidin and on to a strong antibiotic in the wink of an eye. This slowed down the Christmas preparations and so the poor tree lay in the snow for a while before finally being moved into the house.

It then took us two evenings to decorate it, but once we had gotten a couple of two new light strands, the little tree took on a beauty that defies words. The transformation from plain greenery to a colourful masterpiece is something magical. A family time, we had planned to invite helpers to assist in our creating of a Christmas tree, but the writer's nose developed an infection beyond belief. No one would want to be subjected to the sight and so we accomplished the task on our own.

This holiday season has been a menagerie of items for the gang from Swampview. There was the trip to the 730 Truck Stop with the FORD car to rescue the city cuzzins whose new CHEVY VAN had left he and the wife stranded along 401...the tree at Grams house was decorated by the cuzzins from the city and the country all lending a hand. There were gingerbread houses created with love and the skating party the Scouts enjoyed to end the year. The evening was perfect weatherwise, the fire blazed brightly, the hot dogs toasted to a turn, the hot chocolate steamy and the youngsters had a great time... Except for the broken nose!! One young man went hard into an elbow and the result was a bloody snozola, which we later learned was smashed.

Last minute shopping took its toll on the sore knee, and the body groaned in protest, but all was done and the turkey allowed smells to erupt from the oven and drift throughout the house. The gifts were wrapped and placed under the lowest branches of the tree, the first of numerous meals eaten and enjoyed by the family plus four guests.

What would Christmas Eve be without watching the Christmas Carol in black and white, Allister Sim and the ghosts of the season..well, the old guy and I turned in after it was over, and Scrooge had found the true meaning of the season. Church service on Christmas Eve is always special as we attend as a family, and when everyone wishes you a Merry Christmas, the cheer of the season overflows and a glow makes it really a season of goodwill and peace.

Christmas morning is an adventure around Swampview as we travel house to house checking out trees and gifts. This year we all ended up at Grams to exchange stockings (the adults) and gifts (youngins). Breakfast was ready and then it was off to the various homes of aunts and uncles where the youngins got more surprises and then the first big dinner. Supper was another huge meal and then a game. Bed sure felt wonderful and the memories of a wee niece's face when she realized that the snowmobile was indeed for her will long linger.

Santa has always been far too generous with all of us, and this year was no exception. Books will keep us occupied and since two of those yours truly received were cook books, everyone will enjoy the rewards hiding therein. A cool telephone will grace the kitchen at Swampview.

The snowmobiles have had their exercise for the last few days and the snowmobile suit works well. Watching the birds at the feeder is interesting and since son number two is in to feeding the feathery friends, and got seed to help him, we will be able to enjoy the Woodpecker and the Jays as well as the Chickadees and Cardinals as they drop by for a snack.

An Aunt in the big city celebrated a birthday and although we could not reach her on the phone did want to wish her the best. A call from merry old England was a great Christmas present for sure.

A sad note when a very special man in the Village went to a better place just before Christmas made us all question things for a bit. Dr. Playfair was one in a world of many and many will miss him, although those of us who were able to know him are better for the experience. Our thoughts are with Johnnie and his family as they deal with their loss.

We continue to clean snow away and dig snow and watch the white flakes drift from the sky, day after day after day...stay cool and do not shovel too much snow!

Thanks to all who sent cards and called, those who still meet me on the street and wish me and mine well, glad I am back at the paper, it certainly helps the effort. The hands are getting back into shape and can keep the keyboard clicking along pretty well these days.

Listening to the new music that came for Christmas is always fun and we will have time later to fully allow the process of osmosis to begin and the tunes to get

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the bottom line

WELL, WE HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT LONG WEEKEND CELEBRATING Christmas! I spent time with my family in Niagara. It was really great. It is definitely hard to get back into the swing of things now. Although there is only a minimal amount of snow in Niagara, we awoke Christmas morning to see the white puffy flakes falling. It was really beautiful! And perfect timing! Anyway, we just want to remind you all to have a very safe New Year's celebration Sunday night. Please don't mix drinking and driving. Think before you go. Get a designated driver and be safe! Happy New Year!

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KAREN AND I FOUND A SPECIAL GIFT ON OUR DESKS LAST WEEK. IT SEEMS a special angel delivered two little angels for us to enjoy this Christmas! Whoever that angel may be, thanks so much! It means a lot. Speaking of gift-giving, we also want to thank Rooney Feeds for the delicious goodies left on our doorstep at lunch on Friday. It was very thoughtful and we enjoyed them a lot!

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WELL, WELL. MIKEY HAD A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY LAST WEEK! Thinking he saw one of his friends at the Iroquois Post Office, he yelled "Nice driving bonehead!" However, when he looked again he realized that the person was not his friend. It was a stranger, he didn't know at all! So, he would like to apologize to whoever the person was. The comment was not intended for you! He's very sorry.

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EVERYONE IN WINCHESTER IS REJOICING! NOW WITH ONLY A MINIMAL charge ($6 or $7) added to their phone bills, they can call Ottawa with no per-minute charges. The changes took effect Friday, Dec. 22, after months of planning. In a recent survey, Winchester residents voted in favor of the extra charge, so they won't have to pay per minute to Ottawa! Coming from one who lives in Winchester and has a lot of friends in Ottawa, this is a great development!

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THE 21ST ANNUAL MATILDA WINTER CARNIVAL IS FAST APPROACHING! Once again this event promises to be a huge success! Keep watch for the details over the next few weeks. For those Matilda residents interested in being part of the Carnival Queen Pageant the deadline is Dec. 31, 1995. Get your application in to the clerk's office as soon as possible.

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WELL MY OWN BROTHER, AN MPP IN THE NIAGARA REGION, CAN'T EVEN get away from the teasing during the Christmas season! In light of a provincial minister's suggestion that people eat cans of tuna to sustain themselves, my mother suggested we feed my brother a "tuna drumstick" instead of turkey on Boxing Day. Well, we all had a good laugh at my brother's expense. But my kind-hearted mother never did serve him tuna!

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IT SEEMS SANTA CLAUS WAS VERY BUSY CHRISTMAS EVE! MANY LOCAL residents had a special visit from Santa before he delivered all of his presents to young people around the world. Riding in a police car, he was escorted to several village and township homes so he could wish youngsters a very Merry Christmas!

Looking back at Iroquois and district

Looking back

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shopping plaza. Blocking sidewalks and swearing at passersby are but a small part of the problem.

Council also sent a letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs asking that the remainder of their infrastructure funding be put towards a new sewer line for the Iroquois Golf Course. The money was left after the sewer project in the Village came in under budget and the Village hopes the $24,000. can be rerouted.

Mountain Council considered cancelling the new snowplow they intended to purchase. They can order it under this year and pay for it in 96. This should give them a fifty per cent funding for the new unit.

Iroquois will pay about $9,000 more in insurance premiums as insurance costs move steadily upwards. It is estimated that some $79,000 has been paid out in claims in the Village over the past few years.

Lou Gossett Junior was at Upper Canada Village working on the filming of the James Mink Story. The CBS Hallmark Entertainment Movie will be aired later.

Iroquois Enterprises began work on a 3500 square foot addition to their pallet recycling area. Two more loading docks will be needed to accommodate the new area. The company will become a full service one as they provide new, repaired and recycled pallets to their customers. One salesperson will be needed in this area, where some 12 people will work.

Leslie Crawford and his wife Joanne opened a new business in the plaza. Located in the former Suzanne Alexander Real Estate office, Crawford's Meat Shoppe will feature a butcher shop and deli counter.

Jim Mustard and Jacques Asselin along with help from Lionel Chartrand and Fay Riddell rescued Sherrie Byers of Prescott from her burning vehicle as it overturned on Island Park Drive in Iroquois.

The Haddo Jamboree was a wonderful success as 700 people attended the fun filled event sponsored by the South Dundas Snowmobile Club and the Haddo Recreation Group.

A reward was offered to anyone with info concerning the who and why of the defacing of the Waterfront monument in Morrisburg. Anyone can offer assistance leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the defamation to the War Memorial. The marker used to create an obscene picture on the cement was not coming off easily.

Max Keeping and the CJOH crew from Ottawa were in Morrisburg to do a live broadcast. Max signed autographs and spoke to locals who turned out to see the action as it happens.

Jamie MacIntosh had his bike racing season cut short when he smashed his new bike in qualifying trials at Mosport. He will return next year better ready to get the job done.

Nation Valley Snowmobile Association began selling tickets for their annual snowmobile raffle. A 1996 Polaris 500 should get the job done. All proceeds go towards grooming equipment.

Upper Canada Village hosted their third annual Folkfest as over 2000 people enjoyed the singing of Sylvia Tyson, Moxy Fervous and many local talents.

Dairyfest got into motion as the Guard of Honour from the Ceremonial Guard took part in the opening ceremonies in Winchester. A great weekend was had by all who took in any of the events.

The South Dundas recreation has been dissolved and replaced with a steering committee. As of January 1, 1996, each municipality will accept control of its own facilities and administration; the SDR will have no budget and the Council will meet three or four months to review budget requirements of local organizations as well as to foster an ongoing rapport as far as recreation is concerned. Major items like the Morrisburg arena will remain shared expense items. The hall in Dixon's Corners may be another shared facility as far as finances are concerned. A new coordinator will not be hired to replace Paul McAllister.

Two South Mountain entries in the demolition derby at the annual Mountain Township Agricultural Fair took top honours. Dave Sears and Brent Richardson were first and second in the demo derby feature. The fair was a success as usual, even though the heat was terrific each day.

Council agreed to spend an additional $5000 on the new fire truck on order to the Village. When the Chief and Deputy inspected the vehicle, they realized that money could be saved if certain options were included before the truck is complete. These safety items will benefit the Department and the funds are in the fire budget. As the GST is rebated to the department, the cost of the new items should be covered, with no cost to the municipality.

Reeve Johnny Whitteker reminded The Chieftain that he still is committed to the construction of a pool in South Dundas. Hoping that the S.D. and G. County Board of Education would look favourably upon the building of a pool as well as the upkeep thereof, since Seaway High was built with this idea in mind.

Swimmers enjoyed a pizza celebration for earning their awards. Sarah Hawn, Jeremy Johnston, Stephie and Barbi Law, Kristen and Ben Mustard and Sarah Charbot worked hard.

Reeve McGregor presented a cheque on behalf of Morrisburg Council as the first instalment in the Neighbourhood Watch program. Another will follow later.

The Seaway Hoops Basketball program at Seaway High was a great success. Coaches, Scott Corden and Irv Francis were pleased with how rapidly the young people improved in such a short time period. The summer program gives the youngsters an alternative when deciding what to do.

The first annual Volley for Cancer in Williamsburg was a grand success story as 36 teams competed and between 1200 and 1500 people turned out to watch the action. Bringing together the people of the community as well as the service clubs, Carl and Ruby VanAllen did a terrific organizational job.

The Iroquois Major A champs won their division. Henry Swank, Dennis Cooper and Doug Hartle were pleased with the calibre of team playing they had from their squad this summer.

Iroquois Recreation held their second annual corn and wiener roast, and although the numbers were down a bit, the enthusiasm was not.

Tracy Henderson and Ian Porteous and Karen Bradford and Gerald Morrow Jr. announced their forthcoming weddings. Laurie Casselman graduated from college.

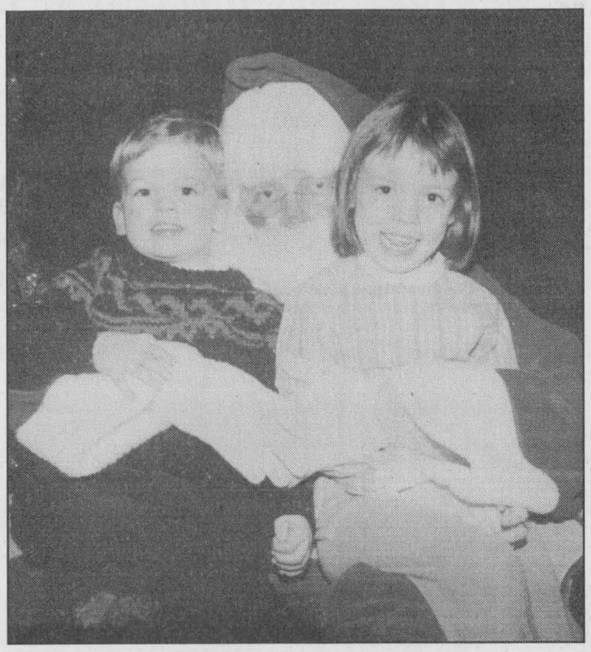
The Ralston Purina Eastern Canada Cutting Championship was held at Siebenfeld Equestrian Centre. This annual cutting horse classic between Ontario and Quebec Cutting Horse Associations was special this year as it was part of a seven weekend inter-provincial show- "Circuit '95".

Music exams were passed with honours by Nathaniel Millward (grade 2-piano-1st class honours), Charlene Hoftyzer (grade 8 -piano), Amy Casselman (grade 8 violin and grade 2 theory), Amanda Strader (grade 1-theory), Andrew Thompson (grade 2-theory-1st class honours). Congrats!!!

September

Tourist numbers were up this year at the booth at the Point. Close to 1600 tourists signed the visitors booth. July was the busiest month and the largest number of people on any one day was 86.

South Mountain and Winchester residents were to pay a flat rate for calls made to Ottawa. Individual lines in S.M. now cost an extra $13.70, while Winchester will pay $22.70 for the same service. South Mountain businesses will pay $44.70 up from $22.



Santa and friends

Drew and Taylore Mattice were ready to tell Santa exactly what they hoped to find under their tree this year. They enjoyed the Scouts hospitality and a visit with the old dude himself at the Annual Scout Breakie with Santa. Ho-Ho-Ho what a terrific threesome they make!

Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston

A Matilda man was charged with cultivation of narcotics as a result of information received through Crime Stoppers and a local source.

The Cedar Glen Open was a tie as Wade Roles and Blake Berry both grabbed a 73, requiring a sudden death play off scheduled for later to determine a winner.

The Pidgeon Island A's won the South Dundas Industrial League Fastball Playoff Championship. Taking four games to clinch the title, they won 2-zip over last years' winners from the Williamsburg Pump. Greg Workman did the job on the mound and at the plate as he nailed the winning run. Andy Lee and Tim Patterson were awarded honours as well as Workman (Sportsmanship, MVP and PMVP).

The ice was in as town league registration took place. A new time should add teams. A 25 game season will see the teams enjoy the season. Team captains use a draft system to choose their members.

Mountain Township closed the Baldwin Bridge and the Sandy Row Road due to structural problems with the bridge. An engineer's report states it is not safe for residents to use, and because the Harris government has cut back on grants, it may remain closed indefinitely. Council promised to look into options.

The grade nines at Seaway were helped into adjusting to their new situation at high school. Spending a half day at the Point, the students played wild and crazy games as veteran students organized games that would help foster friendships between the 119 new grade niners.

Linda and Jim Logie became new owners at Gregors' Place in the mall in Morrisburg. The eatery is popular with those who like fine food and it looks like the Iroquois residents will follow in Gord's food tracks in providing friendly, fast and great service and food.

The employees at the Bank of Montreal have raised $1350 and donated it to the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital. Board member, Guy de Puyjalon accepted the funds from manager, Susan Hibbett.

Martha Dulmage received a University of Toronto Open Master's Fellowship in recognition of her excellent academic achievement. The value of this award is $3600 for the 95-96 year and is tenable in the Museum Studies Program, School of Graduate Studies. Martha graduated from McGill University in June 95.

Iroquois Scouts' Group Committee held a raffle which Debbie Strader won. The funds went towards the Canadian Jamboree fund (CJ'97) the Scouts are working to build up.

Bill Horner celebrated 20 years as Clerk-Administrator in Matilda Township.

Basketball at Seaway got onto the court as the gals began shooting hoops and the Minor Hockey program is on the ice for yet another season.

Morrisburg golfers did well at the Upper Canada Open. Kelly and Nancy Simpson, Kevin Adams, Allan Castleman and Bonnie Garlough came home with the top honours.

Bob McGimpsey wrote Matilda Council concerning a problem at the corner of Lakeshore Drive and Flagg Road. A collection point for run-off, weed over growth and the deep ditch which is a hazard in winter should be repaired. He also wrote the County Engineer to make him aware of the problems at this corner.

Schneider Corporation signed a letter of intent to sell its cheese business assets to Ault Foods. No decision was made on the Winchester plant. There is another in Millbank which is a milk processing plant, while the local one is a cut and wrap as well as a processing operation.

Two local residents were involved in an automobile accident just east of Iroquois. Sandra Lee Johnston was sent to Winchester Hospital with major injuries and Paul Smith of the Village was air lifted to Ottawa with major injuries as well.

The Dundas Firearms Association continues to oppose sections of the federal government's gun control legislation. The Association applied to make a presentation to the Senate committee regarding what they say are unconstitutional and undemocratic.

Attendance at Upper Canada Village remained stable this summer, but revenues were up as the second day was free to ticket buyers and this allowed them to spend more at the store and the concessions.

New faces at Seaway included Krista Duncan, Heidi Linnen-MacDonald, Jan Mustard, Kristine Flaherty and Sarah Lewis. Seaway were ready to sell coupon books. Teamed with Upper Canada Playhouse, the school will get 25 per cent of the monies collected from the sales.

Reeve Barkley admantly refused the hosting of a regional waste site in Matilda; a non-hazardous solid waste site serving Eastern Ontario. The Reeve suggested that private enterprise should be involved.

Morrisburg's own Spinning Wheel began serving Mountain Boy Chicken and Taters.

Kelly Smail and Anthony Balde announced their engagement.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions played the Char-Lan Rebels and the rookies shone in exhibition play. The same was true for the gals Basketball team from Seaway. The Junior squad sent the North Dundas Devils packing 49-33. Great incentive to the season.

The Iroquois Badminton Club got ready to start their season at Seaway. Jeff Beaupre is anxious for registrants to call him.

Brian NcNairn grabbed the win as the Morrisburg Golf Club hosted the final men's night of play. Jim Whelan took the B low gross title, while the C went to Roger Merkley. Congrats!!

Mountain Council decided to include a newsletter to all residents. The second one, Council feels it is beneficial to keep residents informed as to what is happening around the table at Council meetings.

Seaway Senior girls basketball squad took the B side of a warm-up tourney. Getting things organized on the floor is often time consuming, and this pre-season run will get them ready faster.

The weather was just right as Upper Canada Village presented the Fall Fair. Celebrating the change of seasons, everyone enjoyed the fun and excitement, as the Village came alive in the fall colours.

All patients at Winchester and District Memorial Hospital will now have phones at their bedside. Activated for a $5.95 fee and a cost of $2 a day, the phones will enable patients access to their homes.

Contract negotiations between the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and the union workers made it through the mediation stage. Workers and the union wait for the Minister of Labour to

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Just Livin'

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inside us. Good music is always a wonderful way to spend time. Curled up in front of the fireplace with a good book with some fav sounds coming from the stereo is a perfect way to put in some hours. Later this week the time should be available for this luxury and I will take advantage of it!

Take time to enjoy a sunrise soon and slow things down to a reasonable speed. Look after yourself and stay happy. Look forward to the new year with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. Celebrate the coming of 1996 and know that things will get better. A new dawn is coming and we all need to face it with a smile and determination. Make the most of what you have. See you in '96.

Focus

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every month.

"He watches everything you do," he said. "One time he moved a bale of hay to the window and was trying to open it. I'm afraid he's going to start the tractor on me one of these days."

Each of the three different pets have their own unique personalities and idiosyncrasies, said Carla.

"The donkeys are overgrown puppy dogs, while the llamas are like cats," she added.

But the animal with best personality is the pot-bellied pig. In the Saunders' case, Wilbur has proven to be a ham on more than one occasion.

"He loves to bowl," said Gary, who gave his pet pig a bowling ball to keep him occupied. "One night he woke us up because he was flinging the ball around the basement so hard."

While the little porker keeps Carla and Gary wondering what his next surprise will be, the biggest shocks to date have come this spring and fall when the three little piggies took on a whole new meaning for the couple.

"They weren't planned pregnancies," said Gary. "We had him in a different pen, but when he gets frisky, he must be superman."

In total, Wilbur has sired a total of 11 pigs in two litters. Out of the latest litter of five 12-week-old pigs, three need good homes.

"They make excellent pets," said Carla. "They're cleaner than any dog I've ever seen and they're easy to train.

"You don't have to brush them, they don't get fleas and people with allergies to dogs and cats can live with a pot-bellied pig."

Carla and Gary sell each piglet for $150, including an informative book that covers everything you need to know about pot bellies, from A to Z.

While the couple believes that owning these unique pets is not for everyone, each finds caring for these animals is a way to get away from the pressures of working long days running their convenience store across the road from their home.

"To us, this is stress management," said Carla. "They give back much more than they take -- it's a lot of fun."

"Some people might think we're crazy," said Gary. "But we have a good time with this. This is our vacation."

By this time next year, *Saunders' Country Critters* should be double its current size. A new donkey and a new llama are coming in the spring, when the couple plans to start breeding its pets.

No financial help from local council for Runions

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Darryl Runions left Iroquois Council's last regular meeting on Dec. 12th empty-handed.

He came to council looking for financial reimbursement for costs he incurred while moving his satellite dish.

According to village foreman Bill Ewing, he moved the dish so it would not be damaged while hydro employees cut down trees on property adjacent to his satellite dish.

"We suggested he move the dish for safety reasons," Ewing said last week.

So as not to interfere with hydro lines, hydro employees regularly trim the trees on Vi Milligan's property located at the corner of Dundas and Victoria streets.

This year, when hydro employees went to trim them, the owner said they could cut the two trees down.

However the wire of Runions' satellite dish was connected to one of the trees. Runions had the wire moved and buried underground. The total cost for having this done came to $290. About $80 of that was attributed to service calls. The rest covered the cost of burying the wire.

Runions wanted to be reimbursed by the village because he felt the work was done only because hydro cut the trees down.

But council members unanimously agreed it is not the village's responsibility to cover the costs.

"I can't see it's our responsibility because the thing was moved to facilitate your TV," Roberts said.

Council members said the wire should have never been attached to the tree in the first place. A post should have been put in place.

Deputy Reeve Wilf Gibbons also said a fixed object shouldn't be placed under hydro lines. Runions said he didn't know that information when the dish was installed several years ago.

Council did consider paying the $80 service call fees, but they didn't want to set a precedent by doing so.

At the end of discussion, council agreed it is not the village's responsibility to cover the costs, so no money was granted.

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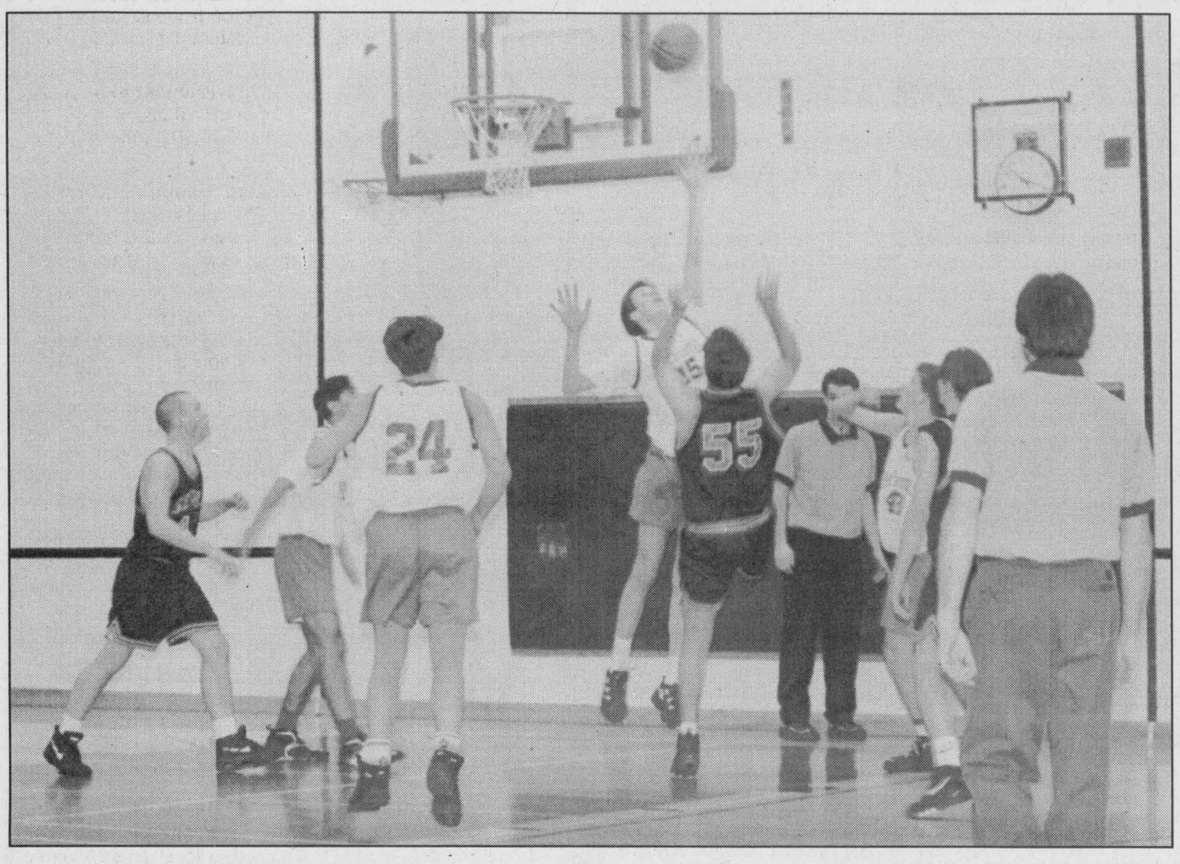
The Lions host the Rebels Sunday!



One leg's better than none!

Pictured above, John Derouchie breaks through La Citadelle defense to take a shot. Derouchie (pictured above with one leg) was the leading point getter for the junior Spartans in last week's 54-36 loss. Derouchie had eighteen foul shots but could only capitalize on seven. Travis Thompson was three points behind Derouchie with a total of ten. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Morrisburg Lions unbeaten streak ends in Kemptville on Friday night

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

Chad Duguay's second period goal put Morrisburg on the board and only one point away from tying the game. With over half of the game yet to play, it looked like Morrisburg might be able to turn a horrible first 28 minutes into a positive outing and maybe, with a little luck, another two points.

The Kemptville 73's on the other hand had a different game outcome in mind.

Less than a minute after the Duguay from Warner - Hare, marker, Hamish Fraser sparked a renewed interest in the game with a short handed goal for the 73's.

Kemptville's third of the night was followed by their fourth, fifth, sixth and finally seventh of the night.

Goals for Kemptville came from Andrew Williams (2), Dave Ralph, Hamish Frasier, Kevin Windsor, Wayne Hall and Eric Jansen (all with singles).

Last Wednesday the Lions hosted the Alexandria Glens and managed to squeak out an O.T. win in a shoot-out.

The Glens led 3-2 after one with goals from Stephane Loxer, Chris Coffie and Derek Durocher.

The Lions only two of the first were scored by Jon Saunders and Chad Duguay with assists going to Tim Waldroff, Al Quenville, Chad White and Geoff Hare.

Despite being outplayed in the middle frame, the Lions managed to put two past Pierre Tasse in the second to carry a one goal lead into the third.

Saunders and Waldroff were credited with the second period goals and assists went to Duguay, Hare, Quenville and Warner.

With 13:41 left in the game Warner put the Lions up by two after taking a feed from Waldroff and Quenville, but the Glens found a breath of fresh air and struck for three in a row.

In less than a minute, the Lions saw their two goal lead become a one goal deficit as David Bruyere, Chris Coffie and Darcy MacDonell all beat Tom Payment in the Lions cage.

Desperately working to turn things around, Jason Murree went end to end and put one past Tasse to tie the game at six and send it to O.T.

Payment was exceptional in the fourth as well as the shoot out which followed.

Morrisburg won the shoot out for the two points.

The Lions host Char Lan this Sunday afternoon with a 1:30 start. After defeating the Rebels two weeks ago in Char Lan, you can bet they'll be out for blood.

As well, the Rebels have signed Massena N.Y. native Matt Reid. Reid who attends school in Lake Placid is affiliated with the Cornwall Colts and has five points in two games with Char Lan.

FROM THE FRONT

T.R. Leger

need. In each case, supervisors will be on hand to help.

The fourth area of service is specifically for children in the community.

"Students must be included because we are a school," King says. "As an educator the Internet is a way of equalizing resources for our children."

Local schools will be able to book time at the alternative school so students can learn about the information highway and research projects.

These four areas of service will depend on what kind of funding T.R. Leger receives. These four areas will be modified according to the funding received.

"I can't see any one of them not happening," King says.

T.R. Leger submitted this proposal in partnership with a number of community groups and organizations. Among them were: the SD&G public school board; South Dundas Economic Development Commission; Cardinal District Resource Centre; Upper Canada Playhouse; Morrisburg and District Chamber of Commerce; Women for Survival in Agriculture; Beavers Dental; Dundas Federation of Agriculture; and the jobLink Resource Centre in Cornwall.

These partners agreed to provide a representative to sit on a steering committee that will help direct the program. Anyone interested in becoming a partner in this project can call T.R. Leger.

The exact details of the funding and how the program will work are still sketchy, but King says the hope to know more by mid-January.

CAP is part of the federal government's overall information highway strategy. By 1998, it is hoped that more than 1000 rural communities will be linked by the program. Applications for 1996 CAP funding must be made by Oct. 31, 1996.

Carnival

emcee.

As in other years, this pageant kicks off a week-long winter celebration in Matilda Township. See you all there!



Lions add two points

The Morrisburg Lions increased their winning streak to ten games in a row last Wednesday night, but it wasn't pretty. Morrisburg gave up three in a row in the third to allow the visiting Glens a chance to get back in the game. Morrisburg won in a shoot out. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Spartans' minds on vacation not game

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

With Christmas only four days away the Seaway Spartans seemed to have everything but basketball on their minds.

"The last time we lost three in a row was last year at this time," stated boys basketball Coach Irv Francis. "Next year we'll have to reschedule these games."

Hosting double A La Citadelle the Spartans midget team produced the best results of all the Seaway teams suffering a 36-24 loss.

The second best game of the day for Seaway came from the junior team who lost by 18 points.

John Derouchie took eighteen shots from the foul line and picked seven points for his effort. Derouchie was also the leading point getter for Seaway with a total of 13.

Travis Thompson nailed four baskets from inside the key and added another two points with shots from the foul line.

Brad Boivin and Jason Byvelds added four apiece in the game, Andy Vandermeulen scored three points and Jason MacPherson picked up another two.

The senior Spartans suffered the biggest defeat of the day losing by 30 points.

Roch Lemire nailed three from the three point line, added four baskets from inside the key and sunk one from the foul line for a total of 18 points for the visitors.

La Citadelle Guard Joshua Parkinson sank four three pointers and added two from inside for a total of 16 points.

Combined, these two players alone scored more points than the complete Spartan senior line up.

Add another 28 points from the rest of the La Citadelle line up and you have an end result of 62 points vs Seaway's 32.

Kyle Swerdfeger was held pointless as was Jamie Scott who missed two attempts from the foul line.

Seaway's newest acquisition, Kevin MacKillican was the high scorer for the Spartans with 14 points. Hugh Porter had 11 and single baskets came from Jason Rooney, Sean Couture and Mike Adlington.

Seaway was only down by fifteen at the half but a strong third quarter from the visitors and an even stronger 21 point fourth quarter squashed any momentum the Spartans could have mustered.

At the end of the game Spartans Coach Scott Corden noted if was the first sweep of the Seaway teams since this time last year and made mention of the fact that the seniors were without starter Derrick "Air Time" Casselman.

The Chieftain Sports Scoreboard

St. Lawrence Division

	Gp	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Char Lan	25	17	04	04	153	92	40
Kemptville	26	15	07	04	124	93	36
Winchester	24	11	11	02	108	134	27
Morrisburg	**24**	**12**	**10**	**02**	**126**	**123**	**27**
Alexandria	25	03	20	02	93	155	09

Rideau Division

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Gananoque	24	16	08	00	135	93	32
S. Grenville	22	10	11	01	97	99	23
Athens	24	07	15	02	90	136	18
Brockville	25	06	19	00	77	135	13

Morrisburg Lions Home Games

December 31 vs.
Char Lan 1:30 pm

January 7 vs.
Kemptville 2:30 pm

January 12 vs.
Gananoque 8:30 pm

Long Sault Vipers Home Games

January 6 vs.
North Stormont 8:15 pm

January 13 vs.
North Stormont 8:15 pm

January 20
St. Isidore 8:15 pm

Santa picks tag draw winners

Santa Claus and his special elf were special guests in the Iroquois Plaza last Friday as they picked the winning tags in the tag draw contest.

The winners included: Marjorie Keyes - Baldi's; Luella Sears - Crawford's Meat Shoppe; Femmie Tibben - Rise n' Shine; Connie Bylsma - S&F Food Town; Kent McDermid - Rooney Feeds; Red Haley - Becker's; Sharon Hartle - Thompson's; Carole Brouse - Fader/Byers; Marilyn Beach - Rikki's Pizza; Tracey Adams - Gilmer Pharmacy; Marie Gillard - Mustard's Variety; Evonne Delegarde - Seaway Treasures; Gloria Froats - Beaupre Jewellers; and Freda Tibben - The Iroquois Chieftain.

T.R. Leger school expands computer classes

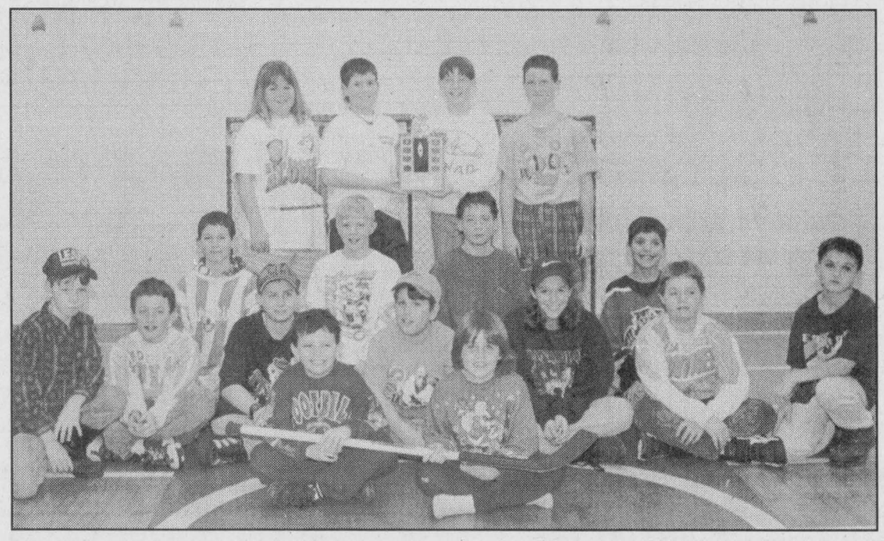
T.R. Leger School, through its workplace development unit, recently announced it will offer a new type of computer training in late January.

Dubbed **Technology Ticket**, the program is aimed at those people who find it difficult to conform to a normal classroom schedule and require the ability to train for new software technologies on their own time. The software programs are individualized so that people can work at their own pace, on the day they want, and for how long they want.

"We found that some classes had to be postponed because of the difficulty of getting a group of 15 people together on the same night the courses were offered," said Kevin Parkinson, workplace development coordinator. "But the demand for these services continued. Technology Ticket meets that need."

In its 14 years of providing alternative education, T.R. Leger has always been willing to fill a niche in the community and seeks to do the same with Technology Ticket.

This new program will be offered in Alexandria, Cornwall, Morrisburg and Winchester. A publicity and advertising campaign will begin in early January with the target date for the launching of the program on Jan. 25.



Ball hockey

The Smokers were on fire last Tuesday evening as they defeated the opposition in Iroquois Recreation ball hockey play-off action. Following the game the Smokers were awarded the playoff hardware and posed for a picture with the other playoff teams. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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

Free bridge lessons for anyone willing to learn the game beginning **Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m.** Join us each and every **Wed. night at 7:30 p.m. at the Iroquois Civic Centre.**

Family Fun Day at Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary. 11:30 a.m.- Camp fire lunch; **12-1:30 p.m.-**Sled dogs demo; **1:30-2:30-**Horsedrawn sleigh rides. Snow shoes will be available; ski trails open, hot chocolate and juices available. $3/person (children under 5 free).

Guided moon-light ski-hike at Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Jan 6, 8-10 p.m. $2.50/person. For more information call **Jim Saunders 613-543-3704.**

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Looking back at Iroquois and district over the year 1995

Looking back

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decide whether the workers will continue with the bargaining process, or if a work to rule will result.

The South Dundas Snowmobile Club donated $100 to the 1st Iroquois Scouts for their help at the Haddo Jam. The money went into the CJ'97 fund which will help the Scouts travel to Thunder Bay to be a part of the Jamboree, which will host Scouts from all across Canada.

The Women's Institute celebrated 65 years in Matilda Township. W.I.'s endeavour to improve the quality of life in numerous ways was instrumental in having numerous items that make life better, like white lines being painted on the highway centres.

A ten year old tree in the mini mall was cut down for no reason by someone who needed something to do. Hidden nearby, the limbs and tree top will be missed during the hot and sunny days ahead.

Harbers Flame Centre opened to serve the area. Brian and Joy will sell, service and install both wood and pellet stoves as well as supplying necessary materials that relate to the stove business.

New faces at IPS included Kelly Tryon, Connie Aikman, Kim McRae-Craig and Anne Presley. Anne is the Vice-Principal this year.

Gwen Parmeter celebrated her 80th Birthday.

Morrisburg Junior B Lions picked up their first win of the season as they played South Grenville. Later the same day, they dropped one to Char-Lan, but then two games in one day is tough.

The Lions roster was to be complete as cuts had to be made. This is a rebuilding year and many rookies will get the call.

The Friday Night Dart League is alive and prospering in Iroquois. Twelve teams are in the running for top honours and if the first evening of tossing the darts is any indication things will be a barrel of fun for all this year.

The Matilda Minor #2 ball team came out victorious in the B division this season. The only team to win all three of the games they played.

The Big Bike Ride for Stroke was an unqualified success as the participants far exceeded their fund-raising goal. The Bank of Montreal in conjunction with the Dundas Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation organized the effort. Four teams rode the 29-seat bike to raise $12,700. Way to go!

Mountain Township Fire Department has a state of the art pumper truck ready to put out fires faster than any others.

Arthur Laurin passed away at home. He was 80. Mourning his loss are his wife and twelve children as well as a wealth of friends and business associates and neighbours.

Marshall and Ethel Davidson celebrated their 50th Anniversary.



Lions win ten before losing to Kemptville

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions made it ten games in a row without a loss last Wednesday night, but their ten game winning streak came to an abrupt end in Kemptville last Friday night. The 73's scored two short handed goals, one powerplay goal and four even strength goals enroute to a 7-1 victory over the team from Morrisburg. Pictured above, Morrisburg goalie Troy Sayeau looks to freeze the puck.

Chieftain photo by J. Brownlee

October

Iroquois Council asked village residents to help get the 911 service up and running. Upon the request of Bell Canada, the village is asking its residents to update their addresses, including the correct number and complete name of street, road, avenue, place or crescent. The village of Iroquois needs this done to qualify for the enhanced 911 system expected to be in place within two years.

Money promised by the provincial government to help pay for the repairs on St. Lawrence Street in the village of Morrisburg will not be paid. Morrisburg lost $10,300 following the provincial throne speech.

The subject of add-ons at Caravan Camp came to the Matilda Council table, after municipal administrator Donald Lewis and clerk-treasurer Bill Horner went on a driving tour through the park. The pair noted about 12 add-ons that violated the zoning bylaw.

A notorious weeping willow tree - home to vandals, drinking parties and sex education classes - was soon to weep its last branches over the property of Iroquois resident Clarence Reynolds. Iroquois Council decided to have the tree pulled down, after receiving complaints about the huge tree located at the south side of the west-end children's playground.

Iroquois residents living along Elizabeth Drive were asked to install sump pumps in their basements. Upon the advice of the village solicitor, Iroquois Council passed a resolution at a special meeting making the request.

Margaret Reynolds has given years of service to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, in hopes that in some small way she encourages the development of heart and stroke research within the province. In honor of her hard work, Reynolds was honored with the first Heart and Stroke "volunteer of the year award."

Residents of Dundas County. Heart and Stroke volunteers. Give yourselves a hand! You have been a part of the most successful year of Heart and Stroke fund-raising in Dundas County. Dundas County raised over $119,000 for heart and stroke research in 1994-95. Over $477,000 was raised across the three United Counties.

Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry residents looking for work, would soon have additional help in finding employment. Five job bank kiosks were to be installed in local communities over the next few months, including Mountain Township.

Seventy graduates converged on Seaway District High School for commencement services, as they celebrated their final days at the institution. Ontario Scholars included: Hannah Barkley, Miriam Berghuis, Sherry Dolan, Craig Halpenny, Gary Magee, Lee Melki, Philip Pietersma, Stephen Robertson, Kelly Shaver, Andrew VanderMeulen, Christopher White and Wendy Weagant.

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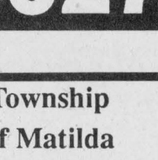
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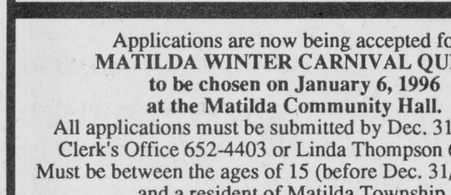

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OBITUARIES

Gladys Barkley

After a lengthy illness on December 16, 1995 at her residence at the St. Lawrence Lodge, Brockville, at the age of 80 years, a former resident of Williamsburg Township, Miss Clova Gladys Barkley.

A housekeeper, she was born in Williamsburg Township and was predeceased by her parents, Henry Barkley and Bertha May Dillabough and a brother, Hugh Barkley as well as a sister, Hazel Barkley.

She was educated at SS No. 14, Morrisburg Collegiate and Ottawa Normal School.

Friends and family may attend a graveside service in the spring at Old Union Cemetery in Williamsburg. Funeral arrangements are under the care of the Fairbairn Funeral Home Limited in Morrisburg. She was affiliated with the United Church of Canada throughout her life.

Robert Warwick

Suddenly on December 17, 1995 at his residence in Riverside Heights, Robert Arthur Warwick. He was 69.

A trucker, Robert drove for Motorways, Carling O'Keefe and Morrison Lamonte as well as working as an MTC Inspector during his lifetime. Robert had lived in Ottawa, Montreal and Cornwall before moving to RR1, Morrisburg and calling Riverside his home.

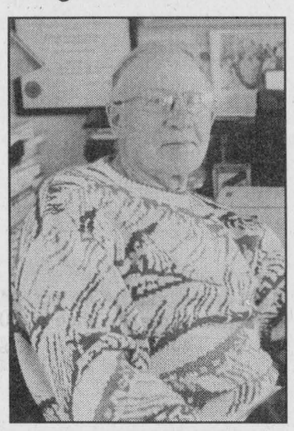
He leaves to mourn his beloved wife Iris Doreen Burling whom he wed on October 30, 1948 at St. James Anglican Church in Morrisburg. As well his son Keith and his wife, Brenda of Cornwall, a sister; Helen Wintour of Ottawa and four grandchildren; Shannon, Matthew, Kalla and Jesse all feel the loss.

Educated at Ottawa Tech. High School, Robert was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 48, Morrisburg. Predeceased by his parents, Robert Ernest Warwick and Ethel Louise Ward, he will be missed.

Family and friends were received at the Fairbairn Funeral Home Limited in Morrisburg on December 18. Services were held in the Funeral Home with Rev. Harry Brown officiating.

Dr. Peter Playfair

by Guy de Puyjalon



Our community mourns the untimely death on December 20 of well-known and highly respected Dr. Peter F. Playfair, who succumbed after a lengthy and courageous battle against multiple sclerosis, fatally complicated last November by a severe accidental fracture.

Peter Playfair will be remembered as a patriot, a man of silence, a pioneer in matters of public health in Ontario. He was active in the community, notably and for many years as the popular chairman of the Iroquois Public Library Board. His wise counsel was regularly sought by many who shared his interest in public affairs and his deep commitment to truth, principle and integrity.

Peter Playfair, recently the recipient of a distinguished service award from the Royal Canadian Legion, is sadly missed by all whose good fortune it was to know him as a friend, associate and colleague; and by the wider community which benefited from his selfless hours of service as a volunteer in various organizations.

Dr. Playfair is mourned by his wife Wilma - Johnnie, a daughter, Janet (Richard) Mitchell and a son, Ross.

May his memory be for a blessing.

SDEDC visits Matilda Council

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

When the South Dundas Economic Development Commission learned it would not be receiving financial assistance from the government in 1994, the four municipalities it served agreed to share costs for the organization to operate on a part-time basis.

SDEDC Commissioner Len Bellamy attend the regular meeting of Matilda Council last Thursday evening to bring council up to speed on the activities of the SDEDC and ask for support in '96.

Responsible for the production of the South Dundas Business Directory, the Lost Villages tourist map, the We're Expecting You logo, numerous small business seminars and a host of related promotional programs, the SDEDC outlined some of their plans for the new year.

After listening to the presentation, Reeve Charles Barkley asked when the SDEDC began operating and what the projected budget would be for 1996.

Commissioner Cam Martel answered by telling Mr. Barkley the SDEDC came into existence in 1986 and that present estimates on the cost per municipality would be in the range of $2,500.

Deputy Reeve Norm Tinkler asked if the Commission would be receiving any government assistance. In 1995 the Commission was given funding to hire two clerical staff.

Commissioner Martel told those present that the organization was looking into the different avenues available, but that nothing had been decided as of yet.

Reeve Barkley noted the SDEDC's association with Queen's University in the preparation of a South Dundas industrial services survey and told the delegation that they were headed in the right direction.

Reeve Barkley pointed out that the United Counties had formed a partnership with a university student to do a similar task on a counties wide level and that the partnership had worked tremendously.

"If you look back through the pages of your memory, people know that there is a South Dundas now," said Mr. Martel. "I believe it is more important for us now than at any other time to work together (through the SDEDC)."

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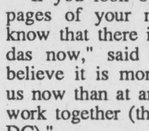
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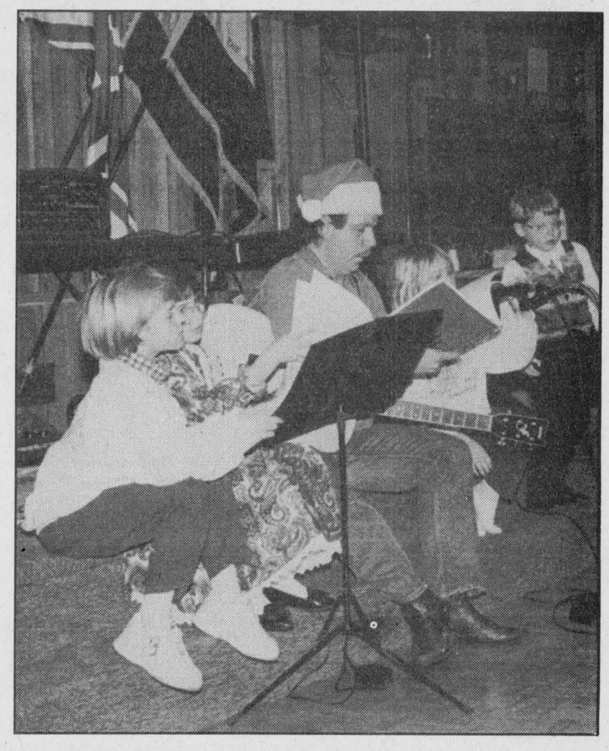

Santa Claus is coming...

Joe is joined by a large group of Cardinal kids at the Legion party. Singing along with the "One Man Band" the youngsters felt they were helping Santa find the Legion so they could meet and greet him. It was a fun time for everyone concerned.

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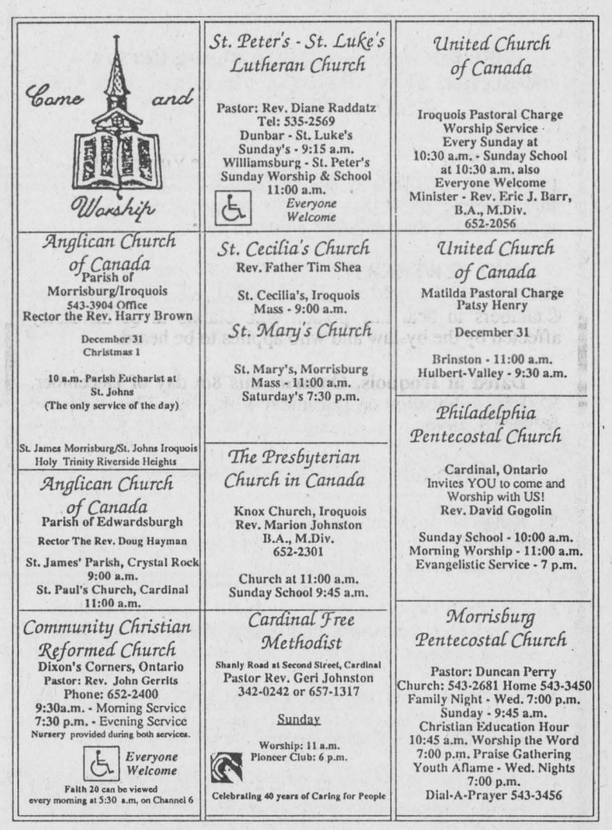

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Looking back at Iroquois and district over the year 1995

Looking back

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Harry McCallam was the man of the hour on Friday, Sept. 29 during the Iroquois Golf Club fun scramble. On the first shot of the day, he knocked it in the hole for an ace. He made his one on No. 4 and used a 9-iron.

Rod Beattie and his alter ego Walt Wingfield (everyone's favorite farmer) returned to the Upper Canada Playhouse to open the winter series.

Four years of persistence paid off for Iroquois firefighters and area residents, after they finally received the village's new fire truck.

Domenic and Sharon Barbe of Hulbert were the lucky winners of $3.3 million. They played Lotto 649 and had the luck of the draw.

Anyone who parks in a handicapped parking space in Iroquois without a proper licence can now be fined. Iroquois Council passed an amendment to the parking bylaw which now includes handicapped parking provisions.

Iroquois Council was waiting to hear from the school board before it would make any decisions about the littering and loitering problem in Iroquois' plaza square. Although Councillor Bruce Mullin came ready to present the idea of a littering bylaw to council, members unanimously decided to wait on making any decisions until the school board responded to Iroquois' concerns about students hanging out in the Iroquois plaza's east end.

For 130 years, Morrisburg has been without a set purchasing and procedure policy. After months of work, Morrisburg council unveiled its new procedure bylaw to the village at a regular meeting.

Morrisburg Lions Club members collected food for the needy. It was the third year the Lions Club helped the House of Lazarus by holding a food drive.

Laurine (McGuinness) King welcomed family and friends to the Iroquois Anglican Church to help her celebrate her 90th birthday.



Lions donation

The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club recently donated $1000 to the Easter Seal Society. Lion Ross Dulmage presented Fiona Brown with the cheque. It is the second installment of a five-year commitment to Camp Merrywood (a camp for the physically challenged). The money will be used in the camp's rebuilding project. *Courtesy photo*

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts spent a Saturday morning going door-to-door to sell apples. By so doing, they raised $600.

Plans for a new sewer line to the Iroquois Golf Course were at a standstill, thanks to the provincial government. Iroquois Council had not yet heard whether the provincial government was willing to transfer Iroquois' left-over infrastructure funding towards the project.

Although there may be no immediate plans for a business improvement association (BIA) in Iroquois, the Iroquois-Matilda promotion committee had a temporary solution to pull local businesses together. The committee was encouraging Iroquois and Matilda businesses to meet with the Morrisburg and District Chamber of Commerce at the end of November in hopes that businesses would start to work together.

If Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank and Councillor Bruce Mullin had their way, the municipality would not be collecting taxes for the school board. They made these comments at a regular council meeting, while discussing the school board taxation process.

Iroquois' Becker's store got hit for the second time in two weeks. Cigarettes were among the items stolen.

Chris Berthiaume of Ottawa pleaded guilty to six armed robberies including those at the LCBO in Chesterville and S&F Food Town in Iroquois.

The Iroquois firefighters served 140 surf and turf dinners at their annual fund-raising dinner held at the Iroquois Civic Centre. "Elvis" made a special appearance, thanks to Louis Rooney.

The Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club donated $800 to Matilda Hall at the end of October. Matilda recreation also received a donation for more than $1000. Both groups assisted at the weekly Thursday evening bingos at Matilda Hall.

Organizers of the Hospice Hoedown were extremely pleased with the outcome of their labors, as over $5000 was raised for the Dundas County Hospice.

November

Iroquois business, Red & White Food Store fell victim to a break-in. Culprits smashed the glass between the main doors, but left without gaining entry to the store.

The House of Lazarus, a community resource centre in South Mountain, lost all of its funding from the Ontario government. The Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services announced it would no longer support Community Neighbourhood Support Services programs. Thirty-three per cent of the funding for the House of Lazarus was derived from this program. As a result, staff hours and hours of operation were reduced.

Seaway District High School hosted a meeting to hash out problems the Iroquois community had been having with young people hanging out in the plaza area. Local politicians, residents, school officials and Ontario Provincial Police officers were on hand to discuss the issue. The students said they would like to have a canopy area at the east end of the plaza over the landscaped area.

Between 40 and 50 local business owners and employees attended the 8th annual business appreciation night in Morrisburg. Three new businesses were showcased at the information fair, as well as government and public service agencies.

Jon Funston of Mountain Township was not very pleased with his neighbors. The Mountain Trailblazer snowmobile club members set up a clubhouse on Van Camp Road next to Funston's lot. Displeased with the clubhouse, he came to Mountain Council with his concerns.

Iroquois village foreman Bill Ewing had to give up his "little red truck." In its place, he began driving a white half-ton truck to carry out his job as foreman. To save money, Iroquois Council passed a motion to break the lease for the red 1994 Dodge truck.

Iroquois Council received "tentative approval" to allocate left-over infrastructure funding to the Iroquois golf course sewer line project. As a result, council passed a resolution at a special meeting to purchase sewer pipes before the winter and cold weather set in.

Matilda Hall was filled to capacity, as 4-H members from throughout Dundas County gathered to honor their own. This year marked the 80th anniversary of the 4-H movement in Ontario. Senior award winners included Patti Duke, Korrine Hutt, Tammy Henderson, Robert Farlinger and Steve Bossel.

The Iroquois Fire Department donated $2000 to Muscular Dystrophy. The local department did exceedingly well this year raising funds through the dunk tank during Iroquois' Summer Festival, the containers placed in various businesses, and through collection on the Summer Festival parade route.

Unless residents of this province oppose proposed municipal reform, municipal governing as it is now known, may be a system of the past. This was the warning Morrisburg Council gave at its regular meeting. If local municipalities are amalgamated into larger ones, council members are concerned that a new municipal act would mean the end of local municipal governing.

Dale and Judy Winters of Iroquois' Becker's store received a surprise they won't soon forget. It was a surprise they hoped would lead the police to find the people who robbed their store twice in October. Crime Stoppers came and taped the Becker's crime. It was to be aired on CJOH on Monday, Nov. 20.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) staff and administration wanted to know how well they were serving the public. As a result, they conducted a 1000-home telephone survey.

Bob Martin of Iroquois donated a girl's bicycle to the Iroquois playground committee to be raffled off in December.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions picked up their first weekend sweep since February, 1995.

The Cedar Glen Golf Club stepped into a new venture, as it officially turned its clubhouse into a 12-month operation.

Upper Canada Playhouse sponsors gathered for a special luncheon at the Morrisburg theatre to be recognized for their contribution to the arts. About 30 people attended the luncheon at which businesses in the community received plaques to recognize their sponsorship.

After investigating the Winchester Legion's system of selling Nevada tickets, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have not found any money missing. Consequently, no charges have been laid.

The Iroquois Hydro Commission is doubling its security deposit rates within the village. Commissioners passed a resolution setting the residential electric heat security deposit rate at $300, and the electric service rate at $200, up from $150 and $100.

Concern over vehicle parking in front of Iroquois' Becker's store prompted Iroquois Council into action. Consulting with Ontario's Ministry of Transportation (MTO), the village decided to investigate how it could keep people from parking along the laneway. Council discussed the issue at a regular meeting after reading a letter of concern from Iroquois resident Mary Graydon.

The junior and senior Spartan girls basketball teams won the SD&G basketball championship titles.

Organizers of Fallfest 1995 were extremely happy with their fund-raising results. Over $700 was raised for Iroquois' playground improvements.

Thanks to donations through the estates of Olive Jane MacIntosh and Thomas F. LaPierre, Winchester District Memorial Hospital has new diagnostic imaging equipment worth $600,000 in two of its radiology rooms.

S&F Food Town owner Jim Lewis celebrated his 10th anniversary in the grocery business, with Reeve Peter Swank and former owner Allan Fisher.

Partners for Children in Development recently sent a container of supplies to Honduras. It was filled with medical supplies from hospitals in Ottawa, Winchester and Kemptville, as well as many other much-needed supplies like soap, shampoo and toothpaste.

The proposed senior support satellite office for Matilda Township passed one more hurdle. The Ministry of Health and the three United Counties of SD&G have entered into a written agreement to fund renovations at the former Stampville Public School. Funding of $125,00 will be put towards the renovations.

December

President and chief executive officer of Winchester District Memorial Hospital, Don Smith said he was hopeful the community facility would not be closed due to provincial cutbacks. With an active patient program and an excellent geographical location, the hospital is expected to remain open.

Dundas County's eight municipal councils met in Morrisburg to discuss their future together, in light of the provincial government's streamlining and budget cutbacks. They discussed the option of having one municipality - Dundas County - in the form of a one-tier government. A committee of municipal representatives was formed to look into the matter further.

A fire, under Ontario Provincial Police and Ontario Fire Marshall investigation, destroyed the Iroquois laundromat on Nov. 29. Owner Ray Delegarde had to hear from the fire marshall before making a decision on what to do with the facility.

The South Dundas Recreation Council will continue to exist, even though it is at least $27,000 in debt. A joint meeting between the four municipal councils which make up the SDRC was held at the beginning of December. Starting Jan. 1, the SDRC will become an advisory board for recreation in South Dundas.

About 20 interested business owners from Iroquois and Matilda met in the Iroquois Council Chambers to discuss the possibility of forming a joint business association. After considerable discussion, Baldi's Deli owner Roger Levesque was chosen to head the steering committee that will look into the matter.

The Iroquois Canada Post office held a customer appreciation day during the last week of November. Penny Whittle served up hot apple cider as a way to say thank you to local customers.

Last year 187 families in South Dundas received a Christmas basket from the South Dundas Christmas Exchange (SDCE). With two days left to go at the end of November, the SDCE surpassed that number with 200 names received through the SDCE hotline.

The Dundas County amalgamation committee looking into municipal restructuring decided it was at a standstill until it received more information and guidelines from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

After months of road and construction work, local officials and politicians officially opened the new Baldwin Bridge located east of South Mountain. The project was completed in November under the Canada/Ontario infrastructure works program.

There are mixed opinions on whether the Iroquois plaza loitering problem is really improving. At a community meeting various community representatives gave differing opinions. Some said there aren't as many young people causing problems at the east of the plaza. Others said, they still are causing problems.

The village of Morrisburg lost one of its most valued employees. Councillor Jack Notman announced that Sid Drennan was retiring from his position as caretaker of the old high school in Morrisburg.

Iroquois children visited with Santa Claus at the Iroquois Civic Centre on a December afternoon. Although attendance was lower this year from last, organizers were still pleased with this festive event. Santa's visit was sponsored by the Iroquois Summer Festival committee.

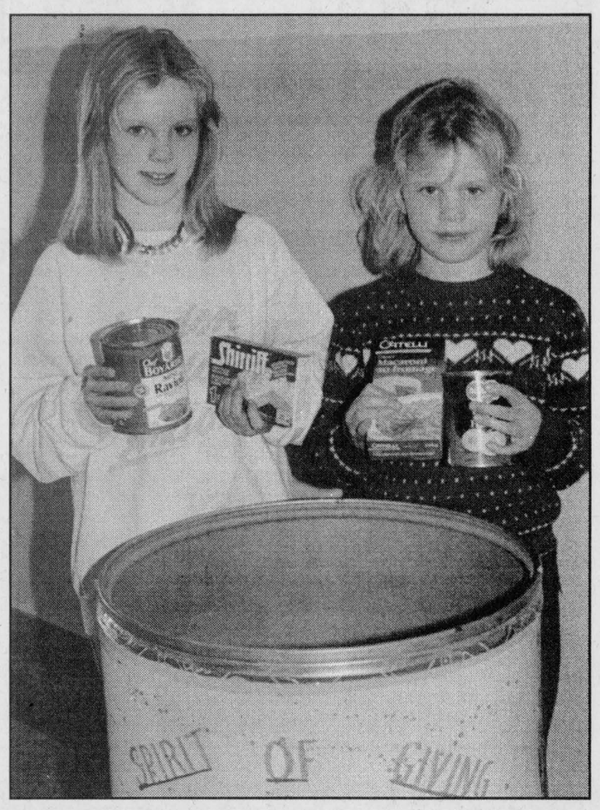
Grade three students at Iroquois Public School helped the South Dundas Christmas Exchange (SDCE) this season. Instead of buying gifts for one another, they have decided to buy presents for two needy children. They came to Iroquois' Bank of Montreal to choose two angels from the angel tree.

The last time there was a crowd that large in the mall was during August's Tubie Weekend. Hundreds of spectators lined the sidewalks in front of mall stores in anticipation of the first annual Santa Claus parade in Morrisburg. Organizers said that for a first-time effort it was a huge success.

After a year in office, Iroquois Councillor Bruce Mullin resigned from his position. Although Mullin said this decision has been "coming for awhile," he is not pleased with how the situation was handled. He said two council members were behind the reeve's suggestion that he should resign "if he couldn't do the job."

After 38 years in municipal government, Iroquois clerk-treasurer Betty Marlin has decided to retire. As of March 29, 1996, she will no longer be working for the village of Iroquois. At a special meeting last Thursday evening, council passed a resolution naming Lorna Siebert as acting clerk-treasurer, and Nancy Kenney as acting deputy clerk.

Iroquois Council is looking into changing a number of street names to meet Bell Canada's requirements for the 911 service. At a regular council meeting, council passed a resolution to advertise the name changes in a local newspaper.



Spirit of giving

Students at Benson Public School got into the spirit of giving this festive season. Teachers encouraged students to bring food donations for the needy instead of buying them gifts. Jessica McNab and Kelsey McNab were just two of many children who gave food donations. *Chieftain photo by T. Adams*

Matilda Reeve Charles Barkley was sworn-in as the new Warden for the three United Counties of SD&G. **Dixon's** Corners Public School grade six students attended the official ceremony in Cornwall and were treated to lunch at McDonalds thanks to the generosity of the new warden.

The second annual Yuletide Business bash drew a lot of business people from Matilda and Iroquois to the Royal Canadian Legion to celebrate Christmas.

Iroquois Public School students presented Santa's Holiday Hoedown as part of its annual Christmas pageant.

Eden Avery of Bird Notes fame has been organist of St. John the Baptist Church for over 20 years. She has decided this is long enough and will step down in the new year. Rev. H. Brown and Wardens Roger Johnston and Jim Millard presented her with paintings as a token of appreciation during a Sunday service.

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions extended their winning streak to nine games. Morrisburg handed the Winchester Hawks a 6-4 loss, enforcing their resurgence as a St. Lawrence Division contender. The Lions also beat the Char-Lan Rebels with a final score of 6-4.

Nationview Public School students presented "A cause for Mrs. Claus" as part of their annual Christmas pageant.

Mark Nesbitt was the proud winner of a $1000 bill. He won the money through the Iroquois Legion Ladies Auxiliary annual draw.

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NOTICE

Notice of Road Name Changing Pursuant to Section 210 (111) (b) of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M45

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Village of Iroquois proposes to consider a by-law pursuant to Section 210 (111) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, to change the names of streets as described in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of Council will be held on **January 9, 1996,** in the Council Chambers to hear any person who claims to be adversely affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard.

Dated at Iroquois, Ontario, this 8th day of December, 1995 for publication on December 13th, 20th, 27th, 1995 and January 3, 1996.

Schedule "A" Road Name Changes

1) King's Highway, also known as Queen Street, (as shown on Plan 50) to Highway #2 East and Highway #2 West, division being Elizabeth Drive.

2) Elizabeth Drive (as shown on Plan 39 and Plan 100) to Elizabeth Drive North and Elizabeth Drive South, division being Highway #2.

3) Billings Avenue (as shown on Plan 100 and Plan 111) to Billings Avenue East and Billings Avenue West, division being Elizabeth Drive North.

4) Carman Road (as shown on Plan 39 and Plan 50) to Carman Road North and Carman Road South, division being Highway #2.

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December 27, 1995

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Eligibility requirements are:
1) Canadian Citizen
2) 18 years of age or older
3) An owner or tenant of land in the Village of Iroquois or spouse of such owner or tenant
4) Not disqualified or prohibited by law from voting or holding the position of Council for the Village of Iroquois

Interested and qualified candidates may apply in writing by stating his or her reasons for applying and a brief resume to the undersigned. **Applications will be received until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 3, 1996,** in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Councillor Position".

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The Chieftain Arts & Entertainment Page

Celebrate New Year's but be sure you have a designated driver!



Looking back at Cardinal and district over the year 1995

January

Cardinal's old Bickel-Seymour pumper was bound for Burnt Islands, Newfoundland. The Burnt Island firefighters were operating their department with a converted half ton truck. Cardinal Council authorized the gift of their pumper to the small Newfoundland community in December.

Leeds and Grenville MP Jim Jordan held out a small hope that the proposed 416 project could begin in two years. Fighting between the provincial NDP government and the federal Liberals delayed the project.

Edwardsburgh Reeve David Dobbie believed that he and his council would have to make a lot of tough decisions in the new year. With cuts to grants from the province, Dobbie said that filling in the void would be a juggling act.

Cardinal council received news that the location of the outfall for the sewage treatment plant had over run the budget for engineering fees by some $60,000.

Augusta Township gave Edwardsburgh a new year's present it did not appreciate. The municipality, which reneged on its commitment to plow some of Edwardsburgh's roads, forgot to inform its neighbouring municipality of this intention.

Although the proposed developers of the Spencerville Mill pulled out of the agreement Eastern Valley Heritage Foundation Chairman Bob Marcellus was confident there were many good ideas left to explore.

The Brockville YMCA thanked Cardinal council for its donation toward their future expansion project. Council agreed to make a one time donation only, and Reeve Dishaw said the matter would be brought up again at budget time.

Mountain Township fire chief and deputy fire chief, Terry Foley and Gerry Boyce announced their resignation. Their successors were Claude Brisebois and Gary Martin.

Public Works Foreman Jim Wonch asked Cardinal council to consider which route they would pursue in running the new sewage treatment plant.

Cecil Dugan was chosen to be the chairperson of the local community based policing committee in the Cardinal area. The election of officers took place in December.

Edwardsburgh council was flooded with questions about a drainage problem on the Froom Road. According to Paul Hopkins the problems started when a drainage ditch on a neighbour's property was filled in.

February

The Osgoode Township Male Choir, comprised of some 60 singers, performed at the Presbyterian Church in Cardinal. Net proceeds want towards the church's building fund.

The Cardinal Lions Club helped out Benson Public School by donating some $700 to the school for the purchase of new athletic t-shirts for the students. Karen Jodoin, School Committee Chairperson said the school would be holding fundraisers to raise money to purchase matching shorts.

President of the Cardinal Lions Club appeared in The Chieftain with Ann Gladstone from the Cardinal Public Library. Mr. Tracey was presenting Ms. Gladstone with a cheque for $500.

A neighbourhood watch committee was set up in Cardinal. Members included Ray Laming, Lorne Cross, Cathy Wilson, Jim Pakeman Jr. Cecil Dugan, OPP Community Services Officer Mike Ostrander and Penny Fairfield.

Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw was pleased to learn his municipality would be getting another $425,262 in infrastructure financing from the federal government. The new amount brought Cardinal's total infrastructure financing to $785,000.

The Cardinal Lions Club hosted their annual tree burning party in promotion of family activities. The Lions provided free hotdogs, corn and hot chocolate.

Edwardsburgh Fire Department's hopes of getting a new fire rescue van were all but extinguished in February. Seven members of the department came to the council meeting hoping to get a $110,000 commitment from council for the desperately needed new van. Instead, they got no promises.

The Cardinal Fish and Game Club held a meeting to finalize plans for its annual banquet. Winners of the Big Buck Contest were Don Briscoe, Bart Castleman and Don Towsley won the $50 draw.

March

Ewart Simms of Mountain Township was disappointed he did not receive the appointment as council's representative on the South Nation River Conservation Authority.

Cardinal council newcomer Jim Pakeman Jr. made the first motion of his political career. The motion split council and put them to a vote. Pakeman's motion rescinded a previous motion to allow Cardinal to share a by law enforcement officer with the village of Iroquois.

The Cardinal and District Resource Centre had planned a number of activities for children over the March Break. Community resource worker Nancy Waldroff said children of all ages could participate.

The Cardinal Fish and Game Club Junior Banquet was held. Some of the winners included Matthew Berry, Jordan Witteveen, Jonathon Styles, Kara Lockhart, Cory Evans, Erin Harper and Mark Heafey.

Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw was hearing mixed reactions regarding the sudden blitz by the Ontario Provincial Police in his village. For one month the police increased their presence in the village.

St. John's United Church in Cardinal held a Daffodil Tea. The church also sold tickets on a quilt display.

All 120 members of the Edwardsburgh Figure Skating Club honoured music of today and yesteryear with their Magical Music Review ice show held in Spencerville.

April

Cardinal council adopted a motion to reject the 4 by 25 combined formula, proposed by Volition Development Systems that would split up the funding of the South Grenville Economic Development Commission between its four partners.

Reta Tousaw, Marguerite Chattaway and Helen Jordan were among the many guests and volunteer workers who

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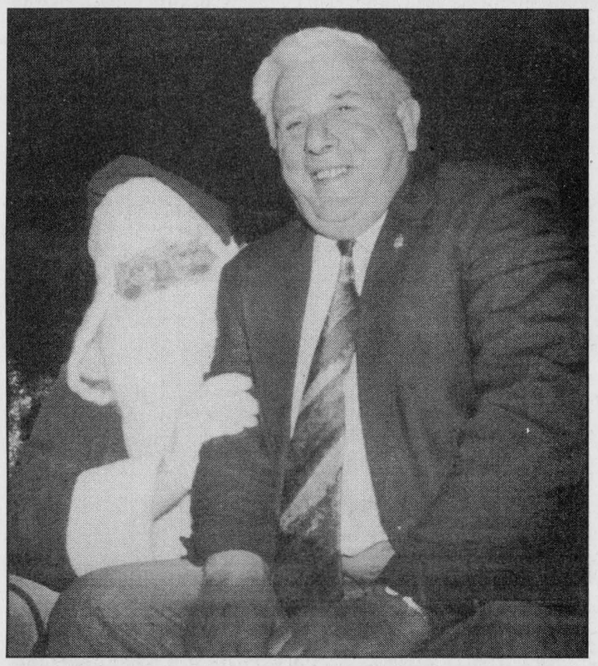

What do you want Reeve Swank?

Santa Claus is ready to listen to Reeve Peter Swank's Christmas list. We hope the reeve got at least some of the items he wished for. As we head into 1996, the Village of Iroquois could use a few things. Wonder if the Reeve asked for a new grant system to come from TO? Or if he went after a few more taxpayers in the industrial park? We will never know for sure! All the best in '96 Reeve Swank!

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Osgoode Fire Department to take over Mountain dispatch

by Steve Coleman
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Emergency calls for Mountain Township firefighters will be coming from Metcalfe in the new year.

Osgoode and Mountain township fire department officials have put together an agreement that will see Osgoode Township staff take over dispatching duties Jan. 1, 1996.

The three-year contract is being offered to the municipality at the same price a Cornwall company has been asking for the last year. A dollar amount on the contract wasn't available.

"I think the experience they have in Metcalfe will be beneficial," said Mountain Township Fire Chief Claude Brisebois. "Our dispatch, now, is an answering service in Cornwall. All we're told is that there's a fire at a certain address. (Osgoode Township's) base has a computer system that can tell you if there's hazardous material or handicapped people at an address."

Negotiations have taken about 6-8 months. A final meeting between the two departments was scheduled for Dec. 28.

Communications equipment at the Metcalfe fire hall will reach pagers at the main hall in South Mountain and the sub station in Hallville with no problem, said Osgoode Township Fire Chief Gerry Bennett. The idea of a dispatch agreement was first raised during a visit by Brisebois to the Metcalfe station.

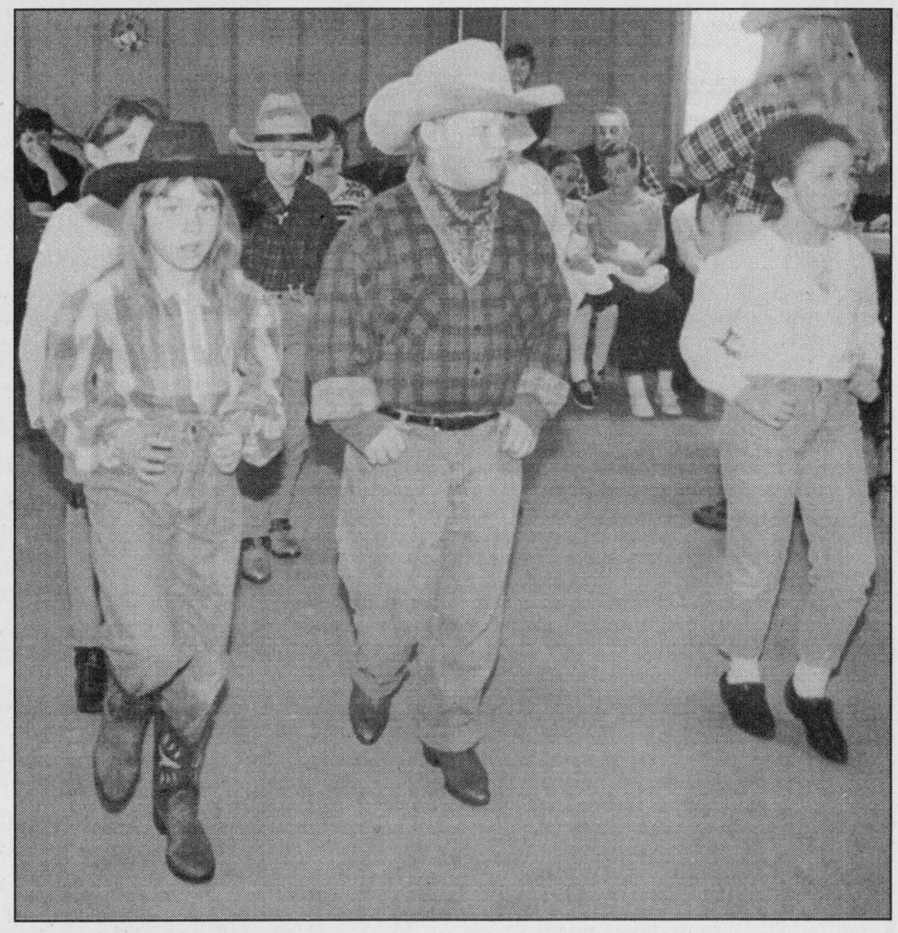
The new contract won't add many more calls to the work load Osgoode Township dispatchers already handle. Brisebois said the 25 volunteers with his department average 25-30 calls a year. Because of a large number of grass fires, the '95 total jumped to 47.

The contract will mean adding details on 1,300 new households into Osgoode's dispatching system. Information sheets have already gone out, he said.

A side agreement was also penned for mutual aid calls. In the new year, Osgoode Township will be third on the list if Mountain Township volunteers need backup. Winchester and Kemptville are still first on the list if extra trucks are required.

The two townships share a section of the border at the south end of the Ottawa-Carleton region. Mountain Township could also be hooked into the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system in a year.

The telephone service came to Osgoode Township and the rest of the Ottawa-Carleton region in 1988.



Dixon's in Brinston

Students from Dixon's Corners Public School in Matilda Township travelled to the Brinston IOOF Hall two weeks ago to entertain seniors with some line dancing. The seniors were very pleased with the student s afternoon entertainment. The seniors club meets once a month in Brinston.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

At the movies

Playing this week at the Brookedale Cinema's in Cornwall: Until Friday you can see TOY STORY in cinema one. In cinema 2 this week is IT TAKES TWO at 7, and at 9, POWDER. In cinema 3 at 7, is ACE VENTURA and at 9, NICK OF TIME.

This Friday, TOY STORY will be held over. Cinema 2 will open SUDDEN DEATH and cinema 3 will open GRUMPIER OLD MEN.

The weekend matinees which begin at 1 and 3 p.m. will include: TOY STORY, BALTO and at 1:00 in cinema 3, GRUMPIER OLD MEN and at 3:00, IT TAKES TWO.

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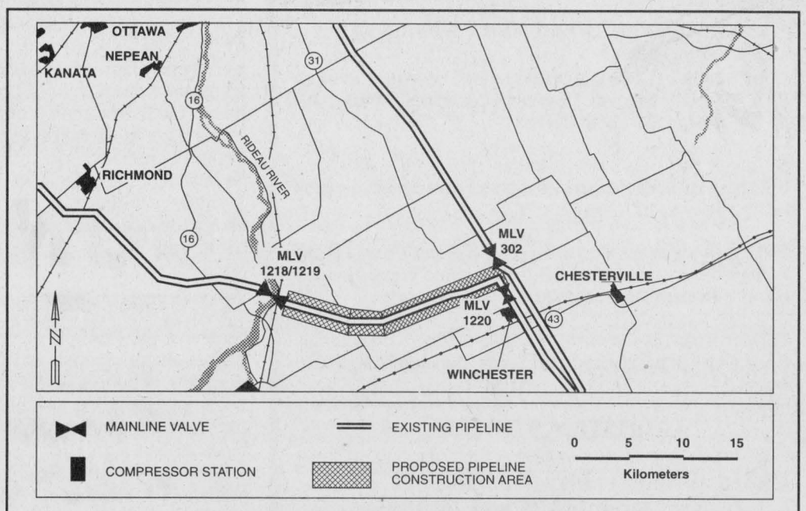

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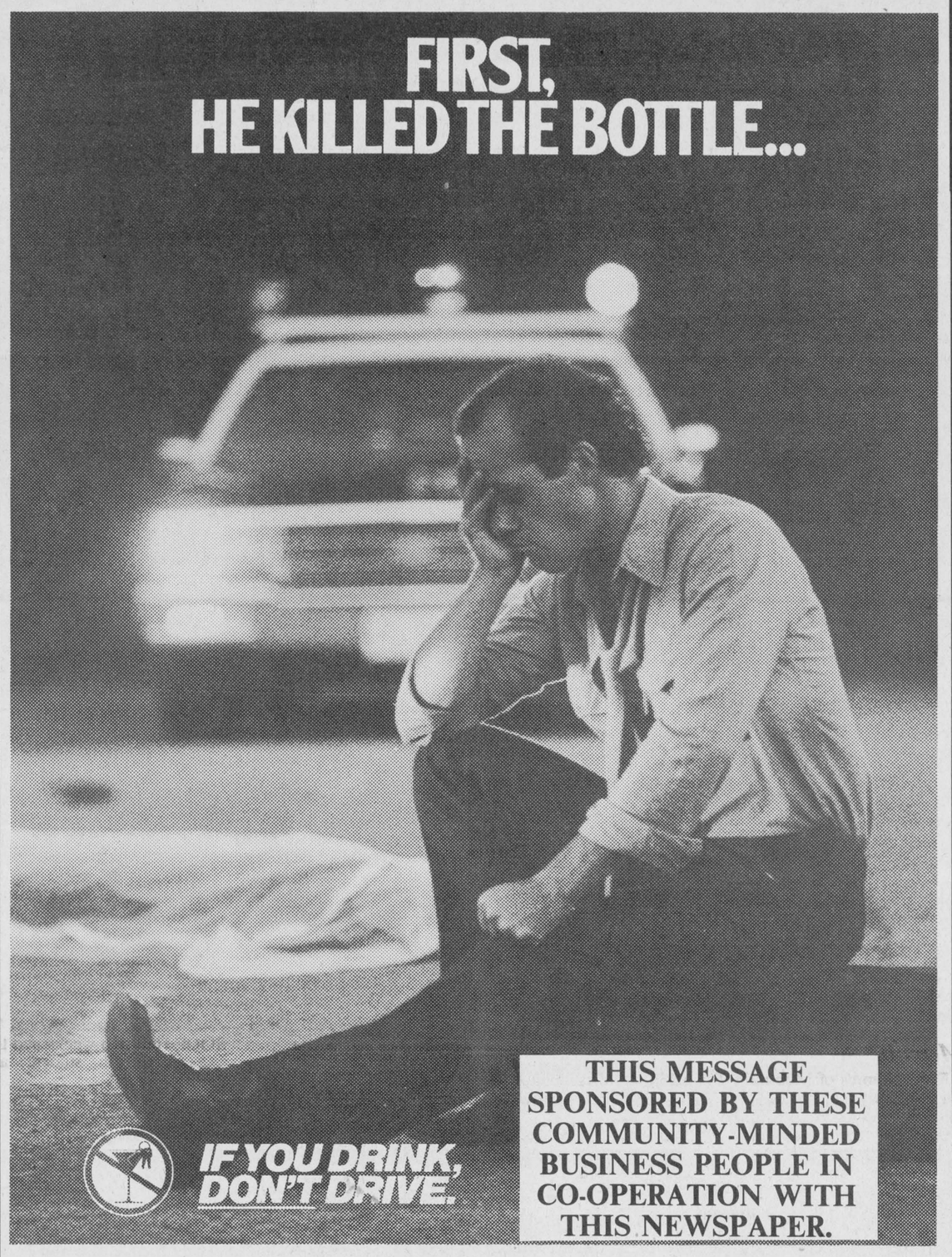

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Looking back at Cardinal and district over the year 1995

Looking back

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enjoyed the Daffodil Tea held at St. John's United Church in Cardinal.

It had been brought to Reeve Larry Dishaw's attention that the 30 minute parking signs on Dundas Street in Cardinal, were not being adhered to. The head of the council sought insight from other members to rectify the problem.

After being approached by a Cardinal citizen, Reeve Larry Dishaw asked council for their input on a one day landfill amnesty where tipping fees would be waived. Councillors Charlie Burrell and Jim Pakeman Jr., felt the idea deserved further exploration.

Richard Gogo of Prescott requested a taxi license for the Village of Cardinal. Mr. Gogo had in his possession a clearance letter from the Ontario Provincial Police, who had no objections to the proposal.

The Alzheimer Society of Leeds-Grenville in partnership with the OPP Prescott detachment and the Home Support Program of the Cardinal and District Resource Centre launched a registry for wandering persons. The purpose of the registry was to aid police in quickly identifying and recovering a lost or wandering person to the caregiver.

Organizers held a general meeting to discuss the upcoming Cardinal Slo-Pitch season. The league was looking for one more team to join after last season's most sportsmanlike team decided to drop out.

Richard and Julie Gogo opened an office in the Village Square Mall in Cardinal. The couple was going to offer a taxi service in the village.

Edwardsburgh council used $206,000 of their infrastructure money to renovate the township garage. The former 34 year old garage had three bays, virtually no insulation and as a result the municipality had to park half of its machinery outside.

May

Lion Larry Dishaw received the Helen Keller Fellowship award in Cardinal. The award was established by the Board of Directors, Lions Home for Deaf People to honour outstanding Lions, Lioness and Leos throughout Multiple District "A".

The Cardinal District Resource Centre honored its volunteers as part of national Volunteer Week. Among those honoured were Susan Smith, Jean Millard, Anne Grant, Marie Davy and Eileen Merkley.

The Eastern Ontario Regional Drivers Championship for transport and bus drivers was held in Ottawa and two drivers from the Canada Starch Company in Cardinal proved they are among the best on the road. Reg Cayer and Fred Linderman placed first and second in B trains while Ron Wilson of Christie Transport was third.

Cardinal Council held the line in tax increases. A zero per cent increase this year, but the homeowners will notice a slight raise when they receive their tax notices. This is due to school board levies.

Cardinal hosted their annual Spring Trade Show and the fact that exhibitors were too many to accommodate, told the organizers that it is a growing affair. Sponsored by the Cardinal Business Association, things are in the works for 1996.

The Toronto Dominion Bank in Cardinal barbecued for Child Find. Proceeds were in the $500 range, a nice contribution to the efforts of charity.

Canada Starch Company Inc. and Best Foods Canada Inc. held their 51st Annual Pensioners' Dinner as two new members were welcomed to the ranks. Donald Baker and John Trayner were inducted. John who lives in Iroquois worked for 27 years and 10 months before retiring.

Students of the Cardinal Taekwondo Club were promoted to their yellow belts. This is the second level of work on the way to their masters black belt levels.

June

Cardinal Council decided to get the municipal office painted, to purchase a camcorder to document infrastructure problems,water problems along Highway 2 were corrected, and costs incurred by homeowners would be their responsibility. The old police car, from when the village had its own force, was retired. The bylaw officer and building inspector had been using it. A new truck will be purchased.

Council looked into the purchase of a new pumper for the Fire Department since the present truck is 25 years old and the Fire Marshall's office suggests this is the lifespan for a truck. The idea of a shared tanker with Edwardsburgh was noted in lieu of the pumper as more appropriate.

Donna Murphy and Scott Gladstone announced their marriage plans.



All is well that ends well

The Christmas play at Nationview School at South Mountain was a great success. Telling the story about Mrs. Claus and how she wanted to be understood and valued, how she went out into the world and was finally hired at the North Pole by her own husband as the best employee for the job and how things were handled to everyone's best advantage was a wonderful story. The staff and students did a terrific job.

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The Fish and Game Club held their annual week long Pike Derby. Local fishermen, Roger Coulter, Jamie Whitteker and Doug Barkley took home live release prizes. As well Shawn Patrick, Lawrence Merkley, Bill Walters, Toby Summerfield, Sam Seguin and Dean McMillan also won prizes.

Jim Grant and a dedicated group are working on finding a canaller to dock at the west part of the new canal across from Point Cardinal Marina. This is in an effort to preserve the heritage of the village.

Winchester District Memorial Hospital received $500 from Cardinal Lion, Bev Toupin on behalf of the local club. The money will go towards capital equipment.

Brian Clifford, Garry Kavanaugh, Diane Fawcett and Dawn Casselman won the annual Casco Golf tourney held at the Iroquois Club.

July

What was initially regarded as a routine fire call for the Prescott Fire Department, turned out to be much more. The department responded to a call at 172 Dibble Street West in Prescott. After the smoke cleared, firefighters found marijuana cultivation labs in the building. Charged with cultivating marijuana and possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking was John Robert Cummings.

Many residents of Cardinal celebrated Canada Day along the St. Lawrence, playing games and spending time with family and friends. The deck at the Legion was filled to capacity as people took relief from the hot weather.

All past and present board members and staff of the Cardinal District Resource Centre (CDRC) were welcomed to a wine and cheese party to celebrate the facility's 10th anniversary. The centre was incorporated as a non-profit charitable organization in January 1995.

Matt Lundvall was this summer's handi helper for the Cardinal and Edwardsburgh area. He did chores, yard work and odd jobs for seniors and the physically challenged through the Home Support Program of the CDRC.

Billy Minkhorst led the Cardinal league in home-runs. With 11 under his belt, Minkhorst had batted more home-runs in this one season than he ever had before.

Cardinal's first-ever Heart and Stroke Fun Day was a great success despite a low turn-out, said organizers. Thanks to the efforts of the Cardinal Ladies and Mixed Dart League, and the Cardinal Legion Branch 105, the day of activities raised $2,455 for the Foundation. The day included a volleyball tournament, mixed horseshoes competition, crown and anchors, a dart shoot, and an outdoor barbecue and beer garden.

The Ontario Provincial Police and Gananoque Boat Line Limited joined a partnership to address some of the marine related problems on the St. Lawrence in the Thousand Islands area. It became apparent that some boaters had disregard for personal safety and the safety of other boaters. Consequently, OPP community services officers in uniform rode on Gananoque Boat Line tour boats to look for irresponsible boat operators.

August

The cancellation of the jobsOntario program by the Harris government has caused two workers at the Cardinal District Resource Centre to be laid off. Three full time people worked the program. No new clients, employers or trainees will be accepted, but all contracts signed will be honored.

The Cardinal Sea Sharks swam to a third place finish in Johnstown as five other teams and some 36 swimmers did their best. Out of twelve medallions for top honors, the Sharks came home with six top spots in their age categories.

Swimming in Chesterville, the Sharks grabbed third place overall. Jaime Longtin and Katie Jodoin won medallions for taking top place in their respective age categories.

September

Labourfest was a grand success as larger than usual crowds gathered to be a part of the events. Local plants got involved and things went extremely well. The Lions Club hosted the arena dance that drew a lot of people. From the beef to the ice cream, the hungry stomachs were satisfied.

Vicki Wyatt took over Wally's in Cardinal on the Shanly Road, a terrific place to grab a snack or a great place to take the family.

Casco has seen a marked reduction on the amount of waste heading to the landfill site. Establishing a waste reduction work plan has produced noticeable results.

October

Antonio Theodosiou of Cardinal was proposing to open a sports bar in Cardinal's Village Square Mall. Cardinal Council was made aware of his liquor licence application at a regular meeting.

October 1-7 was designated Community Parks Week in the Village of Cardinal. Deputy Reeve Rick Patrick and a group of volunteers planned to plant trees in Brown's Park in the Prosser Subdivision.

A letter was to be sent to the holder of the Cardinal taxi licence, Richard Gogo, to inquire as to the status of the licence. Apparently the business was sold and council had not approved the transfer of the licence.

New Benson Public School principal Jerry Hough feels he has entered a community with some familiarity. Originally from Maynard, he has had some association with the village through sports and social events.

The Reeve of Edwardsburgh Township gave the Ogdensburg Bridge Port Authority until the end of the year to pay back taxes on the international bridge at Johnstown. If they don't pay, Reeve David Dobbie said he would take action.

The three partners in the South Grenville Economic Development Commission returned from the drawing board with a new proposal. Edwardsburgh, Augusta and Prescott adopted a new plan for the revamped commission that would see each of the partners dish-out funds on a per capita basis.

Edwardsburgh resident Patrick McNeely, 21, was working hard as he prepared for the upcoming world duathalon championships in Mexico. He was to run 10 km, ride his bike for 40 km and then run for another 5 km.

The footings for a new 3000 square foot municipal building in Cardinal were laid. Although the contract does not end until March 1996, council and office staff expect to be moved into the new offices by mid-February.

Canada Starch, Casco and Best Foods in Cardinal welcomed seven more members into its 25-year service awards club. New members included: Frazer MacIntyre, Susan Johnson, Michael McCurrie, Gary Richards, Douglas Reynolds, Terrance Adams and Thomas Harland.

Megan Clifford was one of the models at a fashion show in Cardinal. Hosted by the Anglican Church, fashions were provided by For Kids Only and Judy Markle of Cardinal.

November

A few Edwardsburgh residents wanted the township to shift from reverse to overdrive to enforce its trailer bylaw. Under the existing bylaw, trailers can be stored but cannot be inhabited unless they obtain a sworn affidavit stating they were there prior to 1984. But this wasn't the case this summer, a few concerned residents said. These citizens have been fighting to get rid of trailers beside their homes for the past five years.

Cardinal celebrated community neighbourhood awareness as its 125th Block Parent was signed on. The Toronto Dominion Bank announced that it would join the Block Parent organization as a corporate sponsor. Bank manager Betty Baldwin represented her employer, as she accepted the Block Parent sign from Cnst. Mike Ostrander and Block Parent committee chairperson Cecil Dugan.

The Cardinal Fish and Game Club held its election of officers at the Cardinal Legion at the end of October. John Dugan Jr. was elected president and Don Joudoin was elected vice-president.

Cardinal Reeve Larry Dishaw was looking for some guidance from fellow council members at a regular council meeting, as the group looked towards dispatching for the proposed 911 system. Former Fire Chief James Grant and Fire Chief Graham Van Camp said the best move would be to open negotiations with the Brockville Fire Department.

The problems Cardinal has encountered while searching for alternatives in policing has caught media attention in the Muskoka area. It was on the radio that Homewatch Muskoka (dealing with closed-circuit television monitors) heard of the situation and felt their systems may be of some help to the local council. Cardinal Council heard about their company through a letter read at the regular meeting of council.

Starting April 1, 1996, Edwardsburgh residents were informed they will have to pay for garbage labels. For 50 cents each, the labels must be attached to garbage bags entering the landfill site. Presently, Edwardsburgh issues each household 52 free labels. If more are needed, the township will sell them for a loonie. As of April, it will cost residents $26 a year.

Cnst. Kelly Brant was introduced to Cardinal as the village's new community police officer. Since Oct. 1st, Brant has been spending up to 28 hours a week in the Cardinal community, carrying out law enforcement. She started her police career with the Prescott detachment in January 1994.

CP Rail had been busy pulling up track on the line which connects Oxford Station to Prescott. The rails were being temporarily stock-piled on the Stranex lot in Oxford Station. The work completed the abandonment process which was undertaken throughout the year.

The Kinette Club of Prescott hosted its 18th annual arts and crafts show and sale in mid-November. The event was held at St. Mark's Parish Centre on Edward Street in Prescott.

Twenty volunteers started canvassing for the Christmas Friendship Memory Tree in the Cardinal area. Sponsored by the Cardinal District Resource Centre (CDRC) and Home Support Program, canvassers began selling bulbs for $5 each on Monday, Nov. 20 and were out in full force until Saturday, Dec. 2. Over $1400 was raised for the CDRC.

Members of the Cardinal Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary held their annual craft and bake sale in the United Church Hall. Many of the auxiliary members, including Melva Comstock, Carol Pidgeon, Karen Jodoin, Dawn McNab, Lynda Martin and Bea Landon, worked hard over the past few months preparing crafts and baked goods.

December

An impressive demonstration was shown at the regular meeting of Cardinal Council, as a closed circuit TV monitoring system was set on display. Representatives of Homewatch Muskoka said their monitoring system could be an effective solution to the policing needs of the village. Council said they would consider the option when a proposal is made.

OPP Sgt. Hill gave Cardinal Council a detailed crime report of the happenings within the village during two time periods. He said there were more crimes from May to November of this year, than there were from last September to February of this year. Mischief and thefts under $1000 were the most common occurrences, along with vehicle thefts.

Deputy Fire Chief Robert McDonald announced his retirement after serving the village for 25 years.

A special group of students at Benson Public School received an early Christmas gift from Cardinal resident Mary Lewis. To help raise awareness about the Student Advisory Council (SAC), Lewis purchased each of the members a sweatshirt with a SAC logo. The SAC is a group of students which plans school activities for their fellow students, including craft and bake sales.

The Cardinal Legion Ladies Auxiliary donated $500 each to four area hospitals. Guy dePuyjalon accepted the donation for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

The history of Edwardsburgh Township is now available in print. A book written by local historians was officially launched at a ceremony held in December. The book contains a concise history of each of the 20 communities in the township. It retails for $42.80 and is available in many local book stores.

Students at Benson Public School enjoyed a special treat as Louise Burchell of Inkwell Learning Material took them back in time to enjoy a Victorian Christmas. The program presented to students throughout the day, explored the delights of an old-fashioned Canadian Christmas. Students discovered that early table-top Christmas trees were decorated by adults as presents for their children.

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