Councils hold historic meeting on amalgamation

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"Bigger is not always better." This seemed to be the one thing all of those present in Morrisburg last Wednesday evening could readily agree upon.

About 40 members of Dundas County's eight municipal governments gathered to discuss the future of their municipalities in Morrisburg. As a result of the meeting, council members agreed to form a task force to work on a Dundas County proposal that will be submitted to the provincial government in the new year.

With the provincial government bringing down its mini-budget last week, local councils have been given the ultimatum: they can formulate a plan for an amalgamation of area municipal governments or have one given to them by the provincial legislature.

Dundas County residents can look forward to scaled back service, possible tax hikes and even user fees after the province assured the local leaders that funding will be drastically cut. According to local reeves and councillors, people will have to decide exactly what they are willing to pay for as transfer payments are slashed.

It was with a twinge of regret that those seated around the table at the Howard Johnson on a snowy eve in November, 1995 realized they are in all probability the last municipal councils to be elected by their residents. As they met to decide the best route of savings, while maintaining a level of service that will be acceptable to the people who live in Matilda, Mountain, Winchester and Williamsburg Townships, as well as Iroquois, Morrisburg, Chesterville and Winchester Villages, they spoke of job losses and buy-outs for present staff members.

Morrisburg Reeve Gord McGregor chaired the meeting to "get everyone's feelings on what is coming down the pipe."

He went on to say what was in everyone's mind: "We in Morrisburg are happy with things the way they are." He went on to explain, that being the case, if rumors can be believed, more responsibility will be turned over to local governments. The down side of this being that the consensus around the table was that, "larger government with less representation would mean less effective representation for the voters."

Councillors seemed saddened, as they gave affirmative nods when the statement was made that "we are the last lifeline as it were, between the people and government..we are approachable, and while we cannot keep everyone happy all the time, we try!"

Williamsburg Reeve Johnny Whitteker took the floor to explain the plan he had worked out. "I believe we should go to one tier government," he said. "I see each township electing two people and each town sending one representative for a total of 12 on the new council for Dundas, plus one mayor who would be elected at large."

As he spoke, there were murmurs throughout the room. He alluded to the disadvantages such a set-up would present, including: the loss of heritage at the county level; eight councils in one and thus no need for administrative staffs presently in place; and the displacement of numerous others who would find there was no job for them. On the positive side, he assured everyone this was not all bad: supplies would be bought in bulk - like trucks, salt, sand, stone and paper; there would be only one clerk and one tax bill to each municipality, with no county system in place; and one plow would do all the work (township workers would plow county roads as well as their own, rather than lifting the blade when they come to a county road, as is the case now).

"I see a leaner council where duplication would be cut out and where monies will be saved."

Reeve Whitteker repeated the statement he made at County Council earlier last week. "I think a two million dollar savings would result."

Questions from the floor then clarified some points. "All surplus and deficit balances would be retained by the municipality that presently records such amounts on their books; all local improvement projects (capital expenditures) would be paid for by the municipality that benefits from it; agencies like Social Services and Board of Health would continue to exist with members appointed from Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry; and all issues would be voted on as is done now." Reeve Whitteker concluded by stating his firm opinion: "I see savings for everybody, more for the towns than the townships perhaps, and while amalgamation will save, I propose one-

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President hopeful the Winchester Hospital will remain open

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) will probably not be closed, but it will have to continue to tighten its budget, according to hospital president Don Smith.

Although there has been no definite word on which Ontario hospitals will close, Smith is confidant WDMH will remain open.

"We have a very active patient program here and we have a great geographical location," he said Thursday from his office. "We serve a catchment area of 45,000 people."

In a Ministry of Health and Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) survey last year, WDMH was placed in the top third rating for efficiency, measured against a group of its peers. In light of that rating, Smith is very hopeful.

Smith says the province will most likely close hospitals in the urban areas. Twelve hospitals in the Metro Toronto area have already been pinpointed, as well as one in Ottawa.

"They will either be closed or merged, or take on a different flavor of hospital," he said.

With the announcement of the province's "mini budget" last Wednesday afternoon, Ontario's hospitals face a $1.3 billion cut (18 per cent) in government transfer payments over the next three years. By 1996, the funding base will be reduced to $6 billion.

For the past three years, hospital allocations have been flatlined at $7.3 billion.

Hospitals, including WDMH, now await further announcements and funding details from the Minister of Health. Smith said he is not certain how the overall transfer payment cuts of five, six and seven per cent will be allocated over the next three years.

At present, the only fact Smith is sure of is that Ontario hospitals will have $365 million less funding in 1996.

"But I don't know how the $365 million is going to affect us," he said.

About 80 per cent of the WDMH budget is funded through transfer payments. The rest is funded through the hospital's business strategy. For instance, the hospital earns money through its laboratory testing, insurance payments for private rooms, and paid parking.

Smith says the hospital has spent the last number of years working towards breaking its reliance on Ministry of Health transfer payments.

"We have a budget committee and a senior management group, and we look at absolutely everything," he said.

As the hospital has worked to cut costs and become more efficient over the last few years, Smith said it will be difficult to continue to streamline.

"It's certainly going to be tough, and it has been tough already," he said.

According to OHA president David Martin, the budget cuts will mean that a major restructuring of hospital services in Ontario will take place.

"The public will have to change its expectations and use of hospital services, because it will not be business as usual," Martin said last week. "For example, there will be fewer emergency departments, longer waiting lists for non-emergency surgery, program and service reductions, mergers and closures. The challenge for hospitals is to adapt to these major changes while still maintaining the quality of care."

Smith says there may be funding

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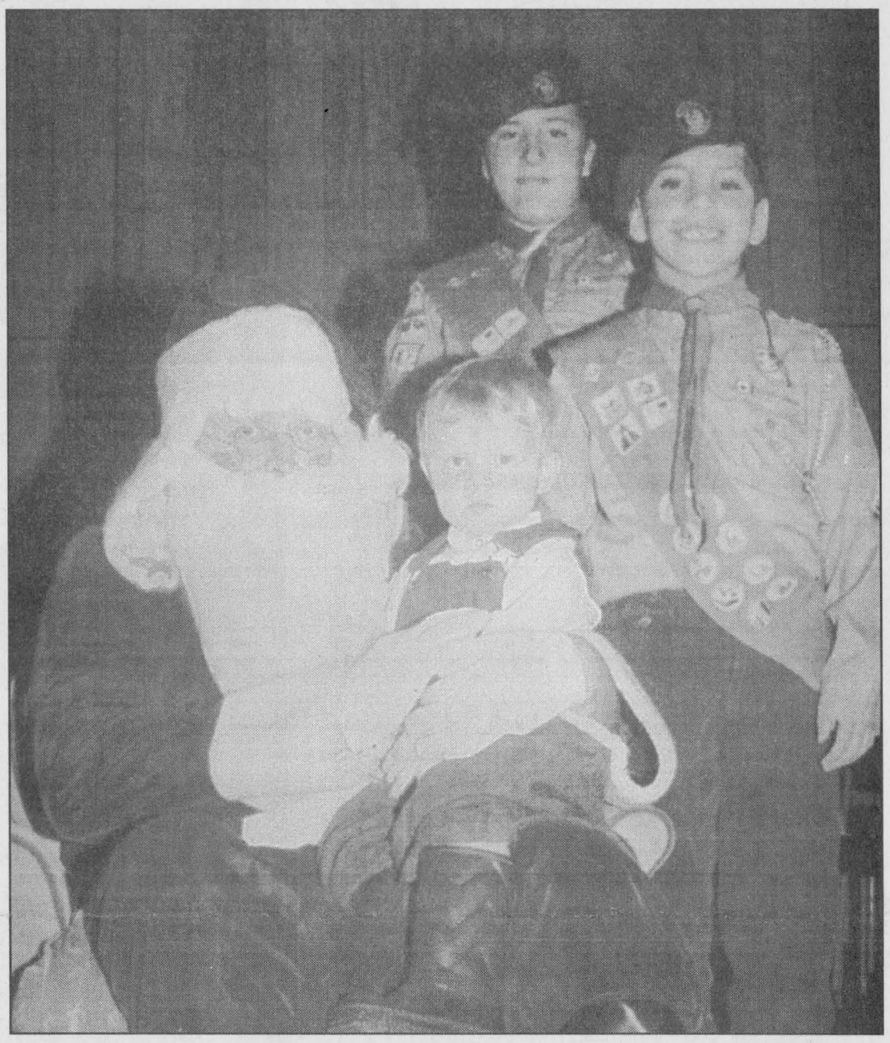
Students present play at Playhouse

Seaway District High School Grade 12 and OAC drama students are presenting a play at the Upper Canada Playhouse this week. They are presenting the children's fantasy play, **Rescuing Rhyme and Reason** from Dec. 6 to 9.

Set in a fantasy world, the play follows the adventures of a group of loyal friends in their attempts to rescue a prince and princess from the clutches of a wicked witch. A cast of 26 people take on the roles of interesting characters, including Imps and Noise Doctors. Designed for the young-at-heart, Seaway's drama students hope this play, directed by Wendy Gibb, will be a holiday treat for many.

Matinees run today, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m., and Thursday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., as well as Friday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. Matinee tickets are $3. There are two evening performances open to the public on Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the evening show are $5, and can be obtained at the door.

Seaway students have been working on the play since the end of October. The set, costumes and props have all been designed by members of the drama class. Many hours have been spent, preparing for this presentation. It's one you won't want to miss.



Scouts host Santa

Despite the weather, fund raising for the 1997 Canadian Scout Jamboree in Thunder Bay continues... 1st Iroquois Scouts hosted their 2nd annual Breakie with Santa on Sunday last. Young Dylan was timid but did tell Santa what he hopes for this Christmas. Two hard working Scouts (Adam Lewis and Matt Hartle) take a breather with Santa. *Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston.*

Fire destroys area laundromat

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A fire, presently under investigation by the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office. destroyed the Iroquois laundromat last Wednesday night.

At about 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 29, Iroquois' fire department was called to the Dundas St. facility, owned by Iroquois resident Ray Delegarde.

According to the OPP, they were told an explosion occurred.

When the firefighters arrived, thick heavy smoke surrounded the building, according to Fire Chief Philip Thompson. The firefighters shut off the gas, and within an hour the fire was under control. The firefighters were on the scene for about four hours. An OPP officer was at the fire scene throughout the night "to secure the area."

Neither the OPP or the fire department has much information to be released. They have to wait until the investigations are completed, before they can say what started the fire.

Thompson said he doesn't know when the investigations will be completed.

In the meantime, Delegarde awaits word from the fire marshall's office. He said he doesn't know what caused the fire.

"There are a lot of rumors in the street, and they (other people) seem to know more than I know," he said.

Delegarde left the laundromat at 7:30 p.m. and everything was alright.

"I had been there and everything

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Impressive video demo at Cardinal council meeting

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Cardinal Council's alternatives to police the village may carry a high price tag...A most interesting demonstration was made by Company President Martin Long of Homewatch Muskoka. A division of Homewatch Goldplate Ltd., the company feels that its closed circuit TV monitoring system could be an effective solution to the policing needs of the village.

An impressive demonstration saw a monitor set up out in the village and two in the council chambers. The Live-Eye showed council the clarity with which events could be captured on film and how a four-screen split would effectively cover a large area. The fact that each camera does not need a separate television should save dollars. One demo allowed council to view seven different cameras in action on one screen at the same time, proving the versatility of the equipment. Operating via computer hook-ups, the remote control ideals were experienced by council, tilt and zoom lenses allow freedom and optional feedback to the monitoring personelle. Although Mr. Long will submit a written proposal to council, this twenty minute bird's eye view of the capabilities of the system certainly gave council ample food for thought.

Pricing would seem to come in at a hefty $88,000. for a minimum of eight cameras to start, but future upgrading, adding up to eight more cameras would be relatively cheap. The bulk of the costs are in the initial set up of the video recording system. The video plexer can accommodate up to sixteen cameras on one machine and so adding more

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Fire damage

The Iroquois laundromat, owned by local resident Ray Delegarde, was engulfed in flames last Wednesday night, after an explosion occurred. No further details about the cause of the fire have yet been released, since investigations by the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ontario Fire Marshall's office are still underway. The fire call came in at 8:30 p.m., and Iroquois firefighters were on the scene for four hours. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

South Dundas Rec Council stays

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The South Dundas Recreation Council (SDRC) will be a minimum of $27,000 over budget, but it will exist.

A joint meeting between the four municipal councils which make up the SDRC was held last Monday evening and a new resolution outlining the form the organization will take was approved by all in attendance.

Starting January 1st, the SDRC will become an advisory board for recreation in South Dundas. All sports organizations requiring subsidies will be asked to submit their budgets to the SDRC for review.

Subsidies will be granted to the different organizations based on how many children from each municipality take advantage of any given sport.

Beginning January 1st, recreation groups in each municipality will submit their budgets directly to their municipal council. Recreation group budgets will no longer be administrated through the SDRC.

As of January 1st, the day to day costs of operating the Morrisburg arena will fall upon that village. The SDRC will act as an advisory agent for the arena and will make suggestions on how to make it more cost effective.

At a later date, the Village of Morrisburg will be reimbursed by the other three municipalities for the operation of the arena based on the cost sharing formula outlined earlier in 1995.

At the meeting the SDRC informed the four councils that budget projections for the end of 1995 put the SDRC in the red to the tune of some $27,000 plus.

At different times during the meeting that figure rose to

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this week

Roger Levesque
Will be taking over the new business steering committee in Iroquois/Matilda. Turn to page three for the story.

Teen Challenge
The Teen Challenge Farm offers help for young men. Please turn to page four as we focus on the program.

It wasn't pretty
The Morrisburg Junior B Lions managed to squeak out a win against Brockville. Page six has the score.

Santa is in the area
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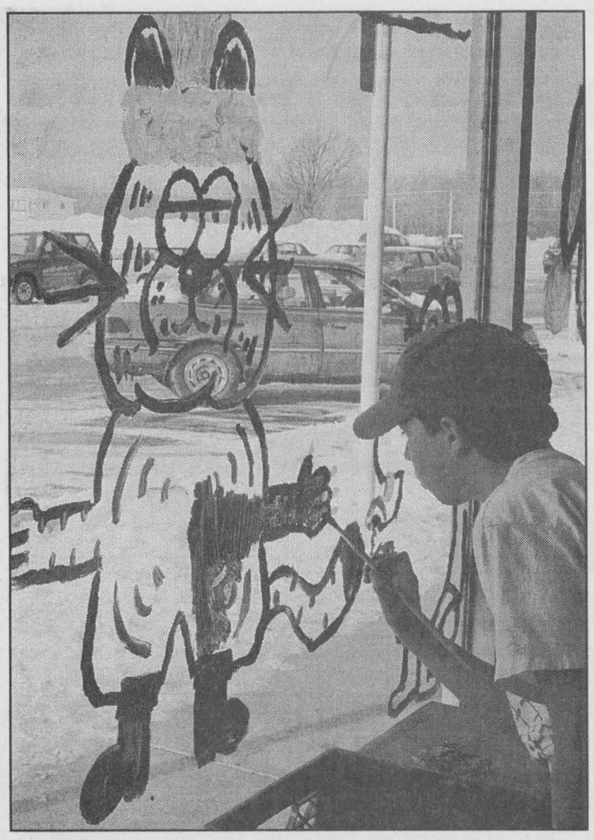

Artist at work

Iroquois Public School grade seven student Tony Keeler was one of ten grade seven and eight students who dressed up local shop windows on Thursday morning. Red and White was just one of many plaza businesses that had its windows painted.

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Numbers up slightly for 1995 Christmas Exchange

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Last year 187 families in South Dundas received a Christmas basket from the South Dundas Christmas Exchange (SDCE). Last week with two days left to go, organizers had surpassed that number.

Ms. Joan Findlay one of the SDCE volunteers noted that this year the organization may supply some 200 Christmas baskets by the time they are finished.

Every year at this time underprivileged families in South Dundas call the 1-800 SDCE hot line to ask for help. Precedent is given to those with children. Families without children have their names put on a waiting list and if there is enough to go around, they are called.

"Even though the hot line will be closed we are still in need of donations," said Ms. Findlay.

Although local service organizations and church groups donated canned goods, the SDCE must still purchase the fresh food and for 187 families, that can be expensive.

The money raised last year will buy the food for this year's meals and this year's money will be used for next year's meals.

Last year the organization spent $8,000 purchasing the food but donations were down last year so this year's budget will be in the $6,000 range.

"We start the collection around the first of December and it runs until the 23rd or 24th of the month," said Ms. Findlay.

Mark Hart who works with Social Services in the area was also in attendance last Thursday afternoon and pointed out that the group's efforts are by no means organized as a food bank.

"We know that times can be hard at Christmas and this is done so the families can have a nice Christmas dinner. It gives them a little boost at Christmas and that's important," said Mr. Hart.

Mr. Hart admitted that of the 200 families, there may be two or three who really don't need the baskets, but did conclude that the effort made was well worth it.

"When we're putting the baskets together and you see the people contributing to help others, it's a great atmosphere," added Ms. Findlay.

The whole operation is based on the good will of those in the community and through your efforts, the SDCE has been a tremendous success in the last six years.

Without the monetary donations the organization could not exist, and in the wake of more provincial budget cuts, this year's campaign to raise money will have a greater significance on next year's success.

So when you are out and about and you happen to have a few extra dollars, please donate to next year's drive.

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Appreciation day!

Iroquois' Canada Post office had a special customer appreciation day for local residents last Thursday. Penny Whittle served up hot cider for Canada Post's many local customers as a way of saying thanks. Cora Easter was just one of many people who enjoyed the hospitality.

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Roger Levesque heads local business committee

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Approximately 20 interested business owners attended the Thursday evening meeting in the Iroquois Council Chambers. The business owners from Iroquois and Matilda were looking at the possibility of forming some sort of business association.

Roger Levesque, owner of Baldi's Deli in the Iroquois Shopping Plaza was chosen as chair of the business steering committee. As his first order of business, Mr. Levesque set a date for the group's next meeting.

The group was brought together by the newly formed Iroquois - Matilda promotion committee, and Chairperson of that group, E.P. Thompson, was pleased with the turnout.

Mr. Thompson told those in attendance that he believed the formation of some sort of business association was very timely. "The business community has no voice to channel their information and with the upcoming cuts (in funding from the province) and the change in the way municipal politics is run coming, it will be important."

After being welcomed to the meeting the group listened to Mr. Earl Baker a past president of the Morrisburg and District Chamber of Commerce and Co-ordinator of the Morrisburg Business Improvement Association.

Mr. Baker told the group that they should really consider forming a Chamber of Commerce.

One of the audience members suggested that Iroquois businesses could join with the Chamber of Commerce in Morrisburg to form a South Dundas Chamber.

"My feeling is that if Iroquois has its own Chamber, it would be much better for you people and there is help available through the provincial Chamber," added Mr. Baker.

The group also looked at the possibility of forming a Business Improvement Association, but Mr. Baker explained that if the businesses in Iroquois and Matilda wanted to have one voice and work together, this route would not be advisable.

A business improvement association can only be formed in areas which are designated by council. A BIA would not be an all encompassing organization for Iroquois - Matilda businesses.

"If the merchants in the plaza wanted a BIA, then there would be no problem," explained Mr. Baker.

After Mr. Levesque was chosen chairperson of the steering committee, Mr. Thompson told those at the meeting that they should begin forming a plan immediately.

However, Dennis Cooper, a Matilda business owner suggested the group meet later in the month to discuss their options.

Mr. Levesque agreed saying, "Because of the timing, going into December, it's pointless to get anything going before the new year."

The group agreed to meet at Baldi's Deli at 7 p.m. on December 12. At that meeting a brain storming session will take place and a plan to present to the area businesses will be discussed.

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Is everybody happy?

The South Dundas Recreation Council held a joint meeting in Morrisburg Monday evening. When it was all over, Chairman Lyle VanAllen asked everyone if they were happy.

It was for the most part a rhetorical question...

Through the pot hole filled road of life that has been South Dundas Recreation this past year, it now looks like there may be construction ahead...

Yes, the construction signs of rebirth have been set up.

"Men At Work."

The asphalt has been purchased and the paving crews have been hired.

Of course, as with any type of road construction, the driver must slow down.

Caution must be exercised when travelling through the construction zone. Care and control must be taken lest we mow down an innocent worker who for a brief second has forgotten his position in relation to the bright yellow line signifying the centre.

After two hours of confusing, time-consuming-spent energy, a consensus on the future of the SDRC was reached.

Sort of!

Yes, there will be a SDRC.

Yes, the same committee will be running the organization.

No, a co-ordinator will not be hired.

Yes, each municipality will look after its own money.

The costs associated with running the GREAT WHITE ELEPHANT (arena) in Morrisburg will be picked up by that municipality on a daily basis with contributions from other municipalities based on the cost sharing formula to follow at a later date.

By effectively taking financial responsibility away from the SDRC, the four municipalities have returned the SDRC vehicle to the open road.

Without the time consuming process of financial accountability and administrative duties, the business of recreation program management should come a little easier.

As with any construction site, there will be a lot of work before the road is manageable. There really aren't that many construction projects that finish on time or on budget.

But with the signs in place and driver control back at the municipal level, steering the SDRC into the future should be similar to setting the cruise control and avoiding the pot holes.

M.C.B.

Finding freedom and purpose at the Teen Challenge Farm for men

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

John wanted to be as bad as he could be. He didn't care about others or himself. He stole other people's property and didn't care what happened to himself. That is, until he got caught and was thrown in jail.

Then he wanted out. He hated prison and he didn't want to be there. Not having many options, he decided to enter a residential treatment program, called the Teen Challenge Farm.

Today, he says that choice has changed his life.

In a world where so many young people turn to drugs and alcohol to avoid their problems, the Teen Challenge Farm exists to offer a glimmer of hope.

Based in Lambeth, Ontario (near London, Ontario), the Farm is a residential treatment program that offers practical support to young men who have "life-controlling problems." According to its mission statement, the Christian-based program provides spiritual, academic and vocational training, aimed at equipping the individual to return to society as a responsible citizen.

John and seven other members of the Teen Challenge choir recently came to the Dixon's Corners Christian Reformed Church and shared how God has changed their lives.

His story

John grew up in Winnipeg. His father left before he was born. With his mother remarrying, their lives weren't much better. She was repeatedly beaten and left unhappy. Leaving her husband, John says she eventually remarried a "man of God."

"He prayed for me and loved me," John said.

But all that love didn't change his heart.

"Although I knew Jesus was in the Bible, he wasn't in my heart," he said.

Consequently, he eventually turned to crime.

"I got caught up in hanging out with the wrong crowd. I was a different person from Sunday to Monday," he said. "I had no purpose in my life and I wanted to be as bad as I could be."

But a year ago, John was thrown into jail. He soon realized he didn't want to be there.

"I called my parents and they told me I could sit there a few days," he said.

Hearing about Teen Challenge, he decided to live on the Farm as opposed to staying in prison. But the choice wasn't an easy one. After reading about the rules, the discipline and hard work involved at the Farm, he thought it might be easier to stay in prison. But he hated jail and didn't want to stay. He had no choice.

Looking back on his decision, he said it was the right one to make.

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Teen Challenge choir expresses story of freedom through song.

Amalgamation is...

It seems to be the year that ratepayers will live to regret or at the least ponder with vigour. What with the budget coming down from the great provincial leaders and the news that they feel in their infinite wisdom that the wave of the future is teetering toward 'bigger is better'...we could be in for a shockingly expensive year...dare I suggest decade?

I can rationalize the cutbacks and I fully comprehend that we have lived too high in this province for too long. I can understand that we have to come to terms with spending which is aligned to income, not utilizing credit at every turn, and living a more modest lifestyle. But, when the word amalgamation is spoken in governmental circles, I shiver.

Small municipalities like the ones we call home may well get lost in the shuffle for things on a grander scale.

There are those who will remember when the local school boards were joined into one larger unit taking better care of all our educational needs. There was talk then about saving monies and better budgeting through bulk buying, fewer staff requirements and one maintenance costing for a central office that would more efficiently administer to schools under the bigger is better plan. Well, how do you think this has worked out?

How much better is your educational tax dollar doing?

Do you really think an amalgamation of local councils will lead to substantial savings?

On paper, things will be made to look like we are receiving a gift from Toronto; the optimum word being...look. I have no doubt there are savings to be had, but will they materialize?

Will we, the ratepayers actually see savings?

Not wanting to be a pessimist, I have to in all honesty offer to you that any monies saved, will be used somewhere in the paperwork. There will be no lower tax bills coming to our homes.

There will be no rebates to home owners because through amalgamation, savings sky rocket.

And, perhaps worst of all, will services to rural Ontario suffer? Hopefully, the small, local maintenance crews will remain in existence and maybe the user-pay idea is long overdue. Who has ever been satisfied with paying for services not received?

Under the circumstances, those elected by us are doing exactly what we would expect them to do.

Nothing in this life is ever fair.

It is not feasible to think that what works in downtown Toronto will be equally effective in rural Matilda Township. To give the province a little credit, they seemed to have grasped this idea and the fact that they have offered to allow the local governments to formulate a plan that should work in their specific area is good.

One of my biggest fears is that when we are one big happy governed group in Dundas, Eastern Ontario will become more lost in the big city shuffle than has been the scenario in the past!

It will become of prime importance that whomever is elected to represent each small, presently existing municipality, be truly accountable and have the dedication and time to devote to assuring that the needs of those who do the electing are met.

Hopefully, we will notice no real difference in the way services are provided to us when this amalgamation takes place. If savings are realized, it would be most desirable that they be put to work efficiently and effectably and to the best "people" advantage.

Centralization through amalgamation may be the plan...I hope it works...my future and my childrens' in the area we call home depends upon it!

S.L.J.

Swampview gang keepin' busy

Just plain livin'

with Sandra Lee



All those who celebrate birthdays at this time of year, take heart, remember, "Age does not matter unless you are cheese or liquor!" I always thought it would be depressing to have your special day around Christmas time, anticlimatic and all. There are some friends and family though who have no choice, and so we try to make the best of it so they hardly notice. In fact we celebrated a 47th anniversary on the weekend as the folks chose this wonderful month to tie the knot. A brother gains a year later this month as well as a great-aunt, and a close friend. Merry and happy, all at once.

The weekend was jam-packed full. Friday was a day off for the sons. Number one had promised to sit some young fellows and then, as fate would have it, the scenery for the annual school play was incomplete and so the old writer got to sit for some of the day, migrane and all. Then, Saturday became an almost instant replay of the day previously and the same dudes came to play, while son number one, a star in his own right worked on the set yet again. The headache did not want to give up without a struggle and since other medication for the blood clot which developed after the accident cannot tolerate other medicines, pain is "worked through,"so...you can figure the rest. Sunday saw the Scouts host the big guy in the red suit and so the old Scout leader was on duty once more. After the breakie, it was through the storm to a celebration of a Doctrine (PHD) being earned by a friend and former co-worker (some will recall when Susan Johnston-no relation worked at The Chieftain). Hugs and remembrances and toasts (with juice for this one!) and then off to the anniversay dinner after which this old fool was scheduled to supervise at the rehearsal for the play. WHEW!!!!

Sure, things were looking great until on Monday, and yes the accident occurred on a Monday, bad luck befell yours truly yet once more. Enroute to the daily therapy session in Brockville, well actually not even out of the yard, the realization struck that the essential runners were not in the car. The trip back into the house should have naturally been uneventful...NOT...up the walkway and the step accomplished, when a horrific pain streaks through the calf of, yes, the "good" leg. Screams erupt and tears stream, no relief, and no one to turn to. The injured leg is not yet one hundred per cent and cannot hold the weight indefinately, so back to the car and to mother's. (She will know what to do?!) A trip to the local clinic and a diagnosis-torn muscle, a tensor bandage later and the pain insists on retaining its demure, and home to rest and elevate. Upon returning to Swampview the attempt to get into the house was further complicated by another twist when the snow crust refused to carry the body weight...OUCH! Tomorrow will see a visit to the medical man for confirmation and hopefully some relief from the constant thudding pain. Therapy will be on hold for a bit.

I would be remiss if I did not thank those fine readers who were kind enough to phone, write or face to face welcome an old writer back into their weekly routines. It feels good to be writing again and when some folks take the time to acknowledge the effort, it truly makes it worthwhile. Do drop a line now and then, it helps keep the keys clicking.

The play will run this week and then things will calm down around the ranch in time for the sound of hooves on the roof and all that ho-ho-ho stuff. The outdoor decorations send a glowing, snowy welcome though the dark night . Thanks to son number two who decided that the tradition of decorating in a snow storm could be broken this year, the shrubs have taken on a coloured gaiety all their own.

The snowmachines have been out, tracks on the lawn are testimony to that fact. Son number one has a driver's license and number two took the snowmobile course so he can legally ride the groomed trails, so the two Brovos will get a workout this winter for sure.

The newish computer set up seems to be working well, and after a few weeks some of us should become more proficient on the keyboard. The sons are much more knowledgeable, but then their young minds are so receptive to new information...

Driving since the accident has been a novel experience. I would never have thought that it would have been so. The snow and ice, the slush and the others who insist on sharing the roadways with me make each trip an adventure I wish I did not have to go through. The nerves are edgy and the knuckles are quite white when holding the steering wheel. The flashes and the sounds remain vivid and the stress level rises. The senses seem too alert, the fear grows and then the destination is reached and things turn calm for a while. Then the return voyage and history repeats until the safety of Swampview affords a reprise. This was not a great year and the onslaught of such an early winter arriving with a vengeance has certainly not added to the secure feeling which I still search for. Each trip out of the yard helps and there is nothing for it but to keep headed down the road to recovery...there has to be light at the end of the tunnel. Skiers, snowboarders and snowplowers should be smiling. I hope that I can play in the snow again, maybe not this year, but next for sure. Winter camp with the Scouts will be an adventure, if things would just get better and stay well! This idea that the good leg tries to compensate for the weakness in the bad leg, then both are less than perfect, it is time to get things on the straight and wellness road.

One night soon, if you find things a bit dull around the telly, jump in the car and take a ride, The display of Christmas lights in our town is second to none. Everyone should take a bow, you have all done a terrific job. The Johnstown show, north of 401 is again something to behold, Morrisburg looks sooo seasonal and the township is no less spectacular than anywhere else. A wonderful way to spend quality family time, check out the ideas that people come up with, you will be glad you did!

If you are like the writer and have not yet begun Christmas shopping, never fear, we have just less than three weeks left. Besides, I have had the honour to visit with Santa no less than twice this week (breakie with the Scouts and the Church ladies dinner evening) and he assured me that I have nothing to worry about. And Santa could not be wrong!? Could he?

Take care, stay between the snow banks and keep smilin'. It is the best way to get through. Till next week, grab a hunk of happiness and don't let go.

the bottom line

DUE TO A LACK OF REGISTRATION, IROQUOIS' WINTER FUN PROGRAM HAS been cancelled. Despite the efforts of organizer Jill Hess and the Iroquois recreation committee, only 13 children were signed up for the program. The committee initiated the program after receiving complaints from parents that there hasn't been enough recreational activities for children during the winter within the village.

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CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS SNOWFALL! NOVEMBER WAS A RECORD breaking month in both the snowfall and temperature categories. The month's average temperature was -2.4 degrees. The normal average is 1.0. The weather office attributes the cold weather to the Arctic air that came but never turned away. The snowfall in November accumulated to 81.4 centimetres. To think we didn't even have 15 cm last November. It's amazing to see the snow piled up along the roads, and beside driveways. It seems there's more snow now, than we had during January and February this year. 'Tis the season!

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THE ANGELS ARE UP IN THE BANK OF MONTREAL AND THEY'RE ALL IN need of homes. Once again the angel tree has been set up in the Iroquois branch. There are 90 angels hanging on the tree, which was donated by Ron Graham. The angels represent 90 local young boys and girls who are in need of Christmas gifts this season. Have a look and take an angel off the Christmas tree. Help someone in need!

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IT WAS NICE TO SEE SGT. BRENT MATTICE PARADING IN WINCHESTER on Saturday afternoon. We just don't see enough of that guy around here these days! Some might have thought he'd be dressed up in Santa's outfit, but he was making sure everyone was safe, and followed up the parade in his warm police cruiser. It was a beautiful, cold day for a parade, and everyone, especially the children, seemed to enjoy the floats and the candy handed out by many of the parade participants. This weekend, there will be many more parades in the area, including Morrisburg and South Mountain. Santa sure has a busy schedule, because after the parades, he meets with Iroquois children for lunch on Sunday. Don't forget to take time for yourself, and enjoy this festive season!

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IF YOU KNOW A YOUNG PERSON WHO EXCELS IN ACTING, BAND, BRAVERY, dance, environmental issues, entrepreneurship, innovation, instrumental, public service, specialty performance, sports, vocals, visual arts and writing, you may want to nominate them for a YTV Achievement Award. YTV, the specialty television network, takes the most awesome, totally talented, bravest and brightest young Canadians and gives them their propers - like a cool award. Including national recognition on a country-wide telecast and $3000 in cash. The 7th annual YTV Achievement Award entry forms can be obtained through community centres, public libraries and youth organizations across Canada, and from YTV. Those nominated must be 19-years-of-age or under as of Dec. 31, 1995. The deadline for receipt of nominations at YTV is Dec. 15, 1995 at 5 p.m. For more information, you can call the YTV Achievement Award hotline at 416-534-6565.

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THE COUNTDOWN CONTINUES....ONLY 19 DAYS LEFT UNTIL CHRISTMAS, and only two more weekends. Happy shopping!



Santa's here!

Santa Claus made a special appearance at the annual Winchester Santa Claus parade on Saturday afternoon. Hundreds of people braved the cold, sunny weather, to get into the spirit of the Christmas season. Santa will continue to be a busy fellow over the next few weeks as he attends parades in Morrisburg and South Mountain on Saturday, and a special get-together with Iroquois children on Sunday.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

Christmas comes early to S.D.& G. county library

S.D. & G. County Library received a special Christmas present this year. The library system was awarded a grant under the County Library Automation Supplement Program (CLASP). CLASP grants are given by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation to assist county libraries in providing their branches with direct access to their automated systems or to cd-rom public access catalogues. The ultimate goal of CLASP grants are to support the creation of a province-wide information grid.

This means that every branch will now have a computer and computers already existing in branches will be upgraded. Some branches will be able to access online database systems such as the internet and will provide public access to information available on cd-rom. The public will also be able to see all library holdings available in the library system.

"This grant is the first step towards linking the branches electronically which will mean an improvement in interbranch and interlibrary loan functions. The result will be a faster turnaround time for book requests," says County Library CEO Leanne Clendening. Clendening gratefully acknowledges the support of the people of Ontario through the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation.

The administrative headquarters is also moving from its present location at the Tagwi School in Avonmore to the village of Finch.

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LOOKING BACK

25 years ago

Iroquois and Matilda voters turned out in **record numbers** to **select their elected representatives** for the next two years. In Iroquois, the election was for **four council seats** and in **Matilda** the voters had to choose a **deputy reeve** and **three councillors. Mrs. Helen Smith led the poll** in **Iroquois** followed by **James Styles, Jack Fetterly and Jack Shaver** who made up Council for that two year term. In Matilda, **George Cooper won the deputy reeve's seat. Charles Farlinger,** an incumbent councillor, led the polls there, followed by **Ford McCaslin, Dwight Gilmer and Harry Smail.**

Hundreds of village and district residents turned out with **officers and members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 370** to mark the official opening of the new wing on the Legion Hall.

20 years ago

The Village of Iroquois reached an **agreement with the Ontario government** on the issue of the **local water supply and sewage system.** The first official settlement, a cheque for just over **half a million dollars** was presented to **Reeve L.C. Davis** at a special meeting of **Iroquois Council.**

The **Morrisburg Lions had a successful weekend** defeating the **Winchester Hawks 6-3 and 7-3,** to take a **three-point lead over the Cardinal Broncos.** Hugh Gillard led the attack in the first game with a pair of goals. In the second game, it was **Chuck Lawlor** with a **hat-trick.**

15 years ago

The **1980-82 Iroquois Council was sworn in** at a ceremony prior to its first meeting at the Civic Centre. **Members of the Council** included **Peter Swank, Joan Saver, Reeve Frank Rooney,** clerk-treasurer **Margaret Carlso** and **Councillors John McAllister and John Haldane.** In his inaugural address, **Reeve Rooney** called for **improvements to the civic building and beautification** of the village.

Maureen Madden and Olive Allin had a **near brush with death** when the **car they were driving stalled on the railway crossing.** A Montreal bound turbo **train struck the vehicle** and sent it 75 yards down the track.

The **Cardinal Broncos beat** the **Winchester Hawks 7-4** and the Morrisburg Lions tied the **Char Lan Rebels 4-4.**

Five years ago

The work began on a 4.5 km **natural gas pipeline branch** across the St. Lawrence River, east of Iroquois, **near the Doran Creek.** It was being constructed to **fuel markets in the northern United States.**

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"A year ago I wanted nothing to do with Christians or anyone," he said. Today, his attitude has changed because a relationship with Jesus Christ has given him inner peace.

Each of the eight young men visiting the Christian Reformed Church in November shared similar stories, through their own words and through their songs. They said the reason for their change has been a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. God has changed their lives, their attitudes and has freed them from drugs and alcohol.

Day-to-day

At the Farm, the residents learn to live a responsible life, sharing with others through daily Bible classes, chapel, chores, recreation and homework.

According to Farm directors, love and encouragement are balanced with discipline, structure and hard work. "We don't just work with teenagers - we help drug addicts and alcoholics from 16- to 40-years-of-age."

The Teen Challenge Farm is a private, non-profit organization, totally dependent upon private contributions. It does not receive any government funding. The 84-acre, 100-bed facility accepts people with life controlling drug and alcohol problems from across Canada.

The program emphasizes: residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation; developing a structured lifestyle; learning personal disciplines; reforming relationships; vocational programs for developing work ethics; teaching respect for authority and people; and learning self-respect and self-esteem. As part of their training, residents help raise cattle and hogs.

People are eligible to join the program if they: have a bonafide substance abuse program; are committed to the 12-month program; are men between the ages of 16 and 40; have a sincere desire to be helped; are willing to consider an interdenominational Christian treatment approach; and would not be dependent upon the use of psychotropic medications.

History

Teen Challenge was born through the dream and vision of David Wilkerson, a man who worked with inner city gangs in New York City. Originally founded in New York City in 1958, Teen Challenge now has over 250 autonomous locations in 60 countries.

According to choir director Stephen Seaboyer, Teen Challenge has a very high success rate - over 80 per cent.

"With a 10 per cent success rate, the government considers that successful," Seaboyer said.

Several years ago the United States government conducted a survey to determine the program's success rate. The government pursued the survey because they didn't believe Teen Challenge when program supporters quoted a 75 per cent success rate. The government found an 86 per cent success rate, according to Seaboyer, with the common denominator for success being Jesus Christ.

"Derisively, they called it the Jesus factor," Seaboyer said.

Teen Challenge doesn't accept government funding because then they would no longer be able to tell people about Jesus Christ.

"We wouldn't be able to talk about Jesus...and then we'd be another unsuccessful program," Seaboyer told church members.

The Teen Challenge choir came to Dixon's Corners as part of a regular travelling tour they make across Canada.

"We travel across Canada telling people what God is doing in Teen Challenge," Seaboyer said. "We're here to celebrate, that right now God still changes lives."

Seaway presents A Christmas Carol

Seaway District High School drama students, band and choir were busy preparing for their Christmas performance of Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol.** Robert Garlough was convincing in his role as Ebenezer Scrooge. Added to his excellent performance, was the portrayal of Tiny Tim by Nicholas Whelan, a seven-year-old grade two student from Morrisburg Public School. Jon Domanko played Bob Cratchit, Jennifer Morrow took the role of Mrs. Cratchit, and Renee Genier played the Ghost of Christmas Present.

One Year Later

This year, Seaway drama students are once again presenting a play at the Upper Canada Playhouse, and tonight is opening night. They are presenting **Rescuing Rhyme and Reason,** a story set in a fantasy world. The play follows the adventures of a group of loyal friends in their attempts at rescuing a prince and princess from the clutches of an evil witch.

Bird Notes

by E. G. AVERY

The record early snow has meant record attendance at most feeders. Several Irena residents have been very busy filling up the containers. In one yard a new bird appeared, a Red-bellied Woodpecker. It belongs to the Ladder-back group, and has the black and white stripes across the back as well as on the wings. The male has a red head and nape, while the female has the bright colour on the neck only. Why they call it "red-bellied" is a mystery, as none of the books show any colour but a soft buffy shade on the breast. This bird is a permanent resident in the Eastern half of the U.S., and is at the Northern edge of its range when seen here.

The first Snowy Owl has arrived, quite early, but with our early Winter weather, apparently here to stay. Many winter birds are coming out of the woods in search of food.

The feeder that had four Cardinals now has three pairs, six of the lovely red birds. Chickadees and Blue Jays are there, sharing with Tree Sparrows and Woodpeckers.

We had a couple of bird-less days last week and suspect there might have been a Hawk, although none was seen. Starlings travelling in flocks have been making the rounds, taking over the feeders, from the smaller birds. A lone Goldfinch landed on the clothesline one day, but did not stay.

Ottawa observers have been surprised to see Great Blue Herons still "in town".

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Fruit Freaks field trip to area orchard

by Paula Weagant

On November 25 the Dundas County 4-H's "Fruit Freaks" went on a field trip to see and hear about fruit production from the seed to mature plant. We saw how apple cider is made and how apples are kept in the cold storage areas. Phil Lyle gave us a tour of the buildings and showed us the new sales area where they make fresh apple pie, apple cider donuts and other apple products.

He talked about the care of strawberries and raspberries and also the sprays and fertilizer used. They use less insecticides than they used to. He gave everyone a free apple and for the group two containers of tasty apple cider. The South Mountain 4-H club would like to thank Mountain Orchard for their time and co-operation.

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The Vipers host the Express Saturday

It wasn't pretty but the Lions defeated the Tikis

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

The Morrisburg Junior B Lions slipped away from the Cow Palace Friday evening with two closely guarded points in hand.

Morrisburg had what most would consider to be their worst game of the year, and still managed to win!

"The only positive out of this was that the players played terrible and they know they played terrible," said Coach Morrow. "If they'd have thought they played good, it would be worse!"

Morrow was pleased with the two points but that is where his pleasure ended.

The Lions led 2-1 after the first, but a lackadaisical second saw them give up four. After 40 minutes the score was 5-3 for Brockville.

Regrouping in the final frame, the Lions scored four and went on to win the offensive battle 7-6.

The Lions seven goals came from seven different players. Singles went to Geoff Hare, Jason Muraee, Eric Quenville, Jon Saunders, Alain Quenville, Chad White and Chad Dugay.

Morrisburg's Sunday night game against Gananoque was cancelled due to weather, but this Friday night the Lions host the South Grenville Rangers.

This Sunday the Lions travel to Westport for a game against the Rideaus. Two wins this weekend would put Morrisburg in a tie for third place in the St. Lawrence Division.

Lewis not happy with officiating

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

Don Lewis sat quietly in the arena office last Monday evening, contemplating a game in which his Bantam C Lions had just lost to Kemptville.

"I didn't send my boys out there to get killed," said Lewis to one of the irate parents commenting on the final minutes of the game.

According to Lewis, "The ref stunk!"

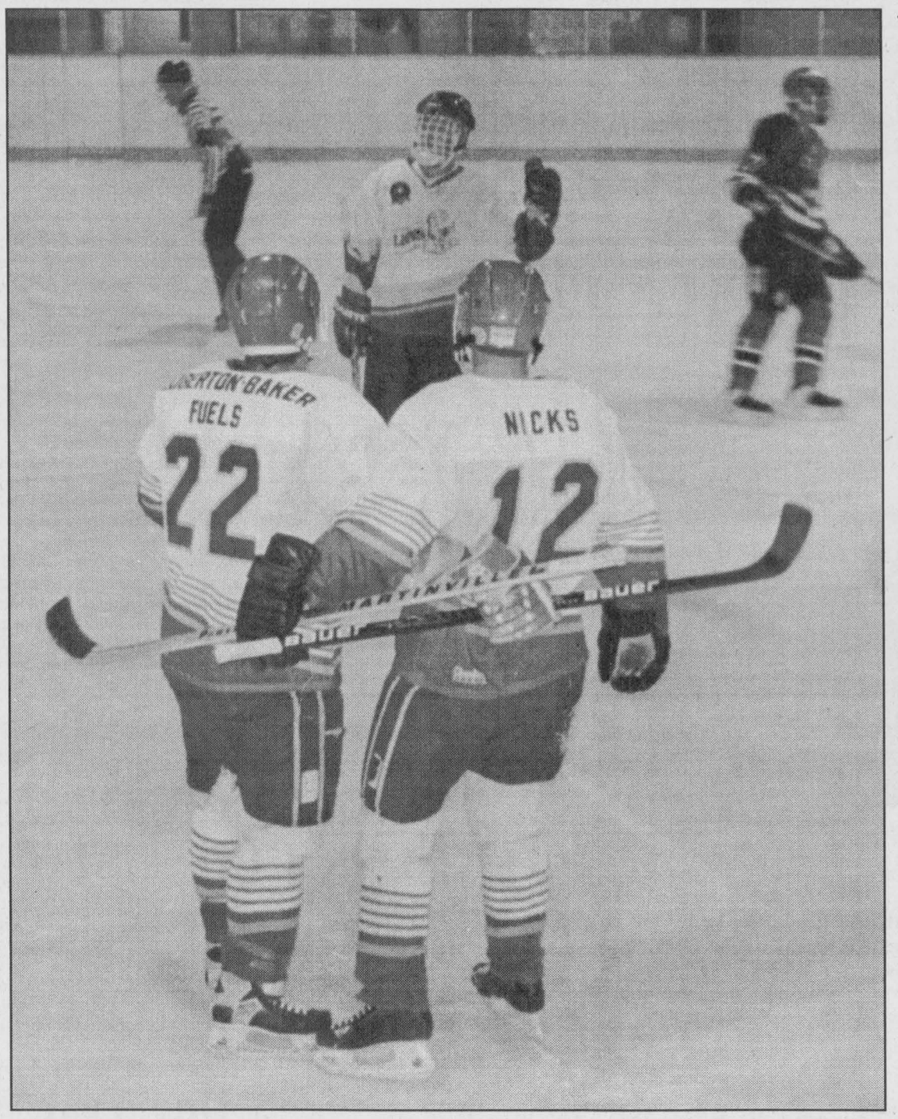
In the last three minutes of the game Kemptville was assessed with a checking from behind penalty, an elbowing penalty and a five minute game misconduct.

Morrisburg fell behind the visiting 73's 2-0 after the first, but managed to close the gap to one. Heading into the third the score was 3-2 for Kemptville.

Kemptville added one more at 10:50 of the third and Morrisburg answered that, but could not find the tying goal.

"The team played well," said Lewis, "We just weren't getting the bounces."

Adam Legue had a good game for the Lions scoring two. Jason Hill had the single counter.



Lions win again!

It wasn't pretty, but the Lions added another two points as they defeated Brockville, running their winning streak to five in a row. Pictured above, Geoff Hare #22 and Chad White #12, celebrate another goal as Chad Dugay (centre) skates in to congratulate his teammates.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

Vipers show a lot of heart but can't hold on for the win

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

Four goals by the visiting Rockland Nats ended any hopes the Long Sault Vipers had of coming away with two points last weekend. However, fans got their money's worth when it came to exciting hockey!

The Nats struck hard and they struck first! Rockland scored three in a row to start the first period of play. Sylvain Lalonde beat Eric Ladouceur and Yanick Vinette beat him twice.

Down by three the Vipers got on the board halfway through the first period when Mike Scott and Nick Lebrun combined to set up Jason Prieur.

Rockland answered Prieur's goal a minute later but the Vipers added one more before the second period ended and Long Sault went to the dressingroom down by two.

Regrouping, it was a different team that emerged from the Vipers den in the second.

Long Sault rocketed three unanswered counters past Janick St. Georges to take a 5-4 lead into the third period.

Scott and Lebrun set up Prieur for his second of the night at 15:27. Corey McAllister and Lee Charlebois fed John Fisher who tied the game at 5:36 and the Vipers last goal of the second came from Chris Proulx.

Assists on Proulx's goal went to Charlebois and Shawn Poitras.

Ahead by one, the Vipers managed to kill off two minor penalties in the dying minutes of the second period to hold on to their one goal lead.

Down by one going into the third, Rockland fought back and they fought back hard!

Luc Lafleur scored less than a minute into the third to tie the game at 5.

Four minutes later the Nats took the lead on another goal from Lafleur.

At 13:13 Vinette picked up his second of the night and then with 5:12 remaining in the game, Vinette completed his hat trick.

The Vipers last goal of the game came at 4:43 when Poitras and Proulx, sent a feed to McAllister who put it away!

This coming Saturday the Vipers will host the Vankleek Hill Cougars at 8:15.

Minor Hockey report

PEEWEE C

Ryan Tuttle was outstanding as he shut down the Kemptville offence from his position in the Lions cage.

Tuttle stopped approximately 20 shots as the Lions sharp shooters nailed five past Richard Mosher in the Kemptville net.

Calvin McIntosh put Morrisburg on the board halfway through the first period when he capitalized on a pass from Cameron Shaw and Shawn Hitsman.

Darcy McCann set up Glen Mellan for the Lions second of the night and Morrisburg's third was scored by Peter Ceasar unassisted.

McIntosh added one more in the middle frame and the scoring was completed at 2:38 of the second when Hitsman added one.

NOVICE C

Tyler Galindo iced the way for the Morrisburg Novice C Lions 2-1 victory with a goal in the second and one in the third.

Galindo's second period counter at 9:13 tied the game for the Lions as they hosted North Dundas and his third period goal with 1:29 remaining, gave the Lions the win.

Greg Vantfoort's shutout was spoiled late in the first period when the Devils defenceman Kyle Pelkey scored from the point.

Last Sunday (December 3rd) the Lions hosted the North Dundas Devils and played to a two all tie.

Aaron Bogle put Morrisburg on the board first with an unassisted goal at 1:23 of the first period.

The Lions jumped out to a two nothing lead when Daniel Toonders hammered one past Pat Hetherington in the North Dundas net.

The Lions worked hard to keep the pressure on, but Tyson Volles' goal with less than three minutes to play in the second gave the visitors the momentum they needed and with :19 seconds remaining, the Devils tied the game.

Kyle Weegar was outstanding in the third shutting down the opposition, but Hetherington played equally as well and the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

PEEWEE B

Brad Casselman's two goals led the Morrisburg Pee Wee B Lions to a one goal victory over South Stormont last Sunday evening.

Mike Shaver rocketed a pass to Casselman halfway through the first period and Casselman put it away!

Up by one going into the third, Shaver and Casselman combined once again to give Morrisburg a 2-0 lead.

Bryan Verhoeven played well in net for the Lions but with less than three minutes to play in the middle frame, Mike King ruined his shutout.

Congratulations



Tim Casselman

Tim Casselman, son of Doug and Gail Casselman, Williamsburg, Ontario, recently received his Class 'A' Mechanic's licence. Tim is currently employed at Simply Mobile, Winchester, Ontario. Congratulations Tim, and best wishes for future endeavors.

Love Sonya, Dad, Mom and Rob

Winter snow removal is costing us all!

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Snow, snow, snow and yes please, more snow! Over 50 centimeters of the wonderful white stuff fell during the month of November.

As area residents can tell you, shovelling has been just wonderful.

The over 50 centimeters of snowfall in November has set a new record and the closest we have came to having that much snow was in 1989 when Mother Nature dumped a wonderful 40 centimeters on us.

According to records obtained through the municipal office in Morrisburg, residents of that village do not have to worry just yet!

In 1995 the snow removal budget was set at $71,300. To date removal has cost the village $45,176. This figure includes snow removal from the beginning of January.

With under 30 days to go until the end of the year, it looks like the village snow removal crew could possibly make it in under budget.

The Winter Control budget for Iroquois was set at $86,000 for 1995 and to date approximately $38,000 has been spent on snow removal. However, that amount does not include the last two snow falls in November.

In Matilda Township things were looking good up until the end of October. Matilda's Winter Control budget was set at $66,000. Figures up to the end of October indicate that $45,000 has been spent on snow removal.

The Municipal Clerk in Cardinal, Mr. John Walsh said that Cardinal's Winter Control budget was set at $75,000. Figures as to how much had been spent to date were not available at press time, however Mr. Walsh did say, "With the mild winter last year we expect to come in at least ten percent under budget."

Midget Lions defeat Cornwall 6-2

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

Rob Darling gave Morrisburg the go ahead goal with 2:15 left to play in the first and the Lions never looked back!

Rene Croteau in the Lions cage held off the competition for the better part of two periods, but Cornwall did manage to get on the board late in the second.

With the game tied at one and less than two minutes left in the middle frame, John Adlington gave Morrisburg the go ahead and 25 seconds later Darling picked up his second of the game.

Jeremy Admas and Aaron Orlicky added another goal each in the third and Morrisburg went on to win 6-2.

After discussions with his coaching staff, Coach Schell noted that David Trude had an exceptional game.

"Penalties hurt us in the third," said Schell who noted his team played most of the period down two men, "but we got the win and that's what counts."

Seaway hosts R/O Boys

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

Boys basketball at Seaway has begun!

This afternoon, the midget, junior and senior boys basketball teams at Seaway District High School will host Rothwell - Osnabruck in the league opener.

Coach Francis felt all of the teams should be strong this year.

"We had a warm up tournament last week and Scott's senior team will be in a 28 team tournament this coming weekend," said Francis.

The juniors went 0-3 at the tournament last weekend, but Coach Francis did not feel their poor showing was cause for concern.

"We had 16 players so we were basically trying to pick the team," explained the Coach. Mr. Francis also noted that his team was in all of the games right up to the finish.

According to Coach Francis the senior team should do well this season. "I don't want to jinx Scott, but his team should have no trouble winning this year."

The Chieftain Sports Scoreboard

St. Lawrence Division

	Gp	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Char Lan	21	15	02	04	134	78	36
Kemptville	22	11	07	04	102	79	28
Winchester	19	10	08	02	85	106	23
Morrisburg	**19**	**08**	**09**	**02**	**107**	**111**	**19**
Alexandria	20	02	17	01	81	130	06

Rideau Division

	Gp	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Westport	20	16	04	00	110	61	33
Gananoque	19	13	06	00	113	74	26
S. Grenville	20	08	11	01	86	95	19
Brockville	21	07	13	01	79	121	16
Athens	21	04	17	00	61	121	09

Morrisburg Lions Home Games

December 8 vs.
South Grenville 8:30 pm

December 17 vs.
Winchester 2:30 pm

December 20 vs.
Alexandria 8:15 pm

Long Sault Vipers Home Games

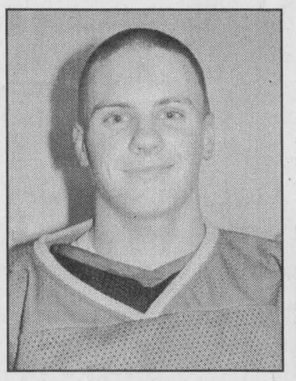
December 9 vs.
Vankleek Hill 8:15 pm

January 6 vs.
North Stormont 8:15 pm

January 13 vs.
North Stormont 8:15 pm



Lions Player Profile



Name: **Jon Saunders**
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Iroquois and District Community Calendar

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Iroquois Women's Institute Potluck Dinner, Thurs., Dec. 7, 6:15 p.m. punch; **6:30 p.m.** dinner. Bring a friend. Lively entertainment.

Movie Night at Matilda Hall, Fri., Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. Featuring "The Indian in the Cupboard". Admission $3; adults free. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. **Sponsored by Matilda Recreation.**

Pancake Breakfast with Santa! Sat., Dec. 9, Morrisburg Civic Centre, 8-11 a.m. Pictures with Santa also available, $6 each. Breakfast prices: Adults $3; children (5 to 12) $2; Children (under 5) $1. Sponsored by **The Morrisburg Figure Skating Club.**

Iroquois Public School "Christmas Concert": 'Santa's Holiday Hoedown', **Wed., Dec. 13th** with two shows: **10 a.m. and 7 p.m.** Everyone welcome. Donations for South Dundas Christmas Exchange gratefully accepted.

The Living With Cancer Support Group meets the **2nd Tues. of every month, 7:30 p.m.** at the **Williamsburg Senior Support Centre.** For further info call **652-4588.**

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Brinston draw

A Christmas bazaar held at Matilda Rebekah Lodge in Brinston on Saturday included a table of baked goods and craft items. Lunch was also served. Above Betty Henderson, district deputy president of Brockville #1 and Della Murphy, Noble Grand of Matilda Rebekah Lodge #342, drew the winning ticket for their angel raffle. Gloria Byers was the lucky winner. *Chieftain photo by T. Adams*

Friday Night Dart League Action

Dec. 1: Week No. 11 and we have a tie for first and second place and the rest are coming on strong.

Standings: The End and No Surrenders with 77, Four Aces 70 1/2, Babe Watchers 65, The Farmer's Heifers 64, Running Bare 62 1/2, The L.D.'s 60 1/2, No Show 60, The Hopefuls 54, Late for Supper 51 1/2, Smokin' Guns 44 1/2, Joe Joe's Hopefuls 39.

High Scores: Percy Roberts 112; Steve Barkley 111; Nikki Easter 105; Bill Hutt 100x3; Lloyd Greenough 100x2; Glen Easter 100; Tony Easter 100; Duane Kirker 100; Joe Roberts 100.

Games Finished: Bill Hutt 6, Glen Easter 4, Duane Kirker 4, Bill Dodge 4, Sandy Dodge 4, Lloyd Greenough 3, Tony Easter 3, Walter Reid 3, Danny Dodge 3, Michele Liddy-Brooks 3, Rodney Francis 2, Steve Barkley 2, John Trayner 2, Barb Merkley 2, Jean Greenough 2, Doris Trayner 2, Nikki Easter 2, Earl Nesbitt 1, Joe Roberts 1, Carl Gibson 1, Leo Merkley 1, Percy Roberts 1, Elizabeth Brooks 1, Sharon Easter 1, June Reid 1, Debbie Hess 1, Lil Roberts 1, Linda Remalard 1, Geoffrey Wilson 1, Amy Smail 1.

McNeely posts personal best in World Duathalon

by Jeff Brownlee
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Pat McNeely returned home from the World Duathalon Championships in Mexico earlier this month with something more than a good tan.

He came back to Canada with invaluable experience competing at his first international event.

"I was pretty intimidated," said the Edwardsburgh resident, who boarded his first plane ever Oct. 28 on his way to Cancun. "The competition was really stiff."

McNeely spent a week both physically and mentally preparing for the gruelling course that spanned 55km over the Mexico countryside.

Before he left for the competition that saw him run 10km, pedal 40km and run another 5km, McNeely hoped to finish under two hours.

But he forgot about one very important variable -- heat.

"On race day, (Nov.5) it was 104 Fahrenheit with 90 per cent humidity at 8 a.m," he said. "While everyone had a week to get used to the heat, lots of people dropped out because of dehydration."

But McNeely knew that keeping his body cool would be a key to a fast finish. He made sure that he drank lots of liquids.

Despite the hot temperatures, McNeely surprised himself. He posted a time of 2:02.35. This vaulted him to a 29th place finish out of a field of 74. Two minutes put him out of the top 10.

"I did really well," he said. "I finished the first run in 37 minutes -- my fastest ever."

When he jumped on the bike, he said the cheers of close to 100,000 fans along the route get his adrenalin pumping.

"I was ahead of where I wanted to be, (after the run) so I decided to go as hard as I possibly could on the bike," he said. "The people cheering along the route got me revved up -- I kept on switching into a higher gear."

The final 5km turned into a walk around the park for the 21-year-old who was definitely born to run.

"By this time, I was revved up, I finished the last 5km in under 19 minutes."

McNeely dubbed this as an ultimate learning experience. Not only did he prove that he can compete at the international level, but he now knows what to expect at future events.

The Hyndman Rd. resident is planning to step up his training in preparation for North America's biggest duathalon in Alabama next March. He will then get ready to earn the right to represent his country at next year's world championships.

"Thanks to my sponsors -- Potter's Milk Transport and Woodland's Chicken Barbecue -- I exceeded all my expectations," he said. "It something that you will never forget in a life time."

An 1846 garrison style Christmas

It is often thought that British soldiers and their families stationed in Canada during the mid 19th century led a difficult existence. Confined to cramped and unhygienic living quarters and subject to strict discipline, the life of a soldier in garrison has been portrayed as dull and monotonous.

At Fort Wellington in Prescott, things seem to have been a bit different. Archaeological work and historical research on the fort have shown that the soldiers and their families enjoyed a far more comfortable existence than previously thought. Indeed, their lifestyle would have been comparable to that of the less wealthy civilian inhabitants of the colony. Further research has shown that British soldiers organized and participated in Christmas celebrations while they were stationed in Canada. Using branches of evergreen from the surrounding countryside and home-made decorations the soldiers and their families transformed their barracks into a place honouring the birth of Christ and worthy of a visit from Father Christmas. While the soldiers' children would not have expected much in the way of presents, they might find some fruit, or a pair of mittens, or even a hand carved toy waiting for them Christmas morning. The day itself was celebrated with a feast, partially subsidized by the officers, in place of the normal rations, and singing, games and merriment were the order of the day.

On Sunday, December 10th, Fort Wellington National Historic Site located in Prescott, Ontario will be holding its annual Garrison Christmas programme from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Over the last two weeks area children have been decorating the Fort's Barracks to depict Christmas in 1846. On the afternoon itself, costumed interpreters will describe the type of Christmas the soldiers and their families might have experienced. Providing appropriate music for the occasion will be local musicians, Bud St. John and Raymond Dallaire, who will be performing courtesy of the Prescott Business Improvement Association and the Chamber of Commerce. All are invited to sing along. In addition, visitors may sip hot apple cider and view films appropriate to the season. Fort Wellington will be accepting non-perishable food items for the 1996 "Spirit of Giving" campaign. Come, join us in our celebrations.

For further information please contact Fort Wellingtron at (613) 925-2896.



Crafty bazaar!

The Williamsburg United Church Hall was full of Christmas baked goods and craft items on Saturday. From 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., many local residents wandered through the hall, enjoying the sale and purchasing many Christmas gifts.

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reallocations - from the hospitals that close, to those that stay open - and a transfer of money to new programs.

According to the OHA, reallocation is essential for hospitals which do not have the capacity to absorb major, across-the-board reductions. As an example, hospitals serving areas with high population growth will need their funding adjusted to cope with increased service demands.

In its announcement last week, the government indicated it will provide help to hospitals in coping with funding reductions and restrucuring projects. As part of the plan, the government will allow hospitals to establish Crown foundations to give flexibility in fundraising.

Although the funding cuts are hard to take, Smith says the government needed to do something to stop the spiralling deficit.

"Certainly the deficit was out of control. Certainly when you see that one million dollars an hour is spent in interest, you know something had to happen," he said. "I think something had to happen, but whether the cuts are too deep is hard to say right now."

OPP report thefts

Matilda Township

A Noma 10 HP snowblower model NS1029DEL was stolen from an unlocked storage shed at Matilda Township's Rowena Full Gospel Church. The theft occurred within the last three weeks.

Iroquois

On Dec. 2, 1995, Kevin McEwen, 31, of Iroquois was charged with impaired driving and is to appear in Morrisburg court on Jan. 9, 1995.

Winchester

Thefts at Winchester's Ontario Hydro facilities were reported last week. A STIHL chainsaw model M-026, valued at $490, has been missing since Nov. 17, 1995.

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Cecil and Carole
D6-1tp

SYPES: I wish to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and best wishes while I was a patient at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. To Dr. Garridzen and his team, the nurses and staff of the 3rd floor for their excellent care. To neighbours, family and friends who sent cards, gifts, their phone calls and visits, all meant so much to me. To my Para-Med Health nurse and my wife who are taking care of me; they are doing a great job. I also want to thank everyone who helped out at home during my stay in Hospital and since my return home. All these acts are greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.
Sincerely, Cephus Sypes
D6-1tp

ZANDBERGEN: I wish to express my appreciation to my family and friends for the visits, cards, phone calls, and flowers while I was a patient at W.D.M.H. and also, after my return home, to those who brought delicious meals. Special thanks to Dr. Rosenquist and Dr. Peters and the nursing staff on 2nd floor. Also Pastor John for his visits. Your kindness will always be remembered.
Henny Zandbergen
D6-1tp

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D6-3tp

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Cardinal council

after the first eight would be negligable, cost wise. In addition to this costing, the dedicated lines necessary for the operation would come in at about $1750 per month and would see the village at the mercy of Bell Canada, since the lines tie into their system. The establishing of a monitoring station within the village is cost prohibitive and so, another $32,000 per year would be paid as the monitoring would be set up in Bracebridge, where a long term security system is in place.

Council questioned the privacy issue; who keeps the tapes and how they are in fact stored. While council voiced no reaction to the costs involved, they may feel that perhaps once the proposal comes in writing, they will be in a position to negotiate. There are options open to council and the village according to the clerk; like deferring the capital payment, to spread costs throughout a year and the possibility of adding or deleting cameras as necessary.

Council will discuss the proposal when it is received, as to the feasibility and the viability of the system in Cardinal. When they consider it a viable option, a public meeting will be held for all interested residents. Council felt it a high priority item which will affect everyone, and so everyone deserves to be consulted before a decision is made.

Crime stats were presented next as OPP Sgt. Hill gave a detailed report covering two crime periods in the village. Starting last September and ending in February, and then from May to November, he made council aware of the fact that the second period was a little higher than the first. Concentration was on thefts under $1000, mischief under $1000, and thefts from vehicles. All these are classed as petty crimes and Sgt. Hill suggested that if people were to lock their vehicles and homes, a lot of these numbers would disappear. On a positive note he assured council that while the number of incidents was up, the clearance rate was 60 per cent in Cardinal, while the provincial average is only 40 per cent. "Thus the co-operation from residents seems to be working." He also noted that the new Community Officer Kelly Brant will concentrate her efforts on the continuation of liaisoning with the community at large ..."It looks like something is going right in this area," commented the Sergeant. It was of note that most of the crimes are occurring on weekends and after hours.

The Community Police Committee was heard from as John Graham spoke to council. Having established bylaws, and terms of reference for themselves, they hope to enhance the quality of life in Cardinal. They encourage all residents to get their problems to the members so they can I.D. matters of concern within the village and deal with them. They will work with the police to find solutions and deal with problems as they are identified.

Council was heard through written correspondence that Pinkerton Securities in the Ottawa area is interested in submitting a price on security systems for the village. The Leeds and Grenville County Board of Education advised Council as to their areas of concern re: budgeting for the next fiscal year, and word came that the first ever Fire Chiefs Conference to be hosted in Leeds and Grenville, last May in Brockville was a tremendous success. There were no excess monies from this event and so Cardinal will not be reimbursed as could have been the case if such money had resulted.

Deputy Fire Chief Robert McDonald will retire the end of this month after serving his community unselfishly for the past 25 years.

Council meets again January 8, 1996, at 7:30 in the Council Chambers.



Lions presentation

Carl Van Allan of Williamsburg presented a "thank you scroll" to the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club in mid-October. It was a gesture to thank the Lions for their financial participation in a very successful volleyball tournament held on Aug. 19. Over $10,000 was raised for cancer research through the tournament. *Courtesy photo*

Stuart Saddlemire

OBITUARY

Stuart Watson Saddlemire, 75, of R.R.1 Williamsburg, on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1995 at the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Born in Glen Becker on May 31, 1920 to the late Dalton and Mabel (nee Watson) Saddlemire, he worked as a dairy farmer and lived in the Williamsburg area for 40 years. Stuart enjoyed playing the saxophone in the Morrisburg Band for many years. He identified with the Williamsburg United Church, and was a former resident of Aultsville and Glen Becker. He married Ethel Newbury on Sept. 18, 1943 in Glen Becker.

He is mourned by: his wife Ethel; sons Art (Judy) of Williamsburg, Chuck (Melody) of Williamsburg, Stan (Barb) of Winchester Springs and Paul (Angela) of Williamsburg; daughters Judy Barkley (Dave Baldwin) of Williamsburg, Gail (Lee Kelly) of Morrisburg and Marjorie (Jack Vanderveen) of Williamsburg; brother John (Edna) of Glen Becker; and sisters Ruth Leonard of Brockville, Edna (Frank Kennedy) of Brockville, Helen (Ray Casselman) of Winchester Springs, and Hilda Easter of Brockville. He is sadly missed by 11 grandchildren, two great-grandsons, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters Pauline Baker and Mildred Van Allen, and brothers Foster and Carmen.

Friends called at the Marsden and McLaughlin Funeral Home in Williamsburg on Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. The service was held at the funeral home on Monday, Dec. 4, 1995 at 2 p.m. Rev. F.E.A. Macpherson officiated with interment following at New Union Cemetery in Williamsburg. Pallbearers included Dave Baldwin, Jack Vanderveen, Lee Kelly, Brian Barkley, Barry Barkley and Ben Barkley.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be apprciated by the family.


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St. Mary's, Morrisburg
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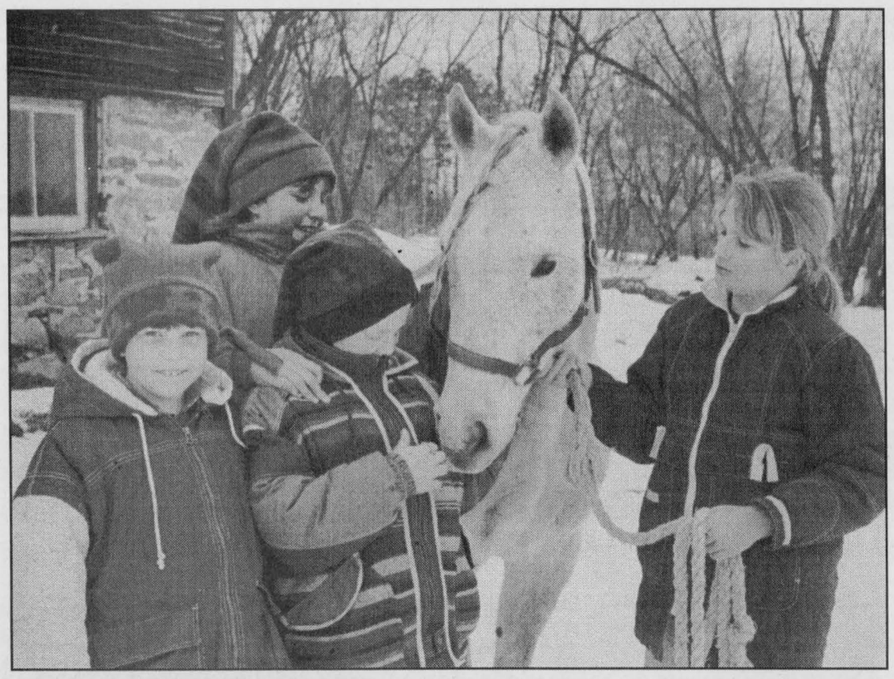

Pony Club meeting

Anyone interested in horses is welcome to attend regular Pony Club meetings every second Sunday afternoon. Kyllie Jansen, Katie van de Kamp, Rhian Jansen, and Katrina Jansen were among the young people who met two weeks ago. The next meeting is this Sunday, Dec. 10. For time and location call John van de Kamp at 543-4187 or Mary Allin at 652-2055.

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NEWSBRIEFS

EDWARDSBURGH TOWNSHIP

Book launch this Saturday

After years of hard work, Edwardsburgh historians are launching **Edwardsburgh Township History** this Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Edwardsburgh Township Hall in Spencerville. The 300-page book, with more than 100 black and white photographs, maps, documents and illustrations, will be on sale Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10 from noon until 3 p.m. Two Iroquois residents, Frank Rooney and Ruth Fetterly, have contributed to this piece of work.

CORNWALL

Cornwall drive thru open!

The Brookedale Mall in Cornwall is open for business! Last Sunday a man drove his car through the mall doors at the north end of the mall and out the south end doors by the Brookedale Cinemas. Work is underway to repair the damage, but it is business as usual for all of the store owners.

IROQUOIS

Iroquois LCBO leading the way

The Iroquois LCBO has the latest in technology. Along with Morrisburg patrons, Iroquois patrons will now be able to purchase refreshments with their bank cards. Other liquor stores have been allowing patrons to use their credit cards, but Morrisburg and Iroquois LCBO stores are the first to let patrons use their bank cards and credit cards to purchase alcohol.



Special visitor

Bill and Coby Zandbergen recently had special visitors at their Brinston goat farm. Riaz Ahmed Khan (left), agriculture and animal husbandry secretary (deputy minister) with the Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Muzaffarabad, Pakistan government visited the farm to see how the Zandbergens run their business. Sieglinde Matura with OMAFRA, the Zandbergens, and Frank Schneider from Agrodev Canada Inc. are pictured above next to the deputy minister.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

Scouts host breakie with Santa Claus

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Sunday may not have been the best day weatherwise, but that did not stop over 150 people from coming to the Civic Centre. There were those youngsters who eagerly peered into the big room where the tables silently awaited customers, and there were those young at heart folks who"just brought the kids."

Conditions were ideal for the arrival of everyones' favorite fellow, Santa Claus. He had no problems being on time and the welcome from the children was perfect as always.

The 1st Iroquois Scout Troop is busily fund-raising for their journey in 1997 to the Canadian Scout Jamboree in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

This, their second annual Breakfast with Santa was a great success, despite the weather and they want to thank everyone who donated time, pancake mix, coloring books for the children - Bell Canada, and especially those who braved the elements to enjoy the fluffy pancakes and sausages.

Santa was good enough to make the draw for the huge Christmas stocking which the Scouts had been given, and which they filled with donated objects. Ticket sales had been brisk and the lucky winner was Amy Holmes of R.R.1, Iroquois. She seemed impressed with her win and will no doubt find that a lot of her shopping has been done.

The pancakes were light and the sausages done to a turn. The juice was cold and refreshing and the coffee and tea, good to the last drop. The Scouts served everything with a smile and the leaders cooked up a storm, inside the Civic Centre as the north wind tossed snow, freezing rain and ice pellets at the folks who brought their hungries to be satisfied.

The reeve of the village came out and brought his family, and even sat on Santa's lap to express his desires for Christmas '95 before he headed home.

Christmas music filled the hall and the smell of fresh brewed coffee set a festive mood. It was a perfect day for that seasonal favorite: "Oh the weather outside was frightful but the breakfast was so delightful"...or something like that!

Parking at Becker's remains the same

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

After looking into its options, Iroquois Council has decided not to make any changes to the parking area in front of Iroquois' Becker's store.

At a special meeting last week, council discussed four options the village could pursue. Council members voted unanimously to leave it as it is.

Council looked into the matter two weeks ago, after safety concerns were raised by local resident Mary Graydon. In a letter to council, she said parking shouldn't be allowed in front of Becker's, K&W Restaurant or Dean Summers' office because of the potential for accidents.

"One day recently, more than one vehicle was parked approximately eight feet from the stop sign. I pulled out to go around them when another vehicle turned left into the lane I had to use," she wrote.

Despite council's mutual concerns about those safety issues, members felt they have only one option open to them. And that is to "live with it."

Councillor Art Roberts, village foreman Bill Ewing and village clerk Betty Marlin met with Ministry of Transportation representative Joan Williams on Nov. 21. In discussing the Becker's parking issue, she suggested a number of options.

One idea was to move the existing parking and create angle parking instead. However, in an interview Thursday, Roberts said there are complications with that idea.

"If we did that then we would have to build a curb out, like the one at the Royal Bank," he said. "We'd have to put a boulevard in and posts to protect the area."

When presented to council, they agreed this would be too costly.

Other suggestions included: hiring a traffic consultant to plan parking for the shopping plaza; and conveying the parking lot to the business merchants.

"The other options are too costly and are not feasible at this time," Roberts said.

Other council members seemed to be of the same opinion.

"What I recommended was that we live with it, because only one complaint has been received in the 40 years of (plaza) operation," Roberts said. "That's really not too bad...and as far as I know there have been no accidents there."

Mountain Trailblazers are still left out in the cold

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

With a stop-work order placed on their snowmobile clubhouse, the Mountain Trailblazers are no closer to setting up their clubhouse than they were a month ago.

At a Mountain Council meeting Monday night, building inspector Richard Sharkey told council that the clubhouse, designated as an A2 structure under the building code, does not comply with the code.

Consequently, the Trailblazers cannot use the building as a clubhouse.

As a result of Monday's discussion, Sharkey promised to check with the building code commission, to see if the designation for the building could be changed. But he made no promises.

Placing the clubhouse at the west end of Van Camp Road on an unopened road allowance over a month ago, the township then received a complaint from Jon Funston. His lot sits next to that location.

Funston was concerned that the club was breaking government guidelines by establishing a clubhouse on an unopened road allowance. He was also concerned about safety issues and noise levels.

But following November's regular council meeting, Funston met with the Trailblazers and they worked out an agreement. Their agreement, however, didn't change the fact that the clubhouse still sits on an unopened road allowance.

On Monday night, council once again said it could not issue a permit because of the building's location. There is no access to a road, therefore the township cannot issue a building permit.

Apart from its location, there are further problems. The building doesn't meet the building code guidelines.

However, these factors don't seem to bother Councillor Bob Guy. He wants to overlook these problems and let the Trailblazers continue with their project. He suggested that the township ignore the whole situation.

"If there never had been a conflict (or complaint), we wouldn't have a problem," Guy said.

But Sharkey told council, that because the township is aware of the situation he has a responsibility to make sure everything is done properly. As a building inspector, Sharkey has to follow the building code.

"So what? We're aware of a lot of things," Guy responded. "I don't care what the code says."

Guy then asked if council had the authority to tell Sharkey to remove the stop-work order.

But council doesn't have that authority. Sharkey told council if they did make him do that, they would be leaving the municipality (and themselves personally) "wide open" for trouble.

The Trailblazers first came to council in August asking for permission to establish the clubhouse. Council refused to give the Trailblazers a building permit (because of the unopened road allowance), but gave them the "impression" they could go ahead with their project anyway.

Sharkey said he hoped to talk with the building code commission by the end of this week, to see whether the commission could help them in this situation.

Santa Claus arrives in South Mountain

Santa Claus is coming to South Mountain this Saturday afternoon, December 9. The annual parade starring the jolly old elf will leave the Mountain Township Agricultural Grounds at 2:30pm, wind its way through the village to the Nationview Public School and back again to the fair grounds.

After the parade, Santa will make a visit to the IOOF Hall, located on the Main Street of the village. There he will listen to Christmas wishes and may even have a surprise for the children.

This annual event is co-sponsored by the Mountain District Lions Club and the IOOF South Mountain Lodge 428.



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The Education Pulse

by John McEwen

Destreaming is wrong for SD&G.

A recent comprehensive survey of the region's grade ten teachers confirms educators' gravest fears: their students, who were "destreamed" last year, were not ready for grade ten. The survey, conducted by OSSTF in October, surveyed all grade ten teachers in the public school system. The results were conclusive proof that destreaming is in serious trouble.

Grade ten students are frustrated, they lack essential skills, marks are lower, student confidence is down, and many students appear to be in the wrong stream; teachers' workloads have increased in grade ten, and many courses cannot be covered as thoroughly as usual because of the time spent "catching students up". In one teacher's words: "It does not take a rocket scientist to understand that everyone loses with destreaming".

So why do we have destreaming in the first place?

Destreaming was invented by politicians to try to solve a Metropolitan Toronto problem, and imposed on the rest of the province during one of the previous Ontario government's impulsive "fixes" of education. The problem in Toronto was - and still is - real enough: a huge portion of the school population comes from a constantly changing migrant base. In other words, many students seldom live in one region long enough to become known by the school system. As a result, it was - and still is - very difficult either to help these students make good long-term subject choices or to give them a consistent course of studies. Destreaming was supposed to allow teachers in grade nine and ten to study this constantly changing student population in order to avoid placing them in the wrong academic stream.

A migrant population has never been a significant problem in our board; yet we were forced to use the dubious Metro Toronto "fix": destreaming. Unfortunately, what destreaming boils down to is that the grade nine student is helped to make the crucial streaming decisions by teachers who see the students far less than - and are thus unable to get to know them as well as - their elementary school teachers did.

As well, students at either end of the ability spectrum are suffering: class may be too difficult for the academically over-challenged learner, and too uninteresting for the bright student. Add to that the lack of curricular support the Ministry of Education and Training has given to the project, and the incredibly difficult teaching situation this presents to the teachers, and we have a prescription for educational disaster.

Obviously, the destreamed year is an inefficient use of student and teacher time and scarce resources. In addition, the Minister of Education intends to eliminate student choice by limiting post-grade nine credits to 21 or 24. This nearly wasted grade nine year combined with limited credit choice will restrict future graduates to a narrower, restricted education. We must resist this direction, particularly when it is recognized that students require a broader, more diverse education to prepare themselves for the uncertainties of the 21st century.

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The Chieftain
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✔Songs of Christmas at Dixon's
✔Cardinal Craft Sale
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Santa visits local communities this week

Santa Claus leads first annual Morrisburg Parade Saturday

Get ready kids! Santa Claus is coming to Morrisburg this Saturday. The jolly 'ole fellow will be riding with his reindeer friends in the first annual Morrisburg Santa Claus parade, starting at 10 a.m. Over 30 floats, bands and choirs are expected to be involved in this first annual event. It'll be a treat for everyone.

Before the parade begins, people are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast with Santa at the Morrisburg Civic Centre from 8 to 11 a.m. Sponsored by the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club, breakfast costs $3 for adults, $2 for five- to 12-year-olds, and $1 for children under five.

After the parade, people can take their children or pets to the clock tower in the mall. Santa will be there with the good folks from Upper Canada Playhouse, who will take their pictures. In the event of bad weather, Santa will relocate to the tourist booth at the mall. The cost is $5 per photo with proceeds going to the theatre.

A community Christmas party is also being held later in the day, at the Operating Engineers Training Institute starting at 7 p.m. A variety showcase of local talent will be a part of the evening's festivities. With a Saturday full of activity, there's lots to keep everyone busy!

COMING EVENTS

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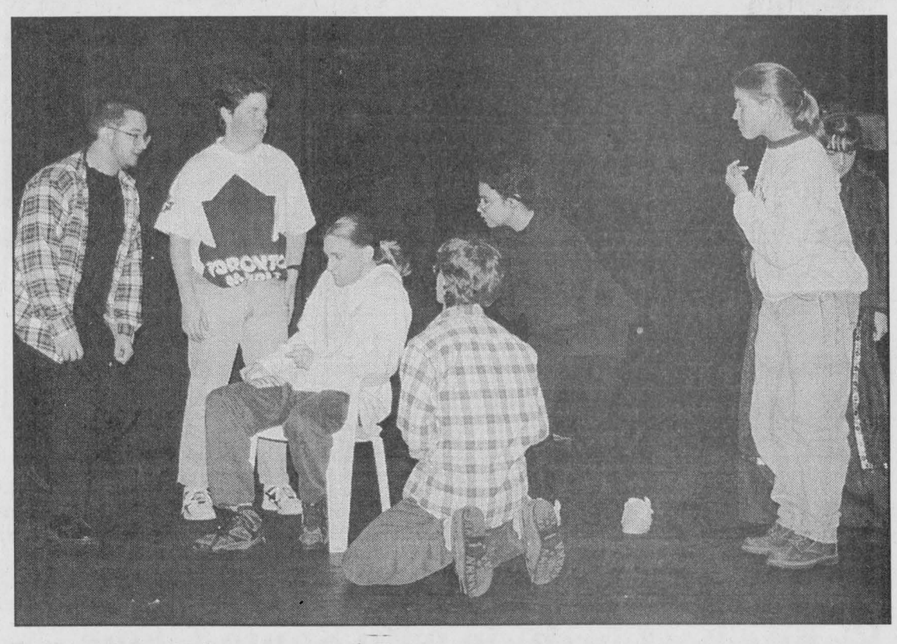

Rescuing Rhyme and Reason

The Seaway District High School Drama Class will be presenting Rescuing Rhyme and Reason, a play for the young and the young at heart. The play will open at the Upper Canada Playhouse December 6th. Written by Ms. Wendy Gibb, the play will excite people of all ages.

Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

Santa to visit Iroquois Sunday

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Santa Claus has a busy weekend ahead, as he takes part in Morrisburg and South Mountain parades on Saturday, and visits Iroquois children on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Santa plans to visit local youngsters at the Iroquois Civic Centre from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa's arrival time will be 11:45 a.m.

Santa's guests will also be able to have lunch with the jolly 'ole fellow. For $2, each person can have a hot dog and a drink. For an additional $2, children can have their picture taken with Santa.

A face painter, one of Santa's helpers, will also be on hand to get everyone glowing like a Christmas tree.

The event is sponsored by Iroquois' Summer Festival committee. They are supplying a special mailbox, just for local letters to Santa.

"We're having a mailbox for Santa," says Tracey Stewart, committee co-chair.

Children can write a detailed list of what they want for Christmas, or write him a special letter. Stewart says if children write their name and address neatly on their letters, they will get a letter from Santa in return.

Mark Sunday on your calendar! You won't want to miss Santa's visit.

Night of carols

Come out and hear some special music presented by a choir of volunteer Iroquois Public School students on Friday, Dec. 15.

Led by Margaret Brown, the choir will start singing in the plaza at 6:30 p.m. They will then head over to the seniors' apartments to sing, and be treated with hot chocolate and delicious treats!

Local residents are invited to listen to the carollers that evening, and enjoy a pre-Christmas concert.

Business bash

The second annual Yuletide business bash is set to go on Saturday, Dec. 16. If you haven't got your tickets, Stewart encourages everyone to get them purchased. The caterers need to know by this weekend how many people will be attending.

According to Stewart, about half of the 180 tickets have been sold. The evening is open to both Iroquois and Matilda businesses.

Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a turkey dinner, prepared by the Legion ladies auxiliary, at 7 p.m. Jim Mustard will once again emcee the event, with Crusher's Disco from Morrisburg providing the dance music.

Tickets for this Summer Festival fund-raiser can be purchased from Tracey Stewart at Gilmer Pharmacy.

Bridge Winners

The winners of the November 29th bridge party were first, Marjorie Strader, second Doreen Empey, and third went to Garnet Empey. Join us each and every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Iroquois Civic Centre.

Seaway Valley Singers' concert

Back by popular demand, the Seaway Valley Singers are presenting their third annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1996 at 8 p.m.

Held at Lakeshore Drive United Church in Morrisburg, the Singers will be performing Christmas selections from Handel's Messiah, with solos sung by choir members.

Once again the local madrigal choir, Renaissance Voyces, will perform a number of selections.

It's an evening you won't want to miss!

The performance will end with a number of Christmas carols, and according to choir director Michael Goodwin, the audience will be able to participate in a few of them as well.

A reception will be held following the performance, and this will give members of the audience a chance to meet and mingle with choir members.

Goodwin says that if you aren't able to attend this Saturday performance, you may want to catch the Seaway Valley Singers in a Christmas fund-raiser on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m.

Held in Winchester at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, the choir will perform to help raise money for the Dundas County Hospice.

Goodwin says if you can't come to both then you should try to attend at least one concert. The Christmas music will linger with you throughout the holiday season.

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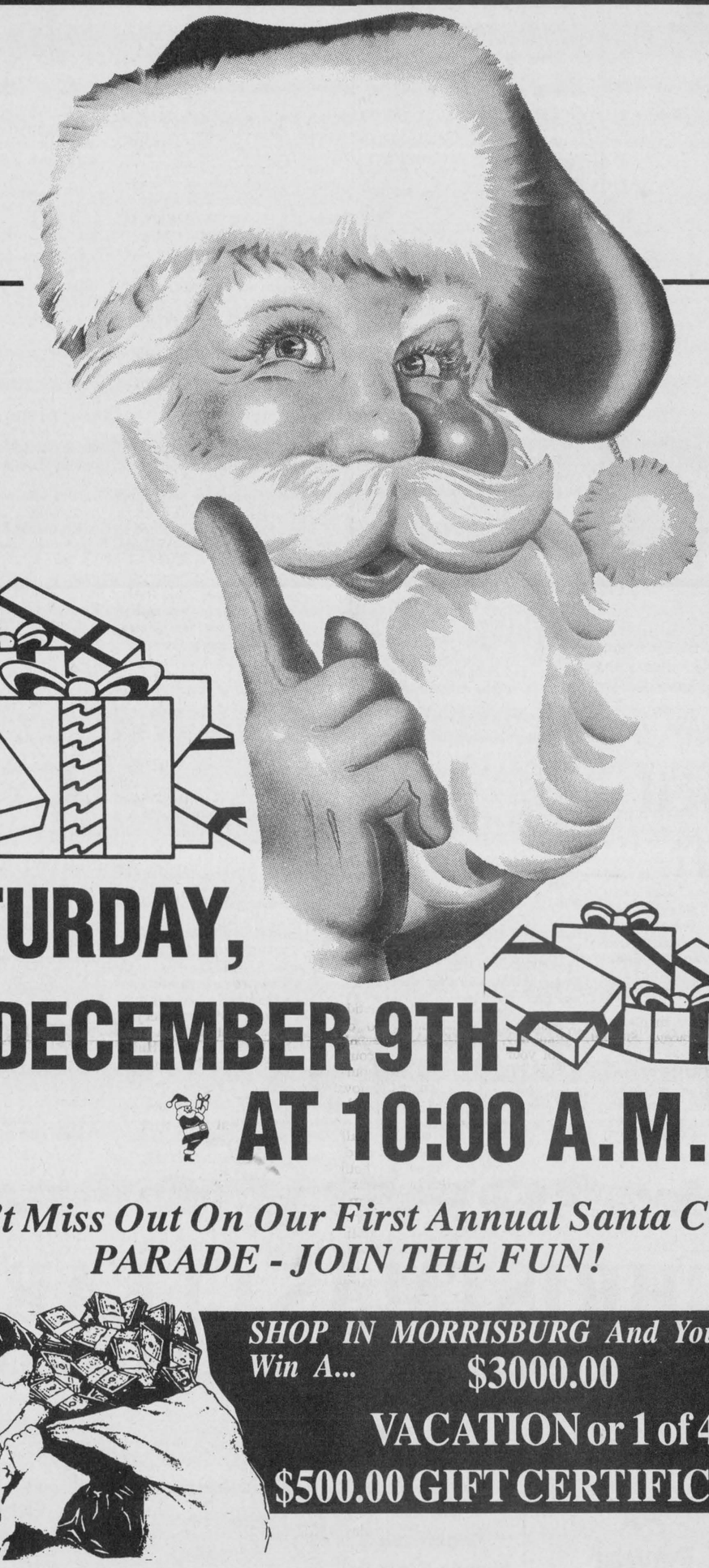

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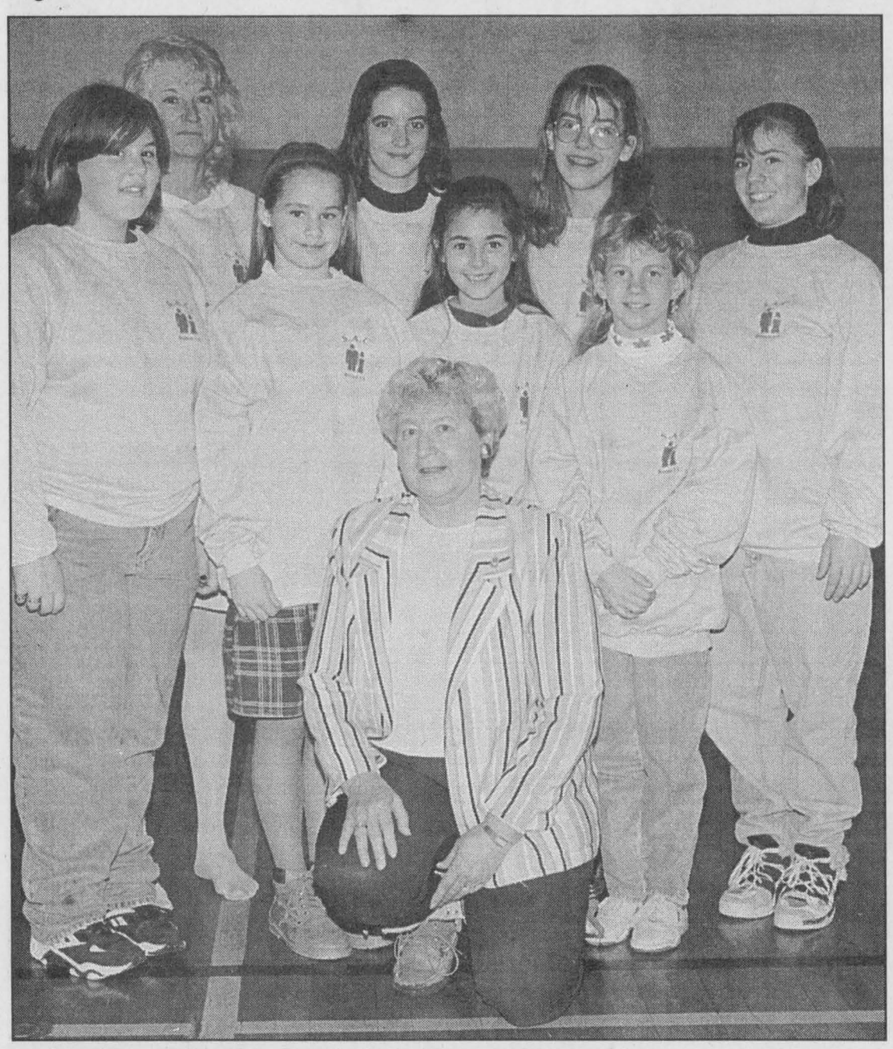


Early Christmas gift

Members of Benson Public School's Student Advisory Council received early Christmas presents from Cardinal resident Mary Lewis. The students, including Dayna Earl, Samantha Jandron, Megan Clifford, Kaillee MacDonald, Sarah Bryden, Sarah Byers and Julie Sideratos, are thankful for their new sweatshirts, as is teacher Marilyn Boissonneault.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

Student Advisory Council gets early Christmas gift

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A special group of students at Benson Public School received a surprise when Cardinal resident Mary Lewis offered to buy each of them a sweatshirt.

Eight members of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) accepted a sweatshirt from Lewis and her Brewmaster of Cardinal business on Thursday afternoon.

SAC teacher and coordinator Marilyn Boissonneault said she was very thankful for this donation.

When Boissonneault briefly mentioned to Lewis the SAC would eventually like to have t-shirts or sweatshirts that would help inform others about their group, Lewis responded immediately.

"It's time our businesses and organizations get together and support our own community," Lewis said.

With government cutbacks, she said efforts like this one are even more important.

The SAC is a group of students who plan school activities for their fellow students, like craft and bake sales.

"It's a very active group within the school," Boissonneault said.

They meet at least once a week during school hours, as well as during recesses and lunch hours.

To become a member of the SAC, they must submit a resume and go through an interview process. If they are chosen, their homeroom teacher must sign a permission slip that will allow them to miss classes.

"It's important because their school work has to be kept up," Boissonneault said.

The SAC is made up of students from grades six to eight. Once a student is accepted on the council, they remain a part of the group until their graduation. When graduates leave, they are replaced the following year by new applicants.

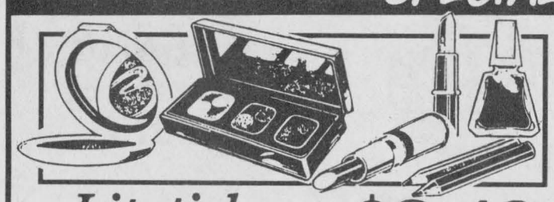
At the movies

Playing this week at the Brookedale Cinema's in Cornwall: Until Friday you can see ACE VENTURA in cinema 1, AMERICAN PRESIDENT in cinema 2 at 7 and 9 p.m. and in cinema 3, Toy Story.

Friday night at 7 and 9 in cinema 1, TOY STORY. Opening in cinema 2 this week is POWDER, and moving over to cinema 3 at 7 p.m. is ACE VENTURA, and playing at 9 p.m. in cinema 3, AMERICAN PRESIDENT.

The weekend matinees which begin at 1:30 will include: TOY STORY, ACE VENTURA and POWDER.

DECEMBER COVER GIRL SPECIAL



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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Amalgamation

tier government for Dundas as the most viable for all."

Morrisburg Councillor Cam Martel agreed. "I think John's proposal is the best one for those of us in this room. It is big enough to survive at the provincial level, and yet small and close enough to look after local interests."

As Reeve McGregor reminded everyone, "South Dundas has proven that we can work as a unit, in areas like recreation and the economic commission, now all we need to do is include North Dundas in the effort and we are on the right road."

Wyman Barton, of Winchester Township, agreed that through events like the Hazardous Waste Day we have indeed proven that we have the spirit to work together, but he questioned the fact that the province could just allow local governments to design their own plans for larger governing bodies. "Why is there no master plan for the province, so that things are uniform across Ontario, so there is equality for all?"

There was no answer.

"If we can come up with a proposal, Toronto could accept it, and we'll know better then what will work in Dundas," Reeve Whitteker said.

Municipal leaders had previously been told by the province that block payments would be coming - money that they will not be told what they have to do with (as they have been with transfer payments). When Matilda Township Reeve Charles Barkley asked Reeve Whitteker what he felt on this issue, Whitteker said his feeling is that not everything will be via block payments, and that council would decide how best to utilize the monies received in terms of roads, maintenance and grants.

Claude Cousineau of Winchester Township pointed to the larger school board which operates at the present time, not as efficiently or effectively as the smaller, localized boards did previously. "Is this how the larger municipal government will work? We are talking big numbers (populations of some 20,000 under one council), large areas to govern and what local input?"

Answering his queries was Reeve Jim Cook of Chesterville, who had attended a meeting with Provincial Minister Leech. "The Minister says there are no magic numbers, no map yet, but he will draw one up if the local governments cannot come up with a workable plan." Reeve Cook also stated that the opportunity is given for the present councils to come up with what they feel will work, and if Toronto finds it acceptable, there will be no need to dictate any terms.

At this point, everyone seemed to become resigned to the fact that "the status quo" is not an option. Martell suggested that a large group like the forty-plus in attendance on this night would have a horrendous job to come to an agreement that would formulate a plan, and so offered that a task force be established to become an effective liaison between themselves and the eight councils represented. "Time is of the essence to get a plan together."

Matilda Deputy-Reeve Norm Tinkler spoke to the problem of small municipalities coming up with enough money to pay for things like sewer upgrades. Reeve Cook stated that as he understood things, there will be no capital grants for water or sewer. Instead, "users of the system will pay through user fees, not higher taxes, and anyone connected to water or sewer is legally not allowed to disconnect."

Cook reiterated how he sees savings being generated through the abolition of the county system of government. "Fewer people doing the work will result in savings, tendering work out to the private sector, setting of salaries by council, the power to charge user/license fees will all help. How much is anyone's guess, but time will definitely tell."

It was agreed, (on a motion by Iroquois' Deputy Reeve Wilf Gibbons) that a task force made up of reeves and one other municipal representative meet to hash things through and hopefully come up with a plan to be submitted to Toronto by the February deadline. They met last night in Winchester Township for the first time.

Reeve McGregor closed last Wednesday's meeting by saying: "I know bigger is not always better, but we'll see."

Fire

was fine," he said. "I closed the dryers down and I salted outside."

An hour later his laundromat was engulfed in flames.

"I couldn't get near the building," he said. "Apparently there had been an explosion and it blew the east wall out."

Before he can make any decisions about what he will do with the facility, Delegarde and his insurance company must have the fire marshall's report.

"I have no idea what will transpire," he said. "I don't know what they (insurance company) are going to do...we have to wait until the reports come."

"For now, we're just left hanging."

The facility held 20 washers, seven big dryers, four small dryers, plus a lot of tools. The exact financial loss has not yet been determined.

Delegarde has owned the laundromat since 1987. He says people from Cardinal, Morrisburg and the surrounding areas have used the laundromat.

"It was quite a loss in 40 minutes," Delegarde said.

SDRC

around $40,000. However, in an interview Tuesday morning, Linda Bowers told The Chieftain that she believed the SDRC shortfall would not be much more than the estimated $27,000.

Chairman of the SDRC, Lyle VanAllen, explained there were a number of reasons for the budget shortfall.

"We have summaries of budgets (from the member municipalities) but I believe we paid for things that were not in the budgets," said Mr. VanAllen.

For instance, SDRC was paying for hydro at Williamsburg recreation facilities and hydro costs had not been included in Williamsburg's submitted budget.

"We also had six or seven bills that definitely were not in the budget," commented Mr. VanAllen mentioning the $7,300 price tag for the SDRC audit project.

Reeve Swank from Iroquois questioned the budget shortfall suggesting that the money saved from the co-ordinator's salary could be used against the deficit.

"If Paul (McAllister) had stayed on would we not have had to pay him another $40,000 (for his salary)," said Mr. Swank.

"I'm sure we would have been over budget," admitted Mr. VanAllen responding to Mr. Swank.

Iroquois Councillor Bruce Mullin asked why bills were being paid if they were not in the budget, but Reeve Whitteker from Williamsburg echoed the sentiments of most when he said the shortfall would have to be paid.

"We're going to have to make this money up," said Mr. Whitteker. "We'll have to get an itemized list of our expenditures so everyone knows where the money went."

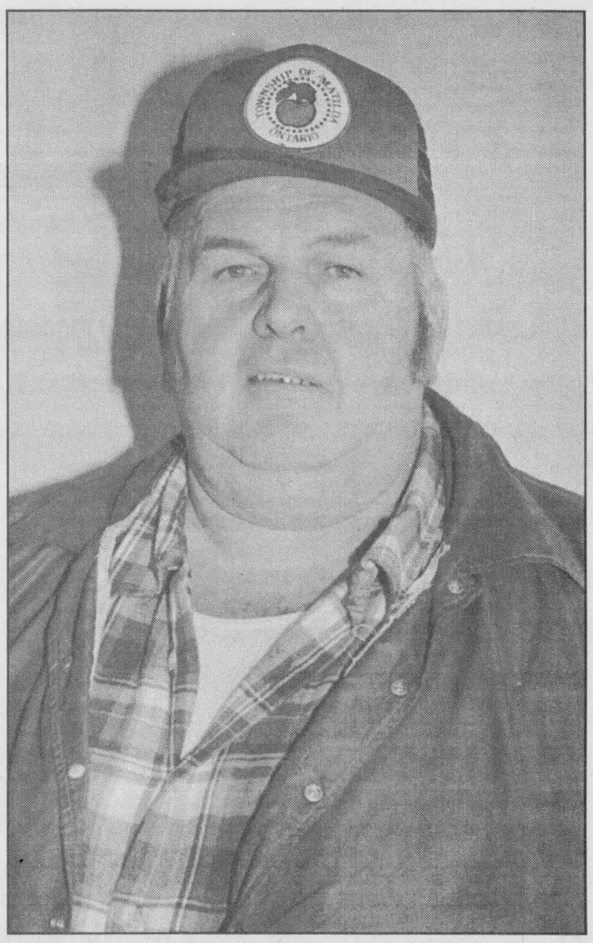
"As for Paul's salary, we must of under budgeted," finished Mr. Whitteker.

Snowplow stolen

Winchester Township

Sometime overnight between Nov. 27 and 28, culprits removed a yellow snowplow and harness that was loaded in the back of a truck, parked outside at Johansen Truck Centre on Highway 31 in Winchester Township. The estimated value is about $2800.

Sometime between Nov. 28 and 29, a Winchester Township resident had his 88 Yamaha V-Max 540 snow vehicle stolen from where it had broken down in Finch Township. The vehicle's Ontario licence number is 591192.



New Warden!

The Reeve of Matilda Township will be the next Warden of the Three United Counties. Charles Barkley (pictured above) was chosen as Warden by his peers on Counties Council. He knows the job will be tough, but he is up to the challenge.

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