Plaza problem improvement gets mixed reviews

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

There are mixed opinions on whether the Iroquois plaza loitering problem is really improving.

At a community meeting held last Thursday morning, various community representatives gave a mixed review. Some said there are not as many young people causing problems in the plaza, while others said the young people are still taking over the plaza sidewalks and showing disrespect. Other community members said the problem has improved simply because the weather has turned cold.

Various community representatives gathered at Seaway District High School (SDHS) to hear a status report on what has been done to improve the situation since their October meeting. Among the representatives were: Iroquois council members Reeve Peter Swank, Deputy Reeve Wilf Gibbons and Councillor Art Roberts; Sgt. Mike Brehmer; Iroquois Public School principal Dick Turner; Seaway principal Doug Murray; Superintendent of Schools Colin Vickers (who chaired the meeting); trustee Mary Anna Petre; and student, business and seniors representatives.

Over the past year, citizens of Iroquois have grown concerned about young people hanging out at the east end of the plaza. Some have complained to Iroquois Council and to plaza businesses, that the young people clog the sidewalks and refuse to move. Others have said the young people spit on the sidewalks and show very little respect for others, especially seniors.

In an attempt to resolve the problem, members of the community met at the end of October. They offered a number of suggestions, and Thursday's meeting was held to update the community on any new developments. Community representatives noted that peer pressure has been the most effective tool. Most people at the meeting agreed that students have been doing their part to solve the problem by passing the word around. Student Council representative Adam Millard said peer pressure has been working.

Iroquois Council members said they have seen the situation improve over the last month. Reeve Peter Swank travels regularly through the plaza area at noon, and he said he hasn't seen the young people cause the problems they were a month or two ago. Student representatives also said they have seen an improvement, and have not seen kids spitting or being disrespectful.

However, concerned citizen Wilma Playfair said she still sees some problems. She told community representatives that recently on the way to the bank, she had to shout to the young people to get out of the way. "I had to zigzag to get around those kids."

According to Seaway's statistics, the young people in the plaza represent about five per cent of the school population. That works out to about 25 to 30 young people. Playfair agrees that the majority of the young people are not causing problems, but there are still a few that do.

"The majority of kids are good," she said. "But there still is that hard core of kids."

Local businessman Jim Mustard said it's not just young people who are that way, but adults as well. Concerned citizen Diane Orlicky said blame shouldn't be dumped on the young people, because adults do the same things. She said young people only do what they see being done by adults.

These comments led to another point that Seaway students may not be the ones causing all the problems.

Millard said he believes many of the plaza young people are not presently attending Seaway. Most people he talks to want nothing to do with the plaza area, because of its reputation. "The students aren't impressed and they want it (the situation) somehow to be worked out."

Despite these local concerns, Vickers and Murray both pointed out that in a world of guns and knives people should keep Iroquois' plaza problems in perspective. Murray was recently at a meeting in Toronto where two principals were called away by "serious incidents" in their schools. Murray said he was thankful that he has never had that happen to him at Seaway.

Vickers said Iroquois is not alone in dealing with these types of situations. He was at Char Lan's high school last week and a mob of students came out after the bell rang, and congregated outside the arena on the sidewalk to smoke.

Sgt. Brehmer pointed out that as long as SDHS and the plaza are next to one another, there will be problems. "Let's face it, you're stuck in a situation here that's never going to go away."

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Committee waits to hear from Ministry of Municipal Affairs

by Rebecca van Noppen
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The Dundas County steering committee looking into municipal restructuring is at a standstill until it receives guidelines from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

According to committee secretary Bonnie Dingwall, the committee won't receive guidelines until the controversial provincial omnibus bill is passed. Bill 26, also known as the Savings and Restructuring Act, amends 47 provincial laws. One of those sections deals with municipal restructuring.

Once the bill is passed, regulations and guidelines can be approved. At that point, ministry officials can offer suggestions to municipalities on how to develop a restructuring proposal. The committee is hoping to hear from the ministry at its next meeting on Dec. 20th.

However, Dingwall says their next meeting depends on whether Bill 26 is passed in the legislature this week or not.

At a committee meeting last Tuesday night, representatives from each of Dundas County's eight municipalities shared ideas about what kind of proposal to offer the province. However, after an hour's discussion committee members realized they cannot make any concrete proposals until they hear from the ministry.

Iroquois Reeve Peter Swank told his colleagues the committee needs advice on what to do and what not to do in this proposal.

"We have to get someone (from the ministry) here as soon as possible," he said. "We need someone to tell us how to do it (the proposal).

Winchester Township Reeve Claude Cousineau chaired the meeting. He said a ministry official will come and do an orientation session with the committee, giving them the "dos and don'ts" to follow.

The 16 committee members decided not to meet again until they have some direction from the ministry. The tentative date for the next meeting is set for next Wednesday.

Although no concrete decisions were made last week, the committee did pass a number of motions. The committee has named Winchester Village clerk Bonnie Dingwall as the committee's secretary. Within that motion, the committee also agreed to share any expenses incurred over the next few months between the eight municipalities.

The committee also passed a motion to "explore their alternatives available through municipal government restructuring." Members also agreed that Dingwall contact the ministry and request financial and staff assistance, as they look into developing a restructuring proposal.

In the meantime, Cousineau reminded his colleagues they have to discuss all their options when

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From afar

They came from afar, following the star of Bethlehem, to visit the baby Jesus 2000 years ago. Wise men visited the Christ-child, and Saturday they were portrayed on one of the many floats in the Morrisburg Santa Claus parade. Despite cold weather and heavy snowfall, crowds of people lined the streets to watch this festive event. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

Yuletide Business Bash this Saturday

The second annual Yuletide Business Bash is set to go this Saturday, Dec. 16 starting with social hour at 6:30 p.m. at the Iroquois Legion.

As it was last year, the business bash promises to be another successful fund-raiser for Iroquois' Summer Festival held every July. A delicious turkey dinner will be served 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. The evening is open to businesses from Iroquois and Matilda. It began last year, as an alternative to traditional business Christmas parties.

Before the bash takes place Saturday, a night of carolling will be taking place in the Iroquois plaza, as well as the seniors' apartments on Friday night, Dec. 15. Volunteer Iroquois Public School choir members will be carolling in the plaza beginning at 6:30 p.m. They will then make their way to the apartments and offer the seniors a selection of Christmas carols. As a special treat, students will get to taste a bit of hot chocolate and Christmas goodies! Local residents are invited to listen to the carollers that evening, and enjoy a pre-Christmas concert.

See you all there, as the Iroquois-Matilda communities celebrate Christmas this weekend!

Drennan retires in Morrisburg

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The Village of Morrisburg lost one of its most valued employees. Councillor Jack Notman announced that Sid Drennan retired from service and will be missed by the village.

Taking a few moments to reflect on Mr. Drennan's recent retirement, councillor Notman told the group in attendance at last Monday evening's council meeting, "Sid was an irreplaceable employee".

Mr. Notman told the group that Mr. Drennan completed his duties with personal interest seldom seen today.

"He was always enthusiastic about maintaining his buildings impeccably, taking into consideration our budget limitations, and was always available, seven days a week as required."

The front line contact between the village administration and the various groups who used the Old High School and the former Parks building, Mr. Drennan came face to face with over 250 kids and adults on a weekly basis.

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Officials celebrate opening of new Baldwin Bridge

After months of road and construction work, local officials and politicians officially opened the new Baldwin Bridge located east of South Mountain.

The new bridge on County Road 16, extending over the South Nation River, improves traffic flow and specifically benefits local farmers. The project was completed under the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program, with each partner (federal, provincial and municipal) contributing one-third of the program funding.

The total cost for the 30-metre span bridge will be in the neighborhood of $860,000. Of that, $750,000 is funded through the infrastructure program.

Among the local politicians who braved Friday's frigid temperatures to officially open the bridge were: Bob Kilger, MP; Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Warden Floyd Dingwall; Mountain Reeve Estella Rose; Matilda Township Reeve Charles Barkley; Winchester Township Reeve Claude Cousineau; and many others.

"Together with the provincial and municipal governments, the infrastructure program has responded to the community's changing needs by providing improved municipal services to local residents," Kilger said. "I am pleased that this local project, which was made possible through the infrastructure program, created 400 person-weeks of employment."

The United Counties of SD & G administers approximately 750 km of major road within its boundaries. On that system, there are 55 bridges with spans of over six metres.

The bridge, known as Baldwin's Bridge, was built in 1949 to a standard that was not up to today's truck loading standards. It was identified with a width deficiency in 1964. Accident damage highlighted the size deficiencies, and increases in legal truck loading and deck problems accelerated the deterioration of the bridge. The need to replace the bridge grew critical.

In the fall of 1990 Totten Sims Hubicki Associates was appointed to prepare a design for the bridge replacement. The years 1991 through to mid-1995 were spent seeking the various approvals required for construction. Land acquisition could not be completed until early 1995.

In a statement prepared by Warden Floyd Dingwall, he said that three versions of Baldwin's Bridge have existed since the Second World War.

"The first of these fell in 1947," he said. "The second was built in 1949, but to a standard that was not up to today's truck loading."

Today, three bridges later, politicians and officials are pleased to see this project come together.

"In a period of fiscal restraint, the cooperation exhibited under the infrastructure program in this needed replacement of Baldwin's bridge is very much appreciated," Dingwall said.



Official opening

The new Baldwin Bridge was officially opened last Friday morning by local dignitaries, politicians and engineers. After months of road work, the re-construction was completed in November. From left to right are: Steve Taylor with Totten Sims Hubicki Associates; Winchester Township Reeve Claude Cousineau; Matilda Township Reeve Charles Barkley; Counties Roads' Committee chair Leslie O'Shaughnessy; Williamsburg Township Reeve Johnny Whitteker; Mountain Township Reeve Estella Rose; Bruce Miller with Totten Sims Hubicki Associates; Bob Kilger, MP; Warden Floyd Dingwall; James MacGillivray of Cornwall Township; and county engineer Don McDonald. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

Iroquois youth visit with Santa

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Iroquois children had the chance to give Santa Claus their wish lists on Sunday afternoon at the Iroquois Civic Centre.

Santa, himself, took time from his busy schedule to hear from local children.

Although dozens of people attended this event, the numbers were half of what they were last year, according to organizer Tracey Stewart. She attributes the low numbers to the amount of Santa Claus parades and activities that took place this weekend across Dundas County.

"Santa has been busy and there's been so much going on," she said Monday. "We've also held this event later this year than normal."

But overall the Summer Festival committee organizers are pleased with Santa's visit.

"Santa got to spend a lot of time with each child because there were no long line-ups," Stewart said.

Starting at 11:30 p.m., local children were invited to visit Santa, have a hot dog lunch, and have their faces painted. There was a steady turn-out up until 1:30 p.m., so they ended the afternoon visit a little early.

This is the first year hot dog lunches and face painting have been offered. Stewart said this seemed to be popular with both the children and their parents. It kept the children busy while they waited for Santa.

Children received a goodie bag from Santa and the Summer Festival committee, and also had the chance to hand-deliver their letters to Santa.

While Stewart said the committee didn't make a lot of money through this event, they covered their costs.

"This is not a real money-maker, anyway. It's something that we can put back into the community," she said.

It was definitely an event that put a lot of smiles on children's faces.

this week

Drama at its best
Take a trip to the Playhouse with SLJ as she focuses on Rescuing Rhyme and Reason on page four.

Captain Swerdfeger
Score two points on page six as we take a look at senior basketball team captain Kyle Swerdfeger.

Celebrate the season
The Chieftain Staff caught up with Santa last weekend. Page eleven has the spirit.

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CWL hosts Margi Laurin

The members of St. Mary's\St. Cecilia's Catholic Women's League held their third general meeting of the year, Nov. 20th, in Morrisburg at St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room. Following a Mass celebrated by Father Tim Shea, President Sandra Brunt opened the meeting and 26 members answered the roll call.

Organization Convenor, Debbie Byvelds filed her report, noting that there were now 95 members, some 16 of whom were either new members or those who had reactivated lapsed memberships. These ladies will receive their CWL pins at the Christmas Dinner and Auction, Dec. 4 at the Iroquois Golf Course. Also of special note were the ladies who will be receiving their years of service pins: For 25 years, Yvonne Battershill, Carol Richer, Cathy vanMoorsel. A 50 year pin goes to Esther Locke and recipients of their 60 year pins are Mary Bouchard and Johanna Roosendaal.

Members were encouraged by Community Life Convenor, Nolda Byvelds, to be attentive to the National CWL resolution concerning Organ Donor Cards and to fill out their cards and appeal to their families and friends to do so as well.

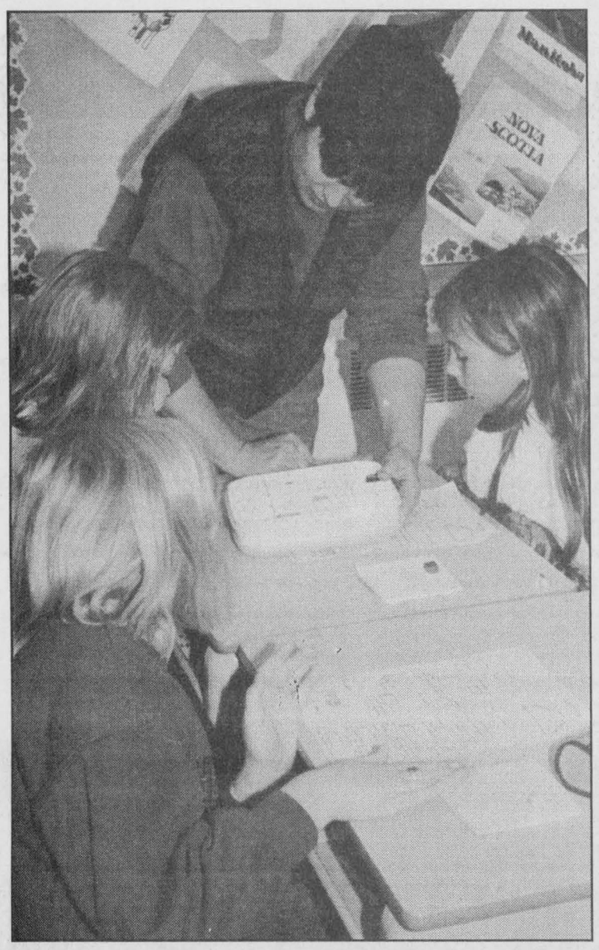
Under the Education Convenorship, Rena Groninger read a letter from the Diocesan CWL that outlined the need to support Catholic Education in the school system. Locally, the council is asked to support the schools by providing assistance with religious undertakings (ie. retreats, busing costs to religious events, etc.)

Members were encouraged to visit shut-ins and the elderly in nursing homes during this season of Advent and to apply a spirit of giving and caring for others to their everyday activities. This same mission was supported by Sandra Brunt's suggestion that those who knew of someone who needed transportation or accompaniment to the Auction and Dinner should consider offering their help. Also in tune with this is the delivery of Christmas flowers to shut-ins by CWL members and Tony Toonders which will once again be done this year.

Mention was made of the Candlelight Prayer Service, the last Anniversary Event of the year, to be held on Friday, December 8, 7:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Church in Iroquois. This is a special event based on the holiness of the family and all are encouraged to attend.

With the closing of the meeting, Carol Richer introduced the guest, Margi Laurin, who gave a presentation to the ladies about her craft of bead making. Margi then led a workshop where the ladies were given a lump of clay they were to shape. Once that was done, Margi cut paper-thin slices off another "log" of multi-coloured clay and told the ladies to wrap them around their original shapes. These shapes were cylindrical and had a hole through the middle to accommodate a thread, as for a bracelet or necklace. The finished beads must then be baked in the oven to harden and many of the ladies took them home to do so.

The members were shown some samples of Margi's work, unique bracelets, earrings, necklaces and broaches. Many of the beads were very detailed, showing Margi's creativity and ingenuity. Margi Laurin teaches classes in bead and jewellery making and can be reached at 543-2835.



Bead making

Dixon's Corners Public School students had a special treat last Thursday, when Margi Laurin brought in her special beads and taught them how to make their own beads and necklaces. The art of bead making comes from several centuries ago, when bead-type pieces were made out of glass. It was called "millefiore" which means 1000 flowers. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*



Hospital donations

The Cardinal Legion Ladies Auxiliary donated $500 each to four area hospitals. Guy de Puyjalon accepted for Winchester Hospital, Trishan Kelso accepted for Brockville General Hospital and Sandra Lawn accepted for St. Vincents Hospital. The representative from CHEO was absent when the photo was taken. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Don't forget those less fortunate during this holiday season!!

Spirit alive in South Dundas

If the number of calls from persons in South Dundas with offers of help is any indication, December 20th promises to be a day to celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

Sorting of the food begins at noon and volunteers are invited to come and help during their lunch break.

All 190 boxes have been made up especially for us by Les Craig's company plus those donated by Odonto.

The Angel trees in Morrisburg, Williamsburg and Iroquois look rather bare which means there will be a toy for each of the 300 children on our list.

The bins for nonperishable food are quickly filling up at Mr. Grocers, Becker's in Iroquois and the tin can pyramid at the Royal Bank is steadily rising.

Every church in the district is getting involved by collecting food, money or both. Some have fancy cookie trees or book trees or mitten trees.

Industries and businesses are thinking of novel ways to collect money. The Parks of the St. Lawrence held a raffle and a bag of coins and bills amounting close to $300 was raised.

Ross Video meanwhile, is concentrating on collecting baby food as many mothers with young children work there.

All schools are collecting food, some at their Christmas concerts and others throughout the week. St. Mary's school also provides gifts for 5 of the children on the Angel tree by collecting $3 from each child. Some schools are donating books and puzzles.

The High School and Alternative school will work hard on distribution day by carrying the boxes loaded with food to the recipients cars.

More requests (50) were received this year and 40 persons who live alone are not going to be able to receive a basket due to the demand from families. Thankfully the response from the community has been such that this year's campaign can already be considered a success.

Thanks from committee members Robin Lane, Carol Richer, Joan Findlay, Glen Cunningham, Mark Hart, Jean Marsten and Bill Kurschinski.



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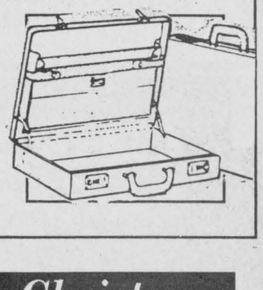

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Taking the right direction

Representatives of various community organizations are taking steps in the right direction to rectify a problem that has reared its head in the Iroquois plaza.

Over the past year, young people have been accused of blocking sidewalks, showing little or no respect to others, spitting on the sidewalk, and committing other nuisance problems.

In October, school, business, senior citizen and council representatives, OPP officers, and other concerned citizens met for the first time to come up with some solutions. They met again last Thursday to discuss whether or not the situation has improved.

Most of those at the meeting agreed they have seen the situation improve, thanks to peer pressure from students, and open communication that is developing between the community and students. The weather has also helped improve the situation. There are not as many students hanging around the sidewalks at the east end of the plaza this month because of cold temperatures.

Although the weather is a factor, this committee is heading in the right direction and solutions are being found. However, this community committee is only beginning to understand what will bring solutions to this problem and others like it.

Communication is the key to rectifying the problem. Thankfully, the students are beginning to talk to one another about this problem. Thankfully, students are starting to talk to seniors and other local residents about working together on projects like Meals on Wheels. But they are only at the tip of the iceberg.

When people begin talking to one another, that is when understanding develops. When people talk, they start to see other people's view points. And they soon find that what seemed to be the problem, maybe wasn't a problem in reality.

Somewhere along the line over the past few years, the young people have been unfairly labelled. Yes, there have been troublemakers. But not all of them have been. Have we as local residents ever stopped to talk to them? Have we ever asked them why they hang out where they do? And vice versa. Have those who cause trouble tried to make an effort to understand why the residents and businesses are so upset?

In a perfect world there would probably be perfect communication, crime would not exist and everyone would love each other. But that is not reality, we have to deal with a totally different world where people are becoming more and more isolated from one another. It's up to each individual to change that reality.

There is a fear that exists between generations of people who don't understand one another. Maybe it's time we start trying. Maybe it's time we break through that facade of fear, and start asking questions. Start talking with one another.

Take the police for instance. There was, and probably still is, a fear of police officers within communities. When an officer walks down a school corridor, students scatter and stare, wondering who's in trouble.

In an effort to change that impression, police officers have begun to visit communities and schools regularly. They have started talking. They have started to let people know what policing is all about. Maybe the fear is not totally gone, but that openness is making a difference.

Perhaps, this is what rural communities like Iroquois need. Willingness on all sides of the generation gap, to be open, to work together, talk together, and preserve the safety and beauty of the community together.

Thankfully, this committee of community representatives is just stepping onto that track.

RVN

Rescuing Princess Rhyme and Prince Reason a grand success

by Sandra Lee Johnston
Chieftain Staff Reporter

focus

It was a long road but as the end drew nearer, the Grade 12 and OAC classes at Seaway District High began to breathe a bit easier. They had begun their task in October and as the evening of December 9th approached, tinges of tension slowly seeped away.

Written by the talented teacher of the classes, Ms. Wendy Gibb, it was a delightfully magical story set in a most unusual sort of place. Full of magical people and creatures, the audience was taken through the story by DOG, a likeable fellow who always turned up in the best spots. Played by Marc Beach who indeed was DOG, long ears and all, he told everyone where they were along the journey's roadway, as well as who the characters were. The two Kingdoms that made up this land were not always friendly, but due to a treaty signed some sixteen years ago, the beautiful Princess Rhyme who ruled the one, and the handsome Prince Reason, who ruled the other were predestined to marry, unite the two Kingdoms and end all troubles. Julie Breuer and Ryan Johnston had no problem getting into their royal characters. Their lady in waiting, Jenny and gentleman valour, Milo, who doubled as their rescuers were none other than Lesley McDonell and Scott Barkley.

In order for the two betrothed to grab a glimpse of one another, there was a spectacular party at the castle with anyone who was anyone in attendance...except Dreadfully Macabre (Rene Genier) (and who would miss a wickedly evil witch anyway?) and her Ratgang-Ratrace (Shannon Boyd), Ratso (Ebony Sager), Ratfink (Sally Kuz), and Ratpack (Peter Schnurr). Spying on the Prince and Princess, the Ratgang kept Her Highness of Lowness informed as to the marriage plans to unite the Kingdoms. She was determined not to let a Kingdom become ruled by Rhyme and Reason! She could not fathom a place of sweetness and light, decency and understanding, justice and mercy...let alone that four letter word that can conquer all-LOVE!!! Dreadfully Macabre was mean, always in a bad mood, short tempered and enjoyed casting evil spells. In order to create a creature of monstrous proportions who could handle the task at hand, Macabre conjures up a spell from The Book of Incantations. The Awful Rauw, aka Rob Garlough, was less than what the witch expected. Seems that the cup of "spice" which was called for was mistakenly substituted by a cup of "nice", could have happened to anyone! The Awful Rauw was a pretty cuddly creature who was not appropriate for what the witch desired...but he was cute!

The Prince looks to the Duchess of Definition (Irene Berghuis), the Minister of Meaning (Andrew Robertson), the Countess of Connotation (Alanna Grant), the Undersecretary of Understanding (Jason Buter) and the Marchese of Elegance (Karen Lewin) for information on his intended and for assistance with the unknown. This Keystone Kop group move and behave as one, but are no real help to Reason. They provide comedic relief when things tend to the serious.

Unable to formulate a plan to ensure the demise of those who threaten her, Rhyme and Reason; Dreadfully Macabre and the awful Rauw who insisted on calling her Mommy, Daddy, Grampa etc. seemed as far removed from attaining their end as possible.

We met Doctor Kakafonous A. (as loud as possible) Discord (Trevor Riopelle), the Doctor of Noise who was the sound effect specialist for all occasions. His orphaned creature-helper, the Terrible Dynne played so well by Sarah Trude (who was unable to rehearse with the classes until the last minute) was ready to risk life and limb to save the Princess and Prince. Along the saving trail we met the Spelling Bee (Natalie Patterson) and The Humbug (Hugh Porter)...a most unlikely duo of rescuers. Introduced to "The Whetherman", (Jason Buter) we learn that he can help and when the Bag Critters (Irene, Andrew, Trevor, Karen and Alanna) appear in the Fearful Forest but cannot thwart the brave band of heroes,instead are crushed, thumped and skewered, the illusive happy ending seems within reach.

Macabre does not give up easily, and so creates one who can control minds and hearts; one who is himself faceless, mindless and heartless-the demon Trivium (Alex Liddy). Hypnotizing the

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Seaway drama classes present awesome show. *Chieftain photo by S.L. Johnston*

True meaning of the season

Ho-Ho-Ho! It is that time of year again.

Lights have sprouted on lawns; in barren, deciduous and evergreen trees. Striking likenesses of Santa and the Manger scene adorn front foyers and entrances. Store windows welcome shoppers and seasonal music fills the air at malls and in businesses everywhere.

Small faces are glowing in the coloured lights and smiles and greetings meet us, everyone. The crunch of snow beneath our feet reminds us that we have fewer and fewer shopping days left. Bundled against the elements, we scurry here and there, searching for that 'just perfect gift' for that special someone on our list.

Hustle and bustle seems to consume us. Stress and furrowed brows become commonplace and facial expressions advise us that the season is taking its tole. Meal preparations and plans fill literally more hours than a day allows.

Whoa!!!! This is meant to be a blessed season. A time when we reflect and remember. It is indeed a special time for most of us, we need to s-l-o-w down and thoroughly enjoy Christmas.

The trend in the 90s seems to be toward commercialism tossed with a liberal shower of traditional Christmas atmosphere and this is good.

Youngsters are realizing that this is the time of year to share to love and to reach out to others. Through the Angel Tree for instance where school children would feel better about contributing a gift to someone in need rather than receive one in a class exchange. The carolling that youngsters will do to brighten a season for others, the participation of the high school band and choir in the parade in Morrisburg, the concerts that will bring smiles to faces in the audiences, the food baskets that will enable families to eat a hearty Christmas dinner, no matter their lot this year...all these and more demonstrate that indeed the Christmas spirit is alive and well, the true spirit in a time when doubts are omnipotent in many minds.

It is fine to write to Santa, asking for items to be treasured. There is certainly nothing wrong with gift exchanges and trees decorated with fanciful things. It is just as good and perhaps more important to trim that tree together with friends and family. Stringing berries or popcorn to go on the tree can be a magical experience. Making that gift for that special person may mean more than you can ever imagine. Sharing with those less fortunate can make this your best-ever Christmas. One less gift under your tree may not be missed, but if it is the only one under someone else's tree, it could well be the best present ever!

Take time to make your Christmas truly special, one to remember forever. Take a lead from the jolly old elf in the red suit, afterall, where did he originate, and more importantly why does he exist?

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas to you all.

S.L.J.

Swampview gang bundled

Just plain livin'

with Sandra Lee



Winter has certainly struck with a vengeance this year. You all remember that summer we experienced, the high, hot temps and the sun...well, it looks like the weatherperson is getting us back. We should have known that we would pay big time for those lazy, hazy and truly crazy days of summer in 1995. Well, it is pay back time and we will just have to layer those clothes and keep movin' when venturing outside. Today's technology is marvellous, but we still cannot do anything about the weather. Grin and bear it, afterall, it can only last what another three months??????!

It has been a full timetable for the Swampview gang since last the fingers danced over the keyboard to complete a weekly effort for you folks. Son number one has performed in the annual school play no less than six times and while no one has yet asked for his autograph, it should only be a matter of time. All kidding aside, the old foggies were more than a little proud of his first ever effort on the stage. Playing the Prince, he did a fine job. The party after the final show was at Swampview and after having met the young people at rehearsals and supervising back stage events in the days leading up to the actual shows, it was a pleasure to welcome them to our home. Warm stew and buns (many stage people find it difficult to eat ahead of the show and so we wanted them to eat substantial food afterwards) the munchies were taken care of, spirits were soaring and everyone seemed on a real, feel great high. The movie that the big guy took during the final show was viewed over and over, and the laughter indicated that everyone enjoyed seeing themselves and the others who were on stage when they themselves were back stage waiting their curtain call...remember they miss large parts since they each only know the parts they are involved in. It was fun for us all.

They are a great bunch of young adults, and we can all be proud of them. This effort started two months ago and involved a load of work, before, during and after school hours. A big bouquet of flowers to all of you for a job well done indeed! It was good to see some staff members in attendance at the two evening performances, school support for such a brave endeavour is certain to encourage school spirit. When so many young people tend to stray in this day and age, it is worthwhile to see them become so involved in a school project. There are some good ones out there too, we just do not hear about them often enough. The magnitude of this was beyond comprehension unless you too were involved in some way, a lot of free time was given by the students who believed in it and carried it off in a professional manner.

A lady at church on Sunday threw a scare into the old writer when she suggested that not having a job to return to after the accident was something she was happy about???! Well, seems that she meant that this scribbling would not be in the local paper if not for the job loss, and she was complimenting the writer, as she enjoys reading this silliness each week. Thanks, I think!!! Another lady called to offer congrats to the Swampview writer as another in the grocery store on the weekend, and a Christmas card was received that offered additional support as well...much appreciated everyone. A little encouragement goes a long way.

Son number one was involved in the parade in Morrisburg on Saturday morning too, since he is the "little drummer boy" in the school band. Loading the drum set into the Bronco was a blistery task and then it snowed too much to set them up on the wagon, but at least they could not freeze to his lips as did some of the horns...it is so difficult to take part in a Christmas parade with trumpets etc. Their singing voices along with the choir were a pleasant addition to the festive mood. A wonderful way to welcome the season, the organizers should be complimented on a great event.

The other son, number two has been battling a sore throat and the uglies that go along with it. His snowmobile has been given a little R and R until he feels better. The Christmas break will see it on the active list for certain! Did I say the "C" word, yup, Christmas is looming and this old shopper has yet to get moving. No, some small gifts have come into the house, but there is still work to be done in this area. Best get into gear and in the mood and figure out what best suits the people on the list this year. The annual extended family celebration will be held after the 25th this year as school goes until the Friday just prior to the big day and numerous among the relatives are teacher types. They would like to slow down and enjoy the season. Besides, it seems like we should stretch the holidays out a bit since the youngins' have a long break each year now.

Thursday will see the annual Scout Cheese arrive to be packed and delivered. This last part would not be a popular item in this cold weather, son number two sold over $1200. worth of the mouse food, it will take a while to get it all to the buyers. Oh well, the big guy, the bro' and the mom will drive, drive, drive until every morsel gets to the right house. The monies raised keep the program going for the sixty some youngsters involved from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in this village,

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the bottom line

IF YOU EVER HOLD AN EVENT WITH POLITICIANS, AND YOU DON'T WANT them to give long speeches, just hold your event outdoors in freezing cold temperatures. A situation like this arose on Friday at the opening of the Baldwin Bridge in South Mountain. It was quite humorous actually, as local politicians, township employees, media representatives and engineers huddled together in -19 degree weather, for the shortest opening ceremony in history. Local MP Bob Kilger's speech didn't even last two minutes. Despite the cold temperatures it was rewarding to see a project such as this one come to completion. Congratulations goes to all levels of government who worked together to fund this project.

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IT IS GREAT TO SEE ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS LOCAL schools get into the spirit of Christmas! First it started with IPS grade one students who stopped in at The Chieftain for a quick picture last Monday. They were busy dropping off their letters to Santa Claus. Then on Friday, Benson Public School grade five and six students took part in lighting the friendship/memory tree in Cardinal. Then, it was grade three IPS students who posed for a picture at the Bank of Montreal in front of the angel tree last Friday. Instead of exchanging gifts with one another, the students brought in money and are purchasing gifts for two needy children. Keep up the good work!

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THE ANGEL TREE IS A BEAUTIFUL TREE, EVERYONE MUST ADMIT IT! With the candy canes, angels and other decorations on it, the tree at the Bank of Montreal is looking very festive. Just in case any of you were wondering who picked out the tree, you can thank "Doll face" and our own Michael Charles Bailey for picking out the tree. "Doll face" has purchased a tree from Ron Graham for the past 14 years and every year she buys the most beautiful tree you can imagine. The Grahams supply excellent trees to the community. Of that there is no doubt. However, the combination of "Doll face" and MCB in choosing a tree left a few things to be desired. Local residents have been making humorous comments to Karen about the trees she chooses. However, she says it was MCB who picked the tree and he just wanted to get out of the cold as soon as possible: "He just wanted to get out of there because he was standing in the middle of the snow with no boots (yes folks, he was wearing socks)." MCB, of course, says "Doll face" did the choosing...Well, whoever it was, it's a great tree, donated for a great cause. It's nice to see local businesses donate their time and resources to help an organization like the South Dundas Christmas Exchange. Don't forget there are still a lot more angels available, so stop by the bank and pick one up. Help children in need!

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IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO ENJOY A DELICIOUS TURKEY MEAL CLOSE TO Christmas, you might want to take in the turkey dinner being offered at the Iroquois Legion on Friday, Dec. 22. A scrumptious meal will be served from noon until the food is gone, according to Darlene Riddell. The Legion ladies auxiliary is hosting this event to help celebrate Christmas. Everyone is invited to come. Tickets are $6 a plate and you can pay when you eat. And if you can't get out of the house, the ladies auxiliary may be willing to help. They are considering supplying take-out orders. So support your local Legion and enjoy a delicious meal at the same time!

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, WHEN WE AT THE CHIEFTAIN, HAVE AN abundance of pictures to run. If we've taken a picture you want to see, but it's not yet in, PLEASE be patient, we'll try to get them in over the next few weeks!



Hearts of giving!

Grade three students at Iroquois Public School are helping the South Dundas Christmas Exchange (SDCE) this season. Instead of buying gifts for one another, they have decided to buy presents for two needy children. They came to Iroquois' Bank of Montreal on Friday, to choose two angels from the angel tree. There are still dozens of angels left to be picked up. Christmas exchange organizers want to remind everyone to make a donation to the SDCE this Christmas. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

SNRCA downsizes board for efficiency

After tossing the idea around for some time, the South Nation River Conservation Authority (SNRCA) elected to downsize its directorship from 36 board members to 15. This new compact board was slated to take shape in 1996. Under the new proposal, the board of directors would be composed of four RMOC directors, three Prescott-Russell directors, three SD & G directors, two Leeds-Grenville directors, two provincial appointees, and the past chairperson. The intent of the downsizing was to: ensure that all directors would be involved in all decisions; increase the accountability of all directors; and reduce the number of committee meetings.

One Year Later

Provincial grant reductions have cut incentives to keep the South Nation watershed clean. In recent provincial budget cutbacks, the government announced that operations and capital grants to the SNRCA have been cut by about 70 per cent. Capital projects are expected to bear the brunt of this financial setback. The SNRCA is expected to maintain educational and consulting services for 1996, but beyond that, there is uncertainty about the future of SNRCA programs and services.

Year of celebration draws to a close

The end of a year of celebration for the parishioners of St. Mary's/ St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church came last Friday evening at St. Cecilia's Church, Iroquois. The two churches have been celebrating their anniversary - 150 yr. for St. Mary's, 110 yr. for St. Cecilia's - with a variety of events throughout the year, but last Friday's Mass and Candlelight Service was perhaps the most beautiful and touching ceremony of all.

Once the church was full, all the parishioners were invited to come to the front to receive candles distributed by deacons Andre Bourget and Ralph O'Brien. Taking their candles, the parishioners went to Father Shea to have them lit and then returned to their seats. In the darkened church, the glow of so many candles brought on a beautiful scene of holiness and solemnity. The choir, in honour of its being the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, sang the hymn Immaculate Mary and then the Rosary was said by CWL members and responded to by the parishioners.

During the prayers of the second decade of the Rosary, each family or a representative of the family came to the front of the church where Father Shea offered a special blessing. Following this ceremony, Mass was resumed.

"The Candlelight Service was a fitting end to the year-long celebrations," said Father Shea. "We started the Anniversary year with a Mass on January 1, the Feast of the Family, and we are ending it now, on the feast of our church's patroness, Mary, with a special blessing for the family. We have come full circle."

Many of the parishioners found the candlelight ceremony with its emphasis on the holiness of the family to be a beautiful, moving experience and many thought it should become part of the annual calendar of events in the church.

W.I. enjoy Christmas dinner

On Thursday, Dec. 7, the Iroquois Women's Institute met to celebrate the Christmas season with their Christmas pot luck supper. Over 50 members and guests helped themselves to a table of delicious casseroles, salads and desserts.

Having joined us for dinner, the Old Spice Singers from Prescott entertained us with a variety of Christmas songs offering traditional and humorous renditions of old favourites.

President Myrtle Johnston presented Leona McIntosh with a plaque for 25 continuous years of membership in the Women's Institute. Vivian Emberg presented her with the Women's Institute 25 year pin.

Donations in the form of canned and dry goods were made to the South Dundas Christmas Exchange.

Door prize winners were Lou Anderson, Jean Loucks, and Glady Gill.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

LOOKING BACK

25 years ago

Kevin Henderson of Brinston received the **CNE Shield,** given to **high first year 4-H Calf Club** members for judging dairy cattle.

20 years ago

Caldwell's Mill was in the **first stages of a study** to determine how best to **overcome their sewage problems,** which revolved around the **amount of chlorine in the water** being put into the river, and also the color of the water which was changed by dyes.

Senior citizens met at the **Iroquois Civic Centre** for a **preview of the soon-to-open seniors' complex** on **Dundas St.** After receiving a brief tour through an open one-bedroom apartment, **28 leases were signed,** most by single women.

The **Seaway High School Band** performed to an **appreciative audience** at the **Good Companions Christmas Party.** The **44-piece band,** under the leadership of Mike Norwickji, presented **an hour of carols** and old standards.

Iroquois Council approved the **allocation of $500** to the **Minor Hockey Association** to enable the group to **buy sweaters and goalie equipment** for a **bantam team.**

Students from St. Cecilia's sent a **cheque to UNICEF** in the amount of **$122,** following their collection at **Halloween** on behalf of **underprivileged children** in other parts of the world.

15 years ago

Matilda Township Reeve George Cooper was officially inducted as **Warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry** at a ceremony held in Cornwall. Cooper became the **131st Warden,** the **seventh from Matilda Township. Mahlon Zeron, Iroquois-Matilda trustee** on the SD and G board of eduction and **former Warden** of the Counties, introduced Cooper and said he knew **10 years before** that Cooper would **advance in municipal politics. Iroquois Reeve Frank Rooney** and **Ken McLennan of Lochiel escorted Cooper** to the Warden's chair.

Through a lot of help from friends, Glen and Margaret Swerdfeger's new barn was completed, drawing nearly **200 visitors** to the open house.

Village employee Dean McCurdy received a **certificate from Iroquois Council** for successfully completing a **digester gas system maintenance workshop** held in Brampton by the **Ministry of Environment. Reeve Frank Rooney** made the **presentation.**

School board trustee Mahlon Zeron was **elected vice-chairperson** of the board.

Bird Notes

by E. G. AVERY

Once upon a time (last week) a Snowy Owl was sitting on a fence-post near a river when along came a Great Blue Heron. "Well", said the Owl, "what are you doing here. I thought you would be enjoying the nice warm seaside somewhere?" "Well", replied the Heron, "I was just going to ask you how come you're down here early?" "Oh", said Snowy, "it has been pretty cold up North, and I thought if I came down now, the hunting might be easier; but I see that there's as much snow here as they have in Iqaluit, so I may have to go farther South." As this conversation continued, a few House Finches approached the area. "Oh my", said one, "look who's here; maybe we should go somewhere else. I know a good place to eat over in Iroquois. It's just a short flight from here, and there are feeders with Niger and Finch seed. We might see cousin Goldie there, too, I know he and his family enjoy the various fast-food outlets." And away they went on their tour of Iroquois.

As you know, we never write fiction in Bird Notes, all our stories are true. In this case, only the "conversations" are imaginary. The temptation to guess what the birds were saying about our wintry weather was irresistable! Snowies and Great Blues were both in last week's reports.

Feeders in town are not as busy as those in the country where, they say "you name it, we have it". Five or six Blue Jays at a time, Tree Sparrows, House Finches and Chickadees, Woodpeckers, and even a few Juncos.

As of to-day, (Monday) our Sparrows have returned.

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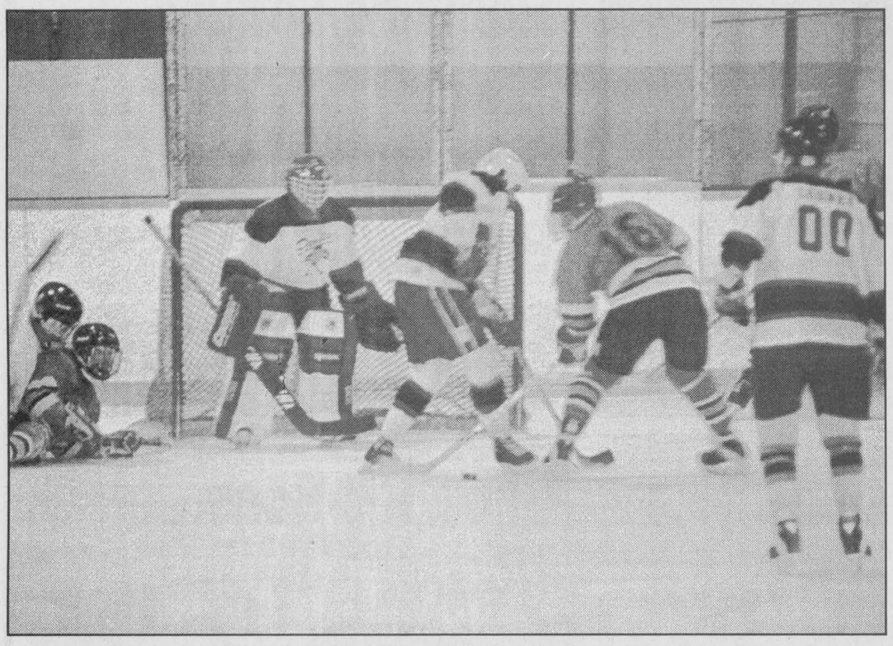
The Lions host the Hawks Sunday



Hockey night in Morrisburg

Action at the Morrisburg Arena got back to normal on Sunday. Friday evening the arena was forced to close its doors when a piston blew out of the zamboni. The arena closure forced the Lions to postpone their game against the South Grenville Rangers. Picture above the old timers hit the ice Sunday evening. *Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.*

Lions score a convincing win

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

Chad Dugay, Geoff Hare and Tim Waldroff led the Morrisburg Junior B Lions to a convincing 8-4 victory over the first place Westport Rideaus Saturday evening in Westport.

Morrisburg turned a 5-3 second period lead into an 8-4 victory much to the pleasure of Coach Johnny Morrow.

"It was good to see them have a game like that," said Morrow of his team who just a short week ago almost lost to the Brockville Tikis.

After the Brockville game, Morrow worked the team hard in their Wednesday night practice to get them ready for the weekend.

"We knew what we had to do, we stuck to the game plan and everyone played well," added the coach.

With Chad White, Ryan Warner, James Cooper and Jason Murray out of the line-up, Morrow looked to his veterans to pull the team through.

"Tim (Waldroff) had a really good game for us," praised the coach of the veteran who scored twice in the victory.

The game was tied at one after the first period and Morrow credited Troy Sayeau (goalie) for keeping the game close and giving the offence a chance fire on all cylinders.

"Our young defense also had a good game," said Morrow.

The coach was a bit worried after the close game against Brockville the previous week, but had a renewed sense of optimism after last Saturday nights encounter.

However the games will not get any easier for the 9-9-2 Lions.

This Saturday night the team heads to Williamstown for a match against the St. Lawrence Division leading Char Lan Rebels, and Sunday the team hosts the Hawks at 2:30.

"From this point on, every game we play is important," finished Morrow.

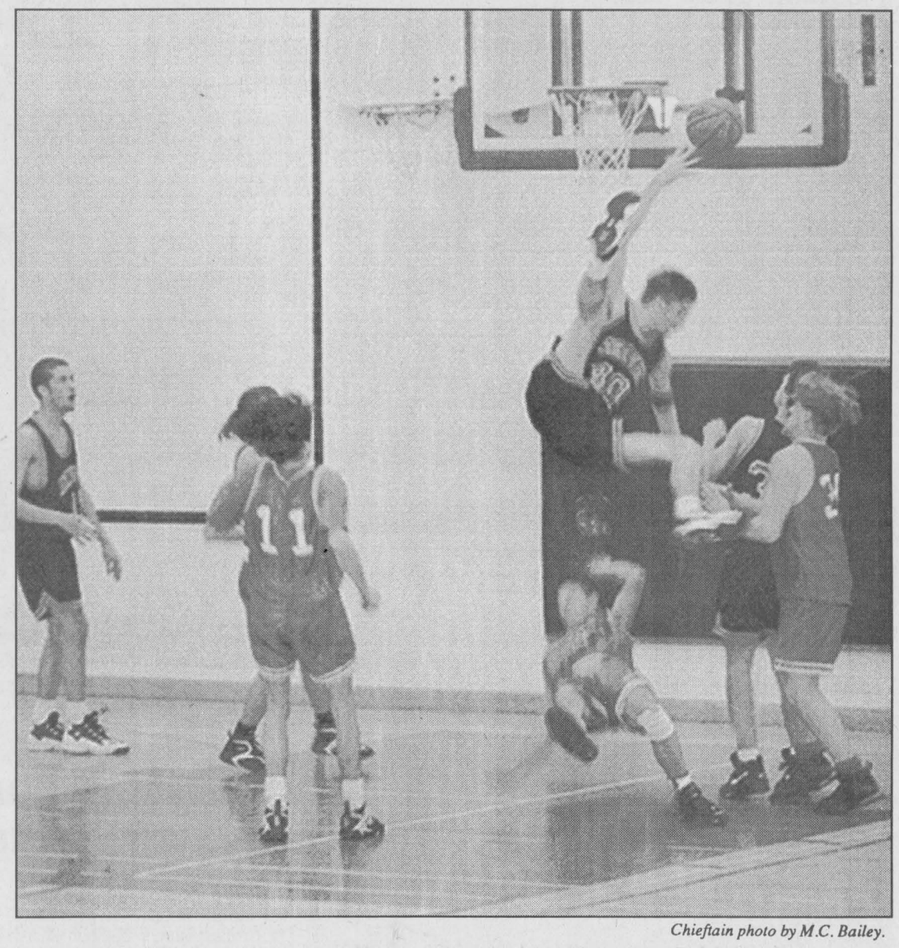
Morrisburg arena closed last Friday

Fans who planned on attending the Morrisburg Junior B Lions hockey game last Friday night, had a big surprise.

The arena was closed due to a mechanical problem with the zamboni.

A piston in the aging engine blew and crews worked all day Saturday to repair the damage.

Everything was back to normal on Sunday.



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Air Casselman!

Derrick "Air" Casselman was outstanding in last week's home opener for the senior Spartans. Pictured above, "Air" Casselman gets twisted in a third quarter layup attempt. The seniors lost 70-57. In the junior game, Seaway easily defeated the visiting Lancers 60-46.

Lyle Schell forced to resign from MMHA coaching job

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Sports Editor

After one of the best starts in their history, the Morrisburg Midget Lions lost their coach last weekend.

Coach Lyle Schell was asked to hand over coaching duties to his assistant coach Jeremy Morrow after a mix-up over border passes.

On Monday Schell was told that it was his responsibility to get border passes for his team who were playing in Ogdensburg Sunday. Yesterday (Tuesday) he was told that it was more than just the border passes that forced the organization to ask for his resignation.

"They told me that some of the parents were unhappy with ice time and the lines," said Schell. "They said they were going to tell the kids that I left because of work commitments, but I want them to know I wouldn't do that to them."

Mr. Schell did admit that his job involves shift work and it does interfere on occasion, but he added that is why he chose Jeremy Morrow as his assistant.

"Jeremy and I have always worked together, we have the same style of coaching, that's why I picked him," explained Schell.

Mr. Schell was told that his style of coaching was a little harsh, but he countered by explaining that the midgets he was coaching are 16 and 17 years old.

"Midget is a stepping stone to Junior hockey... I stressed winning and having fun doing it," said Schell.

Asked if he would consider coaching any other way?

His reply was "No."

"I don't have any children on the team and I didn't have any favouritism. I came in fresh and I wouldn't have it any other way."

"I want the kids to know there's more than a job behind the reason (for his leaving) and I want to wish the kids and Jeremy the best of luck," finished Mr. Schell.

Dart league is right on target

Dec. 8: Week No. 12 and still a see-saw for first place. Everyone having fun I hope, and we are looking for next week to see Santa and all.

Standings: The End 85, No Surrenders 84, Four Aces 77 1/2, Babe Watchers 72, The Farmer's Heifers 72, The L.D.'s 69 1/2, Running Bare 66 1/2, No Show 64, The Hopefuls 57, Late for Supper 55 1/2, Smokin' Guns 47 1/2, Joe Joe's Hopefuls 41.

High Scores: Duane Kirker 137, 102; June Reid 135; Pearl Roy 128; Earl Nesbitt 125; Bill Dodge 121, 120; Debbie Shaver 118, 103; Reg Farmer 101; Danny Dodge 100; Gary Bradford 100; Bill Hutt 100.

Games Finished: Duane Kirker 6, Bill Hutt 4, Reg Farmer 4, Gary Bradford 4, Walter Reid 4, Glen Easter 3, Steve Barkley 3, Danny Dodge 3, Leo Merkley 3, Jean Greenough 3, Bonnie Gibson 3, Geoffrey Wilson 3, Bill Dodge 2, Trevor Easter 2, Earl Nesbitt 2, Rodney Francis 2, Lloyd Greenough 2, Craig Tucker 2, Art Ault 1, John Trayner 1, Percy Roberts 1, Barb Merkley 1, Kim Francis 1, June Reid 1, Joan Ault 1, Joyce Murphy 1, Debbie Shaver 1, Joe Roberts 1, and Stephanie Smith with 1.

Well done everyone.

Kyle Swerdfeger chosen to head senior basketball team

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

A five year basketball veteran at Seaway District High School was chosen as this year's senior team captain.

Kyle Swerdfeger will have his work cut out for him, but it's a job coach Scott Corden feels the veteran can handle.

"We lost eight players last year and we have two guys that have never played for us," explained the coach of his team, "Kyle will be the glue that will keep us together."

As captain of the junior team two years ago, Swerdfeger did an outstanding job and was brought up to the senior level when Seaway went to the Eastern Ontario championships that year.

At 5"11, he plays guard and according to the coach, "has all the qualities a team leader needs".

In what essentially will be a rebuilding year for the Spartans, Swerdfeger's role will be even more important.

It is a job he doesn't take lightly.

"We have a lot of great guys on this team and I know we'll do well," said Swerdfeger adding what a great honour it was to be chosen captain.

He figures that the talent level on the team is second to none and if the guys can play together, there shouldn't be anyone they can't beat.

"I think it will be between us and R/O", said Swerdfeger commenting on Seaway's chances of capturing the S.D. & G. Championship. "Once we've played together for a while we should be able to beat them."

Despite being in a rebuilding year, the captain feels that with players like Derrick Casselman, Jason Rooney and Mike Adlington, Seaway could possibly take EOSSAA.

Last week the Spartans lost their first game of the season to Rothwell-Osnabruck. This week the Spartans travel to Tagwi for a match-up against the Warriors and next week Seaway will host La Cittadelle.

GOOD THINGS DID HAPPEN
The War Amps

The Chieftain Sports Scoreboard

St. Lawrence Division

	Gp	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Char Lan	23	16	03	04	143	85	38
Kemptville	23	12	07	04	108	83	30
Winchester	22	11	09	02	98	119	25
Morrisburg	**20**	**09**	**09**	**02**	**115**	**115**	**21**
Alexandria	22	03	18	01	87	142	08

Rideau Division

	Gp	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Westport	20	16	06	00	117	77	33
Gananoque	19	15	06	00	127	82	30
S. Grenville	20	09	11	01	93	96	21
Brockville	21	07	14	01	82	127	16
Athens	21	04	19	00	70	133	09

Morrisburg Lions Home Games

December 17 vs.
Winchester 2:30 pm

December 20 vs.
Alexandria 8:15 pm

December 31 vs.
Char Lan 2:30 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

IPS teams play well on Thurs.

Both the girls and boys senior volleyball teams from Iroquois Public School put their best effort forward as they represented their school very well on the volleyball court last week.

The gals served their best up at Seaway District High as the various public, elementary schools pitted their best against the locals. The games were entertaining and the action quite explosive at times as the ball was chipped over the net. A round robin tourney saw the girls from IPS win three of their seven games. Coached by Mrs. Robertson, the tenacious group worked with a team spirit that was not easily defeated. Good show ladies!

The gentlemen who travelled to Nationview representing IPS were involved in a round robin tourney as well. Coach Margaret Phifer was happy with the effort the boys put into their games. Winning two and only losing one, she noted how well they played.

"They would have been in the next round of play but their point total was just not enough to boost them onward to that plateau."

They played hard and never gave up. The losses were attributed to better playing on the opposite side of the net, not because the local lads did not play up to snuff. They played their best.

E.O. Jr. "B" league honours co-founder

by Jeff Brownlee
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Don Valcour and Lord Stanley share a common bond.

Both have hockey trophies named in their honor.

The Eastern Ontario Junior B hockey league decided to honor one of its co-founders with a piece of hardware Dec.4.

This year, the playoff winner of the league's Rideau-St. Lawrence Division will earn the bragging rights to the Don Valcour Cup.

The new award replaces the Gill Trophy, which has been in existence since 1931. It has been retired because there is no more room to add on.

But the league's new cup is specifically designed to allow more pieces to be added on to the base when needed.

Valcour, 65, has been involved with junior hockey both in the Kemptville area and on a national front for the past 40 years.

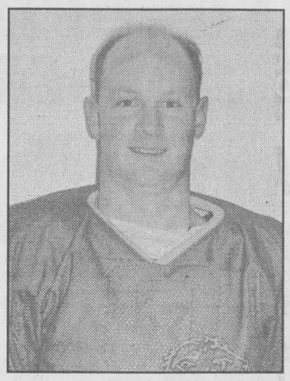
In 1972, he and Cy Easterbrook convinced all the Junior B teams in the area to form the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League. The duo started the first ever Boxing Day Tournament the same year as well.

Today, the league consists of 4 divisions and 20 teams from Clarence Creek to Gananoque. The annual Boxing Day Tournament has grown into a complete success story.

"It came as a total surprise," said the Kemptville resident, in reference to the Dec. 4 decision. "It is a great honor, but they probably could have found someone else more deserving."

Valcour will present the trophy to the winner of the Rideau-St. Lawrence Division at the end of the season. While he is not making any predictions, he did say that this year, it would be nice to present the trophy in his honor to the Kemptville 73's.

Lions Player Profile



Name: **Jeff Hyndman**
Position: **Defence**
No.: **#6**

A veteran defenceman with the Lions, Jeff has been having a great year. His slap shot is one of the best in the St. Lawrence Division.

The Lions host the Hawks this Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

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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.

Annual Christmas Dinner, Sat., Dec. 16th, 7:30 p.m., Matilda Hall, Dixon's Corners. Hosted by the Community Christian Reformed Church Young People's Society and featuring good food, entertainment and fellowship. $30 for family; $10/adult; $5 for children 6-12; under 5 eat free.

Cardinal Community Carol Service, under the direction of Doug Warren, will be **Sun., Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church, Cardinal.**

Turkey dinner at the Iroquois Legion, Fri., Dec. 22, starting at noon until the food's gone. $6/plate. Everyone welcome!

Music recital at St. John's Anglican Church, Iroquois, Wed., Dec. 27th at 8 p.m. featuring **Troy Cross** at the Organ from University of Western Ont. and **Julie Fossitt** with Trombone from McGill University. Free will offering only for Charity. Refreshments after.

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POLICE FILE

Break, enter and theft

Winchester Township - A break, enter and theft occurred between 2:30 p.m. and 6:05 p.m. on Nov. 30, 1995 at a Boundary Road residence in Winchester Township. Among the stolen items were: a JVC video cassette recorder; a JVC stereo receiver; an AKAI stereo tape deck; a pair of Bose speakers; a JVC portable radio; a Winchester 101, 12-guage shotgun; a SKB semi-automatic 12-guage shotgun; a Moss 195K-A .22 calibre semi-automatic rifle; a Moss .22 calibre bolt-action rifle; an Henr "Boher" 12-guage single-shot shotgun; a SKS "Chinese 123" five-shot semi-automatic rifle; and a Moss .22 calibre semi-automatic rifle.

Purse stolen

Williamsburg - Sometime overnight between Dec. 5 and 6, 1995, a Williamsburg resident had her purse stolen from her vehicle. The purse contained two dollars and other personal papers.

Break and enter fails

Mountain Township - A Mountain Township resident has been charged with break and enter, assault, threatening and using a disguise with intent, after being found in the home of a Mountain Township resident on Hwy. 43. On Dec. 8 at 2:40 a.m., the township resident awoke and found a person wearing a ski mask standing in his bedroom. As a result of this discovery, the culprit fled and shortly after was arrested. Jeremy Roach, 18, has been charged and will appear in Morrisburg court on Feb. 13, 1996.

Snow vehicle stolen

Mountain Township - On Dec. 10, 1995 a black-purple 1994 Polaris XLT, with Ontario registration 689098, was stolen from a Mountain Township resident on Highway 43. The snow vehicle was chained to the victim's veranda.

Stolen plates

Winchester - Winchester Ontario Provincial Police officers stopped a vehicle in Winchester on Dec. 9, 1995 and found that the licence plate on the vehicle was stolen. Charged with possession of stolen property and driving a motor vehicle with no insurance, was Fred Guerin, 19, of Winchester. He is to appear in Morrisburg court on Jan. 16, 1996.

No criminal prosecution

Long Sault - OPP officers with the Long Sault Detachment will not be facing any criminal prosecution, after being involved in a vehicle pursuit on Highway 401 near Cornwall in May. D.D. Graham Reynolds, Q.C., director of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) in Toronto has determined there is no basis for any criminal prosecution. Mikhail Litvin, 31 of Cornwall, died when his car rolled on the morning of Monday, May 22, 1995. Heading eastbound on the 401 at 2:45 a.m., two OPP officers noticed him speeding at 150 kph. The Long Sault officers activated their emergency lights in order to stop the car. Litvin accelerated and continued speeding for another kilometre, before losing control of his vehicle. There was no contact between the police cruiser and the vehicle. Litvin was thrown from the vehicle and emergency assistance was requested.

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Thanks to everyone who attended our Pancake Breakfast with Santa. A very special thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make it a Huge Success!



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Focus

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heroes, Trivium renders them useless, attending to pointless tasks that are intended to keep them with him forever. Saved from this fate by a pouch of noises, courtesy of Doctor Discord, they continue on their way to rescue Rhyme and Reason. Oh, yes, the delightful couple had met, liked one another and had been captured by the Dreadfully Macabre and her Imps (played by the Bag Critters) who promised them five days to death.

Rhyme and Reason were rescued by their friends with a little help from the various others along the way.The trick that remained was to escape the way they came...but not until the Awful Rauw and the Terrible Dynne were engaged, and the audience had been witness to the promises made by Horace Humbug and Boudicca Bee (who spells everything she utters). Horace had liberated a souvenir (Macabre's magic wand) while rushing through the witch's castle and uses it on the Imps, the Trivium and the Ratgang..all gone! It would not harm its original owner and so Macabre was unscathed, but DOG bounded on stage with mirror in-hand and the wicked witch succumbed. (the spell she attempted to cast bounced back into her face!)

Back at the castle the audience was treated to not one, not two, not even three but four weddings, all performed by the Prime Minister (Heather Rumble)...the Prince and Princess, Milo and Jenny, Horace Humbug and Boudicca, the Spelling Bee; Terrible Dynne and Awful Rauw...happily ever after in this fanciful land of imagination.

That ended the play presentation. What the audience did not see was the effort to learn lines, the creating of the scenery by Ryan and Peter and the painting of it by the drama classes, many of whom had not taken brush in hand before this time. The way the blue worked when the lights shone on certain portions of the scene was, in the words of younger audience members,"awesome." The design of the costumes was the work of the students and the construction of the sets was theirs as well. Make-up and hair creations, sound effects and long, long hours of hard work are all attributable to the students themselves. Some of the class were experiencing a dramatic performance for the first time in their lives. Taking a play, and creating atmosphere and characters, and presenting it to over 1000 people during six shows, with no help from the winter weather is an enviable accomplishment. Watching the rough edges fall away to be replaced by professional artists at work was a wonderful happening. Having been part of the growth that occurred as the play progressed from written words on the page to a polished performance was terrific, I was proud of all the stars. And they are all stars!!! People who no longer attend Seaway lent a hand and did their part. Upper Canada Playhouse was behind them 100 % affording them the opportunity to be on a real stage, to truly be actors and actresses. Parents supervised back stage and supported their youngsters in this endeavour, came to see the play and snap photos, take movies and be proud of a job exceptionally well done.

There were times when lines were forgotten and when props were not in place, when empty stage reflected a missed cue, when things seemed that they would never come together...but the end product did not show the trials and tribulations of a staff director and a group of students who perhaps did not always demonstrate the seriousness of the situation. But most assuredly, it did show a group of dedicated and hard working people who accepted the responsibility of the task and the regular school activities along side. Working like a well oiled machine, they rose to the occasion and carried through.

Two months is a lot of days, but the final product was well worth it all, wasn't it??? The semester mark for the students will tell the tale!

Just Livin'

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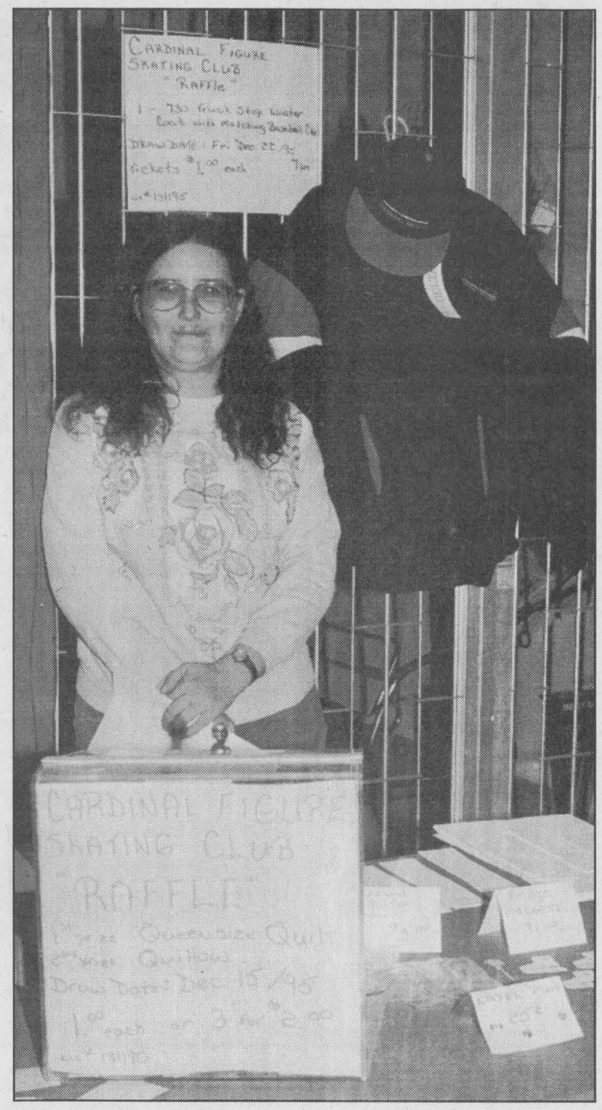
thanks to all who support the groups so well.

Monday morning was nothing short of spectacular at Swampview. Once we were up and mobile, the vehicles spouting exhaust fumes into the frosty, still cold air, time out allowed us to enjoy a most delightful sun rise. Peeking out from under a long low cloud on the horizon, the sun crept higher and higher showing itself above and below the cloud formation. The glow lit up the morning and welcomed everyone and everything to a beautiful winter day. The briskness of the air created a picturepostcard as the rays of the sun broke the darkness. The preview of winter at least got us into the correct state of mind for the magical visit of the dude in the sleigh pulled by eight prancing reindeer. It is not even really winter until the week just before Christmas. There is a bright side to this, we could have gotten the 80 some cms. of the white stuff that they got to the west of us...although son number two felt it would be "awesome" to be snowed in, silly boy.

Christmas concerts are being readied by youngins and some special nieces and friends will be involved, so we will do our best to attend. The leg continues to pain, and certain ways the old writer walks bring sharp reminders of torn muscles, but time will heal, and the knee will recover to normal activity. The ice is a new adventure every day, but as confidence grows it will be conquered.

Remember, especially at this time of the year,"Don't spread yourself too thin, learn to say NO politely and quickly." Stay happy and warm, and come back here next time, I'll be here.



Selling tickets

Jeanne Fox-Dibble was busy selling raffle tickets for the Cardinal Figure Skating Club raffle draws Friday night at the Cardinal District Resource Centre's third annual craft sale. Winning tickets for a queen size quilt and a quillow will be drawn this Friday. The winning ticket for a 730 Truck Stop winter coat and cap will be held Dec. 22, 1995. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

1995 - Don't drink and drive campaign

As in previous years, the Ontario Provincial Police will be increasing their anti-impaired driving campaign during the coming Christmas season.

To clarify the problem created by drinking drivers as it relates to accident potential, a person with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 (the legal limit set by the criminal code) is four times as likely to be involved in an accident as a driver who had not been drinking. At .16, the chances are 35 times greater and at .20, 65 times greater.

It is important to remember that the OPP campaign to reduce drinking and driving is a community program that hopefully will reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities. The campaign is not restricted to a few weekends in December and January.

Statistics over the past years show the public's concern and the support for this program. This year, the OPP are asking what you plan to do about it.

Crime Stoppers

Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a break and enter.

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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.

Challenges loom ahead for Ontario

The Finance Minister's announcement of a $400 million reduction in grants to school boards for the 1996-97 school year was described as a "difficult measure" by Donna Cansfield, President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

"Extracting $400 million dollars from the elementary and secondary education system is a formidable challenge, but school boards must meet that challenge and continue their work in providing quality programs for our children at the best price for the property taxpayer," Cansfield said.

"We have an obligation to our children to ensure the best quality education, but to also work responsibly with the provincial government to ensure they do not inherit an overwhelming debt." Cansfield said. "The Ontario Public School Boards' Association will continue to work in partnership with its partners and the government to find cost saving measures."

In its report "Removing the Barriers to Cost-Effective Education", released in September of this year, the Association examined a series of issues with a goal to provide the best education possible for the province's students in the most effective manner. As early as last week, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association provided the government with a series of workable suggestions toward their cost cutting goals.

The provincial government has agreed to work with the Association to provide the legislative tools necessary to meet these challenges. "We will continue our work and I look forward to finding the tools necessary to meet these challenges," Cansfield said.

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D13-1tc

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Until we meet again.
Sadly missed by Clancy, Eileen and families
D13-1tp

Township looking into policing signs

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Mountain Council has agreed to look into a neighbourhood watch proposal in the new year.

At last week's regular council meeting, township resident Nick Zrymiak asked council to consider installing neighbourhood watch signs throughout the township.

Since budget discussions won't be held until the spring, council members told Zrymiak they'll look into the suggestion in the new year. In the meantime, they asked Zrymiak to look into sign prices, as well as setting up public meetings to organize a neighbourhood watch program.

Zrymiak told council he believes it's time for people in the community to help themselves instead of relying on the police force. He also said it is council's responsibility to lead the way.

"Council members in their role as leaders within the community must recognize the need for a proactive involvement by council," he wrote in a letter to council. "There is a need to educate as to effective methods of enhancing personal security; a need to encourage the practice of neighbourhood watch, so as to discourage or dissuade perpetrators before the fact; a need to enlist the residents in an active and proactive role."

Zrymiak stressed the importance of signs, so that people coming into the community will be aware they're being watched by community neighbours.

However, Councillor Bob Guy said the people of Mountain Township have to get themselves involved in a program to help prevent crime.

"The signs themselves won't do it," he said.

Reeve Estella Rose agreed. In talking with organizers of neighboring community policing programs, they emphasized the need for the public's input.

Council challenged Zrymiak to get involved by setting up some public meetings to discuss the issue. Although he said he'd like to play a supportive role, Zrymiak said he didn't see himself "playing a lead role at nauseam."

"I believe it's most important as council's initiative," he said.

Council is expected to look into the issue further in the new year.

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R.J. Lapointe
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Morrisburg
Seaway Valley Singers in concert
The Seaway Valley Singers will once again perform their annual Christmas concert at the Lakeshore Drive United Church in Morrisburg on Saturday night starting at 8 p.m. The Singers will be performing Christmas selections from Handel's Messiah, with solos sung by choir members. Along with the Singers, vocal group Renaissance Voyces will also perform a number of selections. The Singers are also performing this evening in Winchester's St. Paul's Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m. The concert is being held as a fund-raiser for the Dundas County Hospice.

MORRISBURG
Village disaster!
The Morrisburg Emergency Planning Committee will hold Exercise Eyeopener II Wednesday December 13, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm, at the Civic Centre. The seminar will help those who attend identify community emergency risks, prevent and/or plan for emergencies and source out emergency material.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN
Building seminar a success
The DFA, Mountian Twp. and OMAF Farm Building Seminar at the South Mountain Agricultural Fair was a huge success. Richard Sharkey, one of the organizers, was extremely pleased with the day. Over two hundred attended the information fair on farm building codes.

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Edwardsburgh Township historians release book

The Edwardsburgh Township History, written and published by the Edwardsburgh Historians, is now available. It has been made possible through the efforts of dedicated volunteers who have contributed to this venture and the courtesy of Henderson Printing Inc. of Brockville.

A group of local residents was gathered together by Nora Henderson to compile the history of the township about three years ago. Initial funding was contributed by the alumni of the Spencerville School Section #15 from monies raised at their school reunion in 1994. The Township Council made further contributions to the project. These funds were used exclusively to cover the cost of photocopying, computer expenses, research at the National Archives and the Archives of Ontario and copying costs for illustrations. All time and personal expenses were covered by individual volunteer contributors.

The book contains a concise history of each of the twenty communities within the township as well as chapters on Geography, the French Period, Government, Education, Agriculture and Transportation. Many residents opened their family albums providing the book with illustrations and older persons contributed personal memories which were invaluable to the documentation of life in the township.

A second volume of township history, Edwardsburgh Family Histories, is in preparation.

Edwardsburgh Township History is the story of a small eastern Ontario township in Grenville County fronting on the mighty St. Lawrence River. It was here France and Great Britain fought the last battle of the Seven Year War in America at Fort de Levis in 1763. Disbanded soldiers and United Empire Loyalists were settled in the area following the American Revolution. Many of the original family names have survived to the present. In 1838 an American militia invaded Canada and was defeated at the Battle of Windmill Point. Since the 1830's influxes of immigrants, predominantly Scots, Irish and Dutch, have diversified the population. Traffic along the St. Lawrence River changed the shoreline as canals, and eventually the International Seaway, were built to accommodate larger ships. The growth and development of Edwardsburgh Township followed a pattern common to many Ontario communities, from the independent family farms that supported a local agrarian economy to a specialized agricultural industry with services for a modern technological society. Documented sources provide an overview of the growth and development of Edwardsburgh Township. Anecdotal accounts throughout give insight into life in rural Ontario.

The Edwardsburgh Historians, author and publisher, is a group of dedicated volunteers brought together by a common interest in having the first comprehensive history of Edwardsburgh Township written and published.

The Edwardsburgh Township History is available at: Annie's Books, Kemptville; Leeds County Books in Brockville; The Gift Lane, and The Gift Shoppe in Prescott; Spencer City Discount, The Village Pantry and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 604 in Spencerville. Cost is $42.80 including GST.



Documenting the past

The history of Edwardsburgh Township is now available in print; a book written by local historians. The book contains a concise history of each of the 20 communities in the township. It retails for $42.80 and is available at many local book stores. The people who made this project a success, were on hand at the book-launching ceremony at the town hall Dec. 9. From left to right, they are: Ted Barnard, Lyle Henderson, Nora Henderson, Eileen Woodhead, Louise Burchell and Sandra Shouldice. *Chieftain Photo-J.Brownlee*

Councillor Schnurr opposes local restructuring bylaw

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

"I wouldn't research a sex change operation because I'm not planning on having a sex change," commented Morrisburg Councillor Larry Schnurr during a debate on a bylaw to discuss municipal restructuring.

Schnurr's comments came when Reeve McGregor introduced a bylaw to explore municipal restructuring making the villages commitment to the project firm.

In principal everyone around the council table agreed that proposed municipal restructuring will save no money, but the views of councillor Schnurr differed from his colleagues.

"We have to draw a line in the sand, throw up the barricades and simply say no," said Schnurr who believes that by acknowledging the provincial governments proposal is to accept it with the consequences.

Reeve McGregor however explained his position by telling councillor Schnurr that the bylaw he was proposing was not an acceptance of the governments proposal.

"I believe we have to fight this (restructuring) and we must do it from the inside," added councillor Martel echoing the reeves sentiments.

Before the third reading of the bylaw to explore restructuring, councillor Schnurr asked for a recorded vote.

The bylaw was passed by a 4-1 margin with councillor Schnurr represent the dissenting vote.

Caring for cut trees this festive season

Members of the Iroquois Fire Department want to remind local residents to carefully take care of their cut Christmas trees this season. They offer some advice to help people have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Firefighters remind people that a Christmas tree is a living tree and needs to be looked after like a cut flower. If a tree is purchased several days before it is set up, the tree should be stored outdoors, or on a cool porch or patio. An area that provides protection from the wind and sun will help the tree retain its moisture. If the tree is being stored for several days, a straight cut across the butt end of the tree about one inch from the end should be made. This opens the tree stem so it can take up water. Store the tree upright and place the butt end in a container of water.

When the tree is brought into the house for decorating, another fresh cut across the trunk, about an inch from the original cut, should be made. Use a tree stand that holds plenty of water. Trees are thirsty. They may drink up to four litres of water per day, so be sure to check daily and supply fresh water as needed. A stand which holds at least four litres of water is recommended. If the water level drops below the bottom of the tree, a seal will form just as it does on a cut flower and a new cut will be necessary.

Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other sources of heat. Turn off the tree lights when you leave and before you retire at night. Iroquois firefighters also recommend that local residents avoid using combustible decorations. Check all electric lights and connections. Do not use lights with worn or frayed cords and never use lighted candles on a Christmas tree. The firefighters feel that if people follow these care and precaution measures, they will have an attractive tree that stays fresh indoors for two to three weeks.

OBITUARIES

Muriel Scott



Muriel Bessie Scott (nee Dawson) of South Mountain, Ontario, November 28, 1995 in her residence at 68 years of age.

Married to Donnie Scott in Maitland, Ontario on October 22nd, 1947, Mrs. Scott was predeceased by her father Hilton Dawson, her mother Bessie Easton and one grandchild Jeffrey.

She is survived by her husband Donnie and her children Jim (Bonnie), Wayne (Mona), Mrs. Wanda Vendemheen (Lubbert), Mrs. Peggy Honey (Harry), Mrs. Joanne Leeck (Dennis), and Mrs. Barbara Stevenson (Glen).

She is also survived by grandchildren, Scott, Marty, Kevin, Leslie, Sarah, Brady, Kelly, Janice, Nicholas, Matthew and Stephen.

She was the sister of Ralph, Ivan, Merle, Percy, Beatrice, Marjorie, and the late Norman.

The funeral was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on November 30th, 1995 at 2 p.m. with Reverend Marion Johnston presiding.

There will be a Spring interment at South Gower Cemetery.

The bearers were Lubbert Vandemheen, Harry Honey, Dennis Leeck, and Glen Stevenson, all son-in-laws, as well as grandsons, Scott Vandemheen and Kevin Scott.

Stephen Merrill

Suddenly on Monday, November 27, 1995. Steve Merrill of Morrisburg. Loving and dearly loved husband of Judy Merrill. Dear son of Dorothy Merrill of Morrisburg and the late Dalton Merrill. Survived and deeply missed by his sister Catherine and her husband Gord Flumerfelt of Edmonton, Alberta; Ron and Emily Dickenson; John and Amy Dickenson; his close friends and Max.

Stephen spent his early years in Morrisburg, graduating from Morrisburg High School and Algonquin College in Ottawa. During his years in Morrisburg, his competitive nature led Steve to involvement in hockey, curling, football and lacrosse. Football and lacrosse were his true loves and while involved in lacrosse, he participated in guiding the Morrisburg Junior Mets to the Canadian Championship Tournament in Winnipeg.

Steve will always be remembered by friends and teammates for his commanding presence, sharp wit and competitive spirit that carried through to the end of his all too short life

Upon graduation, Stephen moved into financial services and after various assignments in Ottawa, Mississauga, Calgary and Hamilton,he completed his career with Canada Trust as a Senior Assistant Vice President responsible for the Securities and Pension Trust divisions in Toronto.

Stephen and Judy met in 1981 as co-workers in Hamilton and were married in June, 1988. Always seeking a greater challenge, the couple moved to Morrisburg in 1990 to begin a new life as partners in the Brister Group insurance brokerages.

The past five years were spent enjoying life to the fullest through special vacations with friends, Cam and Sharon and the challenge of the expanding Brister group of companies. Stephen was an avid boater and with Judy enjoyed the camaraderie and close friendship of like-minded friends wherever their port. 'Options' was always a refuge offering a cool libation or gourmet meal.

In his short life, Stephen touched many lives and made that special impression that will allow us to remember him for his quick wit, zest for life and great desire to help people achieve life's full potential.

Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Diabetes Education Programme at St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in Brockville or the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

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Township of Matilda
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NOTICE BOARD

NOTICE
MATILDA RESIDENTS

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NOTICE BOARD

The Village Council and Staff
would like to Thank the Residents of the Village for Their Support in 1995 and Wish Everyone a
"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR"

NOTICE

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

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

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a meeting of Council will be held on January 12, 1996, in the Council Chambers to hear any person who claims to be adversely affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard.

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

Schedule "A" Road Name Changes

1) King's Highway, also known as Queen Street, (as shown on Plan 50) to Highway #2 East and Highway #2 West, division being Elizabeth Drive.
2) Elizabeth Drive (as shown on Plan 39 and Plan 100) to Elizabeth Drive North and Elizabeth Drive South, division being Highway #2.
3) Billings Avenue (as shown on Plan 100 and Plan 111) to Billings Avenue East and Billings Avenue West, division being Elizabeth Drive North.
4) Carman Road (as shown on Plan 39 and Plan 50) to Carman Road North and Carman Road South, division being Highway #2.

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Applications are now being accepted for a
MATILDA WINTER CARNIVAL QUEEN
to be chosen on January 6, 1996
at the Matilda Community Hall.
All applications must be submitted by Dec. 31/95 to the Clerk's Office 652-4403 or Linda Thompson 652-2486
Must be between the ages of 15 (before Dec. 31/95) and 18, and a resident of Matilda Township.
Prize donations accepted, and sponsorship of contestants are accepted.
****
HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST
If you know of anyone in Matilda Township who has done a great job of decorating their home for Christmas
Contact Clerk's Office 652-4403 or Nancy Blokland 652-2096
Prize Available
****
SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST
To be judged on Sunday, January 7, 1996
Sculpturing to be done at the Matilda Community Hall
Call Joy Harbers 535-2301 for further information
****
Anyone, young or old, interested in participating in
AMATEUR NIGHT
to be held on Tuesday, January 9, 1996
Please notify Vicky Lepitre prior to January 3, 1996
KARAOKE KRAZY IS AVAILABLE
****
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!
Volunteers are greatly needed by the
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NOTICE

The Central Office of the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Catholic School Board will be closed for business for the Christmas holidays from Monday, December 25, 1995 to Tuesday, January 2, 1996 inclusively.

Roger Davidson, Director of Education
Charles F. Adams, Board Chairperson

AVIS

Nous vous prions de noter que le siège social du Conseil des écoles catholiques de S. D. et G. sera fermé pour affaires durant les vacances de Noël à compter du lundi 25 décembre 1995 au mardi 2 janvier 1996 inclusivement.

Roger Davidson, Directeur général
Charles F. Adams, Président de Conseil

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On behalf of the Board, Medical Staff, and Hospital Staff, I would like to thank everyone who so generously gave to the Hospital's Capital Fund. It is only with your support that we are able to obtain new technologies, i.e. mammography, or replace existing equipment such as hospital beds.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and best wishes during this Holiday Season.

Don A. Smith
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Songs of Christmas Friday at Dixon's



Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

Lighting up Christmas!

Benson Public School students took part in lighting up the Cardinal Friendship Memory Tree last Friday, along with Cardinal District Resource Centre coordinator Susan Smith, and Cardinal village employee Walter Smail. Local residents are being encouraged to buy a bulb for $5 to remember a friend at Christmas. People can purchase a bulb at the CDRC until noon on Friday, Dec. 15. Since Nov. 20, the CDRC has raised $1400 through this fund-raiser.

Students enjoy a Victorian Christmas at Benson Public

Students at Benson Public School enjoyed a special treat last Monday, as Louise Burchell took them back in time to enjoy a Victorian Christmas.

The program presented to students throughout the day, explored the delights of an old-fashioned Canadian Christmas.

Students discovered that early table-top Christmas trees were decorated by adults as presents for their children. Decorated with candies, cookies and other good things to eat, Christmas trees were a sugar-plum treat for hundreds of years. When the Christmas tree tradition came to Canada, floor-to-ceiling trees were commonly used and the presents were placed under the tree. Early Christmas presents for children were often homemade.

During the workshop the students had a chance to step back in time and play with homemade dolls and wooden toys, such as animals, a wheelbarrow and a cradle.

Store bought toys, like those from years gone-by, amused the young participants as they played with cup and ball, Jacob's ladder, thaumathropes, miniature china tea sets and cast iron toys. At the end of the workshop, the participants were asked to chose one toy they would have liked for Christmas if they had been a pioneer child.

Louise Burchell and Carol Sargent own **Inkwell Learning Material**, based in Spencerville. Both are certified teachers and former Upper Canada museum educators. They formed Inkwell in 1992 to promote Canada's heritage to schools, museums and community organizations.

At present, Inkwell offers nine workshops for children and adults that examine life in the 19th century. Programs explore children's pastimes, children's chores, harvest, Christmas and Valentine celebrations, and the decorative arts in the 1800s. Ontario's heritage comes to life in these uniquely Canadian, educational workshops filled with hands-on activities. Each is presented by an experienced instructor in period costume.



A Victorian Christmas

Louise Burchell came to Benson Public School last week to teach students how families celebrated Christmas one hundred years ago. These grade two and three students listened, as their special guest read them a wonderful Christmas story written by Clement C. Moore.

Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen

COMING EVENTS

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS!!
Come enjoy an evening of the beautiful music and songs of the season presented for your enjoyment by the local talents of the
Dixon's Corners, Brinston & Hulbert communities
Matilda Hall, Dixon's Corners
will herald the Christmas season
on Friday, December 15th at 7:30 p.m.
A free-will offering or non-perishable food will be collected to help support
The House of Lazarus,
a clothing and food bank, meeting the needs of our community
D6-2tc

CHRISTMAS DINNER
Come enjoy an evening of good food, entertainment, and fellowship at the annual Christmas Dinner hosted by the
Community Christian Reformed Church Young People's Society
at Matilda Hall, Dixon's Corners
on Saturday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m.
The cost is $30 for a family, $10 for an adult and $5 for children (ages 6-17). Children under 5 eat free
D13-1tc

SANTA CLAUS
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Registration:
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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Operating Engineers Institute
Hwy. #2, Morrisburg, Ont.
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
$10.00 per person
Includes party favours & midnight lunch
Music by "Dayton & Eric"
Limited Tickets Available
Call: Guy Hart 543-3313 or 543-3777
Rooms available - $30.00
Call Audrey 543-2911
D13-2tc

Bridge Winners

The winners of the December 6th bridge party were first, Bill Strader, second Frank Bickerdike, and third went to Reathea Riddell. Free bridge lessons for anyone willing to learn the game beginning Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Join us each and every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Iroquois Civic Centre.

Inside an hour entertainment guide

Songs of Christmas are coming to a **Matilda Hall** near you! That's right season fans, come out and enjoy an evening of the beautiful music and songs of the season presented for your enjoyment by the local talents of the **Dixon's Corners, Brinston** and **Hulbert** communities.

The big **Iroquois Business Christmas Bash** at the **Legion** will take place this **Saturday** evening. If you haven't got your tickets yet, you'd better scramble the fighters!

This **Sunday** (December 17) **Santa Claus** will be at **McHaffie Flea Market** from 11 am to 12. And yes... the flea market will be open on the 24th and 31st.

This Sunday the **Morrisburg Junior B Lions** will be hosting the **Winchester Hawks.** Game time is set for **2:30** and it will be a game you won't want to miss!

Be a BIG SISTER Call 1-345-3295

CARDINAL LEGION BR. 105
NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
Dancing: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Light Lunch at Midnight
Music By: "Billy Lewis & Hillbilly Fever"
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Tickets Available at the Cardinal Legion

SEAWAY VALLEY SINGERS
present
Christmas Music from Handel's
MESSIAH
and Carols at
Lakeshore Drive United Church, Morrisburg
Saturday, December 16 at 8 p.m.
Admission $6.

At the movies
Playing this week at the Brookedale Cinema's in Cornwall: Until Friday you can see TOY STORY in cinema 1, POWDER in cinema 2 at 7 and 9 p.m. and in cinema 3, ACE VENTURA and AMERICAL PRESIDENT.
Friday night at 7 and 9 in cinema 1, TOY STORY. Opening in cinema 2 this week is IT TAKES TWO at 7, and at 9, POWDER. In cinema 3 at 7 is ACE VENTURA and at 9, NICK OF TIME.
The weekend matinees which begin at 1:30 will include: TOY STORY, ACE VENTURA and IT TAKES TWO.

STILL much to DO! The War Amps

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Saturday, December 16th
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Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
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Wed. 7:30 pm Bible Study

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Come and Worship

Anglican Church of Canada
Parish of Morrisburg/Iroquois
543-3904 Office
Rector the Rev. Harry Brown
December 17
Advent 3
8:00 St. James - Holy Communion
9:30 St. James - Family Eucharist
11:00 St. Johns-Family Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Cursillo Ultraya at St. James
St. James Morrisburg/St. Johns Iroquois
Holy Trinity Riverside Heights

Anglican Church of Canada
Parish of Edwardsburgh
St. James' Parish, Crystal Rock
9:30 a.m.
St. Paul's Church, Cardinal
11:00 a.m.

Community Christian Reformed Church
Dixon's Corners, Ontario
Pastor: Rev. John Gerrits
Phone: 652-2400
9:30a.m. - Morning Service
7:30 p.m. - Evening Service
Nursery provided during both services.
Everyone Welcome
Faith 20 can be viewed every morning at 5:30 a.m. on Channel 6

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

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

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

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United Church of Canada
Matilda Pastoral Charge
Patsy Henry
December 17
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Hulbert-Valley - 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday - 9:45 a.m.
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7:00 p.m. Praise Gathering
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7:00 p.m.
Dial-A-Prayer 543-3456

Busy time of year as Christmas welcomes Santa



A Christmas Carol

The Upper Canada Playhouse got into the spirit of Christmas, as staff and volunteers took part in Saturday's Morrisburg Santa Claus parade. Despite cold temperatures and blowing snow, the participants on this float and many others seemed to enjoy themselves. The Playhouse crew portrayed the characters in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

First Morrisburg Santa parade is a great success

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

The last time there was a crowd that large in the mall was during Tubie Weekend in August.

Hundreds of spectators lined the sidewalks in front of mall stores in anticipation of the 1st Annual BIA Christmas Parade.

Snow fell from the heavens putting spectators in the festive mood and the only drawback of the day came in the form of bone chilling winds.

"We ended up changing the parade route a bit because of the wind," explained organizer George Davies, "but other than that, the parade was a success."

The parade which featured a wide variety of businesses, local community groups, majorettes and a pipe band, was so well received that plans for next year's parade have already begun.

"It was an excellent parade," added Mr. Davies. "People lined the streets to see it."

Organizers utilized walkie talkies and parade marshalls to keep the parade moving and only one short delay occurred. One of the tractor trailers had a difficult time turning a sharp corner.

"People have been coming into the shop to tell me how pleased they were," said Mr. Davies who owns Davies The Family Butcher Shop. "Everyone has been saying it's about time!"



Through the window

Iroquois Public School students stopped in at The Chieftain last week, and took a peek through the front display windows. Grade one students came to visit as they dropped off their letters to Santa Claus. With less than two weeks until Christmas day, the youngsters wanted to make sure the jolly 'ole fellow gets their letters on time. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*



Servin' up breakfast

Anthony Levere kept busy at the Pancake Breakfast with Santa in Morrisburg on Saturday morning. Adam Keller and J.J. Hollister got their fill of food as they prepared to make their way to the Santa parade following the breakfast. The breakfast was sponsored by the Morrisburg Figure Skating Club and was held at the Morrisburg Civic Centre. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*



Doing the wave in South Mountain

Two youngsters on a float wave to the crowd that lined the streets for the South Mountain Santa Claus Parade Dec.9. With 21 entries, the parade was the largest to date. Entries ranged from fire trucks to gift-wrapped pooches and of course, Santa himself. *Chieftain Photo-J.Brownlee*

Mountain Township parade biggest ever

by Jeff Brownlee
Chieftain Staff Reporter

While organizers are dubbing the Dec.9 Mountain Township Santa Claus Parade the best ever, it will boast a new look in 1996.

"This was the largest parade I can remember," said Bill Williams, parade co-organizer, who has been involved with event for the past eight years. "But we will make a few changes for next year."

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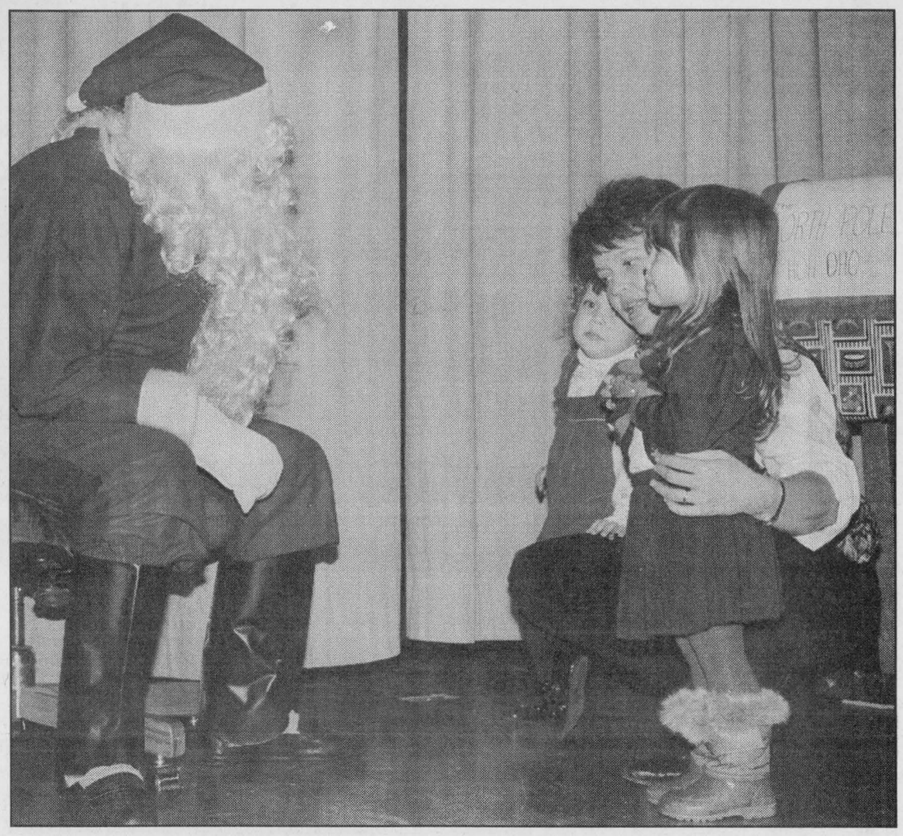

Santa visits Iroquois

Dozens of youngsters visited Santa on Sunday afternoon at the Iroquois Civic Centre. Children were treated to a hot dog lunch and face painting while they waited to visit Santa. Once in ear shot, the children gave him an earful about want they wanted for Christmas. Sunday's event was sponsored by the Iroquois Summer Festival committee. *Chieftain photo by R. van Noppen*

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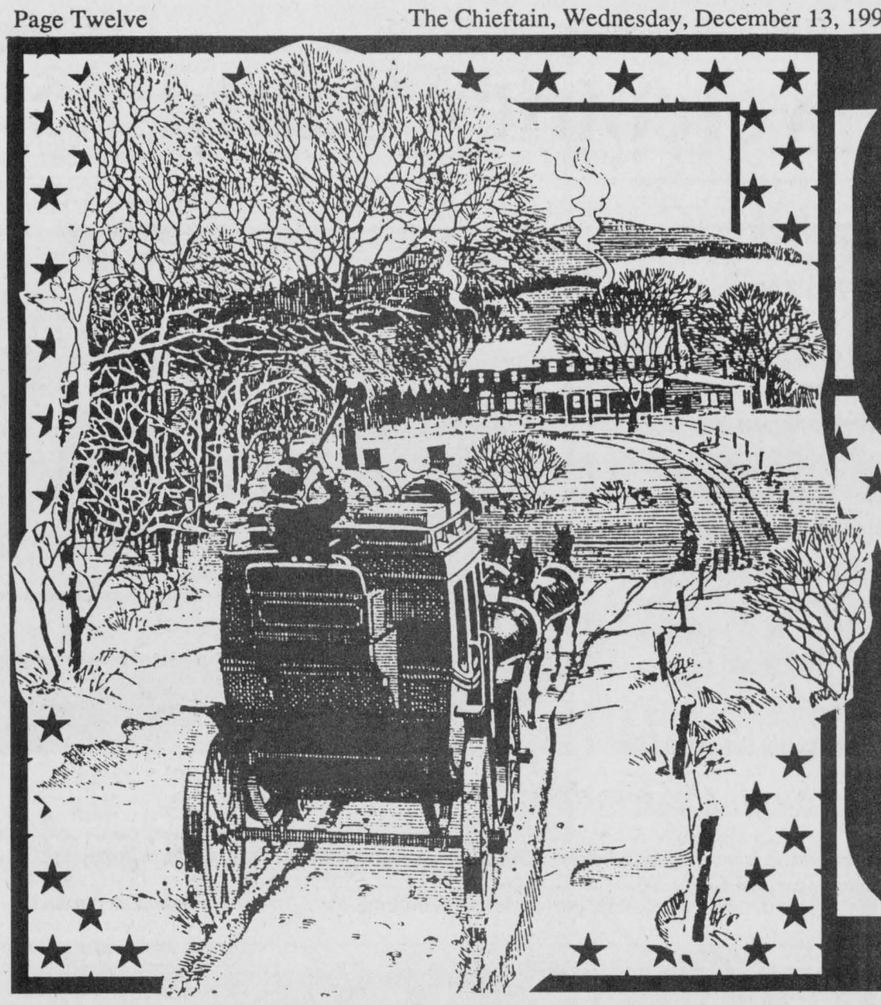

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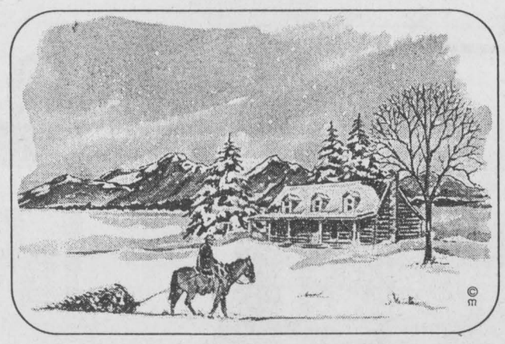

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Internet will introduce this area to the world

by Michael Bailey
Chieftain Staff Reporter

On December 4th, 1992, Mike Ashburne was working the door at a club in downtown Montreal.

After breaking up a fight and ejecting those involved, Mr. Ashburne returned to the door.

An hour later, his life changed forever.

"The three guys I kicked out came back with uzis and machine guns," recalled Mr. Ashburne. Seeing the men get out of the vehicle, Mr. Ashburne, with no regard for his safety, began pushing patrons out of the line of fire.

Seconds later his life changed forever.

"I took three bullets and one went through my neck," said Mr. Ashburne. The bullet that hit his neck, nicked his spinal column paralyzing him from the waist down.

For the last three years Mr. Ashburne has been surfing the net. In his travels he has visited the Library of Congress and sourced out a number of other information services looking for medical information to help him regain the use of his lower body.

Thanks to the internet, Mr. Ashburne has the world at his fingertips and now, thanks to Ken Davies and Mor-Net Communications, you too will have access to the net.

Last Friday area politicians and dignitaries welcomed Mr. Davies and his new business to Morrisburg in a ribbon cutting ceremony at his new location in the mall.

Located between Thom Real Estate and Bo's Barber Shop, Mor-Net Communications will specialize in the selling of all necessary internet equipment, as well as the installation and accessibility to the internet service.

Anyone with a computer and a modem (an electronic device that allow computers to send and receive data by phone line) living within local calling distance of Morrisburg will be able to take advantage of the internet service.

In laymans terms, the internet could be described as a world wide library in your home. By gaining access to the internet through Mr. Davies business, you could find out anything about everything.

"You can also have relationships on the net," added Mr. Ashburne who has pen pals from around the world.

With over 27 million on-line users and more joining daily, the potential for meeting people is infinite.

"People have already started to call and ask about the service," said Mr. Davies who has a list of new clients waiting to get hooked up.

For those of you who don't quite understand the internet, Mr. Davies will have a couple of online computers in his shop and will be more than happy to explain everything to you.

Welcome to the community Mor-Net and to those of you who take advantage of this absolutely wonderful service, have fun surfing the net.



Chieftain photo by M.C. Bailey.

Internet comes to the area

Ken Davies has put our area on the world map. His new business Mor-Net will allow local residents access to the internet. Pictured above, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Mr. Davies' new business in Morrisburg. Those in attendance included, Lyle VanAllen, Mark Kulick, Richard Quenville, Karen Gorrell, Ken Davies, Mike Ashburne, Iris Maley, Dirk Testerink, Linda Bowers and Earl Baker.

Royal Bank helping Christmas Exchange

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

Iroquois Royal Bank employees have raised $150 for the South Dundas Christmas Exchange (SDCE) through their weekly "dress down Fridays."

Since July, each employee has contributed a loonie each Friday to the cause.

"For dressing down, we pay a loonie into the fish bowl," said Marilyn McCurdy, customer services manager.

The Royal Bank employees decided to raise money through "dress down Fridays," in an effort to do something fun, while helping organizations in need of money. At the beginning of the year they began raising money for the ALS Society. They made a donation in the summer.

"It's something we decided to do to relax on Fridays," she said. "And we thought we might do something worthwhile at the same time."

With Christmas around the corner, Royal Bank employees chose the SDCE as their next focus.

"There are so many families in need out there," McCurdy said.

The $150 raised was used to buy cases of food for the SDCE.

McCurdy encourages everyone in the community to join with Royal Bank employees to help the SDCE. People are invited to bring in their canned goods to the Royal Bank by Dec. 20.

The goods will build the bank's "tin can pyramid" and be donated to the Christmas exchange.

There's only a week left, so don't forget to bring your canned goods to the Royal Bank!

CONTINUED

Mountain

This year's version saw 21 entries ranging from Mountain Township Fire Trucks to gift-wrapped pooches and of course, Santa himself, complete a new 45-minute loop around the snow-covered streets of South Mountain starting at 2:45 p.m.

Last year, 16 floats started parading in Mountain and ended up at the Mountain Township Agricultural Hall.

"We changed the route this year because some of the outside floats couldn't come to Mountain," Williams added.

But the route for the I.O.O.F. Lodge 428 and the Mountain Township Lions Club sponsored event will be changed for next year.

"We will change the route among other things like the starting time," he said. "We might start at 1 p.m or maybe hold an evening parade. We're just not sure at this point."

Kids, parents and pets started lining the streets about 2:15 p.m., waiting to catch their first glimpse of Santa, who was at the end of the parade.

"We're pleased with the turnout," said Williams. "Over 300 bags of candy was handed out off the floats."

While changes are looming, the event will definitely be held the second Saturday in December.

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Community discusses plaza solutions

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

If Iroquois plaza businesses don't like young people hanging out on their property over the noon hour, Sgt. Mike Brehmer suggests owners serve them a trespassing notice.

If business owners find people committing an offence on, or against their property and don't want them back, they can serve a written notice. If those people come back again, business owners can call the police, and officers issue $65 fines to the offenders.

Sgt. Brehmer gave community representatives this information at last Thursday's community meeting held at Seaway District High School.

Representatives met to receive a status report on improvements to Iroquois' plaza sidewalk problem. Over the past year, students have been seen congregating in front of businesses in the east end of the mall. Some local citizens and businesses have complained about the situation.

Meeting in October, the representatives met again last week to hear a status report. Sgt. Brehmer said if problems persist, businesses should consider joining together and issuing trespass notices as one association.

"It's more advisable to get a (trespassing) letter formed by a group (of businesses)," he said. "It's going to have to be a little organized."

Superintendent of Schools Colin Vickers says that is how the school boards work when they don't want a former student or permanently-suspended students coming on school property.

However, trustee Mary Anna Petre said trespass notices would be too harsh.

"In some ways, that's fairly drastic," she said.

However, Sgt. Brehmer said it wasn't too drastic, and would send the message home.

"It may sound tough, but the message would get around," he said.

Seaway principal Doug Murray said a local business has already served one trespass notice to a former Seaway student.

As a last resort, Sgt. Brehmer also suggested the community offer a type of reward system to students. For instance, he said money could be donated towards a graduation dance, or other school activity, if students promoted respect and proper behavior within the community.

"Peer pressure is still the strongest thing in a high schooler's mind. We could put a lot of responsibility on students to push (others) while giving an incentive," Sgt. Brehmer said. "If the student body realizes they get a reward for keeping peace with the community, it might be a positive step as well."

However, no further discussion was made on this suggestion.

Status report

At the October community meeting, a number of suggestions were made to help solve the problem. Vickers led Thursday's discussion as local community representatives shared their status reports.

Vickers said he and Iroquois Public School (IPS) principal Dick Turner worked together, asking parents to encourage their children not to frequent the mall during lunch hour. Although the school board cannot force a student to stay on school property, IPS has made the suggestion to parents.

"I underline there's no legal right," Vickers said. "We're just asking for their cooperation."

Turner said they have been receiving the cooperation they've been asking for.

As far as asking the province to pass legislation to bar students from leaving school property, Vickers said he had not pursued that avenue.

"We could say that's on hold now," he said. "There's a preoccupation with government over other items (budget cuts) right now."

Canopy

At the previous meeting, Murray told fellow representatives that the school would look into a proposal to establish a mall canopy. Some students had suggested a canopy in the square at the east end of the plaza would get the young people off the sidewalks.

A preliminary drawing of the picnic pavilion was presented last Thursday. Discussion followed, and the committee decided to keep that idea on hold, while they continue to work on other solutions. Some community representatives said they didn't think the canopy would make a difference, and perhaps would draw more vandalism.

Police patrol

When asked if noon-hour police patrols had increased in Iroquois, Sgt. Brehmer pointed out that when the officers have time to do so, they come to Iroquois. He said the situation becomes difficult when there are only two officers on duty for all of Dundas County, as was the case Thursday.

It was then suggested that community volunteers patrol the area during lunch hours, to help the police. But no final decision was made.

FROM THE FRONT

Morrisburg

"In the high school alone he met with various organizations and classes including Tae Kwon Do, Red Cross, weight and health training groups, art classes, Wolf Cubs and Boy Scouts, Brownies and Girl Guides, Tops classes and the recently installed BIA," commented Mr. Notman.

"Having personally worked closely with Sid over the last few years I would like to extend best wishes for a healthy, happy retirement and re-emphasize that his expertise, dedication and enthusiasm will be missed," finished Mr. Notman.

Restructuring

considering the proposal. Everything from one-tier government to a two-tier system in Dundas County must be considered.

Reeve Estella Rose suggested the committee look at joining together as the three United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

"Another option is to look at the three United Counties together," she said. "We have to look at all options."

However, many municipal representatives didn't like that suggestion.

"We'd be lost in Iroquois," Swank said. "Iroquois would be lost in that system."

But Winchester Reeve Larry Gray said he thinks the county system will remain in place because the infrastructure is already established.

"We will see a reduction in administration costs, but I think governing people will have to come from a county level, through the three counties. Hopefully it won't go under Cornwall," he said.

As part of this system, Gray said people will sit on the county structure, representing wards in the north, south, east and west areas of Dundas County.

"As much as I don't like the county structure, that's the way it's going to go," he said.

On the other end of the scale, Cousineau said he thinks it would be feasible to split Dundas County into North and South, and not centralize everything at the county level.

Whatever avenue committee members want to pursue, they know they have to wait to hear from the ministry before deciding.

As was said at the meeting, they want to get the proposal to the province as soon as possible. Representatives don't want the government dictating its own plans to Dundas County.

OPP office community methodology course

by Rebecca van Noppen
Chieftain Staff Reporter

To help local residents understand their rights and powers in regards to the law, the Morrisburg Ontario Provincial Police detachment will he holding a five-week course at Seaway District High School (SDHS).

Sgt. Mike Brehmer calls it the community policing and police methods course. The goal is to give community members insight into police functions and community involvement within their communities.

Participants will learn basic powers of arrest for citizens and police. They'll study different areas of law and law enforcement, as well as meet with different community groups.

According to Sgt. Mike Brehmer, many people don't understand the rights they have as citizens.

"You don't know what powers of arrest you have," he said. "This course will give people an awareness of their laws and powers."

The rights of Canadian citizens is outlined in section 494 of the criminal code. OPP officers will briefly detail these rights during the course.

When Brehmer was stationed in Red Lake, Ontario, he was involved in a similar program. He said it was a lot of fun, and helped community groups understand one another.

He said it also helps clear up some misconceptions people have about the law.

One of the big problems people have about the law, is that they don't like to report incidents when they seem them. Sgt. Brehmer said they fear retribution. A course like this one will help calm people's fears, and give them deeper insight into their responsibilities as citizens.

This course is open to senior high school students interested in law enforcement, senior citizens, community group members, business owners and concerned parents.

The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings starting at 7 p.m. The first class will be held on Jan. 9, 1996, and will be held at SDHS each week.

Space is limited to no more than 20 participants. Each person who attends all five classes will receive a graduation certificate.

Sgt. Brehmer wants to remind people that if they want to take part in the course they have to attend all five classes.

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