

# Goshen WI unveils cairn and plaque

## *Women's group celebrates anniversary*

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The Goshen Women's Institute paid tribute to Goshen and its people Saturday, July 27 with a special cairn unveiling ceremony at Goshen Corners.

The impressive stone monument, built by Eddie Buraczewski and Bill Oattes, was the Goshen WI's top project in its 70th anniversary in 1985.

Renfrew County warden Art Jamieson was present and praised the local WI on its efforts.

"What you have done here has to be one of the greatest achievements in your 70-year history. You are recording history, and it is certainly something you will always have," said Jamieson.

Lawyer Bill Chown, who has family ties in Goshen, donated his time and services toward the WI purchase of land for the cairn and plaque.

"The people who settled this area went on from here, took with them their labors and love of this area and spread it all over the country," said Chown.

There were a number of other special

guests including Art Stewart, Renfrew South MPP Paul Yakabuski, Horton township councillor Sheldon Church, Horton township road superintendent Dalton Hein, and McNab township reeve Frank Russett.

WI institute president Mary Seeley and members Amelia Yantha and Edna Stewart provided commentary throughout the ceremony and gave a history of the area.

Ottawa area board member Evelyn Bothwell, past area president Vera Bedore, and past national president Bernice Noblitt were also invited to participate in the ceremony.

James Payton read the invocation to open the ceremony and Father Morris closed the afternoon by blessing the cairn and plaque.

He also praised the Goshen WI for its fine efforts.

"People who remember the past are people who build the future," said Father Morris.

The cairn unveiling ceremony was followed by a reception and tea at the home of Paul Yantha.

70th Anniversary  
Goshen W.I.  
1914 - 1984