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Year ends with robberies and attempted murder

Milton proved once again in 1996 that small towns can be big on news. The past year brought no shortage of controversy, excitement, tragedy, unusual occurrences and change for local residents. From the opening days of January to the closing moments of the holiday season, the community was chock full of activity.



Here's a brief rundown of happenings over the last months of the year, completing this three-part 1996 in review.

SEPTEMBER

- Jury selection in a first-degree-murder trial surrounding the shooting death of an elderly Milton man in his outhouse was set to begin. The jury was expected to be chosen following two days of legal arguments over what, if any, prejudicial effect pre-trial publicity in the case had on potential jurors. Keith Madeley, 22, stood trial in connection with the death of 77-year-old Fred Sheppard, who lived alone at his Steeles Avenue home.

- As a new school year began, most of the Halton teachers who received layoff notices last spring were back in the classroom. Six months earlier the Halton Board of Education shocked the public, not to mention its own employees, by announcing plans to lay off 1,501 people, more than one-third of whom would be teachers. Fewer than 10 per cent of those targeted for layoff lost their jobs as schools around Halton opened for business. All 192 elementary teachers, and all but 43 of the 380 secondary teachers were recalled.

- Milton pitching star Pat Lynch took the first steps toward a career in Major League Baseball when he signed a one-year contract with the Toronto Blue Jays. The 18-year-old had helped the Milton District Mustangs win the Bob Prentice/Blue Jay Cup three months earlier and had showed strongly with the Hamilton Blue Jays over the summer. He was picked up as a free agent after being passed over at the June amateur draft.

- They may have provided Listowel with a second shot at victory, but the Campbellville Mohawks bantam baseball team showed no added charity on the way to their Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) "D" Division triumph. The Mohawks went 5-0 at the Labour Day weekend tournament in Wyoming, Ontario. After downing Listowel 4-1 in round-robin play, they met them again in the finals and managed another three-run margin of victory — this time in a 5-2 final. Anchoring both wins was ace pitcher Craig Foster, who worked all seven innings in the championship tilt and allowed just four hits.

- It was learned Milton's Maplehurst Correctional Centre would likely double in size as part of a restructuring plan. The report called for Maplehurst to become one of five provincial super jails in a consolidation expected to result in the loss of 1,300 jobs and a savings of \$75 million per year in operating

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