

Here's a final look at 1981

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elevators at the foot of King Street in Midland.

And Stan and Bev Dion formed a group called L.I.V.E. (Lower Interest Rates Vital To Economy). It caught on like wild fire and eventually led to the couple becoming overnight celebrities because of their fight to have home mortgage rates in Canada lowered.

Two bus trips to Ottawa highlighted L.I.V.E.'s activities.

September

Midland Civitan Club's newest and most deserving Citizen of the Year was named.

Mrs. Nel Peever of Midland was so recognized for her public-spiritedness.

Midland Fall Fair was another rip-snorter. Again rain plagued part of the annual event.

Nevertheless those who attended the annual event proclaimed they had a super time.

Miss Fall Fair in Midland was Karen Marshall. And speaking of rain, the International Plowing Match at Crown Hill had its share.

Needless to say attendance was down, way down! Midland Rotary Club donated a mobile first aid unit to the local St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Midland council and its outside workers were locked in a major dispute with outside workers manning the picket lines at town hall, the public works depot and at the water pollution treatment plant.

An investment company approached the town of Midland with a proposal which would have seen the town either sell or lease a piece of T. M. McCullough Park to the town so the developer could build at least 40 executive homes, an inn and a marina on and near property the investment company owns in the hinterlands of northeast Midland.

Several meetings and proposals later the town and the investment company aren't any closer to settling the issue to the satisfaction of the developer.

The death of long-time Penetanguishene Dr. W. E. Binkley came as a shock during the month of September.

Penetanguishene meanwhile went full out looking for a centennial chairman (chair-woman?). They found her. She's Diane Greenfield.

October

Difficulties between Midland-Penetanguishene-Tiny Landfill Site Committee and the operators of the landfill site near Perkinsfield led to the closing of the site to MPT municipalities.

It took weeks to resolve the saga to everyone's satisfaction.

During the month outside workers in Midland and the town came to terms after hammering out a new one-year work agreement.

Edwards of Midland unveiled plans to give King Street a shot in the arm by developing a shopping mall at Edwards to be known as Edwards Village Square.

Construction is to start soon.

The Knights of Columbus movement got back in the groove in Midland after years of inactivity here.

An impressive ceremony to mark the occasion was held at St. Theresa's High School in Midland.

Bernard Leveque of Branch 532 Victoria Harbour Legion was awarded a rare honour when he was presented with the national Legion's highest honour, the meritorious medal.

Elmvale Fall Fair was a top-notch event again this year.

Huronians Players were back in the saddle at MSS staging the Odd Couple much to the delight of first-nighters.

Midland PUC officially opened its new power substation just off Brandon Road.

And it appeared for a time as if support staff connected with SCBE might go out on strike. That walkout was finally averted after cool heads prevailed and a new contract was ratified by both sides.

Had the staff walked out it would have been a first for the county school board.

And speaking of school boards...SCBE's John McCullough and Alvin Gravelle along with Roy Edwards continued to represent this end of the county in fine fashion as did Lloyd LaPlume and Mary Jo Quilty on the RC board.

November

They were golfing in this neck of the woods in late November.

The OMB okayed Midland purchasing the

Perrin property and developing it for parking.

This area's war dead honoured at Nov. 11 Cenotaph services. Midland Y's Men's Club held their second annual art and antique auction at Ste. Marie among the Hurons. And it was a success.

Free three-hour parking was instituted in Midland in off-street parking lots.

Midland council gave the go-ahead to its police force to operate a new shift schedule which would see platoon working four days on and four days off.

NEBS eyed the town's industrial park to possibly locate there and in doing so would join Bell Canada and Fabulous Formals already firmly situated in the Highway 12 industrial park.

Reeve Catherine Dion resigned from council. She was later replaced by Alderman William Orr while former Midland alderman Jack Gerow was elected by council to complete Orr's term as alderman.

Confused? Then how about this? Midland PUC's Commissioner Miles Blackhurst had to resign to seek a seat on council.

When he failed in his bid he had to re-apply for his old job. He got it during a three-man race for the post.

Ah, town politics. Always something of interest going on.

Probably one of the major highlights in 1981, occurred when Simcoe East MPP Allan McLean presented the town with a cheque in the amount of \$191,793.

It since has been agreed that a portion of that amount will go to the Midland YMCA.

And Bill St. Amand marked his 102nd birthday at the Villa Nursing Home.

It was again reported there was a shortage of



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