

Patchwork: West Potsdam Area News

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1984 is here. For many in the area the year entered quietly. Most people I talked to did not go anywhere that evening.

Ric and I did use a Christmas gift and have dinner at the Chalet. We had to end the year with a tasty prime rib d'be by Alan Blanchard and had to make a dash to the kitchen to wish he and Gary Reed, who were buried deep out there, a Happy New Year.

The dinner crowd was a big one and everyone enjoyed their meal and then left. From what reports I have heard many places that usually do a big New Year's trade did not.

In fact, with the new DWI laws people are changing their ways. I was talking to a member of the sheriff's department about this. He said he had done last New Year's, 1982, and things had already started to change. Instead of going to a restaurant or bar to celebrate New Year's, people held house parties.

He spent the whole time answering calls to break up fights. He claimed the fights between families or friends were worse than the old-style New Year's celebrating. Times are changin'.

Things are not all peaceful and quiet in the area. Thursday morning it was discovered that the fire station and

fire hall had been broken into. It was a short time ago that the store was broken into.

Over the year there have been other break-ins. Why is it when a person invades your personal premises one gets very angry? Now there is an entire fire department and auxiliary very angry. I'm glad I am not this person (or people) as he has too many angry people living too near him.

I don't know "who done it", but I do know if he is ever caught he can hang upside down from a tree for a few days and I don't think I could feel too very sorry for him or them.

Monday evening there was a meeting at the fire station for members interested in playing broom hockey in the league for fire departments. The coach will be Bernie Weaver, and the goalie will be David Weaver.

So far the remaining team members are Gary Grant, Ray Pearson, Tom Logan, Bill Paige, Bob Pierce, and Bruce Friedel. This league plays three games every Sunday evening at the Pine Street arena in Potsdam.

Tuesday evening the ladies auxiliary held their regular monthly meeting at the fire station. A review of kitchen rental and policy was left for a committee to look into. Upcoming banquets were put in order. The next

meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the hall. Nancy Collier from the Cooperative Extension office will demonstrate use of a microwave oven. Firemen are invited to this meeting.

The firemen held their meeting on Wednesday evening at the station with 27 members present. There were five fire calls last month. A tree fire, power lines down, the Holmes' mobile home fire, a car fire at Martin Martin's and the mutual aid to Pierrepont, a house fire. Central dispatch is still a big topic and of great interest.

The annual bullhead dinner was discussed and will be held March 4 at the hall.

The plans for the bowling tournament the men are sponsoring at Riverlakes in Waddington were reviewed. It takes place Jan. 29 and 30 and is open to teams from all fire departments.

I apologize to Wilberta Bolleau Wright. It was mentioned to me that her name is not Roberta. It always sounded like it to me. I'm sorry.

Harold Wilson started 1984 out with a clean bill of health. He spent a good part of this week in Vermont at Mary Fletcher Hospital. He arrived home Thursday about dinner time. He said they had him do the treadmill test and many others. The one he didn't like at all was called something like a heart decaheater.

He came home a bit sore but doctors said he is OK and has to give up smoking.

Everyone who knows Harold will understand why Ric laughed when I told him this news. Ric said, "Harold can do that. He does it all the time."

I received in the mail a post card with a ship going through the Panama Canal and I said to myself, "Who do I know there?" Had to turn the card over to discover it is Roy and Lillian Hogle.

I shall share his message with all as

he asked me.

"Lillian and I are taking a cruise for our honeymoon on the Island Princess, one of the 'Love Boats'." Went through the canal today (dated Dec. 16). We flew to San Juan, cruised to St. Thomas-Caracas, Venezuela, then to Curacao and then the canal. We leave ship at Los Angeles, visit Nancy for three weeks, then back to Florida."

The card is signed and written on the side of the card is, "Lots of good food, ship 550 feet long, 80 feet beam, 9 decks."

I received a recipe from my aunt in Florida for a blender cheesecake. I tried it and yes, it is easy to do and yes, it is good. Here it is.

Blender Cheesecake

Two eight-ounce packages of cream cheese.

Four eggs.
Three-fourths cup of sugar.
Two tablespoons cornstarch.
Two teaspoons vanilla.
Put all ingredients into blender.
Blend for five minutes. Pour into greased 12 x 8 pan. Bake about one hour at 325 degrees.

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Car Lands in Creek After Mishap

SLAB CITY — A Norwood woman was admitted to Canton-Potsdam Hospital Friday morning after the car she was driving went off a bridge onto a creek bed between West Potsdam and Slab City.

Sue Perry was operating her station wagon northbound on County Route 108 between Slab City and West Potsdam about one mile outside Slab City at about 9:30 a.m., according to reports.

Ms. Perry drove the car down a hill to a bridge when she lost control of the vehicle, which went off the right side of the bridge and came to rest with its front end in the creek bed and the rear

end resting on the bridge. She got out of the passenger side of the car, walked up an embankment and across the road to get help at the home of Mary Ann Miller.

Ms. Perry was taken to the Canton-Potsdam Hospital by the Potsdam Rescue Squad, where she was listed in good condition in the Emergency Room. She was admitted for observation of possible internal injuries and released on Saturday, according to the hospital.

Members of the West Potsdam Fire Department controlled traffic and St. Lawrence County sheriff's deputies investigated.



OFF THE BRIDGE — Susan Perry, 31, of Norwood, escaped serious injury Friday morning when the car she was driving went off of control and left the right side of the road, striking and travelling through a bridge railing. The accident occurred at around 9:30 a.m. on Friday, about a mile north of Slab City on county Route 108. The vehicle was northbound at the time of the accident. (Ron Robertson photo)

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