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Glengarry In Brief

News office opens Jan. 2

The Glengarry News office will reopen this Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.

Deadlines will be Tuesday, noon for editorial, 1 p.m. for classifieds and 3 p.m. for display advertisements.

The first issue of 2001 will be published on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Have a safe and enjoyable New Year's Eve and Day.

Jobless rate drops below five per cent

By Greg Peerenboom
News Editor

A big increase of part-time employment caused the unemployment rate for rural and small town Eastern Ontario, to drop by 0.5 per cent in November to 4.7 per cent.

"That's the lowest since at least the mid-1980s," said labour market analyst Marilyn Lawrie, of the Cornwall Human Resources Development Canada office.

Canada's overall rate has averaged around seven per cent this year.

The rate is determined by a Statistics Canada survey of economic region 510, which includes the counties of SDG, Prescott-Russell, Leeds-Grenville and Lanark, for the HRDC.

A massive increase of about 1,600 part-time jobs overcame a loss of 600 full-time jobs during November

Lawrie said it's not unusual for so many part-time jobs to be created in November.

"There's a lot of part-time jobs to be filled for the Christmas season."

The increase of about 1,000 jobs also encouraged 100 more unemployed people to re-enter the labour force.

However, there appears to be storm clouds on the horizon caused by the hit suffered by the farming community this year.

Low yields and poor prices have created widespread losses this year that have left many cash crop farmers nearly broke or facing bankruptcy.

"I do expect there to be an effect next year on the agricultural and agricultural related industry," Lawrie said.

This spiralling effect could be softened if federal and provincial assistance programs are enhanced to help farmers overcome losses.

Another factor is the slowing U.S. economy, which attracts a big portion of Eastern Ontario's exports.

Nonetheless, Lawrie said 2000 was one of the best job-gaining years ever.

There has been an increase of 7,000 jobs since November 1999 when the unemployment rate was 5.8 per cent.

The largest industrial sector gains since last month were trade with about 2,700 and services producing with 1,200 jobs.

Stork Market Report

*Dec. 10 - to Tim and Tara (nee Benson) Corput, a girl, Sophie Louise Mary

*Dec. 15 - to Denny and Kim (nee Sabourin) Van Loon, a boy, Denny Craig

Glengarry babies in 2000:

Boys: 56 Girls: 62

The singing mayor remembered

Mass celebrates the J.P. of those who him well

By Jason Magder
News Reporter

While Jean-Paul Touchette touched many in his 72 years, it is perhaps his voice that will resonate in the memories of all Glengarrians.

"Those of us who remember the singing J.P., can never again hear Pax Angelicus, Ave Maria or Amazing Grace, without hearing it in that rich, clear tenor that God so gracefully bestowed upon our friend," said Larry Martin, son-in-law of Touchette, who died of kidney failure at Glengarry Memorial Hospital on Dec. 18.

The funeral took place last Thursday and was attended by over 150 people. North Glengarry Deputy-mayor Bill Hagen as well as clerk Leo Poirier and Maxville ward representative George Cuerrier attended.

It began at 11 a.m., with pallbearers Luc and Pierre Cholette, Randy and Jamie MacDonald, Michel Depratto and John Hickman carrying the brown, wooden casket into Sacre-Coeur church. A fourth degree honour guard of the Knights of Columbus, of which Touchette was a long-standing member, lined the sides of the walkway.

The longest serving mayor of Alexandria, Touchette was well-known for singing at funerals and weddings. But it was his niece, Anne MacDonald, who sang Amazing Grace at the beginning of the procession.

On the balcony, the choir sang hymns for their former member.

"The whole community is here today for this celebration," presiding priest, Father Marcel Larouche said in his eulogy. "(Touchette) finishes this jubilee, celebrating in heaven.

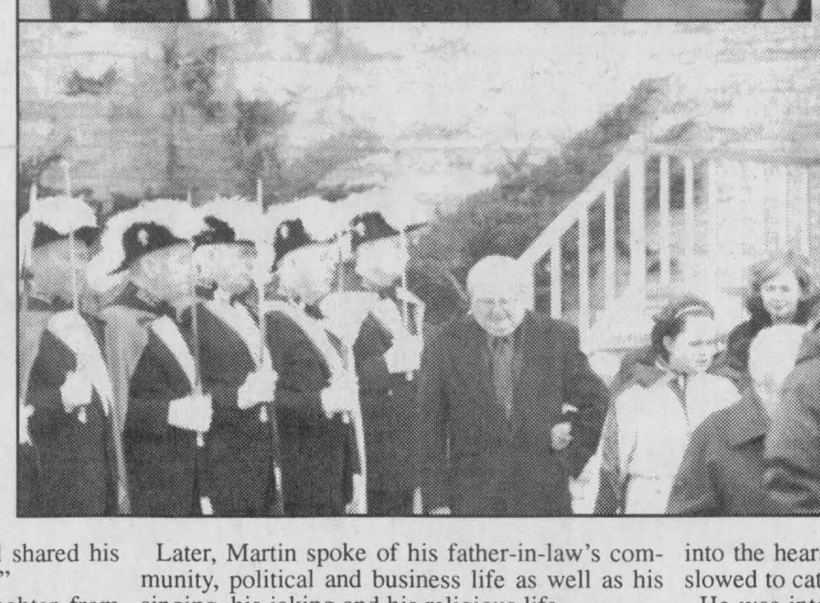
"We called him the singing mayor," Fr. Larouche continued. "Death brings us many questions, certain doubts. We look, we scrutinize, we analyze the life of the person that has left us. (Touchette) received God and shared his love with the same generosity as God."

Fr. Larouche then evoked some laughter from the crowd as he recalled the time when Touchette sang in three funerals in one day.

"The presiding (preist) said to him, neither joking, nor serious, 'Change what you sing. You can't sing the same songs in three funerals.' Mr. Touchette responded, 'And you? You had the same homily for three Masses'."









About 150 people gathered to pay their last respects to J.P. Touchette. Among them were Lisa and Kayla MacDonald, top left. The pall bearers carry the casket out of Sacre Coeur Church, top. Gilberte Bellefeuille conducts the choir. People file out as the Knights of Columbus honour guard stands at attention.

Staff photos - Greg Peerenboom

Later, Martin spoke of his father-in-law's community, political and business life as well as his singing, his joking and his religious life.

"Those of us who knew the spiritual J.P. could never doubt his devotion to his Christian faith and to those he shared it with. If there is one thing that brings all of JP's character traits into focus, it is surely his faith," Martin said.

As the procession ended, the Chevaliers de Colomb stood by as pallbearers carried the coffin into the hearse. Cars on Alexandria's main street slowed to catch a glimpse of the sight.

He was interned afterwards at the parish cemetery on Glen Robertson Road.

Touchette is survived by his three sisters Marguerite Hickman, Cecile Touchette and Madeline MacDonald; his daughters Cecile, Jeanne Touchette and Collette; grandchildren David and Tom Martin, Jean and Dina Kutziubas.

Sister recalls Touchette's generosity

By Jason Magder
News Reporter

Although Jean-Paul Touchette gained national prominence for his singing, it was his generosity, and his gracious demeanor that people remember most.

"He was the one of the most generous people that I've ever known," said Madeleine MacDonald, the former mayor's sister.

MacDonald was comforted by receiving the best wishes of many residents as the general public was invited to visit Munro & Morris Funeral Home on Dec. 20. But above his dedication to the town of Alexandria, MacDonald said she will remember her brother's smile most of all.

"Everybody mentioned that. Every person who came to the funeral home (said) he spoke to everyone."

He was in Glengarry Memorial Hospital for three weeks with failing health. He passed away during the morning of Dec. 18 from congenital heart failure.

Touchette was born in the Quebec town of St-Polycarpe. His father was a railroad foreman for CN, so the family moved around a lot during the first few years of his life.

At the age of six, Touchette and his family settled in the small town of Mille Roche, a few kilometres east of Cornwall.

MacDonald recalled that her brother was always interested in politics as he occupied several elected positions in his Ottawa-area high school and the University of Ottawa, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts.

Touchette also attended Smith College of Business in Cornwall.

Touchette opened a meat market in Mille Roche, but was forced to relocate to the new community of Long Sault when his village was flooded as part of the St. Lawrence Seaway in the late 1950s.

He opened an IGA in Cornwall and then moved in 1960 to Alexandria to open his third grocery store.

"There was no larger store here, and he just thought it would be an ideal place to open an IGA," MacDonald said.

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Consoltex recalls staff

By Jason Magder
News Reporter

The Consoltex plant in Alexandria will reinstate almost all of its laid-off employees by March.

The Quebec-based textile company has been undergoing some financial turmoil of late, with increased competition from Asian-based companies in China, Korea and Indonesia.

"The market conditions being what they were in the last couple of years, volume has been steadily coming down, to the point where we had to take drastic measures in Alexandria," said Ronald Séguin, Consoltex's Vice President of Manufacturing.

They laid off and offered retirement packages to 40 employees in the summer and have recalled employees in November and December.

The plant in Alexandria is a dying operation, which currently employs 200 people who dye regular and special fabrics such as fire-proof material for firefighters and fabric for Canadian Armed Forces' uniforms.

"It seems that we're now looking at recalls rather than further layoffs for the coming years," Seguin said.

Seguin said the company will focus on producing more of their product in the US, instead of contracting out the work.

Seguin said the whole textile market has been in danger for the last three years.

"It's just been sliding down, it's been havoc," the Alexandria-born executive said. "I believe that in my 30 years of business that these are the worst conditions ever. I can't see the conditions going from this bad to very good within a couple of months."

Since the Asian currency crisis, companies there have been seeking American buyers. They have been able to offer similar quality goods at lower prices.

"Goods have been coming here half-price of what we've been selling," Seguin said. "So what we've been doing is try to keep part of the market with niche products."

Seguin said the Alexandria plant will play a pivotal role in Consoltex's future because the company will be focusing more on specialty products, which cannot be purchased from Asian companies.

Fire vanquished in time

Martintown firefighters survey the damage done Thursday by a fire which destroyed a garage and rec room of the County Road 20 house belonging Rene Richer. The fire started in the garage, but the firefighters, aided by the Apple Hill brigade, managed to save the main part of the building from damage.

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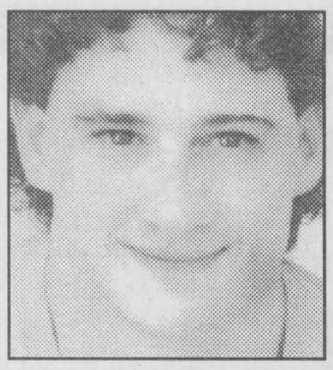
Cancer can't beat down love

In the fourth of a five-part series, Maxville resident **Christine Murray** tells of son Tyson's courageous attitude as the end approaches

We cancelled the fifth radiation treatment that they were prepared to go through with the next morning.

If they couldn't see this wasn't working, we could. But that's about all we could figure out in this madness.

Tyson was moved to Intensive Care and plugged into a breathing machine. His life literally clung to the end of a plastic tube.



Tyson Murray

Damon arrived from Portage La Prairie in Manitoba by car that night, more driven by intuition than knowledge of the danger Tyson was in.

We tracked down Brandon, Tyson's 19-year-old brother, who was at friends in Maxville.

His buddies, Pat and Ian, didn't hesitate to drive him to the hospital at two o'clock that morning.

We spent the night at his bedside, taking turns to catch a nap on the couch in the lounge. Brandon's friends stayed with him for three days to watch over Tyson as he struggled for his life in Intensive Care.

Tyson was coming around. We asked over and over again, why did his situation deteriorate as soon as he started the radiation?

We only got conflicting answers at every turn. Only one doctor stressed that Tyson's condition was due to the effects of the radiation causing bleeding and therefore pressure in his brain. This caused seizure activity.

All the other doctors insisted it was the nature of the disease that caused Tyson to have these physical symptoms. But it was all so fast! Some doctors said it was the effect of the radiation that made him sleepy and unable to move.

So we waited. And waited. Day 1. Day 2. Day 3. Day 4. Day 5. It became apparent that he was not going to improve and that whatever effect the radiation had, it was not going to go away.

CT scans and MRIs showed the tumors in his brain had not diminished, but there was more bleeding. Back to the ward and falling into the end of week two.

These days were a blur. Many people came and went. He told his friends he loved them and assured us that we had been excellent parents.

He moaned a lot and when I asked why, he would say he was on the 'net'.

The morphine made him groggy as if coming out of a deep sleep and speaking aloud his dreams.

As he lost his mobility more and more, we had to feed him with lots of hugs in between.

He never lost his positive attitude. The staff suggested he was afraid. So I asked him, "Tyson, are you afraid?"

He answered, "Of what?"

I told him we needed him to be Tyson for us. We needed his jokes to make us laugh. If he did have a fear that he did not feel comfortable to share, I wanted to give him some way of dealing with it, so I told him that in my hours of anxiety, I would think about others and the difficulties in their lives and maybe say a prayer for them and that would help me feel not so bad about my problems.

He caught me off guard again when he answered, "That's my Mom, always caring, always nurturing, always loving me."

He minimized his suffering. When Damon told him he was 'doing a fine job', he answered, "Doing what?"

One day I asked him why he was moaning. He said because he couldn't move. I sympathized and said it must be so frustrating for him.

He answered to my astonishment, "It could be worse."

Words escaped me and I thought to myself, how could this be worse? But since then these words have been a great comfort to me and I realize how wise he was.

His positive nature showed itself whenever he spoke. When someone would come to see him, they would ask how he was doing.

He always smiled and replied, "Not too bad." What a question. What an answer!

About this time his girlfriend Kay returned to St.Catherine's, Ont. from her studies in France.

Several of Tyson's friends were coming up from Waterloo to see Tyson on the Saturday before he died, and they gallantly went out of there way to pick up Kay in St. Catherine's to bring her to see Tyson.

It was just in time as that Saturday, the 3rd of June, was the last day that Tyson was conscious and coherent enough to visit.

But it was a good day with lots of laughs and lots of love in the room.

Over the next couple of days, his condition worsened and he needed more and more morphine. He talked less, slept more and drank water incessantly.

We were grateful for the cot the staff had put in the room as it allowed us to be with him constantly. But when his friends came, we would leave so they could have their time together. It was hard to share him with so little time left.

Sister Madeleine recalls Touchette's generosity

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Touchette later relocated his store down Main Street to where the courthouse now stands. In the 1970s, he sold his supermarkets and became an independent real-estate broker.

Alexandria's longest serving mayor was elected to town council on his first try in 1962. He became mayor in 1969 and again from 1979 to 1994.

During his years at the helm, Alexandria saw the development of its industrial sector, the Glengarry Sports Palace and several housing complexes.

Bruno Massie, who defeated Touchette before serving as reeve with him from the 1979-1994 period, said the Town of Alexandria was Touchette's whole life.

"He used to say he was mayor 24 hours a day," Massie said. "He did a little real-estate, but his life was looking after the public."

Massie said Touchette was always a gentleman, even in defeat.

"He wouldn't hold any grudges. I was a little inclined sometimes to maybe hold a little grudge, but him, it didn't bother him a bit."

His final defeat in 1994 came at the hands of then political newcomer, Grant Crack.

MacDonald said that, while she was upset, her brother would not show his disappointment.

"I was broken-hearted for him, that he had lost. I was not happy with the way the election had been run, and what had been said.

"He said, 'You know, I knew when I got into this, that it was politics.' He didn't say anything bad. I'm sure inside he was bitter about that, but he did not show it."

Of course, Touchette was as well known for his singing abilities. As a boy, he sang in his church choir, and he continued to do so throughout his life.

He sang at weddings and funerals, and at victory speeches.

Perhaps his best known instance of singing came in the early 1980s, when the Canadian government planned to eliminate the Alexandria train stop.

As a publicity stunt, he got up in front of national media outlets and sang "we'll do it our way", his adaptation of Frank Sinatra's signature song.

Glengarry Gatherings

Bingo

Alexandria Lion's Club and Club Optimiste Alexandria Bingo at Glengarry Sports Palace, Alexandria every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Astronomy meeting

StarSeekers Network's monthly meeting will take place at Jim Orr's place, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. This will primarily be an observing outing, with the "What's Up" presentation geared to helping you find the January celestial sights.

In the event of overcast skies, a Q & A session will be held.

Admission is free, refreshments will be served and all are welcome. For more information, call Richard or Aprile at (613) 525-1541.

Fraternité card party

The first Fraternité card party for 2001 will be Jan. 11. It will be hosted by Lilly and Fern Rozon.

Bridge scores

The Alexandria Bridge Club scores from Dec. 19 were: North/South – 1. Joseph Frieberg and Jean Roche Vachon, 2. Elizabeth Merjerrison and Jim Campbell, 3. Danielle Martineau and Pat Graham.

East/West – 1. Michel Duplantie and Rene Belanger, 2. Les Kimbell and Albert Leonard, 3. Germaine Lalonde and Estelle Brazeau.

New Year's Eve fundraiser

New's Years party at Sacred Heart Church Hall, proceeds to Chevaliers de Colomb, Daughters of Isabella and soup kitchen. Tickets $15, reservations Jean Lajoie, 525-3022.

New Year's Eve Gala

Gala New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance at Maxville Sports Complex. Music by Pat and the New Century Band. Gourmet dinner, party favours, $35 per person. Call Herb Holmes, 527-2216.

Bishop's Levee

Biship Eugene LaRocque will be holding his Levee on Jan. 7 between 1-3 p.m. at his residence, 1800 Montreal Rd., Cornwall.

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YEAR 2000 IN REVIEW ■ FROM JANUARY TO JUNE

Municipal affairs set stage for year's 1st half

JANUARY

Loan pays for '97 roads

(Jan. 5) – In a special one-item council meeting on Dec. 29, North Glengarry Township Council adopts a $235,000 by-law to cover unfinanced road expenditures by the former Township of Lochiel.

The by-law calls for a review of expenditures and allocation of the expenditures on roads in the former Township of Lochiel for 1997 and in particular to review the unfinanced portion of roads expenditures of about $235,000. The funds will be repaid over a four-year period at an interest rate not to exceed 7.75 %.

Mayor Grant Crack says council has not decided how the funds will be appropriated but stresses that roads will not be allowed to deteriorate, that maintenance is still a priority, and that services will not suffer.

Fire kills stable owner

(Jan. 12) – Family and members of the local equine fraternity are mourning the loss of Griffin Lanes owner/operator John Besner of Apple Hill. Besner died late Sunday evening as a result of massive burns. He was in the beef cattle barn when it caught fire that evening.

Ex-fire chief settles

(Jan. 12) – Former Alexandria Fire Chief Gerald Charlebois' accepts a financial settlement, ending his wrongful dismissal action against North Glengarry Township. Mayor Grant Crack refuses to discuss the settlement, citing the township's policy of upholding confidentiality regarding severance payouts.

Water project heats up

(Jan. 12) – South Lancaster residents opposing the sewage and water project in their hamlet, continue to hammer away Monday night at South Glengarry Council. At issue are answers to 52 questions about the project, which were compiled and submitted to council by resident Victoria M. Stewart, early in December. Reeve Charles Sangster suggests that the 11-page document be taken home and reviewed before it is discussed with council.

Last days for local force

(Jan. 19) –The end is near for the century-old era of policing in Alexandria as the North Glengarry Police Services moves to replace the local force with the OPP.

Local media have been alerted by Ontario Provincial Police community relations officer Constable Hugh McClements that the switch may be made on April 3

Export officers hired

(Jan. 26) – Local political and agricultural leaders expect area farmers and small businesses to benefit from the hiring of two export development officers: Glen-Robertson-area farmer Serge Buy, 28, and Claude Rivet, 36, of Cornwall.

Area cash-crop farmers could have better world access for corn and soyabeans to Asia and Africa, respectively, said Glengarry Federation of Agriculture president William Hagen, whose organization helped create the positions.

Fair to get new building

(Jan. 26) – South Glengarry Council will provide $45.000 towards a new 5,000-square-foot timberframe building planned for the Williamstown fairgrounds.

The backing is contingent upon a matching amount being contributed by other levels of government (likely a federal/provincial sharing) and by Canadian Pacific's Heritage Fund.

FEBRUARY

Games expansion dead

(Feb. 2) – An ambitious $1,500,000 expansion plan for the Glengarry Highland Games facility at Maxville comes to an abrupt end.

The Games Building Committee hand-delivers a three-page letter to North Glengarry Township council members informing them that the Games' request for a $250,000 grant is being withdrawn, but without further commitment for additional funding.

Executive members are incensed by both North Glengarry's offer of only $50,000 for assistance, and the manner in which it was delivered by the township's legal advisor Alan MacKinnon. The township's proposal imposed nine conditions for receipt of the grant.

Kindergarten gets cut

(Feb. 9) – Despite a chorus of pleas to reverse the decision, senior Kindergarten at the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario will be chopped in half next fall.

The board will offer the program one full day every other day, which is the same as junior Kindergarten.

Despite an organized local effort that paid off with about 100 parents and school council representatives attending the Feb. 1 meeting, the board wasn't swayed enough to reverse the earlier motion.

The Hub at crossroads

(Feb. 16) – Alexandria's Hub of Glengarry Restaurant's financial troubles were the source of a meeting between North Glengarry Township legal advisor Alan MacKinnon and mortgage holder Ernest Mueller, who reportedly flew in from Switzerland at the request of the township.

Current co-owner Ernie Sauer, who was not at the meeting, said Mueller told him the township proposed an agreement to take over the property.

The Hub owes North Glengarry about $77,000 in property taxes.

Sauer told *The News* that Mueller says the first interested party to pay him $100,000 by this Friday would become the owners of the outstanding mortgages of $480,000. At first, Mayor Grant Crack would not comment about the meeting and denied knowing anything about it. He later recanted confirming MacKinnon and Mueller did meet.

Savings on contract

(Feb. 16) – South Glengarry Council received some good news Monday when one of seven main contracts for the Lancaster Water and Sewage project came in at half a million dollars less than expected.

The contract for construction of a sewage effluent forcemain and outfall, was awarded to Louis W. Bray Construction Ltd., the low bidder at a cost of $846,948.87. The award and signing is subject to provincial environment ministry approval.

A representative of one of the project's two engineering firms, said $1,388,432 had been budgeted for this part of the $10 million project.

Dispute locks centre

(Feb. 16) – A dispute between a seniors organization and the Glen Robertson Recreation Centre association is threatening the viability of running the publicly owned hall.

Rec association president Colette Vachon, vice-president Lilianne Diotte and treasurer Helene Lefebvre were criticized last Thursday by several members of Club 65 at a special meeting.

After arguing over a myriad of issues, such as availability of forks and knives, the state of cleanliness of the floor and someone forgetting to close a window, the meeting dissolves with nothing accomplished.

Man guilty in shooting

(Feb 23) – Greenfield-area resident Werner Langer is found guilty in Cornwall court of criminal negligence causing death and careless use of a firearm.

The determining factor, says Judge Michel Charbonneau, is Langer's testimony. The judge found that Langer's description of firing his rifle at a what he thought was a deer changed over time.

Langer's negligence resulted in the death of Keith Flaro, formerly of Martintown. Flaro was checking traps south of Maxville on Nov. 8, 1997 when he was shot in the back by Langer and died.

The Hub closes its doors

(Feb 23) – It's the end of an era in Alexandria as The Hub of Glengarry restaurant closes after years of struggle to remain afloat in the face of dwindling business and unsupportable rising costs. Co-owner Ernie Sauer says he will sell the furnishings and fixtures back to the bare walls in an effort to raise sufficient capital to retain control of the mortgage on the property. An auction is slated for March 11.

MARCH

800 new jobs predicted

(March 1) – The executive director of the Community Development Corporation (CDC) projects there will be almost 800 new jobs available in SDG this year.

In his annual report to Counties council, economic development officer, James dePater, says the future looks rosy thanks to the CDC's aggressive marketing campaign last year.

While he admits that 1999 was a year in which the CDC's energies were focused on getting employment back up to normal levels following the closure of four area plants, dePater says that contacts made last year are paying off.

Council stays its course

(March 1) – About 55 South Lancaster residents are rebuffed by council in an attempt to determine for themselves whether or not they need a communal water supply in their hamlet.

Council answered questions from the floor, but declined to reverse its decision to go ahead with the Lancaster sewer and water project, which has been discussed intermittently for the past 20 years, citing results from an open house in the fall where a majority of respondents said they favoured the project.

Plant opens again

(March 8) – While the Alexandria Footwear plant, owned by Hush Puppies Canada, is back up and running, it's future seems unclear, as rumours appear to be circulating that it will be closing once again next fall.

Hush Puppies Canada president Angela Kakridonis declines to comment on "union issues in the newspapers."

The plant reopened on Feb. 21 with three departments back in operation: cutting, prefit and fitting.

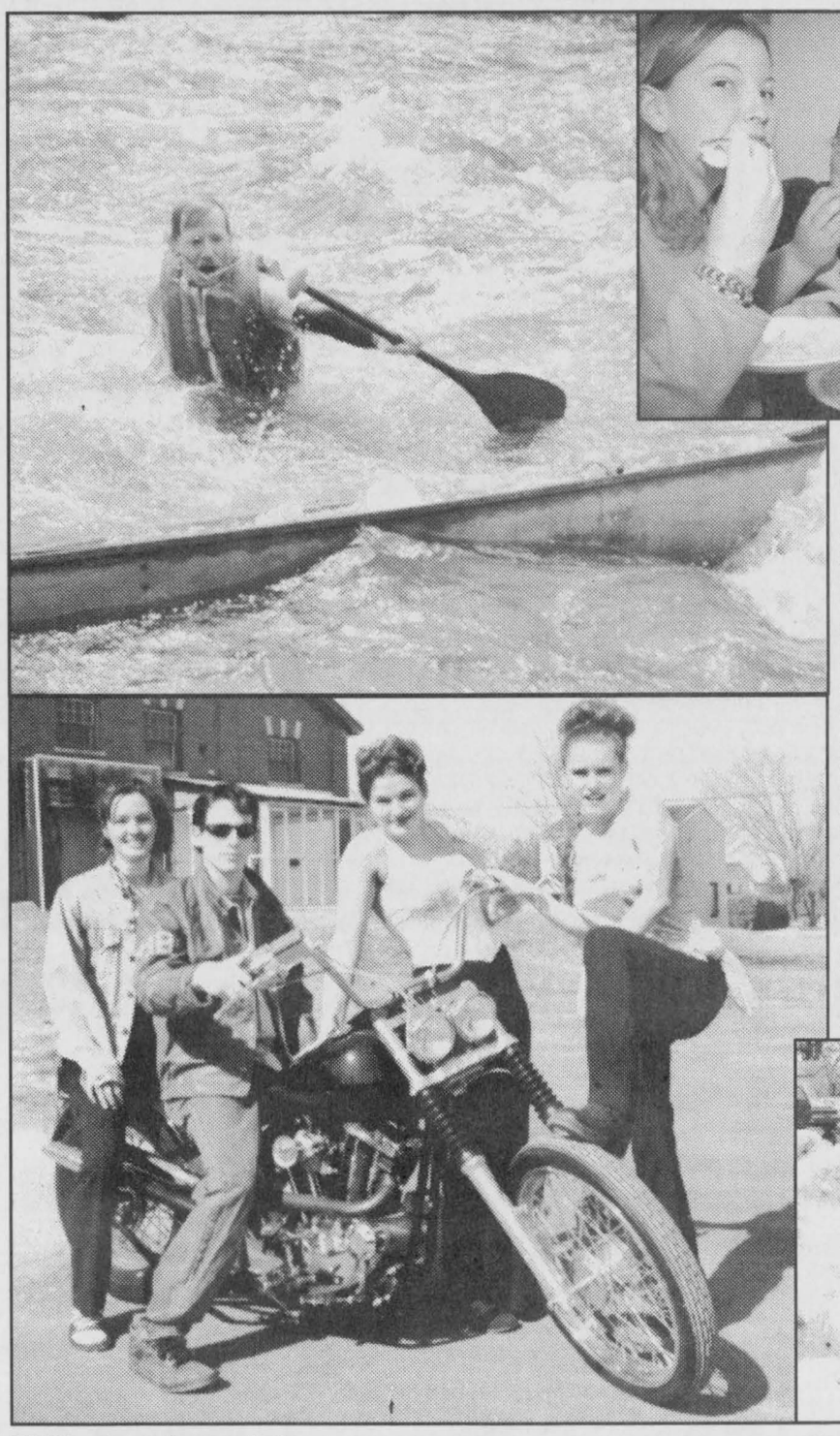
Oil spill poses problems

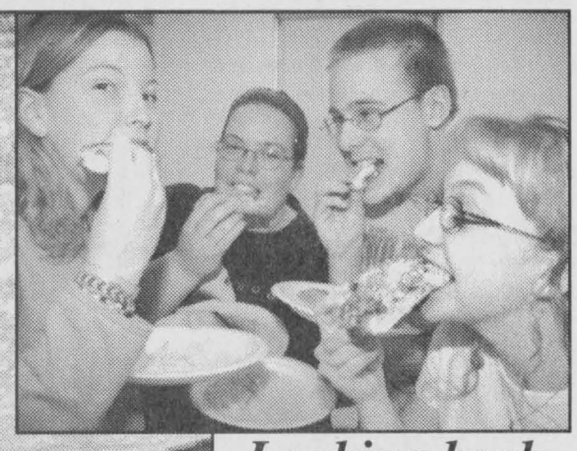
(March 15) – An oil spill of yet-unknown origin sent an undetermined quantity of furnace oil flowing down the fast-moving Raisin River, precipitating a scramble by authorities to locate the source of the leak.

The oil was found to be flowing into the river from drainage pipes on the western shore south of the Martintown bridge. About 36 hours later, the flow from the pipes was running clear water but the source of the oil had not been determined.

The spill reveals a surprising lack of preparedness to respond to such emergencies on a weekend. Kim Martin, a local resident who lives five houses south of the bridge, spots the oil slick on the river at about 6 a.m. Saturday, and frantically calls every telephone number in the Blue Pages of the local directory, but without apparent success.

In the belief her calls had failed to raise a reaction, Martin calls *The Glengarry News* Saturday afternoon. She relates she had called the Ministry of the Environment in Cornwall and Toronto; the 24-hour Environmental Spill Reporting hotline in Toronto, where she was twice put on lengthy holds.





Looking back

The current was strong, but the 166 participants, including this unlucky tipper, in the Raisin River Canoe Race on April 16 were determined to finish the course. Kayla McBean, top photo, from left, Arleen Belair, John Mindell and Sarah Deneault, devoured pizza after Tagwi and GDHS took part in a 30-hour famine. Leaders of the Pack leads, bottom left, posed with a 1971 Harley Davidson sportser to launch the GDHS musical on April 13-15. Alexandria's Rebecca Cardinal wore shorts and a t-shirt as the snow melted away on Jan 4.



Rural task force set up

(MARCH 22) – Premier Mike Harris says he's got the message that all is not so rosy in rural Ontario, unlike urban communities which are experiencing national highs in economic growth.

The Premier announces at a family farm in South Stormont that he is creating a task force on rural economic renewal.

"I've been hearing stories from people in some parts of the province that more needs to be done to ensure the benefits of this strong economic growth are shared in rural Ontario," Harris says.

The Premier's announcement comes on the heels of two roundtable discussions held by Glengarry's two members of provincial parliament, Liberals Jean-Marc Lalonde and John Cleary.

Police costs to drop

(MARCH 22) – Residents of Alexandria will see a sharp drop in the amount they have to fork out for police services in 2000.

The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Police Services Board officially announce that effective April 3, policing in the town will be provided by the Ontario Provincial Police on a contract basis.

The move means that the cost of providing policing in Alexandria will be reduced by about 45 per cent this year.

The 45 per cent reduction is based on the nine months of the year that the OPP will be rendering police services. Ratepayers should experience even further reductions in 2001, based on 12 months of OPP service.

APRIL

Locks, chains at centre

(April 5) – A months-long stalemate between Club 65 and the Glen Robertson Social Centre board takes a new turn with North Glengary Council ordering the association executive to remove the locks and chains.

The motion was necessary because Mayor Grant Crack had asked the centre's executive to dismantle the lock and chain two weeks earlier, but both devices remained in place.

New communications

(April 5) – A new era in the long history of Glengarry County dawns with the announcement that Glen-Net Communications Inc. has signed an agreement with the Township of North Glengarry for a lease of the 125-foot high water tower in Alexandria's industrial park. It will be used for the installation of an antenna to send and receive 10 megabits (10 Mbs) high-speed Internet wireless communications.

In announcing the conclusion of the deal with North Glengarry, Glen-Net president Eric Covington said it would be confusing to potential subscribers to speculate on the range of the antenna because of the variable conditions involved, but *The News* learns that a 10-Mbs antenna 125-feet high should have a line-of-sight range of up to 20 kilometres.

Unwanted guests

(April 12) – Alexandria's Mill Pond Lake has become home to an unwanted number of seasonal residents and North Glengarry Township struggled to find a cure.

Recreation and planning director Terry Hart proposed that traps be used to cart off the hundreds of Canada geese which stay for the summer at the environmentally fragile pond.

Hart also suggested that bird trainer Mark Adams, of Eigg Road, could be called upon to use predatory birds, such as falcons, to scare away Canada's most populous symbol.

However, Hart predicted even falcons wouldn't solve the problem thoroughly as the lake offers many "hiding places" for honkers.

New airport owner

(April 12) – In what is described as a "win-win situation", the ownership of the Alexandria Aviation Ltd. will be transferred from the Alexandria Flying Club to a numbered Ontario company.

Other than the change of ownership, flying club president Gerry Adams expects the airport to function as it always has.

"We're still going to have the fly-in breakfast; the air cadets will still use the airport," Adams said, shortly after a shareholders' meeting concluded last Thursday at the Atlantic Hotel with an unanamious agreement to sell.

Adams declined to divulge the selling price, only saying "it was a good deal."

School musical a hit

(April 19) – A Glengarry District High School musical, the Leader of the Pack, proves to be a hit with a full house for the Saturday performance. The production's musical score is particularly popular with the audience.

MAY

Improvements proposed

(May 3) – A crowd of about 35 interested North Glengarry citizens turn out at the Glengarry Sports Palace for an lively information meeting on the township's proposed Island Park improvements.

The meeting is presided over by Councillor-at-large Gilles Paradis, the project's chief proponent. He stresses the primary purpose of the meeting is to outline what the township is proposing to do, and to hear what features and facilities the public would like to see in the park improvements.

Among the items being considered are improved playgrounds and landscape and scenery.

Tragedy claims friends

(May 3) – They were the best of friends until the end. Bainsville residents Janet McDonald and Norma Ferguson were on their way in McDonald's 1993 Acclaim to Cornwall for a little shopping when their car was struck by a tractor-trailer as it entered Hwy 401.

Emergency units transported McDonald, a former three-term municipal Councillor for Lancaster Township, to the Hotel Dieu Hospital and Ferguson to the Cornwall General. The efforts proved futile and too late.

Schools under review

(May 17) – A grass-roots analysis is under way that could spell doom for three Glengarry Catholic schools. Viability committees have formed at Ste. Thérèse in North Lancaster, Ste. Marie in Green Valley and Lancaster's St. Joseph. The committees are finding out how many students each school can accommodate. The Conseil scolaire du district catholique de l'est ontarien wants to limit the number of schools with less than 300 pupils.

Leak fouls water

(May 24) – About 600 Glen Walter residents are back to drinking their St. Lawrence River water after being told not to use it over the weekend following a brief fuel oil contamination. A leak inside a concrete ceiling over top the "clear" well at the village's water treatment plant is now fixed.

Separate schools

(May 24) – The final cords between English public and French Catholic students will be severed this September. A process started several years ago to establish Ecole Secondaire Le Relais is nearly complete. Le Relais will field its own varsity sports teams and form its own music bands after the 1999-2000 year ends in June.

JUNE

Tree-cutting last straw

(June 7) – Some South Lancaster residents are up in arms over plans to cut down approximately 74 mature township-owned trees along a 1.7-kilometre stretch of houses in order to install pipes to bring St. Lawrence River water to the hamlet and Lancaster village.

Many South Lancaster residents are already disgruntled about the prospect of shelling out an average $6,000 per lot – the amount required to install a communal water system into the hamlet. The sewage system will be $5,000.

Monastery at issue

(June 21) – Construction has begun on the Poor Clare's new chapel and living quarters in Alexandria amid continuing controversy over the necessity of demolishing their current monastery which some deem as a heritage site.

A local heritage group is questioning why the 75-year-old building must be torn down. The four members of the cloister, founded 800 years ago, have been living in the large building for the past six years.

Bypass proposed

(June 21) – Councillor-at-large Gilles Paradis unveils a bypass proposal to the east of Alexandria that would cost about $4 million. It would utilize some existing roads, but much of it would be built from scratch, and traverse more than one dozen properties, says a firm of engineers, hydrogeologists and planners.

New path for cyclists

(June 28) – Cyclists will soon be able to ride from Cornwall to Lancaster and vice versa now that South Glengarry has endorsed a bike path along the shoulders of County Road 2. The decision to fork out $444,500 for the first phase of the project was made at Monday evening's council meeting. Part of this money ($213,000) will come from the federal Millennium Fund.

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Our wish list for the coming New Year

Like most people at this time of year, we at *The Glengarry News* have a wish list for the coming New Year. But unlike those traditional, personal resolutions, ours deals more with hopes and aspirations for the community at large, be it Glengarry, Canada or the world.

First on our list is the hope that no municipality here or across Canada has to deal with the kind of water problems that beset Walkerton, Ont. this past year. Because of the abundance of fresh water in this country, Canadians over the years have tended to take for granted that we will always have a plentiful supply of potable water available. While the Walkerton tragedy may have temporarily shaken the confidence of many in the province's regulatory process, the good news to come out of the current inquiry – if anything could be described as positive – is the recognition that this catastrophe was resulted from the acts of just one person and not a shortcoming on the part of government. Nonetheless, it remains a concern that such a calamity could happen.

We believe both sides have to give some and what better way to start the new year than to be able to put this matter to rest.

Secondly, we would like to see an end to the interminable dispute between the province and teachers. We're going to take a page from the kids' book on this one and be pro-student. We believe both sides have to give some and what better way to start the New Year than to be able to put this matter to rest. After all, this is the last chance to make good for those students who will graduate in the spring. To have them finish their post-secondary school years on this current sour note is not acceptable. As well, the lack of extra-curricular activities is also having a negative effect on others in the school system. Enough is enough!

There are times when one grows weary of the countless conflicts that continue to plague humanity, but at the same time we can never give up hope.

Our third wish is for the local farm community, which continues to be such an integral part of Glengarry. We hope the weather of this past year was an aberration and that many better seasons lie ahead of us.

Fourth on our list is one that has been with the human race since the dawn of civilization – peace throughout the world. There are times when one grows weary of the countless conflicts that continue to plague humanity, but at the same time we can never give up hope that people will eventually find a way to get along better. Given the immensity of the task at hand, we would hope that at least two of the longer ongoing disputes will find peaceful resolution in 2001 – specifically, "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland and the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

Finally, it is our hope and desire that all of our loyal readers and advertisers will enjoy happiness and prosperity in the coming year. The year 2001 will mark our 110th year of continuous publication and, as in the past, it bears repeating that this publication could not exist without the interest and support of the Glengarry community at large. Thank you and here's to a Happy New Year.

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Maxville United Choir

The Maxville United Church Choir held a picnic in Lancaster on July 1, 1932. From left, in front row, are Hilda Campbell, Mamie Franklin, Mrs. Duncan John McEwen, Irene McMillan, Marion McIntosh, Lois McMillan, Irene Willard, Cora Leaver, Edith McDougall, Hilda MacRae, Mrs. Fred McMillan, Marion Lang; in second row, Mrs. Lorne McLean, Irene Armstrong, Edith McEwen, Evelyn McEwen, Edna McEwen, Viola Halpenny, Meta McKercher, Melba McDougall, Vic Hoople, Gladys McEwen, Lillian McEwen, Mrs. Donald Archie McDermid, Lily Stewart Mrs. Robert McKay, Mrs. Ab Rowe; in third row, Peter Munroe, Duncan Kennedy, Dan McIntosh, Tom Munroe, Rev. J. H. Hamilton, Ab Rowe, Mrs. Tom Munroe, Howard McEwen, Donald Archie McDermid, Gordon McKellican, John Angus McRae, Duncan John McEwen, Mrs. J. H. Hamilton; on the veranda, Arthur Halpenny, Ross Hamilton. *The Glengarry News* welcomes submissions of old photographs of Glengarry County for publication in this space.

Submitted photo

US election reveals our shortcomings

JAY SPEAK

JASON MAGDER

It was Wednesday night, when I was getting ready to escape into the world of made-up politics – the West Wing – when my show was rudely pre-empted by a real-life, but highly unbelievable political scandal.

Al Gore conceded defeat in the race for the presidency a full month after the US election day, and at the worst time possible. But I did listen a little bit about what the man had to say. One specific line that caught my ear was when Gore said that the whole ordeal "demonstrated the strength of our democracy – the ability to overcome such adversity."

I couldn't help but laugh when I heard that one. Does he really believe that after a month of trying to decide how to count the ballots and not finding a solution, that his democracy is strong?

The definition of democracy is rule by the people. So how can you have a strong democracy when you can't even figure out how to ask the people what they want ?

The US being the litigious society that it is, if Al Gore had not conceded, he could have used endless legal avenues to stall the election of a president well into March. Such a move would throw the free world into political turmoil that could threaten its very existence.

Ironically, as Gore spoke, he held the fate of his country's fragile democracy in his hands. His act of concession saved his country from political doom.

This realization made me think "Thank God, I'm not American." At least here in Canada we have a standardized ballot in every single riding, and a central body to handle problems with the system, if it so happens that we ever have an election that is close.

But Canada's democracy may have more concerning ailments. Take the recent federal election, where our dismal turnout was only slightly less disappointing than the lack of any political alternatives. Canada is at best a one-party system right now. When the Progressive Conservatives fizzled away in 1993, we were left with only one national party: the Liberals. This is not to say that there is anything wrong with the Canadian Alliance, or the NDP. But it is clear that the Alliance is a regional party, with almost no support east of Manitoba. The NDP has always been a third party, one suitable for protest votes and the social conscience of the government. While both parties are quite useful in government, neither have the support base, at this stage, to form a government. So that leaves us with the Liberals: a government we love to complain about, but can't vote against. It's no wonder so many have lost the belief that their vote means anything.

Our democratic woes don't end there. The 1995 Quebec referendum on sovereignty saw political fraud at its greatest, with chief returning officers throwing away votes which were perfectly valid. That act could not take the spotlight away from the long-winded ballot question concocted by the provincial government to confuse Quebecers into voting yes. This is the same government that argued that a bill to ensure a clear question was undemocratic.

Despite our political shortcomings, we have somehow managed to keep our country together. But the sovereigntist movement is as dangerous here as Al Gore's lawyers are in his country. While we may laugh at our southern neighbours, we have to be aware that our country is also in a sickly state, even though the evidence may not be as humourous.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anders responds to readers' criticism

To the editor,

Unfortunately, since your paper is not available in this part of the riding, I did not have the pleasure of reading your post-election editorial and the subsequent comments, until a friend and supporter informed me of the scathing remarks by two of your readers.

In my opinion, I find it improper to have comments about someone appearing in a publication without, at the very least, sending that person a copy of those comments, out of fairness and courtesy. That is what well-mannered people would do.

Admittedly, there are better things to write about just before Christmas than to hash over lukewarm election issues. But in view of the above, and the many things I have had to do to catch up since the election, such as functions to attend and numerous letters to write, I feel I deserve a chance to reply to my detractors.

Let me first comment on your news story.

You made a rather biased comment by writing that "the Alliance cashed in on a sprinkling of disgruntled Liberal votes . . ." As you were not on the campaign trail, there is no way that you can make such an assessment.

Let me assure you that there were a very large number of very angry Liberal supporters who have grown to despise the Liberals, Don Boudria but most especially Jean Chrétien and his corrupt government. Others, who would have preferred to vote Alliance, in the end voted Liberal again because of the fear mongering, while still others chose to believe the blatant lies of the Liberal leader, his campaign guru and people like Mrs. Caplan.

Contrary to what Mr. Boudria says in interviews, he does very little for his constituents. He has, however, learned the art of strategic spending to buy votes, while keeping his face in the community papers to give the impression to the gullible that he does a lot. That is called politicking. It is not being a representative of the people or looking after the needs and the welfare of his constituents, except the select few who stand to personally gain from Mr. Boudria's Liberal generosity, while assuring generous contributions to the Liberal party from taxpayers dollars.

As for my comments about the "deaf, blind and dumb" voters, I thought I had been more critical than that. Perhaps it was to another reporter. In fact, I found it appalling that the people of Ontario would vote to put the Liberals back in with a greater majority, after all that had been brought out into the open for months prior to the election about the corruption, the scandals, the blatant lies, the criminal investigations in the PM's riding and others, the missing billions, ad infinitum.

In the interview I also said that I had no respect for Mr. Chrétien and was ashamed to have such a person as my Prime Minister, to represent me, and the rest of the Canadian people around the world. He is nothing more than a buffoon, has no class and suffers from a terrible ailment more commonly known as the "hoof in mouth" disease. In his delusions of grandeur, he seems to believe that the Canadian people owe him a crown, "Prince Jean" of Shawinigan.

In one of his post election forays he expressed the belief that everyone in North America should be speaking French.

He is arrogant to the point of disgust. He has no respect for the Canadian people, French or English or anyone else, a fact he has repeatedly demonstrated.

In reference to the ramblings of Helena McCuaig of North Lancaster, she says that she sees ". . . no need for name-calling and put downs. . ." right after stating that she has disdain for me, and this without ever having met me or knowing anything about me. She has obviously not taken the time to do so.

The fact that she does not believe that the electorate was duped into believing the Liberal platform does not change the facts. Then she wanders off into provincial and municipal meanderings, issues totally unrelated to the federal election, after stating that she and her like-minded friends ". . . read through the propaganda to learn the real platform."

It makes me wonder what identity she is referring to that our right-wing policies are damaging.

Nevertheless, I agree entirely with her when she writes that, ". . . many of my constituents are educated, open-minded and thoughtful voters." They are indeed. Most of them voted Alliance. None of them voted Liberal. That would otherwise be an oxymoron.

Frank Periard of Alexandria, on the other hand, indeed appears to be one of those people who choose to be blind and deaf to the fact that we have become a society that accepts corruption in government, that accepts blatant lies as normal political behaviour, that accepts scandals as just fodder for the media, that accepts the disappearance of billions of our hard earned tax dollars to finance projects that do not benefit the tax payers, but rather the friends of the Liberals as the normal way to do business, that accepts criminal investigations of the Prime Minister's friends and will most probably be made to disappear in the archives of unsolved mysteries as just another story to keep the police and the reporters busy doing something.

Mr. Periard also makes blind, unsubstantiated accusations of corruption just to fill in a paragraph, without even stating what that accusation is: "Well Mr. Anders, as far as corruption is concerned, your cohorts, from both parties, have no bugle to play . . . (???) (I leave it at that.)", he says. He must be one of those "educated, open-minded and thoughtful voters" referred to by Ms. McCuaig.

Sincerely,

L. Sebastian Anders,
Cumberland

Pondering Anders' remarks

To the editor:

First let me state that I believe that the re-election is of Mr. Boudria is welcomed. It is unfortunate that he represents the Liberal party but I can overlook that, as he is the best-qualified person at this time.

The remarks of Mr. Anders, the Alliance candidate for our area, seemed to have upset some of your readers and that I can understand but the frustration expressed in Mr. Anders remarks should be examined.

How can you explain this Liberal win in the face of the HRDC scandal, numerous RCMP investigations and a statement by a minister of the Liberal government that the Alliance was a haven for Holocaust deniers?

I suppose that if one is a Liberal supporter or has a superficial interest in the governance of our country you could accept a Liberal promise that they will improve their performance in respect to management of the HRDC and like departments and programs (time will tell).

And in respect to the RCMP investigations you are innocent until you are proven guilty. However, the statements of Ms. Caplan were never retracted nor did Mr. Chrétien reprimand her in any way and she has since been quoted as saying that she is not at all sorry to have made the statements. So, how do you explain that Ms. Caplan was re-elected in her riding with a overwhelming majority?

Mr. Anders' remarks were perhaps too harsh but I believe they do reflect the frustration of many Canadians when in spite of all evidence to the contrary the Liberals are returned to power with even a larger majority.

T. F. Turner,
North Lancaster

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is article humourous or propaganda?

To the editor,

Thanks for putting out a great community paper; you have been doing a great job. But, I can't decide whether the Dec. 13 front page article about the Peanut Line is humour or propaganda. What kind of picture are we trying to paint here?

No!!!, we don't want the public out enjoying nature, because there isn't enough in our county? Anyone walking, cycling, snowshoeing or skiing through the countryside is not to be trusted. It's better if the kids hang out at the malls, play video games, or just roam the streets? Everyone would be better off riding their bicycles alongside one of the busiest highways in the county, instead of a trail through the countryside.

The article suggests that the only groups involved are some landowners, Canadian Pacific, and the Glendalers Winter Sports Club, (GWSC). We heard from the landowners, how about giving others a chance to be heard, I thought GWSC should have had a say.

There's always two sides to a story but in this case there are many more sides (interested users) in this community standing on the sidelines wondering if anyone has considered their interests. I've cycled several other rails-to-trails and I've cycled the Williamstown/Glendale section on many occasions and have not seen evidence to support all the allegations made in the article. Actually I found it to be quite contrary to what it seems you would have readers believe.

The railbed east of Williamstown, what's left of it, is flat farmland and might only be interesting if someone wanted to look at the crops. The section that should be conserved is the Williamstown to Cornwall section which passes through some pretty diverse countryside.

Aside from a few patches of tillable land, the greatest proportion is forest and wetlands, big wetlands. This can't really be prime farm land if the alleged marijuana growers were "hauling in topsoil".

As for the corridor being an "easy access for criminals' and intravenous drug-users with powerful fireworks, someone should start selling tickets for these events, because myself and others would really like to see this.

Wildlife does far greater damage to crops than "youngsters" using four wheelers. Just consider how much tax money is spent yearly on beaver control alone. With conservation of this corridor and a greater public present, the appeal of remoteness all but vanishes. Although marijuana will occur naturally in this county (surprised?), a "park" wouldn't be the first choice of a discreet "herb" grower.

I can only congratulate the Glendalers Winter Sports Club for looking after the interests of their members and a job well done. A job I believe our local government should have begun on our behalf the day after the last railway tie was removed.

The population just keeps growing, more and more people need space to "play". People will head for areas where they can enjoy the outdoors or if none are available will make up their own rules and use whatever is available.

Personally I don't care for any recreational vehicles that are gas operated but some of the nicer trails I've been on started out as ATV trails.

With the club now leasing the land, I'm assuming that they will insure users have purchased a membership and/or permit, this is how clubs operate. Finally, a group wanting to perserve and protect the old railbed for future use. I think this is a step in the right direction.

The job of the local police force should be a little easier, now that there is a club monitoring the use of the trail. Well as they say, bad publicity is better than none at all. Years from now though, do we really want people to point at a few remaining remnants of the old Peanut Line and shake their heads at what could have been?

Usual disclaimers: I'm not a member of GWSC (yet?), I don't own any gas operated toys and I've never hugged a tree.

John vanBaal,
Williamstown

Rink ready for skaters

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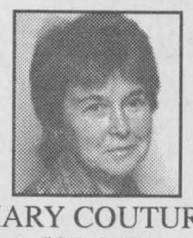


MARY COUTURE
527-2421

The skating rink in the village is busy these days with the children having a fun time while on vacation. Get ready for a winter carnival coming soon. Hope all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Condolescences

Mrs. Joseph Leclerc, the former Delima Bissonnette, Conc. 3, passed away last week in Sudbury. Her funeral was at St. Catherine of Sienna on Dec. 16. Condolescences to her family.

Holidays away

John and Olga Grezleski have spent the holidays in Toronto and Guelph.

Remembering "Singing Mayor of Alexandria"

To the editor,

Jean-Paul Touchette, to all of us who knew and loved him, will always be remembered as "The Singing Mayor of Alexandria".

He sang at weddings, funerals and special occasions. His voice was like a beautiful church bell ringing loud and clear on a sunny Easter morning.

How vividly will we remember him singing "Ave Maria; Panis Angelicus; Minuit Chretien, Dieu est Grand (How Great Thou Art)".

Singing was God's gift to Jean-Paul and he used it to sing God's praise and warming our hearts.

When asked about his singing, he once replied, in his down-to-earth way, "If I made women cry, then I know I did a good job."

He influenced me in my decision to join the Sacred-Heart choir.

He lived a full life and he accomplished many great things for Alexandria as Mayor such as bringing a number of industries to our town.

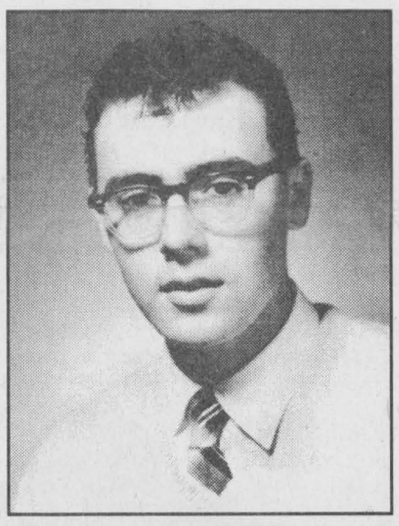
He was a good and devoted leader. He was a humble and decent man who always rooted for the less fortunate. He always had the knack to put anyone at his ease.

Farewell Jean-Paul.

There is a strong and beautiful voice among the saints singing in God's presence "My God, How Great Thou Art." He always sang with his heart which is why he was such a special man.

When we sing now, we will think of you when we hear all the songs you used to sing to us.

Francois-Luc Periard,
A friend of Jean-Paul,
Alexandria



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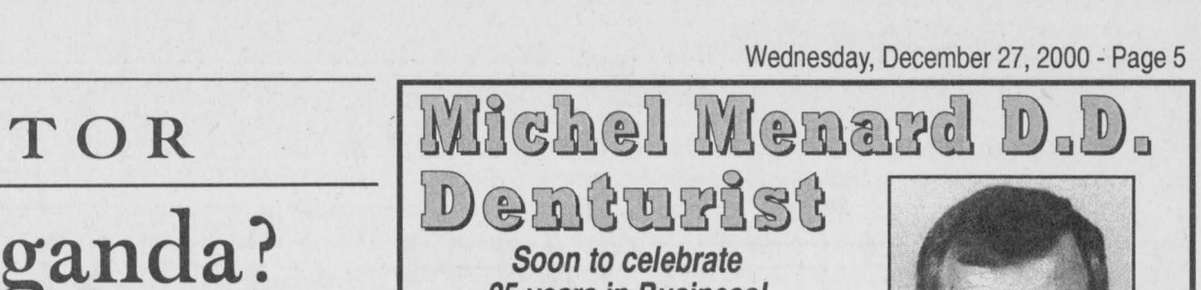

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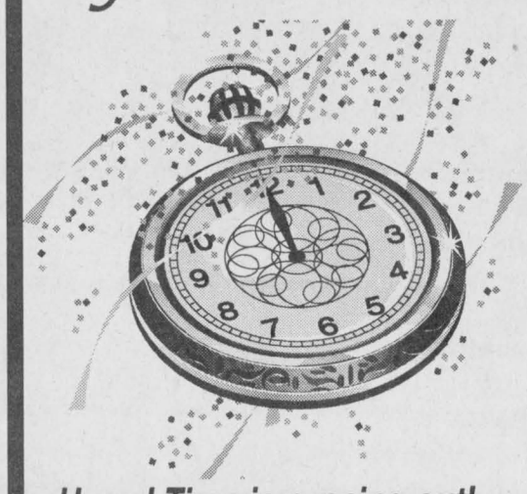

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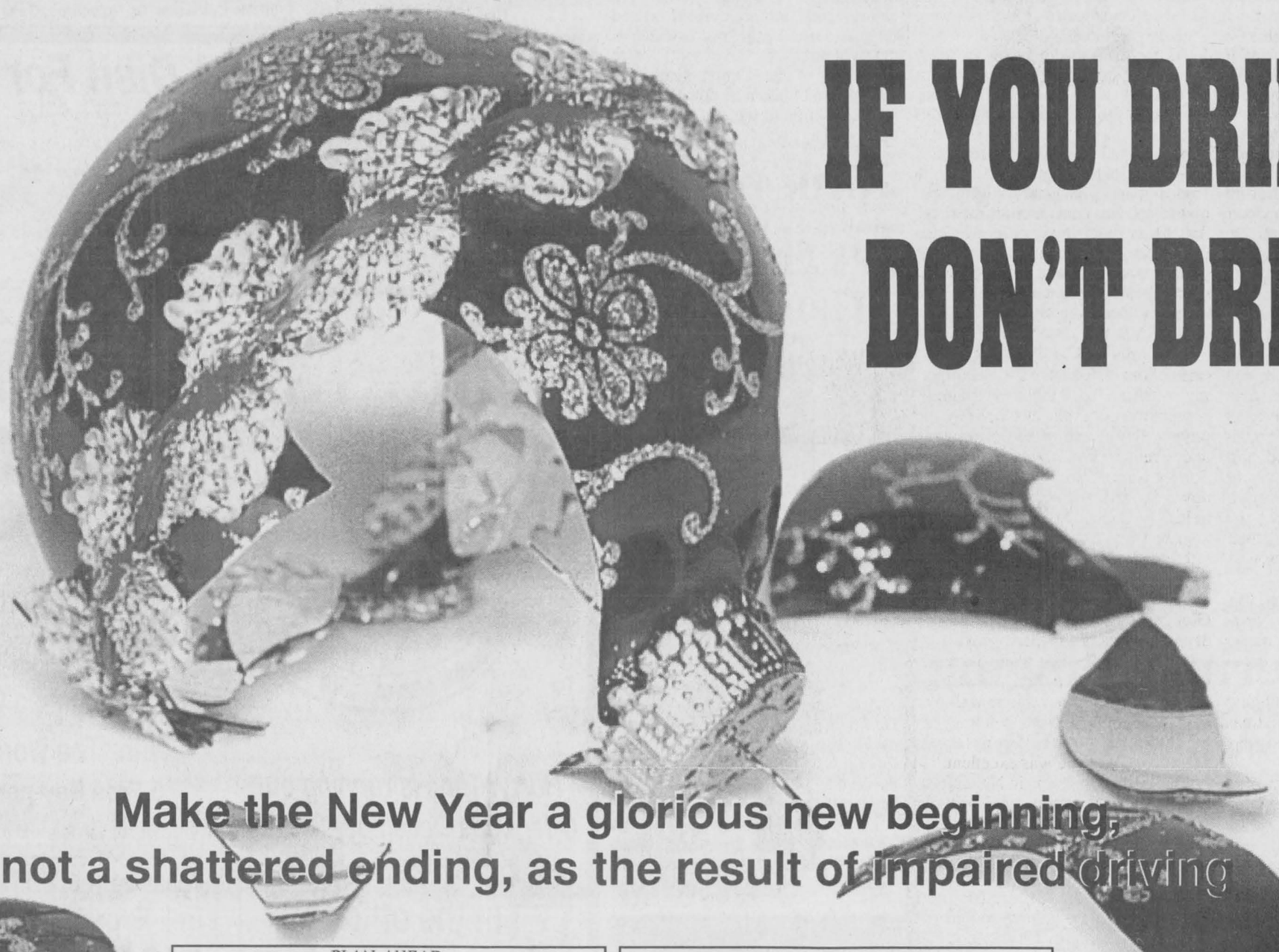

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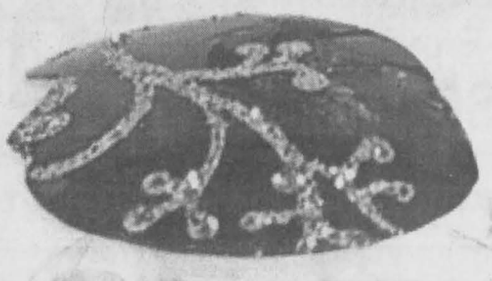

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39'ers get together for Christmas meal

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The 39'ers Seniors Club members and guests met at the Alexandria Restaurant on Dec. 20 for their annual Christmas meal.

They were treated to an afternoon of most pleasant music by Roger Norman, of Ste-Justine-de-Newton, who had been invited to play by program committee member Howard Barclay. The group joined him for many of the familiar songs and carols.

There was a draw for a beautiful hand-knitted aphegan which had been made and donated by Elizabeth Groot.

After a mix-up of numbers, new tickets were issues and this time the lucky winner was Sadie MacMillan.

Jock McKay passed out the current edition of the 39'ers News Letter on which he had done a splendid job of setting it up on his computer and even included a little Christmas logo in colour. Thanks to him we can keep up on current happenings in the group.

He does this as a hobby, all on his own, and we must thank him for all his efforts on our behalf. It is just great! But just as we have the same trouble getting people to give us items, Jock is having the same trouble. Do call him and/or send him poems, jokes, news items, trivia or short stories. He will be delighted to have your input. After all, the newsletter is about 39'ers and their doings, and it is the members who must supply the news.

The club has been enjoying this dining out together for many years and there always seems to be music in one form or another at these occasions.

The party broke up with the singing of We Wish You a Merry Christmas and many happy holiday greetings being wished to all.

The well-attended Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols at Glen Sandfield United Church was led by Rev. Allister Rose.

The choral a capella anthem was Still, Still, Still, sung by request. Dowe Baard, a new choir member formerly of Montreal, sang a solo called Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming with organ accompaniment.

The congregational singing was exceptional and the whole service was one of joy and praise.

As most people probably know by now, I had been in Cornwall recently for about one month, recovering from total knee surgery.

After two weeks in the Cornwall General Hospital I went home to be with my daughter Wendy McHarg and her family.

I have only the most glowing memories of the expertise of Dr. Lemoine, my surgeon, and the very patient physiotherapists. On the first day of physio, Dave, one of the therapists, and I returned to my room singing Toor-a-Loora Loora all the way down the hall. The second day I sang to him in Gaelic.

Since I was discharged, I had been attending the out-patient clinic physio department at the General, but have now been admitted to the Glengarry Memorial Hospital physio department as of this past week.

My daughter Nancy won't have to drive me all the way to Cornwall in the future. Things have gone well for me, and the reports from the therapist in Cornwall have been most favourable, and she was excellent.

The first two columns in November were written in my hospital bed, in longhand and faxed by my son-in-law Tom to *The News*. How's that for devotion to duty? We never missed an issue!

The latest new is that I no longer need physio as of Dec. 14.

May we wish all of our readers a safe, happy, healthful New Year. May you all enjoy God's richest blessings.



Soil and Crop awards

The Glengarry Soil and Crop Improvement Association held its annual meeting and awards recently. Robert MacDonald, left, bottom, received the soil conservation award; Jason MacCuaig presented the Edgar Fourney Memorial Award for excellence in corn production. Jim Humphries, from left, top row, won for advances in soil input and crop production; Keith Wells took the managerial club awards (Edgar Fourney and Glen Slater Memorial); association president Robert Massie, presented the Slater award.

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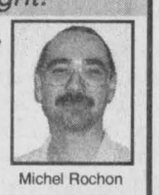

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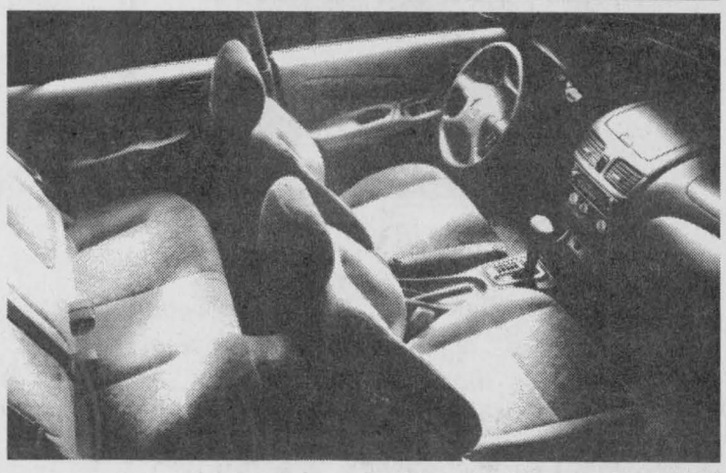

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A sincere thank you

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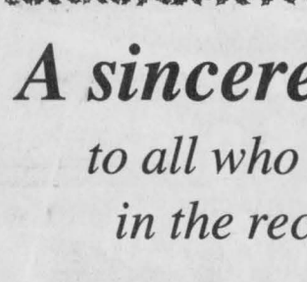

Dave MacDonald

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Bidding farewell to life-long resident

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Due to I think Gremlins in cyberspace, my column for Dec 19 did not reach *The Glengarry News* for publication. My apologies to all who submitted their notice of holiday events for that issue.

The people of Glen Nevis were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Archie A. McLeod, who passed away suddenly on Dec. 11, just one day after his 83rd birthday.

A lifelong farmer, Archie was born and raised at his family home on the 6th Concession. He personified a generation which lives its life according to the time-honoured traditions of the area, in which neighbours and friends provide a caring network in times of celebration and sorrow. A warm welcome awaited the casual visitor between times.

Archie's dry wit and friendly disposition endeared him to his friends, and his contributions to the life of his community earned him the respect of everyone. Quiet, considerate – always there – Archie and Helen's presence at every event was a given.

His funeral was held Dec. 15 at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Glen Nevis. The large representation from the area and beyond paid a final tribute to this good man.

To his wife, Helen, his children and the grandchildren, and to his sister, Elizabeth Latreille, we offer our sincerest sympathy. We will miss him.

S.J. McLeod School

Mr. Brougham and the Grade 6/7 class travelled on Dec. 18 to the home of class-mate Stephanie Carriere. There they enjoyed a walk through the bush in search of the perfect Christmas tree for the school concert. Thanks to Beth Koggel, who drove the bus, and especially to the Carriere family for the kind hospitality!

On Dec. 15, I had the pleasure of attending the weekly Spirit Assembly at the school.

On these occasions, the children congregate to hear each teacher and Mr. Kennedy announce their choice for student of the week. These choices are based on good performance, not only academically, but also on a positive social or practical contribution to life at the school.

The teachers used such phrases as "resourceful, co-operative, listens well, shares readily and respects others", in describing their nominees.

Recipients were awarded a box of Smarties (pun intended!), a handshake and a tumultuous round of applause. Students of the week for Dec. 11-15 were:

Laughlin Franklin, Jordan Tessier, Lauren Lalonde, Maddy Poplett, B.J. Payne, John Ross, Michael Coleman, Cayley Snell, Lacey MacDonald and the members ofthe senior band.

The latter were treated to a box of doughnuts by Mr. Nowickyj as his reward for a job well done at all their performances in the community for the month of December.

A special draw was also held among the senior band members from the four gifts presented to the group by the seniors residence in Lancaster.

Random winners chosen were Amy Carriere, Kalica Koggel, Mary Jane O'Shea, and Billy Dupuis.

Since we, as parents, depend upon our school staff to foster good citizenship as well as to educate, the Spirit Assemblies are a positive way to wrap up the week. They are also fun to watch! Parents are welcome to attend, so call the school to find out the time of the current week's assembly. It's worth a trip!

The second half of the assembly included the presentation of a plaque recognizing the school's ten years of participation in the Milk Program. That was covered in last week's *The News*. It is worth noting, however, that Louise MacDonald was credited for her work in lugging crates of milk cartons to the school each week – Cheers Louise!

New Year's Masses

The schedule for New Year's weekend Masses at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish are as follows:

Saturday- 7 p.m.
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday (New Year's Eve ceremony) - 10 p.m.

This will be followed by Adoration until midnight.

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Well, here we are at the end of the year, with Christmas nicely over, and a refrigerator full of leftovers.

It is slim pickins in the news department, however.

Everyone must still be buried under a pile of crumpled wrapping paper or tied up in strings of curly ribbons.

Fire safety

The Office of the Fire Marshal of Ontario has circulated some safety messages, and the Martintown Fire Department would like us all to take heed.

One of the tips concerns wrapping paper, and neither it or ribbons should be burned in a fireplace.

Check your heating system: make sure it works safely and efficiently. Get it serviced regularly by a licensed gas technician or heating contractor.

Inspect your chimney: check if it is in safe working order.

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Get it cleaned and inspected every year by a professional. Watch your ashes: when cleaning ashes from your wood stove or fireplace, empty them into a metal container with a tight cover and store it outside. Give space heaters space: use heaters with care to avoid serious home fires.

Keep them a metre away from combustible materials like paper, bedding and curtains.

Never use them to dry clothes or shoes, and remember to turn them off at night and when you leave the house.

Martin duplicate bridge

The Martintown Goodtimers Bridge results for Tuesday afternoon, December19th are as follows: 1. Audrey Blair - John Roulston, 2. Lorne Norman - Don Crawford, 3. Allan McLeod - Henryk Rzepczyk, 4. Jean Campbell - Jim Campbell.

There will be no Tuesday afternoon bridge on December 26 and January 2nd.

Bridge starts again for the New Year on Tuesday, January 9th, 2001. For information on playing duplicate bridge on Tuesday afternoons, call John Roulston at 931-2678.

Party bridge

The scores for the Monday, December 18 party bridge are: Larry Downs, Vincent Semenovicus and Mary Milne. The party bridge will resume on Jan. 8.

Exercise classes

Exercise classes will resume on Jan. 8, and are held on Mondays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. For information call Mary Milne at 528-4632.

Call in your news

I know some of you have family home for the holidays, and some of you have been travelling. We cover both categories in our household, but I'd rather write about folks other than my family. I do know that there is a Martintown wedding which is to take place on December 29, and I hope to be able to give a few details in a week or so.

In the mean time, all best wishes to the bride and her family for a happy, wrinkle-free event!

I wish all readers a very happy, healthy and harmonious New Year. My e-mail address is uwinn@cnwl.igs.net.

Bring in New Year

LANCASTER



MARG MILLETT
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The old year is rushing to its demise and 2001, with all of its promises, is in sight.

I love every New Year because, with each, comes another chance to do better and to be better, along with a sense of excitement for the future year.

I have really enjoyed doing this column for many reasons.

It has brought me in touch with the nicest people.

It made me aware of the spirit of community that we have.

It made me more tolerant to the differences that we have and more appreciative of our similarities.

Most of all I feel that, in doing this every week, I am serving the community that I love.

Thank you for your words of support and for your stories and reports.

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May the new year, 2001, be all that you wish for and more! See you in January.



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McKercher chooses St. Mary's U

Moose Creek's Jeff McKercher has chosen to attend St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The former draft pick of the Dallas Stars decided to leave professional hockey two weeks ago as he told the Augusta Lynx of the East Coast League (the team he was traded to from the Mississippi Ice Dogs) that he was going home.

The Dallas organization paid McKercher the rest of his salary for this season and half of next season's wage.

McKercher will be reunited with several friends at St. Mary's that he played hockey with for the Barrie Colts of the Ontario Hockey League.

Upcoming Junior B games

It's Christmas holiday time once again and the next edition of *The Glengarry News* will be published on Jan. 4.

Our two local junior B Hockey teams don't have as lengthy a rest as they will both see action during the holidays.

The Alexandria Glens will play Akwesasne at home tonight starting at 8:30 p.m. then travel to Winchester Saturday for a 7:45 p.m. start against the Hawks.

Alexandria will then take part in the annual Boxing Day Tournament Dec. 26 in Perth with their first game starting at 2 p.m. against Ottawa West.

The Glens will then host the Char-Lan Rebels Dec. 29 starting at 8:30 p.m. and will travel to Akwesasne Dec. 30 for a 7:30 p.m. start against the Wolves.

The Char-Lan Rebels play in Morrisburg tonight against the Lions beginning at 8:30 p.m. then host Kemptville Saturday night starting at 7:45 p.m.

The Rebels then travel to Alexandria Dec. 29 for a 8:30 p.m. start and host the Morrisburg Lions Dec. 30 starting at 7:45 p.m.

Mustangs will wait until Jan. 6

The Junior C Hockey league Maxville Mustangs will wait until Jan. 6 to play their next game against the Rockland Nats.

The Nats are coming off a 5-3 win over Maxville in the last meeting for both teams on Dec. 17.

The break between games will last a total of 20 days.

The Mustangs don't have anything scheduled in between then except for a practice on Jan. 4.

The time off will allow several players to nurse injuries including captain Derek Crawford (concussion), Scott Coleman (broken hand), goaltender James Lalonde (shoulder) and Keith Brown (back).

Peewee B Rebs lose to St. Isidore

The Char-Lan Peewee B Rebels lost to the St. Isidore Eagles in an exhibition game played Dec. 20 in Williamstown.

Despite being outshot by the Rebels, St. Isidore managed to squeak out a 6-4 win.

Chad Carter, with two, Jordan Scheffer and Jesse Piteau scored in a losing cause for Char-Lan.

Kyle McIntosh, Kyle Laframboise, David Belanger and Justin Redguard picked up assists.

Magic, East Side back in first

Men's division

East Side Mario's regained top spot in the men's division of the Rudi's Invitational Indoor Soccer League after tripling the Glengarry Stars 3-1 last week.

Shawn Montroy, Danny Menard and Kieren Kennedy all scored in the win. Chad Beauregard replied for the Stars

In the other men's game Rudi's Rage earned their first win of the year after shutting down the Char-Lan Rangers offense.

Wayne Lee, with two and Gary Lee scored for the winners.

Keeper Mike O'Farell earned player of the week honors earning the shutout.

Women's division

Rudi's Magic regained their number one ranking after doubling the Cornwall Strikers 2-1.

Vanessa Van Sleeuwen (the league's leading scorer) hit the back of the net with five minutes left to lift her team to victory.

Jenny Larkin also scored for the Magic. Julie Gallinger scored the lone Strikers goal.

In the other match the Hearts of Glengarry blasted the Char-Lan Dazzle 6-1.

Lisa MacDonald and Lisa Poirier each scored twice in the win. Bonnie MacLeod and Diane McDougall scored one each.

Mandy Larocque was the lone goal scorer for the Dazzle.

McLeod was recognized as the women's division player of the week as the veteran striker/playmaker timing is quickly improving this season.

Next week's games: Jan. 8

6 p.m. Stars vs Rage, 7 p.m. Strikers vs Hearts, 8 p.m. Magic vs Dazzle, 9 p.m. Mario's vs Rangers

Atlantic surprises Northerners

Glengarry Indoor Soccer League

There was an upset in the Glengarry Indoor Soccer League last week as the women's division leaders fell to their first loss of the season.

Atlantic 3 Northerners 2

Atlantic Hotel earned themselves an early Christmas present Dec. 19 as they knocked off the Northerners squad, who suffered their first loss in eight games this year, by a score of 4-3.

Lyn Marie Duhart led the charge for Atlantic Hotel in the monumental win scoring all three goals. She now has 11 on the year.

The Northerners had tallies from Tracey McNichol and Sherrill Norman.

In an other women's contest last week the second place team also had a scare from their competition.

Shepherd's 3 Springers 2

Shepherd's luckily had three goals from league-leading scorer Melissa MacDonald as they got past the last-placed Springers club 3-2.

Katie and Jessica MacLeod scored their first goals of the year for the Springers.

The last women's game of 2000 saw fourth place Char-Lan knock off fifth place Pic's Sport barely.

Char-Lan 5 Pic's 4

Julianna Richard and Vanessa Van Sleeuwen each scored twice in the win for Char-Lan. Jessica Leroux added one, her second of the season

Sadie St. Denis and Angela Cullen replied for Pic's.

On the men's side the Atlantic Storm continued their winning ways blanking Glen Nevis.

Storm 8 Glen Nevis 0

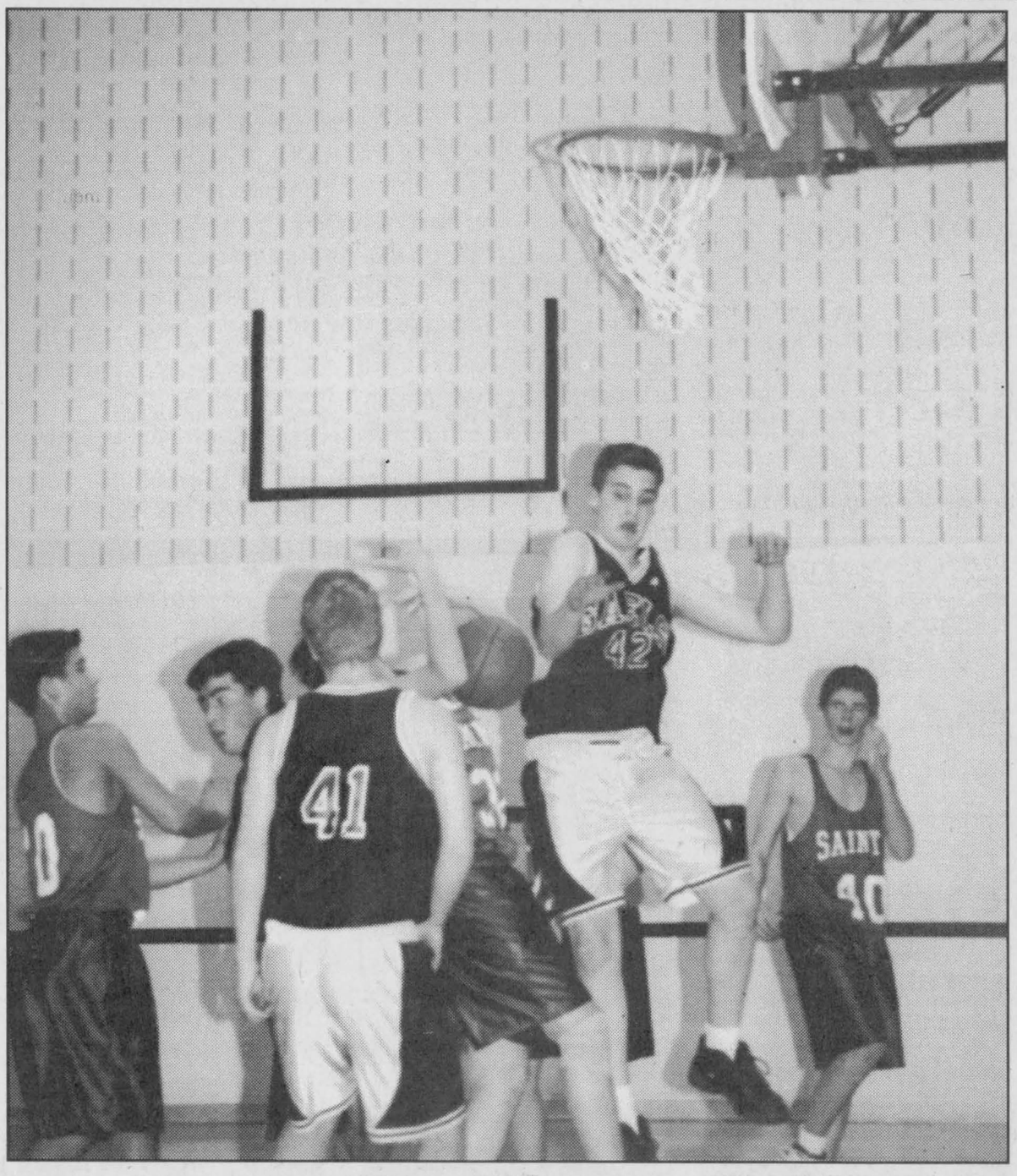
Travis Giroux and Trevor Marley led the way for the Storm scoring a hat trick each. League-leading scorer Brian Cameron scored two.

In the other men's match Kirkhill remained in second with a win over the Atlantic Express.

Kirkhill 4 Express 1

Ben Pye, Dan MacPherson and Martin Stadelman.

Andrew McCormick (third) scored for the Express in a losing cause.



Crashing the boards

Glengarry District High School junior boys basketball players Mike Bigras (42) and Richard MacMillan (41) fight for a loose ball in basketball action against St. Lawrence High School at GDHS, Dec. 21. GDHS beat St. Lawrence for their first win of the season 47-41. Nic Lemieux led the team in scoring with 12 points. Landon Shepherd added 10 points. In senior action GDHS fell to a strong St. Lawrence club by a score of 81-31. Stephen Rogers led GDHS with 14 points. Photo — Heather Huxted

2000 SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

January

- The Maxville Junior C Mustangs add Pat Berlinguette, Martin Theoret, Pascal Gratton and Patrick Roy from the defunct St. Isidore Eagles.
- Summerstown's J.P Masse returns from Europe where he was part of Canada's two silver medal wins in bobsledding.
- Williamstown's Jonah Leroux suffered an injury in an Ontario Hockey League game in Barrie.
- The Ontario Hockey League's Oshawa Generals forward is accidentally kicked in the face and receives over 80 stitches. Amazingly, the 17-year-old misses only one game before returning to action.



Kurt MacSweyn

- Kurt MacSweyn breaks his hand during an on-ice fight leaving the Ontario Hockey League Brampton Battalion assistant captain on the side lines for over a month.
- The Curling team of skip Ken Brown, Hugh MacMillan, Lorne Norman and Bob Zuban receive vests and certificates from Ford Canada recognizing them for their eight-ender scored in late 1999.
- Mustangs coach Ivan Coleman and players Scott Coleman, Pat Berlinguette, Brad MacMillan, Jason Yelle, Marc Andre Richer and Patrick Huffman are selected to take part in the 2000 Eastern Ontario Junior C Hockey League All-Star game in Embrun.
- Rebels Al Lapierre, Stephane St. Denis, Ian McConnel, Tim McCuaig, Scott Champagne, Mike King, Andrew Banville, Ryan Major and Glens coach Marc Sauve, Ghyslain Valade, Trevor Cunning, Jeremy Lefaivre, Louis Brisson and Derek Duval participate in Eastern Ontario Junior B All-Star game.
- Kent McDonell is named Ontario Hockey League player of the week, scoring five goals and three assists in three wins for the Guelph Storm.

February

- Maxville's David Vanderwielen wins a contest and is the Ottawa Senators "stick kid" Feb. 1 against the Boston Bruins.
- North Lancaster's Rachel Denner gets off to a great start with the St. Cloud State women's hockey team as she scores five goals and two assists in her first seven Women's Collegiate Hockey Association games for the Huskies.
- 150 martial artists flock to Lancaster to compete in the fifth annual Eastern Canadian Ken Sei Kai championships.
- Rebels Al Lapierre named top Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League defenceman after his final eligible season.
- Exchange student Bard Skjelstad scores 12 goals in Champions 16-1 win over Fassifern in Glengarry Indoor Soccer League action bringing his season total to 76.

March

- Char-Lan District High School wins annual Hill Cup hockey title after tying Glengarry District High School 5-5 in game one then winning game two 7-3.
- Alexandria native Frank Morris captains the Fife Flyers of the British National Hockey League to their first regular season championship.



Frank Morris

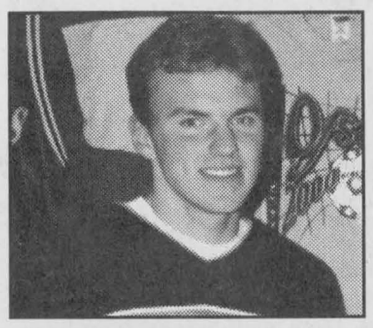
- GDHS junior boys basketball team ends a 26-year curse by winning the school's first basketball SDG title in that time. The senior girls also capture the volleyball SDG title.
- The Kemptville 73 knock off the Char-Lan Rebels in five games to capture their second consecutive Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League title.
- The Glengarry News Cup returns after a six-year layoff. The Cup includes teams from Maxville, South Glengarry, St. Polycarpe, Champions, the Alexandria Glens and the Char-Lan Rebels.
- Bill Kippen and Rick Dumouchel compete at the Ontario Senior Games in hockey.
- The AJK Highland Travellers return from a hockey holiday in Scotland and Ireland winning three games convincingly against pro teams.
- Williamstown's Jenny Larkin is chosen to represent Ontario with the under-16 provincial team.



Jenny Larkin

April

- South Glengarry sweeps Champions to capture their second consecutive News Cup championship. Kevin Poapst is named MVP.
- Alain and Robert Seguin of Glendale subdivision near Cornwall are part of the silver medal-winning Embrun Knights at the Juvenile National Broomball Championship in Embrun.
- Alexandria Club wins Glengarry Curling Cup for the fourth time in 16 years.
- Shepherd's wins the 2000 women's Glengarry Indoor Soccer League championship.
- Martintown's Carol-Ann and John Campbell purchase Archies' Golf Range in Cornwall.
- Greenfield's Lori St. Denis is named female athlete of the year at Kingston's St. Lawrence College.
- Corey Van Loon and his nephew Joey capture their third straight Raisin River Canoe Race title.



Joey Van Loon

May

- Glengarry Golf and Country club welcomes Chris Learmonth as the new course pro.
- Bernie Menard travels to Hamilton to take part in the Canadian Open Bowling championships.
- Cornwall Colts participate in the Royal Bank Cup in the Canadian Champions Junior A tier II level.
- The GDHS-Le Relais senior boys team win silver at a Toronto soccer tournament losing a 2-1 shootout final to St. Francis Xavier. The tournament features 26 AAA schools, GDHS Le-Relais is an A school.
- GHDS Eric Neilsen sets three SDG records in track and field. His times in the 100, 200 and 400 metre runs have never been finished in a faster time.



Eric Neilsen

- Former NHLer Blair MacDonald returns home for a visit with his mother Anna Margaret.
- Frank Morris helps raise money for the Children's Hospice Association of Scotland by competing in a bicycle rally in Scotland.
- Greenfield captures the Gerald MacDonald men's division championship to start the 2000 Glengarry Soccer League season. Dunvegan wins the ladies division.
- The Char-Lan senior girls soccer club surprises the competition as they win the Eastern Ontario Secondary Schools Athletic Association championship which was held at their school. Goaltender Kaylee Fraser makes a diving stop during a shootout to preserve the win. The GDHS girls also win their EOSSAA championship and the two teams share a bus ride to OFSAA in Fort Frances where GDHS captures silver. Both schools boasted junior girls SDG and EOSSAA championships as well.

June

June • The Char-Lan District High School girls senior relay team captures gold at EOSSAA. They enter OFSAA ranked 12th.

- Tagwi Secondary School's Leslie Brown caps off an exciting track and field career finishing 18th in the long jump at EOSSAA.



Leslie Brown

- Moose Creek's Nathan Beausoleil is drafted 129th overall in the Ontario Hockey League's 2000 entry draft by the London Knights.
- Tagwi's boys are introduced to the sport of Rugby and play two games against North Dundas High School.

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2000 SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

June

• Corey Van Loon and Calla Humphries are named Char-Lan District High School male and female athletes of the year.

• Eric Neilsen and Melissa MacDonald along with Tamara Hartrick are named Glengarry District High School male and female athletes of the year.

July

• The Stars are led by a Cameron Lajoie hat trick as they win the 2000 Greenspon Cup 4-1 over Glen Sanfield. Laggan shuts out Glen Sandfield 3-0 to capture the MacLachlan Cup.

• Melissa MacDonald and Tammy MacSweyn conduct the Glengarry Soccer League's annual soccer clinic for minor league players.

• The Alexandria District Minor Soccer Association attracts over 300 registrants.

August

• London Ontario's Harry MacDonald prevails in the battle of the MacDonald at the 53rd annual Glengarry Highland Games heavyweight competition. Harry holds off B.C's newcomer Douglas MacDonald to capture his ninth straight Canadian Championship. Marc Morin of Sherbrooke, Que. defeats Greenfield's Lee MacKinnon and Rodger Chapman to win the amateur title.

• Lancaster Rodeo enjoys it's sixth year and attracts over 140 cowboys.

• Glengarry-area soccer players Melissa MacDonald, Melissa McIntosh, Vanessa Van Sleeuwen and Jenny Larkin meet with Ottawa Fury coach Andy Nera. The Fury play in the North American professional women's soccer league and the foursome was scouted for the team by Williamstown's Rudi Payer.

• Leroux's Small Engines captures the championship in the Roger Brodeur men's ball hockey league with a three-game sweep over St. Lawrence College. It is their sixth consecutive championship

• Border Bowhunters 3-D Archery Club members Emile St. Denis, of Alexandria and Larry Smith, of Chesterville, enjoy successful tournaments.

St. Denis captures the Canadian championship at a competition in Aylmer, Que.

Smith wins the world championship in the men's release division at a competition in West Virginia.

September

• Ottawa Senators head coach Jacques Martin speaks at the annual Glengarry Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. Gwen Morris, Bernard Major, Louise Clark, Ivan MacMillan and Gord Fraser are the 2000 inductees.

• Williamstown native Kent McDonell is traded to the Columbus Blue Jackets by the Detroit Red Wings.

• The Glengarry Stars and Laggan win the men's and ladies divsion championships in the Glengarry Soccer League.

• Glen Sandfield's Melissa MacDonald takes home four individual trophies at the GSL awards banquet including the best forward, top scorer and most valuable player awards during the regular season and shared the most valuable player award with Laggan's Tammy MacSweyn for the playoffs. Stars forward Cameron Lajoie captured the best forward (shared with Drillers Brian Cameron), top scorer and most valuable player for the playoffs award with McCrimmon's Andrew McCormick.

• The Rudi's Magic lose in the final during a shootout against the Cornwall Strikers.

• The Alexandria Junior B Glens start season with win over Char-Lan Rebels and retire the sweater of former captain Marc Menard who passed away the previous summer.

• The Alexandria Atom B Glens play an exhibition game at the Molson Centre in Montreal against the Sudbury Wolf Lake Stars.

October

• The Char-Lan Rebels welcome back coach Jeff Carter after Claude "Red" Dupuis resigns after Rebels start the season at 0-3.

• Kenyon captures the 2000 Glengarry Cup of soccer with a 1-0 win over Alexandria.

• $14,000 is raised at the first annual Curry Hill run/walk. Over 240 participants take part in the race.

November

• The Le Relais senior boys lose to Hawkesbury in the soccer final. The junior team lost in the semi-finals.

• With the help of Maxville's Phil Benjamin and Glengarry District High School principal Jacques Lemire, a one-day senior boys soccer tournament is held at Char-Lan District High School.

• After a miscalculation is discovered District 8 (including Prescott and Russell along with SDG) is named champions of the Ontario Senior Games held in Ottawa Aug. 8-10.

• North Lancaster figure skater Tara Forstner finishes third in the juvenile ladies category at the Ontario Sectionals in Kingston.

• Williamstown native Nicole Melnyk bounces her way to the provincial championships in the provicial open class of trampoline competition after finishing fourth in a meet in Kingston.

December

• Lancaster's Kirsty McLeod, Susan Derby, Heather Marsh and Stephanie Osborne capture the ladies invitational bonspiel in Morrisburg for the second year in a row.

• 78-year-old Alexandria resident Gwen Morris takes part in a Kingston-based Queen's Unversity Alumni hockey game featuring current and past players.

• Thanks to the efforts of Cornwall Rick Parisien and Chuck Stewart basketball returns for high school boys teams. Both junior and senior teams compete at Char-Lan and Glengarry District High Schools.

• The Alexandria Glens compete in the annual Boxing Day Junior B Hockey tournament taking place in Perth.

• Moose Creek's Jeff McKercher choose to attend St. Mary's University in Halifax after deciding to go back to school and leave a career in professional hockey.





Martintown P.S. champs

Top photo: **The Martintown Public School senior boys volleyball team won the 2000 Glengarry Athletic Association tournament held at Tagwi Secondary School Nov. 30. Team members include front from left: David Lauzon, Adam Barton, Ryan Seale, Matthew Leishman and Ian McIntosh. Back row: Justin McDonell, Kevin Johnston, Scott Lalonde, Justin Redguard, Tom Hooker and coach Karl Armstrong.** *Bottom photo:* **The Martintown Public School junior boys volleyball team won their championship at North Dundas Secondary School also Nov. 30. Team members include front from left: Jordan Schoenmaker, John Evrall, Ben Boyd, Evans Lalonde and Leslie MacLeod. Back row: Bradley Sloan, Bradley Kenny, Steven McIntyre, Darren Redguard and coach Brenda Gordon.**

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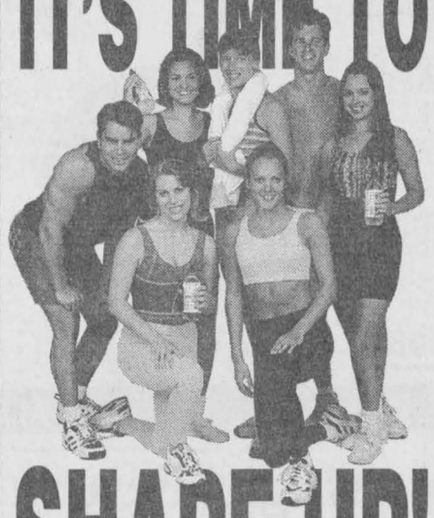

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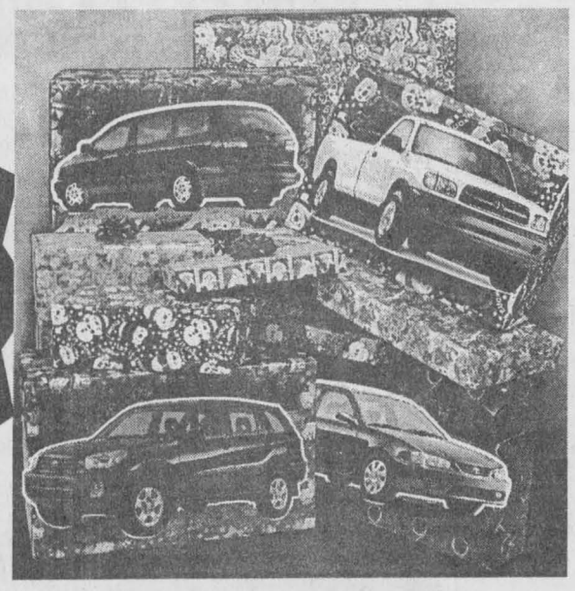

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Thanks to friends and neighbours who participated in the Audubon Christmas Backyard Bird Count. Over 20 species were identified in the Dalkeith area alone. A list will be posted at the library.

Frances Fraser kindly sent me the list of birds identified: Mourning dove, American goldfinch, house sparrow, blue Jay, crow, black capped chickadee, cardinal, junco, tree sparrow, rock dove, starling, horned lark, rough legged hawk, gray partridge, American kirstrel, snow bunting, northern shrike, downy woodpecker, red-breasted nuthatch, white-breasted nuthatch, ruffed grouse and redpoll.

Sad trip out west

Gloria Barton, Lochinvar Road, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Johanne Barton, and her baby, daughter, Emma have just returned from Lloydminster, Alberta. They attended the funeral of Gloria's brother-in-law, Bruce Copeland, who died Dec. 4. His wife Irene is a sister of Gloria.

Sympathies

Jean MacGillis (nee MacDonald) died in Windsor, Ontario on Nov. 21. She was in her 98th year.

Her husband, Finley MacGillis and one son, James Ranald, predeceased her. She leaves one son, Neil John, in St. Sauveur, a daughter, Noreen, in Windsor plus many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was the last surviving member of the Angus William MacDonald clan of Dalkeith. Frances Fraser is her niece and lives with her family on the Angus William property.

Condolences

The death of Lorne Hamre, husband of Eileen MacLeod, occurred at home in Unionville on Dec. 17. He was in his 80th year.

He is survived by Eileen, son, Gordon, and two daughters, Elaine and Joan as well as seven grandchildren.

Niece receives B.A.

Rosemarie Ferjuc received her Bachelor of Arts degree at the Fall Convocation of Ottawa University. Rosemarie is presently continuing her studies at Concordia University in Montreal. She is the niece of Frances Fraser and Louis Loczy.

Dalkeith Library

An exchange of videos and books on tape will be here in early January.

Trish would like to thank Brenda Noble for helping and organizing the Christmas Craft Workshop at the library on the evening of Dec. 14. Phillip Desmarais was the junior helper.

The children had a great time decorating large pine cones as Christmas trees. They were able to take them home and the rest of the decorated pine cones are on display at the library.

The 4-H gingerbread houses have been on display at the library for the last two weeks. The houses will be going home this week. The 4-H Club members did a great job in decorating them.

The library is open during the holidays. Come and pick up a book or two.

Sandbag League

With such an irregular time schedule to bring in my news, I am way behind in these reports. I'll give the team standing as of Dec. 8 and promise to start over in January.

1) Les Machos - 49, 2) Les Geai Bleus - 40, 3) L'Esperance - 37, 3) Les Peewees - 37, 5) Les Pierres-a-Feu - 31, 6) Les Yoyos - 30, 7) Les 4 Copains - 22 and 8) Les Joeblows - 12.

Laggan Public School

Three very successful Christmas concert performances were presented this week at the school. The Kindergarten classes began with concerts with Frosty The Snowman and The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers. Grades 1 through 6 presented "The Nutcracker" with narration from Grade 8 students and accompaniment from the school choir. Following this, the Grade 7 and 8 classes gave an adapted version of "A Christmas Carol."

Many parents, community and staff members left the building after each performance with a smile on their faces and a feeling of pride and pleasure.

Hours of hard work and organization go into these performances but the end result is always very rewarding and now we're all looking forward to a joyous holiday break.

Classes finish at the normal dismissal time on Friday and resume on Jan. 8.

Pastor welcomed

We welcome new neighbours into the village, Birgid and Pastor Bruce MacCallum who have recently moved into the house formerly owned by Denis and Jean Bush. They have two little girls, Alisha and Hanna. Pastor Bruce is the minister at Breadalbane Baptist Church.

Ecumenical Christmas Concert a success

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Hosted by Church on the Hill in Alexandria, the Ecumenical Christmas Concert on Dec. 13 was truly wonderful. Glen Robertson was well represented with the English choir singing "Good Christians All Rejoice and the French one sang "Aube Nouvelle." Father Eric Robichaud accompanied both choirs.

Diners' Club

Forty-seven people enjoyed a delicious meal at the Diners' Club on Dec. 14 at the centre.

Jean Lajoie entertained the people with lovely and lively Christmas music.

Five door prices donated by five Alexandria merchants were won by Eileen MacGillivray, Howard MacCallum, Frank Brooker, Micheline Larocque and Tonie Oetelaar.

Door prizes prepared by Outreach volunteers went to Jean MacLennan, Lloyd MacLennan, Janice MacIntosh, Margaret MacMillan, Sadie MacMillan, Lorna Chapman, Howard MacCallum, René Fleigans, Germaine Larocque, Tonie Oetelaar, Jean Lajoie, Archie MacGillivray and Audrey Elliott.

50/50 winners were Audrey Elliott and Jean Lajoie.

The next Diners' Club will be on Jan. 11 and please reserve ahead at 525-4443.

Condolences

Condolences to Jean-Lucien Larocque and the family upon the recent death of his sister, Rita Freund of Cornwall.

Christmas mass schedule

The schedule for the masses in St. Martin of Tours is the following.

A French mass will be celebrated Saturday at 8 p.m., an English mass on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and for New Year's Eve a bilingual mass at 7:30 p.m. and on Monday a bilingual mass at 9:30 a.m.

Birthday wishes

It was a special birthday for Pauline Roussin on Dec. 20 and relatives and friends dropped in to wish her the best. From all the community, we wish you sincere happy birthday wishes!

Baptism

Father Eric Robichaud baptized Isabelle Larocque on Dec. 17, daughter of André and Cecilia Larocque. Happy Godparents were André's brother and sister, Christiane and Luc Larocque. Welcome Isabelle!

Christmas brunch

Organized by the Optimist Club, over 130 people enjoyed a delicious brunch at the centre on Dec. 17. Santa was there of course to listen to the requests of the youngsters.

Three students of the Café Chantant, Mélissa-Anne Leduc, Rachelle Hamelin and Julien Rozon did a super job in entertaining the youths with improvisation and games.

50/50 draw went to Guy Poirier and the Optimist mascott, which is a beaver, went to Sue Poirer.

Many thanks to all the Optimist members who worked very hard and to all the Club 65 members for their great support in helping, contributing food or just their presence. It was really appreciated.

Laurier-Carrière school

Kindergarten and pre-Kindergarten students visited Le Village du Père Noël in Vars on Dec. 14. A visit they will always remember I'm sure.

On Friday, a pyjama day took place at the school where the students could wear pyjamas or a leisure suit.

Santa Claus distributed candies followed by a pizza lunch for all the students and staff.

Organized and sponsored by the Optimist Club, many thanks to all the Optimist members who worked hard.

Thanks to the Foyer-École who provided the dessert, the Dairy Queen who gave the juice and to Yves Lefebvre of Casse-Croûte du Coin who cooked all those pizzas!

Thanks to many people

Christmas baskets were delivered on Dec. 23 for the less fortunate of the parish. Special thanks to St. Martin of Tours parish, Social Centre and Glengarry East Pastoral Charge composed of the United Churches of Alexandria, Dalhousie, Glen Sandfield and East Hawkesbury for their generosity and to the many people of the community who contributed financially or in giving food.

Many thanks to Roxanne Decoeur who made sure that the children received a Christmas gift!

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I hope everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas and to all my column readers and to *The Glengarry News* staff a happy New Year.

A very special thank you to all those who took the time to provide me with good news of the community because without you there is no column.

As we start the year 2001, we still hope for a world at peace, with good will to all people, where we can concentrate on the things we have in common, not the differences that divide us.

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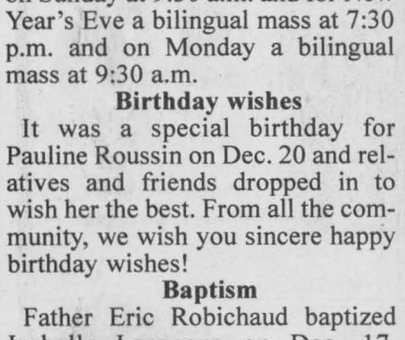

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Births

CORPUT –Tim and Tara (nee Benson) are proud to announce the birth of their first child a daughter, Sophie Louise Mary, born Sunday, December 10, 2000 at Ottawa Civic Hospital, weighing 8 lbs. 10 ozs. Proud grandparents are George and Louise Corput of Bainsville and Gale and Janice Benson of Peterborough.

VAN LOON –Denny and Kim (nee Sabourin) are pleased to announce the arrival of Denny Craig born Friday, December 15, 2000 at 4:26 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. 6 ozs, at Ottawa General Hospital. Big sister Mackenzie and grandparents Bryan and Claudette Sabourin and Denny and Mary Van Loon welcome Craig with love.

In Memoriam

GAUCHER –In loving memory of a dear son and brother, Francis, who passed away December 29, 1989.
Always dearly remembered by your family and friends.
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Deaths

MUNRO & MORRIS
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ALEXANDRIA BRANCH
TOWNSEND, VIOLET– At the Cornwall General Hospital, Cornwall on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2000. Age 74 years. Violet (nee O'Leary) of Alexandria. Wife of the late Frederick Townsend. Dear mother of Kathy Dicaire (Remi) of Alexandria, Ken (Lynn) of Ste. Justine de Newton, Quebec, Charlene Townsend of Alexandria and Marlene (companion Richard Campeau) of Ile Perrot, Quebec. Loving grandmother of Stephan, Nathalie and Audrey. Dear sister of Beatrice Venafro, Mary O'Leary and Cecilia O'Leary all of Montreal, Quebec. Predeceased by two brothers Frank and Patrick O'Leary and one sister Murielle O'Leary. Daughter of the late Florence Gosden and the late Frank O'Leary. Relatives and friends called at Munro & Morris Funeral Homes, Alexandria on Monday Dec. 18. Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Finnan's Cathedral, Alexandria on Tuesday Dec. 19. Officiated by Rev. Kelvin Maloney. Interment parish cemetery. 52-1c

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ALEXANDRIA BRANCH
RANGER, ALBERTINE– At the Glengarry Memorial Hospital, Alexandria on Monday, Dec. 18, 2000 at the age of 96 years. Beloved wife of the late Eugene Ranger. Loving mother of Lucille Massie (Henri) of Cornwall, Omer Ranger (Solange) of Hawkesbury, Lorraine Lanthier (Roger) of Alexandria, Marcel Ranger (Huguette) of Alexandria, Claude Ranger (Rejeanne) of Gatineau and Nicole Tourangeau (Clifford) of Alexandria. Survived by 30 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Annette Lortie and Flore Sabourin of Rigaud, Quebec. Also survived by her sister-in-law, Therese Sauve of Rigaud, Quebec. Predeceased by 2 daughters, Jeanette Ranger (late Leo Paul) and Simone Lanthier (Paul-Emile). Also predeceased by 5 brothers, Arthur, Henri, Alphonse, Georges and Bruno Seguin. Relatives and friends called at Munro & Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street South, Alexandria on Thursday, Dec. 21. Mass of Christian burial was held in Eglise Sacre-Coeur, Alexandria on Friday, Dec. 22. Interment Ste. Anne de Prescott Cemetery. If so desired, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. 52-1c

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and
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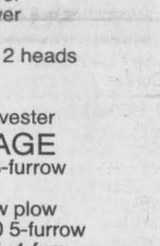

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Calves were up a whopping 60 cents over last week on average. Cows were up a couple of cents over last week.We wish everybody a Merry Christmas and to let you know our next sale will be TUESDAY JAN. 2, 2001

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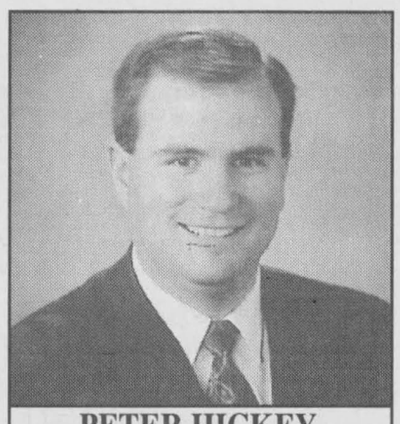

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South Glengarry

NOTICE
All residents who normally have recycling and/or garbage pickup on Mondays the following schedule will replace your normal schedule for Christmas and New Year's:

NORMAL DATE	REVISED DATE
Christmas Day - December 25	Friday, December 29
New Year's Day - January 1	Friday, January 5

Every other garbage and recycling date will remain the same for the holiday season. 51-3c

Avis

RÈGLEMENTS D'EMPRUNT

À sa réunion plénière du 28 novembre 2000, le Conseil a adopté le règlement d'emprunt 1-2000 pour le fiancement des programmes de réflection de toitures pour les années 1998-1999 et 1999-2000, au montant de 1 864 214 $, et le règlement d'emprunt 2-2000 pour le financement de l'aménagement de la salle à toutes fins à l'école Saint-Bernard de Maxville, au montant de 713 146 $.

L'emprunt total, remboursable sur une période de vingt-cinq (25) ans, à un taux d'intérêt moyen de 7 %, représente un paiement annuel sur le capital d'environ 103 000 $.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BY-LAW #39-2000

Township of North Glengarry

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry will hold a public meeting on the 15th day of January, 2000 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in Alexandria to consider a proposed amendment to the Township's Comprehension Zoning By-law under Section 34 of the Planning Act as amended.

THE PURPOSE of the amendment is to recognize that the westerly 180 feet of the property described as being Pt. Lot 13 & 14 Conc. II, I.L. being Part 2 on Plan 14R4617 (Roll #01101462000000) be zoned to MG-2 (formerly M1 zoning in the Kenyon zoning by-law 40-88). This is considered a house keeping by-law and the planning committee has recommended that the change in zoning proceed. This will permit the owner to sell vehicles from his lot as he had originally intended, prior to the adoption of zoning by-law 39-2000.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed zoning By-law Amendment. If a person or public body files an appeal of a decision of the Council of the Township of North Glengarry in respect of the proposed zoning by-law does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submission to the Municipality of the Township of North Glengarry before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed By-law amendment is available between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Township office.

Dated at the Township of North Glengarry, this 20th day of December, 2000.

Leo Poirier - Clerk
Terry Hart - Planning
613-525-1110
613-525-1649 (fax)



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OBITUARIES

Shiro Frank Ikeda

Shiro Frank Ikeda, born in Steveston, B.C., passed away at his residence in Williamstown on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 at 77 years of age.

He was predeceased by his father Kaigero Ikeda and mother Yuni Tamura.

Shiro Ikeda is survived by his wife Rebecca Miyuki Ikeda (nee Kubo).

He will be missed by his sons, Douglas Ikeda (Parmenda) of Surrey, B.C., Darcy Ikeda at home (Williamstown) and David Ikeda of Coquitlam, B.C. and grandson Ryan Ikeda.

Shiro Ikeda also leaves behind a brother Kune Sakaguchi of Toronto and a sister Lily Miyashita of Alberta.

Shiro Ikeda was a retired employee of Canadian Coatings in Montreal.

A private family funeral service was held in the chapel of the M. John Sullivan Funeral Home on Monday, November 20, 2000 at 11 a.m. followed by cremation. The Venerable Archdeacon Ross Moulton of Trinity Anglican Church officiated.

The pallbearers were the M. John Sullivan Funeral Home Staff Bearers.

Robert Gordon Jamieson

Robert Gordon Jamieson, born in Ottawa, passed away at the Parisien Manor on Saturday, November 11, 2000 at 85 years of age.

He was the son of the late William John Jamieson and the late Isabella Thompson.

Robert Jamieson leaves behind one daughter Jane and her husband Allan and was predeceased by his son John. One grandchild, Brianna, will miss him.

He is survived by his sisters Edna Snider, Eleanor Bates, Jean Caldwell and Dorothy Dunlop.

Three brothers predeceased him: Tom, Bill and George.

Robert Gordon Jamieson was cremated and will be laid to rest in the family plot, United Cemetery, Carleton Place.

He was a man of music with a mind of a scholar, the soul of a poet and a wit all his own. An honest man. A generous man. A man whom I'm proud to call my father.

Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of the M. John Sullivan Funeral Home.

Jeltje (Jenny) Koelmans

Jeltje (Jenny) Koelmans passed away peacefully at her residence, the Parisien Manor in Cornwall on Saturday December 9, 2000 at the age of 76. She was born in Ede Gelderland, The Netherlands but lived in Summerstown.

She was predeceased by her husband, Broer Koelmans.

She was the daughter of the late Wouter Tjeerd vanden Brink and the late Jeltje vander Iest.

Jenny Koelmans leaves behind Jeltje (Jenny) Wheeler (Daniel) of Brockville, Regina Blohon (Rudy) of Manotick, Veronica MacDougal of Green Valley, Stoerd (Stuart) Koelmans (Claire) of Vancouver, Margaret Lalonde of Huntsport, N.S., Wilfrieda (Frieda) Deschamps (Fred) of Cornwall, Walter Koelmans (Ross) of Lacombe, Alberta, Mary McCuaig (Brian) of Lancaster, Audrey Wannamaker (Paul) of Ingleside and Johannus (John) Koelmans of Saskatoon.

She leaves 20 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Jenny Koelmans was predeceased by one brother and one sister.

The funeral was held from the M. John Sullivan Funeral Home in Cornwall to the Trinity United Church, Ingleside for Funeral Service on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 2 p.m. with spring interment to take place in St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, Ingleside. Rev. Bob Matheson of Trinity United Church officiated.

The pallbearers were Bob and Andrew Wheeler, Tom and Joey Adams, Tim McCuaig and Jason Koelmans.

Vivien Elizabeth Ballantyne

Vivien Elizabeth Ballantyne passed away peacefully after a brief illness at St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener, in her 71st year on Sunday December 10, 2000.

Vivien was predeceased by her husband, William E. Ballantyne in 1992 and by her parents Robert John Wesley Graham and Dorothy Elizabeth Hope of Alexandria.

Survived by her brother James D. Graham and wife Janet of Alexandria, their children Bob Graham, St. Elmo, Ont. Joanne Simpkins, Montreal, P.Q. and June James (Ron), Toronto.

Sister of Carol G. Baxter and her husband Doug of Alexandria, their children Susan Baxter (Rondo), Alexandria, James Baxter (Brenda), Summerstown, Helen Alix Rattray (Allan), North Lancaster, David Baxter (Sandra), Oxted, England.

Sister of Nancy G. MacKenzie and husband Alastair of Ponoka, Alberta, their children Nancy Ann Bush (Clint), Cornwall, James Malkin (Vivian), Ponoka, John G. Malkin (Bonnie), White Rock, B.C., Kate Ross Phipps (Laurie) Victoria, B.C., Bruce Malkin, Ponoka, Keith Malkin (Carroll), Toronto, and Grant MacKenzie (Andrea), Ponoka.

She will be lovingly remembered by 20 great nieces and nephews and a host of dear neighbours and friends.

Vivien was a graduate of the Maurice Fashion Arts Academy in Montreal. She commenced her career at Eaton's in Toronto, becoming a buyer and department manager with Eaton's, Simpson's and The Bay, working in Toronto, London, Oshawa, Burlington and Kitchener. At the time of her retirement Mrs. B. was the Sales Merchandise Manager at The Bay in Fairview Mall. During her retirement Vivien enjoyed her garden and was an active volunteer with Meals on Wheels and R.A.I.S.E.

A memorial celebrating Vivien's life was held at Ratz-Bechtel Funeral Home in Kitchener on Saturday, December 16, 2000 at 1 p.m. Reception followed in the R-B Family Centre.

As expressions of sympathy, donations may be made to Meals on Wheels, R.A.I.S.E. or the Canadian Cancer Society.

A Memorial Service and interment will be held in Alexandria, Ont. in the summer.

Lynus Mode MacPherson

Lynus Mode MacPherson entered into eternal rest at home, Tuesday, November 28, 2000 after a lengthy illness at the age of 77 years.

He was born in the fifth concession of Lochiel township, the youngest son of the late Duncan William MacPherson and Margaret I. MacLeod.

He was a beloved husband for 47 years to Margaret MacNeil.

He was the dear father of Heather, Ottawa, Neil, Dalkeith, Shirley (Rick) Altman, Oakville and Millan (Fiona) Dalkeith.

He is survived by one sister Katherine (Howard) Cunning, Vankleek Hill and a brother, A.K. MacPherson, Dalkeith.

Lynus MacPherson was a devoted grandfather to six grandchildren.

He was predeceased by one brother Hugh.

Lynus took great pride in his family, home and community.

The funeral was held from Munro & Morris Funeral Home to Kirkhill United Church on Saturday, December 2, 2000 at 2 p.m. where the service was conducted by Rev. R. Martin.

A nephew, Burt McKinley, gave a touching "Family Remembrance".

Honorary pallbearers were MacNaughton Cumming, Donald MacGillivray, Munroe McCaskill, Arnold MacRae, Leslie Calvank, Jamie Cunning, Allister MacGillivray and Ross MacGillivray.

Active pallbearers were all nephews: Thomas, Gordon, John, Ronnie, Duncan and Nelson MacPherson.

Interment in the family plot followed with piper David MacPherson playing the MacPherson Lament.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO
Friday, December 21, 1900

• On Christmas Day the Citizens Band will serenade our citizens.

•The Alexandria Carriage Works now employs 83 hands and the rush of work compels them to work overtime.

•On Tuesday night a jolly sleigh load of young people drove to the residence of John McLennan, Esq., Lancaster Township, where they were guests of Miss Eva McLennan.

•A meeting of the Curling Club chose as skips for the season, James Martin,J. F. Smith, J. A. Cameron and K. McLennan, MD. C. V. Johnson was appointed secretary-treasurer pro tem.

•Misses May and Laura McDougall, who are pupils at Miss Harmon's Ladies' College, Ottawa, are holidaying with their mother.

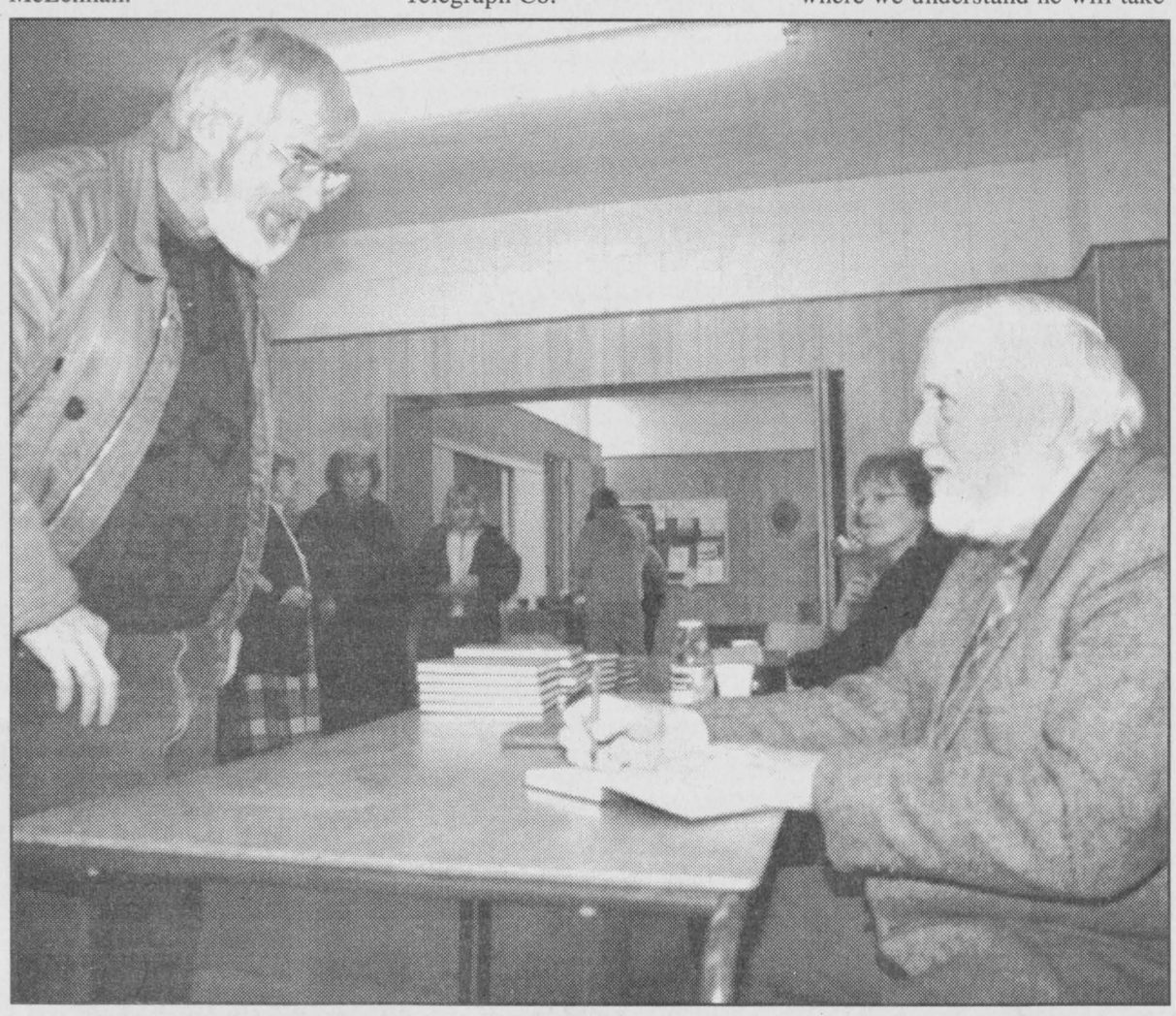
•Alex Kennedy, 3rd Kenyon, leaves for Buffalo, N.Y., today, where he has secured a lucrative position with the Western Union Telegraph Co.

NINETY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday, December 31, 1915

•The following have enlisted in the 154th Overseas Battalion and are in training at the Armouries here, H. Gurondon, Vankleek Hill; D. C. McDonald, Glen Robertson; E. J. Williams, Cape Town, SA; J. W. McNaughton, Green Valley; H. S. Macdonald, F. McRae, W. Campbell, Alexandria.

• J. E. Charlebois left Tuesday afternoon for Davenport, Iowa, where we understand he will take a course in medicine.

•The following Glengarry teachers in training have received limited third class and district certificates: Arthur J. Calder, Lancaster; Christena Ferguson, Susie M. Ferguson, Williamstown, Jas. H. Helps, Maxville; Grace McDougald, Alexandria; Lynden E. McDermid, Martintown; Edward A. McMillan of Maxville; Angeline Young, Kirk Hill and Margaret Barry, North Lancaster.



Highland Paths II

Ken McKenna signs one of his Highland Paths II books at the Alexandria United Church for Reverend Allister Rose. The book, which sells for $24.95 includes features that McKenna has published on a weekly basis in *The Glengarry News*.

Staff photo — Todd Anderson

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 24, 1920

•Archibald D. MacGillivray, who opened the first livery stable here in 1875, died Dec. 17. Mr. MacGillivray earlier had been engaged in construction work on the Grenville Canal and the Canadian Atlantic Railway.

•Miss Hanna Chisholm, Lochiel, graduated as a trained nurse from Western Hospital, Montreal.

•Mrs. Dan A. Macdonald, "Hillcrest," 4th Kenyon, has received a silver cross from the government in memory of her son, A. Clare Macdonald, who died in the Great War.

•Married at the manse, Alexandria, Dec. 22, were Miss Bertha Ross, Dunvegan and Frank Phillips of Greenfield.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 19, 1930

•Two famous Atlantic fliers, Capt. J. Errol Boyd and Lieut. Harry P. Connor, made a forced landing owing to fog and snow at Green Valley last Friday morning while en route to Montreal from Toronto. They landed in Borome Poirier's field and after making arrangements for the safe-keeping of their plane, continued on by train. In recognition of the attention received from N. Smith, CPR agent, the fliers next day took his son Eldon as their guest for the flight to Montreal.

•The following young ladies have decided to enter the contest in the drive fro members being made by the Highland Society: Miss Margaret Stewart, Fisk's Corners; Miss Mary Margaret Macdonnel, Lochiel; Miss Helen Macdonell, St. Raphael's West and Miss Margaret Kelly, Alexandria.

•Two of Maxville's citizens, Fred Campbell and Dan McLean, were injured, not seriously, Sunday evening when a car mounted the sidewalk and struck them.

Val J. Chisholm, Toronto, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Chisholm, prior to leaving for Vancouver, B.C., where he will manage the local branch of the White Co. Ltd. Motor Trucks.

•Dr. M. Markson, Messrs. J. E. Leduc and C. Lacombe spent Friday in London, Ont., looking over some deep well systems.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 20, 1940

•Omer Levert of Green Valley, suffered fractured ribs, a punctured lung and possible fractured pelvis in a two-car crash east of Prescott. His brother, Eugene Levert, was the driver of the car.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 22, 1950

•Maxville went "wet" by only a 3.2 votes over the 60 per cent required to change a "dry" status that has been in effect since 1891.

•Phil St. Louis, veteran prospector who had been credited with discovering the largest pitch-blende and uranium deposits in America, was buried in Greenfield cemetery, Tuesday. A native of Maxville, he died at Kirkland Lake, Saturday, at the age of 62.

•A new fire brigade has been formed at Lancaster with James McLaughlin as chief. A new LaFrance pumper has been ordered.

•The Holy Cross Community has purchased Maryvale Abbey, Glen Nevis.

FORTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 22, 1960

•Miss Helen Seger of Alexandria, boarded a plane at Dorval Sunday for a 17-day trip to Europe which will include Christmas in her father's fatherland, Norway.

•Ron Allison of Vankleek Hill is coming here from Carp to take over management of the Glengarry Farmers Co-Op.

•Aime Ouimet, 55, of Alexandria suffered a fractured leg when the car of J. A. Roussin in which he was a passenger struck a deer near McMillan's Corners. The men were pulling the dead deer from the ditch when their car was struck in the rear by another.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
Wednesday, December 23, 1970

•The Holy See in Rome willing, the headquarters of the diocese of Alexandria could be moved to Cornwall in 1971.

•Mrs. Grace MacLennan of Dalkeith closed out a teaching career extending over the last 40 years, Tuesday, when Glengarry District High School recessed for the Christmas holidays.

•Live figures will represent the manger scene in the pageant preceding midnight mass at St. Raphael's this year, as the crib and figurines destroyed by fire have not been replaced.

•Our Christmas mail brought Christmas greetings from both Rev. Alex McDonald and Rev. Cleary Villeneuve who toil as Scarboro missioners in Japan.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Tuesday, December 23, 1980

•Alexandria Richelieu Carnival Queen contestants have been announced. They are Francine Massie, Sylvie Lajoie, Suzanne Lalonde, Sylvie Ranger, Gisele Vincent and Nathalie Binette.

•Marc Lalonde's new IGA building on Main St. South is being stocked and will be ready for customers by Jan. 19.

•Lancaster Township Council hosted a display evening on Wednesday to show off its new township garage.

TEN YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 23, 1990

•The Lochiel Township roads department will end the year almost $100,000 overspent. About $50,000 more than the $180,000 projection was spent reconstructing McCormick Road.

•An Apple Hill area man and his three daughters barely escaped a fire which leveled their log home in the early hours of Tuesday, Dec. 18. Robert Metcalfe said his family slept through the smoke alarm and he was awakened by the screams of his daughters. Metcalfe said his house was more than 160 years-old, constructed with hand hewn logs.

•The Goods and Services Tax is now law and that means that single copies, subscriptions, advertising and other services delivered through *The Glengarry News* are subject to 7 per cent GST effective Jan. 1, 1991.

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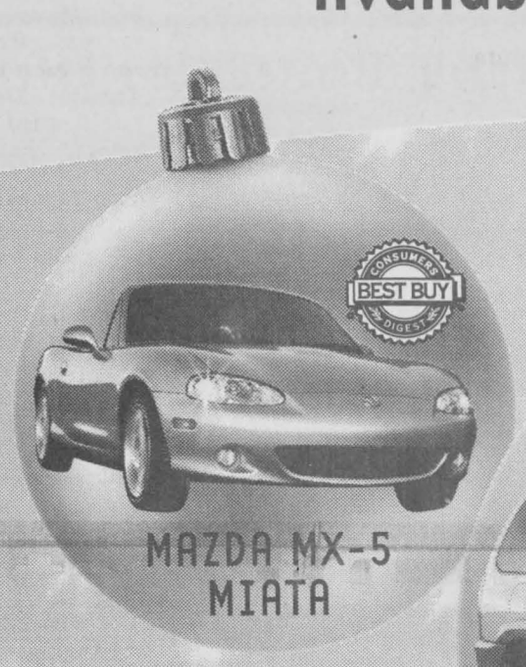

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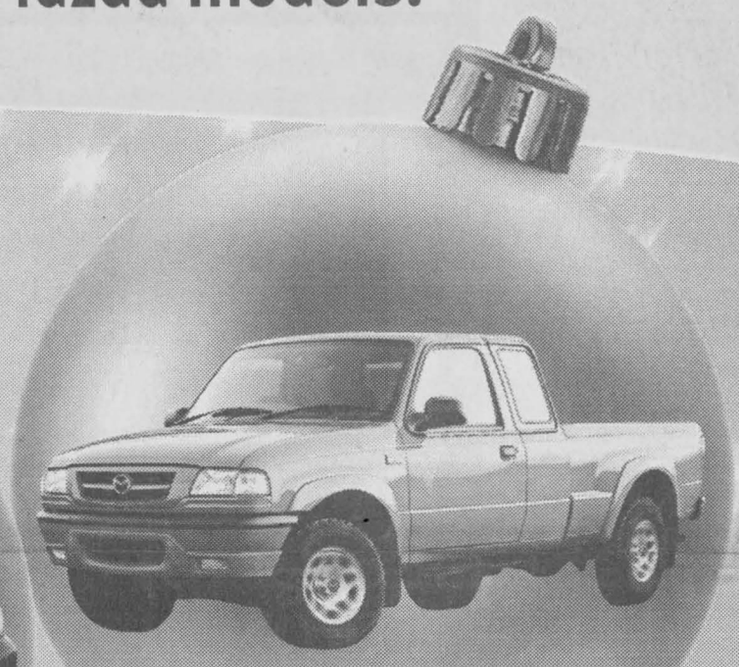

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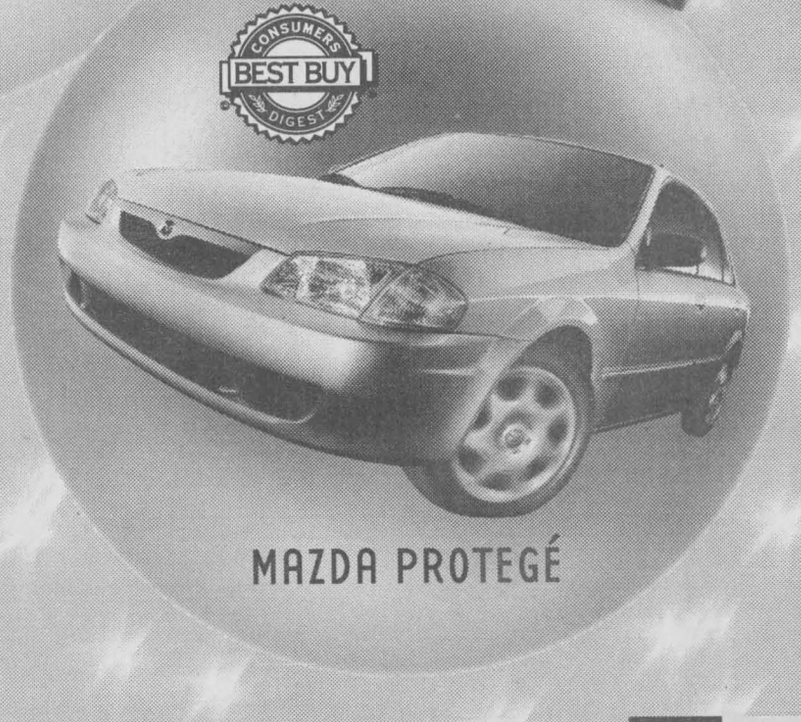

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Lone Robin among 34 species seen

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On December 17, the Vankleek Hill and District Nature Society held their annual Audubon Bird Count with a total of 34 species within a seven-kilometer radius of Vankleek Hill.

Despite the foggy conditions, six teams of members were out in cars for most of the day, and many residents phoned in feeder reports.

Species counted were Common Golden-eye, Canada Goose, Herring Gull, Red-tailed Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, American Kestrel, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Grey Partridge, Ruffed Grouse, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Northern Shrike, Blue Jay, Crow, Raven, Chickadee, Dark-eyed Junco, Horned Lark, Snow Bunting, European Starling, Tree and House Sparrows, Hawk Owl, Northern Cardinal, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Common Redpoll, and a single Robin.

Foggy weather keeps carollers indoor

Although the number of carollers was down for the sixth annual Dunvegan Recreation Association carol sing on December 19, the foggy weather had kept many more home to appreciate the Christmas music at their doors.

About 18 people were out to stroll through the village and then enjoy hot chocolate and goodies at the hall afterwards.

A hard drive has more than one meaning

If you are a long-time computer techie, or are just struggling into the computer era, here are some country computerisms:

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4. Screen - What to shut in black fly season
5. Byte - What the black flies do
6. Bit - What the black flies did
7. Mega Byte - What the BIG black flies do during trout season
8. Chip - Munchies for TV
9. Micro Chip - What's left in the bag after you eat the chips
10. Modem - What you did to the weeds growing in the driveway
11. Dot matrix - Old Dan Matrix's wife
12. Mouse - What makes the holes in the Cheerios box
13. Cursor - Someone who swears
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And to all my readers, have a wonderful 2001, the "mathematically correct" millennium year.

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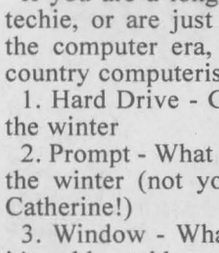

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The King's Road

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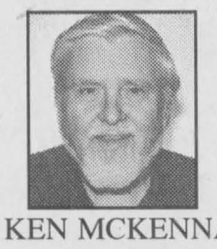

KEN MCKENNA

This week we continue with Betty McDonald's essay given to the Brown House Circle in 1992, about the King's Road. Two centuries ago it was the main highway across Glengarry, from the Quebec border through St Raphael's, St. Andrew's and points west, and eventually to York (Toronto).

"In 1786 when the second wave of settlers arrived at St. Raphael's under the leadership of their priest Father Alexander MacDonell [Scotus], the probability is that they came up Sutherland's Creek and settled on the ridge of high land north of the swamp in which Sutherland's Creek rises. (The source of Sutherland's Creek is on Marc Brunet's farm). Here on the ridge they built their log cabins and their log church.

"At first, the nearest gristmill was at Côteau [Quebec] and no doubt many a small sack of grain was carried on men's shoulders along what at first would be only a blazed trail from St Raphael's... In the next 15 years mills were built at Williamstown and Martintown. Getting to Wilfiamstown involved passing through a long swamp [now the Johnson Road] so it is likely that Martintown was the mill most used.

"These settlers at St. Raphael's, the first settlers in Glengarry away from a river highway, with their necessary travel to church, gristmills and sawmills, pioneered the King's Road...

Government action on several different levels... has constantly improved the King's Road and it still runs from Côteau to St. Andrew's.

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"The King' Road as we know it today was last upgraded in the early 1970s. At that time it was widened considerably, hills were cut down and sharp turns and corners were curved.

"A few of our members were born at homesteads along the King's Road and lived all or part of their lives there. Lloyd McDonald, Lillian McDonald, Rita Tourangeau and Angus MacDonald all have memories of the King's Road in their childhood days.

"Rita remembers when the gravel road got its first coating of tar some 70 years ago... She recalls watching the huge roller as it went along. From time to time it got fresh coats of tar. She also told of some Iona boarders dropping in at her parents' home at the end of June to say goodbye to them and they tracked in fresh tar and ruined the rug in their living room.

"Angus remembers the deep ruts made along the road made by buggies drawn by horses that preferred travelling on the softer sides of the road. He also walked over this road on his way to and from school.

"Lillian's mother always had boarders from work crews on the King's Road, putting in phone lines and doing road work. She also remembers tramps stopping in for something to eat. They would always be fed but ate on the porch steps as these vagrants were usually lousy. In winter, she recalls her father coming from the Raisin River with a sleigh-load of ice blocks to be packed away in the icehouse for summer use, "Lloyd says that during the War of 1812, troops were fed at his uncle's home on the King's Road in the North Lancaster area.

"Today the King's Road is extremely busy. Commuters going east and west use the road from the early hours of the morning till late evening. Local travellers also make good use of it. E.H. Tourangeau says he often has to wait indefinitely to cross the road safely when getting mail."

In a future column we'll have the late Harriet McDonald's story of The Brown House.

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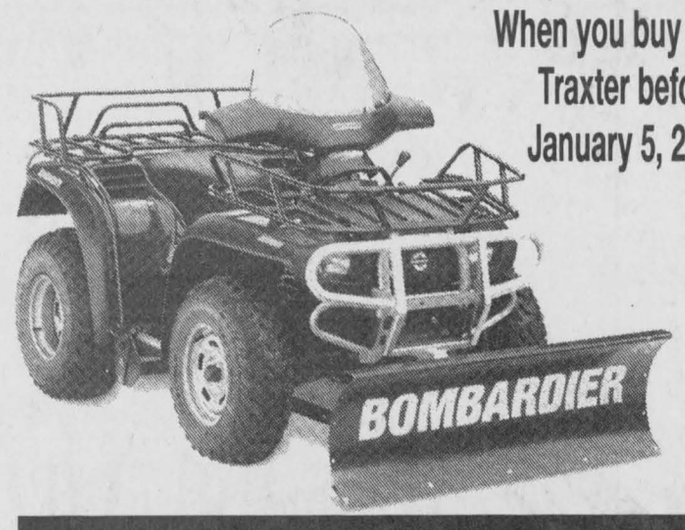

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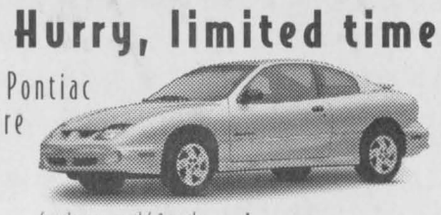

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