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# The Glengarry News

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## Flu taking its toll in Glengarry

By PETE BOCK  
News Reporter

The flu is running rampant in Glengarry.

Outbreaks of Influenza A, an acute viral disease of the respiratory tract, forced officials at Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital (HGMH) and the Maxville Manor last week to restrict access and take added precautions at their facilities. The Maria Goretti Residence in Alexandria has an outbreak of a stomach bug - gastro-enteritis.

Three Alexandria schools - École secondaire Le Relais, Glengarry District High School (GDHS) and École élémentaire Elda Rouleau - had students test positively for Influenza A.

Both Le Relais and Elda Rouleau recently had such high absenteeism rates that they were forced to call the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU).

Schools are asked to call the health unit if they have more than 10 per cent of their student body absent due to illness. Le Relais' rate peaked at 25 per cent on Dec. 10, while Elda Rouleau had about one-sixth of its students out on Dec. 15, when 53 of its 319 students were absent.

While the EOHU had confirmed cases of Influenza A in Glengarry, Russell and Stormont, clinical assistant Linda Cleroux at the health unit's Cornwall office expects it is even more widespread.

"There is a flurry of activity," Mrs. Cleroux said in an interview Friday, "it is likely it is everywhere throughout the counties."

The health unit tries to partner with schools and institutions in the community to monitor and help limit the spread of the flu.

"It is important for the nursing homes and the other institutions in the community to know (there is an outbreak), because they have to protect their vulnerable populations..." Mrs. Cleroux said. "For a lot of adults there are not complications for influenza, but for young children, elderly, immune deficient people, there are certainly pockets of people for whom it can have severe complications."

Quite a few children were very sick at Elda Rouleau, with symptoms such as headache, fever, sore throat, and vomiting, according to acting principal Madeleine Charette.

"Some kids were missing for four or five days and when they came back (they looked weak)," Mrs. Charette said. "It is a very hard one."

The health unit suggests schools take certain steps when concerns emerge. Information sheets were

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### Stork Market

■ Christa (née DeBenedetti) and Doug MacPherson, a girl, Maren Harriet, Oct. 14

GLENGARRY BABIES IN 2004:

Girls: 58 Boys: 54



**LIGHT UP THE NIGHT:** Glengarrians traditionally go out of their way to decorate their homes for Christmas and this year is no exception. Take a drive around the county and you'll be greeted by a myriad of festive light shows. Top: Pat St. Pierre decorated his Wentworth Road home with a series of purple and white lights. Below: Roger Guindon has quite the display of Christmas lights and other artifacts at his Maxville home. The display outside pales in comparison to inside where almost every inch of his home has some sort of Christmas flavour. Bottom: The Westley's Point home of Wilfrid Major has long been a staple of Christmas displays in South Glengarry. Left: This unidentified home just west of Glen Walter featured a nativity scene on the front step.

STAFF PHOTOS



## Maxville Library gets early Christmas present

By STEVEN WARBURTON  
News Editor

The Maxville Library received some breathing room on Thursday evening when the SDG Library Board guaranteed that the branch would remain open for three more years, but at least one stakeholder says that it's a bittersweet victory indeed.

"We're very happy for the Maxville library but we're also very upset over what happened to the libraries in Moose Creek and Crysler," said Maryanne Kampouris, spokesperson for the Friends of the Maxville Library (FML).

The Maxville Library, currently located in St. Bernard's School, was one of four branches slated

for closure within the SDG system. As such, the FML sprang into existence. Over the course of the year it has found a new location - the former municipal building at Spring Street and Catherine Street West. It has also developed a floorplan and secured \$10,000 in funding from North Glengarry township for upgrades.

The township, in turn, asked for the three-year guarantee. The request was officially granted at the library board's Dec. 16 meeting.

But although the library board might have made Maxville's bibliophiles very happy on Thursday night, the same cannot be said of Crysler and Moose Creek. A small delegation of angry Crysler library users also attended the

meeting and presented a petition with 330 signatures asking the board to reconsider its decision.

"I am very upset and outraged over this closure," said Lorraine Bourdeau, a spokesperson for the Crysler group. "The loss of a library is a big deal for our seniors because many of them don't have cars. It's a big deal for our students and the young mothers who use it as a meeting place."

She concluded her presentation by stating that her group will ask the municipality of North Stormont to withdraw its funding to the SDG Libraries in order to start its own system.

Her plea did not sway the board, though at

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## Groups, business provide Christmas for needy in area

By KRISTINA WILSON  
News Reporter

Churches, charities and businesses in both South and North Glengarry are stepping up efforts to ensure that all area residents enjoy a Merry Christmas this year.

Sacré-Coeur parish in Alexandria, in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul society, is hosting a Christmas dinner on Dec. 25 in the parish hall.

The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. by La Soupière and other volunteers. Jean Lajoie will be providing musical entertainment.

The meal is open to singles, couples and small families who would otherwise be alone on Christmas. All the children will receive a gift.

"We have been doing this for a few years now," said society member Claude Brunet.

The society has also been collecting donations of non-perishable food items and cash to put towards its Christmas basket campaign.

The baskets are distributed throughout the county of Glengarry as well as Moose Creek.

Throughout most of Glengarry, the society provides baskets for couples without children; however, in the Maxville-Moose Creek area, it also takes care of families with children.

Mr. Brunet said the society usually prepares around 200 baskets and serves in the neighbourhood of 125 Christmas dinners.

"We have been collecting food through the schools in North and South Glengarry," Mr. Brunet said. "It has been a good campaign. I want to thank people for their generous donations of food and money."

The St. Vincent de Paul society receives donations from private individuals, as well as service clubs such as the Knights of Columbus and Daughter of Isabella.

Businesses are also getting involved. On Dec. 19, Moulure Alexandria Moulding sent a tractor-trailer through Alexandria collecting donations from residents and passers-by.

The society also got a boost from Hélène Faubert, a Caisse Populaire employee in Alexandria who, along with her husband Ernest Thauvette, collected donations of non-perishable food items, cash and toys during the Alexandria Christmas parade on Dec. 5.

The main source of funds for the society's Christmas baskets is the revenues from the thrift store it operates on Alexandria's Main Street.

Lina Curran, who oversees the store, said all the toys which are received as donations to the store are put into the Christmas baskets.

The store also gives clothing to people referred by Mr. Brunet, in addition to donating items to area women's shelters, such as towels, sheets, bedding and toys and clothing for children.

Some stuffed animals are sent to local nursing homes, to be given to seniors who don't often get visitors.

After Christmas, heavy sweaters and bedding are packed up and

delivered to Montreal homeless shelters.

The store will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 24 until Jan. 3, 2005, reopening Jan. 4.

Families with children in the town of Alexandria, north to Fassifern, south to Green Valley and approximately 5 km east and west of Alexandria are looked after by the Lions Club of Alexandria.

Campaign chairperson Gaetan Ravary, whose day job is as a paramedic with Cornwall-SDG EMS, said there are usually around 80 requests for baskets each year.

The club collects cash donations by mail from individuals and businesses and in donation boxes placed in businesses in the area. It also holds a fundraising draw.

In Glen Robertson and the immediate area, Christmas baskets are prepared by the Optimist Club. Inside the baskets are food items and a gift for each child.

Colette Sauvé, a member of the Optimist Club, said there are usually around 20 baskets distributed.

Donations are collected throughout the hamlet, including at the school, the church and the Basic Needs general store.

At a recent brunch held at the community centre, Mrs. Sauvé said two baskets of non-perishable food items were collected.

"People are very generous," she said.

Donations also come in from community groups, service clubs and area churches.

"We bring all the (non-perishable food) to Emilien Proulx's house and he sorts it," Mrs. Sauvé said.

A small army of volunteers then assembles the baskets at Mr. Proulx's home.

All the fresh food which goes into the baskets, such as eggs and potatoes, is purchased from Basic Needs, to keep the whole effort within the Glen Robertson community.

Michel Bourdeau is with the Knights of Columbus in Lancaster, which distributes baskets in most of South Glengarry, south from Bainsville, north to North Lancaster and as far east as Fraser Road.

Mr. Bourdeau said there are usually around 50 requests for baskets from single people, couples and families.

The Knights have been accepting donations of cash and non-perishable food items. With the cash, they buy additional food items or vouchers, so people can shop for themselves.

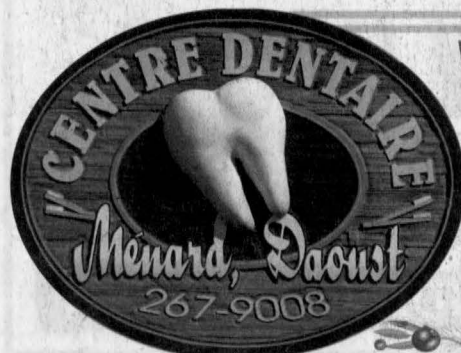
South Glengarry's churches have been the main collection points for the Knights' campaign. Donations have also been dropped off at Luc and Tanya Decoeur's store in North Lancaster.

"I want to thank all the volunteers, the donors and the churches," Mr. Bourdeau said.

Also providing for the less fortunate of South Glengarry is the Angel Tree in Lancaster.

What started as a project of Father Rudy Villeneuve's at St. Joseph's parish is now the pet project of Lancaster resident Linda Stacey.

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# Foiled break-in leads to charges

## Police Report

An Alexandria man faces a number of charges after two attempted break-ins in Alexandria in the last week.

SDG OPP officers responded to a report of an attempted break-in at a residence on Main Street in Alexandria on Dec. 16, around 3 p.m.

Only three days later, police were called to a Dominion Street residence in Alexandria, after a homeowner confronted a suspect who had broken into the home. The suspect was chased and caught a short distance away.

Investigation revealed the same suspect was responsible for both incidents.

He was arrested and held in custody pending a court appearance in Cornwall on Dec. 20.

Shawn Forget, 18, of Alexandria, faces charges of Break and Enter, Attempt Break and Enter, Breach of Probation on two counts and Failing to Comply with Undertaking on three counts.

Constable B. Letouze is investigating.

### What's your hurry?

A Brampton, ON man was charged with going more than twice the speed limit by SDG OPP recently.

On Dec. 17, around 2 a.m., police were conducting traffic enforcement on SDG 34 in South Glengarry when a 1996 Kenworth tractor-trailer was caught travelling 110 km/h in a posted 50 km/h zone.

The 27-year-old man will appear in Alexandria court on Jan. 17.

Const. D. Roy investigated this incident.

### Charges laid

Two youths face charges after they were found breaching their conditions.

On Dec. 16, an SDG OPP officer on general patrol observed two young males walking on Main Street South in Alexandria.

The officer was aware that the

## Calls for service Dec. 13 to 19

Traffic incidents	54
General calls	29
Criminal investigations	19
Traffic charges	67
Criminal Code charges	19
Motor vehicle accidents:	
Personal injury	1
Property damage	16
Fatales	0
12-hour suspensions	1
Impaired drivers	1
False alarms	16

youths were on conditions not to associate with each other.

As a result, police arrested and charged a 15-year-old male with one count of failing to comply with an officer undertaking.

He was released and will appear in Court on Feb. 2, 2005.

The 18-year-old male faces three counts of failing to comply with an officer in charge undertaking contrary to section 143 (3) of the Criminal Code.

He was held for bail and was scheduled to appear in court on Dec. 17.

Const. S. MacWhirter is investigating this matter.

### Thief

Two recreational vehicles are missing in South Glengarry after a shed was entered.

On Dec. 15, SDG OPP received a report of a stolen motorcycle and snowmobile from a residence on SDG 2.

The vehicles are described as follows: 1995 Polaris 800 snowmobile, black/purple and 1990 Kawasaki KX 125, green.

Constable J. Maxwell is investigating.

### Suspicious fire

A fire that broke out at a Glen Road residence during the early hours of Dec. 16 has been declared

suspicious in nature.

At about 1:55 a.m. that morning, SDG OPP officers were called to assist the Williamstown Fire Department at the South Glengarry property. The Ontario Fire Marshal's office and the SDG Crime Unit have been contacted to provide assistance with the investigation.

Constable S. Watters is investigating this matter.

### Stolen vehicle

Thieves stole a tractor-trailer from the Bainsville Esso sometime after Nov. 27. SDG OPP officers were notified of the theft on Dec. 16.

There are no suspects at this time. Constable Letouze is investigating this matter.

## Correction

Incorrect information appeared in last week's *The Glengarry News* concerning Eddy and Fernande Belair.

When Mrs. Belair kept house for Émile Legault and his four children, she was 16 and did not have any children of her own. *The News* apologizes for the error.

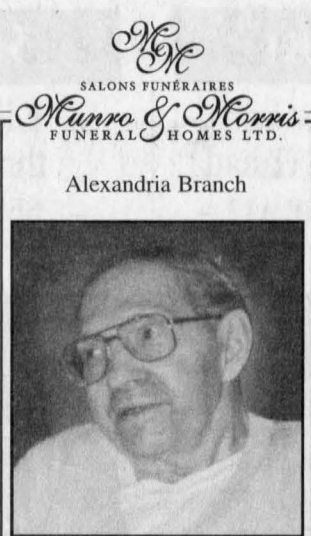


Alexandria Branch



HALL, Lorne Elliott

At the Glengarry Memorial Hospital on Sunday, December 19, 2004, following a difficult but courageous battle with malignant melanoma, Lorne Elliott Hall (Veteran of W.W. II and Retired Ontario Hydro Employee), born January 14, 1923, at Milton, Ontario, to Irene Featherstone and William Joseph Oscar Hall. Much loved husband of Mamie Catherine Munro. Cherished father of Larry (Marlene), Karen Bolton, (Courtney) and Heather Kemp (Robert). Loved brother-in-law of Murdena Scott (Eldred). Survived by one brother Albert Hall and seven sisters: twin sister Laurene De Podesta (Bob), Evelyn Watson (Cliff, deceased), Muriel Goodbrand (Murry, deceased), Elsie Copeland (Bob, deceased), Verna Woodhouse (Tom) and Joan Freeman. Dear brother-in-law of Rose Hall and Grace Hall. Predeceased by two brothers, Emerson and Melvin. Cherished "Bumpa" to Kimberly Nudds (Kyle), Brock Bolton, Brian Hall, Cathy Hall, Liam Kemp (Jodie), Tara Kemp (Colin), Kaitlin Kemp, Melissa Zickl (Steve) and Rebecca Katzman (Barry). Proud and loving "Great Bumpa" to Makayla Nudds, Mackenzie Kemp, Jack Katzman and Spencer Katzman. Relatives and friends may call at the **Munro & Morris Funeral Homes Ltd., 114 Main Street Alexandria (525-2772)** on Wednesday, December 22 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until time of service. A Celebration of Lorne's Life will be held in the Chapel of Munro & Morris Funeral Homes Ltd. on Thursday, December 23 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Robert Pentling, Officiating. Interment, North Branch Cemetery, Martintown. As expressions of sympathy Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. As a Memorial to Lorne a tree will be planted in Memory Woods. A tree grows - memories live. Condolences may be made online at [www.munromorris.com](http://www.munromorris.com)



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**BEAUCHAMP, Real**  
After a lengthy illness at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital on Friday, November 17, 2004, Real Victor Beauchamp (W.W. II Veteran) of Alexandria, age 81 years. Dear brother of Lilly (Mrs. Fernand Rozon) of Alexandria. Dear son of the late Moise Beauchamp and the late Helena Pilon. Predeceased by one sister, Lucienne Beauchamp and by two brothers, Nazaire and Eugene Beauchamp. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends called at the **Munro & Morris Funeral Homes Ltd.** on Monday, December 20, 2004. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, December 20 in St. Martin de Tours Church, Glen Robertson. Interment followed in the Parish Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, Memorial Donations to the Glengarry Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. As a Memorial to Real a tree will be planted in Memory Woods. A tree grows - memories live. Condolences may be made online at [www.munromorris.com](http://www.munromorris.com)



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**GOULET, Jean-Guy**  
Peacefully at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital on Friday, December 17, 2004. Jean-Guy Goulet of Alexandria, age 63 years. Beloved husband of Nicole Chenier. Loving father of Robert 'Bobby' (Francine Lavigne) of Alexandria, Marc (Nathalie Latulippe) of Glen Robertson and Serge Deguire (Suzanne St. Jean) of Bourget. Cherished grandfather of Tanya, Christopher, Lance, Daniel, Kyle and Chavez. Dear brother of Marcel (Judy Brunet) of Cornwall, Georges (Lucille Robinson) of Alexandria, Denise Seguin (Rejean) of Dalhousie Mills, André of St. Zotique, Elise Cameron-Goulet (Gerald Charlebois) of Alexandria, Helene Decoeur (André) of North Lancaster, Yvon (Diane Lacombe) of Alexandria and Gilles (Christiane Leroux) of Coteau du Lac. Dear son of the late Real Goulet and the late Blanche Rozon. Relatives and friends assembled for a Mass of Christian Burial, which was celebrated in Eglise Sacré-Coeur on Tuesday, December 21 at 11 a.m. Cremation followed. As expressions of sympathy, Memorial Donations to Canadian Cancer Society or the Lung Association, Eastern Counties would be appreciated by the family. As a Memorial to Jean-Guy a tree will be planted in Memory Woods. A tree grows - memories live. Condolences may be made online at [www.munromorris.com](http://www.munromorris.com)

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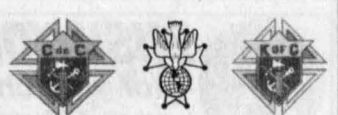
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**A CHRISTMAS RIDE:** It was a cold and frosty day on Saturday but that didn't stop dozens of residents from showing up at Char-Lan District High School to participate in a carolling hayride. Christine Matt of Williamstown, three-year-old Liam Reusser of Martintown and Katherine Matt, 14, also of Williamstown, bundled up and grabbed a lantern in order to participate in the twilight event.

STEVEN WARBURTON PHOTO

## SG mayor to be 2006 warden

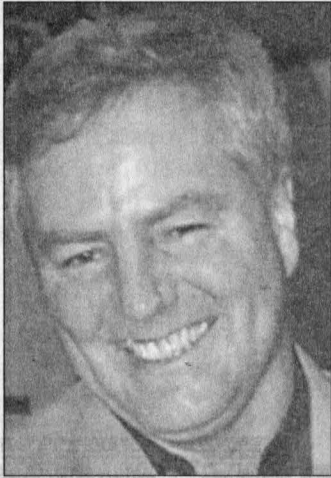
South Glengarry Mayor Jim McDonnell will be the SDG Warden in 2006.

Mr. McDonnell, who was nominated by his North Glengarry counterpart, Mayor Bill Franklin, is the only candidate for the position.

"I thank you all for your vote of confidence and I look forward to the work ahead," he told Counties Council after nominations closed.

The last South Glengarry representative to serve as warden is current Deputy-Mayor Frank Prevost who held the position in 2000.

— News Staff



JIM MCDONELL

## Bridge repairs in the works

By PETE BOCK  
News Reporter  
SDG plans to upgrade two Glengarry bridges in 2005 at an approximate cost of \$650,000.

The Stewart Glen Bridge, which spans the Scotch River west of Dunvegan on SDG 24, will be completely replaced, while the Dalhousie Bridge, which spans Rivière Beaudette along SDG 23, will have its deck replaced.

Age and deterioration are the reasons for the work, according to counties' roads engineer D.J. McDonald, who said consulting engineering firms were hired for design and construction supervision purposes. The actual construction work is expected to go to tender some time in the spring, and to be started in the summer.

Mr. McDonald explained that the Stewart Glen Bridge was originally designed to carry 15 tonne trucks. Now the deck is past its prime and the steel support beams are weak, requiring it to be replaced in its entirety.

Road salt and age are to blame for the work needed on the Dalhousie Bridge, which was built in the mid-1960s.



ALLAN WILSON  
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# Chipstand told to vacate spot after 60 years

By KRISTINA WILSON  
News Reporter

A 60-year-old business that has been an institution on Alexandria's Main Street has been told to vacate the land it leases from North Glengarry Township.

Gaetan's Chip Stand owner Terry Sauvé said he received a letter from the township on Dec. 16, telling him he had 90 days to vacate the area he leases from the township in the municipal parking lot on Main Street next to the Bank of Montreal. The chip stand was begun 60 years ago by Gaetan Verdun and has made use of that location during its entire history.

Mr. Sauvé said if he is forced to move, he may have to shut the operation down completely, for lack of an alternate location. Gaetan's currently employs 12 people.

"I've got a second truck sitting in my backyard. I can't find a place to put it. My permits (from the township) are paid on both trucks."

The decision to oust Mr. Sauvé was made at the Nov. 25 Roads Committee meeting. The committee made the recommendation to council, which was then passed without any discussion or objection at the Dec. 13 meeting of council. All seven members of council sit on the Roads Committee, but Mayor Bill Franklin was absent from both meetings.

Roads Committee chairperson and Alexandria ward councillor Gary Shepherd said a number of factors influenced the committee's recommendation.

Mr. Sauvé had recently heard about a dozen large stones piled up in the vacant lot across from the municipal parking lot. Council had discussed the stones at an earlier meeting, with some members wondering why they were there and saying they were unsightly.

Mr. Sauvé had previously obtained council's permission to use the vacant lot for picnic tables and garbage containers.

He was collecting the large stones, he told *The News*, to construct flower beds and a small wall "to improve the lot."

The stones, which on Friday morning were still just in a pile in the lot, had some members of council "annoyed" Mr. Shepherd told *The News*. The stones were removed later on Friday.

Another factor which may have played a role in the decision was Mr. Sauvé's request for permission to erect a temporary shelter in front of the chip stand from Dec. 1 to April 1, which would be heated and provide shelter for his customers.

When Mr. Sauvé heard his request was causing tension in

November, he withdrew it.

Additionally, Mr. Shepherd noted, "the road superintendent brought up the fact that there was paper on the ground at times. The others (previous Gaetan owners) had cleaned up."

But the final nail in the coffin for the chip stand was the parking study the township recently commissioned.

The study looked into possible solutions to the parking shortage in downtown Alexandria. One of the suggestions was to terminate the lease with Gaetan in order to free up the spaces the truck occupies.

"It's not that urgent," Mr. Shepherd admitted. "I've never seen the (parking) lot full, but it would be nice if it was."

Mr. Shepherd said the issue will definitely come back to the council table, adding he advised Mr. Sauvé to write a letter to council.

"I don't know where we'd be without that wagon," he admitted.

Mr. Sauvé said the ironic twist in all of this is that the day the township sent him the letter terminating the lease was the day his cheque paying his permit for 2005 was cashed.

He has written a letter to council, as Mr. Shepherd advised, asking the township to reconsider.

A planning committee meeting was held Dec. 20, at which the chip stand issue was expected to be discussed, but results of the meeting were not available at press time.

The next meeting of the township council is Jan. 10. Mr. Sauvé said if things did not go favourably at the planning committee meeting, he expected a large crowd of supporters to back him up at that council meeting.

"I'm going to fill the place up," he said.

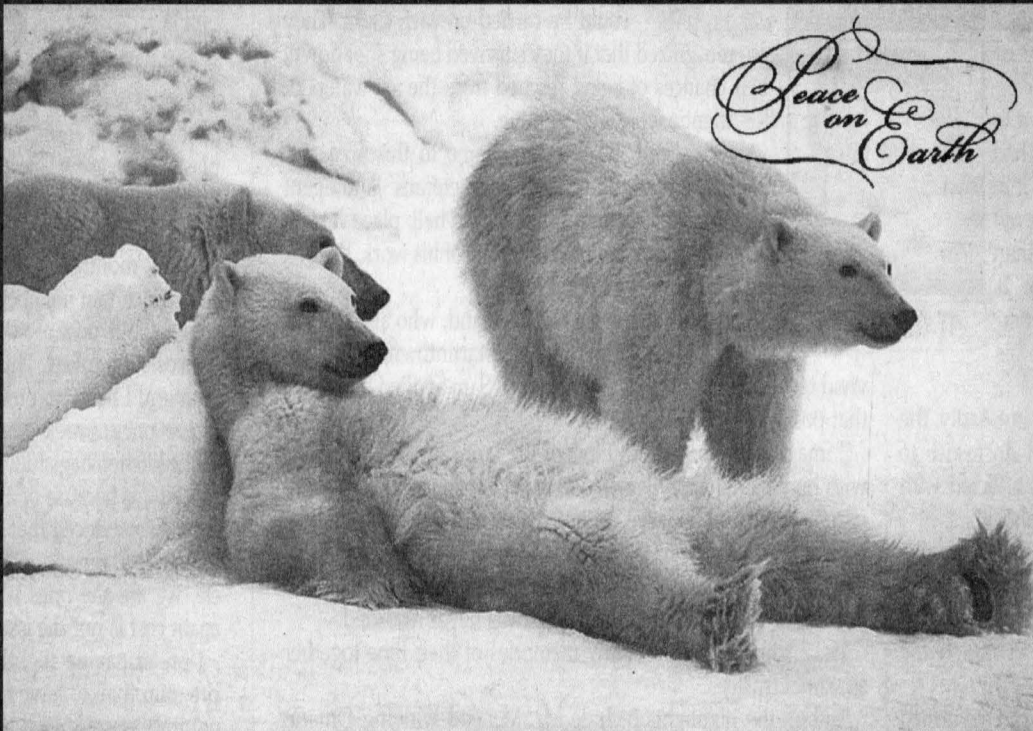


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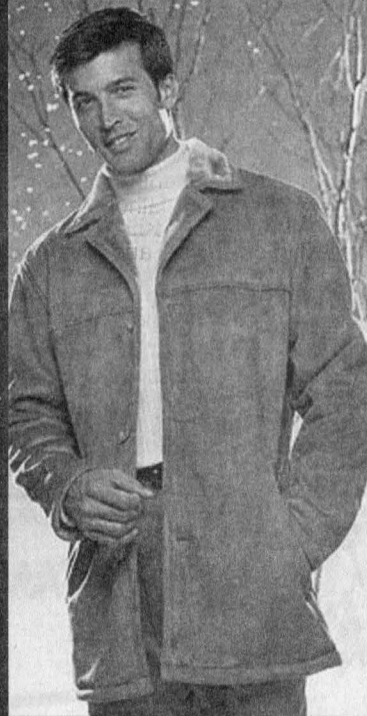
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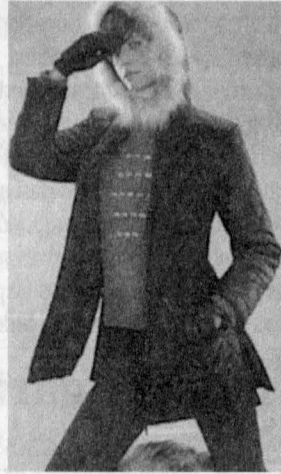
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## The history behind carols and Christmas celebrations

God rest ye merry gentlemen let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ our saviour was born on Christmas Day.  
So goes the old Christmas carol, but while the sentiment of that ancient carol could certainly be described as admirable, it does not have any basis in historical fact.  
For starters, Jesus Christ most probably was not born on Christmas Day, aka Dec. 25. In fact, Christ was probably born sometime in September. So why do we celebrate His birth around the time of the winter solstice?  
Historians say that Christmas was set up by the Roman Catholic church as a means of combatting rival pagan ceremonies. For instance, the date of Dec. 25 comes from Rome and was a celebration of the rebirth of the sun god, Saturn. The Romans noticed that the number of daylight hours began to increase on Dec. 22, the day they assumed that the sun god died.  
Apparently, the ancient Romans saw a resurrected sun god as a good excuse to party. It was an occasion to exchange gifts and be merry.  
We are even told that the priests of Saturn carried evergreen boughs in the procession.  
The early Christians obviously felt that they'd have better luck

converting these pagans if they simply shifted the focus of the celebration rather than insisting on its complete abandonment.  
And so for the first few hundred years of its existence, the early church did its best to merge the party into a Christ-centred celebration.  
The web site [www.christmas.com](http://www.christmas.com) tells us that the Roman church didn't hammer out the Dec. 25 date until 310 AD.  
Apparently, the winter solstice happened to coincide with two different massacres of Christians - one around 133 AD and the other in 300 AD.  
As such, the Roman church might have also set aside Dec. 25 as a commemoration of its martyrs.  
It should be pointed out that because of its vast pagan origins, some Christians believe that the modern Christmas celebration is not only inappropriate but downright blasphemous.  
They say that Jesus never asked his followers to observe the day of His birth and so true discerning Christians should not take part in such merry-making.  
A side note: Jesus also never instructed us to eat salad but I

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STEVEN WARBURTON

don't think I'll be feeling the fires of hell next time I chow down on a plate of lettuce.  
But while the four canonical gospels do not contain any bona fide endorsement of Christmas, it's interesting to note that the birth of Christ was seen as such a monumental and unique event that God even sent an entire host of angels to serenade the poor shepherds, who had the wonderful fortune of being the first to lay eyes upon Jesus, after His parents of course.  
That sounds like quite the extravaganza to me.

If you work in the retail industry, you're probably sick and tired of Christmas carols by now. Chances are you've been forced to listen to them non-stop since Nov. 1.  
For those of us who don't work in the retail industry, Christmas carols provide an aural atmosphere to what is commonly referred to as "the most wonderful time of the year."  
The great thing about these carols is that you can take your pick between the sacred and the secular. If you're religious, you can groove to the sounds of Silent Night or Do You Hear What

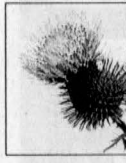
I Hear?  
If you're not religious, you can just chill to Winter Wonderland. But be careful all you secularists - you may think that you're listening to a secular carol when, in fact, its subtext is completely divine.  
Take The Twelve Days of Christmas, for example. At first glance, the words look like an ongoing joke. Which of us would be happy to receive 10 Lords-a-Leaping as a Christmas present? They'd probably destroy your entire living room with their non-stop antics.  
The carol dates back to old England when Parliament had outlawed Catholicism. Not to have their religious freedom stepped upon by the throne, Catholics wrote the carol as a subtle method of teaching their doctrine. The partridge in the pear tree, in fact, is a metaphor for Jesus Christ. The four calling birds represent the four gospels, the 10 Lords-a-Leaping are symbolic of the 10 commandments, and the 12 drummers drumming represent the 12 points of doctrine in the apostle's creed.  
Well, that's enough Christmas history for now. I hope everyone has a pleasant holiday season and I will see you all in the new year.

## Thorns & Thistles



**Thorn - No merit to prosecution's case.**  
Preliminary hearings are an elementary part of our justice system albeit for the most part they play a perfunctory role.

It's not commonplace for cases to be quashed at the preliminary stage although murder charges, by virtue of their seriousness, have a somewhat different experience.  
Still, it came as some surprise to see the charges against an Apple Hill area woman thrown out at the conclusion of a 17-day preliminary hearing that stretched over many months.  
The surprise, however, revolves around the weakness of the case, which had been more than two years in the making.  
As defence attorney Lawrence Greenspon noted following the ruling by Justice Stephen J. Harper to discharge Sarah Besner, "If the Crown can't get past a preliminary hearing to get a trial, it's no reflection on the Crown. It's a reflection on the evidence."  
That may be somewhat ingenuous on Mr. Greenspon's part since both he and the Crown belong to a fraternity of lawyers even though they are on opposite sides of the bar.  
After all, there's nothing requiring a prosecutor to bring a case to court if the evidence does not merit such a decision. And, as it turns out, the evidence, as set out by Justice Harper in his ruling proved to be exceptionally weak at best.  
In fact, the whole case turned on circumstantial evidence that the judge thoroughly dismantled in his ruling.  
The Crown claimed Mrs. Besner had five different motives for killing her husband John but none stood up whatsoever under close scrutiny.  
Among the most telling information that came to light in the hearing was that Mr. Besner had a history of drug misuse, suffered from significant medical problems, had ignored entreaties by both his wife and his physician to seek psychiatric counselling, and was prone to carelessness with cigarettes and lighters. All of which had raised concerns among his family, notably his mother and sister about his well-being, and all of which were in direct contradiction to the Crown's case.  
If there is anything positive that can be gleaned from the situation it is that the making public of all this information may put to rest talk and rumours that are pervasive in small communities like this when suspicious accidents such as Mr. Besner's death occur.  
Still, the fact that no ruling as to the person's innocence is made in such a hearing will, nonetheless, leave a shadow hanging over Mrs. Besner in the minds of some members of the community.



**Thistle -- Proposal aims to avoid OMB.**  
For some time, North Glengarry Township has been between a rock and a hard place on the issue of the request for an Official Plan amendment to allow a quarry near Dunvegan.

The rock represents the unhappiness of area residents at the prospect of having their community subject to the disruptions that invariably accompany such a development.  
The hard place is that the province favours the development of aggregate resources and, as such, the OMB may not look kindly on attempts to prohibit development of the Dunvegan quarry, even though it is estimated that there are already enough quarries and pits open in North Glengarry to provide sufficient aggregate for 400 years.  
The need to find some middle ground has been hanging heavily over township planner Terry Hart since the issue first arose and it is hoped that his latest proposal to limit the amount of development on the property proves successful.  
If not, the township and all of its taxpayers face a potentially costly process that appears to hold little prospect of victory.

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## A remarkable life

By any standard, Samuel J. McLeod was a remarkable individual. He accomplished more in his 86 years on this planet than that of the collective efforts of dozens of his counterparts. In that respect, our coverage of his funeral in last week's edition only served to scratch the surface. Nonetheless, it noted that he had served 45 years as a school board trustee, much of it in an era when local boards and elected officials played a much bigger role in the provision of education than today when the province is now the major player. It also catalogued his efforts in helping the farm community and the important values that he taught his children.

Such a life deserved to be lived out to its fullest but, sadly, the final years played out in a manner that doesn't do justice to much lesser men and women. Mr. McLeod was afflicted with Parkinson's disease and, even more tragically, Alzheimer's.  
The latter is among the cruellest of conditions that can strike anyone, never mind someone as accomplished as Sam McLeod. It makes a mockery of who he had been. Nonetheless, the point is not to dwell on those few final years but rather to observe the many wonderful ones which preceded them.

Like many in his generation, Mr. McLeod served in the armed forces during World War 2. In particular, he attained the rank of pilot officer, serving as a navigator in the overseas ferry command. Aside from doing his duty, his goal when he joined the Air Force was to be a pilot. Ironically, it was one of the few things in life that he did not achieve, but it was not for lack of effort or ability. Mr. McLeod had an ear injury, a result of being kicked by a horse in his youth, and that prohibited him from qualifying as a pilot.

Still, if he experienced any regret, it was not evident in the manner in which he carried out his duties.

The ferry command involved flying supplies from Dorval Airport to the Azores Islands in the mid-Atlantic, off Portugal, and then north to Scotland and England by way of Iceland and like any military duty it was not without its share of risk. Nonetheless, the crew made a conscious decision not to carry parachutes. Sam's hand in the matter seems very evident given the practical nature of the decision. Despite the great possibility of being shot down by the enemy, the crew decided to forgo

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parachutes so that more cargo - munitions and other war supplies -- could be carried on each flight. They also recognized that if they survived being shot down, their chances of being rescued from the icy waters of the Atlantic were slim to none.

At war's end, he returned home to this area and quickly became the number one veterans' land agent in Ontario. His responsibility was to help place vets on farms but judging by the accounts of his work, he took the job to a much higher level.

School board trustee Art Buckland, who also lives in Mr. McLeod's home area of Martintown, has some vivid recollections of the degree to which Sam applied himself to that position.

"I imagine he's paced out most of the farms in SDG. Each trip with him was a history lesson. He could explain who the grandparents were and how the vet got settled and the kind of fellow he was."

Mr. Buckland's only regret is that the knowledge Mr. McLeod developed of each lot and its owners was never recorded.

Mr. Buckland also has many memories of their time together as school trustees.

Among the highlights include Mr. McLeod winning Ontario trustee of the year and the inventiveness demonstrated in finding a position for the late J.T. MacKenzie, to enable him to teach piping in local high schools. In typical style, the decision was reached while Sam was on a combine in his cornfield. He and former Glengarry District High School principal Lorne Lawson decided to invent a position called Piper to the Board.

The other lasting reminder is of the day that Lancaster Township Public School was renamed in honour of Mr. McLeod. It was one of the rare occasions where Sam was not on top of events.

"What a happy moment it was," Mr. Buckland recalls. "We held a board meeting at the school and while he was holding the meeting, the maintenance crew took down the old school name sign and put up the S.J. McLeod sign. When he came out he was flabbergasted, he did not have a clue."

It's proven to be a fitting legacy for a great man. Thankfully, he had the opportunity to enjoy that special tribute while he was still alive and active.

### LETTERS TO EDITOR

## Shocking headline

It is shocking that your headline (Dec 15, 2004) would use the word murder when a judge has ruled that evidence of a murder having taken place is not sufficient. Such reporting carries with it a bias that can harm people. Sarah Besner should not have to deal with or live with such an inferential statement.

Abraham Fox / Glen Roy

## Making a difference

I would like to start by thanking Pamela J. Leonard, who expressed my exact same thoughts, in her letter to the editor in the December 8, 2004 issue of *The Glengarry News*. Anyone who thinks that the RARE recycling plant should be turning a profit is missing the big picture.

In the last few weeks many articles have been written about the RARE recycling plant, many backed up with all kinds of dollar signs, whether they were positive or negative. When it comes to recycling, it touches a sensitive nerve in me and although I do agree in accountability, I, like Pamela J. Leonard, also feel profits are not the main issues here.

One recent article stated that the people of Alexandria are paying more than anywhere else and yet they are also the ones who are recycling the most, which unfortunately, also gives us the impression that they are being penalized for recycling. It may sound ironic that statement, but I do say "Bravo Alexandria", for showing the rest of us that you take recycling seriously and let it be a lesson to all of us.

I wrote an article in the North Glengarry Bulletin in the spring of 2002, which I would like to include, although it has been slightly modified because of changes that have happened since I first wrote it.

My first experience towards recycling was in 1976 when I started collecting all kinds of glass bottles and jars and crushing them in metal buckets in the basement of my home. Back then, we got \$20.00 a ton and this money was used for raising funds for our Beaver Scout activities. I have never looked back.

In 1999 I worked for a while at Alexandria Ford, and I noticed they had no recycling program. One morning I arrived with a blue box and asked my fellow co-workers if they wouldn't mind throwing the newspapers and other paper into the box. I must say, a few of them were a little hesitant at first, because there were a lot more waste baskets and garbage cans than recycling boxes, but slowly it caught on and now some of the employees even complain if I leave with the blue boxes and they have no place to put the recycling.

Five years later, they have five blue boxes, thanks to the generosity of Mr. René Jeaurond at the RARE plant and they recycle everything from paper to windshield washer containers to plastic bags, as well as all the cardboard boxes. Each week I pick up their recyclables and take them down to the recycling plant along with my recyclables.

A few months ago, I read an article in *The Glengarry News* where a certain member on the municipal council of Alexandria spoke about possibly discontinuing the tag system, because of the costs it implied. This system allows a two green bag weekly limit and I have no problem with that, because all my wife and I have, once a week, after recycling and composting, is two small white kitchen bags full. We use two tags a month, and I am convinced it is because of all the recycling and composting we do. I am also convinced that those tags are essential because it teaches people to recycle and if we want to teach our children to recycle, we are the ones who must first show the example. Once again cost is not the issue anymore.

I prefer paying slightly higher taxes to support our recycling program than to have to eventually pay for damages caused by natural disasters such as ice storms, whether it be for buying a generator or repairing frozen water pipes which have burst, from using more electricity for air conditioning during the more than average hot summers we have been experiencing over the last few years, mostly due to the planetary climatic changes, which I fear will not get any better in the years to come.

But as I see it, every drop counts and if each and every one does their part we will make a difference. Many parents want to give their children the things they never had when they themselves were young, but in reality, they are doing the exact opposite, because their children will never inherit the once healthy planet their parents had as youngsters, unless drastic changes are made immediately.

In conclusion, I would like to encourage everyone who recycles, to keep up the good work. It does make a difference and I would like to send out an invitation to the other businesses, as I did in 2002, which don't have a recycling program, to start one up. Thanks...and happy recycling.

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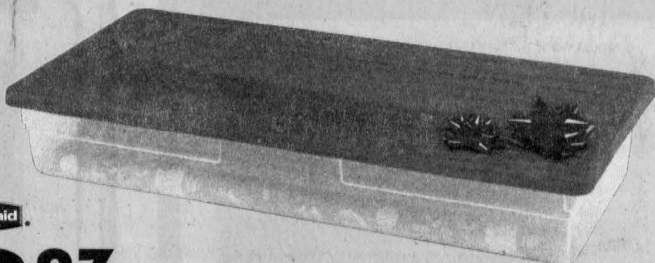
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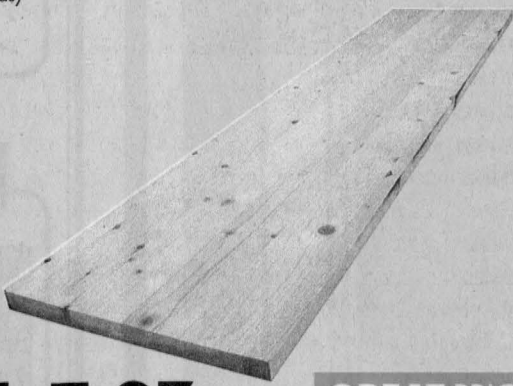


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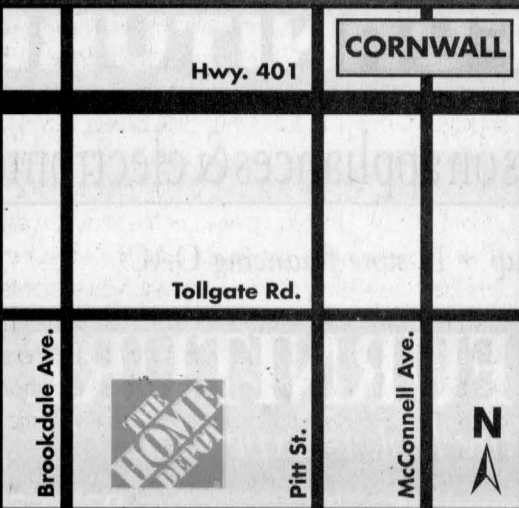
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## Truce called in Manor Penny War

The penny "war" at the Manor is over. Rachel Noon, Foundation Manager, called the truce last Thursday and now the results are being tallied.

Last week, I reported that some of the large plastic containers were holding over 100 pounds of pennies. In fact all of the containers but one held over 100 pounds of pennies and silver coins.

Nursing Wings D and E won the top prize for weight with their container weighing 129.5 pounds. The Activity Department, the Housekeeping Department and Administration were a very close second with 129 pounds.

Then came the Dietary Department, Outreach/Volunteers and Pastoral Care with 106 pounds and Nursing Wings B and C close behind with 105 pounds. Nursing Wings F and G were last with 96 pounds but that in itself showed a tremendous effort.



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Although the silver coins will still be counted and used as money, they will be deducted from the number of pennies in each jar as far as the penny war is concerned.

At one time, Ms. Noon was thinking about garnering a large team of volunteers to count and wrap the coins. However, that is not going to be necessary. Glen Vending Services in Cornwall have come to her assistance and the staff there are going to be responsible for not only counting the coins but also, wrapping them, and all, free of charge. Stay tuned for the next update when prize winners will be announced.

### Christmas lights

If you haven't viewed the

Christmas lights in the village yet, you may do so now, knowing the winners of the prizes awarded by our Maxville and District Horticultural Society.

For a decorated front door, Joyce Ferguson received first prize. Lorna and Gordon Winter received second, and Anne Thompson, third.

Scott Robertson was first in the tree category, with Dawna Miller second and Mary and Jack Robinson, third.

Marvin MacDonald was awarded first prize for the overall effect of their home, west of the village, the Robinsons were second and Jean and Bill Metcalfe third.

Sincere thanks go to the many members of the society who participated in this annual Christmas light and decoration competition. All have helped make our village very festive, indeed.

President Nancy Fjarlie is wishing all a very happy and healthy

Christmas season and a Happy New Year. This year, the society is also providing the churches in Maxville, Dunvegan and Apple Hill with red poinsettias.

### Condolences

A wide circle of relatives and friends are mourning the loss of a lifelong member of the community in the person of Elsie MacKinnon, nee Campbell on Nov. 14.

In apparent good health until this fall, Mrs. MacKinnon was unable to recover from a serious operation and died in Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital after a brief stay.

Mrs. MacKinnon, predeceased by a daughter Shirley, is survived by Heather and Diane and Norman, Brian and Gary and her siblings, Grace McEwen, Lloyd, Stewart and John, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was the eldest in the family of Henrietta and Harry Campbell. She attended Athol school and Maxville

High School and with her marriage to Alex MacKinnon, farmed with him east of St. Elmo. After the family was raised, Elsie became a member of the Dietary Department at the Manor for several years. Retirement from farming took the couple to a village home. Alex died at the Manor a few years ago.

### Jay sighting

A call came this week from a Loch Gary resident to report the sighting of a Canada jay. This is the first time that I have reported one of these. It is described as a large gray bird of the cool north woods; larger than a robin, with a black cap set on the back of the head, and a white forehead, suggests a huge overgrown chickadee. A Cooper's Hawk flew in to our feeders Friday afternoon while I was in the process of writing this column. All the birds had scattered so it did not catch something this time. It was about the size of a crow. Three other new species we have had the last few days included tree sparrows. They are little gray birds with a brown cap and the identifying brown stick pin.



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## UCW holds Xmas luncheon

Members of the United Church Women of Glen Sandfield met on Dec. 5 at the home of Gail Kronwald for their annual Christmas luncheon meeting. Margo MacRae opened the devotional part with a musical *Call to Worship* and I sang *A Candle is Burning*.

Eleanor Bickerstaff read the scripture which was followed by *O Come All Ye Faithful*. The 'blessing' candle wreath ceremony took place to the reading of a prayer called *Kindle a Flame*, with everyone responding, as each one lit her candle.



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We were to think of something for which we felt specially blessed while lighting the red candles. One candle was lit for absent members. Another one was lighted in memory of the 14 girls who were killed in Montreal since that day was the anniversary of the massacre.

Prayer closed the worship meeting. The UCW Purpose was repeated at the opening of the brief business meeting.

The minutes of the November meeting were read by acting secretary Lorna Chapman. The treasurer's report, given by Margo MacRae, was encouraging.

A donation for the late Sarah MacMillan's name to be entered into the Memorial Book was approved.

A revival of the Christmas Shut-in gift list was proposed and

approved.

The formal meeting ended with the UCW Benediction but most of the ladies remained a while to join in the singing of Christmas carols.

### Memorial Service

Margo MacRae went to Pakenham recently to attend a Memorial Service for the one year anniversary of her mother's death.

### Festival of carols

Local choirs gathered in Lochiel at the St. Alexander Roman Catholic Church for the Choral Festival of Carols on Sunday evening Dec. 12 - a wonderfully fulfilling ecumenical concert. Each year a different church hosts the event and the music seems to get better every year

as choirs become more used to performing in public.

These are all amateur singers but the singing is delightful. The people join in singing carols, in both French and English, between the choral selections. This tradition began many years ago and marks the true beginning of the holiday season for the choir members.

It is great to see our friends again and hear them sing. It is always a much awaited concert and this year was no exception. It was well worth the wait, more so than ever!

### Dinner Out

The 39ers are reminded that the annual December dinner will be at Goodies this Wednesday at noon.

## Local church offering a Christmas-Eve Mass

The Christmas Eve Mass at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish by Rev. Kelvin Maloney will be at 9:30pm on Dec. 24.

With all the snow we have received, all will be enjoying a white Christmas. Outside the snow is wintry white. But every home is cozy bright with Christmas love and Christmas cheer and joy enough to last all year.

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umn all year. Best wishes to all shut-ins and those who are hospitalized at this time of the year.

I am sending get well wishes also to my sister-in-law Anna Hughes in Hotel Dieu.

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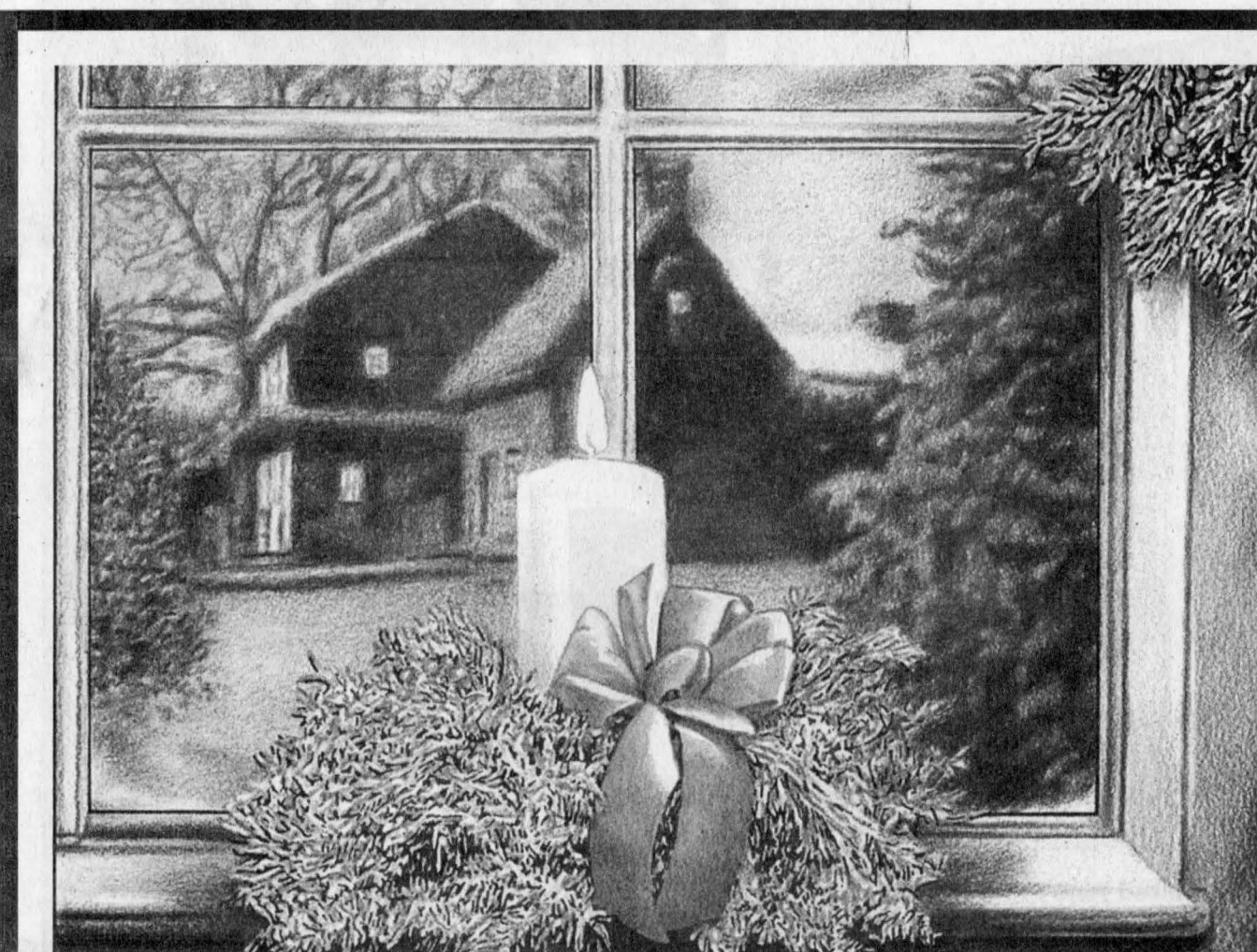
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

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The raffle will raise money for the purchase of new jerseys for every team (house and travelling) in the league.

A total of 10 prizes worth a total of \$13,000 is being offered.

They include: \$1,000 of gas from Olco Oil; a tennis package worth \$700 from Wilson Sports; a trip for four to the Blue Jays home opener with transportation by Via Rail (first class) and two nights in a Toronto Hotel; four tickets to the Montreal Canadiens (whenever they return to playing) plus \$500 for dinner at a local restaurant; four ski passes at six different resorts in the Laurentians and Jay Peak Vermont; \$1,000 at two of Montreal finest steak houses; a chance to play with two of your friends and a pro in the Montreal Open Pro-am which is part of the Montreal Open Professional golf tournament, prizes gifts and dinner included which is valued at \$2,500.

To get a ticket search out a CMHA player. Each child is asked to sell three tickets which are being sold for \$20 each.

The kids get a chance to win a stick used by Jose Theodore, the Montreal Canadiens star goaltender.

Tickets are also available at Flarrow Hockey in Cornwall and the pub in Williamstown.

The draw will be held on January 8, 2005.

### Peewee C Glens

The Alexandria peewee C Glens defeated visiting St. Isidore 4-2 on Dec. 12.

Julian Woods, Jonathan Tessier and Eric Carriere all scored a goal and an assist in the victory.

Zacharie Bourdeau rounded out the scoring for Alexandria.

Sebastien Langlois' shutout bid ended with 9:34 remaining.

Tournaments in Alexandria over the holidays include: atom B house (Dec. 20), peewee C (Dec. 21), midget house (Dec. 23), midget B (Dec. 27), bantam girls, maybe (Dec. 28), novice B (Dec. 29) and peewee girls, maybe (Dec. 30).

### Midget house Glens

The Alexandria midget house Glens fell to North Dundas on Dec. 16 after a third period collapse.

Up 2-1 heading into the final frame, the Glens allowed four North Dundas goals and lost 5-2.

Ghislain Ranger had a goal and an assist in the loss while Matt Lalonde had the other Glens' tally.

### Midget B Glens

The Alexandria midget B Glens' nine-game winning streak came to an end on Dec. 18.

The Glens fell to visiting Kemptville by a 4-2 score.

Tied 2-2 going into the third period Kemptville potted two goals to leave Alexandria with a win.

Julien Delorme and Julien Chenier scored in the loss while Andrew Lapointe's three-game shutout streak also came to an end.

## HOCKEY

### Eastern Ontario Jun or B Hockey League

#### St. Lawrence Division

As of Dec. 19

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Alexandria	30	21	8	1	124	102	43
Kemptville	26	17	8	1	132	94	35
Winchester	30	15	11	4	146	134	34
Akwasasne	31	14	15	2	130	128	30
Char-Lan	24	12	12	1	111	100	25
Morrisburg	30	5	22	3	105	169	13

#### Results

Dec. 15 Alexandria 4 at Brockville 3; Dec. 17 Brockville 5 at Winchester 8; Morrisburg 5 at Westport 11; Akwasasne 2 at Alexandria 4; Dec. 18 Gananoque 3 at Char-Lan 9; Athens 3 at Akwasasne 5; Kemptville 3 at South Grenville 7; Dec. 19 Brockville 1 at Kemptville 6; Westport 2 at Alexandria 3; Char-Lan 9 at Athens 4; Winchester 6 at Gananoque 4; South Grenville 4 at Morrisburg 4 OT.

### Eastern Ontario Junior C Hockey League

#### GWLTFAP

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Embrun	22	18	3	1	130	48	37
Casselman	22	18	3	1	122	59	37
St. Isidore	22	14	7	1	97	54	29
Rockland	22	12	8	2	100	74	26
East Ottawa	24	11	11	2	94	92	24
Vank. Hill	24	4	18	2	60	138	10
Maxville	24	1	22	1	43	181	3

#### Results

Vankleek Hill 3 at Casselman 5  
East Ottawa 2 at Embrun 6  
Casselman 6 at East Ottawa 7 (OT)  
Rockland 11 at Maxville 1  
Embrun 7 at Vankleek Hill 2

# Former Glens' keeper just misses the cut

By TODD ANDERSON

Sports Editor

A former Alexandria junior B Glens' keeper just missed making the top six during Bell's Making the Cut competition on CBC.

Vankleek Hill's Trevor Cuning reached the final 18 during the popular television show but he was passed when

the six Canadian NHL teams drafted six of those 18 players during the conclusion, which aired on Dec. 14.

Michael Mole, the only other goaltender available in the final 18, was selected by the Ottawa Senators third in the draft. Mole is an Orleans native.

Other selections included: Dominic Noel- Toronto Maple Leafs (Drafted 6th),

James Demone- Vancouver Canucks (Drafted 2nd), Jordan Little- Edmonton Oilers (Drafted 1st), Matt Hubbauer- Calgary Flames (Drafted 4th), and Kevin Lavallee- Montreal Canadiens (Drafted 5th).

Cuning had a strong career with Alexandria but his junior B highlight had to be during the 2002-03 and 2003-04 sea-

sons when he backstopped the Ottawa West Golden Knights to back-to-back Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League titles. The 23-year-old is currently playing with Concordia University.

Since the Making the Cut camp Cuning attended the Florida Panthers' rookie camp in Montreal.

According to the Bell Making the Cut

website "His confidence is through the rook and he gives most of the credit to Bell Making the Cut, for sharpening his skills. Trevor says the pressure at camp was unreal and that the two weeks were very tough on all the players' nerves. As camp drew on, Trevor's ability to endure the mounting pressure made him one of the top 18."

# Rebels playoff hopes improve after pair of weekend wins

By TODD ANDERSON

Sports Editor

Finally some things were going right for the Char-Lan Rebels.

The Rebels won both of their weekend games and now sit just five points back of fourth place Akwasasne with six games in hand.

In recent weeks the Rebels have been struck by bad luck as several players have gone down with injury and three games were cut short due to various occurrences.

Because those games have yet to be completed the Rebels have a six-pack advantage on the Wolves and five games over both third place Winchester and first place Alexandria.

In those three incomplete games the Rebels had leads in two of them, so catching the Wolves seems all the more likely.

Suddenly the Rebels are in a good position to reach the post-season.

Last weekend Char-Lan picked up two decisive wins over a pair of Rideau division opponents.

On Saturday they hosted Gananoque and it was the powerplay which led them to victory.

#### Rebels 9 Islanders 3

Six of Char-Lan's nine goals were scored while on the man-advantage.

Chafee said five-on-five his team can play with anyone in the league. It's the special teams that need improvement.

"We seemed to really click Saturday. They moved the puck real well. The guys were ready. We had a strong first period and they kept rolling."

James Gartshore made an impressive



debut (if you don't count the one period he played in the shortened Kemptville game) by scoring a goal and three assists in the victory.

According to Chafee the player, who is also skating with the junior A Cornwall Colts, has fit in nicely with captain Derek Duval and sniper Steve Jarvo.

The scoring was spread out for the Rebels as Jarvo with two, Addison Pelkey, Duval, Ryan Major, Derek Crawford, Julian Moffat and Jordan Reasbeck also found the back of the net.

Jarvo finished with four points as he added two assist to his goals.

Elijah Hears, Tom Lynch and Chris Easton scored the Islanders' goals.

Bryan O'Shaughnessy was a winner over James Lalonde in goal.

A day later the Rebels won by a similar score in Athens.

#### Rebels 9 Aeros 4

This time it was Crawford who led the way as he scored three goals and added two assists for a five-point night.

"Derek's been having a fantastic year," said Chafee.

"He's playing awesome. Pelkey has also had a breakout year offensively. Whoever centres that lines has done well. That's a real compliment to the wingers."

Lebrun also had a strong game with two goals and an assist.



**GOOD IMPRESSION:** In his first full game with the Char-Lan Rebels, junior A Cornwall Colts affiliate James Gartshore scored a goal and three assists in a 9-3 win over the Gananoque Islanders Saturday in Williamstown.

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Jarvo with two and Moffat rounded out the scoring for Char-Lan. Pelkey had two assists.

The Aeros got goals from Nathan Slack, Jeff Osler, Gary McCarty and Sean Riley. O'Shaughnessy was a winner over

Ryan Shetter in goal.

#### Rebels notes:

The Rebels travel to Brockville tomorrow for their last game before Christmas. They play the Tikis starting at 7:45 p.m.

"Brockville will be a good test for us (tomorrow)," said Chafee.

"Especially after they lost some games."

Entering last weekend with just five losses, Brockville dropped three games to Alexandria, Kemptville and Winchester.

Gartshore won't be available for Wednesday's game but the rest of the roster should be as exams are over.

On Dec. 28 the Rebels host the Morrisburg Lions starting at 8:15 p.m.

On Jan. 2 the Rebels travel to Westport for a 3 p.m. start.

The conclusion of the Winchester game will be played on Jan. 4 starting at 9 p.m.

The Rebels will host a Tim Hortons afternoon during the game against the Westport Rideaus on Jan. 9 starting at 2:45 p.m.

The event will feature all types of goodies from Tim Hortons.

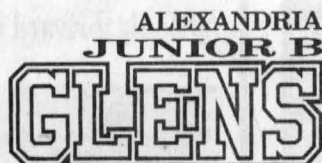
The Rebels were supposed to play Akwasasne on that day but that game has been moved to Jan. 11 starting at 8:15 p.m.

The Morrisburg game which was cut short is scheduled to be completed on Jan. 28 before the Rebels play there.

Kemptville declined to finish their incomplete game on Dec. 29. It's expected that the game will be played towards the end of the regular season in February, if

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# Glens win three more games, still in first



By TODD ANDERSON

Sports Editor

The Alexandria Glens continue to keep a healthy lead over second place Kemptville in the St. Lawrence division standings.

The 73s actually trail the Glens by just eight points with four games in hand so it's important for Alexandria to keep winning if they want to finish the season on top.

"We told ourselves that they have lots of games in hand so we want to force them to win," said assistant coach Simon Menard.

"We have to keep winning to give us some breathing room. That will make it harder for them."

On Sunday the Glens wrapped up a six-point weekend as goaltender Michel Bouchard sealed a win over Westport.

#### Glens 3 Rideaus 2

Bouchard made several acrobatic saves in the dying minutes to preserve a close 3-2 win for the Glens.

Captain Louis Brisson scored the game-winning with 8:10 remaining.

Pierre Paul Decoeur opened the scoring for Alexandria four minutes in while Simon Langevin had a second period goal.

James Hawkins and Ian Reid replied for Westport.

Tyler Kenney lost in goal.

Jeremy Ryan had two assists for the Glens.

Two nights earlier the Glens were victorious over Akwasasne, who they faced for the second consecutive Friday.

#### Glens 4 Wolves 2

Down 1-0 the Glens scored three goals in the final 2:43 of the opening period.



**DOUBLING HIS TOTALS:** Alexandria Glens rookie and Glen Sandfield native Jason MacDonald scored a goal against Brockville and another vs Akwasasne as part of a three-win weekend for the Glens. The two goals brought MacDonald's season total to four.

TODD ANDERSON PHOTO

"We scored a fluke goal and that seemed to wake the boys up," said Menard.

"The first period seems to always be our period. The second period we were flat but in the third we played some good defence and finished with a close win."

Nick Adam's second goal of the game early into the third period sealed the 4-2 win.

Chris VanOverbeek finished the game with a goal and two assists while Jason MacDonald added his fourth of the season for Alexandria.

Jeremi Synott and Tyler Maxwell scored for the Wolves.

Charles Lavigne was a winner over Nick Fillion in goal.

On Dec. 15 the Glens went into Brockville with just two lines, including two affiliates. The Tikis had just five losses all season leading up to the game.

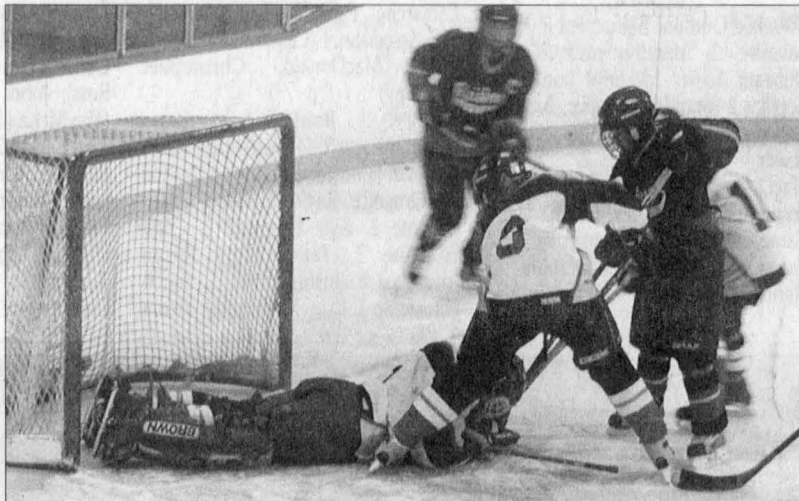
#### Glens 4 Tikis 3

One of the grittiest efforts of the season resulted in Alexandria edging the Tikis by a 4-3 score.

"Every game we have two lines and two spares with four defence," said Menard.

"It shows how much character and depth we have. We have guys out with injuries and suspensions. Wednesday those guys played their hearts out. Even the affiliates. Those guys are playing like they should be in junior B."

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**COVERING UP:** Glengarry Gaels' goaltender Didiane Chollet covers the puck during girls' hockey action on Dec. 15 in Williamstown. Glengarry and CCVS tied the game 6-6.

TODD ANDERSON PHOTO

# Crusaders host hockey tourney

By TODD ANDERSON

Sports Editor

The host Char-Lan Crusaders went 2-1 during a SDG high school girls' hockey tournament they hosted in Williamstown on Dec. 15.

The Crusaders kicked off their day with a 3-2 win over Tagwi.

Kelsey Thomson with two and Kayla Fontaine scored in the win.

Brittany McLennan and Teal Gove replied for Tagwi.

In their next game Char-Lan fell to a strong La Citadelle team 5-1.

Christina Julien scored in the loss while the Patriots got goals from Stephanie Higgins with three, Joanne Dore and Meghan Bourbonnais.

In their third game Char-Lan doubled General Vanier 2-1.

Julien scored both Crusaders' goals while Meghan McInnis replied for the Vikings.

"Those were three strong games for us considering this was the first tournament for the team," said Crusaders' coach Lyle Ferguson.

Glengarry went 1-1-1 during the day.

In their opener they humbled Heritage 6-1.

Next up was CCVS. Shawna Cameron scored on a breakaway with four minutes left to put her team up 6-5 but CCVS potted the equalizer with 45 seconds left.

In the finale Glengarry fell to St. Joseph's 3-0. The score was 0-0 with four minutes remaining.

Coach Dwayne Lowe said he was pleased with his team's results as they lost to St. Joseph's (10-0) and CCVS (7-1) last year.

Tagwi picked up a 3-3 draw with Heritage in their other game.

Gove, McLennan and Amanda Shane scored in the draw for the Warriors.

Heritage got goals from Morgan Brown with two and Natasha Ingram.

In other action St. Joseph's defeated General Vanier 4-1.

The next tournament will be hosted by Glengarry at the Glengarry Sports Palace in Alexandria on Jan. 4 starting at 8 a.m.

The finals will be held on Feb. 21 in Williamstown.

The Gaels will also be attending a tournament in Ottawa on Jan. 13 and 14.

# Vankleek Hill comes within a minute of first indoor soccer point

By TODD ANDERSON

Sports Editor

Vankleek Hill came within a minute of picking up their first point of the season in Alexandria Women's Indoor Soccer League play on Dec. 14.

The Springers managed to win however as Bobbi Jo MacLeod scored in the final minute.

Kathy Kennedy posted the shutout.

In other action on Dec. 14 Atlantic crushed Glen Sandfield 10-1.

Lynn Marie Duhart took over the league's scoring lead with six goals. She now has 23.

Kelly Lavigueur with three and Chris Peeters rounded out the scoring.

Angie VanderByl replied for Glen

Sandfield.

On Dec. 16 the Northerners moved three points back ahead of second place Atlantic after a 3-1 win over the Springers.

Laine McDonnell, Andrea Blaine and Vanessa VanSleeuwen scored in the victory.

Mandy Duval scored for the Springers.

#### Men's division

In men's action the Hellfish picked up their second win of the season on Dec. 16 5-2 over Lochiel.

Don McDougald and Dan MacPherson each scored twice in the win while Vince Payne potted a single.

Andrew MacMillan scored both goals in the Lochiel loss.

Marc Seguin (18 goals) moved one goal ahead of teammate Brian Cameron in the scoring race after potting three goals in Atlantic's 6-3 win over Glen Nevis.

Cameron, Shawn Montroy and Randy Lavigueur all added singles in the win.

Emile Booyink, Mike Buhr and Tony Nussbaumer scored in the loss.



# Mustangs humbled at home by visiting Nats

By TODD ANDERSON  
Sports Editor

Despite some encouraging performances two weekends ago the Maxville Mustangs took a step backwards on Saturday.

Coming off a 4-3 loss to the Rockland Nats in their last meeting, the host Mustangs were humbled by the same club by a tune of 11-1.

With 24 games played the Mustangs are still looking for their second win of the season.

Head coach Kevin Lalonde doesn't understand why his team plays so poorly in Maxville.

"We continue to play terrible in Maxville. I have absolutely no idea why. We go into St. Isidore two weeks ago with two lines and lose 3-0. A week previous we go into Rockland with two lines and lose 4-3. This week we have a full bench and it's a totally different game."

## Nats 11 Mustangs 1

The Mustangs trailed 3-1 after the first period as affiliate Thomas Walti, who was probably the most impressive Mustangs' player during the game, scored his first junior goal.

"Walti played very good," said Lalonde.

"He's smart, strong on the puck and he's done well every time he's



been called up. He was one of the better players on Saturday for sure."

Down by just two goals the Mustangs let things slide in the second period and trailed 7-1 after 40 minutes.

The Nats added four more goals in the third period for an 11-1 final.

"I thought after the past couple of weeks we were starting to look better," said Lalonde.

"The guys seemed to be buying into what we were telling them. No one was ready to play Saturday. We were just flat, awful. We took an early start to a long break. We play with more desperation when we're short. They seem to know there's no room for error then. The attitude changes when we have more players."

Pesky Daniel Sarazin led the way for Rockland with three goals while Marc Fleurant potted two and sin-



**SUISS SNIPER:** NGS midget B affiliate Thomas Walti, a Tagwi Secondary School exchange student from Switzerland, scored his first junior C goal Saturday night. Unfortunately it was the only goal scored for Maxville in the Mustangs 11-1 loss to the Rockland Nats.

TODD ANDERSON PHOTO

gles went to Guy Audet, Justin Sproule, Adrien Oliver, Serge Lalonde, Pascal Lacroix and Alex Bernard.

Matt McEvoy was a winner over Jacob Rodrigue, who pulled himself

in the second period in favour of Max Bergeron.

## Mustangs notes:

The Mustangs now have a few weeks to regroup and try and finalize their roster.

The next Mustangs' game will be on Jan. 7 when they travel to Casselman for a 7:30 p.m. start with the Stars.

On Jan. 8 the Mustangs host the East Ottawa Thunder starting at 7:30 p.m.

On Jan. 9 the Mustangs travel to Rockland for a 7:30 p.m. start.

The deadline to cut rosters down to 21 is on Jan. 10.

"We'll take a bit of a break and we will certainly be looking at ways of improving the team," said Lalonde.

"We'll see what's available from junior B (after the deadline). We expect to be adding at least one player. We'll start fresh in the new year. We have no practice this Wednesday but we do the following week."

Alex Gray, who was recently acquired through a trade with East Ottawa, is expected to be at practice on Dec. 29.

Along with Walti, affiliates Cody Brabant and David Hoar also played Saturday night for Maxville.

Walti is an exchange student at Tagwi Secondary School who hails from Switzerland.

Assistant coach Ian Henderson (Christmas party) and Pierre Lacombe (sore back) were not at the game Saturday.

## Glens

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Brisson, MacDonald, affiliate Jean Francois Menard and Marc Andre Fournier scored for the Glens in the win.

Fournier's goal with 9:36 remaining stood up as the game-winner.

The Tikis got goals from Tom Clark, Kyle Lundy and Kyle Whiteford in the loss.

Lavigne was a winner over Andrew Manuel in goal.

## Glens notes:

Tomorrow night the Glens travel to South Grenville for a battle against first place clubs.

The Rangers stand atop the Rideau division with a record of 23-3-3.

The game starts at 7:30 p.m.

"That's a big game for sure," said Menard.

"They're a real good team. That will be a good challenge for us.

We'll have a short bench again. We seem to win with a short bench. When we have a big squad we don't skate and we look lost."

On Boxing Day the Glens will meet up with the Amprior Packers at 2 p.m.

"We hope to win our first game. It will be good exposure for our young guys like Chris Miffen and Julian McCabe. Boxing Day is a toss-up because the game are only an hour and a half long. It could be your day or it couldn't be. You

need to have a quick start."

The next regular season game after that is Jan. 7 at 8:15 p.m. in Morrisburg.

On Jan. 8 the Glens travel to Char-Lan for a 7:45 p.m. start.

On Jan. 9 they're back on home ice against the Winchester Hawks starting at 1:30 p.m.

Derrick Villeneuve, who's playing with the Seaway Valley AA Rapids midget team made his debut for Alexandria Wednesday in Brockville.

"He was hurt earlier this year and he just started three or four weeks ago," said Menard.

"He's really talented and he will be in junior B or A in a few years for sure. He has good hands and skates, maybe he just needs to mature a bit."

With the Jan. 10 deadline approaching, Menard said his team's lineup is pretty much set.

Menard expects no players to be released but said two more additions could be made.

## Rebels

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The Rebels play host to the Alexandria Glens on Jan. 8 (7:45 p.m.) and the Akwesasne Wolves on

Jan. 9 (2:30 p.m.).

Duval (school commitments) and Garshore (playing with the Colts) were not in the lineup Sunday.

Eric Lemire and Josh Legue both played sparingly during the weekend as they continue to nurse minor injuries.

Roch Lebrun and Pat Lemay both returned to action and played regularly.

Nathan Poiras (elbow) has also been out of action but Chafee hopes he will return soon.

With the Jan. 10 deadline approaching (team must cut their

roster to 21) Chafee said the Rebels are set in goal and defence.

"A forward who can put the puck in the net would be a nice Christmas present. We have some leads."

With the addition of Kale Perry last weekend Chafee said the team now has lots of depth on the blue-line.

"Perry is pretty strong on the puck. The question mark would be

whether he could handle the checking. So far he has passed the test. Hopefully we can keep him. The understanding was that he would be given a three-week trial."

Major, Jordan Reasbeck, Poiras, Josh Legue, Cody Legue, Brett Chisholm and Matthew Sauve are the other Rebels' defencemen.

"We've got some backup there," said Chafee.

## Char-Lan Minor Hockey House League

As of Dec. 15

### Peewee

Glendale Outdoor Equipment 5 (Matt Lavallee 2, Mandon Smith, Chloe Dubeau, Ashley McMath) Longevity Acrylics 2 (Brandon Scheffer, Bradley Robertson); Danaher and Associates 3 (Tyler MacDonald 2, Brody MacDonald) Glendale Outdoor Equipment 2 (Mandon Smith, Tyler Cameron); Curry Hill Lumber 8 (Chris Lafontaine 3, Mathew Derouin 2, Hannan Fraser 2, Stephan Smith-

Dionne) Longevity Acrylics 2 (Jack Glasgow, Kris Foran); Laplante Welding 6 (Jonathan Pidgeon 2, Brandon Laplante 2, Jeremy Lamarche, Paul Gauthier) Danaher and Associates 4 (Cameron Pearson 2, Tyler MacDonald, Christopher Sweeney).

### Bantam

Rozon Insurance 4 (Ryan McDonald 3, Brennan James) Raisin River 1 (Joshua MacDonald); Roy's Pontiac 7 (Alex Labonte 2, Kyle Dingwall 2, Cody Fontaine 2, Tara Pelley) Rozon Insurance 8 (Justin Brunet 3, Simon Ditomasso 2, Ryan McDonald); Rozon

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**A CHAMPIONS:** The Alexandria peewee B Glens captured the A championship at their home tournament two weekends ago. Pictured from from left are: Keegan Filion, Andrew Seguin, Christian Menard, Jacob Cameron, Patrick Poirier, Cullen Boisvenue, Yannick Borris, Mikael Giroux and Michel Howieson. Back row: Joe O'Shea, Nicolas St-Onge, Zachary Cholette, Vincent Blondin, Sean MacDonald and Nathaniel MacMillan. Coaches: Yver Poirier (head coach), Jeff Lapierre (assistant coach) and Roch Boisvenue (trainer). Absent from photo is Brandon Massia and Chris Poirier.

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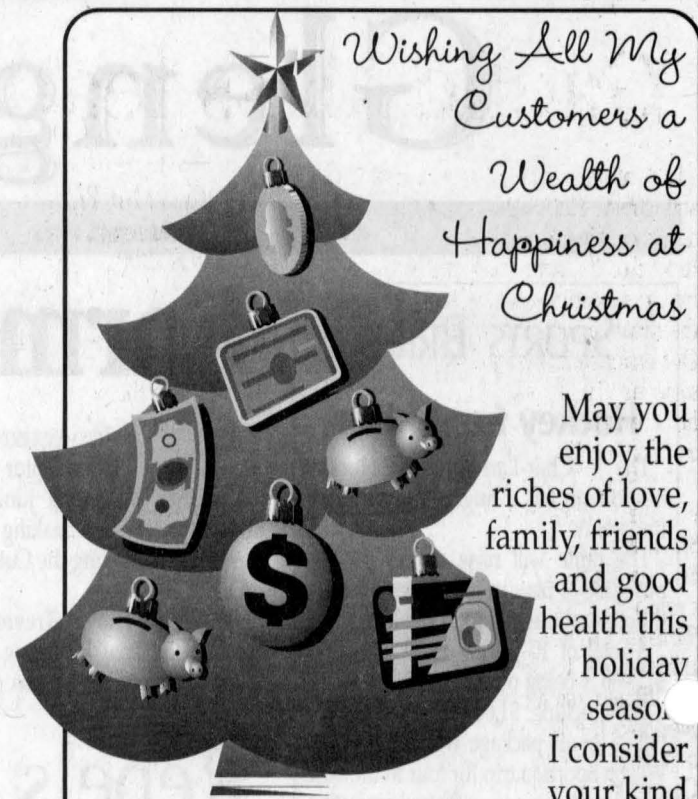
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# Gaelic Mass feature of Isle of Barra holiday

Last week's column saw Cathy and Bruce MacGregor enjoying a *ceilidh* on the Isle of Barra. It was a reminder to Anne and me of a happy concert we had attended in the same church hall 50 years ago. Our enjoyment then was much the same as that reported by Cathy in her memoir. Her story of a holiday on that Hebridean island continues: "On Sunday morning, we attended the Gaelic-language Mass at Stella Maris, Our Lady, Star of the Sea, in Castlebay. This was the church used in Tight Little Island (Whisky Galore) which, as every tourist guide to the area points out, filmed on Barra. The church overlooks the bay and the harbour, as does its next-door neighbour, the Craigard Hotel. The choir and instrumental music were familiar faces from the Feis and the concert; John Joe MacNeil, for example, who was running the Feis, was the organist and I recognized other tutors making a joyous noise unto the Lord as well. As I have already mentioned, the stunning young soprano from the *ceilidh* rose from



HIGHLAND PATHS  
KEN MCKENNA

the assembly to sing the psalm. My husband Bruce, who is not a Roman Catholic, leaned over and asked me at one point if I knew enough Gaelic to understand the service. The truth is, no - all I know are the lyrics Cathy Ann has painstakingly taught me, which means that if it is not a song about cows, I am out of my depth! However, I suddenly became aware that the language of gesture in a Roman Catholic service is universal - from the physical movement of the presider I knew at every moment which part of the liturgy we were experiencing and I just prayed along quietly in English. The homily itself was in English, but everything else was in Gaelic, as natural a shift as in our frequent Canadian experience of Anglo-Francophone duality. In fact our days on the island reminded us of a

lifetime of bilingual experiences in Franco-Canadian and Quebec communities. After Mass and a brisk walk to Mrs. MacDougall's, we went to the Barra Highland Games, which featured competitive piping and dancing as well as good-humoured contests such as wellie (rubber boot) tossing and children's races. We had been lucky with the weather until now; the Atlantic gales are never far off and even the sunniest of days will have several bursts of rain for a few minutes each day. My own unsentimental observation was that it poured for about five minutes out of each hour. But Sunday afternoon it poured non-stop; the Highland dancers, some very young, were obviously made of stern stuff and never missed a beat; their outdoor competition went on, the performers cheerfully oblivious to the cold and rain. The pipers, however, were taken off to an arena somewhere. We had especially wanted to hear our new friend, fifteen-year old Daniel Johnstone, a young piper from Oban on the mainland who

was staying with his grandmother. The Johnstone clan had been dispersed, again because of the wedding, so the rest of his family were in a hotel down the road. At breakfast that morning, his eyes lit up when he heard where we were from. He knew about the Glengarry Games and he also said, in hushed tones, 'In Oban, everybody respects the Canadian pipers. They are brilliant!' We never did find out where young Daniel was competing, but on the ferry back to Oban, he was able to show us video highlights of the piping competition and of an informal post-dinner *ceilidh* back at his parents' hotel, in which the hotel owner, a fiddler, joined in. All the diners danced. This part of Cathy MacGregor's record of a visit to Barra (which, with its neighbouring island of South Uist, produces more fine pipers than any other part of Scotland) reminded me of the time, many years ago, when Scotland's legendary "boy wonder" John Burgess had won the first prize for playing a march at the prestigious

Oban Games. Such was his fame as a championship piper, that even as a teenager he was a celebrity. On the crowded train on the "old Highland Line" on the way home to Edinburgh, the conductor came through to speak to him. "Will you play us the tune you won with today?" he said. John was worried about how he could perform properly in such a small space and with so many people crowding around, but he needn't have worried. The conductor asked him to wait for a minute while he went through to talk to the engine-driver. The train slowed to a stop in the middle of a field and everyone clambered out. John tuned up his pipes and not only gave a rendition of his winning piece (in eight parts) but went on to entertain the train crew and passengers with marches, strathspeys, reels and jigs for half an hour. The train was late but nobody complained. "It's not every day that you can hear the greatest piper in the world!" said the conductor. Merry Christmas - Nollaig Chrísteil

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## 4-H looking forward to 2005

With this year in 4-H wrapping itself up, I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of our volunteers for making the year a great success. Your hard work and dedication has certainly been appreciated. A big thank you also goes out to the parents of our 4-H members. Without your help our members would be hard-pressed to get to meetings, fairs and to other events that are all part of 4-H. Our 4-H clubs have stopped running for 2004. However, the good news is that there will be lots of clubs to suit everyone's tastes in 2005. Look forward to "Exploring 4-H," "Quilting," "Baking" as well as the usual and ever-so-popular live-



stock clubs. There is really something for everyone in 4-H! If you would like to see a specific club run please let me know and I will do my best to see that it gets off the ground. For those of you who turned ten in 2004, you will now be eligible to join 4-H and we look forward to meeting you after Christmas. For anyone who is over the age of 21, there is always an opportunity to share your interests with our 4-H

members in the leader capacity, as a volunteer or as a guest speaker. We are always looking for adult input and appreciate any time you would like to donate. It is easy, not very time consuming and always a lot of fun! Look for information in the new year regarding our annual berry fundraising event. It is something that should not be missed. On behalf of the Glengarry 4-H Association, I would like to wish each and every one of our readers a very safe and happy holiday season. Enjoy the time with your family, friends and loved ones. See you in 2005! As always, yours in 4-H, Tracy Myers.

## The search for Tagwi's greatest grad

By TODD ANDERSON  
News Reporter  
Tagwi Secondary School is searching for their greatest grad. Sparked by the CBC's recent Greatest Canadian competition, the Character Education committee at Tagwi decided to hold its own competition. The result is the first annual Great Tagwi Grad Search. The committee's chairperson, Scott MacKenzie, says that the competition is a way to help the school improve its image. "We're trying to beautify our school and reduce bullying but one of the more important things is to try and find role models," he said. "We're looking for a vision of success." The competition is being held to celebrate Tagwi's 30th anniversary.

Nominations will be cut down to the top 10. From there the committee will publish a top-10 list to the public, with the nominees' permission, and a greatest male and female grad will be selected through a vote. To be eligible nominees must have graduated from Tagwi. The winners will be invited to a gala evening on April 30 in conjunction with Tagwi's 30th anniversary celebrations. Candidates should be community role models: have made contributions through work, school, family, volunteer work, coaching, etc. "We're looking for people who have made valuable contributions to society," said Mr. MacKenzie. "Anyone from the public can nominate someone. We want to play up Tagwi in the community. I hope they get behind this contest."

With the search kicking off just two weeks ago, Mr. MacKenzie is hoping to receive plenty of nominations during the upcoming Christmas break. Tagwi Secondary School, located 167540 SDG 43, draws many of its students from Maxville and area. Nominations must be handed in by Jan. 31, 2005. To nominate a candidate, people can use nomination forms located on posters placed throughout the community at stores, banks and arenas. Parents can use the forms sent home with the latest Tagwi newsletter or by accessing the school's website: [www.ucdsb.on.ca/tagwi](http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/tagwi) A nomination form was also printed on page A6 of the Dec. 15 issue of *The Glengarry News*.

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# Children make ornaments

It was Christmas-this, and Christmas-that in Williamstown during the past week. On Tuesday evening, children gathered at the Williamstown Branch Library to make beautiful Christmas ornaments, under the direction of Monica Piotrowski, who volunteered her time and expertise to show the youngsters how to make glitter even more glamorous than it usually is!

Some of the finished balls and bells were so beautiful, I was tempted to snatch them off the proud little fingers and run home and put them on the tree. Then I remembered there is no tree - not yet at least. Despite serious efforts, it looks as though it will be another Christmas Eve special again this year at Harrington Hall. Hmmm, now that I think of it, there's a downed evergreen lying on the frontier between the Edwards' and our properties. No need to go searching this year at all!

## WPS concert

A Harry Potter-kind of magical train left the station at Williamstown Public School last Tuesday night. But its destination wasn't Hogwarts. This train was the Polar Express, and parents and families of primary students boarded it for a special excursion to the North Pole.

The train station was located in the school gym, and those on board were treated to a reading of the popular Christmas book, a power point display and special songs.

Donning the conductor's hat for the occasion was Alan Hawley, who welcomed families as they arrived at the station.

Upon completion of the journey, each family was given a silver bell when leaving - but only if its members truly believed!

A nice and novel way to celebrate Christmas at school!

## Manor House

Wednesday evening the Sir John Johnson Manor House was all lit up



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- dare I say, "like a Christmas tree?" (I can hear Ken Johns groaning from Maxville, and Bruce Kennedy from the Street Road!)

Inside, members of the Manor House Committee were down to the serious business of reading reports at the Annual General Meeting. Fortunately, the reports did not result in any discussion of the onerous kind, and were dispensed with in reasonable order.

Then it was on with the refreshments. Those who attended, expecting only nibbles, were pleasantly surprised when the nibbles were followed by home-made tourtiere and wonderful Christmas salad, chock full of red, green vegetables. White vegetables? A bit of an exaggeration, perhaps. The white was some binding agent, I think, of the tasty and tummy-extending kind. Or it could have been parsnips, I suppose. Anyway, the whole culinary experience was fantastic!

The committee is looking for new members, especially of the young, strong and healthy kind. If you would be interested in serving your community in this fashion, please give Wendy Wert a call.

## Sleigh ride

The first Williamstown carolling sleigh ride took place on Saturday, and it was unfortunate the weather was so cold. It was one of those days when feet felt as though they had been standing at attention at Remembrance Day services for an hour or so in sandals! Hands were also affected, and noses - well! Rudolph had better watch his p's and q's or he will be replaced by a

Williamstown human on Friday night!

Anyway, two wagons with brave souls did a village "roundabout" before arriving at Cornelissens' farm for a bonfire and hot chocolate. And although there were some timing difficulties, it was generally declared a success and plans to make this an annual event are in the offing.

Congratulations to all who initiated and participated in this inaugural run!

## Bridge results

In the what's open - what's not, over Christmas category, rest assured, bridge addicts, that you will not suffer. The Williamstown Bridge Club will play as usual on Wed. Dec. 22 and Wed. Dec. 29 at St. Mary's Centre. I'm sure holiday visitors will be welcome as well, but better check with Garry O'Connell to be sure. I mention Garry, because he is the guy who so faithfully provides me with the results each week.

And here they are! Scores from Dec. 15 action are: N/S - 1. Jim Campbell and Elizabeth Marjerrison; 2. Jean Campbell and Viviane Campbell; 3. Lorna and Homer Grant.

E/W - 1. Audrey Pasco and Lydia Johnson; 2. Marjorie and Rudi Merti; 3. John Roulston and Naylor Sargent.

## Holiday reading

Get your holiday reading at the Williamstown Library! The library will be open Dec. 28, 29 and 30, during regular library hours, which doesn't mean a lot unless I mention what those hours are! Tues. 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Thurs. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Invitation

Invitation: the Quilt of Belonging will be closed Dec. 23 to Jan. 2 inclusive, so no point in getting excited about showing your holiday guests the project. Those needlewomen need to give their fingers a little rest before going full out in January to

reach the quilt's completion date at the end of the month.

## Post office

Williamstown Post Office will be closing an hour early on Dec. 24, so get your Christmas cards mailed by 4 p.m. that day. Your next chance to do so, won't be until Wed. Dec. 29.

At New Year's the PO will also close an hour early (i.e. 4 p.m.) on Dec. 31, and won't reopen until Tues. Jan. 2 - just in time to pay all those Christmas bills!

## No party

Speaking of New Year's, you might have noticed that there won't be a party at St. Mary's this year. A lot of work went in to the execution of this annual event, for the numbers that had been attending of late. So I guess you'll just have to make your own fun. At least you may be better prepared to face New Year's Day in an organized and clear-headed fashion if you celebrate quietly at home!

## Basketball tourney

Don't forget the New Year's Day basketball tournament for old and new Char-Lan students and grads. Things start at 11 a.m. that day in the high school gym. All welcome.

## Internet woes

Oh for some Harry Potter magic this morning! Williamstownians who are customers of a certain Internet service provider will know what I mean when I say that this weekend has made me yearn to return to pen and ink as a means of communication. (On second thought, after writing all those Christmas cards, maybe not!) But how frustrating it is, not to be able to unlock the box containing the many e-mails that you know are lying in wait for your column! Apologies to all whose letters are uncollected, but don't worry - there's always today.

Yes, today is the deadline for the column which will be published between Christmas and New Year's, and which promises to be as slim as a constant Curves-going lady. If you have an item or two - visiting guests' names, for instance - please pick up the phone and call now.

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# School concert delights many

The Martintown Public School Christmas concert took place on Wed., Dec. 15 in the school gym. Principal Roxanne McDonnell welcomed everyone and thanked various members of the school council for their help since the beginning of this school year. The junior and senior kindergarten children were on first, about 18 in number, some wearing black snowman bowler hats and a few in elf hats. They sang *Frosty the Snowman* along with a recording of the favourite children's entertainer, Raffi. At one point a few of the snowmen took a tumble on the stage, but they picked themselves up, the audience loved it, and they managed to whistle their way through another verse. They followed up by singing unaccompanied *We wish you a Merry Christmas*.

Two dozen or so grade one and two students next appeared in country attire and delighted the audience with *Jingle Bell Hoedown*. It was a sea of plaid shirts, blue jeans, square dancing, and three girls at one point doing a combination of step and highland dancing at centre stage. The grades three and four performed a skit to a song in French, *C'est dans l'temps du jour de l'an*, with the students dressed up in old-fashioned habitant-style clothes, and even one young lad sported a big bushy beard

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and a pipe. *Run run Rudolph*, was the title of the air-band rock and roll number done by the grade five and six students. The collapsing keyboard provided a comic touch and the band carried on and pulled the whole thing off. The students in grades seven and eight put on a short play titled *Jingle bell jury* which involved the trial of Jim Dandy whose crime was not having any Christmas spirit. All the expert witnesses you could ever name, from Roberta Eggno to the Three Wise Men made their statements, and when Jim finally had his say it was a case of peer pressure and needing to be cool that had fueled his bah humbug behavior. His Christmas spirit is restored, Santa appears and the court is adjourned. It was a big cast and there were lots of lines to be learned and it was a job well done. Congratulations to all the students and special recognition to their teachers for so patiently coaching the students during the last couple of weeks of school.

Let us hope that everyone has a

safe and happy Christmas holiday, and arrives back fresh and full of energy on Jan. 3, 2005.

## Decorating Contest

The results are in for the Martintown and District Horticultural Society Christmas decorating contest. For overall view Ann Clark took first place, followed by Jackie Benton in second and Yvonne Besner in third. Betty Morris received an honourable mention. Yvonne Besner's door won first prize in the door decoration part of the contest, and Betty Morris won second. The society thanks Lucie Dumouchel for judging the contest and Monique Quenneville and Eugenie Rossel for organizing the event this year. Congratulations to all who participated.

## Santa Parade

The Martintown Volunteer Fire Department wishes to thank Cross Roads Pavement Markings for their generous donation in support of the Santa Claus parade in Martintown last week.

## Duplicate bridge

The results of the Martintown Duplicate Bridge held at the Martintown Community Centre on Tues., Dec. 14 were as follows: 1. Bob Evans and Vince Semenovicus, 2. Jim and Jean Campbell, 3. Allan McLeod

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## Portrait artist tops in Canada

BY KRISTINA WILSON  
News Reporter

Alexandria artist Deborah Kerr has just returned from a national art competition with the biggest prize available.

Ms. Kerr earned the Grand Prix, Best of Show award at the Portrait Society of Canada's International Portrait Arts Festival in Toronto on Dec. 11.

Her portrait of Green Valley area native Roselle Quesnel was first selected as a top 14-finalist in November before final judging took place during a four day conference from Dec. 9 to 12.

It was Ms. Kerr's second time entering the competition. She entered last year with a portrait of Williamstown resident Rachel Bryan. That entry earned her membership into the prestigious society and a spot as a top-12 finalist.

At a banquet on Dec. 11, Ms. Kerr learned that "Roselle" had earned the Grand Prix, which comes with a trophy and a \$3,000 prize, in addition to the prestige the honour carries.

"I figured maybe I'd get third place," she admitted.

But when third, then second were announced and she didn't hear her name, she thought the competition was over for her.

"Everyone was clapping for the (Grand Prix) winner and people at my table said, 'It's you, Deborah.'"

Ms. Kerr said she was in shock and disbelief upon learning she had won the top prize.

"I don't even know what I said (in my speech),"

she said.

For the next two days, she said she walked around with a smile glued to her face.

Winning the competition brings her one step closer to realizing her dream of making her living from her art.

"I came home and said, 'My prices just doubled!'" she joked.

"This will open doors internationally," she added seriously. "Grand prize winners get invited to do demonstrations all over the world."

The prize money will also allow her to bring another dream to fruition: she will be able to pursue her interest in sculpting.

"I've always loved the three-dimensional (medium)," she said. "I have wax and carvings from school, I made as a teen, that are still unfinished."

Her goal now is to try her hand at clay busts. Her first subject will be her great-grand-uncle "Big Rory" MacLennan. Mr. MacLennan, who died in 1907, is a Glengarry Sports Hall of Fame inductee and was a Conservative MP for Glengarry.

The win has also given her the confidence to enter the 2005 International Portrait Competition of the Portrait Society of America.

That society has been in existence for six years now, twice as long as the Canadian society. The American society also has more than 600 members, so competition will be decidedly stiffer.

While at the conference, Ms. Kerr attended workshops given by international portrait masters Andrew Benyei of Canada, Yuqi Wang of China, American Dan Everett Thompson, Atanur Dogan

of Turkey and Gwenneth Barth of Switzerland.

"The masters were very accommodating, down-to-earth. Though they are world-famous, they have no airs about them. They are a great friendly group, really good teachers," she said.

In fact, the biggest compliment she got during the conference was from watercolour master Atanur Dogan during a workshop he conducted.

"The way you work at your painting, I see why they picked you as the Grand Prix winner," he told her.

Being among other artists was like a homecoming for Ms. Kerr.

"They're like a second family: they understand your life and your needs. It's a home away from home," she said. "It's like a battery getting recharged."

Ms. Kerr's next project is to complete the portrait of a model she started during one of the workshops at the conference. She also has some commissioned works which will keep her busy until the end of January.

"But I'll keep the fee I originally charged," she said with a laugh.

She looks forward to getting together with the subject of her winning portrait when Ms. Quesnel is home for the Christmas holidays.

Ms. Quesnel is studying dance at George Brown College in Toronto.

"I will make a copy for her family," Ms. Kerr said, adding she will be keeping the original.

Ms. Quesnel used to work in the kitchen at the Georgian House. The portrait is based on a photograph Ms. Kerr took in the fall of 2003, when Ms. Quesnel was visiting from school.

Ms. Kerr said the two have a lot in common as struggling artists. She said Ms. Quesnel may have to become a dance teacher to support herself. She



DEBORAH KERR'S WINNING ENTRY

decided the government's continual cutting back of funding for the arts.

"Art is as important as science and politics; it's all integrated," she said. "We need it. It shouldn't be the lowest priority."

If anything, though, she believes her success at the competition should remind anyone, regardless of what domain they are in, that dreams can come true.

"I am encouraging anyone not to give up their dreams in anything," she said.

The Portrait Society's website will carry photos and highlights from the conference, but had not been updated as of press time. The site is [www.portraitsocietyofcanada.com](http://www.portraitsocietyofcanada.com).

Ms. Kerr also has a new website, [www.deborahkerr.ca](http://www.deborahkerr.ca), which features some of her work.

## Needy

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"I've been doing it for over 10 years now," Mrs. Stacey said.

The Angel Tree used to stand at Landry's Friendly Country Grocer, but since the grocery has not yet reopened under its new ownership yet, the Eatons of Dollar Deal kindly offered some space for the tree.

Mrs. Stacey places angels on the tree with the gender, age and desired toy of local children up to age 15. Members of the public take the angel and buy the gift.

Mrs. Stacey then collects all the gifts and the families pick them up at the parish hall.

For the past three years, students at SJ McLeod Public School have been providing small gifts as well, so that each child on the Angel Tree gets a few extra gifts.

Any extra gifts are handed over to Mr. Bourdeau the K of C Christmas baskets.

Also on the Angel Tree are residents of Chateau Gardens who don't have families.

This year, there were 15 children and nine seniors on the tree. Mrs. Stacey said there are usually 20 to 25 angels on the tree.

"I try not to let anyone go without a gift," she said. She plans on continuing to coordinate the Angel Tree campaign.

"I really enjoy doing it. If Christmas came around and I wasn't doing it, I'd be lost."

The organization known as HOPE (Helping Other People Every day) disbanded late in the fall. HOPE used to provide a meal on Christmas Eve in Alexandria to people who would otherwise be alone for the holiday.

## Flu

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sent home on the symptoms of the flu and preventive measures that should be taken. (See accompanying article)

At Le Relais classes were restricted from doubling up for activities, a basketball game was cancelled, and its annual Christmas concert festivities which take students to local elementary schools were postponed until after the holidays.

While GDHS and Le Relais share the same building, surprisingly GDHS has not had a 10 per cent absenteeism rate yet, according to its principal Tony Kiar.

Just the same, the school was remaining vigilant and working closely with the health unit.

Mr. Kiar said the school cancelled a class trip to Ottawa, after it was suggested the school not send kids on trips outside of Eastern Ontario.

At the hospital, admissions were shut down and visitors access to its chronic and in-patient unit restricted as of last Wednesday, according to HGMH's director of nursing Linda Morrow.

"We have to report to Public Health whenever we have a case of influenza," Mrs. Morrow said, adding an outbreak is declared when there are two more cases of Influenza A reported within a short stretch of each other.

"If we have no new cases, Tuesday Dec. 21 will be our last day (on outbreak status)," Mrs. Morrow said, "but if we get a new case between now and Tuesday, it would be eight days from the new case."

One of the tough parts of closing down the in-patient unit at the hospital is that it makes the emergency room more chaotic.

Those who usually would be admitted to the hospital, have to remain confined to the emergency room waiting for the outbreak to run its course.

Staff at the Maxville Manor began noticing signs of the flu in about 20 residents on Dec. 14 and notified the EOHU, according to director of care Sally Munro. Two days later, last Thursday, lab reports confirmed Influenza A.

"A lot are recovering," Mrs. Munro said, "but some are still sick with influenza." The Manor notified family members of residents who are ill, but at this point plans to allow people to visit over the holi-

days.

"They are still allowed to visit. We are recommending they have received their influenza vaccination...and that when they come they just visit their family member or friend." The Manor wants people to avoid visiting with multiple residents. It will be also encouraging people to wash their hands when coming into and leaving its building.

Chateau Gardens in Lancaster so far is one of the lucky institutions having avoided the flu, as of Monday, according to its assistant director of care Shimon Kinok.

"As of right now we are fine," Mrs. Kinok said, "knock on wood. We are just taking our usual precautions of wearing gloves, washing hands."

The residence asks staff who are not feeling well to stay home.

### Basic steps to avoid flu

There are some very basic steps residents can take to avoid the flu, according to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU).

People are the only host of the respiratory tract disease which is transmitted by direct contact or large droplet infection. Influenza may persist for hours in dried mucus and then spread by being touched.

"It is very important for people to be hand washing, covering their mouth when they are coughing and sneezing," says Linda Cleroux, a clinical assistant with the EOHU. "(People also should) get their flu shot annually."

Because it spreads by droplets or direct contact, it is also important to keep your distance. The health unit official suggests people maintain a three-foot distance with whom they fear may be infected.

"If you don't have close contact," Mrs. Cleroux said, "you decrease your risk of picking it up and passing it on."

Because of the flu's association with Reye's Syndrome, salicylates - used to make aspirin - should be avoided.

Symptoms of the disease include among other things, acute onset of fever, headaches, muscular pain, increased mucus production, sore throat, severe and prolonged cough. Vomiting and diarrhea is reported in up to 25 per cent of children in school outbreaks of Influenza A.

my time," Mr. Fenton said. "I am not going to back down. If we do then we may as well just close down the board because no one wants to listen to us."

## Bridge

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and Finlay McDonnell, 4. Blanche and Rolly Fobert. There will be Duplicate Bridge every Tuesday through the holiday season.

Merry Christmas

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas full of good times, loving family and friends and lots of great food. Don't forget to let me know who went away and who visited Martintown during the holidays. We all depend on your news!

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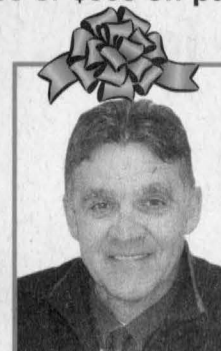
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# Straight TALK

What is your favourite Christmas carol?  
Why do you enjoy that particular carol so much?



**Diane Edwards, Dalkeith:**  
"I like the 12 Days of Christmas. I like the tune and the repetition of all the gifts. I also like the message behind the song. It's about having the freedom to practice your faith."



**Stephan Parisien, Glen Walter:**  
"Jingle Bells is my favourite carol but I have to confess that I like the Batman smells version better than the original."



**Krystie Small, Summerstown:**  
"My favourite carol is Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. It's a fun song. I remember singing it at school Christmas concerts over the years."

**Diane van Barneveld, RR 5 Alexandria:**

"My all time favourite is the Chipmunk's Christmas carol. I just love how it sounds. It's the traditional chipmunk song."



**Rachel Buss, Alexandria:**

"Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer. Because I'm a grandma and my grandchildren sing it for me. It's a good song. I like the beat."

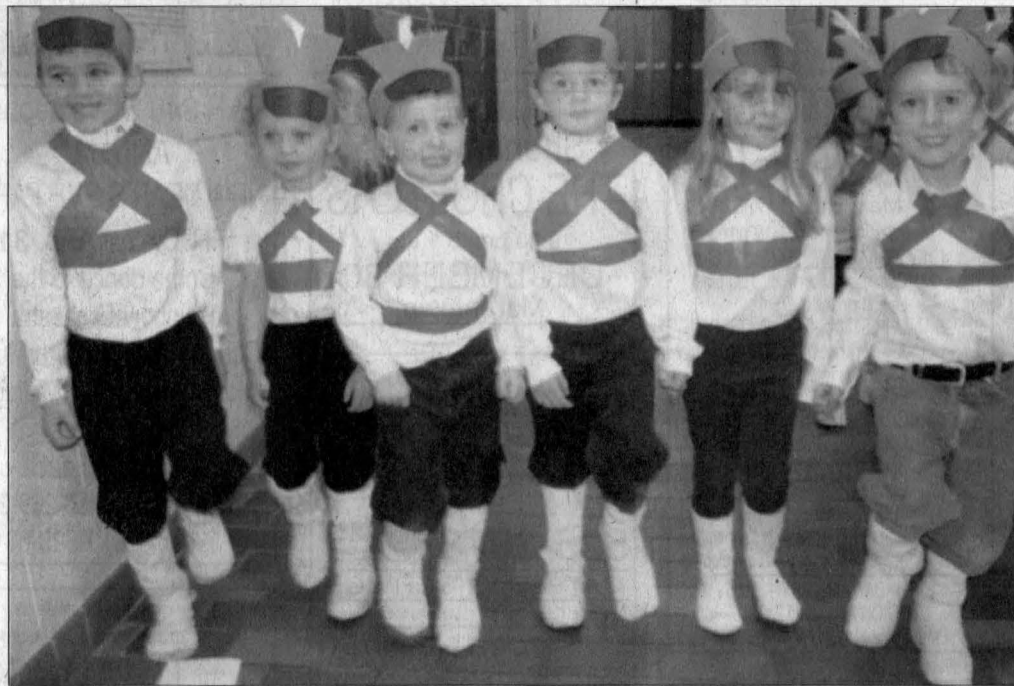


**Brenda Doucet, Maxville:**

"My favourite Christmas carol is Silver Bells. I love that song. I sang it to my granddaughter when she was born in May. The nurses kind of looked at me funny."



**CONCERT TIME:**Above, Conductor Alan Hawley, a grade 3 student, welcomes the audience to the Williamstown Public School's Christmas production of the Polar Express. At right, these Laggan kindergarten students dressed up as toy soldiers for their school's Christmas concert. From left: Brandin Dauner, Shannan MacPherson, Matthew Houlzet, David MacMaster, Robyn Howes, Liam Franklin. STAFF PHOTOS



**FUN TIME OF YEAR:** Clockwise from bottom left: Andrew Beckstead and Zoe Bougie perform a song at the Iona Academy concert. Terre des Jeunes students belt out a number. Michelle and Vanessa Forget played some Christmas music on their recorders at St. Finnan's. St. Bernard's students Krystine Ranger and Cassandra MacLean enjoy their school's Christmas play/sleepover.



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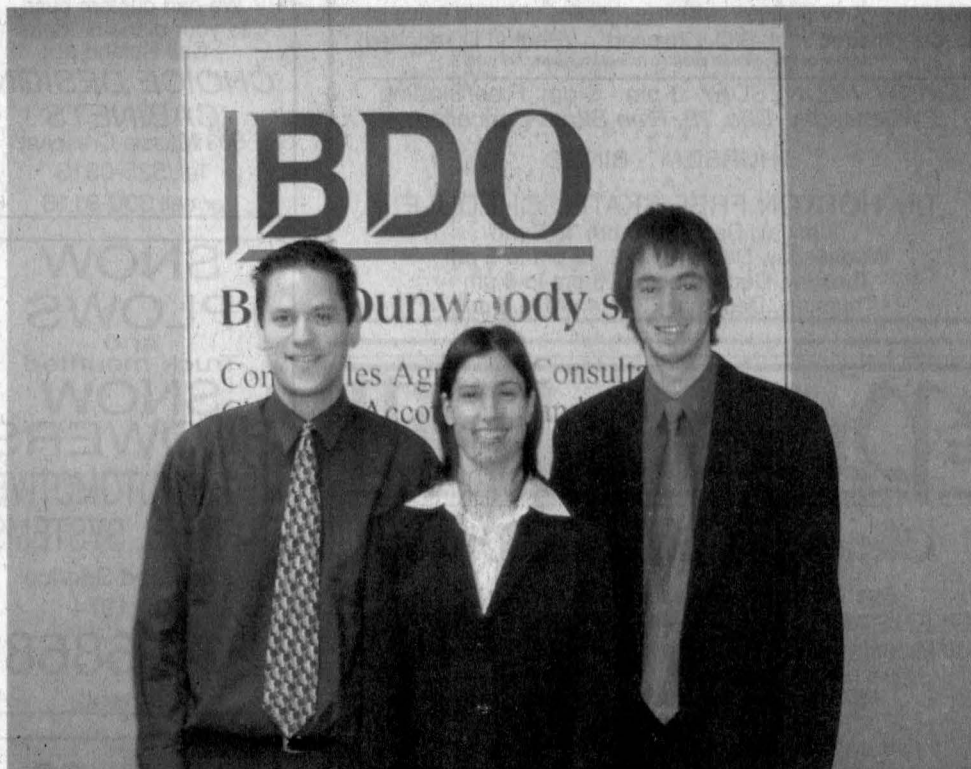
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## Christmas services

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in South Lancaster is holding a Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m.

St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church in Maxville is having a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.

St. John's Anglican Church near Lancaster is having their service at 9:30 p.m.

The two Anglican churches are holding a combined service on Christmas Day at St. John's at 10 a.m.

St. Martin de Tours parish in Glen Robertson is having a Christmas Eve Mass at 8 p.m.

Mass will be said at St. Paul's in Dalkeith at 11 p.m.

On Christmas Day, a bilingual Mass will be celebrated at 10:15 a.m. in Glen Robertson.

Christmas carols will be sung at St. Finnan's Co-Cathedral in Alexandria at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, followed by Mass at 8 p.m.

Mass on Christmas Day will be held at 8 and 11 a.m.

St. Catherine of Sienna in Greenfield will have their Christmas Eve Mass at 9:30 p.m.

Alexandria United Church on the Hill is having a Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m.

Kirkhill United Church held a Christmas service in German on Dec. 19.

Christmas Eve Masses at Église Sacré-Cœur in Alexandria will be held at 8 p.m. and midnight, while at Ste. Marie in Green Valley, one will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass will be at 9 a.m. at Sacré-Cœur and at 10:30 a.m. in Green Valley.

### FUNDRAISER

The Glengarry Pipe Band is having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Atlantic in Alexandria on Thursday, Dec. 23, starting at 4 p.m. The pipe band will perform from 7-9 p.m. For more information, call Michael McDonell at 528-1065.

## GLENGARRY Scene

### All in the lights

A good-natured rivalry appears to be developing between neighbours on opposite sides of the Raisin River.

Every year, Jim Robson of Loyalist Road and Pat St. Pierre of Wentworth Road try to outdo each other's Christmas lights display. This year, the Robsons have a Santa Claus face on their two-car garage while Mr. St. Pierre has his house lined with a series of blue and white lights.

The two men admit that their rivalry is very friendly.

"Both of us just enjoy decorating," says Mr. St. Pierre.

### New CD

Dalkeith songstress Fran Aiken has released her first solo CD, *Here's to you*. The album, which was recorded in Montreal, is described as a blend of blues, jazz, and traditional folk music. She has songwriting credits on six of the CD's 12 tracks.

Although she's lived in Glengarry for about 20 years, Ms. Aiken grew up in Montreal where she started her musical career singing in folk clubs.

Her album is available at the Georgian House in Alexandria.

### Call a cab

The good folks at Starr Taxi are doing their part to stop that deplorable practice of drinking and driving. Starr Taxi owner Jack Hambleton has announced that he will now be accepting *taxi dollars*, which are being marketed as the national taxicab currency in Canada.

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The taxi dollars can be purchased at [www.taxidollars.com](http://www.taxidollars.com).

### Political marriage

Wedding bells are in the air for a local politician. South Glengarry Conservative MP Guy Lauzon has asked his longtime girlfriend and Martintown resident, Frances Lafave, to be his wife. The first-time MP popped the question at the parliamentary restaurant in Ottawa on Dec. 13. The two were dining to celebrate Ms. Lafave's 56th birthday.

### War of words

It's been a busy and eventful time for South Glengarry's rookie MP, both personally (see above item) and professionally. For the past week Guy Lauzon has been involved in an ongoing war of words with the *Ottawa Citizen* over his concerns regarding expenses involving the operation of the Governor-General's office.

It all started with a press release

issued by Mr. Lauzon criticizing the Governor General for wasting taxpayers' money.

It's not exactly a new theme but it prompted the *Citizen* to run an editorial on Dec. 14 on its City Section editorial page (the *Citizen* has two editorial pages - one for editorials on national or what it deems to be more significant items and the second in its City section which deals primarily with local or lesser issues). The Dec. 14 editorial accused Mr. Lauzon of abusing the facts.

Some of those facts cited by Mr. Lauzon included the much-criticized \$5 million circumpolar expedition which took artists and others on what may have been the greatest junket in Canadian political history.

The press release seems to have been prompted by the Governor-General's assertion that a cut of \$417,000 in her budget will force scaling back contributions by her office to Winterlude and ceremonies for the Order of Canada, among other things.

That editorial prompted a response from Mr. Lauzon in the form of a letter to the editor in the *Citizen's* Dec. 17 edition in which Mr. Lauzon defends his earlier release and accuses the paper of ignoring in its editorial "the most egregious examples of waste my office cited - namely the \$30,000 dining room carpet and \$32,000 kitchen steamer" as well as a night spent in Victoria's Empress Hotel even though the lieutenant-governor's mansion was available.

Well, that really steamed the *Citizen's* editorial board - the group that writes and decides on which editorials the paper will run and on which of its two editorial pages - because another editorial appeared in the same edition, but this time on its number one editorial page in the front section, in the process elevating Mr. Lauzon's complaint to a much loftier level.

The editorial is headlined: When you're in a hole, stop digging. It concludes by noting that "Mr. Lauzon shouldn't confuse his impression of the Governor General's personal life with her official duties: If he wants to criticize her, he should make sure he knows what he's talking about, then use the facts fairly."

The whole affair brings to mind the old admonition about never getting into a war of words with those (newspapers) who buy newsprint by the tonne.

Nonetheless, we encourage Mr. Lauzon not to back down if he feels he's on solid ground. After all, who doesn't admire the pluck of anyone who takes issue with the seemingly all-powerful media, including this newspaper on occasion, regardless of whether we're right or wrong.

## New doctor coming to HGMH

By KRISTINA WILSON  
News Reporter

There's good news for area residents still without a family doctor - a new physician will soon be setting up a practice at Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital (HGMH).

Dr. Yasmin Harrison is a recent graduate in Family Medicine from Montreal's McGill University.

She first met hospital chief of staff Dr. Robert Adams and director of nursing Linda Morrow during the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's Recruitment Tour in Sept. 2004.

The tour is set up by the ministry every Sept. and allows hospital administrators to meet new physicians at Ontario's five university medical centres. Dr. Harrison attended the Ottawa session.

HGMH also had booths at the other four sessions, in Kingston, London, Hamilton and Toronto.

"She was looking specifically for a rural hospital setting and she liked

what she saw at our booth," said HGMH CEO Kurt Pristanski.

Dr. Harrison was so impressed with what she heard and saw in Ottawa that she arranged to visit HGMH in October. After a second visit in November, she committed to open her practice there.

Her office will open in the middle of January, 2005. It will be located across from the Auxiliary Gift Shop in the main lobby. Dr. Harrison will be taking new patients. Her phone number will be announced as soon as it is known.

She will have admitting privileges and will join the emergency rotation, becoming the seventh full-time physician with privileges at HGMH.

The others are doctors Robert Adams, Elias El Salibi, Theo Jaggassir, Ghislain Marleau, Christine Millman and Ashok Nadkarni. Dr. Harrison is currently looking for a home in the Alexandria area.



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## In Memoriam

**MAHEU**-In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather Walter, who passed away December 26, 2000.

Sleep on, dear husband, take your rest, You miss you most, who loved you best.

Friends may be friends, if they be true, But I lost my best friend when I lost you. -Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving wife, children, and grandchildren. 51-1p

**MacLEOD**, Norman M.-In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away December 24, 2000.

Christmas brings memories Your picture we hold Time rolls, But memories last Loving you always. 51-1p

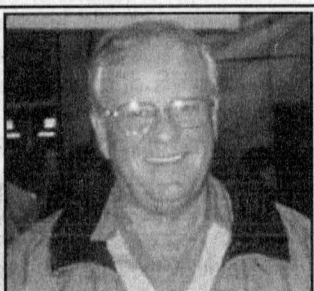
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-Gone but will never be forgotten by your daughter Orlane Van Dyke. 51-1p

**MacNAUGHTON**, Clifford-In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away on December 25, 2003.

There is not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts You are sadly missed and will never be forgotten.

-Love, Gordon, Marion, Clifford, Donald, Bruce, Lyndon and families. 51-1p



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In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather, and stepfather, Irwin, who passed away Dec. 21, 2003.

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You were a man so gentle and so loving. - And you were so loved. 51-1p

Sadly missed and always remembered by Joyce, your children and grandchildren.

## Coming Events

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ITALIAN NIGHT - All day  
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BAKED SHRIMPS with  
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SIZZLING Steak  
Maggie's Style  
Thick cut of rib eye steak  
in a mild pepper sauce, potato  
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**SUNDAY BRUNCH**  
from 9 am to 1:30 pm  
\$6.95 19-1f

## Coming Events



Main St. - 347-3286  
Monday to Sunday 1-10 pm

**DECEMBER EVENTS**  
Thurs. 23 - Community Fun Pool, 7:30 pm  
Fri. 24 - Legion closes at 5 pm  
Sat. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY - CLOSED  
A very Happy and Merry Christmas to all!

Sun. 26 - Boxing Day - Legion open 1 pm  
Tues. 28 - Community Fun Pool 7:30 pm  
Fri. 31 - Community Pot Luck at Legion.  
Social Hour 6 pm. Dinner 7 pm.  
Bring your favourite dish. Music by  
TLC. Donating \$5 per person.  
Come ring in the New Year with us  
at the Legion. Everyone Welcome.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2005  
LEGION ANNUAL LEVEE  
More details to come - 347-3286 51-1c



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**BAR HOURS**  
Mon-Fri - 2 pm to close  
Sat - 2 pm to close  
Sun - 11 am to close  
Pool EVERY Tuesday

**Saturday Meat Draw**  
Draws 3:30 pm,  
4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

**New Year's Eve Party**  
in Club Room

**KARAOKE**  
EVERY FRIDAY  
8 pm to Midnight  
Everyone Welcome

**WEDNESDAY**  
Senior Darts - 2 pm

Every 1st and 3rd Friday  
**DINERS CLUB**  
OUTREACH 12 noon

Every 2nd and 4th Friday  
**COFFEE CLUB**  
OUTREACH 10:30 - 11:30 am

**FOOTCARE CLINIC**  
Every 2nd Thursday of the month  
10 am - 3:30 pm

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Delivered every  
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## Coming Events

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
December 25, 2004  
Traditional Christmas Buffet  
6 pm  
Book your party now!  
Don't be disappointed  
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**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
Friday, December 31  
• Cocktails - 5 pm  
• Meal - 6 pm -  
All-you-can-eat buffet:  
Chicken and Roast Beef au Jus  
• Champagne at Midnight  
• Party Favours - Prizes  
• Midnight Lunch served at 1 am  
• Operation Red Nose  
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## NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

for CHEO  
featuring the Brigadoons  
at Caledonia Community Centre, St. Bernardin  
**FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 8:30 pm**  
\$25 per ticket  
Midnight lunch served  
Tickets available at Scotiabank in Vankleek Hill,  
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**THURSDAY - BINGO**

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Tuesday, Dec. 21 - 6 pm to 8 pm  
Wednesday, December 22 - 3 pm to 5 pm  
Tuesday, December 28 - 6 pm to 8 pm  
Thursday, December 30 - 4 pm to 6 pm 51-1c

## Priest's Mill

**Glengarry's Gathering Place**  
Dec. 31, 2004 - Advance Reservations Only  
A GLENGARRY NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION  
Celtic Music by Pat Kelly and Pat Maher, a.k.a. "The Two Paddy's"  
8 p.m. seating, 8-course Gourmet Menu  
\$75 per person includes party favours  
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IN ORDER THAT ALL OUR STAFF  
MAY ENJOY CHRISTMAS WITH THEIR  
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**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
**FRIDAY, DEC. 31**  
Come dance to the  
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Country and Western Music  
Hot/Cold buffet at Midnight  
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Tickets \$20 each 51-2p  
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**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
An exquisite 6 course gourmet  
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2 seating event  
\$69.00 per person  
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Noël, 25 décembre	9 h	10h30
Dimanche, 26-décembre	8h30 et 11 h	9h45
Veille de l'An, 31 décembre	16h	17h30
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04, Alero, 4-dr sedan, stk#24-115PA  
04, Alero, silver, 24,000 kms, stk#24-98PA  
04, Alero, maroon, 25,000 kms, stk#24-105PA  
04, Buick Century, green, 20,000 kms, stk#24-72PA  
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03, Tahoe no wheels, green, 31,000 kms, stk#24-31PA  
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The Glengarry News



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## **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY**

The Council of the Township is looking for volunteers to participate on various committees for the year 2005. This is a prime opportunity for interested parties to become involved in their community and have input at the grass roots level.

**AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE****COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

(To consider request of relief from zoning regulations)

**CORNWALL REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION INC.****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE****FENCE VIEWERS****FIRE PROTECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE****GLENGARRY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL****GLENGARRY SPORTS PALACE BOARD****HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE****LIVESTOCK EVALUATOR****TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY****ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE****PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE****PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

(To adjudicate on appeals on Orders to Comply with Township bylaws(s))

**RECREATION, PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTRES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Residents wishing to submit their names for any committee may do so in writing (clearly stating the Committee of their choice, qualifications, complete mailing address and telephone number) before

DECEMBER 27, 2004

Marcel J. Lapierre

Administrator and Co-ordinator

Township of South Glengarry

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## **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY NOTICE**

The Municipal Office will be closed **December 27 and 28, 2004** and **January 3 and 4, 2005** due to Christmas and New Year's Holidays.



## **CANTON DE GLENGARRY NORD AVIS**

Le bureau municipal sera fermé le **27, 28 décembre 2004** et le **3, 4 janvier 2005** en raison des vacances de Noël et la Nouvelle année.

50-2c



## **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY LANDFILL CUSTODIAN**

(Contract Employee)

The Township of North Glengarry will be accepting applications for a Landfill Custodian. This position will be a contract employee.

Duration of Contract: 1 year -

January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

Applicant must possess a valid driver's licence and must supply own vehicle.

Work hours: Monday-Tuesday - 8 am to 4 pm

Wednesday - 8 am to 12 (noon)

Thursday and Friday - 8 am to 4 pm

Saturday-Alternate sites-8 am to 12 pm (noon)

Interested applicants must submit their application along with salary expectations no later than 12:00 pm (noon), on Wednesday, December 29, 2004.

Léo Poirier,  
Clerk Administrator,  
Township of North Glengarry,  
P.O. Box 700, Alexandria, On. K0C 1A0.



## **CANTON DE GLENGARRY NORD GARDIEN POUR DÉPOTOIR**

(Employé à contrat)

Le canton de Glengarry nord acceptera des applications pour un gardien de dépôt, cette position sera un emploi à contrat.

Durée du contrat sera pour 1 an - janvier 1, 2005 à décembre 31, 2005.

Le candidat doit posséder un permis de conduire valide et doit fournir son propre véhicule.

Heures de travail:

lundi - mardi 8h à 16h

mercredi - 8h à 12h (midi)

jeudi - vendredi 8h à 16h

samedi - emplacements alter. - 8h à 12h (midi)

Les candidats intéressés doivent soumettre leur application avec demande de salaire anticipé au plus tard 12h (midi) mercredi, le 29 décembre 2004.

Léo Poirier,  
Greffier administrateur,  
canton de Glengarry nord,  
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## **Students win prizes in draw**



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Every class at Laurier-Carrière participated in a draw for a one year review of their choice.

The winners were Kindergarten: Brennan Nadeau; grades 1-2: Innis McLeod; grades 3-4: Liam Séguin; grades 5-6: Joey Séguin; grades 7-8: David Latulippe.

Three draws were also held throughout the school. Congratulations to Nicholas Lanthier who won the huge five pound chocolate bar, Sarah-Anne Dewar-Massie who won the futuristic telephone and the magnificent chaîne stereo went to Joel Lavigne. With the money left, the students will have a few prizes and new books for the library.

The balance of last year's fundraiser will go towards a bus for the students to visit St. Joseph's oratory in January.

Don't forget to mention your school when shopping at M&M Meat Shop as a percentage is donated to the school. Those who bring one bag of 25 clean soft drink cans or an ink cartridge will get a ticket with their name to participate in a monthly draw and the class that has the most tickets will have access to a surprise.

On Dec. 17, which was the last day of school, a film was presented at the gym on a big screen for all the students. The Optimist Club paid for pizza, juice, and dessert, for all the students and teaching staff. Santa, of course was at the party and distributed a little surprise to all the children. Many thanks to Johanne McCarthy, Linda Hamelin and of course, Santa. It was fun to see the smiles and the many hugs that Santa got especially from the wee ones.

**Carol singing**

On Dec. 15, the English choir accompanied by Father Eric had the pleasure of singing Christmas carols at the Community Nursing Home and Le Palais, where we were treated to cheese and goodies and talked with a lot of people. Some sang with us and others just cherished their memories. We didn't go to Maria Goretti as it was closed on account of the flu.

Happy birthday to my sister, Réjeanne Maheu on Dec. 18, my brother-in-law, Carl Collette from Lancaster on Dec. 21, Paulette-Larocque Rozon on Dec. 19, her husband, Michel Rozon on Dec. 22 and their son, Julien Rozon on Dec. 31. All the best in the new year.

At this time, I would like to thank everyone who provides me with good news and wish all the staff at The Glengarry News, all my readers and to everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year but most of all for the brand new year that is nearly at our door, let there be peace in the whole world.

## **Warmest wishes for the holiday.**



Our best wishes to everyone all over this great community

at this special time of year. Your local Tim Hortons wants to

thank you for your support and wish you all a happy holiday.

Tim Hortons



# Santa and singers visit Palace

On Monday Dec. 6, the Palace residents went shopping in Cornwall. They ate at Philo's restaurant.

On Tuesday afternoon, the residents held the last card party of the year. The winners were Cecile Lortie, Carmen Girard, Tonia Oetelaar, Beatrice Lalonde, Huguette Titley, Therese Seguin, Laurette Sauve who didn't win any game and the skunk went to Al St-Denis.

The Bridge winners were Frances Olsen with Lucille Lalonde. The door prizes winners were Beatrice Lalonde, Ilma Legault, Viola Hope, Huguette Titley, Lucille Bellefeuille, Laurette Sauve, Madeleine Robert, Tonia Oetelaar, Isabel McLennan, Ilma Legault, Laurette Sauve, Beatrice Lalonde, Aline Menard. The 50/50 draw winners were Huguette Titley and Aline Menard. Congratulations to all the winners.

The next card party is slated for Jan. 4. Nicole Bourbonnais would like to thank everyone who came and played cards during the year.

On Wednesday evening Le Cercle des fermieres came with Santa to distribute a gift to each resident. The entertainers were Rene Trotter and his wife Sherry. Everyone enjoyed their gift. A special thanks goes to Le Cercle des fermieres and to Santa and his helpers.

On Sunday afternoon there was a Family Wine and Cheese for the residents. A special thanks to the caterer from the Bonnie Glen Pavilion, Maurice and his crew.

In the afternoon there was a draw for \$1,000. The winner was Pam McNeil from Alexandria.

On Dec. 15, the Glen Robertson choir came to entertain the residents. The choir was comprised of John Van-Nooten, Barton and Betty McDonnell, Sindy, Meagan and Marylin Leger, Annie and Patricia Larocque, Colette Sauvé, Maggie Wenger, and Marylin Boisvert. Their time was very well spent as the residents really enjoyed themselves.

Nicole, staff and the residents' council would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## ALEXANDRIA

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### Elda-Rouleau news

The last week of school before the Christmas holidays were very busy at Ecole Elda-Rouleau. During that week, we featured the theme of "Christmas" in many different ways.

On Monday, we had an excellent Christmas dinner thanks to many parents who gave of their time to make sure that everything went on just like in a fancy restaurant. A special thanks to our school council president, Sylvie MacLennan, who coordinated the whole event.

On Monday evening, the parents and grandparents of Mme. Diane Bélanger and Mme. Denise Lambert's Grade 3 and 4 students were treated to an intimate evening. The students presented a few Christmas songs and then made a Christmas craft with their guests. At the end, all enjoyed a light snack.

That same evening, the parents and grandparents of Mme. Karine Ranger McCarthy, Mme. Rachel Elie, Mme. Sylvie Valade and Mme. Micheline Brunet's Grade 4, 5 and 6 students enjoyed a concert featuring a variety of acts, including songs, instrumental music and plays.

On Tuesday evening, the parents and grandparents of students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2, taught by Mme. Julie Larocque, Mme. Joanne O'Connor, Mme. Hélène Séguin, Mme. Roxanne Lafrance et Mme. Rachelle Owens attended a lovely Christmas concert. Each class presented a number which enchanted the audience. On Thursday, Santa visited the school and met with all the students.

Friday was a special day of celebration and fun including: skating at the Glengarry Sports Palace for the students of Junior and Senior Kindergarten, sliding on toboggans on the hill at school, a volleyball game between the Grade 7 and 8

teams and the staff and a gift exchange. Everyone at Elda-Rouleau wishes you a Happy Holiday Season.

### Bridge results

N-S: 1. Rene Belanger and Michel Duplantie. 2. E. Marjerrison and Jim Campbell. 3. Les Atkinson and Viviane Campbell. 4. Bob Govan and Rhea Collette.

E-W: 1. Sheila Pickett and Jean Campbell. 2. Joan and Gilles Lapointe. 3. Hugh Wilson and Jack Paavila. 4. Lorna and Homer Grant.

### Sand bag league

Dec. 10: Highest Double - Marthe Chenier: 7140; J. Guy Chenier: 6080; Lina Arcand: 4010; Arcade Menard: 6030; Ghislaine Menard: 3660; Victor Stang: 6020.

Highest Game: Marthe Chenier: 4150; Arcade Menard: 3410; Lina Arcand: 4010; J. Guy Chenier: 3100; Ghislaine Menard: 3660; Victor Stang: 3050.

Highest Square: Lina Arcand: 1150; Jos Seguin: 940; Ghislaine Menard: 950; Raymond Lefebvre: 910; Gisele Bourgon: 930; Arcade Menard: 880.

### Odds and ends

Well the pressure is on for all the shoppers out there.

Personally I try to stay away from the stores over the last few days of the Christmas season. While all my shopping is technically done, I always manage to see something that I just have to pick up for someone, that of course as we all know throws the balance of things right off and then I am scrambling to find another little extra to add to the pot.

Speaking of pots, this is also the time of year to wear the expand-a-pants, I am sure we are all too aware of what they are, but come the new year we will all have resolutions to lose the extra weight we manage to pick up during this festive season!

As the weather starts to get nicer, we will all see one another pounding the pavement as we walk off all the goodies we so enjoyed.

So as we wish a fond farewell to 2004, I would like to wish everyone that I know and those that I have yet to meet a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY NOTICE

Please note that no garbage and recycling pickup days will change during the Christmas season. Every day will be as normally scheduled.

The Municipal Offices will be closed from noon on December 24 until 8:30 am December 29 and from noon on December 31 until 8:30 am on January 4, 2005.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the ESTATE OF GORDON ROSS MCINTOSH, late of the Village of Maxville, in the County of North Glengarry, Province of Ontario, who died on or about the 19th day of November, 2004, are hereby notified to send full particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of January, 2005, after which date the estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

DATED at Cornwall, Ontario, this 2nd day of December, 2004.

NEIL MCINTOSH and GWEN ROMBOUGH,  
Estate Trustees  
by their Solicitors  
ADAMS, SHERWOOD, SWABEY & FOLLON  
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Cornwall, ON K6H 1Y8

## Auction/Notices

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WALLACE QUESNEL, late of the Township of North Glengarry in the County of Glengarry, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that all persons having claims against the Estate of Wallace Quesnel, who died on, or about the 24th day of October, 2004, are hereby required to send full particulars of their claims to the undersigned Solicitors, on or before the 5th day of January, 2005, after which date, the Estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been received.

DATED at Alexandria, Ontario, this 1st day of December, 2004.

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## 105 YEARS AGO

Friday, December 22, 1899

•Miss Catherine McPhee of the New York Conservatory of Music, arrived in town yesterday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. A.D. McPhee, Kenyon Street.

•The trustees of SS No.5, Fassiern, have finished the erection of the new school house, which is complete in every detail. Angus P. McDonald was the contractor.

•W.B. McDiarmid and Howard Munro, medical students at McGill College, are spending their holidays at their Maxville homes.

•J.R. McLaurin of Vankleek Hill, has purchased the south half of Lot 9 in the 9th Concession of Lochiel, from R.A. Campbell of Douglas, Ontario.

•Donald Kennedy and wife of St. Elmo, left on Tuesday evening on an extended visit to their sons in Idaho.

## 95 YEARS AGO

Friday, December 24, 1909

•The Sunday morning eastbound passenger train left the tracks a little west of the Buffalo cut when tires on the trucks of the tender were lost. There were no injuries among the crew or passengers.

•Misses Tena, Annie and Ella Macdonald were in Montreal on Saturday attending the ordination of Ewen J. Macdonald as Deacon, which took place in St. James Cathedral.

•Mr. and Mrs. Donald McPhee are taking possession of their handsome new residence on Kenyon Street East, this week.

•Charlie McKinnon arrived in Greenfield from Nipigon last week.

•Miss Amy McPhee, nurse-in-training, St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Ont., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McPhee.

## 85 YEARS AGO

Friday, December 26, 1919

•Much oratorical ability was displayed by students of Alexandria High School in the contest held Tuesday evening in Alexander Hall.

•The winners were: Miss Della Douglas, whose subject was "Public Speaking in the 20th Century." Alexander F. McDonald, who spoke on "Patriotism"; and Miss Ella Dever, whose subject was "Canadian Literature and Canadian Poets."

•We understand Dr. A.L. Raymond has disposed of his property, corner of Elgin and Harrison Streets, to Peter Morris of Lochiel, who shortly purposes taking up his residence in our midst.

•The Misses Barbara Costello, Eunice Simpson, Margaret Duggan, Ernest Sauve and Franklin McIntosh, Queen's University students are holidaying at their respective homes here.

•Rev. Ewen J. Macdonald, who is taking a post graduate course at Washington University, is at the Palace for the holidays.

•Clarence Ostrom of Toronto is spending some days in town.

## 75 YEARS AGO

Friday, December 27, 1929

•Louis, Paul and Romeo Huot, Rolland Rouleau, Maurice Pilon and Leopold Lalonde, students, Ottawa University, are at their respective homes for the holidays.

•Levi Pilon, an elderly resident of Maxville, had a narrow escape from serious if not fatal injuries at the level crossing in that town Tuesday afternoon. His horse was struck by a freight engine and killed, the cutter being reduced to kindling. Mr. Pilon escaped with a severe shaking up.

•Wallace Morris, who spent several months in Cobalt, arrived home on Sunday and has resumed his duties on the local staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

## 65 YEARS AGO

Friday, December 22, 1939

•Thrown eight feet by a bull while attending his stock, Hugh Blair of Athol was saved by his hired man wielding a pitchfork when the bull started to charge again. Mr. Blair suffered two fractured ribs.

•The First Canadian Division landed in Britain, Sunday.

•R.H. Cowan was elected president of the Alexandria Curling Club, succeeding Dr. R.J. McCallum.

•F.L. Pommier returned Tuesday following treatment in Cornwall and Montreal hospitals. Mr. Pommier was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Lancaster on December 3rd.

•Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lariviere and little son, Roger of Spring Creek, left Friday to reside at Malartic, Que., where he has secured a good position in the gold mines.

## 55 YEARS AGO

Friday, December 23, 1949

•Roderick McDougall of Dalkeith was awarded damages of \$4,253.34 and costs during current sessions of the Ontario Supreme Court. He was seriously injured by a hit-run driver on Christmas night, 1948.

•Fraser Campbell of Dunvegan was elected secretary-treasurer at the annual meeting of the Glengarry Federation of Agriculture.

•A Moose Creek truck driver, Hormidas Cuerrier, 50, was seriously injured Tuesday in a two-truck collision in Ville Emard.

•A native of Glengarry, Miss Olga MacDonald, of the editorial staff of "The Ensign," flew to Rome this week to represent her paper at the Christmas eve ceremonies at Vatican City of the opening of the Holy Door.

## 45 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Dec. 24, 1959

•Highway 34 at Lancaster was blocked for three hours Sunday

evening after 27 cars of a fast freight left the rails. One line was restored to traffic Monday as railway workers coped with bitter cold.

•Papers were signed Monday turning over the Sacony plant to the Perth Shoe Company.

•Raymond Filion, Glen Roy merchant, suffered a broken arm early Tuesday while helping a motorist who was stuck. He was taking his car out of the garage when it was struck by a truck. Harvey Quesnel, 19, of Apple Hill, suffered facial lacerations.

•Dalkeith has its own skating rink, organized by the recently formed Dalkeith Recreation Association.

## 35 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Dec. 23, 1969

•The Robert McKay family had their home one mile north of Alexandria badly damaged in a Friday night fire.

•Publisher of the Eastern Ontario Review at Vankleek Hill, Andrew Boyer was honoured last week by members of the Counties Council of Prescott and Russell. Completing his third term as warden of the United Counties during a period of 29 years in which he served as reeve of Vankleek Hill, Mr. Boyer retired this fall from the field of municipal politics.

•Additional office space and enlargement of the van parking space are in the works at Glengarry Transport Ltd. just south of the town limits.

•Members of the Alexandria Lions Club entertained at a Christmas party for the children of Lions members Sunday and later packed and distributed 32 Christmas baskets to town and area families.

•Holiday shoppers need not feed those hungry parking meters over the yuletide. As was the case last year an "unofficial" holiday is being observed by the police and no tickets will be handed out for meter "violation."

## 10 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, December 20, 1994

•Clerk Mike Samson said Raisin River Conservation Authority is billing Lancaster Township \$7,200 for the ongoing study of Westley's Point, water, septic and waterfront

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Christmas Eve service at St. Paul's Catholic Church on Dec. 24 is at 11 p.m. Regular Mass on Sunday, at 11:15 a.m.

On both New Year's Day and Sunday, Jan. 2 the regular Mass will be at 11:15 a.m.

At Kirkhill United Church the Christmas Eve service is at 8 p.m. with the Rev. Elisabeth Bachem conducting the service. There is no service on Sunday, Dec. 26 but all will be back to normal on Jan. 2, 2005 at 11 a.m.



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St. Columba Presbyterian Church, Kirkhill also has the Christmas Eve service at 8 p.m. For those interested in a sleigh ride to church, with the Rev. Elisabeth Bachem conducting the service. Please contact Murray by noon on Dec. 24 so he can organize, and to tell you to be at his place by 7:20 p.m. His

phone number is 525-3640. Be sure to contact him or you may be left out.

There will be no service on Dec. 26 but the next week is when the time changes and services revert to 11 a.m. for the next few months.

Breadalbane Baptist Church has a Christmas Eve service from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

A native of Dalkeith, Freddie Robinson, Waterdown, Ont., passed away on Dec. 8, 2004 in his 76th year.

He was the son of the late Annie and the late Alec Robinson. He is

survived by his wife Gloria (Sauve, formerly of Alexandria), a son Donald, three daughters-Dianne, Linda and Susan, all of the Waterdown area.

Funeral and burial were on Dec. 10.

My wish for all my readers is a happy and safe Christmas and holiday season.

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## The Smoke-Free Ontario Act

The new legislation is part of the government's comprehensive anti-tobacco strategy.

The proposed act would:

- ban smoking in all workplaces and enclosed public places, such as restaurants, bars, casinos, private clubs and work vehicles
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- eliminate designated smoking rooms
- limit the sale, distribution and use of tobacco products, including stricter measures to ensure only those 19 years of age and older can buy cigarettes.

The proposed act does not extend the smoking ban to private dwellings, with the exception of licensed private home day care. Operators of residential care facilities and hotels would have the option of allowing smoking in these residential settings.

## Identifying our programs and partnerships



The government is partnering with many organizations such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, The Lung Association and the Canadian Cancer Society in a united effort to help create a smoke-free Ontario.

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