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Chouinard skates for charity

Champion Josée Chouinard performs for Heart and Stroke kick off at Creg Quay

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* editor**

The Glengarry Heart and Stroke Foundation is skating into its annual fund raiser with help from Canadian figure skating champion Josée Chouinard.

The world renowned athlete will be performing and signing autographs at Creg Quay in Bainsville on Jan. 18 at the Glengarry Heart and Stroke's kick off fund raiser, "Skate for Heart Gala on Ice."

"We're just thrilled," said Ernie Spiller, Glengarry Heart and Stroke chapter chair.

The day-long family event will see local figure skaters and Chouinard, a long time supporter of heart and stroke, perform.

Two other rinks and sleigh rides are available for everyone.

"People can have fun and still feel they're doing good," said Spiller.

Chouinard, who has been named the local chapter's honorary campaign chair, will be on hand to open the event between 10 and 11 a.m.

She'll perform on the frozen lagoon at the marina. The calibre of her jumps will depend on the ice quality.

After her skate, Chouinard will watch children from 10 local clubs who have prepared a short program. The junior skaters will then get a commentary from Chouinard herself.

The lagoon will also house two other rinks, one for family skating and another for pick-up ball hockey.

"All three rinks will be going full blast," said Spiller.

Later in the day, from 1:30 to 2:30, anyone can participate in an axel and sit spin contest which may be judged by Chouinard.

For those who can't make it to Creg Quay in the morning, the day's program will repeat again from 2:30 to 3:30 but will have 10 different local skaters.

Spiller said the family event coupled with the world famous act is not only a fund raiser, but a way to thank the area for being so generous.



Josée Chouinard

"It's also our way of bringing something back to the community," he said.

In fact Glengarry residents have more than held their own on a national fund raising scale.

"Per capita, Glengarry gives as much as any other chapter and more than most of them," said Spiller.

"We always have a good response."

And the local chapter is hoping to raise even more this year with its special event.

Spiller isn't making any predictions as to how many people will support the chapter on Jan. 18, but he did say organizers are getting ready for 2,000 people.

"If the weather is good, we should do very well," said Spiller.

And since Creg Quay is donating the site and the food, "we have almost no expenses at all," he said.

Hot chocolate, lunch and snacks will be available inside the restaurant at the marina, from which all the proceeds will be given to the heart and stroke.

Admission to the day's event is a donation of $4 for adults and $2 for children 12 and under. Kids under two are free.

The day promises to be action-packed and heart and stroke is even prepared if the lagoon doesn't freeze.

If there's no ice the day of the event, Chouinard will greet visitors inside the restaurant where videos of her skating will be shown.

In the evening, Chouinard will be back at Creg Quay for a benefit dinner with the theme, "celebrate your heritage."

Dinner goers are invited to wear kilts, ceintures fléchés or attire of the early Nor'Wester fur traders to honor the waterfront's rich heritage.

"We're right down there on the river where the fur traders were," said Spiller.

The dinner is modeled after the old Beaver Club of Glengarry which used to celebrate the fur trading heritage with an annual dinner.

"They acted as though they were celebrating the way they did when the Nor'Wester company," was here, said Spiller.

The night will even see a flaming boar's head piped to the head table and guests will feast on pork tenderloins donated by the Pork Producers Association.

The night will include a performance from the Old Time Fiddlers playing both French and Irish tunes and the Ellen Cameron dancers.

The cost is $25 per person and only 150 tickets are being sold.

To reserve a ticket call Creg Quay at 347-2705 or 1-800-545-9753. Tickets are also available by calling the heart and stroke office at 938-8933.

News office to close for New Year's Day

As a result of the holiday, *The Glengarry News* will be closed from 1 p.m. today (Tuesday, Dec. 31), and remain closed on New Year's Day (Wednesday, Jan. 1).

Deadlines for the following issue of Wednesday, Jan. 8, however, will be unaffected. The deadlines return to 3 p.m. Monday.

Open roads save $130,000

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

Lancaster township has Mother Nature to thank for a substantial reallocation of 1996 funds for next year's budget.

Lancaster township council will reallocate $130,000 from the 1996 budget and add it to 1997 reserves.

The bulk of the $130,000 comes from the 1996 winter road budget. Because of increased warmer weather so far this winter, council has been able to save money they would normally spend on snow removal.

Township clerk Mike Samson says council is pleased to be able to reallocate such a large amount of money for next year.

"This winter has been a lot easier than last winter," said Samson. "We are going to put it back into reserves so we can put it back in the system next year."

Samson said $100,000 will be added to the 1997 roads reserve, while $20,000 will go into the fire reserve and $10,000 into the waste disposal reserve.

Samson says council normally considers the worst when they are budgeting their funds for the upcoming year, especially when it comes to winter road care.

"This time we predicted for the worst and it didn't come."

Inter-Agency Group celebrates 20th anniversary

Government sponsored volunteer agency still helping less fortunate

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

The Glengarry Inter-Agency Group receives respect the old fashioned way - they earn it.

The government sponsored volunteer agency celebrated its 20th anniversary in 1996 without the fanfare you might expect.

They're just continuing to provide the same services to area residents they have since the beginning.

The IAG is many things to many people, including a life-line for seniors, a support group for the developmentally challenged and referral service for the unemployed.

In short, without the IAG some local residents would be left out in the cold - just ask Manon Quesnel.

Almost three years ago Quesnel found herself on the outside looking in. She was unemployed and out of school.

Thankfully, through the IAG, she was able to land herself a full-time position at Canadian Tire in Alexandria and is quietly climbing the corporate ladder.

"I knew Yolande Seguin, who works at the (IAG) and they told me about the job opening up at Canadian Tire," said Quesnel. "I came to see Gilles Secours (Canadian Tire manager) and the next day I was hired."



Manon Quesnel, an employee at Canadian Tire in Alexandria, says she would have never been able to get a full-time job, had it not been for the Inter-Agency Group. The agency is celebrating its 20th anniversary and clients like Quesnel are extremely pleased with the work they have been doing. Staff photo – Todd Lihou

Quesnel says having the IAG in her corner helped out a great deal.

"People should" take advantage of the IAG, she explained. "Because sometimes you put an application in with no reply. But if someone is backing you up then you have a better chance."

Quesnel is currently employed in the housewares department and also fills in on cash when she is needed.

Secours says the agency is an important part of the community and shouldn't be overlooked by those looking for work.

"It's the convenience of having someone reducing the selection" of prospective employees for us, said Secours. "They have a knowledgable staff that knows our needs and knows the people of Alexandria. You don't have to advertise yourself."

Jo-Anne Trottier has been the executive director at the IAG for close to five years.

She says the agency has undergone several changes in its 20-year history, but the most significant change recently has to be the reduction in government funding.

"Originally funding was in abundance," said Trottier. "Now we're running some programs bare bones."

Trottier says Glengarry has been able to prosper through some tough times thanks to the agency and the services it provides.

"Look at it in terms of our unemployment (human resources) office. If it wasn't there then people would have to go all the way to Cornwall.

"It's like one stop shopping right here. We should consider ourselves lucky to have (this agency)."

One part of the IAG that is continually expanding is the seniors home maintenance program.

The IAG is partly responsible for

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1996 in review

The Glengarry News has chosen four of the top news makers in 1996 to give readers a look at some of the more interesting stories of the year.

Rolling the dice on a casino

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

Local residents are going to roll the dice once again in an attempt to resolve the casino issue in Alexandria.

Since early September area residents have been inundated with talk of a casino in Alexandria and the implications of a gambling house on Main Street.

What will a casino mean for Alexandria? What kind of an economic impact will it have? Will Alexandria be overrun with thugs, or will it become one of the more prosperous communities in Eastern Ontario?

The casino debate has been hashed and rehashed since it began in the early fall and is long from complete.

At this point several casino proponents in Alexandria, are considering their options in the wake of town council's unprecedented decision to allow a second referendum.

The date for another referendum is expected to be chosen early in the new year.

The casino debate began in late August when former Alexandria restaurateurs Ernie Sauer and his son Chris proposed a multi-million dollar casino/country inn project in hopes of generating between $80 and $100 million for a "small to medium sized" casino, immediately south of the Hub of Glengarry.

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Horvath gets life in prison

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

Former Glengarry District High School student Jason Horvath is spending his first holiday season as a full-time corrections resident this year.

Horvath and two other young offenders were found guilty of various roles in the death of local resident Gerald Cuerrier - forcing Alexandria into the legal fish bowl that a first-degree murder case incurs.

Horvath, for his part, was found guilty of second-degree murder earlier this month and was sentenced to life without a possibility of parole for 13 years.

Since he has already served three years in jail while the facts of the case against him played out, his first appearance before the parole board won't come until he is 31-years-old.

He will miss the dawn of a new millennium, the smell of home cooked meals and the freedom to take a leisurely walk down the street.

Instead, he will be forced to walk the cold floors of any of a number of maximum security prisons in the country. He will learn a new daily routine that includes the terms 'prisoner count' and 'lights out'.

Horvath was found guilty of murdering Cuerrier Oct. 29, following a five-week trial.

Jurors heard testimony of how Horvath and two young offenders entered Cuerrier's home, intent on robbing him, but instead left him for

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Amalgamation tops 1996

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* editor**

Amalgamation topped the headlines in 1996 with all the high emotions, hard work and political dealings that any hot political issue brings.

Alexandria Mayor Grant Crack told *The News* last January that amalgamation would be the big issue of 1996 and he didn't disappoint.

Last year, the seven Glengarry municipalities were shaped into what will likely be two new townships, in the north and south, if the plans are approved by the province later this year.

While politicians in the north end of the county held on most of the year for a Glengarry-wide government, their efforts proved fruitless as the counties favored the north-south split.

As town Councillor John Hope put it in a council meeting last fall, "it's all over but the crying."

The idea of amalgamation began in the fall of 1995 when the province announced it was downsizing the number of municipalities in Ontario in an attempt to save money. Local politicians were told they would either have to amalgamate on their own or be forced to by the province.

After a long year of meetings, meetings and more meetings, the county began to shape on north and south lines.

The south end, comprising Lancaster township, Lancaster village and

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RRCA sees big changes

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* editor**

The Raisin Region Conservation Authority is ending what is likely its most tumultuous year.

The year 1996 began with a lengthy budget impasse and ended with the transfer of Cooper Marsh and the lay-off of its general manager.

A severe cut in provincial funding crippled the authority forcing it to heavily downscale its operations.

In an attempt to butcher costs, the RRCA fired all its employees and asked them to work through severance notices to save the authority paying severance packages. But after a few weeks of consultation and rethinking, the majority of the board decided not to put staff on notice.

Instead, the RRCA held public meetings over the summer to get public input as to where it should shave the dollars.

During the meetings, water quality and management came up the big winners.

The RRCA decided it would retain its water control services, which were still funded by the province, and would still keep locally-funded water quality monitoring.

As a trade off, the RRCA is signing over Cooper Marsh to Charlottenburgh, Lancaster village and Lancaster township. It's also working on handing over Gray's Creek Marina and Conservation Area to Cornwall.

Alexandria Copy Cup

Euchre results

Euchre results for the Alexandria District Duplicate Bridge Club in the north-south division include Jim Campbell and Gerri Tibbals (first), Les Atkinson and Viviane Campbell (second) and Jim Campbell and Joseph Friedberg (third).

In the east-west division it was Bill and Barbara Cunning (first), Don Crawford and Duncan MacDonell (second) and Jeannine Graham and Eva Lefebvre (third).

Cancer support meeting

The next meeting for the Alexandria Cancer Support Network is Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The network meets twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Glengarry District High School.

Information and support for cancer survivors and their supporters will be available.

For more information please call Lise at 346-3513.

Inter-Agency group marks 20th anniversary

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the construction of a new senior's centre in town, and is helping seniors across Glengarry, including Lancaster resident June MacDonald.

"They helped me with some painting and washed my windows," said MacDonald. "We look forward to them coming every summer. Things would look a little shabby if they weren't coming over."

Trottier says the aging population of Glengarry, coupled with decreased funding from the government may force the agency into rethinking its mandate in the future.

"The programs may be different (in the future)," said Trottier. "But we will still be here."

For now, Alexandria residents like Brenda Goulet are thrilled with the job the IAG is continuing to do.

Goulet's daughter Diane is developmentally challenged, and required a helping hand when it came to setting up her life once she left home.

"My daughter is 20 now," said Brenda. "The Children's Aid Society helped out, but there came a time when Diane needed some fresh input and ideas. When you are sheltered by a family you may not want to let go."

The adult protection services program at the IAG was the answer.

Diane was able to get the direction she needed when it came to everyday things like banking, doing groceries and taking care of an apartment.

"When I was able to avail myself of their services, it was great for Diane and the whole family," said Brenda.

Unfortunately, according to Brenda, Diane has left the program and tried to make it on her own.

After some ups and downs on her own, Diane is considering returning to the program, something that would make her mother very happy.

Brenda says anyone looking for a helping hand should consider the IAG.

"I would want them to start investigating the possibility," said Brenda. "Without this type of service I don't know where I or my family would have turned."

Amalgamation tops 1996 list of Glengarry issues

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Charlottenburgh township, was the first to come up with an amalgamation plan.

The trio, which already shares many services, decided to combine into a single municipality at a meeting on July 23 and sent a proposal to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

The new municipality will see its five representatives elected at large to represent the entire township. The group also chose to name it the township of Char-Lan to incorporate the two names although it's meeting with opposition within and from outside the councils.

The north end, made up of Alexandria, Lochiel, Kenyon and Maxville, has just begun working on a proposal to merge all four municipalities.

Alexandria has not yet approved the plan that would see the four merge assets, elect a seven-member council in at-large and ward systems and take the name Glengarry township.

The town would also share its assets, but the town would be responsible for its own liabilities.

The north end's transition committee will meet again on Jan. 8.

Correction

A story in the last issue of *The News* incorrectly identified Alexandria Giant Tiger owner Ron Poissant as a former resident of Quebec.

Poissant was in fact employed in Quebec for 15 years, but did not live there.

The News regrets the error.

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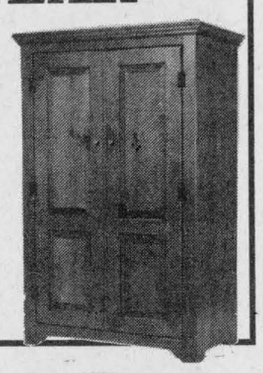

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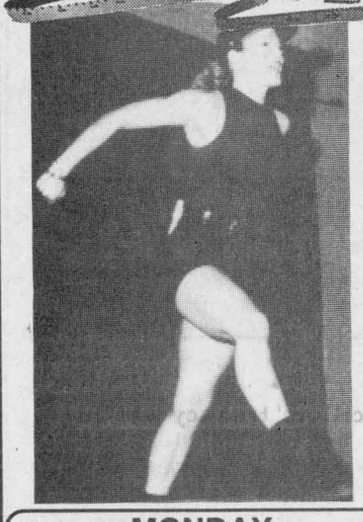

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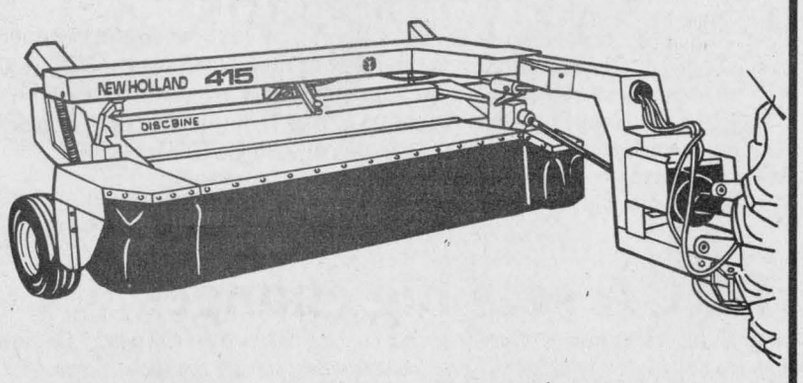

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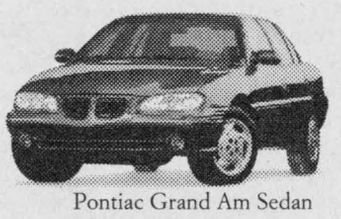
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1996 in restrospect

In its New Year's Eve issue, the Glengarry News takes a retrospective look at 1996, a year filled with accomplishments, set backs, realizations and the underside...

A year of many accomplishments

Five local teachers were awarded the prestigious national award and bursary of $5,000 at the Canadian Teachers' Federation meeting on March 11. Teachers **Donald Gravel, Francois Demers, Suzanne Giroux** and principal **Richard Rozon** as well as **Denis Desaulniers** from Elda Rouleau elementary school received the award for their work with La Carousel.

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Corey Van Loon and **Lori Gorman** won the annual Raisin River Canoe Race in the professional category, April, 14. Some 105 canoes competing in the race.

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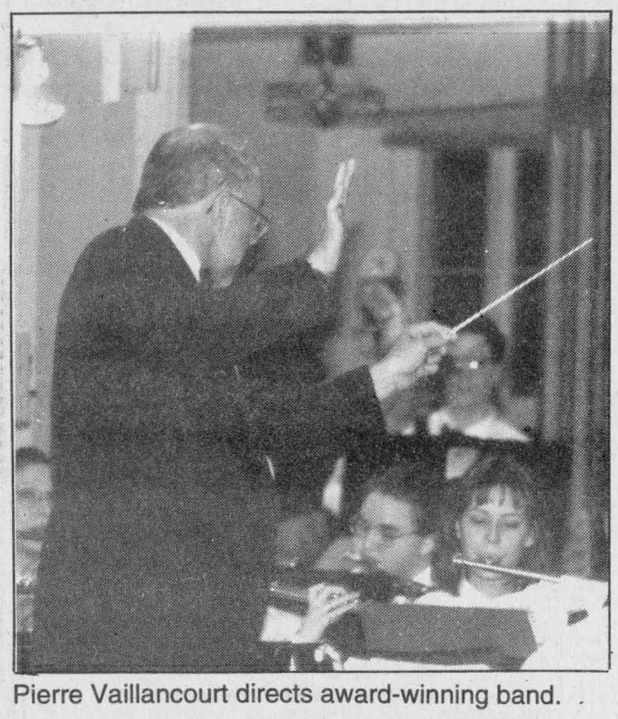
Glengarry students proved they were among the best musicians in the country, after taking home the **gold rating at the national MusicFest competition** in Toronto May 25. The gold rating is equivalent to reaching a mark of 90 out of 100.



Pierre Vaillancourt directs award-winning band.

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Lancaster township unveiled its **new fire hall** in North Lancaster on Sept 21.

The station will be used by the North Lancaster branch of the Lancaster joint fire department when firefighters finish their training in the spring.

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Donald McDougall became the first Alexandria Legion member to receive a gold medal for 50 years of continuous service to the same branch.

Alexandria resident McDougall joined the branch 423 in August 1946.

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Ryan Brytak, of Glen Robertson **escaped near drowning** in a friend's pool in Lancaster Heights on Aug. 22.

Brytak was rescued by friends Micheal, B.J. and Lindsay Coleman, all under the age of nine, their mother Bernice and Brytak's own mother Linda.

The rescuers received an award from MP Don Boudria in September recognizing their heroic efforts.

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The Alexandria police got **new shoulder flashes** in September adorned with a logo the department designed itself. The crest brings together the town's history and principles of police duty.

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Clan MacLeod **Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod** from Dunvegan castle on the Isle of Skye visited Kirk Hill on Aug. 28.

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Iona Academy welcomed former students from across the country at its first **class reunion** on Aug. 17 and 18. The reunion saw hundreds of students who attended school there when it was a high school from 1912 to 1972.

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The **Glengarry Grade 2 Pipe Band** placed fourth in the World Championships in Scotland, took top prize at the North American Championships in Maxville and the U.S. title in Alma, Michigan during the 1996 summer season.

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The **Williamstown Fair** saw more than 15,000 people celebrate its 185th year.

The oldest continuing fair in Ontario built a $35,000 **eight-sided barn** to mark the event and welcomed federal agriculture Minster Ralph Goodale to open it.

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The **St. Raphael's Ruins opened its gates** to the public on a supervised basis on July 24 after the first phase of restoration work was done.

The Ruins were **declared a national historic site** by Heritage Minister Sheila Copps in October.

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Char-Lan Foodgrains Bank raised $100,000 for world hunger with its 40-acre corn crop on Concession 4.

The field yielded 131.31 dry tonnes to the acre which amounts to a $20,000 profit. The Canadian International Development Agency kicked in matching funding at a four to one ratio bumping the number up to $100,000.

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John MacDonald was named citizen of the year at the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's awards night held on Nov. 16.

MacDonald, who was surprised by the nomination, has been a member of many service clubs and volunteer organizations.

A year of some disappointments

A late night fire April 3, claimed the house of a Dalkeith area couple, leaving them homeless. The fire at Mack's Corner Road, west of Dalkeith, gutted the home of Edward and Sonya Miniats. The Miniats escaped the burning home with just the clothes on their backs.

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A **kitchen grease fire closed Champions Roadhouse** for about a week in late May. The fire started when a kitchen fryer overheated. The unit is supposed to shut off when boiling grease reaches a certain temperature but the fail-safe device

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Mount Carmel House drug and alcohol addiction treatment centre in St. Raphael's **closed its doors June 7** because of financial difficulties.

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A single **lightning bolt killed 16 cows and one calf** during an electrical storm June 11. The cows were killed when the bolt struck a fence near where the cows were standing and traveled through the ground.

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A **train derailment** that spilled hydrogen peroxide west of Dalhousie Station forced 200 people from 30 surrounding homes to evacuate on Aug. 29.

It took local firefighters 60 hours to clean up the chemical which is very dangerous at high concentrations.

A year of crime and convictions

Two former Alexandria residents were **charged with failing to provide the necesities of life** to their daughter after the nine-month-old child died April, 30, 1995.

The News reported Chantal Daoust-Ouellet and Jean-Roch Ouellet were charged when an autopsy revealed their daughter, Tania Daoust-Ouellet, died of"suspicious causes."

Daoust pled guilty to the charges and will be sentenced in January.



A train derailment in Dalhousie sent smoke billowing into the air.



Tony Bock, 3, strains to pick up a goat at the Maxville Fair's petting zoo.

Ouellet's case has yet to come to court.

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The **Bank on Montreal in Lancaster was robbed** on Jan. 12, for the second time in four weeks.

The bank was hit with two unrelated robberies in Januanry and late December, 1995.

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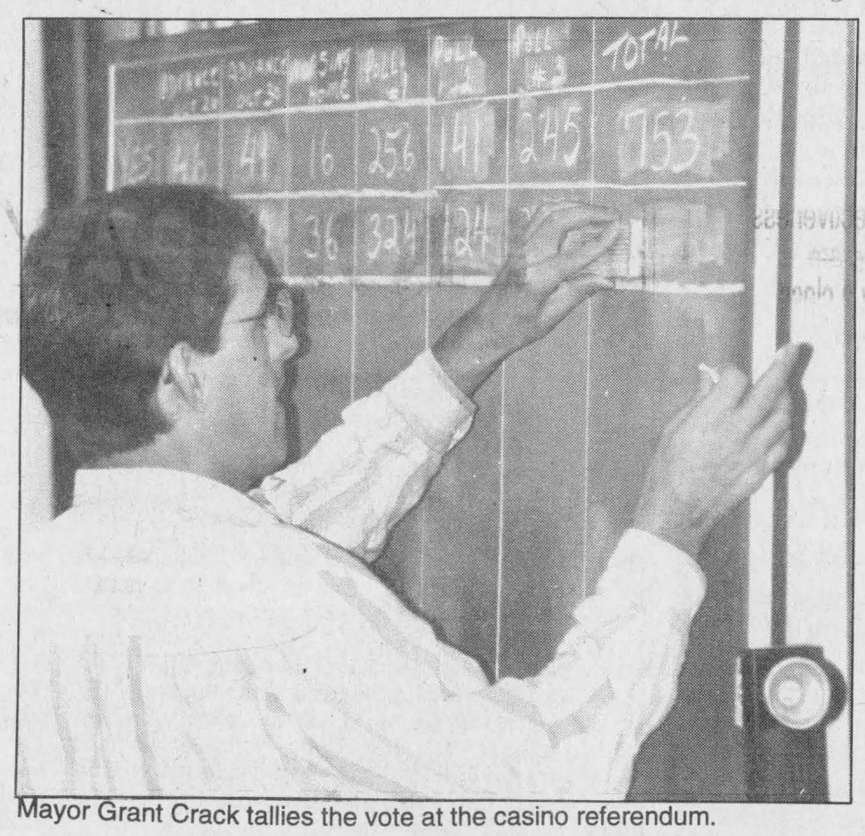
The former manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Alexandria was charged with **theft from a customer's account**.

Patrick Leclair of L'Orignal was charged on March 11 with theft over $5,000 after money disappeared from an elderly Alexandria customer's account in August 1995.



Mayor Grant Crack tallies the vote at the casino referendum.

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An Alexandria area man was placed in **intensive care in Ottawa after being beaten** in his home April 28.

Guy Robinson received a number of injuries including a fractured skull and numerous broken bones after someone broke into his home on Hwy. 43 just north of Alexandria.

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An Alexandria man was rushed to hospital with **head injuries after being beaten** in his home at 9 p.m. on May 11.

Bruno Seguin, of Kenyon Street West, was in an induced coma Ottawa General Hospital after being found bloodied and unconscious outside his front door.

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Henri Brabant, 75, of Green Valley was sentenced to 18 months in jail on July 4 after **pleading guilty to impaired driving causing bodily harm** on July 4.

Brabant, who was convicted of drunk driving in 1971, 1989 and 1993, was driving the wrong way on Hwy 34 south of Alexandria on Jan. 12 when he collided head-on with Robert Bowles, then 23, of Curry Hill.

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Judge Diane Nicholas told Alexandria court July 4 that the **drunk driving situation in Glengarry is "shocking" and "out of control."**

"The increase of this crime in the county is a great, great, great concern," she said.

"It is a serious problem for this community. I'm not sure what the community or police can do, but it's clearly out of control."

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Three men were charged with **attempted murder** in the May 11 brutal beating of Alexandria man, Bruno Seguin.

Chistopher Jason McQuinn, 21, of Dollard des Ormeaux was arrested at his home on Sept. 29.

Shane Maloney, of no fixed address, was arrested when he walked into the Alexandria police station on Sept. 30.

The first man arrested and charged on Sept. 3 was George Hadland of Doval.

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Three men were charged in a **$160,000 drug bust** on Sept 24. after police found 35 pounds of marijuana in a Lancaster township home.

Charged were William Jacobs, 43 of Green Valley, Steven Fourney, 39, of Lancaster township and Ove Jensen, 35 of Apple Hill.

A year of political debate

Some Kenyon township hunters were fuming in response to a new bylaw that **forbade them to shoot in each of the township's four hamlets**.

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The Ontario **Public Service Union Employee's strike** was painful for Vogel's Fine Meat Shop. Joseph Vogel, owner operator, said the strike caused a "terrible situation. for his business which relied on provincial meat inspectors

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A lengthy Ontario Municipal Board hearing, and police and general government cost overruns were blamed for a year-end **deficit in Alexandria.** The town finished $21,700 in the hole.

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Alexandria councillors' truancy was questioned in a closed-door council meeting in November. Three council members, Roger Lemieux, Richard Lefebvre and Fern Seguin have all missed five meetings since June 3 and continued to collect money from the town.

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About 200 teachers from across Eastern Ontario rallied at the office of MPP Noble Villeneuve in Moose Creek Saturday to **protest $800 million in cuts to education**.

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Charlottenburgh township will join the Stormont and Dundas **federal riding in the next election** the government announced in July.

The township will no longer see Don Boudria as its federal representative and could be represented by Bob Kilger if he's re-elected.

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The province declared, in October, **Glengarry will move into the Prescott-Russell riding in the next provincial election**. The county is now a part of Stormont and Dundas which means Noble Villeneuve cannot be Glengarry's MPP even if he is re-elected.

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Federal MP Don Boudria was made a **cabinet minister** on Oct. 4. Boudria will be responsible for International Cooperation and la Francophonie, the commonwealth of 40 french-speaking nations.

A year which lost Glengarrians

Maxville Highland Games founder **Donald M. (Doc) Gamble** died Jan. 10, he was 81.

Gamble was one of the last surviving members credited with creating one of the largest Scottish celebrations in the world. The Highland Games, which began in 1947.

Gamble is also partly responsible for the creation of the Glengarry Sports Hall of Fame.

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On Feb. 21, Glengarry county lost one of its most respected residents when **Gabriel Gilles Aubry,** Q.C., died unexpectedly at the age of 75 years at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital. The articulate lawyer was a fixture in Glengarry all his life.

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Dorothy Cumming, a Williamstown area resident, was killed in a car accident while vacationing in England, The News reported March 20. Her funeral was held in St. Andrews.

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A Grade 3 Laggan Public School student was reported killed in car the May 8 issue of *The News*.

Jamila Williams was killed when she was struck by a car as she chased a ball onto Hwy. 34, north of Alexandria.

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Bernard Villeneuve, founder of Villeneuve Milk Transport Ltd. in the early 1960s, died on Aug. 19 at age 56.

The Moose Creek man died in an Ottawa hospital from complications from an aneurism he suffered on Aug. 11.

Villeneuve's milk transport company employs more than 200 people and is one of the largest haulers in Ontairo.

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Lots of people made a difference in '96

At times, it may not have seemed so, with controversies ranging from murder trials to municipal amalgamation to casino votes, but there were plenty of "good news" stories reported by our editorial staff over the past year. The most notable spotlight people and their achievements, often in the service of others, and often in pursuit of excellence. Here are just a few, in the form of our annual "awards" of recognition.

Most deserving national honor: To Bonnie and Fred Cappucinno of Maxville, who were appointed to the Order of Canada in February for their tireless work in the aid of homeless children with their group, Child Haven International.

Ambassador's cultural prize: To the Glengarry high school band who took home the gold medal in the national MusicFest competition held in Toronto.

Most meaningful event: The "Focus on Canada" forum held at the high school in March. Over 100 citizens came to discuss the future of the country and Quebec's role in Confederation.

Financial management award: To the administration and board of Glengarry Memorial Hospital, who combined to finish with a $161, 705 **surplus** over the fiscal year.

Education excellence: To Roger Cayer and Dianne Theoret, principal and Grade 8 teacher at Alexandria's Ecole Elda Rouleau, for receiving the "prix Canadien de la francophonie internationale" from Prime Minister Jean Chretien in March. They received the prestigious bursary for their role in developing a unique novel study program.

Most remarkable pilgrimmage: Rev. Dr. Donald N. MacMillan, the retired 86-year-old Glengarry clergyman who travelled to a renowned Scottish theological college in July. Dr. MacMillan was the oldest graduate to appear at the event, which was also attended by Prince Phillip.

Fighting back prize: To Gerry Beauclair Jr., of Glen Robertson, who enlisted the help of the community to help him pay for American treatments in his ongoing battle to treat a cancerous brain tumor. That help has been ongoing.

Home-proud gathering: Thai students were hosted by Alexandria families as part of a Canada World Youth exchange during the summer. "These people will be the bridge between the east and the west in the future," said the Thai ambassador at a special reception in Alexandria.

International recognition: The Glengarry Pipe Band, after taking fourth place in the Grade 2 world competitions in Glasgow, Scotland in August. They also won the North American and U.S. titles.

Life-saving: To members of the Coleman family, including Bernice, daughter Lindsay and nine-year-old twins BJ and Michael, after saving Ryan Brytak from drowning in a swimming pool Aug. 22.

Friends indeed award: To Jane Weber and Rosanne Cholette of Alexandria, two friends who won a trip to the Regis and Kathie Lee Show in Niagara Falls after being selected to to attend the show. Weber entered a letter-writing contest in which people were asked to describe why their friend is best.

Most deserved honor: To Alexandria veteran Donald McDougall, 79, who received a special medal marking 50 years of membership and service to Alexandria Legion branch. He had joined in August of 1946, and since then, visited veterans in hospital as "Hospital Visits" chair for the branch.

Proudest moment: The Lancaster Joint Fire Department opened up its new North Lancaster fire hall in the hamlet in mid-September. It was done at a cost of just over $300,000, paid for entirely by the municipality and without the help of outside government grants. The new hall, which is now fully operational, enhances fire protection in the central part of the township.

Most appropriate dedication: Laggan Public School in late September dedicated its new playground in memory of two former students killed in tragic accidents over the last year, Jamila Williams and Mary McMaster.

Overdue promotion: To MP Don Boudria, who was appointed Oct. 4 as Minister for International Cooperation and Minister responsible for francophonie. He was chief whip. He has just celebrated his 20th anniversary in public life.

Determined parents: To Alain and Rachelle Menard of Alexandria who arrived home in October after a trip to China where they adopted baby Melika, an abandoned orphan cared for by the country's many orphanages. The adoption process took the couple 18 months.

Most deserved declaration: The designation of the St. Raphael's Ruins as a national historic site. In mid-October, the federal government said the ruins constitute "one of the earliest Roman Catholic monuments in English-speaking Canada" and form a "significant testament to the establishment of the Roman Catholic Church in Upper Canada."

Best agricultural achievement: Tied. The Glengarry County Holstein Club's herd being named the best in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec at the championship show in Kemptville on Oct. 10. and to the volunteers who donated money and time to the annual Char-Lan foodgrains bank harvest in late October. It raised and harvested more than $100,000 in corn for world aid.

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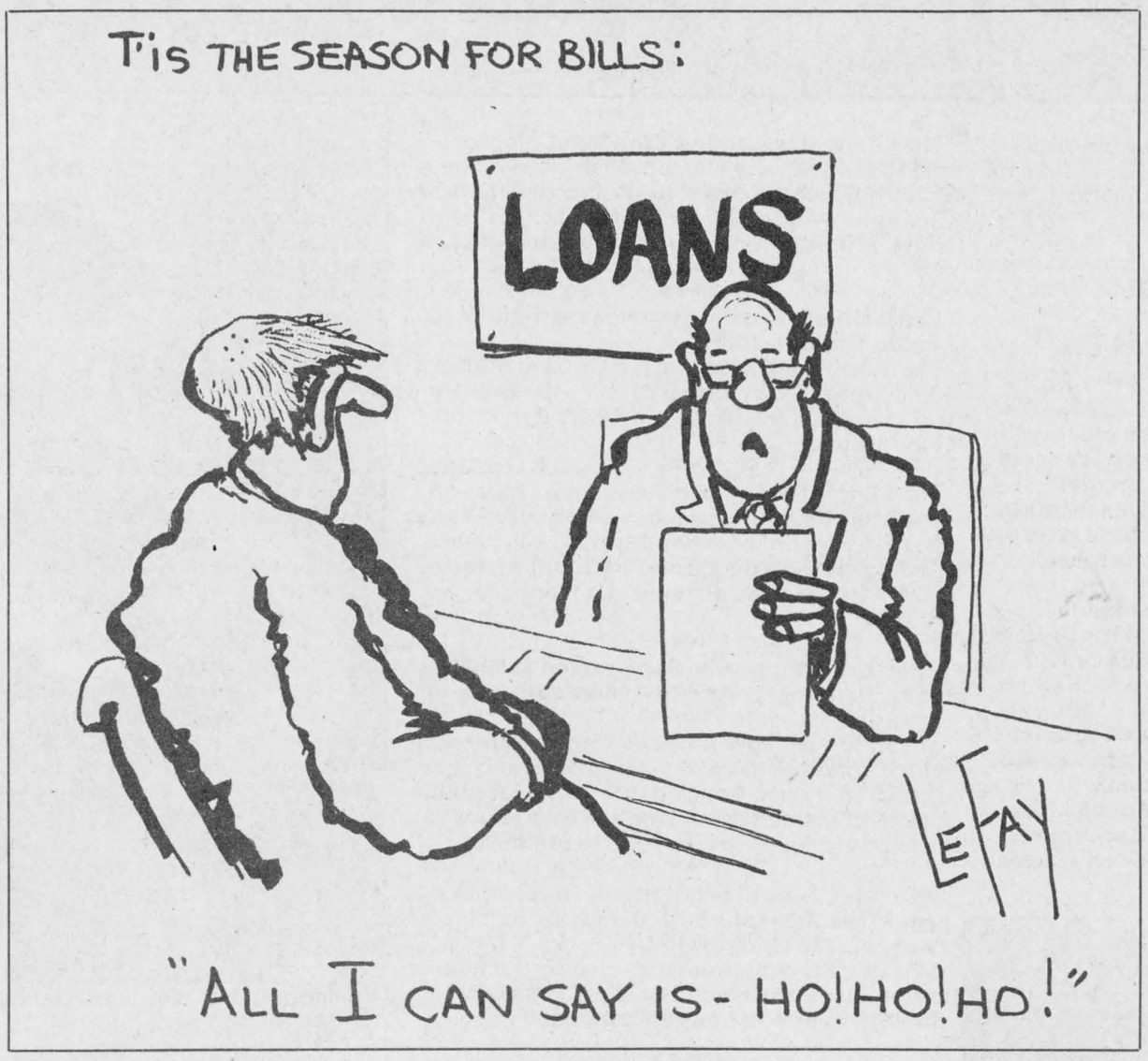

It tastes awful, and it works

After Thoughts

by Joe Banks

Always knew those good folks out in Glen Nevis had better sense than the rest of us. Muriel Moore's old time cold remedy printed in a recent *News* arrives at a timely moment on the calendar. The cold/flu season is in prime gallop, and the holidays have taken their toll on the foolhardy who let Christmas sneak up on them like a Green Valley fog.

The combination of the two, as I and seemingly half the county's population have discovered, is a recipe for misery.

In case you missed that particular issue, Muriel passed along a recipe printed on a yellowed newspaper clipping which recommends a mixture of rock candy, licorce, raisins, vinegar, "old rum" and lemon juice, boiled together, to cure a common cold.

"It has been known," the clipping boasts, "to cure colds in less than three weeks that have almost settled completely into consumption."

Sounds like a good ol' hot toddy to me, sans candy and vinegar. These additives added octane which no doubt left desperate cold sufferers trotting back and forth to the outhouse so often, they likely sweated the offending bug from their bodies and hailed the brew a miracle cure. Or died from pneumonia.

But it is still a general rule of thumb among veteran cold sufferers that you've got to go through at least a little discomfort before relief – or the ambulance – arrives.

Surely that's where the idea of consuming horrendous liquids like cod liver oil originated. Practitioners of yore were convinced that the more vile the solution, the better it had to be for you. If it curdled your stomach, and provided the cure didn't leave you brain-damaged, it had to be incredibly beneficial. (And that's not even to consider the poor cod who had to donate their livers.)

It's this age-old wisdom I am convinced goes into the making of the cough syrup Buckley's DM, a product which I do not mind blatantly endorsing here because it is everything its motto claims it to be: "It tastes awful. And it works."

In an era when every medicine on the shelf has been disguised with the latest designer flavors to hide their naturally foul taste, the people at Buckley's have gone in the opposite direction. They've told a mostly coddled society that if you want that nagging cough stopped, and in a hurry, this stuff will definitely do it. No cheesy promises. No claims about "And your kids will like the flavor too!"

And if you can't stomach it, no problem. Keep it in the storage shed, because you can probably run your lawnmower on it next spring.

Like that other wonder product which actually works, WD-40, I have heard tales from fellow consumers who describe their experiences like old war veterans who survived a gas attack during World War 1.

"That first teaspoon literally took my breath away and before I could attempt a second breath, I dropped back the second one before my throat knew what it was getting." And then everybody says, in conclusion: "Wow, that stuff tastes awful. But it works."

It's little wonder us Buckley's users have such a siege mentality. Taking two teaspoonsful of the thick milky-colored fluid is truly an experience in endurance. The closest description I can come to in words is to tell you to imagine quaffing a dose of liquid Vick's Vapo Rub, that other staple of cure by discomfort. My wife describes it as ingesting pureed cedar bark.

You know that stuff that clogs your throat at night? Buckley's burns a passageway right through it. But after your stomach stops making those noises and you discover you've lived through administering yourself the dosage, you discover something. That hacking, nagging, throaty cough you've been suffering with for days is gone. Within seconds.

And, based on my own experiences, it will stay gone for the duration of the night, or whatever time period it is you are hoping to find relief from. And thus, I don't believe it would be an ideal solution to consume around your work colleagues or house guests, lest they believe you gargled with a Christmas tree.

No, I am not a shareholder of Buckley's or on commission from same. Nor do I believe it's right for you, because that would mean we would be assailed with a deluge of law suits from those of you out there who claimed you were not adequately braced for what I was recommending. By the way I forgot to add this: WARNING: TAKE THIS ADVICE AT YOUR OWN RISK. AND IN NO WAY DOES THE GLENGARRY NEWS OR JOE BANKS TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU DEEMING THIS PRODUCT AWFUL OR FOR RUINING YOUR LAWNMOWER ENGINE.

I am, however, obviously a big fan of the product, the contents of which I do not wish to know lest I learn too much; sort of like keeping the lights low in a fancy restaurant serving fresh snails or fish head soup.

And maybe Buckley's is neat medicine because it harkens back to a time when discomfort was a metaphor for life: if you want something bad enough you'll endure a measure of hardship to get it.

That is, provided the smelling salts revive you.

Dr. Morton confident Canada will survive

Letters

To The Editor:

Your interest in Canadian unity has been expressed in your paper during the past year. On this subject, a recent address was given in Vankleek Hill at the United Church by Dr. Desmond Morton, director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada.

Dr. Morton expressed his confidence that Canadian people have the ability to continue to survive as a country. We share fundamental values within a complicated cultural mosaic. One key shared value is respect for each other. With mutual respect, we can listen to each other.

Dr. Morton told us that during the Quebec referendum last October, the No side was doing extensive hour by hour polling up till the last moments. Pollings showed that the Yes side began to gain when Lucien Bouchard played "identity politics", claiming that Quebecers had been injured by Canada. This kind of "identity politics" plays on a mistaken view which is still held by many in Quebec and which is based partly on the pre-1960 disparity between the incomes of francophone and anglophone Quebecers. Recent studies have shown that average incomes of francophones and anglophones in Quebec are now substantially equal.

In response to questions about what can be done, Dr. Morton suggested that a Royal Commission could be formed to find a package of policies that will satisfy most Canadians from sea to sea to sea. He expected that this would appeal to moderate Quebecers and would avoid direct attacks on Quebec, limiting further alienation of some people of Quebec.

Recent studies have also shown that interprovincial trade between Ontario and other provinces is more than 5 times as large as Ontario-U.S. trade. Ontario has a tremendous amount at stake when Quebec is one of its most important trading partners. Canada is a strong country and Canadians are proud of the fact, although we don't always show it.

In response to a question about the teaching of history and the different interpretations in French and English schools, Dr. Morton surprised us by suggesting that schools not teach history at all. (Then it would have to be read under the covers at night with a flashlight). Board of Education offices have many files of letters from indignant parents of all origins, creeds and races complaining that history was not taught properly. He added that perhaps children are not ready for history until late in their high school years when their desire to know the past leads them to care about history.

I hope that there will be further opportunities for learning about our fellow citizens, their stories and aspirations for the future.

Richard Kerr
RR3 Dalkeith

Glengarrian researching family tree

To the editor

I am Raymond McDonald and I live in Huntsville, Alabama, USA. My brother and I are researching our Family Tree and believe we have relatives living in Alexandria.

Our father's (John William McDonald) parents were Martin McDonald (born 3-3-1862) and Mary Macdonald (born 4-21-1870). Our father was born June 4, 1892.

Would it be possible that someone there could assist my brother and me in our search ?

I can be reached at – ray.mcdonald@adtran.com, which is my e-mail number.

Sincerely
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More definitions

Highland Paths

by Ken McKenna



Following my previous article on the meaning of the word "Highland", here are some more words that perhaps require clarification.

JACOBITE: Not to be confused with the Jacobins of the French Revolution, the term Jacobite refers to the followers of James V11, the Stewart king who was defeated at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland in 1689 by William of Orange. James' son claimed the British throne as James VIII, but was unsuccessful and spent his life in exile. His son Charles Edward has come down to us in history as Bonnie Prince Charlie, who led the last Jacobite Rising in 1745 which led to the defeat of Culloden in 1746. The Jacobites were mostly Catholics or Scottish Episcopalians, with some Highland Presbyterians; their opponents, the Hanoverians, were mostly Lowland Presbyterians, with some Highland Presbyterians, the "Whig" clans, supported by the British government. The symbol of the Jacobites was the white cockade, a bow of ribbon attached to the hat or bonnet. The Hanoverian cockade was black.

Although this column is concerned primarily with the Highland Scots heritage of Glengarry, there are some Lowland Scots or English terms that merit some explanation as they are sometimes puzzling to us Canadians. The word SCOTTISH is itself confusing, because it is never used as a noun, only as an adjective. You can say "the Irish" or "the English", but not "the Scottish". The word "Scottish" can only be used to modify a noun, such as "Scottish music". Scottish people are correctly called "Scots". But "Scotch" (which is perfectly acceptable in spite of the 19th century nonsense that it is somehow vulgar) can be used as a noun or as an adjective. Don't ask me why.

Another word that can be misunderstood is the word MEAT, as in the line from the Selkirk Grace "Some ha'e meat and canna eat...", heard at Burns Night Suppers. Meat, particularly in the old days in Lowland Scotland, simply meant food. On the holiday island of Bute in the Firth of Clyde in the last century there was a popular piece of doggerel which went "Tak' in the hens' meat, here come the Glesca keelies!". I used to think that this meant that the chickens themselves might be swiped but it really meant Hide the chicken feed, here come the roughnecks from Glasgow!" The reference was to the annual influx of visitors from Glasgow during the two-week holiday period of the Glasgow Fair. The inference was that some of these Glaswegians were what might have been described in politer terms as socially unacceptable, ready to steal anything that they could get their hands on, including the sacks of grain hanging outside the henhouses for feeding the chickens. This was undoubtedly an unfair and nasty calumny and I don't believe there was any truth in it, but strange carry-ons did take place in those days, inspired, I suppose, by visits to places like my grandfather's pub "The Grapes and Vines" in Rothesay.

CORN in the old country means grain, generally wheat, oats or barley. What we call corn is known over there as maize or Indian corn. I don't think that there are enough sunny days in Scotland to grow our kind of sweet corn.

From a purely personal point of view, the use of an English word that is misspelled in a common phrase, even in some dictionaries, is "damn", as in "I don't give a damn". It makes no sense to use the verb that means "condemn to hell" in this context. The proper phrase, which is harmless, is "I don't give a tinker's dam". Tinkers, sometimes called "the travelling people", wandered the roads, particularly in Scotland and Ireland, fixing pots and pans. They were whitesmiths, fashioning metal without the use of heat, unlike blacksmiths, who used hot forges to shape metal. A tinker's dam was the small piece of metal used to plug holes in pots. It had hardly any value, hence the logical and inoffensive phrase, "I don't give a (tinker's) dam". Sorry, Rhett Butler.

Bliadhna Mhath Ur ——— Happy New Year.

Letters to the editor

Health line not a threat to GMH: Bourdeau

To the editor:

In the Dec. 4th issue, reporter Todd Lihou listed Eastern Ontario's new 1-800-267-0852 *Health Line* as one of the potential threats to the Glengarry Memorial Hospital's survival. In times of uncertainty, the loss of perspective is common.

Existing health care facilities are facing financial threats. But that's not all. They are also overburdened by a soaring public demand for information and services.

Given the economic situation, we have to find other ways of lessening this burden. We have to start making better use of existing resources and meet the public's changing needs in a more cost-effective way.

The overuse of hospitals is widely recognized as an expensive habit we must now change. For instance, hospitals receive a lot of telephone calls about health care information. *Health Line* can ease the burden by providing answers, advice and referrals.

For example, quite a number of moms call for information on various aspects of immunization, breast-feeding and childhood diseases like measles or chicken pox. Others, like travellers, want to know what shots they need before they leave. Many also use the service to get information about various services, resources and agencies.

That's what the 1-800-267-0852 *Health Line* is designed to do. And the public agrees. According to our October survey in the Casselman area, over 80 per cent of respondents want access to a telephone service that provides health information and advice. Survey respondents also believe that this type of public health service can help reduce visits to the doctor's or hospital emergency rooms. That's where a good portion of the cost savings can be found.

New Brunswick and Quebec already stand as proof of this. No hospitals were closed when their respective health lines were implemented. Rather, existing facilities are being allowed to pursue their original mandate and focus on providing the health care services only they can deliver.

By directing people to the most appropriate community resource or agency, the 1-800-267-0852 *Health Line* will contribute to the increased efficiency and effectiveness of the health system in the five counties. It will make it easier for the public to find its way around the system. Everyone stands to gain from this, because it will mean a reduction in health care costs.

Sincerely,
Robert Bourdeau, MD, FRCS(C), Medical Officer of Health.

Time to take a new look at amalgamation

To the editor:

Presented to Kenyon Council, Nov. 27, 1996, by Michael Johl.

Now that someone with clout, a political scientist from the University of Waterloo, Ontario has spoken against amalgamation, as written by Joe Banks in his editorial on Nov. 13th, maybe council will finally believe what I have been advocating since January 1996. Namely:

1. That we should be looking to sharing rather than amalgamation on a large scale.
2. That a major campaign should have been launched to inform the residents and taxpayers of Glengarry and then a referendum should have been called, to get the public opinion in actual numbers.
3. To force the Ontario government to listen to the public and their representatives, that's you, and not rely on counties' council to do it right, because they would never agree to anything which costs them their job.

Now it's too late, unless we can force a change of the laws!

We have waited long enough so that Ontario had time to come up with totally ridiculous and undemocratic rules covering amalgamation.

As told to us by the municipal affairs representative at the St. Raphael's meeting on Oct. 30:

1. Public opinion, including a referendum, will now not be considered at all.
2. Counties' council has the last say as to which proposal(s) are to be presented to the Ontario government. They will obviously not pass one which would eliminate their jobs, even eventually.
3. The deadline for submitting amalgamation proposals is Jan. 2, 1997. Why such a rush for such a major change? Because otherwise, the people might catch-on to what is going on and object to the inevitable major tax increases coming soon.

As I have questioned before and Mr. Alan A. Macdonell has said in his letter to the *Glengarry News* – this whole amalgamation is nothing but a smoke-screen for a tax-grab! It is a way for us to swallow and pay for the provincial government services which they will shed from their budgets without reducing provincial income taxes which pay for these services now.

There is nothing beneficial for us in it, only the Ontario government will save money! And now, it's too late to make changes, the taxpayers are stuck with another wetland.

Thank you,

M. Johl,
RR3, Alexandria.

Reader 'shocked' over possible new casino vote

To the editor:

I was shocked when I read your headline in today's issue of *The Glengarry News* to find that the democracy in Alexandria had been compromised.

It was like a dream. I had to pinch myself. Am I living in Ontario or Quebec, the land of the "neverendum" referendums. Are there going to be continuous referendums until there is a yes vote a la Lucien Bouchard.

I, being a Kenyon resident, did not have a vote in the last referendum and don't have an opinion for or against a casino. But when the people's will is not accepted then we are facing problems, the whole democratic process is called into question. I don't think my township would have a called second referendum because of the low voter turn out.

It does not matter if a referendum is won or lost by one vote or a thousand votes, the result must stand. The excuse that people did not turn up because they thought the yes would win is poppycock. The Americans did not turn out in big numbers in their presidential vote feeling that Clinton would win. Should they have another election so that other parties can re-explain the issues?

Congratulations to John Hope for standing his ground and representing the will of the people as he was elected to do.

E P (Pete) Bellware
RR#3 Alexandria



50th ANNIVERSARY
of
EVARISTE AND IRENE JEAUROND
December 31
Congratulations Mom and Dad

The celebration took place at their home August 3 where Mass was celebrated by Fr. Luc Bouchard. Thanks to friends, neighbors and relatives for attending and for lovely cards, gifts and best wishes making that day a most memorable occasion not to be forgotten.

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...and The Winners Are...

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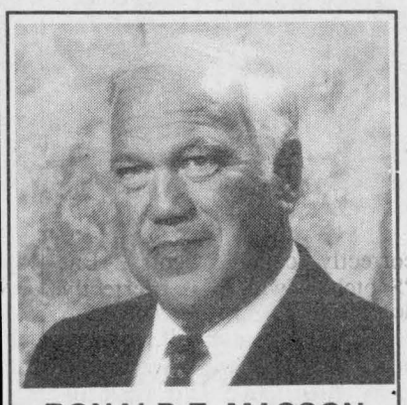

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And may troubled times be few.
We couldn't wish for all of this
For nicer folks than you!

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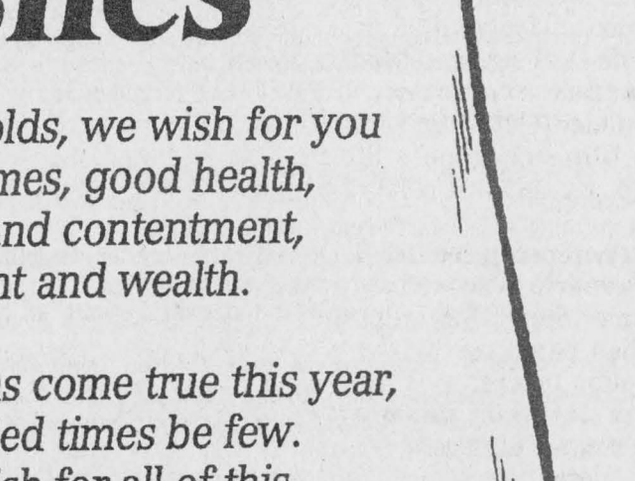

Dave really tied one on last night
Too bad his friends tagged along

Great strides have been made in alerting Canadians to the terrifying consequences of drunk driving. As a concerned corporate citizen, The Co-operators would like to remind you that drinking and driving can bring some great friendships to a premature end. Please don't drink and drive and please don't ride with someone who does.

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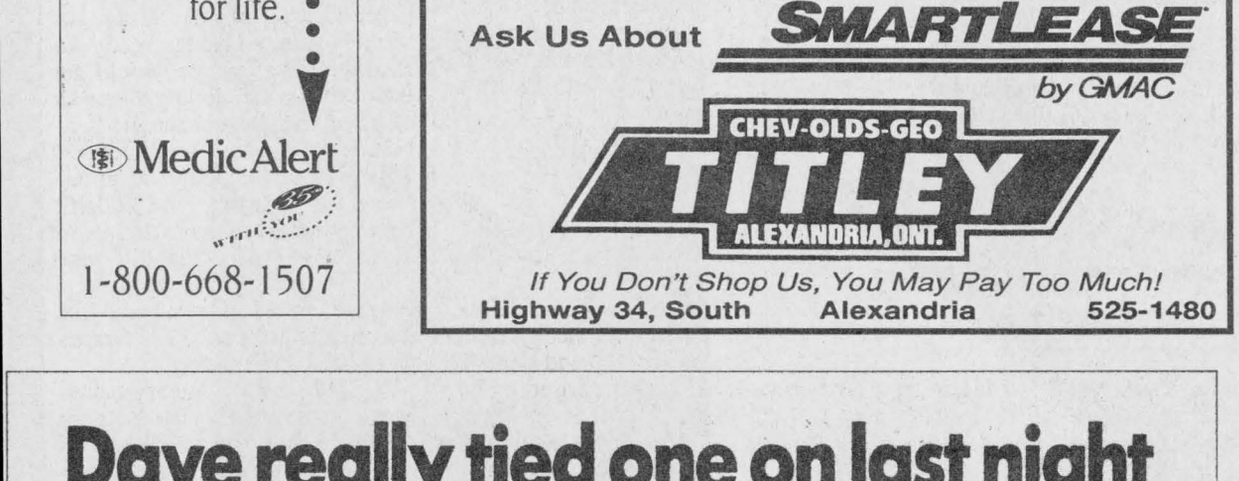

Raisin River Country

Manor House opens "west" room

Williamstown

by Sue Harrington
347-2279



Quasi-queasy driving conditions may have cut down on the numbers attending the Manor House party on Saturday, but it didn't hamper the enthusiasm of volunteers. Hosting the open house to show the public the freshly finished "west" room (recently re-claimed from the clutches of rot and ruin), the volunteers chatted merrily about what has been done since they formed as a group two years ago, and about what still has to be done.

The Sir John Johnson Manor House is owned by the federal government and maintained by Canadian Heritage, more specifically, Parks Canada. The recent work on the building was made possible by federal funding and was carried out by D and D Construction of the South Branch Road.

Contractor Dwight Poitras said he remembered the house when he was a student at Char-Lan, some years ago, before part of the Manor House was used as the Williamstown Library.

The new room is bathed in sunny shades of cream and ochre: yellow paint on the wide floor boards and lovely muted yellow wallpapers (imported from England) on the walls. Soft lights, looking a bit like giant soup ladles, hang from the ceiling, leaving little doubt that the room has been "re-established," rather than "restored" to any particular period.

The only furniture to date is a big old table, previously used by Charlottenburgh Council, and given to the Manor House committee by the township.

It is to be hoped that the new room will be used by members of the community, either as a homey setting for meetings and other get-togethers, or for genealogical research once the proposed archival centre is established in the building.

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The Manor House was decorated with swags of evergreens and candles for the occasion, as visitors swilled hot cider and chewed on oatcakes and cheese.

It was good to see so many family groups in attendance — young people home from faraway schools and others who had grown up in Williamstown and remembered the house from long ago days.

A special presentation was made to Bev Schaefer and Jean Fraser who have shouldered responsibilities as co-chairs of the Manor House committee since its inception, and to whom much of the credit for the progress on the house must be given.

Earle Sandilands was the winner of a large basket of holiday items, with Winston Anderson drawing the winning ticket.

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Doug and Carolyn McDonell and daughter Laurie (a student at the University of Guelph) were among those who visited the house. The McDonells were in Williamstown to spend the holiday with Eileen McDonell, and were among the 34 family members who gathered together to celebrate.

Missed this year at the McDonells' annual event was Kent McDonell, who, after a brief visit home for Christmas, left to continue playing hockey for the Guelph Storm of the OHL.

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Meanwhile, round the corner and up the street, Margaret Dean entertained her family at their annual holiday get-together and dinner.

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Those of you hoping for turkey disaster stories from the Harringtons will no doubt be disappointed when I tell you that this year's sit-down Christmas dinner for 16 went off without a hitch —from the point of the diners, that is.

Meanwhile, the two of us who worked behind the scenes (we dubbed ourselves as working "below the stairs,") could tell plenty about what went on in the kitchen, but some secrets are better left untold — especially since my sister, one of the raving diners, now reads The News!

This Christmas I discovered that among my family are several who say they "don't do" certain things. One for instance, who has a "weekly" come in and clean, announced when asked to help out at the 11th hour, "I don't do vacuuming." Another, who promised to set out the cheese and hors-d'oeuvre trays, fell asleep and only reappeared 15 minutes after the guests had arrived. One insisted upon running around like someone whose only ambition in life was to be a wine steward, making up a fancy wine list when the glasses were still waiting to be cleaned! And then there was the bathroom hog, immobilizing our one and only, emerging like a fashion plate while the rest of us looked like low-life characters from a Dickens novel.

Still, I'm told it happens in the very best of families, and once the crackers were pulled and the hats (always worn at cockeyed angles) covered messy hair-dos, and the cheeks were flushed without the need for blush-on, and the teeth sported pieces of turkey which wiped out the divisive line between the brushed and the unbrushed, a good time was had by all.

Christmas '96 will go down as the year of our old and slightly incontinent cat being nicknamed, "Trickle-me-Wallo," my grand-nephew, Daniel Foster, aged 17 months, insisting he was a "happy guy," through his tears when denied access to my computer, and Scrabble games which overflowed the sides of the board.

It is also the year of the realization that people ask what you would like for Christmas, and then go out and get you something else entirely!

And now that some family members have departed, it is the horrible realization that for every item they have forgotten and you must mail back, something of yours is missing!

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Christmas Sunday service at St. Andrew's Church featured the combined choirs of the United Churches of Williamstown and Martintown, performing a Cantata: "Silent was the Night."

The performance received glowing reviews: "very beautiful," "put me in the perfect mood for Christmas," and "excellent."

Congratulations to all involved in this special event!

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The community sympathizes with the Bridson family on the death of Eddie which occurred shortly before Christmas. Our condolences are sent to Theresa, and to Ricky, Elaine, Earl and Sandy and their families at this very sad time.

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Several weddings of local interest have taken place during the holiday and we send our congratulations and best wishes to the newly-weds. Heather Hodgins and Allan Petrie were married Dec. 21, and Robbie Smith and Kim Doyle on Dec. 28.

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On Friday Jan. 3, Brad Vallance, son of Carolyn and Gary Vallance will marry Michelle Nicoletti at St. Andrew's Church in South Lancaster. A reception, featuring music by Hadrian's Wall, will follow at St. Mary's Centre here in Williamstown and everyone is welcome to attend.

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Well, tonight's the night! Time to kick up your heels and let down your hair in true New Year's Eve fashion, if that is your style.

This year there is a choice of things to do/places to go without even leaving Williamstown. The annual New Year's Eve Dance at St. Mary's Centre starts about 9 p.m. Music will be by Leisure Sound; there will be food — a hot and cold buffet at midnight, and all the proceeds from the event will go toward the upkeep of the parish centre.

Meanwhile, there is something new at the Charlottenburgh Recreation Centre — a New Year's Eve party featuring country and western line-dancing, waltz, swing and jazz. Hosted by Gisele Lemay, things get underway around 9 p.m. and dress is casual. There will be a light lunch and an open bar, and singles are encouraged to come out and socialize with others.

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There is, of course, a third way to celebrate New Year's: stay at home, go to bed early, and start off '97 in a healthy and productive manner.

Whichever is your style, all the best to you and your beasties!

Decorating winners named

Martintown

by Martha Merchuk
525-4177



The president of the Martintown and District Horticultural Society would like to thank all the members who participated in the Christmas decorating contest and congratulate the winners.

In the overall decorations contest the winners were: First place, Yvonne Besner; second place, Verna MacDiarmid and third place, John Peters.

Front door decorating contest the winners were: First place, Verna MacDermid; second place, M. Chegrinee and third place, John Peters.

Well done everyone and best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

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The evening of Dec. 15 saw the church aglow with candlelight for the annual Christmas candlelight service. The evening was filled with carol singing, scripture readings, special music including songs by Bonnie Cummings, accompanied by Malcolm Cummings on the piano, and an instrumental medley by Matthew Stokes, accompanied by Penny Stokes.

The lights were turned off and individual candles were lit, and the carol Silent Night was sung. A most beautiful sight.

After the service everyone stayed for a time of food and fellowship.

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Sunday, Dec. 22 the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Martintown, dedicated pew bibles. These bibles were donated by Jeanet, Scott and Karen Arnott, in loving memory of Jack Stringer, beloved father and grandfather, and in honor of Catherine Stringer.

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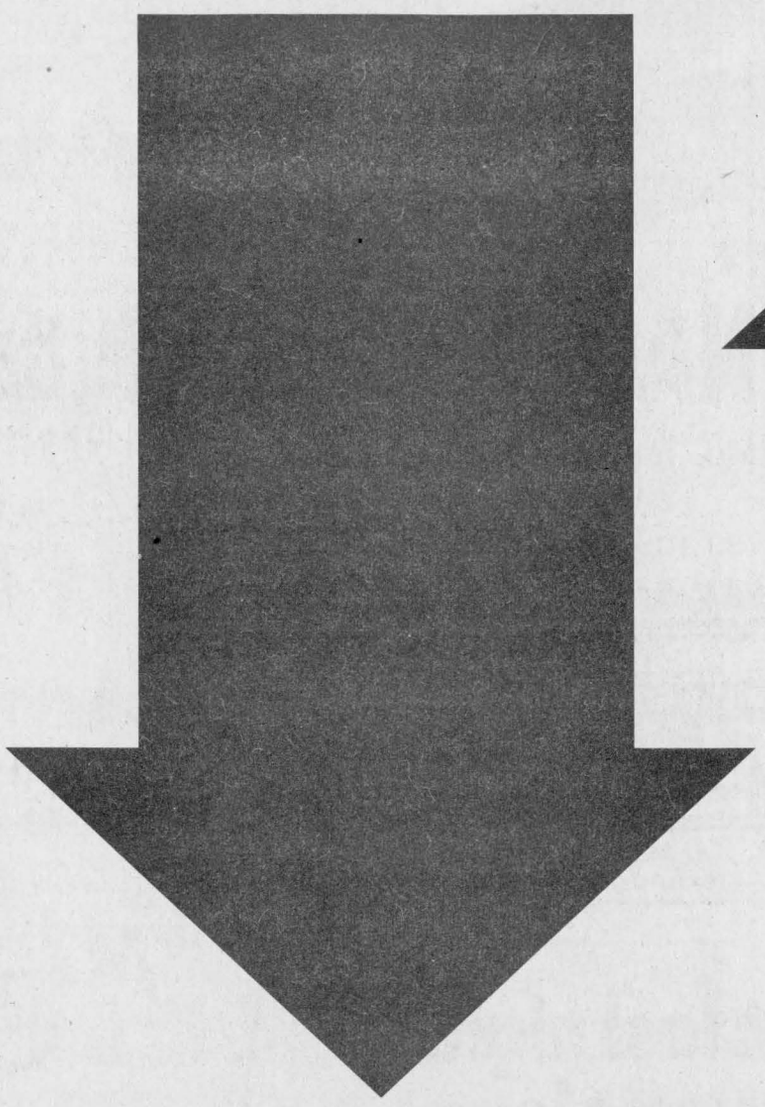

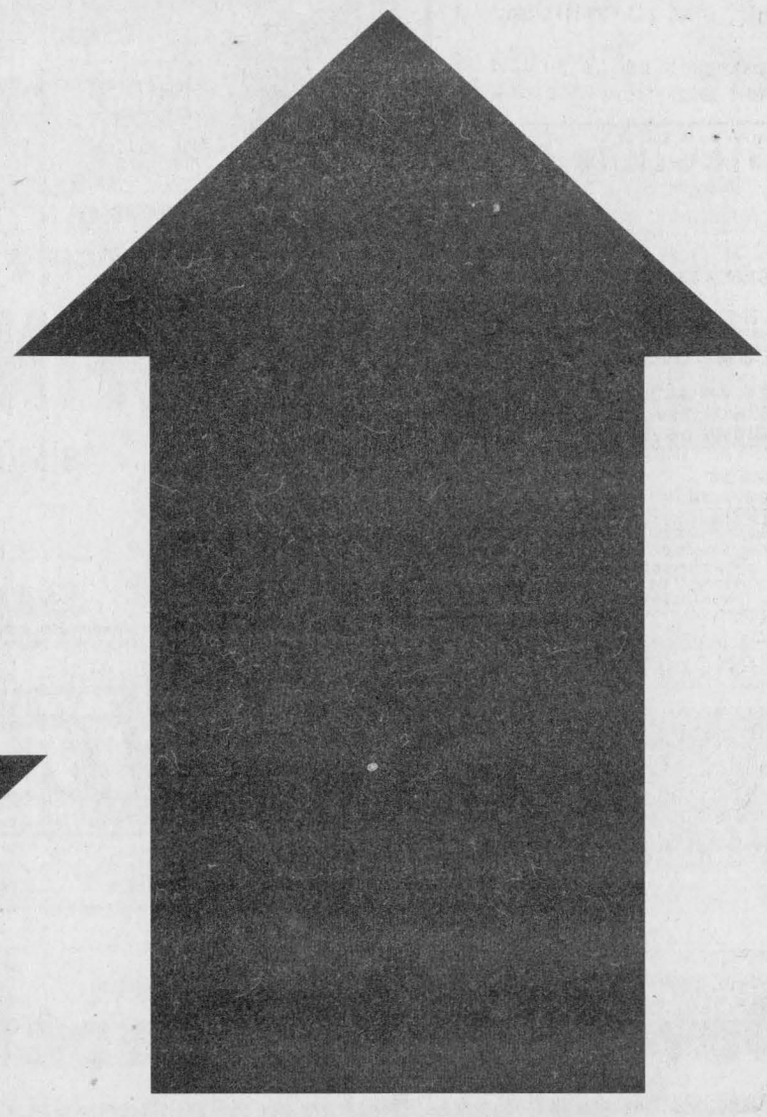

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1996 news issues will be debated in 1997

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The Sauers needed the support of the majority of Alexandria residents in a referendum held Nov. 5 in order to begin preliminary work on their casino.

They didn't get it.

As Alexandria well knows, the Sauer's casino bid was narrowly defeated 827 to 753 in one of the most historic referendums in Glengarry.

Following the defeat of the proposal, Chris Sauer was less than optimistic about the future of business in downtown Alexandria, including his own restaurant - the Hub - which closed just weeks after the referendum.

"There is no business left in Alexandria. People aren't driving through here anymore. I just put eight employees out of work. I feel bad about it..." but Chris said he had no choice, in a story published in The News Nov. 20.

Chris said the bitterness of the narrow defeat didn't last long.

"The bitterness is gone right now," he explained. "But let's be honest though. How would you react to that decision? You would take it badly as well. I was bitter before, but I'm a big boy, every day is a new adventure. Actually its more like a roller coaster ride you can't control."

Indeed, the Sauers attempted to save their casino bid by taking it to municipal representatives in Lochiel county on Nov. 12.

But the Sauers were told "no" by Lochiel council and the casino issue was dead...sort of.

Later that same month Alexandria town council voted 8-1 in favor of allowing a second casino referendum in the new year.

The lone opposition for a second referendum came from Deputy Reeve John Hope.

"I wonder what would have happened if that motion hadn't come up so fast," Hope said in a story published in The News on Dec. 4.

"I knew (casino proponents) were coming (to the council meeting), but I didn't know we would be voting on it that night," Hope continued.

About 35 members of the business community accompanied the Sauers to a town council meeting Dec. 3 to try and lobby members for a second vote.

According to Hope, the sizeable numbers at the meeting had a major influence.

Hope wondered whether the question of another casino referendum came about to quickly for council to digest and is sure some members may have been intimidated by the number of business people at the meeting.

"I was intimidated," he said.

But at a Dec. 9 meeting, several members of council stood strongly by their decision, saying there was no law preventing another vote.

Councillor Gary Shepherd said the issue was too important to let die.

The Sauers have taken a back seat to business people in the area, and former Alexandria mayor J.P. Touchette has been appointed spokesman for the casino proponents.

Since the announcement of a second referendum, several issues surrounding the proposed casino have changed.

According to town councillor Gary Shepherd, these changes may make this referendum different.

"It's the same question on a casino, but there is a different site. Some people I talked to said they didn't like the personalities or the site (the first time)," said Shepherd,. in the same Dec. 4 issue of The News.

Touchette said the casino proponents have the option of forming a limited company.

"Nobody will be out twisting the arms" of the public, trying for another casino, Touchette said.

The casino debate reached the provincial stage when CBC Ottawa arrived in Alexandria in mid-December for a short piece broadcast on the evening news.

Aside from misidentifying the Sauers, the two-minute news broadcast simply highlighted some of the major points surrounding the casino.

The casino debate has slowed a bit since the arrival of the holidays, but it is sure to reignite in the new year when the date for the second referendum is announced.

Horvath will spend at least 13 years in prison

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dead on March 23, 1994.

All three were convicted after Cuerrier was found murdered, shot twice by Horvath who used a service revolver belonging to his father, RCMP officer Atilla Horvath.

One of the young offenders involved in the case was found guilty of manslaughter Feb. 22 and sentenced to 15-months open custody for his part in the slaying.

Unlike Horvath, the youth will be allowed some measure of freedom. His sentence is being served in a half-way house.

He can go to school and work.

The youth will also be on probation for a year, must abstain from alcohol and drugs for a year and is prohibited from using or owning a firearm for 10 years.

The third young offender, and first to be convicted, was also found guilty of manslaughter. He is currently serving a 14-month open custody sentence.

During his sentencing Horvath kept himself calm and collected. His lawyer, Lawrence Greenspon, said he "knew what the possibilities were" before the sentence was handed down, but didn't "anticipate anything too drastic."

Greenspon and the Horvath family are contimplating an appeal but have yet to make any firm committments. They are allowed 30 days from the time of sentencing to appeal the decision.

GMH will interview two prospective doctors

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

The Glengarry Memorial Hospital is entertaining the idea of adding two additional doctors to its shrunken staff.

Kurt Pristanski, chief executive officer at the hospital said two prospective doctors will meet with GMH officials over the Christmas holidays to discuss the possibility of them moving to the area.

Alexandria is the only municipality in SD and G that is on a list of underserviced communities. Any doctor that moves to Alexandria to begin a practice will automatically receive a $15,000 grant.

Pristanski is hopeful about getting the doctors into GMH.

"We'll be wining and dining them over the holidays," said Prystanski. "I'm sure we'll at least get one of the two."

But, Pristanski knows there is a chance GMH could come up empty.

"This could all fall through," he explained. "We don't know for sure what could happen."

The first prospect could come as early as February should he or she decide to accept a position at the hospital.

The second prospect must give their employer notice and won't be available, if at all, until June or July.

Pristanski estimates the number of full- and part-time doctors in Alexandria to about eight or nine.

There are currently two doctors at GMH right now, following the retirement of long-time general practitioner Dr. Lazlo Roman.

Pristanski says the new employment agreement Ontario doctors reached with their government counterparts last week could see the $15,000 incentive become even larger.

"I'm not sure, but I've heard talk of them working on other incentives. It could get topped up a bit," he said. "We're planing for two more doctors. It could be two in two years or five or six years, we don't know."

The ideal situation for GMH would see two new doctors arrive within five or six months of each other.

Pristanski wants to see a gap of at least five or six months between new doctors so they won't be competing for patients.

"Even if we got one in February and another in June that would be okay too," he said.

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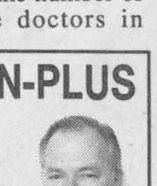

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Maple syrup club is planned

4-H News

by Angela Dorie
347-7120

Notification that the first of the 1997 projects are starting up has been received.

There are many more in the planning stages and I will pass on the relevant information as soon as it becomes available.

Leaders are urged to contact me with news of new clubs even if they feel that their particular one is already filled as this lets others know what is being offered and possibly another leader would run the same club if interest warranted. A perfect example was the "wearable art" project which resulted in three clubs being run.

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A "woodworking club" is starting up which will use only hand tools.

Members will be allowed to make any item (within reason) and the completed projects will be entered in the Maxville Fair this spring.

Contact Joanne Marriott, 874-2502 for further information.

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An "embroidery club" is in the works, also in the north end of the county Doreen Kingdon will lead the foray into this art. Call her at 525-2751.

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The unseasonable weather which we have been experiencing has at least one leader thinking spring!

A "maple syrup" club is planned where members will learn how to collect, make and grade their own maple syrup, the results of which will also be entered in the Maxville Fair.

If the members are lucky, this club will end with an old fashioned taffy pull!

Call Joanne Marriott, 874-2502 to get your name on the list.

Anyone planning on becoming a new leader in 1997 is urged to pick up the application forms and OPP clearance sheets from Joyce MacLennan and to return them to her as soon as possible.

The police check takes several weeks to get back and this way it will not result in your planned club being delayed.

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If you are between 10 and 21 on Jan. 1, 1997 you are eligible to participate in the 4-H program (sorry, for insurance reasons, we cannot accept "pre-4-H" members.)

Membership costs just $10 per year and you can join as many clubs as interest you.

We cover all areas of interest.... if we have missed something, give a leader a call and suggest it... we could start a "pilot project" which might just catch on over the entire 4-H network.

Kenyon township council looks at by-law to control beavers

Council had a first look at a proposed beaver control by-law on Dec. 18 drawn up by the township's beaver control committee, headed by Lionel Lustgarten.

The proposal states that beaver-related "damage and destruction to property and waterways" has become widespread in Kenyon, while recognizing "a diversity of opinion among its ratepayers as to the preferred treatment of beavers."

Its suggested measures include the installation of beaver baffles or other water level control measures, the destruction of beavers dams and lodges, and the killing of beavers. It is proposed that these steps may even be taken on private property, at the property owner's expense, if the beaver activity is affecting other properties.

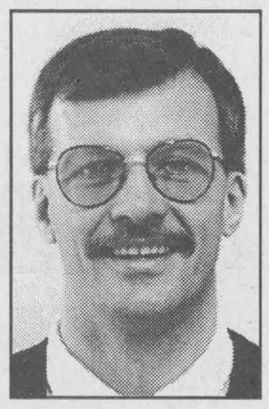
A fund to finance beaver control measures is to be established.

"I think we should put in $25,000 and if it's going well, we should be prepared to put in another $10,000 or more," said Councillor Kent MacSweyn.

"We want to reduce this (beaver) population."

The proposed by-law is to be discussed further in January.

Michel Menard D.D.
Denturist



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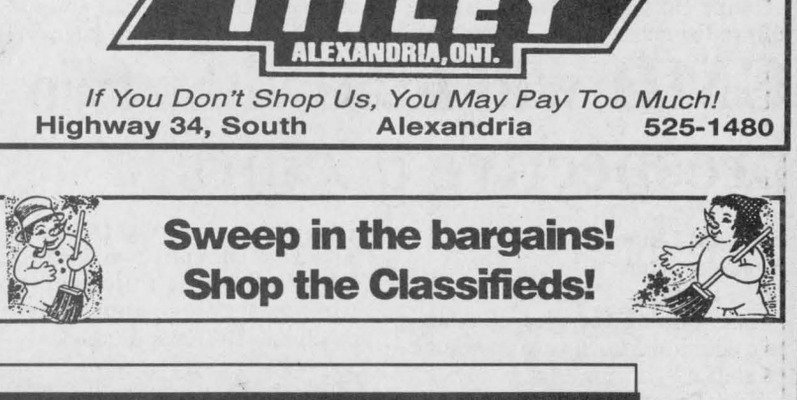

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Pidgeon flying for Art Benton

Kelly Pidgeon scored four goals to lead Art Benton to a 6-1 Ladies' Sponge Puck League victory over L.C. Electric on Dec. 18.

Pidgeon is the LSPL's top goalscorer with 18 tallies in 10 games.

Lynda Brunet and Jen Myers also scored for Benton. Karen MacDonald had three assists.

Shannon Wheeler scored her team-leading third goal to account for L.C.'s offence.

In the other Dec. 18 game, Tapis Richard Ranger extended its unbeaten streak to nine games by toppling the Atlantic Storm by a 6-1 score.

Mary Nixon and Ann McMillan each scored twice while Sue Stewart had a goal and two assists.

Dawn MacDuff also connected for Tapis.

Roxanne Lacombe scored for the Storm. Tapis has allowed only one other goal all season.

Bantam Rapids lose in Rockland

The Seaway Valley Cornwall Tire Minor Bantam Rapids lost 2-1 to District III in Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association play on Dec. 16 in Rockland.

Jamie Leger scored the Rapids' only goal.

Majors beat Gloucester 4-3

Travis Albers' two goals helped the Seaway Valley Major Bantam Rapids to a 4-3 ODMHA win over Gloucester on Dec. 21 in Maxville.

Derek Wintle and Steven Van den Oetelaar also scored for the Rapids.

Pair of victories for Longevity

Longevity Acrylics defeated a pair of opponents in Char-Lan Minor Hockey peewee house league play.

Here are those and other recent results:

•Longevity 4 (Robbie Grant 2, Scott Fontaine 2) Malyon Excavation 2 (Joel Lemay, Edward Hadzocos).

•Longevity 3 (Robbie Grant 2, Shawn Pilon) Visions No. Three 1 (Pascal Delaquis).

•Munro Agromart 6 (Ryan Lalonde 2, Geoff Geneau, Kyle Fraser, Scott Watson, David Pilon) Visions 1 (Matthew Gordon).

•Malyon 3 (Ed Hadzocos, Stephen Rogers, J.P. Dupuis) Munro 2 (Scott Watson, Michael Fraser).

Bantam-midget division

•Poirier Bus Lines 5 (Patrick Alguire 3, David Vande Ligt, Andrew Knox) Gauthier Greenhouse 4 (Mike Gagne, Blake Roy, Jason Gales, Willie Larkin).

•Raisin River Marina 5 (Sylvain Pilon 2, Rudy Nyssen, Renel Cadieux, Corey Robidoux) Poirier 4 (Patrick Alguire 2, Josh Jodoin, Michael Poirier).

Novice division

•Curry Hill Lumber 3 (Chad Carter 2, Adrian Eykens) Mac's Marina 2 (Julien Delorme, Ira McKay).

•Mac's 12 (Tim McKay 4, Julien Delorme 4, Shawn Borris 3, Kelly Leblanc) M and S Mechanical 5 (Robin Malyon 4, Jordan Schaefer).

•St. Pierre Garage 6 (Adam Tessier 2, Charles Laplante, Kyle McIntosh, Kelsey Thompson, Blake MacDonald) Curry Hill 4 (Chad Carter 3, Chad Besner).

Atom division

•Glengarry Kinsmen 1 (Matt Piette) McCuaig Plumbing 1 (Shawn McDonald).

•Ray Jans Construction 4 (David Jans 2, Pascal Delaquis, Rory Sandilands) Cornwall Aviation 4 (Taylor Daigle, Dennis Allaire, Nathan Poitras, Jonathan Buckle).

•MacDonald Grocery 7 (Corey Lalonde 3, Oakley McCoy 2, Kelly Michaud, Matt Hlusko) McCuaig Plumbing 4 (Alain Lalonde 2, Shawn McDonald, Thomas St. Pierre).

•Jans Construction 4 (Pascal Delaquis 2, David Jans 2) Glengarry Kinsmen 2 (Curtis Thomson, Connor Larkin.

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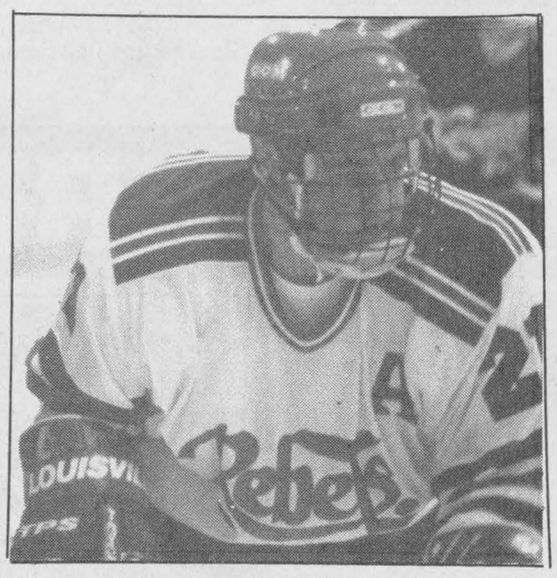
A look back at the year that was on the Glengarry sports scene



Marc Bellemare had an MVP season as the Char-Lan Rebels soared to the Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference championship in junior B hockey. The Rebs' remarkable run ended with a four-game loss to Perth in the Eastern Ontario final.

HOCKEY

Rebels on a roll

Despite getting swept by the Perth Blue Wings in the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League final, it was a wonderful season for the Char-Lan Rebels.

The Rebels lost only five times in 42 regular-season games before polishing off the Morrisburg Lions, the Kemptville 73's and the Westport Rideaus in the playoffs to claim the Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference championship.

Not only were these Rebels good, they were a lot of fun to watch too.

Captain Terry O'Farrell's grit, centreman Marc Bellemare's offensive wizardry and Denis Villeneuve's solid crease work were all major factors in Char-Lan's big run in 1995-96.

Despite losing all three players in the off-season, the Rebels remain a solid club in 1996-97.

Led by the likes of Dave Campbell, Eric Fontaine, Kevin O'Farrell and Kacey MacDonell, Char-Lan heads into the New Year with an 18-8-2 record.

Glens turn things around

A five-win season was followed by an avalanche of change this past summer in the Alexandria Glens organization.

Led by a new president (Robert Lajoie), new GM (Marc Sauvé), new coach (Michel Ruest) and new assistant coach (Roch Lajoie) and budding superstar Miguel Delisle, the Glens have already more than doubled last year's win total.

Despite a recent slump, the Glens continue to hold down third place in the St. Lawrence Division.

If the regular-season ended today, the Glens would meet the Rebels in a first-round playoff series that would be sure to have turnstiles spinning in both Alexandria and Williamstown.

Boisvenue's big break...

Alexandria's Martin Boisvenue continues to be hounded by injuries, but the talented Val D'Or Foreurs winger finally got a good break in 1996 as he signed a professional contract.

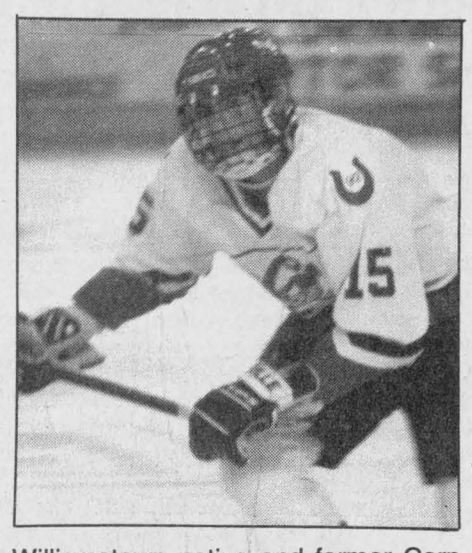
Boisvenue is a member of the Philadelphia Flyers organization after inking a three-year deal with the National Hockey League club in early October.

Now all Boisvenue needs is some good news in the medical department. His season in Val D'Or has been a virtual write-off because of a fractured hip bone.

...and Trottier's breakthrough

Joel Trottier – the Pride of Green Valley – wants to be the next local skater to sign a big-league deal.

The third-year winger has had a breakthrough season in the Ontario Hockey League, producing 26 goals and 53 points in 34 games thus far with the Ottawa 67's, a serious contender for the 1997 Memorial Cup.



Williamstown native and former Cornwall Colt Kent McDonell became the latest local player to make the jump to major junior hockey when he joined the Guelph Storm.

Trottier has been in the top ten in scoring all season and was as high as second at one point.

The 67's beefed up their defence earlier this season by acquiring Alexandria native Ryan MacDonald in a deal with the North Bay Centennials.

Speaking of local products in the OHL, Williamstown's Kent McDonell is a rookie with the Guelph Storm.

McDonell and Brent Lauzon, also of Williamstown, were part of the Cornwall Colts' Central Junior Hockey League championship squad last spring.

Bantams and Bruins are champs

The M and D Sports Bantam Glens become the first Alexandria team to win an Upper Canada Minor Hockey League title by beating out Smiths Falls and Napanee in a three-team, double round-robin finals tournament.

Chris Corput seals the title for the Glens by scoring the tying goal in a 3-3 draw with the Smiths Falls Bears.

Meanwhile, the Dalhousie Bruins win their third Ligue Soulanges (senior hockey) title in four years by sweeping Coteau-du-Lac in the final.

Playoff MVP Roddie MacKenzie leads the B's with 15 goals and 23 points in the post-season.

SOCCER

The winners and still champions...

In what is rapidly becoming an annual ritual, Greenfield and Laggan were crowned as champions of the Glengarry Soccer League.

Laggan won its sixth women's division championship this decade (and its third in succession) by sweeping perennial bridesmaids the Alexandria Bees three games to none.

For the second year in a row, the championship series ended on an overtime goal by forward Bonnie MacLeod.

In the men's division, the Marauders made it four titles in a row by outlasting the Glengarry Stars in a final series that went the five-game limit.

Versatile veteran Johnny Charlebois recorded his second shutout of the series as the Redmen won the clincher 2-0. The 1996 championship was the 14th of Charlebois' long and illustrious career.

The league MVPs were Lisa Poirier of the Bees and Glen Campbell of Glen Nevis.



Chancey Lajoie and the Glengarry Stars fell short in the GSL final in September, but Lajoie was part of a winner in October as the Glengarry Gaels won the SDG senior boys' high school title.

Gaels dynasty continues

The Cornwall schools continue to improve, but Glengarry is still king (and queen) when it comes to high school soccer.

The Gaels had a productive 1996, sweeping the junior and senior titles in both boys' and girls' competition.

Co-captains Lauren MacPherson and Kathy Kennedy each scored once as the Glengarry junior girls beat La Citadelle 2-0 last spring to keep the SDG playoff trophy in Alexandria for an unprecedented 16th straight season. The Gaels added the Eastern Ontario championship a week later.

The senior Gaels made it five titles in a row with a 5-1 win over La Citadelle.

In the fall, the Gaels hit the daily double in boys' soccer.

Glengarry coasted to the senior title, waxing Cornwall Collegiate 6-0 as Chancey Lajoie scored twice.

Five different players scored as Glengarry won the junior crown by dumping cross-county rival Char-Lan 5-2.

Although shut out in boys' soccer (where the "A" division teams compete against the larger "AA" division schools), Char-Lan claimed a pair of championships in the girls' division, which features separate playoffs for the big and small schools.

Emergency fill-in goalkeeper Carmelle Gagnon was the star as the senior Crusaders beat Seaway in a championship game that was decided in a shootout after a 0-0 tie through regulation and overtime.

Char-Lan beat Tagwi 3-0 in the junior final.

Indoor wars

The Glengarry Stars continued their domination of the Char-Lan Indoor Soccer League, winning an amazing seventh straight championship (no joking) on April Fool's Day.

The Rudi Payer Sport men extended their Cornwall Indoor Soccer League title streak to four years while the Minimax Hearts snagged the women's division crown.

The Storm (men's division) and the Atlantic (women's division) were the champions of the fledgling Glengarry Indoor Soccer League.

The Heart of Glengarry won the women's division championship at the prestigious Cornwall Indoor Soccer Tournament in April.

HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some other notable accomplishments and events from the past year:

•The Alexandria Curling Club foursome of Helen MacLeod, Sue Derby, Peggy Lafave and Joan Ryan win the aggregate championship at the Crystal Pebble bonspiel in Ottawa.

•The Alexandria Curling Club is the home of the Glengarry Cup. Alexandria hosted the annual competition between the county's three curling clubs and blew away its rivals from Maxville and Lancaster to win the Cup for the first time since 1993.

•Art Benton wins its first Ladies' Sponge Puck League title by knocking off defending champion Tapis Richard Ranger in the final.

•Corey Van Loon of Cornwall and Lori Gorman of New York State take first place at the 23rd Raisin River Canoe Race. Bruno Major of Williamstown and Mark Major of Alexandria are runners-up.

Yvon Ranger of Alexandria and Jean-Paul Claude of Green Valley are tops in the recreational class.

•Former Alexandria resident Guylaine Lanthier is a participant in the 100th running of the Boston Marathon.

•Soccer player Bonnie MacLeod of McCrimmon Corners and swimmer Cory MacRae of Martintown receive the athletes of the year awards at the Alexandria Lions Club Sports Award Dinner.

•Disabled athlete Glenn Whitford, powerlifter Johanne Cholette-Pattyn, hockey goalie John McLaren, sportswoman Margaret Mutch and the 1930 Dunvegan men's soccer team are inducted into the Glengarry Sports Hall of Fame.

•Newcomer Ryan Vierra of California wins the heavy events championship at the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville. London's Harry MacDonald is runner-up and claims his fifth Canadian title.

•Jake at Work sweeps Farley Windows in three games to clinch the Alexandria men's ball hockey title.

Seaway Express captures a fifth straight championship in the women's league.

Clare's Flower Shop wins for a second straight year in the Charlottenburgh men's league.

•Rick Duchesneau and Marie-Andrée Ouimet win the club championships at the Glengarry Golf and Country Club.

•Glengarry wins the women's Valley League golf championship for the first time in the event's 25-year history. The competition was held at Glengarry.

•Dave Bissonnette of Kenyon Township wins the street stock expert class season championship at Cornwall Motor Speedway. The "Bulldog" also wins title in Edelweiss and Frogtown, N.Y.

•The Ray-Co Sports mixed slo-pitch team wins the silver medal at national championships in Nova Scotia. The team is mainly stocked with players from the Alexandria area.

•Home Hardware wins the Alexandria women's softball championship for the second year in a row. Jans Signs is the men's champ.

HIGH SCHOOL

Jr. Crusaders spike No. 7

Soccer isn't the only sport in which the county's high school athletes distinguished themselves this past year.

Most notably, the Char-Lan junior girls' volleyball dynasty keeps on going. The Crusaders stretched their streak of SDG "A" titles to seven by sweeping the Seaway Spartans.

The Glengarry Gaels have their own streak going in the girls' junior "AA" division.

Despite playing with only six players because of injuries and conflicting extracurricular activities, the Gaels beat North Dundas for a third consecutive United Counties crown.

In the fall, Glengarry made history by winning the school's first-ever junior boys' volleyball championship.

The Gaels knocked off the St. Joseph's Panthers in the final.

Glengarry also won the midget boys' volleyball championship

Honor roll members

Here are some other events of note from the last 12 months in high school sports:

•Char-Lan continued its domination of cross-country running by winning a third consecutive SDG championship.

Rory Blackadder, second in the senior boys' race, was the top individual performer for the Crusaders.

•The team of Melanie Elie and Debbie Amstutz proved lethal in a pair of racquet sports for the Glengarry Gaels.

Elie and Amstutz captured the junior girls' doubles title at the SDG badminton championships in April.

In May, the terrific twosome struck again, winning gold at the Eastern Ontario high school tennis championships.

Denis Levert and Jean-Francois Lafrance also swung mean rackets for the Gaels as the duo won the SDG junior boys' badminton title.

•Glengarry junior pole-vaulter Ian Wilson set a new United Counties record with a vault of 3.31 metres at the SDG championships.

•Apple Hill resident Tory Stelmach, a student at Tagwi Secondary School, placed fourth in the junior boys' 800m race at the Ontario championships. Stelmach was 15th in the 400m event.

•The Gaels made a triumphant return to SDG golf in October.

The girls' team won gold while the boys claimed a silver medal.

Marie-Andrée Ouimet was the top individual golfer in girls' competition after shooting a nine-hole total of 45.

•Char-Lan beat Glengarry 7-2 in the annual hockey grudge match between the two schools.

County scoreboard

Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League
St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Kemptville 73's	28	26	0	2	204	75	0	54
Char-Lan Rebels	**28**	**18**	**8**	**2**	**150**	**99**	**2**	**40**
Alexandria Glens	**28**	**11**	**13**	**4**	**121**	**141**	**2**	**28**
Winchester Hawks	28	10	15	3	143	157	2	25
Morrisburg Lions	28	9	17	2	131	187	2	22

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Athens Aeros	28	18	7	3	152	106	2	41
Gananoque Islanders	28	17	10	1	156	98	2	37
Westport Rideaus	28	8	19	1	116	168	1	18
South Grenville Rangers	28	5	23	0	93	165	2	12
Brockville Tikis	30	3	27	0	85	190	1	7

BP – bonus point for overtime loss or shootout win

Top St. Lawrence scorers (thru Dec. 25)

	G	A	Pts		G	A	Pts
Andrew Williams, Kmpt	21	38	59	Greg Kealey, Kmpt	18	26	44
Andrew McVey, Kmpt	21	31	52	Corey McAllister, Mor	27	14	41
Glen Brown, Kmpt	20	27	47	**Eric Fontaine, C-L**	**23**	**18**	**41**
Ryan Nichol, Win	30	16	46	Nick Dixon, Mor	14	22	36
Jeff Ricci, Kmpt	12	33	45	**Dan Dupuis, C-L**	**11**	**24**	**35**

Glens' slump continues

Close, as they say, counts only in horseshoes, hand grenades and drive-in movies.

The Glens played a pair of close games against tough St. Lawrence Division competition on the weekend, but the team's Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League losing streak is now at seven games.

The Glens lost 5-3 to the Char-Lan Rebels in Williamstown on Saturday (see related story). On Friday at the Billy Gebbie Arena, Alexandria lost 6-4 to the still unbeaten Kemptville 73's.

Six different players – Greg Kealey, Jeff Ricci, Dan Coleman, Andrew Williams, Jason Valcour and Josh Dixon – potted goals as the 73's extended their streak of games without a loss to 27 (Kemptville edged Winchester 7-6 on Sunday to make it 28).

The Glens, who have played the 73's tough in four of the six meetings this year between the two teams (earning one tie in the process), got goals from Scott Nielsen, Darcy MacDonell, Daniel Methot and Richard Hutt. Stephane Loyer had two assists.

The recent slide leaves the Glens three points ahead of Winchester in the battle for third place. The fifth-place Morrisburg Lions are six points behind Alexandria.

Glens fall to Leos and Birds

Speaking of close games, Alexandria lost one-goal decisions to Morrisburg and Winchester the weekend before Christmas.

In Morrisburg on Dec. 20, the Glens fell into an early 4-0 hole and lost 7-6 to the Lions.

Yves Ruest, Miguel Delisle, Steven St. Denis, Patrick Burroughs, Olivier DeMeester and Darcy MacDonell each scored once in a losing cause for the Glens.

Alexandria lost 6-5 to the Winchester Hawks on home ice Dec. 22.

Miguel Delisle scored twice while Yves Ruest had a goal and two assists.

Scott Nielsen and Jason Poirier also scored while Stephane Loyer had three helpers.

Rob Raistrick and Eric Savard each scored twice as Winchester beat the Glens for the first time this year.



Rebels back in winning form after three-game losing streak

The Char-Lan Rebels snapped their longest losing streak in two years by defeating Morrisburg and Alexandria on the weekend.

The junior B hockey club had lost three straight games heading into Friday night's contest in Morrisburg, but a three-goal game by defenceman Mario Gibeault carried the Rebels to a 9-2 win over the Lions.

It's been a bizarre season series thus far between the Rebs and Leos. Char-Lan has lost two of three games on home ice to the Lions, but the Rebels have outscored their opponents 37-11 while winning three games in Morrisburg.

Eric Fontaine scored twice in Friday's win with single goals going to Jean-Sebastien Larocque, Lee Klazinga and Dan Dupuis. Larocque's goal was his first of the year.

On Saturday in Williamstown, a three-goal second period carried the Rebels to a 5-3 decision over the Glens.

Kevin O'Farrell, Lindsay Campbell, Dave Campbell, Richard Laganiere and Tim Corput each scored once for Char-Lan.

Scott Nielsen, Miguel Delisle and Travis Young replied for the Glens.

The bad news for the Rebels is that second-year forward Lindsay Campbell is probably lost for the season after his spleen was damaged during Saturday's game.

Campbell suffered from sore ribs and played sparingly after a second-period collision with Darcy MacDonell.

He was taken to hospital when blood showed up in his urine after the game.

He remains in intensive care at CHEO in Ottawa, but the team reports that the long-term prognosis for his recovery is good.

Rebels fall to 73's in OT

Char-Lan had a great chance to stick a pin in Kemptville's balloon on Dec. 21, but an overtime goal by Jason Valcour allowed the St. Lawrence Division-leading 73's to win 4-3 keep their season-long unbeaten streak intact.

The Rebels – who got two goals from Kevin O'Farrell and one from Dan Dupuis – saw leads of 2-0 and 3-2 slip away.

Hamish Fraser, Nevin Patterson and Dan Coleman scored in regulation time for Kemptville.

The winner came at the 1:56 mark of OT when a seemingly harmless shot from 60 feet out beat Shawn Grant, who was making his debut in front of the Char-Lan cage.

On Friday in Winchester, Ryan Nichol and Eric Savard each scored twice as the Hawks surprised Char-Lan 6-4.

Garth Byrne and Jason Desormeaux also scored for the winners.

Tim Corput netted a pair of goals for the Rebels while Mario Gibeault and Nick Brunet had single markers.

Rebels notes: The Rebels had a short day's work at the Boxing Day Tournament in Renfrew. The Metcalfe Jets scored an empty-net goal in a 3-1 first-round win over the Rebels. The Jets, who also eliminated Char-Lan at last year's tourney, went on to beat the Clarence Castors in the championship game. The Kemptville 73's, unbeaten in the regular-season, lost to the Castors in the first round of the tournament.

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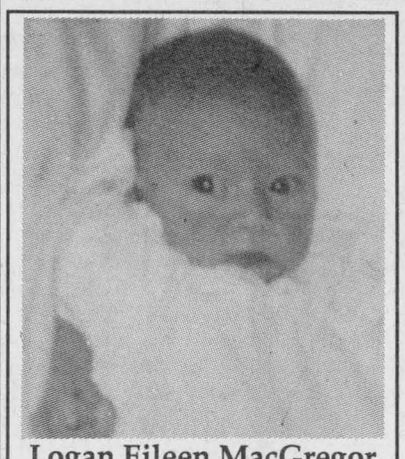
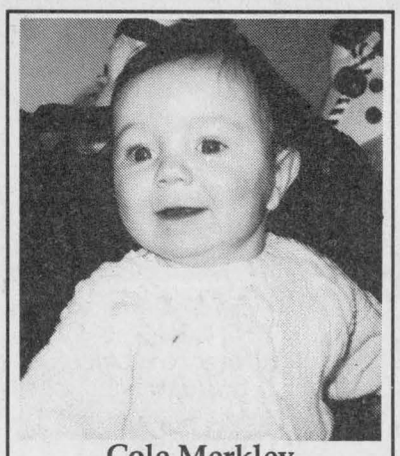


Logan Eileen MacGregor
October 11, 1996
Qur littlest angel.
Gary and Lillian MacGregor



Cole Merkley
June 7, 1996
Our daily sunshine
Jacques, Renny and Kids



Marie-Pier Sabourin
March 22, 1996
Proud parents are
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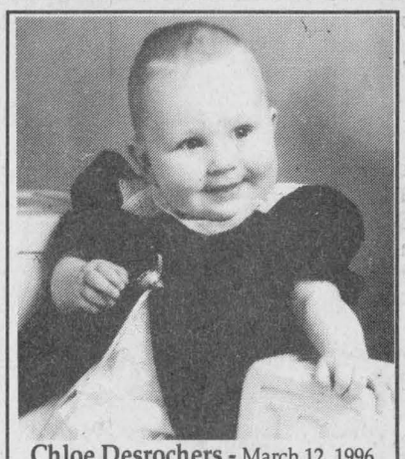
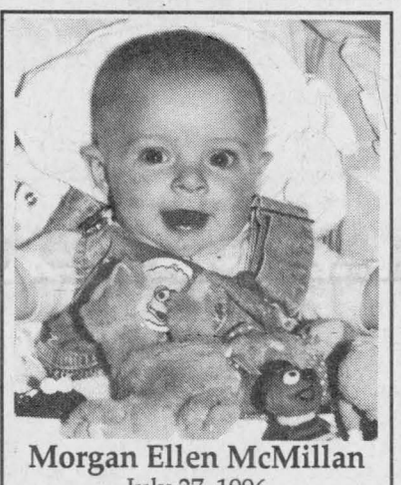


Chloe Desrochers - March 12, 1996
Chloé is Julie and Pat's angel. Proud grandparents are Jacqueline and Gilles Desrochers and Lucienne and Germain Diotte.
We love you "Poupoune"



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Proud parents - Terry and Elaine
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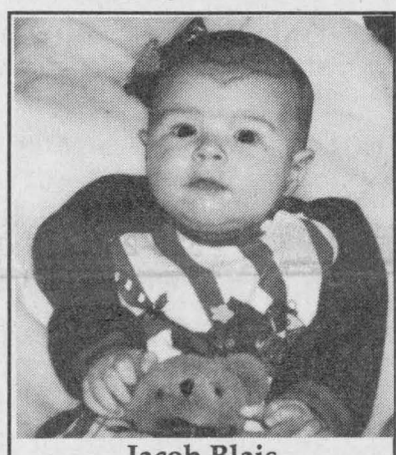
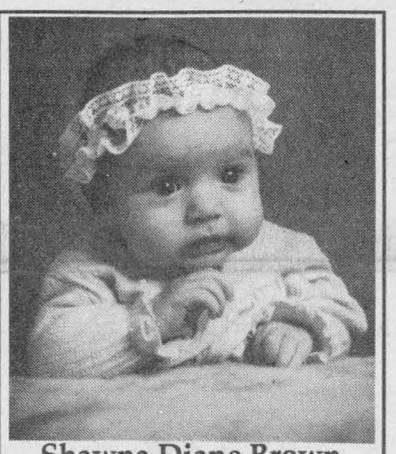
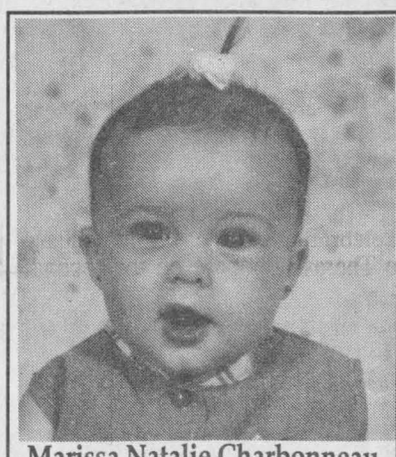


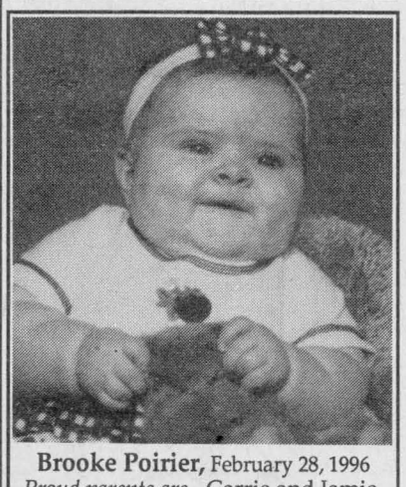
Jacob Blais
August 21, 1996
Newest addition to the
Blais and Ouimet Family



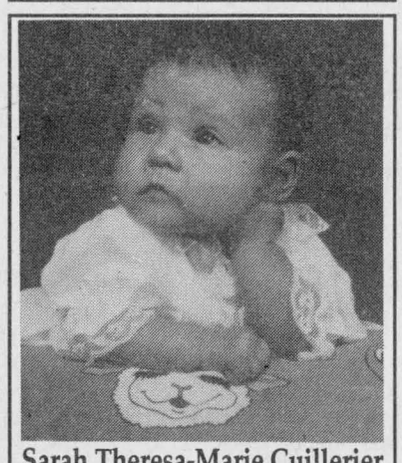
Shawna Diane Brown
January 17, 1996
Papa's Little Girl



Marissa Natalie Charbonneau
December 11, 1995
Truly a Christmas Treasure



Brooke Poirier, February 28, 1996
Proud parents are - Carrie and Jamie.
Proud grandparents, Doug and
Darlene Dumouchel,
Roger and Claudette Poirier.



Sarah Theresa-Marie Cuillerier
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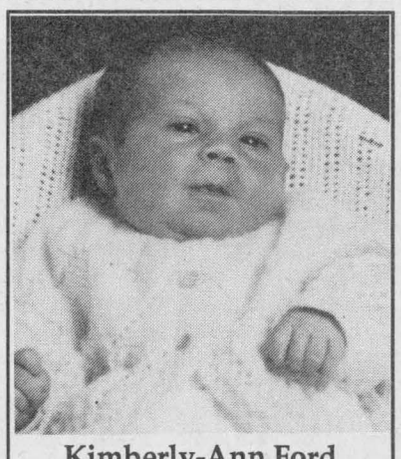
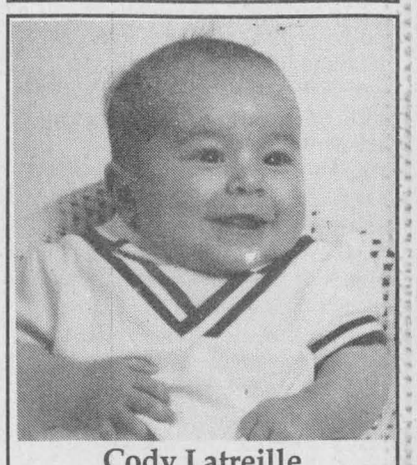
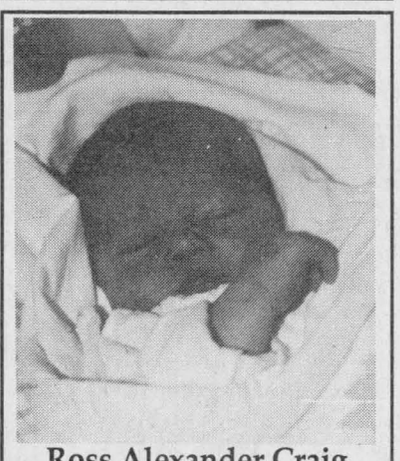
Daddy's Little Girl



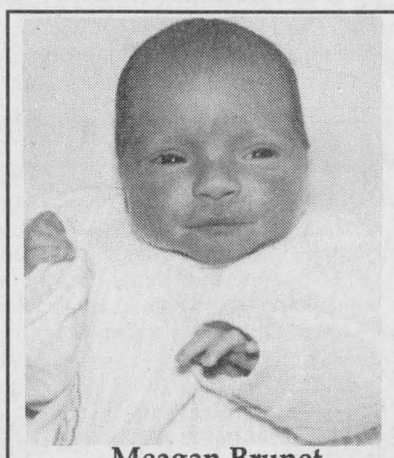
Kimberly-Ann Ford
Sept. 8, 1996
I'm glad to be in this world for
my parents, Linda and Dan



Cody Latreille
March 14, 1996
Proud grandparents
Kay and Bob and Uncle Ricky



Ross Alexander Craig
November 1, 1996
Proud parents
Rodney and Kim



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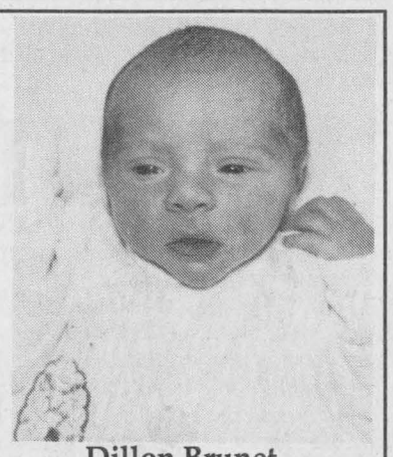
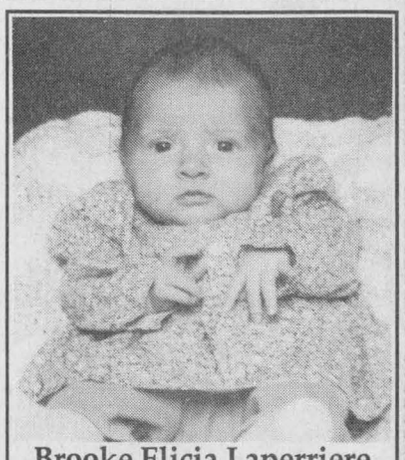


Dillon Brunet

December 3, 1996
Merry 1st Christmas
Love, Mom and Dad and Diane and Michel and family



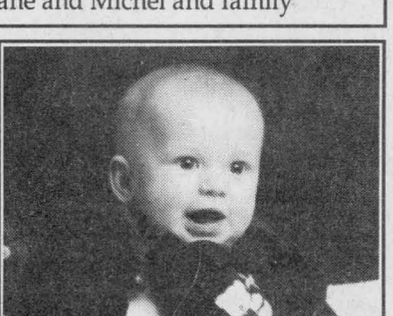
Brooke Elicia Laperriere
August 30, 1996
#1 God Child



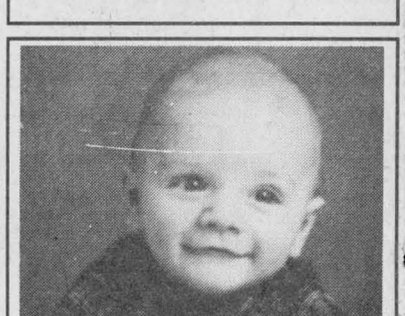
Brittny MacPherson
March 7, 1996
Welcomed with love by Mom and
Dad and Big Sister Mareena



Jennifer Delorme
July 19, 1996
An angel straight from heaven



Jordan Becker - July 23, 1996
Merry 1st Christmas Little guy
Love Mommy, Daddy, Ryan and
Kaitlyn



Colton Harley Gallant
August 9, 1996
Daddy always wanted a "Harley"

Contest winners to be announced Feb. 1

Lancaster

by Marg Millett
347-2207
Fax 347-1297



For those of you who looked for my column last week, I really did send one in. My apologies go along with hopes that this one runs from my computer, in the early hours of Friday morning, to *The News* in time for publication.

One creature I know is thoroughly delighted with this recent cold blustery weather. She prances outside the patio door, her mane blowing in the wind, her nose up high to catch the swirling scents and her eyes alive with expectation. Her silky back fur shivers with delight. So much for my dog, Su-Lin.

Me? I am inside wrestling with the last minute decisions of what to do in the short time left before Christmas. As usual there is never enough time and as always it will get done anyway. I have no fear of that.

As for the weather... well, it's nice to see a little snow for Christmas and if things remain the same it will be a good time for safe travel.

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Well, the short time left... is now gone. Christmas Eve and Day have passed in a swirl of activities. Our daughter Charmaine cooked her first turkey dinner for us and for Jim's family.

So, on the brightest, sunniest day of this month, we travelled to Moose Creek and enjoyed a wonderful meal, in good company. Su-Lin went as well and had a great visit with Shadow.

At home, my house now holds four cats, (two are harbored in a bedroom) many exotic plants, all kinds of luggage, presents, and lots of STUFF.

When Bill and Chris move to their new house in Barhaven in January things should get back to normal. In the meantime it's great to have them about even if we do trip over things.

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This news was sent in earlier. Again, my apologies, Rev. Ian.

As Christmas Day rapidly approaches, everyone everywhere is caught up in the spirit of baking, buying, decorating, and party gatherings. With such emphasis placed on these aspects of Christmas, many people have a tendency to forget the origin of our celebrations.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, 33 children from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School vividly reminded the large congregation, through music, lessons, carols and a play entitled "Quantum Leap Christmas", the birthday of Jesus.

Special music throughout the presentation included violin selections by Alicia and Pamela Cumming, a piano solo by Kaylee Fraser and a saxophone duet by Petra Bosma and Melissa MacKay.

Following this enjoyable service gifts were given to all of the children present and a delicious lunch was served by the Sunday school teachers.

A candlelight Christmas Eve service was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.

This family service of lessons, carols and special music was especially beautiful.

On Sunday, Dec. 29, Rev. Lloyd Fourney was the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service at St. Andrew's. Rev. Fourney is minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Edmonton, Alta.

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I know that the judging has been completed for the best decorated house and businesses in our local area. The mystery is how to get that information. President Ron's phone isn't working and maybe not the fax as well?

Never fear, the main winners will be announced at the Lancaster and District Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Dinner on Feb. 1, at Creg Quay.

Speaking of that event, tickets are already selling. You may get yours by contacting Roger Menard, or... just drop by Roger's Garage.

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Being an Optimist, and working with the B.A.B.E.S. program we get to visit our local schools and are well aware that our area has some fine schools, indeed. At this time of year the many Christmas concerts take place and I always plan to attend as many as I can... and miss some.

This year Optimist Sharon MacGregor and I enjoyed the Primary Christmas Concert at Williamstown Public School. Very nice.. and it was most endearing to see the students of Grades 1, 2 and 3... all graduates of B.A.B.E.S., perform their best on stage.

I know that the well-known school band from S. J. McLeod played for

Many visitors to Greenfield

Greenfield

by Mary Couture
527-2421



Holiday visitors with Catherine Flaro were Bob and Sheila Simpson and family from Ottawa, June and Steve McDonell from Metcalfe, Gerald, Joanne Flaro and family and Ivan Flaro and Sylvie Bouree from Alexandria.

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Lyall McDonell from Dryden spent the holidays with his family.

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Rene Lavigueur from Napanee called on friends in the village during the holidays.

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Peter Schwarz from Oshawa and Lucy Schwarz from Quebec City spent the holidays with their parents, Raymond and Cecile.

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New residents on the 4th of Kenyon are Albert and Margaret Lalonde who have moved here from Moose Creek.

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Celebrating birthdays in January are Theresa Leonard on the second, Rene Belair on the sixth and Ronnie Robinson.

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Happy New Year to each and everyone.

NOTICE
Alexandria Figure Skating Club
MID-SEASON REGISTRATION
Glengarry Sports Palace

Lancaster, Alexandria and Lochiel 100.00
Kenyon 112.50

All children must be 3 years of age by the end of December

Registration and first lesson Jan 6 from 4:50 to 5:50 p.m.

For further questions contact Jean 525-2050



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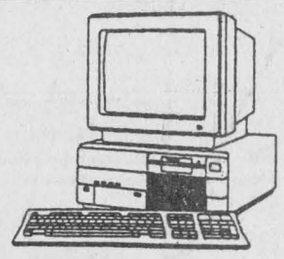

Ontario Agricultural Training Institute

UPCOMING COURSES

WINDOWS '95
Date: January 15, 1997
Cost: $65.00
Location: Vankleek Hill Community Centre
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Description: Participants will:
- Use and evaluate this new operating system
- Decide whether or not this system is necessary for your operation or if Windows 3.1 is sufficient
-Compare with other operating systems from the standpoint of usability, new features, working with applications, managing files, system management tools and system requirements.

MEET THE COMPUTER
New Date: January 23, 1997
Cost: $65.00
Location: Alexandria (Info Avenue Training Centre)
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Description: Knowledge to be gained:
- Deal with the details of learning to operate a personal computer
- Introduce the student with little or no experience to the MS DOS (Disc Operating System) and some software including Lotus 1-2-3- and Wordperfect
- Many "Windows" applications will be explored such as Notepad, Paintbrush, Clipboard and Write
- Students will be introduced to the "Hardware" components of the computer

WINDOWS 3.1
Date: January 22, 1997
Cost: $65.00
Location: Alexandria (Info Avenue Training Centre)
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Description: Knowledge to be gained:
- Learn "Windows" terminology, mouse basics, the importance of the Program Manager, using menus, moving and sizing windows, types of icons
- Introduction and functions of the Control Panel, Accessories Group, File and Print Manager
- Learn to switch between software programs
- Learn how to manage your programs, directories, files and disks

INTRODUCTION TO COMMODITY MARKETING
Date: January 24 and 25, 1997
Cost: $90.00
Location: Alexandria(Candlestick Restaurant)
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day
Description: Knowledge to be gained:
- Learn to target price opportunities for a participant's community
- Develop a market plan to achieve or better to target price
- Use seasonal futures and basis trends to assist in market planning
- Establish a good relationship with a broker of one's choice
- Begin to understand the psychology of the market by being actively involved in one's own market plan

OPEN YOUR GATES TO... TOURISM
Dates: January 18 and February 1, 1997 (Two half-day sessions)
Cost: $50.00 **Location:** Alexandria (T.R. Leger School)
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day
Description: Participants will:
- Plan a cohesive, exciting agri-tourism experience
- Create a positive experience for visitors
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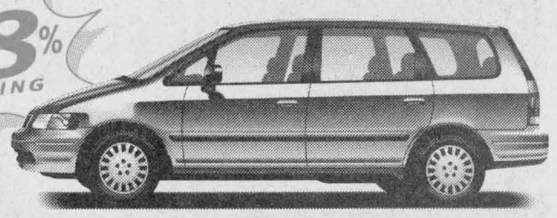

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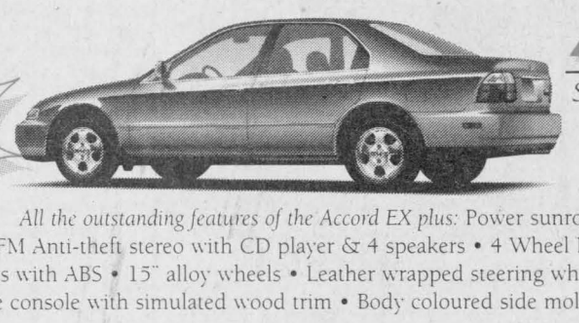

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The Glengarry News

CLASSIFIED

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RATES - General Classified (WORD ADS)– $4.65 for 20 words, plus **20¢** for each additional word. **75¢** discount for second insertion. Births and Found will be accepted free.

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Deadline for advertising is 3 p.m., Monday.

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BOB'S HOTEL
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New Year's Eve PARTY
FREE ADMISSION
Midnight Snacks - Music by D.J.
EVERY WEDNESDAY
FREE POOL, $1 DRAFT
53.-1c

Glengarrian Pub and Restaurant
Sydney at Ninth, 933-6426
Tuesday, Dec. 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
No cover charge, party favors, midnight champagne
MIKE McANANY
Prime Rib 14.95
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Reservations required
Friday, Jan. 3
GERRY LAFAVE
Saturday, Jan. 4
CAPE BRETON BARBRIANS
Friday, Jan. 10 and Saturday, Jan. 11
THE WATER OF LIFE
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ALWAYS GREAT FOOD 53-1c

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Saturdays
PITOUNE TOURNAMENT
Entry Fee...$10
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Chansons à repondre
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LUNCH 4-D CATERING
Party Favors
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Adm: $7 per person
OPEN NEW YEAR'S DAY
Noon to 9:00 p.m. 53-1c

THE ORIGINAL Champions ROADHOUSE
A CHAMPION'S GIFT CERTIFICATE MAKES A GREAT GIFT IDEA
Thursday is
LADIES' NIGHT
Great Prizes for the Gals
(D.J. Ashley)
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Tuesday, Dec. 31
BEST NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY IN TOWN
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525-2128 53-1c



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Births

GREEN: Wayne and Donna (nee Clark) of Grande Prairie, Alta., are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Erin, born Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996 weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. A sister for Chad. Proud grandparents are Leslie and the late Jean Clark, Dunvegan and Carol and Rose Greene, Westport, Ont.

Coming Events

THE Glengarry School of Piping and Drumming will present a recital by Andrew Bonar at Maxville Complex on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. 53-1p

GLENGARRY SPORTS PALACE
Tel: 525-3600
Alexandria Figure Skating Club
BINGO!!!
Jackpot: $1,000.00
SUNDAY NIGHTS - 7:30 p.m.
50-tf

Wedding Reception
in honor of
MICHELLE NICOLETTI
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and
BRADLEY VALLENCE
son of Gary and Carolyn Vallance
FRIDAY, JAN. 3
at 9 p.m.
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Light Lunch
Everyone Welcome 53-1p

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BINGO
THURSDAY, JAN. 2
7:30 p.m.
Admission $20
11 games at $50
8 games at $100
1 game at $1,000
1 BONANZA 60/40
4 SPECIALS 50/50 53-1c

Entertainment

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DALHOUSIE, QUE. (514) 269-2352
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Cold Buffet
Friday, Jan. 3
SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM
B-52 Shooters - $1.50
10 p.m. to midnight 53-1c

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MARTINTOWN Community Centre
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!
from the staff and management
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Tel: 528-4235 or 347-2411 1-1c

BINGO
Dalkeith Optimist Hall
SATURDAY, JAN. 4
Warm-up 12:30 p.m.
Doors open at 10:00
$20.00 / pad
Everyone Welcome 53-1c

CHARLOTTENBURGH RECREATION CENTRE
SEASON'S GREETINGS from MANAGEMENT and STAFF!
BINGO
Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
* * *
Good Hall Rental Dates Available
347-2411 52-2c

Prescott County Junior Farmers
ZONE WINTER GAMES DANCE
SATURDAY, JAN. 4
Vankleek Hill Community Centre
9:00 p.m.
Dance to the music of
HADRIAN'S WALL
Tickets available at the door 53-1c

Courses

NOW accepting registrations for lessons beginning in January for violin, viola, cello, piano, guitar or recorder . Call Audrey Sarrazin (Mus. Bac.), 874-2969 or 874-2247. 51-tf

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SCHOOL OF MOTORING
Where Learning Is Doing
NEXT DAY COURSE
Saturday, Jan. 18
525-4513 53-4c

Card of Thanks

THAUVETTE – A sincere thank you to family, friends and neighbors for their kindness, prayers, cards, flower, visits and phone calls while I was a patient at Cornwall General Hospital for knee surgery, and since my return home; special thanks to Dr. Tombler, nurses and staff on second floor, to Red Cross, VON and Home Care.
– Leila Thauvette. 53-1p

STANGLE – We would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to our family, friends and neighbors for all of the help and assistance received during the loss of our home by fire on Nov. 30, 1996. Special thanks to Kenyon and Maxville Fire Departments, Theresa and Wilmer MacRae, Ian and Helen MacLeod, Donald Besner, the Hughes family and everyone else that helped out during this time. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
– Art and Dorothy Stangle. 53-1p

In Memoriam

ST. LOUIS – In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Yvonne, who passed away Dec. 27, 1987, and father and grandfather, John, who passed away Jan. 10, 1971.
If I had the world to give,
I'd give it, yes, and more,
To hear your voice and see your smiles,
And greet you at my door.
But all I can do, dear parents,
Is go and tend your graves,
And leave behind tokens of love,
To the best parents God ever made.
I like to think when life is done,
Wherever heaven may be,
That you'll be standing at the door
Up there to welcome us.
– Sadly missed by son, David and Jaqueline and family. 53-1p

In Memoriam

PIDGEON – In fond and loving memory, of my dear sister Mary Bell, who passed away suddenly Dec. 31, 1995.
You are my dear sister and also a dear friend,
One of the best whom God could lend,
She was loving, gentle, thoughtful and true,
Always wiling a kind act to do,
It is not tears at the moment shed,
That tell how beloved is the soul that has fled,
But tears through many a long night wept.
Forever in our hearts and thoughts.
So very sadly missed and lovingly remembered always.
– Sister Cassie, brother-in-law Alex Cardinal, Alexandria. 53-1p

WARDEN, Marie – In loving memory of a dear mother, mother-in-law and grandmother who passed away Jan. 1, 1993.
Not just this day but every day remembered.
Missed most by those who loved her best.
– Bill, Donna, Kelly and Erin. 53-1p

WARDEN, Marie – In loving memory of a dear wife who passed away Jan. 1, 1993.
But some sweet day we'll meet again,
Beyond the toil and strife
And clasp each other's hand once more
In Heaven, that happy life.
– Always remembered by her husband, John. 53-1p

WILLARD – BESNER: In memory of a dear brother Wilton, Dec. 25, 1995 and sister Lorna, Dec. 25, 1969.
Christmas is here,
And sad regret,
Deep in our hearts,
Your memory is kept.
With silent thoughts,
And tears unseen
We wish your absence
Was only a dream.
– Joan, Alex, Francis and Cathy. 53-1c

Deaths

Hulse, Playfair & McGarry

WARNER, Hilton John (Retired CNR employee) – In hospital on Saturday, Dec. 23, 1996, aged 77 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy MacMillan. Dear father of Barbara Jean (Roy Watson) and Elaine Alma (Benny Phillips). Loving grandfather of Jeremy, Doug, Katrina, Shane, Brodie and Callie. Brother of Sterling (the late Helen) of Stittsville. Leara Kingston (Pat) of Prescott, Florence Smith (the late Ronald) of London, Merritt (Dorothy) of Nepean, Maurice (Bing) of Vancouver, Clare (Carol) of Ohio, Ivan (June) of Stittsville, Marion Halliwell (Bill) of Calgary and Jack (Christie) of Ottawa. He will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Milton and Verna (Baker) Warner, brother Norman and sister Eleanor. Friends visited at the West Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 150 Woodroffe Ave. (at Richmond Rd.) Ottawa. Service in the chapel on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Interment of ashes at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in the spring. For those wishing donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. 53-1c.

Salon Funéraire
Hillcrest Funeral Home

CORMACK, Kenneth R. (Kenny) Peacefully on Christmas morning Wednesday, December 25, 1996 at the Hawkesbury General Hospital, Kenny Cormack in his 61st year. Beloved husband of Marion. Loving father of Kimberley (Pierre) Heidi (Rene) and Chuck (Kelly). Fond grandfather of 7 grandchildren. Dear brother of Danny, Peter and Joy. Friends called at the Hillcrest Funeral Home, 151 Bond Street, Vankleek Hill on Friday, December 27, 1996 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Funeral Service was held on Friday, December 27, 1996 at 3 p.m. at the funeral home, followed by interment at McLaughlin Cemetery, Vankleek Hill. In memoriam, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. 53-1c.

TRULL FUNERAL HOME
"North Toronto Chapel"

GELINEAU, Lucy (nee MacDonald) Peacefully at her home in Toronto on Friday, December 20th, 1996 in her 100th year. Dearly beloved wife of the late Peter Gelineau M.C. (1957). Dear mother of Jack (Terry Fleming) and the late Anne Sharkey (1989). Loving grandmother of Cathy, Peter, David and Robert Gelineau, Paul (Lisa Zuber) Michael (Susana Roibas), Anne Marie (Edward Shorter), Sheila (Fernando Roibas), Patrick (Rita Klewer) and John Sharkey and great-grandmother of Jessica, Laura, Alixa, Stephania, Phillip, Patrick, Joseph, Michael, Edward, Rebecca, Alexander and Daniel. Mass of Christian Burial was held at ST. PETER'S CHURCH (Bathurst, north of Bloor) on Monday at 10:30 a.m. followed by cremation. Arrangements under the direction of Trull Funeral Home, "North Toronto Chapel" (416) 488-1101. If desired, in memoriam donations may be made to the Sunnybrook Health Science Center, "George Hees Wing", 2075 Bayview Avenue, North York M4N 3M5. 53-1c

Deaths

MUNRO & MORRIS
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ALEXANDRIA
LAVIGNE, Edgar - Suddenly at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital, Alexandria on Tuesday, December 24th, 1996. Age 49 years. Edgar Lavigne of Alexandria, beloved husband of Denise Lalonde. Dear son of Irene Couture and the late Ernest Lavigne. Dear father of Stephane of Alexandria and Joel of Merrickville. Dear brother of Anita (Claude Lajoie) of Alexandria, Maurice (Colette) of Montreal, Florence (Marcel Hurtubise) of Alexandria, Helene (Isidore Davidson) of Lochiel, Robert (Jocelyne) of Glen Robertson and Estelle Lavigne of Alexandria. Will be sadly missed by several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by one brother Daniel.
Relatives and friends called at Munro & Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street South, Alexandria on Friday and Saturday. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Eglise Sacre-Coeur Alexandria on Saturday, December 28, 1996 at 11 a.m., followed by cremation. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Osteogenesis Imperfecta Society, c/o Hospital for Sick Children, Division of Clinical Genetics, 555 University Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5G 1X8 - 416-813-5338. 53-1c.

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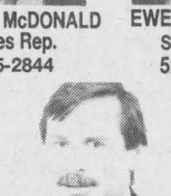

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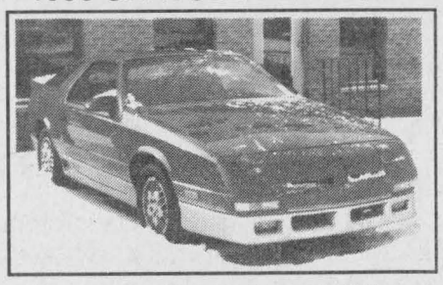

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Eileen Scott was in Pembroke with her daughter Joyce Montaigne and family while Catherine McEwen was in Ottawa with her MacEwen relatives.

Julie and Danny Leroy from Guelph have been at the Wiliams' home here and the Leroy home near St. Eugene.

Ethel MacKinnon has been enjoying the company of her daughter-in-law, Rollande MacKinnon from Toronto.

We had the Fishers with us for Christmas while the McKibbins and Blairs came a bit later for their visit.

Ross and Dorothea Conners had their daughters home: Cathy from Toronto and Terry from Waterloo.

Evelyn McColl had the McColls from Metcalfe and the Roys from Peterborough home with her.

Other University and college students are home too: Amy MacEwen from St. Xavier University was with Robert and Maureen; Heather Johns from McMaster and her brother Brian from Waterloo were visiting Sharon and Ken; Laura Jaggassar was home from Waterloo University to see Diana and Dr. Theo; and Peter Jack from St. Lawrence College, Kingston and his brother, Charlie from Kemptville College were home with Linda and Peter.

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This correspondent does not usually watch daytime television, but one morning seemed a bit slow so the television was turned on for some exploration viewing. However, as soon as the picture came on, there were Fred and Bonnie Cappuccino with some of their family.

They, with a grandchild on Fred's knee, and five sons, were being interviewed on the Dini Petty show. The boys have grown up but I did recognize Michael and Tran.

The interview centered around the Child Haven homes in India but the boys had opportunities to express themselves and to outline some of their aspirations.

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The Glengarry School of Piping and Drumming will present a recital by Andrew Bonar, who is a member of the World Champion Grade I Pipe Band, Simon Fraser University of Vancouver, B.C.

It will be held on Saturday evening, Jan. 18 at the Maxville Sports Complex at 8 p.m. Additional details will be printed later.

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At the party at the Manor on Dec. 22 to celebrate Lillian McEwen Weedmark's 95th birthday, many friends, relatives and Manor residents called to offer congratulations and best wishes to this lovely lady.

Relatives there included her nephew, David McEwen from Harrowsmith and his sister, Grace Hough, from Morrisburg. Ina and Manford Colbran from Ottawa were also there.

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Last year, Rita and Niels Nielson did not want any publicity on the fact that they served a Christmas dinner to street youth in Ottawa.

This year, the Nielson's received well-deserved thanks through the *Ottawa Citizen* and TV for their second Christmas dinner served to these young people.

We extend our thanks to these well-known area caterers for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

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Dorothea and Ross Conners became very excited first time grandparents on Boxing Day.

The parents are Charlene and David Conners of London, the baby is a girl and her name is Ilish (Gaelic for Elizabeth) Noelle.

Best wishes go out to the new parents as well as to the grandparents as they assume their new role.

The new mother is the former Charlene Rose from west of Winchester and a member of that well-known dairy cattle family.

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One evening before Christmas, Tim Hortons, of Cornwall supplied a bus to take Manor residents out for a drive through Cornwall and the area to view the abundance of outdoor Christmas decorations.

With a stop for refreshments, the outing took well over two hours.

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The 10-year reunion of Tagwi High School graduates on the 21st was considered a success by the organizers and those graduates and friends who attended.

While the attendance was a bit lower than expected, the funds left over after the expenses were given to Child Haven.

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The Lions Club calendar draw for the week of Dec. 23 included a large prize for the winner on Dec. 25.

Caitline Cartier of Apple Hill became $100 richer when her name was drawn. The $20 winners were Margo Royer, Glen Walter, Daniel McCourt, Moose Creek, Diane Paquette and Celine Verville, Cornwall.

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Michael Marion has had to leave his home in Maxville to live with a couple in Alexandria because of his deteriorating condition.

Mike has sent a note by way of a friend to thank all his friends at the Manor where he worked and his other friends in the village for their kindness and support to him.

Mike has invited his friends to visit him in Alexandria and remains hopeful that he may get back to Maxville some day.

The lower temperatures and snow last Thursday night are resulting in more birds at the feeders.

A small flock of starlings enjoyed a fat mixture in one of the feeders and when it had disappeared, the birds attacked the suet in another feeder.

If it wasn't for the woodpeckers, both downy and hairy, I would be tempted to stop encouraging the starlings to come around. However, I guess we should be generous to all birds during the winter months.

Several flocks of snow buntings (snow birds) have been observed in the country. We seldom see these birds up close but they are very attractive, white with light brown and black markings.

Consider your bird feeding station when you take down your Christmas tree. If you can tie it up or anchor it in the snow. it will help attract more birds to your feeders.

A regular reader reported catching a groggy frog on Dec. 18. The catch is certainly a good indicator of our mild December.

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Seventy years ago, Donald A. MaKercher was awarded a scholarship at McGill University. He was the son of Dan and the former Jennie MacLean.

Mr. MacKercher operated a butter shop on Elgin Street north of Catherine, and the home was on Catherine Street, now that of Brian and Muriel Richer and family. Son Donald graduated as a medical doctor and practiced in Cobden.

His two sisters would be remembered here by some Kathleen married John MacRae of Stewarts' Glen and Mabel married James Ross of the bakery family.

Fifty years ago, Mary MacMaster graduated as a nurse. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan G. MacMaster whose farm was the first one west of the Manor. May is married to Bill MacKillican from here and they live in Alaska.

Carolling stroll brings out Dunveganites

Dunvegan

by Peggi Calder
527-5293



Dunvegan Recreation's second annual Christmas carolling saw about two dozen residents strolling through the village on Dec. 20th, pausing under each of the street lamps to sing a different Christmas song.

In stark contrast to last year, when the children were playing in the snow drifts, it was rather cold with just a dusting of the white magic.

Everyone warmed up at the hall afterwards with mulled cider, hot chocolate and samplings of home-made baking.

Santa took time out of his busy schedule to hand out candy to the children and do some last minute list-checking!

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Sadly, Jim Morrison of Vankleek Hill passed away Dec. 22.

He had been ill for several years and had been in the Vet's Hospital in Ste Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, for only a short while.

When I succeeded him as president of the Vankleek Hill Nature Society, I was glad to have his cheerful encouragement and support.

Jim and his wife Jean have also been very active supporters of the Glengarry Historical Society.

Our thoughts and wishes go out to Jean and to their family at this time.

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The Christmas candlelight service at Kenyon Presbyterian Church was a joyful, beautiful service particularly as the twinkle of lit tapers shimmered throught the church during the singing of 'Silent Night, Holy Night.'

The next service will be at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 5.

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Seven teams of Vankleek Hill Nature Society birders headed out early on the morning of Dec. 29 for the annual Audubon Christmas count.

During the lunch tally, best sightings recorded were northern shrikes, horned larks, a couple of cardinals, a flock of snow birds, a sharp-shinned hawk, and a kestrel.

The fog and rain were detrimental to high counts and most teams had recorded about 14 different species.

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Bill's cousin Jimmy is now teaching English at a new college in Arusha, Tanzania. Hoping to share a little of that back-home Christmas spirit, we sent him a rather high tech Christmas card that played several popular Christmas songs and also lit up with a large flashing 'Merry Christmas' when it was opened.

In his return letter that arrived just before Christmas, Jimmy writes:

'Thanks for the lovely Christmas card! Christmas cards are an unknown quantity here - so, as you may imagine, one that plays music and has flashing lights created quite a sensation! Some of my students were amazed and dazzled!

It's proudly displayed on a table in my office and several have brought friends in to see it!'

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Happy New Year to you all and see you in '97.

Chamber's contest winners will be announced early in February

(Continued from page 11)

the Jolly 50's and at Williamstown Public School.

I just happened to be at Ecole St. Joseph when Santa took time from his busy schedule to visit the children.

My little friends, Simon, Callum, and Katherine, along with all of the children form Kindergarten to Grades 3 had a chance to visit with Santa and also received a treat. In the spirit of Christmas, principal Alain Dumont was wearing a Santa tie, one of the four ties he has for the season... and I think that he had a good visit with Santa before his return to the North Pole.

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As much as I love cats I know I am in trouble when I find some lovely pieces of fur from a coat... now removed from the coat, and lying on the living room floor.

Mariah must have thought she caught the furriest mouse ever, and, fortunately, was interrupted before extensive damage was done.

Charmaine's sister-in-law, Linda, was ever so nice about this. Me? I was in a state of shock for a while and will never leave fur items lying about as a target for my Siamese... ever... again!

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This is a wonderful time of year... a good time to be generous and to realize our blessings. May this Christmas Season be all that you want it to be.. and may 1997 be the best one yet!

Have a super week!

Construction drops in Kenyon

The value of construction in Kenyon township dropped 20 per cent in 1996 over 1995, township Planning Development Officer Ken Robbers reported at council's meeting on Dec. 18.

There was $2,541,000 worth of building in the township in 1996, down from$3,193,000 the year before.

Ninety-five new permits were issued, compared to 115, while 13 new residences were completed in 1996, down from 23 in 1995. Non-residential construction was up about 14 per cent.

Robbers noted that housing starts in 1996 kept pace with 1995 rates until September, when they fell off sharply. The high cost of construction materials was one explanation, he suggested.

There were 38 applications for severance brought before council in 1996, almost unchanged from 37 in 1995.

At the same time, Robbers, who also acts as Kenyon's drainage superintendent, said that he was continuing with a comprehensive inspection of the township's 54 municipal drains.

He said that of the 15 drains he had inspected so far, almost all needed attention due to silting up, beaver dams or other obstructions.

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This is an open meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend. 53-2c

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF CHARLOTTENBURGH
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C.A. Charbonneau, (Mrs.) A.M.C.T.(A) Clerk-Treas. 52-2c

This is the second of three ads that will be placed calling for trappers to register under the terms of the Kenyon Beaver Management Bylaw. Applications received before January 1997 will be included in the 1996-97 Trappers' Registry
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Christmas service bursting with festive music

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by Lorna Chapman
874-2408



Christmas Eve services in Glen Sandfield United Church was much enjoyed by the congregation as well as by the numerous visitors from away who were here for the holidays.

It was exciting to hear all of the voices exuberantly singing the familiar carols. Rev. Allister Rose conducted the service. The choir sang The Holly, accapella, and Still, Still, Still, a lovely Austrian carol, accompanied by Fiona Fraser on her auto harp. She also sang her own composition, Sing Halleluia and Let Us To The Infant Kneel.

The readers from the congregation were Christina MacLachlan, Keith MacMillan, Margo MacRae, Jim Finlayson and Della MacDonald.

It was wonderful to participate in this special, meaningful service of praise and thanksgiving for God's gift of His Son.

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This reporter accompanied Monique and Sam McCracken and his mother, Mrs. Alice Fletcher, to Hawkesbury on Dec. 1, to see a charming outdoor pageant presentation of the nativity.

The cast was made up of the young people form the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. The scene began with Mary riding up on a real live donkey, and going to seat herself on a straw bale next to Joseph. Nearby was a sheep pen which also held live animals.

The narrative was given over a speaker, with a choir singing carols in the background. Carols were used to introduce the shepherds and three kings, there was no spoken dialogue.

It was short, about 30 minutes, and the cast hastily prepared to recommence the pageant again in French.

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Doris Spencer passed the holidays in Montreal with her sons Michael and Freddy Mutz.

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Christmas day visitors with Lorna Chapman were Bonnie Chapman from Brossard, Nancy and Michel Sabourin from Alexandria; Honey Chapman and J. V. Giomi from l'Acadie; Christianne Bolduc and Cassandra and Laurent Le Blanc, all from St. Jean, Que.; Danielle Fauvelle from Montreal, Wendy and Dianne Chapman, Tom and Stefanie McCarg all of Cornwall.

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The word is out! There will have to be another issue of the Glengarry Gaelic Choir tape because they are going so very quickly.

The choir members expected that only people interested in the Gaelic language, or friends of the choir, might want one. Not so however! Resquests for the tape are coming in from all over. For information please contact Anne McKenna at 874-2861.

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Holiday guests with Bessie MacLennan were Marilyn, Leslie, Kristin, Eric Lawlor from Harrowsmith and Edith MacMillan from Alexandria.

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Clifford and Della MacDonald spent Christmas visiting with her sister Hilda Hay at Maxville Manor.

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Visitors over the Christmas holidays with Isabel and Lloyd MacLennan were Gwen, Gary and Monica Vanek from Ottawa, along with Janice, Irwin, Shayne and Brittany MacLennan from Maxville.

Joining them for Christmas dinner were Linda, Doug and Eric MacNaughton, Jennifer MacNaughton and Patrick Menard all of Dalkeith, and Rita and Grant MacLennan of Glen Robertson.

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Elida, Murray, Haley and Cheri MacLachlan came from Ottawa to spend the Christmas holiday with Ron and Christina MacLachlan.

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The MacLachlans held an open house on Christmas Eve, after the church service, for the family and their friends and neighbors. Among the visitors were Eleanor and Janet Bickerstaff, Margo, Arnold, Keith and Marnie MacRae, Isabel and Lloyd MacLennan, Gwen, Gary and Monica Vanek and Lorna Chapman.

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On Christmas Eve, Nancy and Michel Sabourin, of Alexandria, were the hosts for a dinner with Bonnie Chapman of Brossard, Lorna and Jamie Chapman from Glen Sandfield, Rebecca Williamson from Maxville and Carl Sabourin and Joanne Miller from Les Cedres, Que.

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Jean and Frank Brodie hosted a Christmas dinner for about 35 friends and relatives. Among them were Hazel, Jack, Shanon, Erin and Caleb Jamieson, Marion and Rodrick Fraser, and Molly Brodie all from Brodie Road. Also there were Elaine, Ron, Andy and Paul Smart from Oakville and Betty and Leslie MacNaughton of Dalkeith.

On Boxing Day Frank and Jean Brodie took Elaine and Ron Smart to St. Sauveur to do some shopping and have lunch afterward.

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Lesley Clark from Dunvegan, his son Doug from Hawkesbury, and Diane Goode from Hawkesbury enjoyed Christmas day with Eleanor and Janet Bickerstaff.

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Mrs. Alice Fletcher returned to her home in Raymond, Alta. on Dec. 27 after several weeks with Monique and, her son, Sam McCracken. Monique's sister Elisabeth Boyer form Prescott, Arizona has been visiting them since September, with a two-week break for her trip to Paris, France in November.

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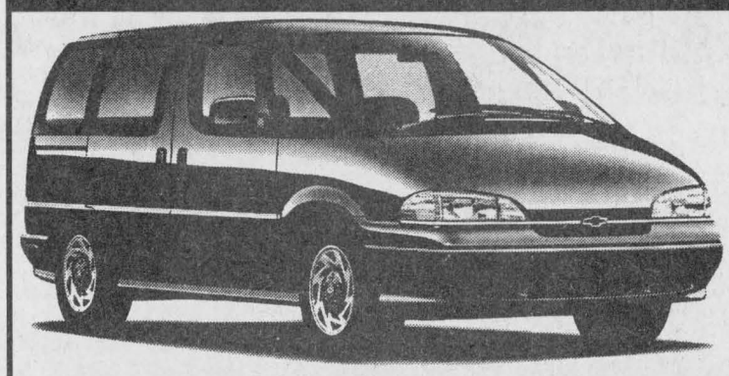
Bonnie Chapman left for her home in Brossard on Dec. 30 after five days with her mother.

FAMILY VANS



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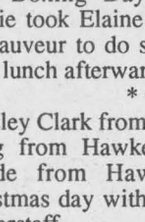

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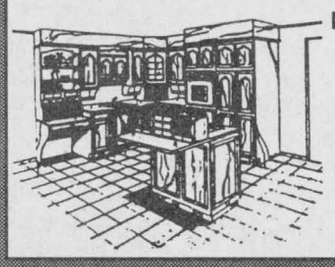

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Looking back at St. Raphael's

St. Raphael's
by Serge Dreimanis
347-2353



Today is the eve of the first day of the new year. As your correspondent since April 17, 1996, I would like to, first of all, wish everyone a happy and healthy 1997.

Thank you also to all of you for your help in making this column possible. I am sure that your support will continue in the new year.

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Looking over the weekly columns of the year past, the following events may be classified as "important" in the life of our community:

April 20: The Sturkenbom family reunion brought together 70 descendants from near and far for a celebration of this hard working and successful family.

On April 16, our youngest daughter, Anne Elizabeth Thevenot (Dreimanis) gave birth to her second child, Odette Mary Elizabeth in Thompson, Man.

On May 18, friends and parishioners of St. Raphael's and Glen Nevis celebrated 45 years of devoted service by their priest, Monsignor D. B. McDougald.

On June 8, the annual "Feis Glengarry", sponsored by the Glengarry Highland Society and the Glengarry Gaelic Choir, took place at Laggan school.

June 23 will be remembered as the date when the preservation and stabilization work by Keith Kennedy and his crew of expert stone masons began on our beloved church ruins.

On Aug. 2, there was a golf tournament at the Alexandria Golf Club to raise funds for the on-going work on the St. Raphael's historic church ruins.

July 8 was the date of the annual St. Raphael's Galarama, the "best ever" with good weather, good crowds, good entertainment and good revenue to the parish.

Aug. 14: Do your remember the colorful balloons sailing slowly over the countryside and some of them landing on local farmers' fields without harming either the crew members or curious onlookers?

Aug. 16, 17 and 18: The long awaited and well organized Iona Reunion brought together graduates from near and far and the re-opening of the gates leading to the interior of the church ruins, where 400 parishioners and Ionians gathered for a solemn mass on a beautiful sunny day.

On Oct. 24, the Iona Alumni donated a generous gift of $7,000 to Friends of the Ruins St. Raphael's Inc.

In October, the Historic Sites' and Monuments' Board of Canada declared St. Raphael's Church Ruins to be of National Historic Significance. This will be commemorated by the installation of a special plaque.

On Nov. 30 a curling bonspiel was held at the Alexandria Curling Club from which the proceeds of $1,000 were donated to Friends of the Ruins St. Raphael's Inc.

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The first meeting in the new year of the Brown House Circle will take place in the parish hall on Wednesday, Jan. 8. A business meeting at 11:15 a.m. will be followed by lunch, dessert and coffee or tea. All members as well as guest are welcome.

School children entertain at nursing home

Dalkeith
by Jean MacLennan
874-2385



A gingerbread house was raffled off by the student council of Laggan Public School on Friday, Dec. 20. The lucky winner was Helen Libasci from the Grade 6 class.

Bonnie MacLeod took her Grade 4 class to the Community Nursing Home in Alexandria on Thursday, Dec. 19. They entertained the folks there with Christmas songs and they performed the routine they had done for the Christmas concert. Following their visit to the nursing home, the students spent an hour skating at the arena.

The Laggan parent council will be meeting at the school on the evening of Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. All members of the school community are welcome to attend.

Items to be added to the agenda should be phoned in to Mary Ellen Courtright at 525-4082 prior to the evening of the meeting.

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The Christmas euchre at Laggan on Dec. 19 had a lot of extra prizes.

Card winners were: Ladies first, Estelle Brazeau; ladies second, Isabel MacLennan; gents first Alex Tittley; gents second, Fern Carriere.

The door prizes went to Gerald McGillis, Alex Tittley, Melvina Leduc, Doris MacMaster, Murielle Poulin, Arthur Lavigne, Lucien Theoret, Everett Nixon, Viola Hope, Clara MacLeod, Margaret McCormick and Francoise Dubeau.

The 50/50 winners were Murielle Poulin, Gladys Barton, Clara MacLeod, Alex Tittley, Doris MacMaster and Hormidas St. John.

The convenors were Donna McMillan, Ann Marie MacMillan, Doreen Abrames, Darlene Shepherd and Franziska Vander Byl.

The next games will be Jan. 16.

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The first bingo for 1997 for Dalkeith Optimist Club will be on Saturday, Jan. 4 in the Optimist hall in Dalkeith.

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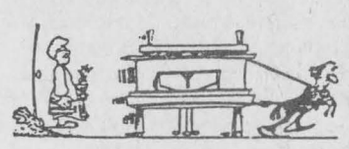

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