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GLENGARRY IN BRIEF

Office closed

The Glengarry News takes this opportunity to remind readers that our office will be closed until Monday, Jan. 5.

Deadlines will return to their normal hours on that day and we will be publishing on our usual Wednesday (Jan. 7).

The News hopes everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wish all the best for the new year.

Report for work

Employees of the four former municipalities that now make up North Glengarry - Kenyon and Lochiel Townships, the Village of Maxville and Town of Alexandria - are to report to their normal work locations in the new year.

During their meeting of Dec. 18, council-elect agreed that employees should continue to report to their normal work locations until the new council indicates otherwise.

Reeve-elect Grant Crack said this would give the former municipalities time to wrap up business as well as give the new council time to get the municipality up and running.

Meeting tonight

North Glengarry council-elect will meet one last time in 1997 - tonight (Dec. 29).

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Alexandria Town Hall with the main topic expected to be insurance coverage for the new municipality.

Two bids were received, and opened, when council met Dec. 18. Results of an analysis of those offers are expected to made public.



Dancing for joy

Santa Claus could have been doing a happy dance to celebrate the completion of his rounds Dec. 24 but, instead, he was taking part in a dance presentation by students of South Lancaster's Sandy's Dance School. The Jolly Old Man is seen here learning a few steps from the Cowboy Joes.

Police costs skyrocket for new townships

By Greg Peerenboom
News Reporter

North and South Glengarry councils must ask Mike Harris for more money or face the wrath of local residents.

Glengarry's two new municipalities might have to pay an additional $718,560 or an extra 30 per cent for police services in 1998.

On Dec. 12, North and South representatives were told they would receive $262,000 and $747,000 respectively for policing from the province's Community Re-investment Fund.

However, the funding falls far short of expected costs. The province estimates billing for policing would cost about $1.727 million, not including Alexandria.

United Counties of SDG clerk-treasurer Raymond Lapointe asked Ministry of Municipal Affairs officials and learned more.

The ministry did not include that municipalities would be billed a province-wide average of $90 per person on top of the community re-investment funding.

". . . this increased cost will not be eligible for any off-setting revenue from the province and it will have to be absorbed by the property tax base," Lapointe stated in a memorandum to county council members.

As of Jan. 1, policing costs will be transferred from the province to municipalities.

However, South Glengarry reeve-elect and county councillor Charles Sangster said the provincial transfer of costs and services was not intended to force municipalities to raise property taxes.

Sangster said there is other provincial funding available to compensate for increased policing expenses.

"It wouldn't make sense for it not to be revenue-neutral," he said.

Premier Mike Harris promised in the 1995 election to reduce provincial income tax rates by 30 per cent.

Over the past year, the province has repeatedly said the transfer would not create an extra financial burden on municipalities and, subsequently, property taxpayers.

South Glengarry administrator Marcel Lapierre wasn't as optimistic.

He said the South has already been allocated $143,000 by the province from a $75-million special transition fund.

Lapierre said the South must lobby hard to offset the $459,000 in extra policing costs.

"We must bring to their attention that this (extra) $459,000 definitely doesn't make it revenue neutral," he said.

Furthermore, Lapierre said special transition assistance funding is currently available for only 1998 and 1999.

Based on what they received in special transition funding, South and North Glengarry could gain an additional $242,000 and $236,000 respectively from two other provincial funding programs.

However, a spokesperson with the ministry responsible for policing said these funding programs might be inaccessible.

"Those two funds have nothing to do with policing," said Ken Tufts, director of communications with the Ministry of Solicitor General and Correctional Affairs.

The programs include $77 million to help some municipalities, with unique circumstances, including small, rural and northern communities.

A further $50 million is available for municipalities which have amalgamated, such as North and South Glengarry, or restructured to save money, and will be utilized for specific initiatives.

North Glengarry, not including Alexandria, will be billed $521,560 or $73 per person.

The Town of Alexandria is already responsible for policing. It's budget for 1996 was $656,000 or $182 per person based on a population of 3,600.

According to earlier documentation, Ontario Provincial Police services in 1996 would have cost the municipalities of Kenyon, Lochiel and Maxville an estimated $750,747.

The province expects South Glengarry to pay about $1.2 million or $99 per person.

Preliminary water plan released

By John Nelson
News Editor

A preliminary plan for dealing with water-shortage emergencies has been unveiled by the Garry River Watershed Report Card Project Steering Committee.

Under the plan, water levels in Loch Garry, Middle Lake and Lake Alexandria - the three sources of water for the Town Alexandria - would be monitored by the Raisin Region Conservation Authority with warnings and advisories issued when necessary.

Much of the committee's work came about as a result of conditions last summer where, due to a lack of rain, reserve levels ran low, particularly in Loch Garry which relies on precipitation and spring run-off to keep levels high.

"We were below in some cases," said Roger Houde, Raisin Region Conservation Authority general manager.

Houde was referring to water levels contained in the report, where advisories would be issued.

He added that restrictions were implemented last summer but the idea behind the plan was to implement a formal system. Alexandria takes 75 per cent of its water supply from Loch Garry.

Houde said levels were normally high in the spring when the loch is full of snowmelt.

"Unfortunately, we can't hold any of that water back," said Houde, who explained the system must be flushed regularly, in keeping with provincial regulations.

An advisory would be issued if the water supply was nearing dangerously low levels. Residents would be encouraged to implement a number of water-saving measures, inlcuding shorter showers, wash only full loads of laundry and not water lawns or gardens unless absolutely necessary.

The report adds that many of the conservation measures can be adopted and used year round.

In the case of a warning, water levels would be at or below the minimum safe level and emergency conservation measures would have to be implemented.

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North Council picks town office for temporary headquarters

By John Nelson
News Editor

North Glengarry's Township office will be at the former Town of Alexandria building on Main Street -- at least temporarily.

Council-elect for the new township met Dec. 18 and decided on the location, with a couple of stipulations.

Council has given itself until March 31, 1998 to decide on a final location. The offices will be located on Main Street, Alexandria until then but councillors also agreed that no renovations would be undertaken.

Deputy reeve-elect Kent MacSweyn briefed council on the results of a comparison between the Main Street location and the Glengarry Sports Palace.

McSweyn said that working all costs - including renovations, loss of rent and maintenance cost - the sports palace would cost about $24,700 for the first year while the municipal offices would set North Glengarry back about $26,900.

The deputy reeve cautioned, however, that costs indicated for renovations weren't based on estimates from contractors but that the committee used their own judgment.

In addition to cost, the committee examined, accessibility, parking, work space and storage capabilities and location.

MacSweyn seemed to lean toward the Sports Palace location, pointing out that the facility had a number of advantages.

An office there would be a neutral location for the staffs of the four previous municipalities, it has meeting facilities, lots of parking, could house all services on one floor and offer room to expand.

Advantages at the Main Street location were location itself - downtown and on a main route.

MacSweyn, however, was concerned about a loss of rent paid to the public utilities commission if the township was to take over the whole building.

But Councillor-at-Large Gilles Paradis disagreed.

"Nobody loses rent in this situation," he said and explained that the PUC would simply be receiving rent from a different source (Township of North Glengarry).

Moving into the Sports Palace would require a new location for the library and reeve-elect Grant Crack indicated the library was not enthusiastic about moving.

The township would have to negotiate with the Sports Palace board to take over the library space and find a new location for the library.

Coun. Gary Shepherd told his colleagues that a location had to be selected quickly.

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Char-Lan students in fight against impaired driving

Students at Char-Lan District High School are hoping their efforts will lead to fewer drunk drivers on the roads.

On Dec. 18, Kirstie McLean, president of the school's Ontario Students Against Drunk Drivers chapter, presented a cheque for $105 to Operation Lookout.

Operation Lookout is an initiative where anyone who spots an impaired driver is asked to call in the incident.

Gerry Fralic, vice-president of Operation Lookout said anyone who sees such a driver should call 1-888-310-1122 with the location and description of the vehicle, license plate number and description of the driver, if possible.

Individuals can also call "* (star) OPP" on their cellular phones.

The donation itself was collected as part of a fund raiser held by OSAID students.

The students sold special-order candles - more than 500 in all - to classmates, teachers and parents.

"We got a profit off it and we decided to donate it," said McLean.

She added that the main goal of OSAID was to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving - both within the school and without.

When asked if awareness had increased at the school, McLean said it had.

"I think there is (more awareness) now," she said. "We're getting the school to notice us, finally."

McLean added that the Christmas season was an especially important to time to remind people about the dangers of drinking and driving.

The donation should help increase awareness of Operation Lookout as well.

Fralic said the donation would be used to help offset the costs of producing new information pamphlets for public distribution.

Operation Lookout has been up and running for several years. Fralic has been a member for four years.

She said the initiative was helping decrease the carnage on local roadways.

"Maybe there's a few less impaired drivers on the road," she said.

Fralic herself has a personal interest in getting drunk drivers off the road. Ten years ago, at around Christmas time, she lost a teenage niece who was a victim in a drinking and driving accident.

When asked if she had any advice for the public during this holiday season, she replied "Drive safely. Don't drink and drive."



Kirstie McLean, president of the Char-Lan chapter of OSAID, presents a $105 cheque to Gerry Fralic, vice-president of Operation Lookout. Funds will be used to publicize the program.

Garry River watershed plan made public

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Residents would be urged to not leave water running for any reason, not wash vehicles, bathe or shower as little as necessary and purchase bottled water for drinking and food preparation purposes.

Houde said Middle Lake and Lake Alexandria were in good shape right now but Loch Garry was still low.

He was optimistic the level would rise in the spring.

"If we have a normal winter, then we should be able to get that level back up," said Houde.

Luc Poirier, of the Alexandria Public Utilities Commission, said water use had decreased in town as a result of new water rates and conservation efforts.

He said the town has decreased its consumption from 1.2 million gallons a day to about 830,000.

Mayor Grant Crack agreed with that assessment. At a town council meeting Dec. 15, he said the majority of town water users had cut back.

"Everybody's doing their part," he said.

Several solutions to avoid water shortages in the future were discussed. Included were dredging to deepen the Loch, adding another local water source, constructing a pipeline from the St. Lawrence River and developing new methods to store water.

Nothing was decided as the dozen or so individuals gathered were told that all suggestions were in the very preliminary stage.

"We'd sure like to get some input," said Houde.

Meanwhile, Alexandria's Fern Seguin reminded everyone not to underestimate the importance of water.

"If we're talking water, we're talking about our survival here," he said.

The preliminary report also provided figures as to the cost of trucking in water during future emergencies.

Based on an average daily use of 636.44 litres per person, the total cost would be $9,100 per day.

As for the quality of the local water supply, Shawn McCallion, an RRCA environmental technician, has been monitoring water for seven months at nine area sites.

Depending on the area, readings varied greatly.

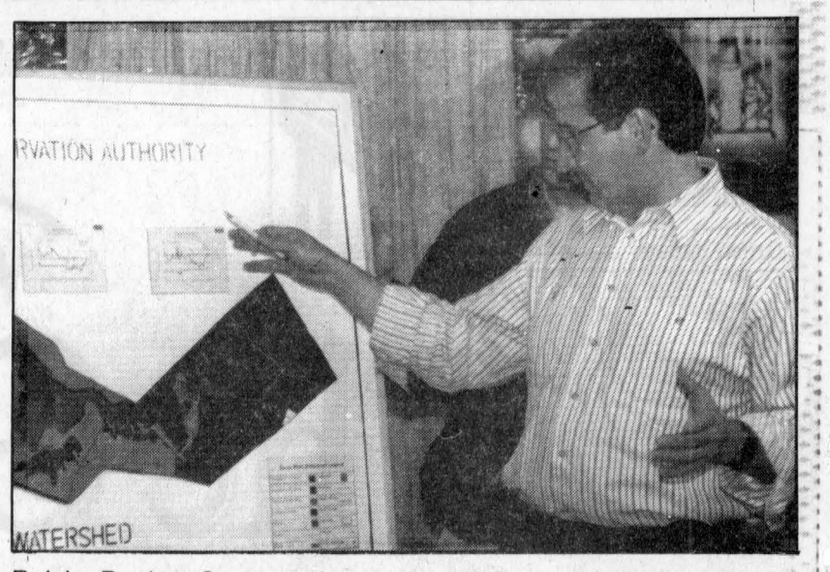
For example, phosphorus levels above provincial standards at the test site across the bay from the Girl Guide camp on Loch Garry.

Phosphorus is the chemical that leads to increased weed growth and is found in most commerically sold fertilizers.

In other areas, cadmium levels were above provincial standards.

McCallion was at a loss to explain the numbers and pointed out there was no local source for cadmium. But, he said he would continue to take additional samples in an effort to determine the cause.

McCallion said the high E-coli levels were not new but remained a cause for concern.



Raisin Region Conservation Authority General Manager Roger Houde goes over some of the fine points on a relief map of the local watershed during a meeting Dec. 17.

Staff Photo -- John Nelson

Risk of ballet injury on par with sports

By Heather MacLeod

Ballet is often considered a performing art but the athleticism of dancers is in need of attention and recognition. All dedicated ballet dancers are at an increasing risk for serious lower leg and foot injury, due to improperly rehabilitated injuries and the overuse of previous injuries. This increased number of incidents is also related to the intense training schedules and environmental factors common to serious dance careers.

Lower leg injuries account for 65 to 80 per cent of all injuries in ballet, the most common being an acute inversion ankle sprain. This injury may be the result of poor landings, muscle fatigue, poor quality dance surfaces, lack of strength and flexibility and the unavoidable non-supportive footwear.

Required positions demand great strength, control and flexibility. Compensation in any of these areas will predispose the dancer to ankle inversion sprains. Repeated use and overuse of specific ankle muscles leads to fatigue and decreased stability of the joint, which can also increase the risk of a sprain.

Intense stress and physical demands placed on the body at a young age which continue through to young adulthood, many predispose the athlete to injury. The risk of damaging the lower leg not only applies to ballet but can easily be transferred to other sports. Participants of Highland dancing, gymnastics, figure skating and other highly demanding activities expose themselves to similar avoidable and unavoidable circumstances.

Most injured athletes report previous damage to the same area. Is this partly due to the lack of successful diagnosis and physical rehabilitation? Though there is little statistical information, inadequate diagnosis and rehabilitation is most often the reason for reoccurring injuries. Once the anatomical areas of involvement and their vulnerabilities to the problem are understood, the physical therapist can begin to formulate a logical approach to the assessment, treatment and prevention of ballet injuries. Rarely can one particular factor account for the complex clinical characteristics for a specific injury.

There is an insufficient understanding of the stresses and demands endured by ballet dancers. Although recently there has been an increased appreciation from physical therapists, more information must be compiled to assist the therapists help the afflicted dancers. More precise diagnoses and rehabilitating treatments that take into the complexity of such a vigorously athletic activity is needed. Upon determining the problem, more specific treatment must be found and provided to successfully heal the injury and, in turn, lower the rate of further predisposed injury. More scientific study is needed to recognize the effects of strength, flexibility and previous injury in determining the vulnerability of ballet dancers becoming prone to physical constraints. In order for this to occur, ballet must be more readily acknowledged as a serious physical activity, not simply a performing art.

Heather MacLeod is a Maxville native currently studying human kinetics at the University of Ottawa.

Alexandria office temporary North home

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Paradis agreed and said that ruled the Sports Palace out.

He said the library couldn't be expected to find a new location and move out that quickly.

"I think we'll have to operate out of an existing office," he said.

Shepherd added that the township office was an important part of downtown and important to economic stability.

Moving the township office would be "another blow to the merchants."

But Shepherd agreed the current office might not suit the township.

He urged other downtown locations to be investigated.

Crack had misgivings about moving the office from the downtown core as well.

"I would be concerned about moving the municipal office into the industrial park," he said and that many residents found the library to be too far out of the way.

He said council could expect a similar reaction if the municipal building was moved there.

But Coun. Bill Franklin scoffed at that notion.

"It boggles my little mind to think that it's too far to the library," he said.

Maxville Coun. Johanne Wensink agreed the township should go slow in deciding on a new building. She said more precise costings were essential before any decision could be made.

Council agreed to call the Main Street, Alexandria location home until March 31, 1998 - the council-imposed deadline for making a final decision.

During that time, no renovations are to be made and other options will be pursued.

Clarifications

Editor's note: In the Dec. 16 issue of The Glengarry News, the final paragraph of Grant Campbell's letter (Modern church in need of leadership) was transcribed incorrectly. The following is the Mr. Campbell's clarification.

(In the Dec. 16 issue) I wrote a religious diatribe whose last paragraph was incoherent, likely due to my illegible handwriting. It should have read as follows:

"If the Christmas story has lost its impact, a light will have gone out which has illuminated our lives, shone through the art and literature of a long civilization, and served to hold at bay, if only fitfully and inadequately, the wild appetites to gorge and dominate which afflict all our hearts."

In the same issue, we missed an award winner from the Glengarry Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

Robert Massie won the Glen Slater Memorial Award for excellence in soybean production.

The *News* apologizes for the omission.

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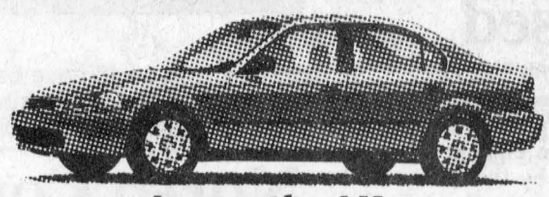

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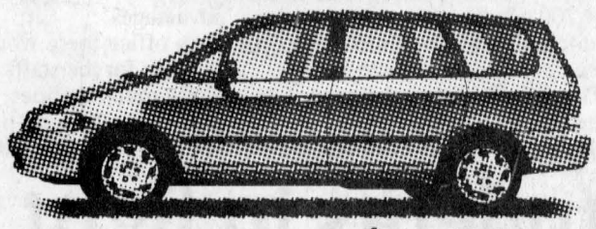

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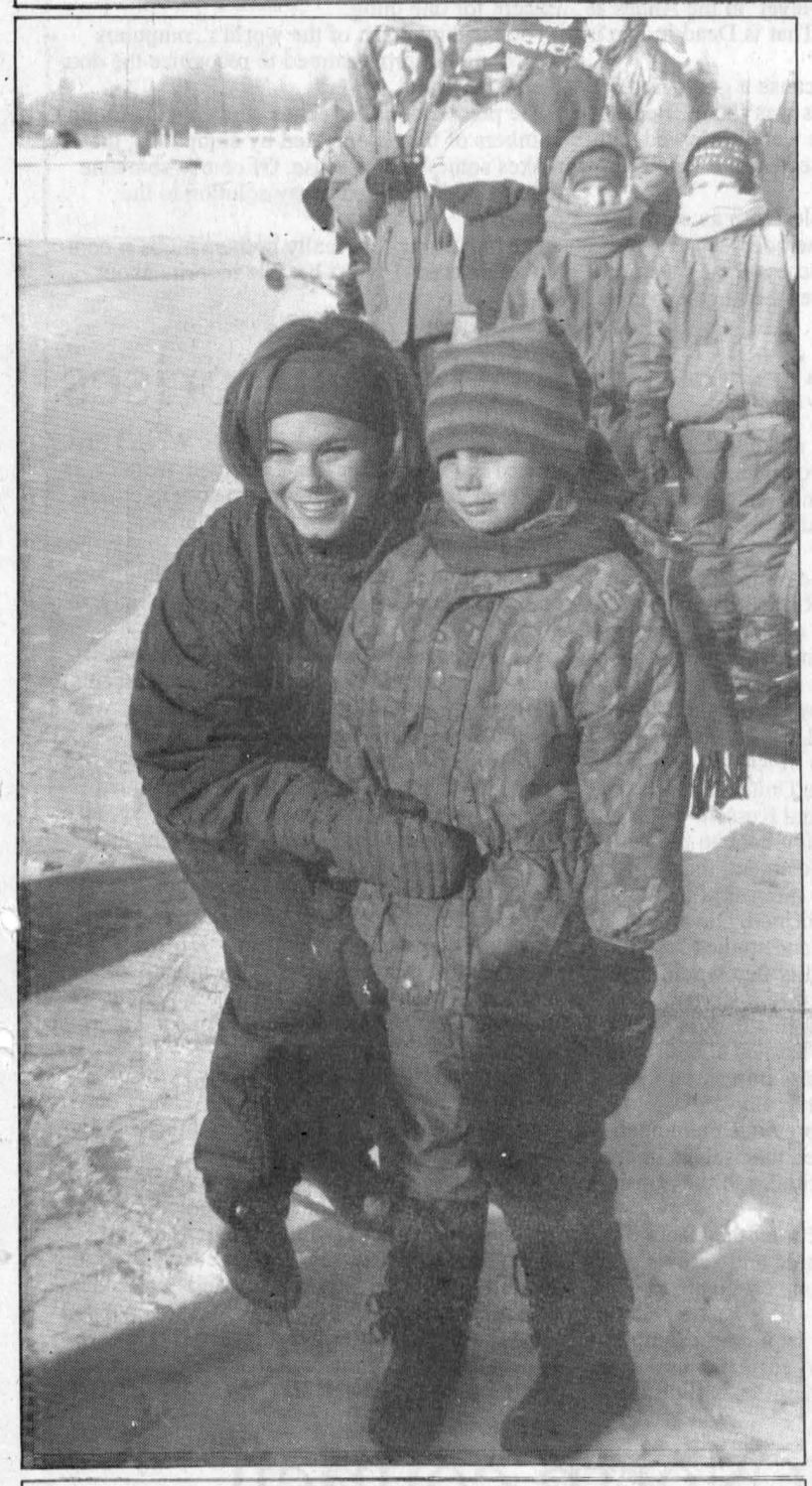

It was déjà vu all over again

Year started as it ended - with amalgamation squabbles

The new year is a traditional time of reflection as individuals look back on the year that was and assess the events that were part of their lives over the past 12 months.

It's not different here at The Glengarry News as we go through our back issues and review the events and stories that made our pages.

The following is a month-by-month list of some of the events that made 1997 the year it was.

January

Local politicians reacted angrily to provincial cuts to operating grants. Alexandria, for example, lost 41.7 per cent of its grant - a total of about $142,000. Charlottenburgh, meanwhile, lost 27 per cent of its grant or $184,536. Lancaster Township lost 18.5 per cent ($77,018), Lochiel lost 5.83 per cent ($43,884), Kenyon grants were cut by just over 12 per cent (($61,185), Maxville was cut by $11,714 while Lancaster Village lost 16 per cent ($16,000).

T he Apple Hill Hydro Commission announced a 4.55 per cent rate increase for users. Hydro officials claimed the service had been losing money for years but refused to provide any details on those losses.

Convicted murderer Jason Horvath launched an appeal of his life sentence on Jan. 8. Horvath had been found guilty of second degree murder in the March 1994 killing of Alexandria resident Gerald Currier.

North Glengarry's transition committee began the year much as they would end it - without settling anything. The committee debated for close to two hours and held three votes in an effort to find a chairperson. In the end, members agreed to have a four-person committee made up of one representative of each council to select the chair.

Lancaster Township councillors voted to give themselves a raise on Jan. 8. Salaries increased from $750 a year to $1,000.

Teachers and students at Glengarry District High School had similar reactions to a provincial announcement regarding school board amalgamation. Most believed the new, geographically huge board would cause problems and result in less one-on-one teacher-student time. The new board takes in SDG and Prescott-Russell along with Lanark, Leeds and Grenville.

The Martintown Mill building was spared demolition after the Raisin River Conservation Authority agreed to transfer ownership to a local preservation society. RRCA officials said it was costing them too much to maintain the building.

OFA leader Tony Morris paid a visit to local agriculturalists Jan. 27 and urged farmers to concentrate on international markets. Morris had recently returned from a Team Canada trade mission to the Pacific Rim.

Alexandria's Youth Centre attracted a number of supporters during the month. Local businesses and clubs donated funds for renovations while volunteers - mostly youngsters - completed the work.

Friends of the Dalkeith Library held their first meeting on Jan. 15, attracting 40 people. Friends was formed to support the library in light of cuts announced by the province.

SDG Catholic high school teachers reached a new deal on Jan 20. The deal restored previous wage hikes and other items lost under the Rae government's social contract.

Single Point Access opened the doors to satellite office in Alexandria on Jan. 27. The office serves as a one-stop shopping location for parents or children seeking services for youth.

February

Plans for a second public vote on whether a casino should be considered for Alexandria were cancelled after supporters failed to come up with a $7,000 security deposit. Plans for a casino were rejected by the public in a 1996 vote.

It was a time for awards in what is now South Glengarry. Lancaster Village named Msgr. Rudy Villeneuve as its 1996 citizen of the year. Creg Quay, meanwhile was selected business of the year by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.

Auld Kirktown got in on the honors too when they were named retailer of the year by the Canadian Gift and Tableware Association.

The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Council voted by a margin of 43-3 to reduce the number of municipalities in the United Counties from 37 to 12. Alexandria Deputy Reeve John Hope and Chesterville representatives were opposed. Hope indicated he didn't feel it was right for the United Counties to impose amalgamation on member municipalities.

Alexandria wrapped up a successful winter carnival on Feb. 9 with organizers calling the festivities "a complete success." It was estimated more than 3,000 people took in at least part of the four-day festival.

The Alexandria Police Services board announces that it will expand by two members. Board spokesman and Alexandria Mayor Grant Crack said the larger board was required to increase control of the board by town council (one new member was to be a councillor) and prepare for expanded duties that could come with amalgamation.

Glengarry District High School students raise $345 to help defray the cost of hosting the provincial high school soccer tournament by staging two shows featuring illusionist Claude Haggerty.

Kenyon Council rejects a proposal to seek provincial funds for a study of communal sewage in Apple Hill. Opponents argued that a study already under way should first be completed.

Some residents of the Lancaster and Bainsville areas spent a chilly night after high winds accompanying a winter storm knocked out 32 hydro poles Feb. 22. Some residents piled on the blankets while others headed for hotel accommodations in Cornwall. Residents of the Glen Cairn Lodge, a seniors' home, were visited by volunteer firefighters to make sure the residents were safe.

All Glengarry County residents learned on Feb. 16 that they would all remain Glengarry residents after amalgamation. Representatives of Kenyon and Lochiel Townships, Maxville and Alexandria voted, after a 40-minute debate, to call the new municipality North Glengarry. Representatives of Charlottenburgh and the two Lancasters had previously decided to name their new muncipality South Glengarry.

Sixteen-year-old Sarah Kinloch of Martintown took a step toward modeling fame and fortune when her photo was chosen for the cover of Perfect Match, a Montreal-based wedding planner.

A Martintown couple were killed in a two-vehicle accident on Feb. 18. Paul and Francoise Kearns died when their compact car was struck by a pick-up truck.

A Green Valley couple was saved by a carbon monoxide detector, given just months earlier as a Christmas gift. John and Michelle Pugh were asleep around midnight when the alarm went off. The couple's oil furnace had malfunctioned and detected the build up of soot and carbon monoxide.

It was fun for all - especially the young - on Feb. 22 when the Alexandria Youth Centre officially opened its doors.

Students from Ecole Secondaire Le Relais and Glengarry District High School had reason to smile after they returned from the regional Musicfest in Ottawa with a silver medal. Their placing qualified them for the national finals, set for May.

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Picture perfect

Just a few of the photos that were part of the news in 1997, clockwise from upper left. Dana Munroe and Sandy Lavigne prepare some lunch during a March Break activity (March into Nature) at the McKinnon Forestry Centre near Apple Hill, the 11-member Glengarry District High School improvisation team won the SDG championship in June by defeating nine other schools, Alicia Melrose with Siberian husky pups Kiwi and Niki attended the dog races at the Alexandria Winter Carnival, firefighters tend to a car fire on Cty. Rd. 23 near Glen Sandfield (no one was injured), students at Glengarry District High School kick up their heels while participating in a dance-a-thon for AIDS support and Canadian figure skating champion Josee Chouinard poses with Katie Pelley of Williamstown. Chouinard helped raise $7,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



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Issues in 1998 will be difficult for all

North and South Glengarry are heading for an exciting year as they struggle to create new municipalities.

The transition appears to be well ahead in South Glengarry since its transition board was able to establish the structures and make some vital decisions in the two years before amalgamation Jan. 1.

Although it has not been in the news much of late, water is going to be a major challenge for both areas to. The fact is, water is a scarce commodity in the county despite the Raisin River watershed and other sources in the region.

The warning has already been sounded that shortages are expected in Alexandria this winter if we experiencedextremely cold weather and Loch Garry were to freeze solid.

Councils in North and South Glengarry will face formidable issues that will be difficult to solve. Everything from water to, land use, highway maintenance, staffing and a new budget will ensure an extremely busy first year.

While we have been spared that so far (this was written Dec. 22 and might be outdated as you read it today) the weather could turn at any time.

Over the last several years snow levels have been declining in winter and rainfalls have not been adequate. Combine this with more people, and more industry and you have a recipe for disaster as groundwater stocks dwindle.

But even if we have sufficient water for current use, what about the future? How can we experience the kind of growth we need in the county if we cannot service new business and industry? The issue of piped in water from the St. Lawrence has already been discussed. Councils will have to examine the problem further and search for solutions.

A second issue that will drag on is that of policing. As it now stands there are at least two options and possibly three. At the time of writing there was no consensus, at least not in North Glengarry.

Policing is a complex issue that will require much thought. Any decision will have to be made carefully and with the future in mind. While we all want the councils to watch the pennies, money should not be the only criteria.

We can also expect to hear a lot of rancorous debate over fire protection. The debate will focus on the practicality of keeping separate volunteer services or perhaps move toward a paid fire department. Council will have to consider options of fire station locations, equipment and staffing. Is the status quo practical? That remains to be seen.

While amalgamation does not change the landscape, it does alter the administration and operations of the former municipalities. What worked in the past might not be practical today.

And then there is the matter of staffing for the municipal administration. North Glengarry is already rife with rumours of possible lawsuits over the filling of top administrative positions. This is not a good sign. Cool heads must prevail over this issue.

Certainly, staffing will represent a key element in how the new municipality comes together. On this issue council must tread carefully and the hiring process must be transparent.

We would not want council members stampeded into bad decisions. If council attempts to overstaff the municipality in order to appease everyone, what is the advantage? Amalgamation was supposed to reduce costs, not keep them the same or have them rise even higher.

There is a danger that new positions and titles will be created, not out of need but out of expediency.

Solving the staffing issue must clearly be a top priority since a new budget will be needed to run the municipality.

Budgeting will be tough since it is clear the provincial government's promise of revenue neutrality will not be kept which could leave the new council with a choice of cutting services or increasing taxes.

This is not an enviable position to be in, given the unpopularity of tax increases. Councillors can expect to be burning the midnight oil over this one.

There will also be debates over highway maintenance, snow ploughing, water and sewage hookups and more mundane affairs. As well, there is the matter of welfare services, recreation and on and on the list goes.

It was said in this space during the election that the elected council members would have their hands full. We did not envy them their task then and we envy them even less now. They are operating under a microscope and must tread into some unfamiliar and unfriendly territory.

There has been much rumour and speculation in the community about decisions council is considering making on a host of subjects. We cannot operate by innuendo and speculation.

The reeves and councils have been given the mandate to guide North and South Glengarry into the new millennium. Yes there will be problems. Yes there will be disappointments.

We would suggest there will also be successes and common sense in the mix as well.

We hope the coming year will bring out the best in residents and not the worst. We'll just have to wait and see.

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Waiting for aliens and the millenium

THAT'S LIFE



BILL McINTYRE

Maybe someone out there can enlighten me but I'm not sure what to make of all the hoopla surrounding the turning of the calendar to the new millennium just two years from now.

For what seems a long time now, we have been hearing about all kinds of weird and wonderful things that will happen, might happen or can happen.

Last summer someone solemnly told me, I won't mention any names, that aliens will come to mankind's rescue in the year 2000. Although I kept my thoughts to myself at the time, I was on the verge of asking for some slim vestige of proof for making such a statement. I have since heard similar statements from others.

Actually I'm beginning to think I had better be more careful about who I talk to.

But when you think of it, why should anything major happen as the page of a calendar turns. Is our current calendar not merely a method used to keep track of time?

Consider too that the calendar we use is not used by everyone. What about the Chinese or Jewish calendars? Will they be excluded from any earth shattering event?

People seem to be straining to find any indication that our lives will change dramatically. It's something like wishful thinking. Pie in the sky. Day dreaming. I suppose many people feel their lives are meaningless. Perhaps out of control.

It is sad really, when you think about it. So many people, spending so much time, expending so much energy trying to wish things into existence.

Consider this. If people spent as much time actually doing something to improve their relationships, their surroundings and their circumstances, would they not be much better off?

Back in 1960, I was visiting with my parents and younger brother in the Atacama Desert in northern Chile on the east coast of South America. The Atacama is one of the driest places on Earth. When I was there it had not rained in 14 years.

During my stay word filtered to us that yet another doomsday cult had predicted the world would end on such-and-such a date at such-and-such a time.

Since it was during the week, my father was working at the 12,000-foot-level in the Andes at a site called Indio Muerto. That is Dead Indian in English.

The place got its name because a graveyard of 20 or 30 mummified natives was found. Because of the dryness, their bodies were preserved naturally. Each one was found seated in a round grave.

The graves were round holes with an earth seat carved in the them where the body sat. The had their arms folded across their chests and they were all facing east over the huge expanse of desert in the valley below as if watching for something.

A bunch of us decided to go up the mountain and wait for the end of the world. We arrived there before the sun started rising and took up positions not far from the ancient burial place.

The sun started to rise and oddly enough some ground fog came rolling out from between the mountains along the east edge of the valley. Because of the lack of moisture that was unusual. Actually it looked rather ominous and caused a bit of stir among the few Chileans, Americans and Canadians who had gathered to watch.

As the sun rose a little higher in the sky, the fog burned off and the end of the world would have to wait. Everyone turned away with a shrug of their shoulders and went back to work. It seemed as if they were disappointed.

If they were disappointed, I suppose they didn't get the connection between the end of the world and the end of their lives.

Nothing has convinced me that Jan. 1, 2000 will be any different than any other January 1. Except for one thing.

The pending crash of the world's computers which are not programmed to recognize the double zero symbol.

The prediction is for chaos, and considering the numbers of things operated by computers, that makes some kind of sense. Of course someone might find a quick and easy solution to the dilemma.

The only thing that really bothers me is if computers do crash I won't be able to write about it.

Year of change comes to close - with few surprises

OFF THE RECORD



JOHN NELSON

I was going to make this one of those New Year's Resolution columns where I would suggest just what sort of vows everyone - from pro athletes to local politicians to the general public - should take.

But that would be rather boring and repetitive. Everyone should try dealing with reality. For example, pro athletes should realize that their salaries are too high and not seek $100 million for their next contract.

Sports fans, should give themselves a reality check and admit that salaries are so high because fans keep shelling out $50 to $100 or more for a seat. Reality says boycott pro sporting events and send a message to owners and players.

That gives you a pretty good idea of what this column won't be about.

Instead, I'll write about a year of change. People from all corners of the Earth experienced change in 1997, perhaps even more so in Glengarry County.

Amalgamation, obviously, was a big change felt and yet to be felt by each and every resident.

Change was in the offing for this columnist as well. As many readers know, I've only been on the job for about three months.

There have been a few surprises but more that came as no surprise. For that lack of surprises, I can blame (or thank) the Premier of Ontario Mike Harris.

(Since I'm writing about Harris, let's blame him.)

In any case, Harris helped make sure the issues were the same across the province - amalgamation, downloading, teachers' strikes and Workfare come to mind.

The issues were the same in Prescott-Russell. By the way, if there was one thing I like about working at my previous paper it was the name of the municipality. I worked in the Village of Russell, located in the Township of Russell which was part of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

But getting back to the "no surprise" element, there was one surprise. I was actually impressed that the two Glengarries had been formed. Down in Russell, there were reports and studies but there was always some municipality that would object and everything was over before it started.

Perhaps an order from Queen's Park is required.

Unfortunately, the more I learned about the history of amalgamation, the less impressed I was - in regards to North Glengarry, anyway.

Politicians from the four previous municipalities have certainly conducted themselves improperly, bringing provincial attitudes to the transition process.

This was again apparent during the election campaign when tempers flared and various accusations were leveled from one candidate to another.

Their behaviour certainly set a poor example for the general public. Many residents now fear the future; fear that their identities will disappear.

This does not have to be the case. When I first started my newspaper life, I covered West Carleton Township - including places like Carp, Constance Bay, Kinburn, Fitzroy Harbour, Dunrobin and other communities.

At the time, it was said that West Carleton was one of the largest township's, geographically, in all of Ontario.

Yet they managed to pull it off. Township services (garages and fire department detachments) were scattered throughout the municipality with a main office near Carp.

More important than that, residents maintained their identities. In West Carleton three municipalities joined together many years ago, yet all three kept their unique characteristics through historical societies and just a simple pride among the people in knowing their roots. Fitzroy Harbour, for example, celebrated Fitzroy Harbour Days with no detriment to Carp.

The same can happen here. If residents truly fear losing their identities, it's up to them to make sure they don't. Government should not be relied on for that.

Finally, on the list of no surprises is this job. I wasn't entirely surprised to get it. While I only started in October, I was told in February I'd get this job.

At that time, I visited a local psychic for a story and, of course, asked for a few predictions. Quite amusing mostly and I didn't really think too much of it when she said I'd have a new job in the fall, for a little more money and at an older, established newspaper.

So, here I am with few surprises. I don't expect that to continue and that's enough to give me hope for the new year.

Questions for the new North council

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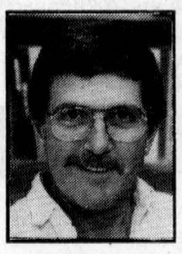

BLAIR WILLIAMS

A number of North Glengarry residents have been raising some disturbing questions about specific issues and the direction their new council seems to be heading. The reeve-elect and councillors themselves are contributing to this sense of unease by announcing certain "decisions" and giving every indication that these "decisions" will be confirmed at the earliest opportunity in the new year.

Although one would normally be reluctant to comment on the behaviour of a council that doesn't assume office until January, it is important that some of the concerns that have surfaced be addressed before council meets officially and takes action it may later regret.

First, some people are questioning whether there should be a distinction in terms of salary or "rank" between the councillor-at-large and councillors elected from the four wards. People are probably right when they point out that these kinds of artificial differences between councillors will make it more difficult to develop a cohesive council with a unified sense of purpose. Also, it should be noted that the councillor-at-large position was not conceived as a sort of "first class" position as compared to the "second class" status of ward councillors. Rather councillor-at-large was intended as a tie breaker in a council that could have otherwise been deadlocked with only six members.

A second questions has been raised by the reeve-elect when he made it known that he would prefer to be designated as mayor rather than reeve. Many people see this an an unwelcome and unnecessary issue to be pursuing at this time, especially since a substantial majority of the people in North Glengarry live in the countryside, not in the Town of Alexandria. These same people are questioning the wisdom of raising this now when it is vitally important that bridges are built between rural and town folk.

However, by far the most important questions are being asked about the apparent dismissal of the municipal clerk, Mr. Charbonneau. This is important because it has moral, legal and tax implications.

Many taxpayers are making the argument that Mr. Charbonneau is being treated unfairly. He was hired in September by the North Glengarry Transition Board. His task was to work with the staff of Kenyon, Alexandria, Maxville and Lochiel to ensure a smooth and efficient transition to the new municipality of North Glengarry. People are wondering why, after two months of work and only a few weeks before the new municipality comes into being, Mr. Charbonneau is being summarily "dismissed." To many it seems grossly unfair for the new council to not at least meet with Mr. Charbonneau, to have him explain what has been done and to allow him some time to demonstrate whether he can do the job for which he was hired.

Some of the most serious questions that are being raised concern the legality of what the new council seems to be doing. Mr. Charbonneau was hired in accordance with a legal process that was followed in virtually every other amalgamated municipality in Ontario. In fact, most newly amalgamated municipalities went much further than North Glengarry to establish administrative structures and to hire personnel prior to the new councils taking office.

Mr. Charbonneau was hired in accordance with a process that began with the approval of the transition board in June 1997, and concluded when he was offered employment by the board in September. This was a process that was strongly encouraged and sanctioned by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and at no point in the process did anyone suggest this was not a legally binding arrangement.

Some local ratepayers have raised the question of whether the new council itself is going behind the limits of the law when it intercedes to stop Mr. Charbonneau from doing what he was hired to do. It seems clear that the growing criticism of the new council in this area is legitimate. The council has no legal authority until it takes office in January, 1998, and even then it must respect Mr. Charbonneau's rights under the law.

It has been reported that Mr. Charbonneau received a letter form the reeve-elect ordering him to curtail all activities as clerk of North Glengarry. There is no doubt that such a letter entails abuse of authority, and under Canadian common law the reeve-elect could be subject to legal action. In Canada we live under the rule of law which means that everyone is equal under the law, everyone is entitled to the protection of the law, and no one can assume that they are above the law because of their status or position. There are many precedents where government officials have been taken to court and successfully prosecuted when they have violated this basic principle of equality under the law.

This leads to a final question that seems to be bothering many people. If the current actions of the new council leads to lawsuits, expensive severance payments, or the hiring of high-priced consultants, will the taxpayers of North Glengarry be expected to pick up the tab? Although there is no simple answer to be had here, this concern on the part of the public should cause councillors to ask themselves two further questions: (1) Will ratepayers hold the new council responsible if taxes go up as a result of decisions now under consideration? and (2) If individuals are found to be acting outside of the law are they likely to be held personally liable for whatever happens?

Everyone wishes the best for the new council in North Glengarry, but what seems to be happening now is not a good omen. It will be tragic if the council loses the trust and confidence of local citizens before it even takes office.

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1997: Year in review

Anonymous passerby saves Alexandria couple from fire

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The Alexandria Legion bid farewell to its headquarters. The Legion agreed to take space in the new Seniors Outreach Centre, which was slated to be built on the same site.

Women in Glengarry County, throughout the province, across Canada and around the world marked the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute on Feb. 19.

The month ended with some turmoil on the police services board after the chairman, Gordon Wright, resigned. Wright would only say that the move was made for personal reasons but enjoyed his nearly four years on the board.

March

Members of the Glengarry District High School/Ecole Secondaire Relais senior concert band got the month off to a good start when they took gold at the regional Musicfest held in Ottawa.

Improving the quality of life for local seniors took a step (and turn) in the right direction on March 3 when a sod-turning ceremony was held for the Seniors' Support Centre. The building was completed within the year and currently houses seniors programs and the local Royal Canadian Legion branch.



Legion President Bev Fournier, Alexandria Reeve Francine Richer and United Counties Warden Leslie O'Shaughnessy officially turn the sod to begin construction of the Seniors Support Centre.

The news wasn't quite so good for employees at Railtech, a laminated panel manufacturer in Apple Hill. Seventeen of 30 employees were temporarily laid off. Management could not provide a date when the employees would be called back.

Meanwhile, layoffs struck in Alexandria as well when Nestles announced they were cutting staff by 20 full-time employees. The move was made to save money and the plant's bulk coffee whitener operation was transfered to the United States.

Kenyon Township resident Anna (Lanken) McGarrigle received national recognition when she and partner Kate McGarrigle won a Juno Award for best roots and traditional album.

The French section of the local Catholic school board approved renovations to St. Bernard's School in Maxville. The decision was made at a board meeting March 6 and called for additional space to be added and repairs to plumbing. The issue would remain before the board until the end of the year as parents pressed for a gymnasium.

Tempers flared at a Kenyon Council meeting when Deputy Reeve Don Besner was accused of not properly representing the municipality at the United Counties level. The issue arose when that council attempted to select two individuals to attend transition board meetings. Reeve Gwen Morris was supported but Coun. Blair Williams adamantly opposed Besner. In the end, it was decided all available councillors would attend the transition meeting with a final choice on representatives to be made later in the month.

Howard McEvoy was named citizen of the year at the Glen Walter Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony. McEvoy was chosen for his 40 years of giving to the community, including fund-raising efforts.

Glengarry District High School student John Alexakis took the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation regional Marion Drysdale award for his poem *The Sands of Time*. The award has been presented for the past 20 years.

An anonymous passerby was credited with possibly saving the lives of a Tobin Street, Alexandria couple. Amedee Garreau reported that a man rang his door bell over and over again at around 12:30 a.m. March 11 after seeing the Garreau garage on fire and flames spreading. The Garreau home was saved and Amedee and wife Betty both escaped without injury.

The identity of the Garreaus' good samaritan was revealed about two weeks after the couple were awakened from their sleep with a report their garage was on fire. John Willard was the hero but remained modest, saying he only did what anyone else would have done.

Lochiel Township reported a surplus of $212,000 in 1996, thanks largely to lighter than usual snowfall.

A Ministry of Transportation initiative to get unsafe trucks off the roads resulted in almost 150 charges being laid after a two-day blitz near Lancaster. Inspectors stopped 113 trucks, laid 149 charges and found that almost 68 per cent of the vehicles had some kind of defect.

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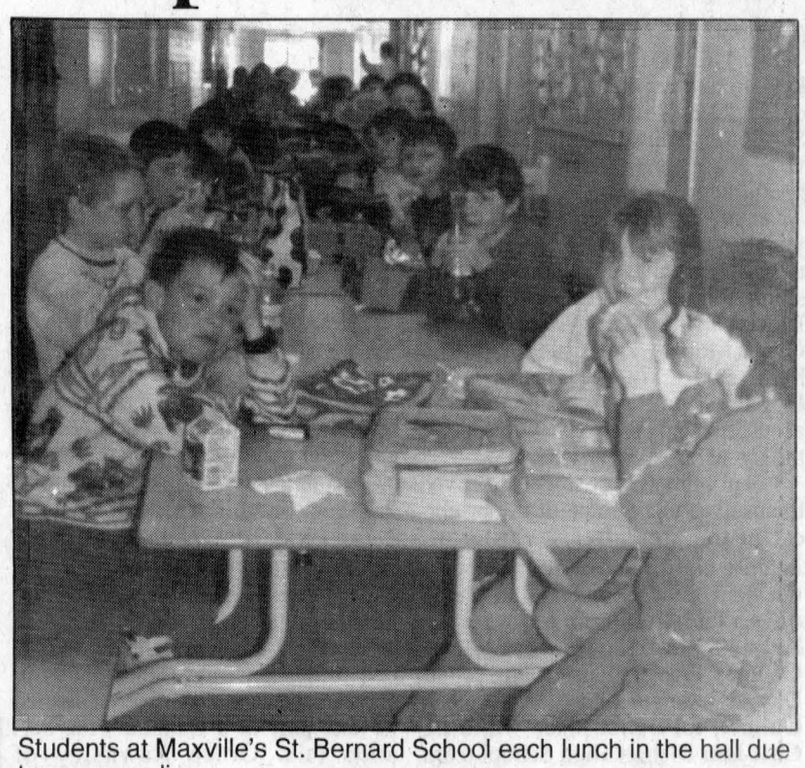

Students at Maxville's St. Bernard School each lunch in the hall due to overcrowding.

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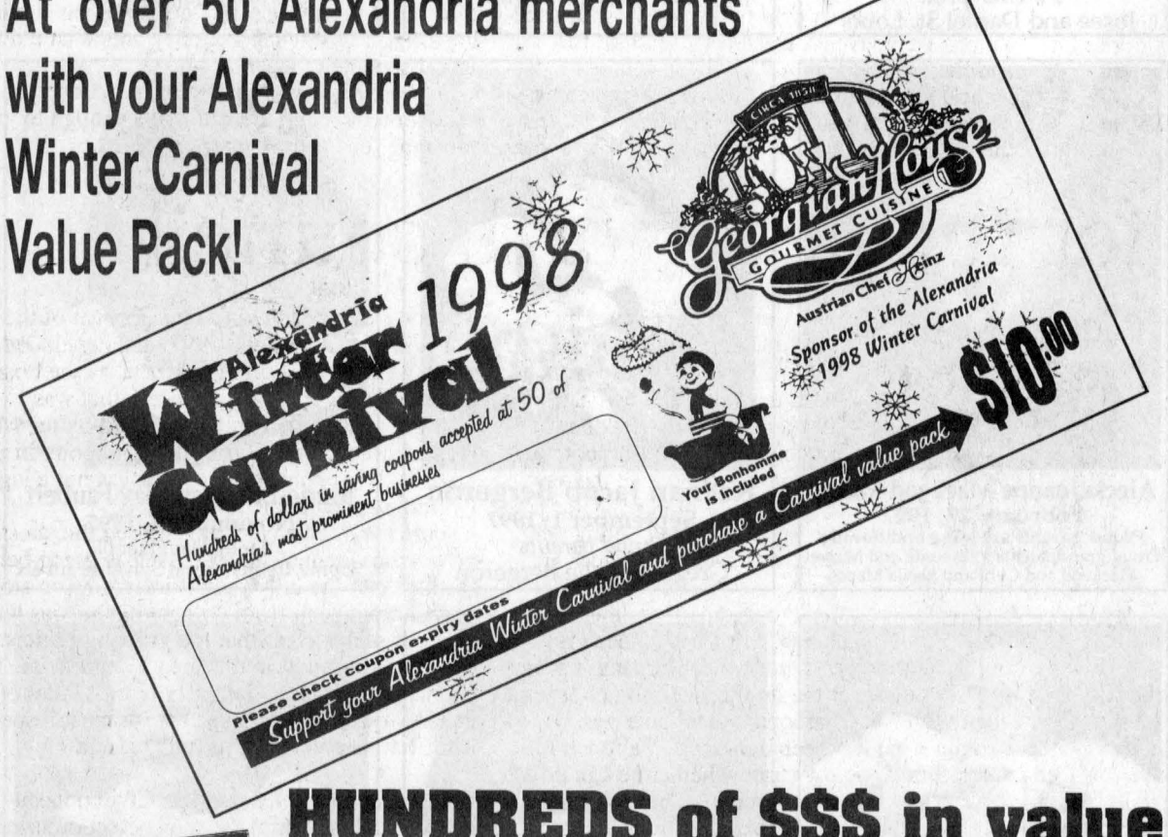

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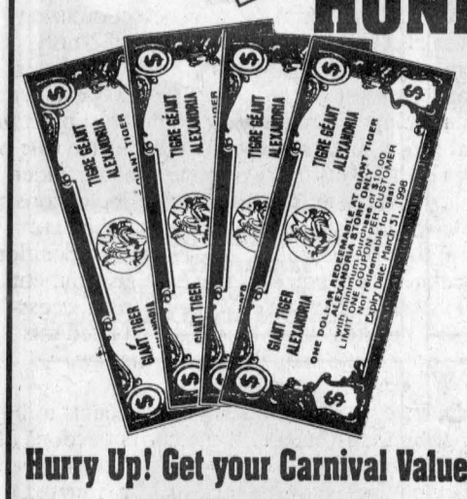
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1997: Year in review

No joke: taxes decreased in Charlottenburgh Township

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The Lancaster Township Fire Department reported a 1996 surplus of $2,212. Township clerk Mike Samson explained, simply, that there were fewer major occurances for the firefighters.

Kenyon Council resolved a controversy over who would represent the township on the amalgamation transition committee by selecting Coun. Blair Williams. He joined Reeve Gwen Morris. The issue came to a head earlier in the month when Deputy Reeve Don Besner was accused of not properly representing the township's interests.

Local high school students proved themselves to be some of the brightest in the area after squaring off against high schools from throughout the United Counties in a science quiz. The Ecole Secondaire Le Relais team, made up of Valery-Georges Winter, Patrick boisvenue, David Belanger and Marie-Andree Ouimet, took first place while the Char-Lan District High School team, made up of Billy Litshauer, Drew McLean, Kim Bold and Lisa McEvoy tied for second.

April

April 1 proved to be no joke for ratepayers in Charlottenburgh. On that date, council passed its budget with a tax reduction of 8.4 per cent. The cut was made possible due to a surplus in 1996.

Cornwall Police were in Alexandria investigating the local police force. Complaints regarding improper use of firearms - in one case an officer was accused of stealing a rifle from a resident while, in the other, a shotgun belonging to the force could not be accounted for and was rumoured to have been sold. Chief Paul Deveau said the weapon said to have been stolen was confiscated and destroyed while the shotgun was disposed of in a legal trade.

Glengarry County students continued to demonstrate their academic excellence when three were selected to take part in a Canada-wide science fair. Grace Rawnsley of Williamstown conducted an experiment on how scientists can influence experiments while Matthew and Jodie Poirier constructed a model medieval castle to demonstrate principles of early architecture. Both projects took gold medals at the SDG science fair.

Two people were injured when a single engine turbo-prop airplane crashed in Summerstown. The occupants were practising touch-and-go landings at the Cornwall airport when the plane lost oil pressure. Injuries were described as minor cuts and bruises.

Before the end of the month, Canadians everywhere learned that there would be a federal election June 2. Local parties were prepared with the Conservatives giving France Somers the nod as candidate while the NDP chose Fred Cappuccino to oppose incumbent Don Boudria. The Reform party would not choose a candidate until May 6.

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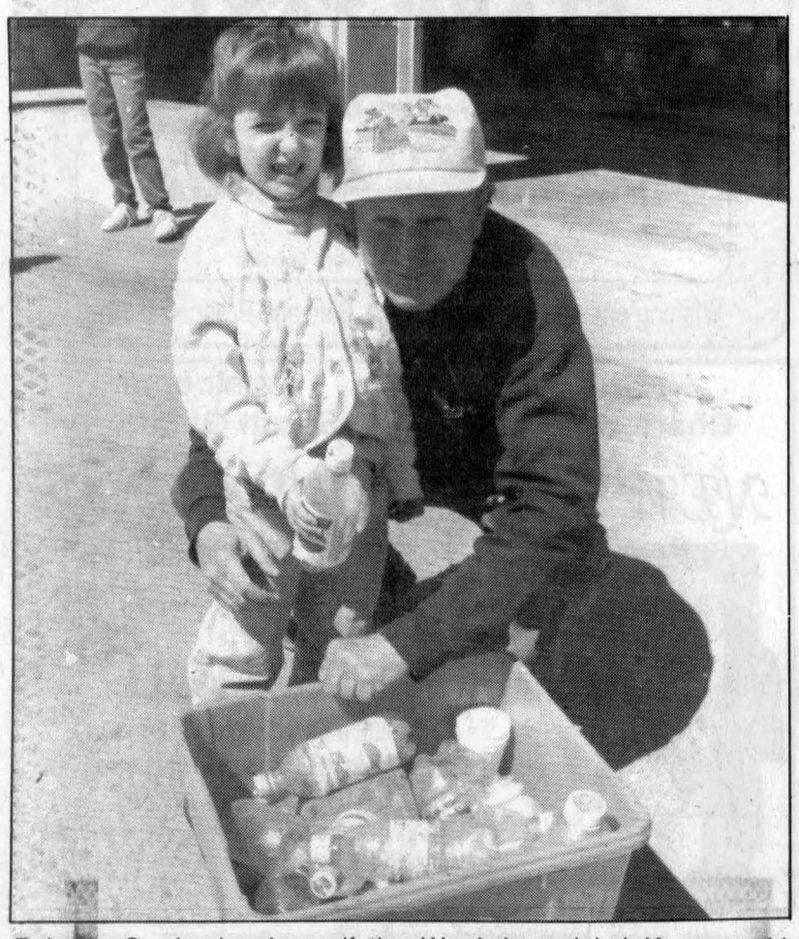
Puppets Inside and Out gave their first performance for local children in early April. Here performer Peggy Morris interacts with puppet Kookoorookoo.



Rebecca Gowland and grandfather Ward showed their Kenyon spirit by helping recycle items for Kenyon Pride Day.

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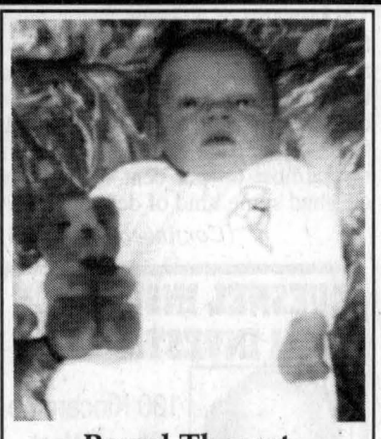

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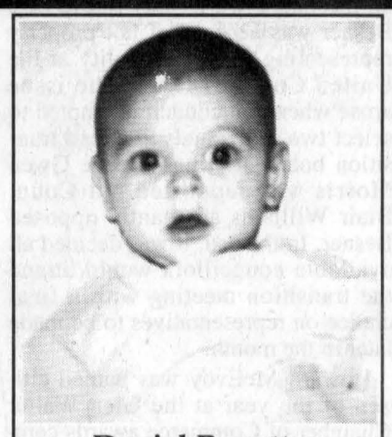
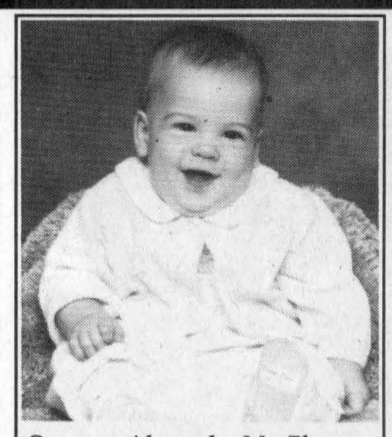
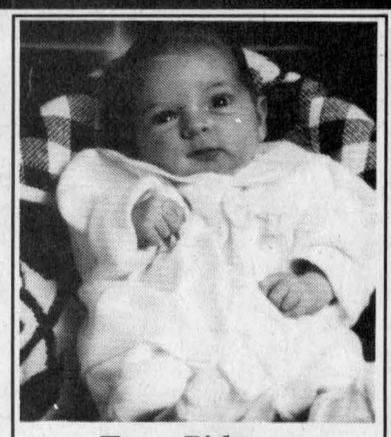
André Theoret and Marie-Josée Faubert



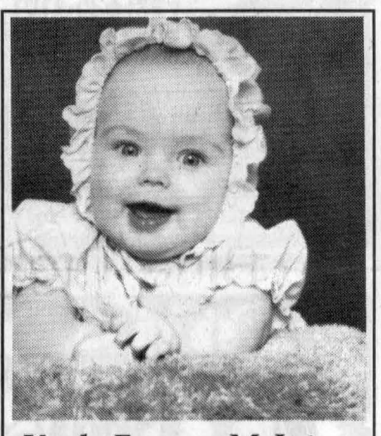
Daniel Rouette
September 24, 1997
Hi! I'm so happy to be here.



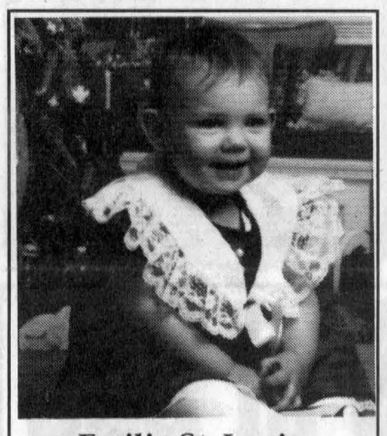
Cameron Alexander MacPherson
January 9, 1997
Daddy's little Cam
Scott and Joanne MacPherson



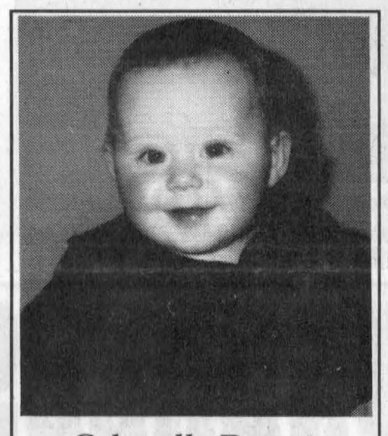
Tessa Pidgeon
September 4, 1997
Angie and Leonard Pidgeon



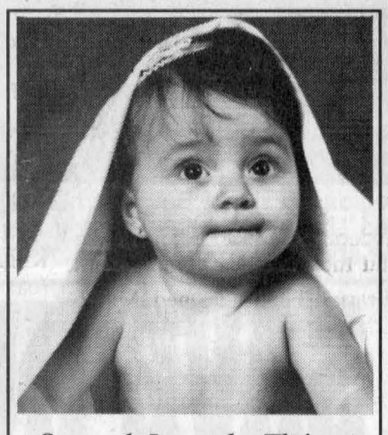
Kayla Frances McIntee
December 15, 1996
An angel straight from Heaven!
Kelly and Colette



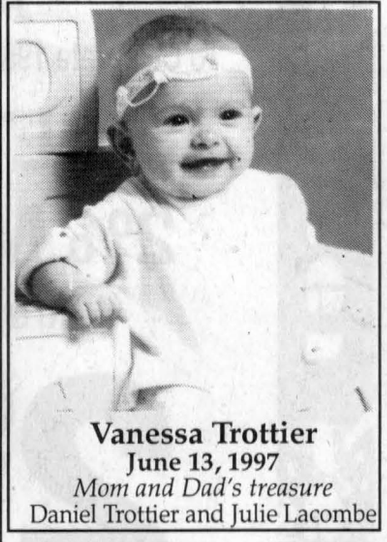
Emilie St. Louis
January 1, 1997
Parents' pride
Josee and Daniel St. Louis



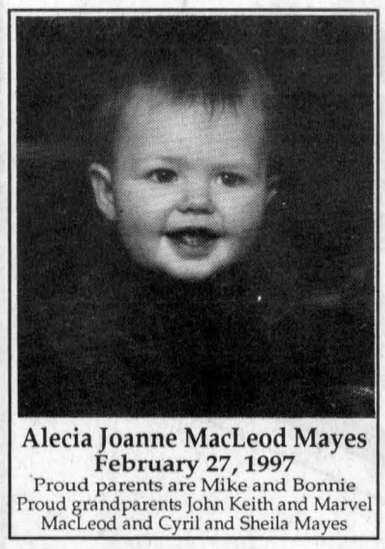
Gabryelle Decoste
January 7, 1997
Our first grandchild



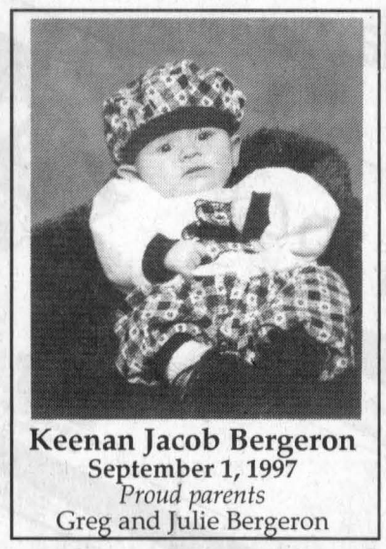
Savanah Lacombe Théoret
March 29, 1997
A sister for Shaylee



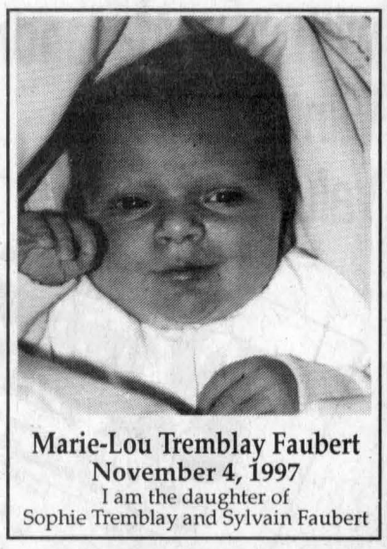
Vanessa Trottier
June 13, 1997
Mom and Dad's treasure
Daniel Trottier and Julie Lacombe



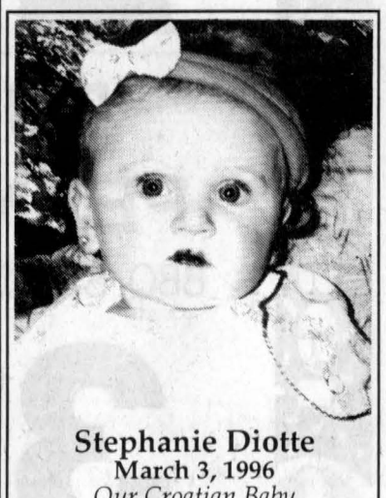
Alecia Joanne MacLeod Mayes
February 27, 1997
Proud parents are Mike and Bonnie
Proud grandparents John Keith and Marvel MacLeod and Cyril and Sheila Mayes



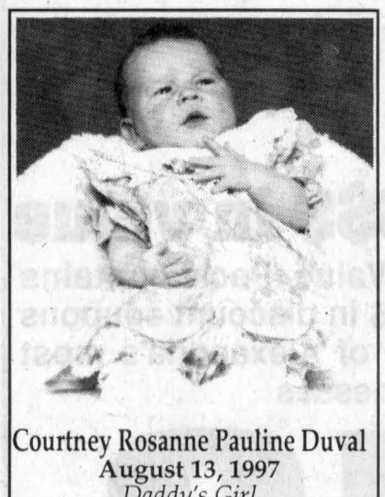
Keenan Jacob Bergeron
September 1, 1997
Proud parents
Greg and Julie Bergeron



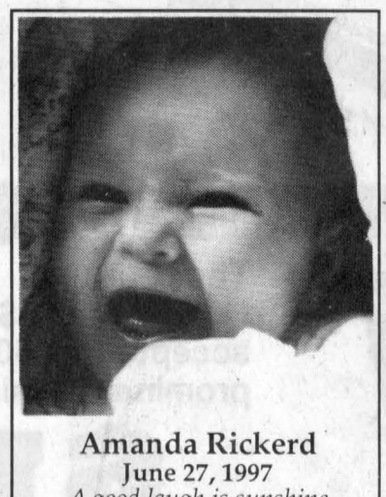
Marie-Lou Tremblay Faubert
November 4, 1997
I am the daughter of
Sophie Tremblay and Sylvain Faubert



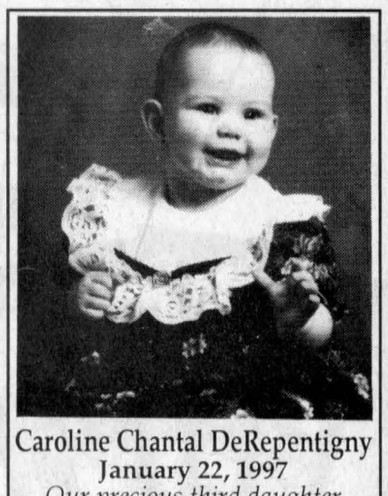
Stephanie Diotte
March 3, 1996
Our Croatian Baby
Stephane and Raddy Diotte



Courtney Rosanne Pauline Duval
August 13, 1997
Daddy's Girl
Yvon Duval and Valerie Lavigne



Amanda Rickerd
June 27, 1997
A good laugh is sunshine in the house



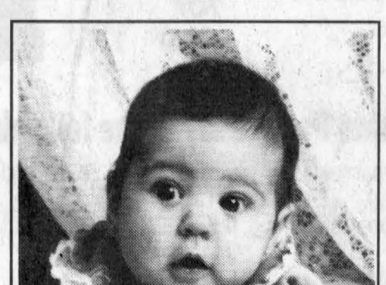
Caroline Chantal DeRepentigny
January 22, 1997
Our precious third daughter
Christine and Marc DeRepentigny



Emily Ann Howes
August 26, 1997
Our little Suebear
Mom, Dad and Kyle



Dylan and Ryan
September 23, 1997
Grandma and Grampa Lapierre's little treasures!
Proud parents are Bill and Natalie Wright



Courtney Ménard
December 19, 1996
Merry Christmas Mom and Dad
Marc and Michelle Ann



Georges Côté
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son of Michel and Jeannette Côté.
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1997: Year in review

Provincial funding saves Maxville Manor

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Public high school teachers ratified a new three-year contract which eliminated 20 jobs. In exchange, there were no salary rollbacks and cuts made under the Social Contract were restored.

The public school board passed a rather confusing budget, calling for an average rate increase of zero per cent. However, because of varying property values in municipalities, property owners were charged different amounts. Maxville residents were assessed a 3.2 per cent increasse. Lochiel Township residents, on the other hand, were treated to a 3.6 per cent decrease.

The Catholic school board, using a similar formula, also approved a zero-per-cent tax increase but, again, Maxville ratepayers saw their bills rise 4.24 per cent.

May

The Maxville Manor was saved from potential closure when the provincial government came up with $420,000 in special funding. Closure became a possibility after Manor management indicated they couldn't afford retroactive pay for union members.

Town of Alexandria ratepayers received some good news when they learned taxes would not increase. Mayor Grant Crack said the zero increase was due to cuts in the budgets of each department. The mayor said service would not be effected.

Lochiel's Margaret MacPherson was named one of 100 Ontario winners of the Women's Institute Centennial Award. MacPherson, a 28-year member was recognized for her devotion to the WI.

The GDHS senior and jazz bands were good as gold during a trip to a competition in Florida. Both ensembles earned superior ratings - the equivalent of gold in Canada.

Alexandria Mayor Grant Crack got a leg up on the competition when he announced on May 12 that he would seek the North Glengarry reeve's job in the November municipal elections.

Friends of the Dalkeith Library, a library support group, got together in the early part of the month and immediately began painting, installing carpet and moving books. The friends were supported by a $4,000 donation from Lochiel Township and the Counties library board. The library officially opened May 6.

Residents learned officially that Glengarry's townships would merge into two new municipalities on Jan. 1, 1998. Word came down May 16 that the province was in favor of a plan to merge Alexandria, Lochiel, Kenyon and Maxville into North Glengarry and Charlottenburgh, Lancaster Village and Lancaster Township into South Glengarry.

Tragedy struck over the May 17 long weekend when two men died in separate incidents. In one incident, a 57-year-old Cornwall man drowned in Loch Garry despite resuscitation efforts by friends and family. In the second incident, a 24-year-old St. Bernardin man was killed after being struck by a train. The man was walking on the tracks at about 6:30 p.m. May 19.

Lochiel Township followed the lead of other local municipalities by approving a zero-per-cent budget increase. No increase was made possible by making up a $50,000 shortfall through a transfer of reserve funds.

Krissi McLeod took top honors in two public speaking contesst. The 13-year-old Lancaster Township girl spoke on genetic cloning and won two contests sponsored by local Optimists.

Glengarry-Prescott-Russell federal election candidates squared off in their first debate on May 20. Social programs, jobs and national unity topped the agenda for Liberal Don Boudria, the NDP's Fred Cappuccino, Conservative France Somers,

Char-Lan high school students continued to demonstrate their intelligence when their team won the Canada Quiz, held April 26 in Cornwall. Sommer Robertson, Christina Beaudin, Ariana Winn and Nina Craig defeated defending champion North Dundas District High School in the finals.

County warden and Charlottenburgh reeve Leslie O'Shaughnessy announced his resignation - effective June 9 - from both positions after being acclaimed Conservative candidate for Stormont, Dundas and Charlottenburgh in the June federal election.

Kenyon Township residents showed their community pride the weekend of April 26 when they turned out for a clean-up day. About 300 people cleared waste from roadsides and other locations.

Martintown farmer Sam McLeod was inducted to the Agricultural Wall of Fame on April 26 in Maxville. McLeod was honored for a lifetime in the agricultural business. His experiences include everything from hog farming to dairy farmer to education.

Reformer Mike Lancop and the Green Party's Richard Kerr. Natural Law candidate Marry Glasser did not attend.

Lancaster Township passed its 1997 budget with small changes for ratepayers. Separate school supporters saw their taxes rise .58 per cent while public supporters were treated to a decrease of .42 per cent.

Frustration over the North Glengarry amalgamation process surfaced with many transition board members, including Kenyon Reeve Gwen Morris and Maxville Reeve George Currier among those expressing concern.

Members of the Glen Walter Knights of Columbus Council had reason for even greater pride after being named the best council in Ontario.

Voters in the riding of Stormont, Dundas and Charlottenburgh were weighing their options as the month ended and they prepared for the June 2 election. Electors had a full slate of candidates to choose from - Bob Kilger (Liberal), Charles Dillabough (Reform), Leslie O'Shaughnessy (Conservative), Syd Gardiner (NDP) and Ian Campbell (Natural Law).

June

The month opened with the police services board authorizing a $30,000 facelift for the Alexandria Police Station. Renovations included a new main entrance, interview room, prisoner processing room and work area for constables.

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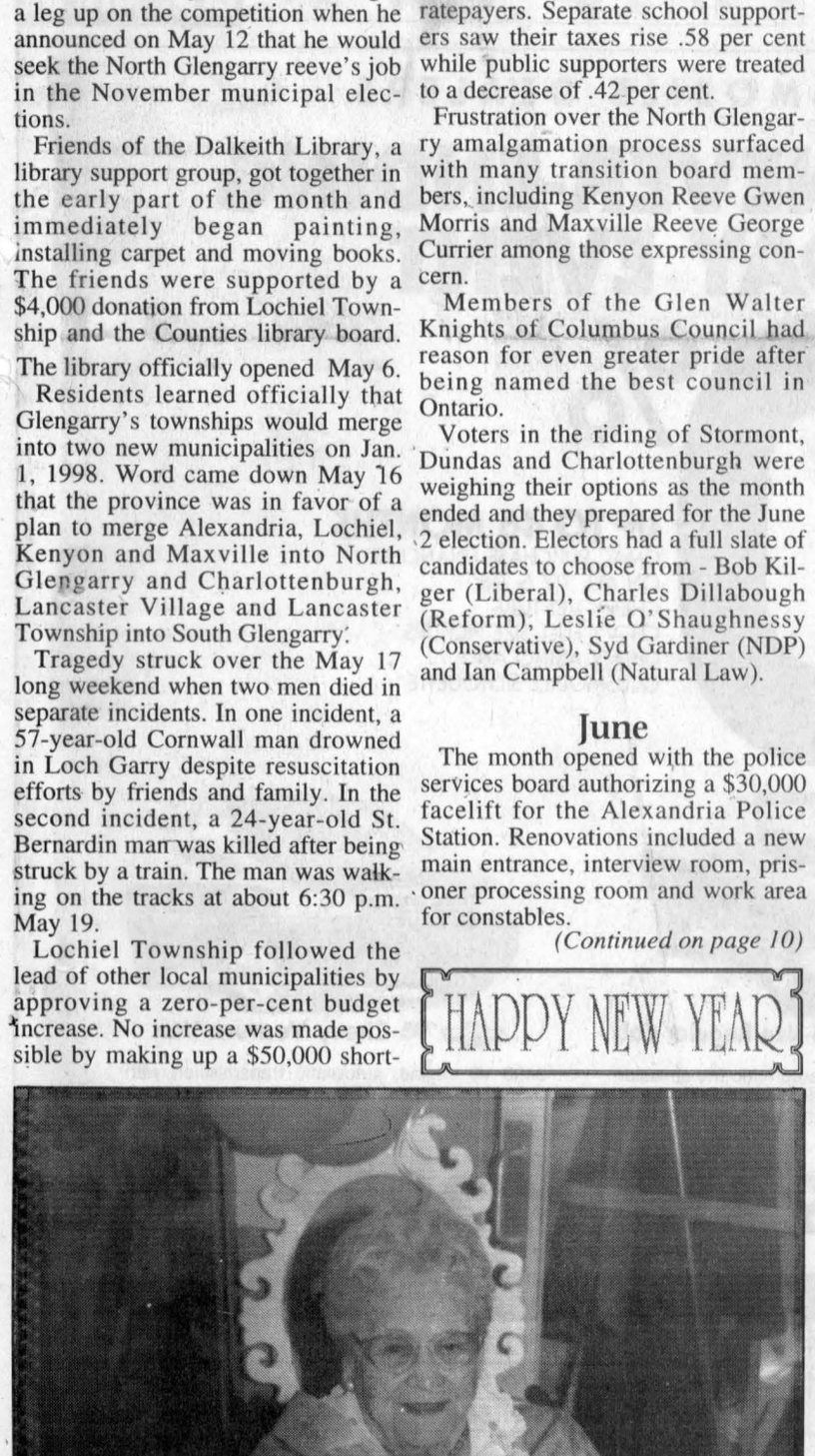
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Carmen Roy was named Community Nursing Home's mother of the year at a ceremony to help celebrate Mothers' Day.



More than 500 motorcyclists gathered in Alexandria June 1 to take a break from their 145-km toy run. The bikers were collecting toys and money for area service organizations.

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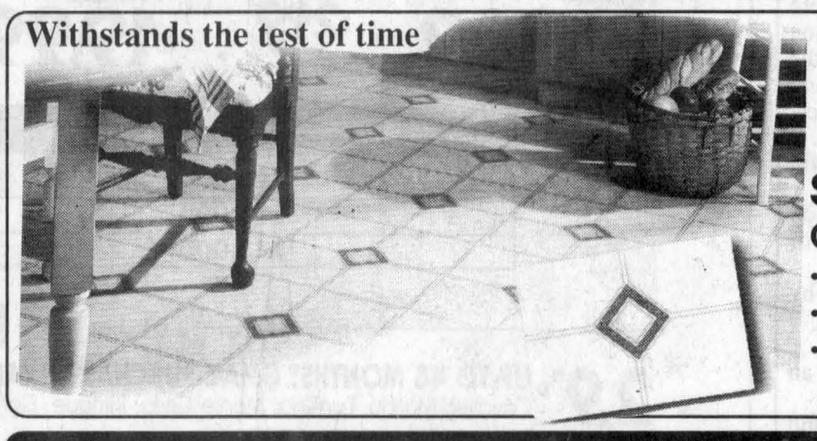

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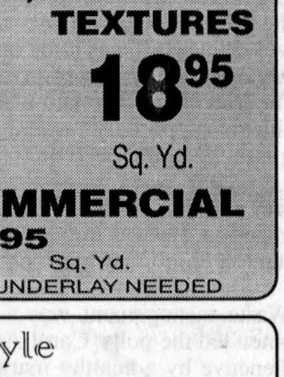

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Well, this is it. Wednesday evening we say our final farewells to the township that has housed us and many of our antecedents since 1788. Let's say good-bye in a memorable way, by all assembling together about 9 p.m. at the recreation centre. One last big Charlottenburger bash to tell our grandchildren about down the line.

The best thing about this New Year's Eve party is that the emphasis will not be on all the personal resolutions we must make (and keep) in the morning. It will be about the dawning of the age of South Glengarry, a time which could be more exciting than any of us yet realizes.

So come one, come all! Let's get some practice partying. We'll be welcoming the new millenium in two short years and we want to be able to do it right.

Tickets can be picked up at the arena, at Alex MacDonald's, at Ernie Laroque's, at MacEwen's 401, and at Gilles Barbershop.

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I'd like to think that words, like good fruitcake, get richer with age. But I'm not altogether certain that what is written today (Dec. 19) won't be stinky-stale by the time you get your paper after Christmas.

Since this year has such a significant ending, I thought I would tell you some insider things about the men and women who have governed your municipality while I have been covering it for the News.

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I remember vividly the day I was asked by News editor Dann Rogers to cover Charlottenburgh Council. It was in the IGA in Alexandria, right near the bakery section (significant fact) in January, 1987.

I accepted with trepidation. While social column writing may not require maturity, reporting on the politics of the community does, and I was not sure I could handle the task.

This fear was soon compounded when my predecessor, Joanne Stevenson, arrived at my door with a couple of boxes full of background notes and her stories on the township to that date.

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The job wasn't as bad as I expected. Morgan Major was the reeve and he was always friendly and helpful. Bob Roth was the deputy reeve and he was wonderful to quote: he spoke slowly and eloquently in plenty of time for a reporter to get it all down accurately. (If Bob should ever claim to be misquoted, I would find it difficult to believe.)

Other members of that first council were Carol-Ann Ross, Larry Gordon and Paul Rozon. Poor Paul died suddenly during the term. As a neighbour, I had often gone to him for some background for my stories and he had been more than willing to go out of his way to explain things to me.

Paul was replaced for the rest of the term by Edgar Prevost, father of South Glengarry's deputy-reeve-elect Frank Prevost. Edgar's good humour and agreeable nature made it smooth sailing until election time.

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This council was the first to hire a chief administrative officer. He was Jay Currier, a choice which surprised many of us, as he had run unsuccessfully for reeve against Morgan.

I remember being very annoyed at Jay. One time, a meeting had been cancelled and no one had bothered to let me know. I had walked over to the township hall in very inclement weather. The next time I saw him I told him of my displeasure and he brushed me off, saying, "It's your job to find these things out, isn't it, Sue?"

When I didn't reply, he pushed it. "Well isn't it?" he asked. Needless to say, he was not a favourite.

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The first story I wrote was about the north landfill site. Believe it or not, in the first few moments of the meeting I was baffled. You see, like the person who always calls a spade a spade, I had always called a dump a dump. What on earth was a landfill site?

Soon, however, the term was tattooed into my brain. Landfill site issues were to be the nemesis of the next council.

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The big stories that first year concerned Glen-Stor-Dun Lodge and its possible relocation. Everyone agreed that the lodge needed to be updated (as has now so beautifully been done), but counties council was split on whether to build on the site or to build somewhere else.

Bob Roth got into the limelight when he released a "confidential" report detailing possible new sites for the home. The warden of the day, Keith Fawcett wanted Roth disciplined for his move, but Charlottenburgh backed Roth all the way.

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In 1987, Charlottenburgh got its present (and final) logo. It was designed by Dave MacDonald, who later became reeve of the township. MacDonald won $100 in the logo contest, which attracted 25 entries.

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Other issues of that first year were the Murray Quarry near Martintown. Like the quarry issues back north today, this one was opposed by a group of more than 40 residents, on grounds ranging from noise, property value depreciation and water problems.

The proposal to set up a sewage lagoon was also a hot topic (some things never change!) It was to be on the Glen Road (near Kraft) and was vigorously opposed by Ernie Spivak (for one), who lived across the road.

The Purcell sewage and water project was in the planning stages, with residents supposedly "wanting" it. Little did anyone know then, what a big issue it would become.

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Paul Stanton, of Orleans, became Charlottenburgh's first planner during this period. He was hired at a starting salary of $29,000.

Stanton didn't stay too long. He left during the next council's term.

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Waste management was a key issue in the election of 1988, where women led the polls. Carol-Ann Ross defeated Laurier Poirier and Simon Villeneuve by a healthy margin, while Joan P. MacDonald pulled in the most votes for councillor. Also elected councillors were Don Kannon and Bob Roth. After announcing his candidacy, Roth withdrew from the race, only to re-enter it about two weeks before the election.

In the deputy-reeve contest, former reeve and warden, Ewen McDonald was elected over Larry Gordon.

Gordon had upset a lot of constituents during the term by his admission that he was not a dog lover and by voting in favour of hiking the cost of dog licences.

What the voters didn't know was that Gordon had once been attacked by a dog and had had to have painful rabies shots as a result.

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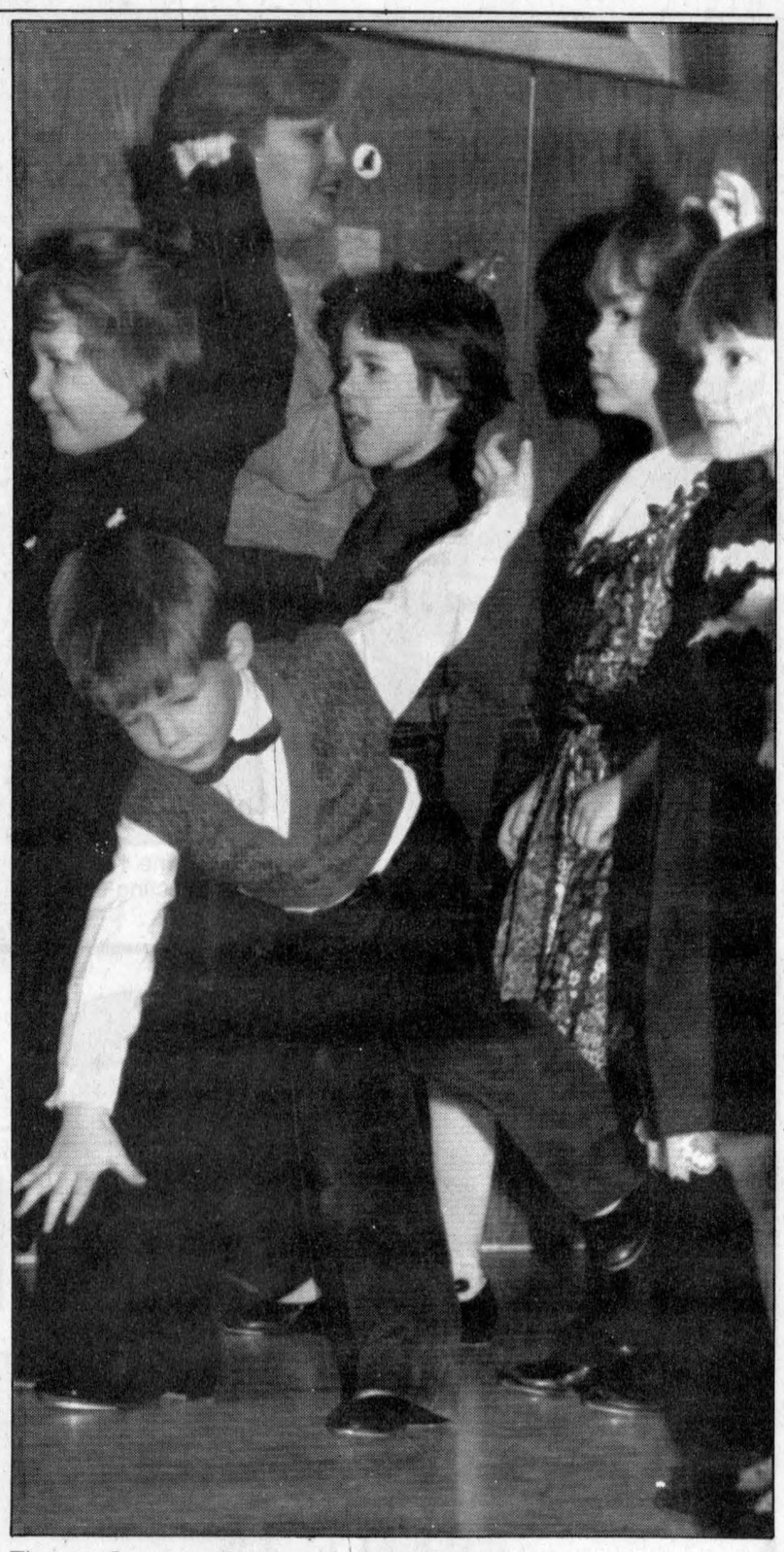
With the election came a whole new set of issues which would fill an entire newspaper by themselves.

Suffice it to say, that my years with Charlottenburgh were interesting and varied. During the nearly 11 years I was covering the township, I missed only three meetings — a better track record than some of the councillors, I might add!

At this time I would like to give my sincere thanks to all the township employees who have helped me in so many ways in getting the news out — particularly Marcel Lapierre, who was a constant the whole time, and who was wonderful to deal with.

Thanks Charlottenburgh! I'm going to miss you!



Thomas Sangster shows some fancy footwork during a performance at St. Andrew's Church in South Lancaster Dec. 21.

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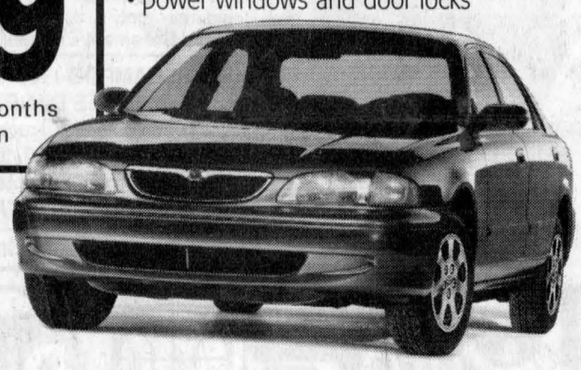

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1997: Year in review

Don Boudria, Bob Kilger post federal election triumphs

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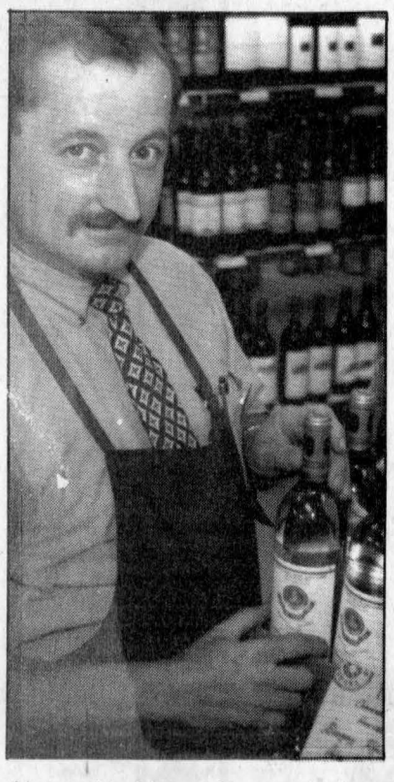
Celebrations took place in Williamstown to mark the 50th anniverasry of the Kraft Canada plant. More than 300 people, including current and former staff took part in the celebration.

Alexandria Council took the high road on June 9 when they voted 7-2 in favour of banning adult entertainment establishments in the town. Supporting Coun. Gail Abrames said council vision of the future did not include strip clubs and similar business for the town. Coun. Fern Seguin, who voted against the ban, said it wasn't council's job to dictate morality for residents.

The North Glengarry transition board continued to struggle with the key issue being location of the new township's office. Board representatives were split over a rural or urban location.

Don Boudria and Bob Kilger, both Liberals, were returned to Parliament in federal elections June 2. Boudria took 71 per cent of the vote while Kilger captured more than 52 per cent.

Local Liberal MP Don Boudria, fresh off a federal election win, received more good news when he was promoted to government house leader by Prime Minister Jean Chretien.



Alexandria Liquor Store assistant Daniel Lalonde shows off some of the new wine created to mark the 50th anniversary of the Glengarry Highland Games.

Language controversy surfaced in North Lancaster when two members of Ste. Therese school council were asked to leave. Bev Poirier was asked to leave because she is not a francophone while Joanne Brabant was singled out for not being Catholic. Both said they had given many hours of volunteer work to the school but board officials stood by its policy to exclude anglophones and non-Catholics.

Police raided a Glen Roy area farm June 20 and arrested one man on charges of conspiracy to import narcotics and importing narcotics. Police said the man was part of an international smuggling ring and seized more than $2.5 million in assets belonging to the man.

In a separate incident, Ottawa police seized more than $400,000 in drugs and arrested three people in Lancaster. The three arrested were all Quebec residents who had arranged to sell drugs to an undercover police officer in Lancaster.

The Martintown Mill building was saved June 23 when the Martintown Mill Preservation Society purchased the building for $1 from the Raisin River Conservation Authority. Without the change in ownership, the historic building faced demolition.

Stormont, Dundas and Charlottenburgh MP Bob Kilger was named chief government whip by Prime Minister Jean Chretien. Kilger said the appointment was a great honour.

Kenyon Township selected Donald MacMaster as senior citizen of the year. A Laggan-area native, MacMaster was recognized for his service during the Second World War and later work with the Legion, Kenyon Agricultural Society and Highland Games Committee, among other activities. Velma Franklin was also honoured with the Ontario Heritage Foundation Award, largely for her work as volunteer curator at the Dunvegan museum.

Members of the North Glengarry transition board finally agreed on something - to hire a Cornwall-area consultant to assess candidates for senior administrative positions for the new township.

July

The month got off to a festive start as residents from throughout the county celebrated Canada Day with parades and other activities in various communities. The only apparent difficulty came in Alexandria when a giant Canada flag - which had once flown on the Peace Tower and was donated to the town - disappeared.

Changes came to *The Glengarry News* when Bill McIntyre took over the job of publisher. He replaced Joe Banks who moved on to a similar position in Manotick.

Lancaster's Ernest Larocque brought home the hardware from an MTO provincial inspectors competition held in Downsview. The win was based on results of a written test and actual inspections of different items including dangerous goods and motor coaches.

Alexandria's Elizabeth Fraser took top honors in the North American Highland Dancing Championship July 10 in Nova Scotia. Fraser was tops in the 12 and under division.

The Oeggerli family - Bainsville-area farmers - were honored by the Dairy Herd Improvement Corporation as one of the top 100 farms. T he operation was recognized for being well above the provincial average in milk value, udder health and other areas.

The South Glengarry transition committee made some progress on merging the municipalities of Charlottenburgh, Lancaster Village and Lancaster Township when Smithfield Hall was chosen as the home for the new municipal offices. The choice had still to be ratified by the three councils.

Martintown area farmers Rick and Lorraine Lapointe lost eight heifers and 9,500 hay bales to fire July 16. A faulty exhaust fan was determined to be the cause of the blaze. The Lapointes were quick to praise local firefighters for their quick response and neighbors who were quick to help.

Residents looking to hoist a glass in commemoration of Glengary Highland Games were given additional options in their choice of beverage. Highland Games wine - both red and white - arrived in local liquor stores. In addition, special Highland Games Molson Canadian beer was distributed throughout the area.

Alexandria Coun. Archie McDougall announced his intention to seek election to the North Glengarry Council July 21.

Glengarry pioneers were recognized for their contributions to the area with a plaque unveiling in St. Raphael's on July 31. The plaque was unveiled by Clan Donald as many of those early settlers were Macdonalds or McDonells.

Canada Post helped get the 50th Maxville Highland Games off to a good start by issuing a commemorative stamp on July 31. The 45-cent stamp is based on photos taken at the 1996 games and features Highland dancers, pipers and a caber tosser.

Mill Pond received a bit of a facelift as 140 tonnes of aquatic weeds were removed in order to improve the look of the beach. In some cases, weeds six-feet in length were removed.

August

The month started with a festive atmosphere as the 50th Maxville Highland Games were held. Organizers called the event a huge success noting that there were more visitors and more pipe bands than ever before.

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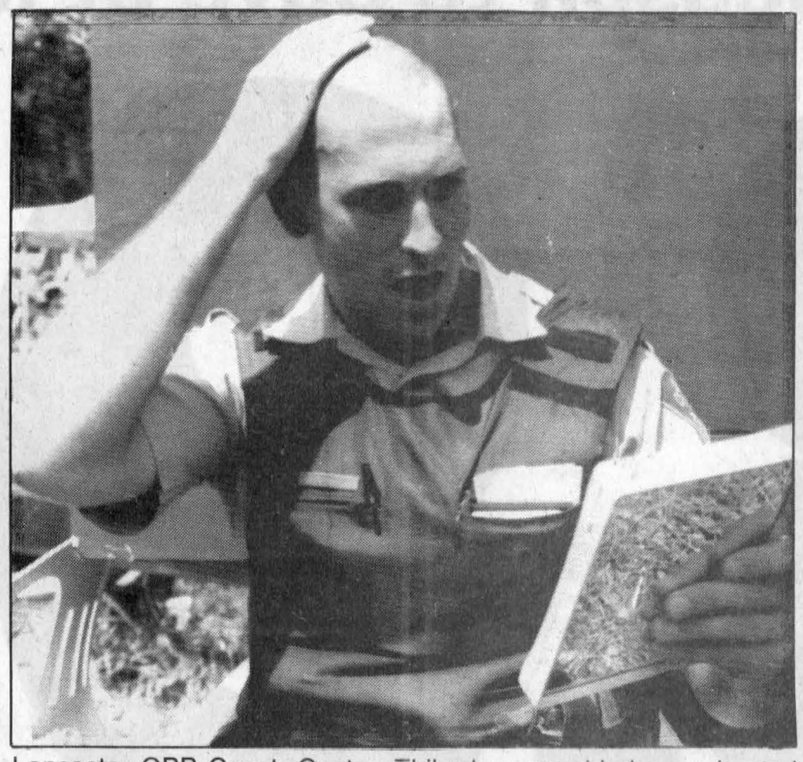

Lancaster OPP Const. Gaston Thibodeau provided an animated response after viewing his haircut received the the Williamstown Fair. The cuts were part of a fund raiser for cancer research.



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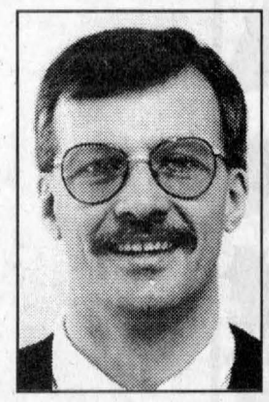

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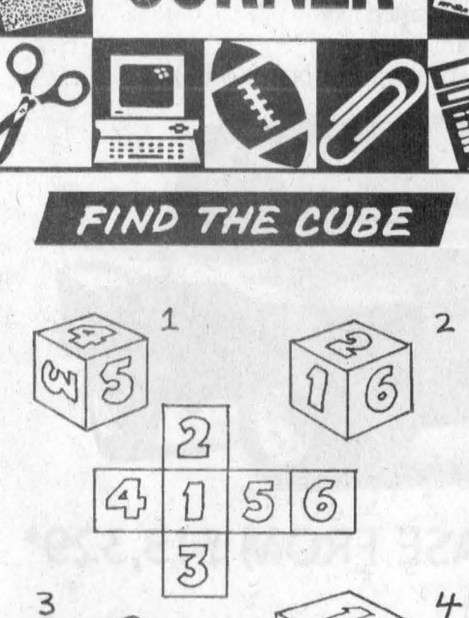

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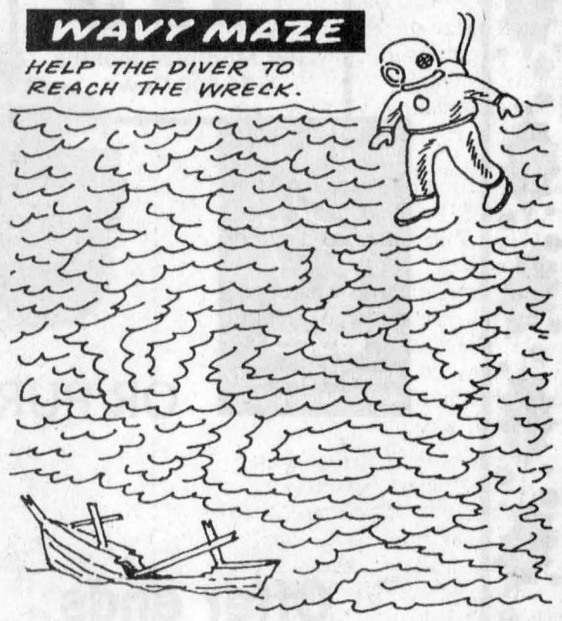

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1997: Year in review

Community celebrations highlighted activities during August

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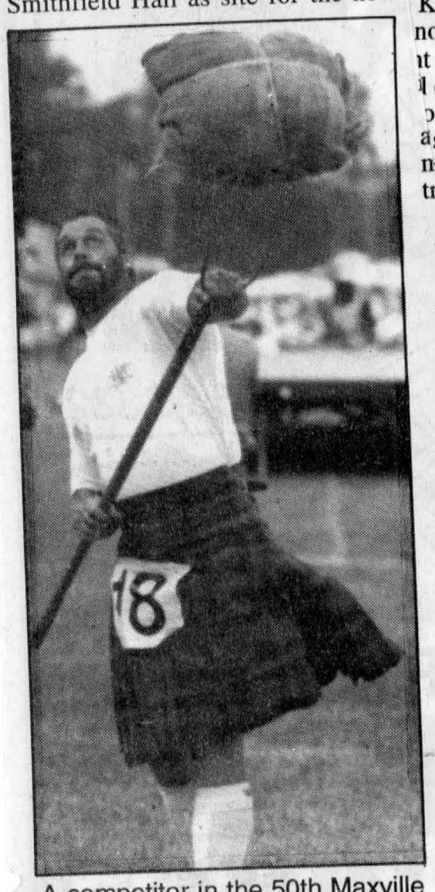
Maxville wasn't the only community to celebrate a festival, Lancaster got in on the act as well. The same weekend, the Lancaster Rodeo was held, attracting more than 3,000 visitors.

Several members of the Lancaser OPP detachment bared all for charity during the Williamstown Fair. Wel, maybe not all but the officers dit agree to have their heads shaved and in the end, raised more than $7,00(for the Canadian Cancer Society.

The 186th edition of the fair itself was held the weekend of August 9 under sunny skies and attracted moe than 12,000 visitors.

The south end of Alexandria Main Street began to take on a ne look as a ground-breaking ceremon was held for the new Caisse Popu laire building. The new site is only metres from the old building, whicl had become too small to adequately serve staff and customers.

Members of the South Glengarry transition committee took a couple of small steps back from choosing Smithfield Hall as site for the new



A competitor in the 50th Maxville Highland Games lets fly in the sheaf toss.

municipality's office. Other sites were examined and Lancaster Village residents were concerned they might lose their communal meeting place.

Members of both the North and South transition learned a little about what it might cost to run their new municipalities in 1998. The OPP provided estimates as to the cost of policing for the upcoming year. The numbers were $794,219 for Charlottenburg, $449,823 for Lancaster Township, $83,561 for Lancaster Village, $306,130 for Lochiel, $83,561 for Maxville and $361,056 for Kenyon. Alexandria has its own police force.

Alexandria textile firm Consoltex showed its commitment to the community by investing $350,000 in water-saving devices. The plant uses 350,000 to 400,000 gallons of water each day and is the town's largest water user. Water shortages have plagued Alexandria for some time and led to a freeze on development.

A new sign bylaw passed by Alexandria Council did not sit well with local merchants. Under the new law, some business signs became illegal.

A McCormick Road barn fire caused about $10,000 in damage on August 14. The barn contained building supplies.

St. Finnan's Cathedral was desecrated by thieves the weekend of August 23. The thief or thieves made off with several chalices, considered sacred by church officials.

The body of a Summerstown man was recovered near St. Zotique, Quebec on August 23. Twenty-two-year-old Jamie McIntosh had been piloting a boat three days earlier when it slammed into a buoy on the St. Lawrence River. His passenger was rescued shortly after the incident but McIntosh could not be located.

The location for South Glengarry's municipal hall was open for debate again as the Lancaster Legion offered their building in exchange for space at Smithfield Hall.

Later, all three South councils agreed to support the change.

September

The list of candidates for election in South Glengarry began to take shape when former Charlottenburgh reeve Dave MacDonald announced his candidacy.

Elsewhere, Lochiel Deputy Reeve Bill Hagan announced he would seek a similar position in North Glengarry while Alexandria Coun. Fern Seguin announced he would seek the deputy reeve's job as well.

Local students earned praise from Kenyon Reeve Gwen Morris. With funding from Kenyon and the United Counties, four students were hired to conduct the Kenyon Recycling Awareness Pilot Project. The reeve was impressed with the students' efforts and subsequent presentations on their efforts.

A dispute between the Town of Alexandria and its police force came to an end when a new contract was agreed on. The main points were retroactive pay increases for officers and an extra week's holidays for 25-year force veterans.

While South Glengarry councils supported a deal to move municipal offices into the Lancaster Legion hall, the public was less pleased. About 10 residents appeared before Lancaster Village Council to voice their displeasure over the proposal. Members of community groups were concerned about losing their meeting space once the Legion relocated to Smithfield Hall.

Lochiel Clerk Ray Charbonneau was selected to serve in the position for the new Township of North Glengarry. He was chosen in a split transition board vote with Alexandria representatives opposed.

Kenyon Coun. Bill Franklin nounced he would seek to repre- it the area in the upcoming munic- l elections.

o smoke or not to smoke became ssue for some after the Legion ed into the Seniors Support Cen- tr. A town bylaw bans smoking in its buildings. At the centre, Legion members were only permitted to smoke in their club room but Outreach officials indicated there were some problems because all parts of the building share the same ventilation system.

Lancaster Township Reeve Charles Sangster announced his intention to seek the same position with South Glengarry. Other South candidates to declare were Janet McDonald and John Lounsberry, both for councillor.

In the North, Alexandria Mayor Grant Crack was joined by Maxville Reeve George Currier and Lochiel's Ron McDonell as candidates for North Glengarry reeve.

"Weed man" Gerard Daechsel made the news after he received a $47 bill for cutting his lawn. Daechsel maintained that his lawn was an example of natural landscaping but town officials found him to be in violation of property standards bylaws.

Alexandria's Hush Puppy plant reported a good year. To meet international demand, the workforce nearly doubled from 65 to 125 while production almost tripled from 600 pairs per day to 1,500.

The future of the Maxville Chamber of Commerce fell into doubt when quorum could not be reached for their annual general meeting Sept.17.

Lancaster residents raised $460 in support of the Alzheimer's Society. Coffee was made available at four locations and proceeds from sales went to the society.

One of the chalices stolen from St. Finnan's Cathedral was returned. A masonry worker found the item in a lunch box and returned it.

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Local police officers Const. Hugh McClements and Const. Gilles Ruest, along with Jean Marc Viau make a donation to Alzheimers' research during the Alzheimer's coffee break Sept 17.

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1997: Year in review

North transition board costs were more than $41,000

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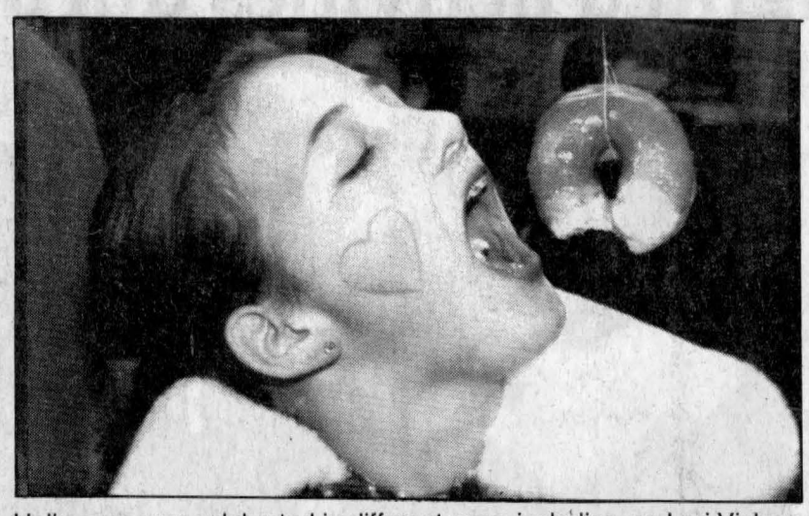
The "Big Bike Event," a fund raiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, brought in more than $6,000 for the foundation. Teams representing local businesses and other organization sought sponsors then had the chance to take a spin on 29-seat cycle.

Glengarry News staff and many others were saddened to learn the news of Mary Jane Macdonald's death on Sept. 28. She had been married to *News* owner Eugene Macdonald and was mother to current owners Alan and Kevin Macdonald.



Halloween was celebrated in different ways including, as Lori Vickers demonstrates, bobbing for donuts.

October

Preliminary costs for the North transition board were released and few were pleased. The board cost $41,000 and decided very little.

A group of Maxville parents descended on a French section Catholic school board meeting to seek a gymnasium for St. Bernard School. The parents protested outside and later made a presentation at the meeting. They received little satisfaction as the board chair said she was lobbying the province for funds while one trustee supported closing the school.

OFA President Tony Morris visited Alexandria Oct. 2 and, in a breakfast meeting with local agricultural leaders, said the international market should receive their attention.

The Alexandria Youth Centre played host to about a dozen young people when it re-opened after three months of renovations on Oct. 4.

The annual Forest Fest at the McKinnon Forestry Centre near Apple Hill went Oct. 5. About 400 people took part in a variety of games and enjoyed entertainment - all to demonstrate the importance of our forests.

Costs of South Glengarry transition board meetings were revealed. In stark contrast to North costs, South meeting costs only about $5,000 compared to $41,000 for the North. South members said they thought of themselves as one municipality from the outset.

A new book featuring the history of the MacDonald and Campbell clans, *Lords of the North* was officially released in Maxville on Oct. 12. The book features 900 years of clan history.

A dance-a-thon to raise funds in the fight against AIDS was held at Glengarry District High School on Oct. 17. About 60 Grade 9 and 10 students brought in $1,222.

Alexandria Council, in a split vote, agreed to amend a bylaw that banned smoking in municipally owned buildings. The change was made after Legion officials - whose hall moved into the town-owned Seniors Outreach Centre - complained they were losing revenue due to the smoking ban.

Municipal election debates began Oct. 20 with a cautious debate in Maxville.

South candidates held their first debate the next night in Green Valley. Candidates generally indicated they would have to wait for details from the provincial government before making decisions on issues facing the new municipality.

Teachers from across Glengarry County hit the picket lines Oct. 27 to protest the Conservative government's reforms to education. They would be out for two weeks before returning to the classroom.

Household hazardous waste disposal days were held throughout the county, including the RARE plant in Alexandria, on Oct. 25. Response was so overwhelming that organizers had to wrap things up early.

That same evening, the North election campaign heated up a little bit at a debate in Glen Robertson. Reeve candidate Claudia Lefebvre took on her opponents - all of whom served on the transition board - for their shortcomings in that area.

Natural gas officially arrived in Lancaster on Oct. 29 after Munro Agromart was connected.

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North Glengarry reeve-elect Grant Crack's arm is raised in victory by wife Nathalie the night of Nov. 11.

November

The month opened with the county and the province in the midst of a teachers' strike but that didn't prevent Alexandria-area residents from receiving some good news about education. Local school boards and the province announced $5 million in improvements and changes - including some trading of facilities between boards. Schools affected were Glengarry District High School/ Ecole Secondaire le Relais, Ecole Elda Rouleau, Ecole Perpetuel Secours and St. Joseph's School.

The pace of amalgamation in South Glengarry slowed on Nov. 3 when Charlottenburgh Council voted to back out of a deal to purchase the Lancaster Legion hall as a site for the new township offices. Council voted unanimously in asking for more information on cost before proceeding.

Residents from throughout the county recognized the sacrifices made by local men and women and all war veterans with weekend Remembrance Day ceremonies. Services were held in Lancaster and Williamstown on Nov. 9 and Alexandria and Maxville on Nov. 10.

Tragedy struck in the woods near Maxville when Martintown trapper Keith Flaro, 29, was shot and killed by a hunter. Flaro left behind a pregnant wife and two children. Maxville resident Werner Langer, 41, was later charged with criminal negligence causing death and careless use of a firearm.

Striking teachers from across the province returned to the classroom on Nov. 10.

Voters from across Glengarry elected councils in two brand new municipalities - North Glengarry and South Glengarry - on Nov. 10.

In the North, Alexandria Mayor Grant Crack recorded a big win to become North Glengarry's first reeve. In South Glengarry, Lancaster Township Reeve Charles Sangster edged out Dave MacDonald to become South Glengarry's first reeve.

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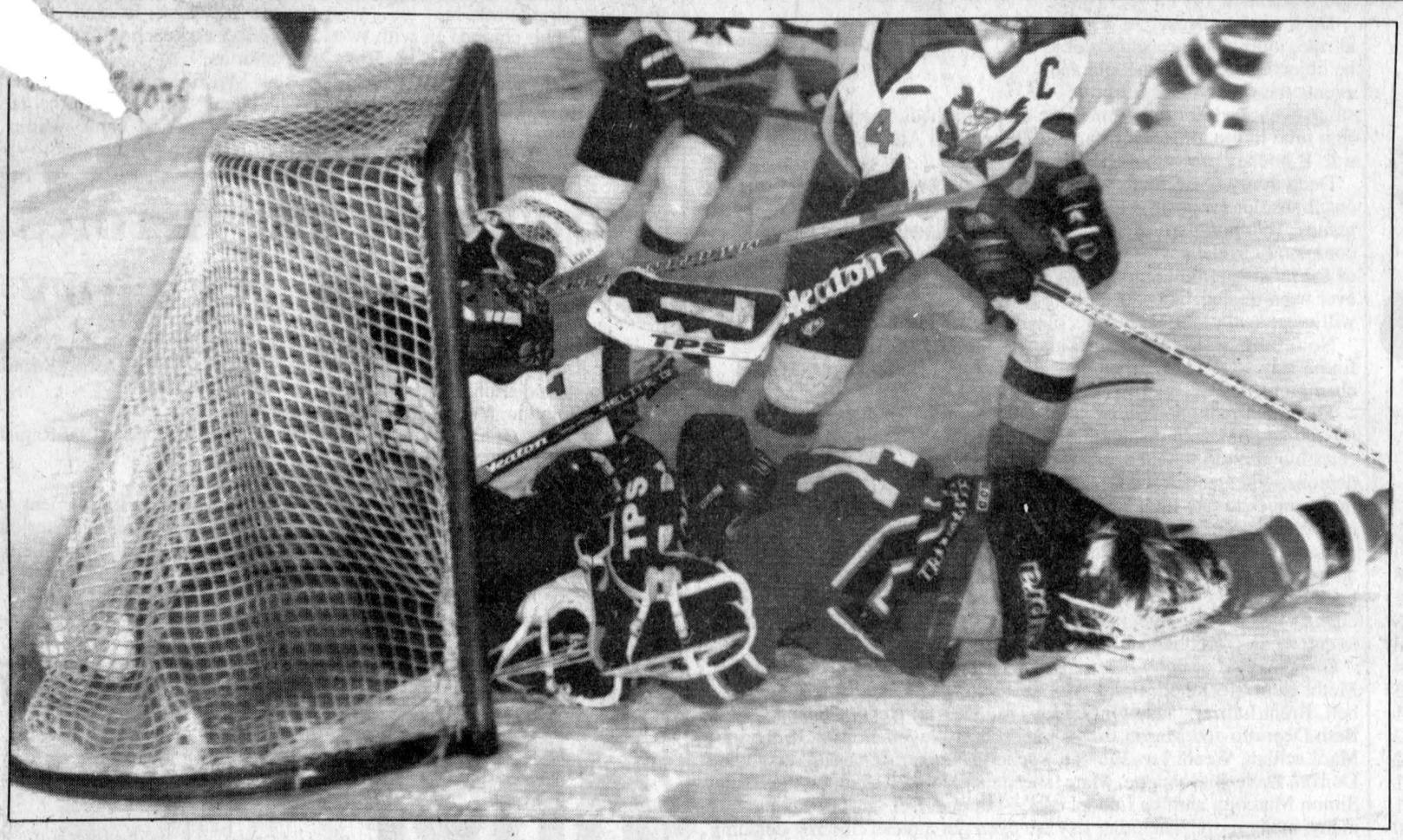

Glens netminder Sebastien Laplante gets some unwanted company in his crease last Friday night as Alexandria hosted the Buckingham Voisins.

Staff photo – J.L. Lefebvre

Glens' rally falls short vs. Voisins

By J.L. Lefebvre
Sports editor

Where we getting a little glimpse of the not-so-distant future last Friday night at Alexandria's Billy Gebbie Arena?

Is is possible that the same two teams who waged war on Billy Gebbie ice that night will be meeting again four to seven times next spring?

Things can change very quickly in the world of junior B hockey – with one scouting trip and a couple of strokes of the team, a general manager can literally transform his team over night – but it does not stretch reality unreasonably to suggest the Alexandria Glens and the Buckingham Voisins (also known as les Voisins de Papineau, also known as the most impressive opponent that has stepped onto Alexandria ice this season) will be facing each other in the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League final.

While the Valley Division and the Renfrew Timberwolves, Arnprior Packers and Perth Blue Wings of the world remain a bit of a mystery to the Glens and other St. Lawrence Division teams, the Voisins are clearly the best Metro Division club that Alexandria has faced.

Buckingham handed the Glens a rare loss – only their sixth in 30 games – last Friday as the visitors skated off with a 6-5 victory.

That said, this is a game the Glens could have and perhaps should have won.

For two periods, the Voisins were like a basketball team running a fast break offence. Buckingham showed lethal proficiency attacking the Glens on the rush and the result was a series of man-advantage breaks and a 5-1 lead for the visitors.

The Glens turned things around when they transformed the style of the game from run 'n' gun to more of a half-court possession affair.

Alexandria absolutely dominated the third frame after a late second-period goal by the Glens had cut the Voisins' lead to 5-2.

Wave after wave of forechecking Alexandria forwards made the Buckingham defence cough up the puck and Voisins goalie Mathieu Lahaie saw a steady stream of rubber.

Alexandria had melted the lead down to a goal when disaster struck. Stephane Lafleur's 70-footer from the neutral zone eluded Glens goalie Patrick Ruest, who had entered the game in relief of starter Sebastien Laplante when the Voisins had gone up 5-1.

The goal did nothing to change the momentum of the game – the Glens came right back a minute later to cut the lead to one again and continued to pepper Lahaie with shots – but the long shot became the winning goal as lacked luck and/or finish around the enemy net.

The Voisins were the victors on this night, but the Glens' strong finish creates some doubt about which team is the best.



Alexandria's Ghislain Valade ties up Serge Dumoulin of the Voisins.

Alexandria bounces back to defeat the Brockville Tikis

The Alexandria Glens picked up their 20th win and their 49th and 50th points of the junior B hockey season last Saturday as they defeated the Brockville Tikis 6-5.

Ghislain Valade's second goal of the game with 50 seconds left in the third period was the winner as Alexandria opened up a 12-point lead in the St. Lawrence Division over Char-Lan and Winchester heading into the Christmas break.

Jason Poirier, Daniel Tremblay, Kurt MacSweyn and Pat Burroughs also scored for Alexandria.

Nicolas Besner had three assists as the line of Besner, Valade and MacSweyn combined for three goals and eight points.

MacSweyn and Marc Angrignon each had two assists.

The Tikis replied with single goals by Chris Ferguson, Lindsay Haley, Nate Vanderbaaren, Alan Pipe and A.J. Howe.

The victory gives the Glens a sweep of the two-game season series against the Tikis.

Glens lose to Buckingham

The Glens last home game before Christmas was a loss, 6-5 to the Buckingham Voisins, the Metro Division leaders (see related story).

A shot from outside the blue line turned into the eventual game-winning goal as Buckingham's Stephane Lafleur beat Alexandria's Patrick Ruest.

Eric Durocher scored twice for the winners with singles going to Sylvain Lanthier, Danny Bissonnette and Mathieu Lindsay.

The Glens, who unsuccessfully tried to rally from a 5-1 deficit, got goals from Yves Ruest, Stephane Loyer, Nicolas Besner, Daniel Tremblay and Kurt MacSweyn.

Besner added a pair of assists.

Glens notes: Many Alexandria players gave themselves early Christmas presents by reaching milestones in the final two games before the break. In the goal-scoring department, **Yves Ruest** scored his 30th of the season while **Kurt MacSweyn** hit the 20-goal plateau. **Dan Tremblay** potted his 10th. The Glens now have seven players in double figures in goals (**Nicolas Besner**, **Stephane Loyer**, **Ghislain Valade** and **Marc Menard** are the others). Besner became the first Alexandria player this season to pass the 50-point mark... Look for the Glens to add a forward to the roster some time in the near future... The Glens will host the Athens Aeros on Friday and will be in Prescott Sunday to face the South Grenville Rangers.

Rebels, Hawks continue battle for second place

By J.L. Lefebvre
Sports editor

There's a very, very good chance the Char-Lan Rebels and Winchester Hawks will be getting together in late February.

Oh sure, there's still more than six weeks left in the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League regular season, but chances are there won't be much change in the St. Lawrence Division standings before then, which means the Rebels and Hawks will go nose-to-beak in the first round of the playoffs.

The only unknown factor at this points is home-ice advantage.

Char-Lan and Winchester are dead even in the points column at the almost two-thirds mark of the season.

Six weeks ago the Rebels were an average team, plodding along at with a .500 record (7-7-2). Since then the Rebs are 9-2-1 and they and the Hawks are now both at 38 points, 10 more than fourth-place Kemptville.

Soupy's on

Char-Lan is currently on a four-game winning streak after edging the Metcalfe Jets 4-3 on last Saturday at the Charlottenburgh Recreation Centre.

Recently repatriated winger Dave Campbell potted the game-winner when he put the Rebels up 4-2 with 3:51 left in the third period. The goal became critical as the Jets scored 32 seconds later.

Campbell is a burly winger with big-time goalscoring ability who played the previous three seasons with Char-Lan but spent the fall working on oil rigs in Alberta. The man known as "Soupy" by teammates has been playing on a line with Jean Greggain and Eric Fontaine should be a valuable asset when he gets into game shape. In fact he has already contributed with goals in each of his first two games since rejoining the club.

Rookies took care of the rest of the Rebels' scoring on Saturday as Ian McConnell, Chris Corput and Ian Main all dented the twine. Main's goal was the first of his junior B career.

Jeff Legue had two assists for Char-Lan.

The Jets replied with goals by Dan Miesner, Garnet Walker and Kevin Collins.

Char-Lan outshot Metcalfe by a 28-19 margin.

Rebels notes: Strange but true – defenceman **Lee Klazinga** missed the Metcalfe game because he had to work. Not all that unusual in the world of junior B hockey, but the bizarre part is that he was working at the Rec Centre as a rink attendant, and worked on the ice between periods of the game... Big **Mike Duffy** sat out Saturday's game because of a one-game suspension for fighting in the late stages of last Thursday's win over Ottawa West.

MacLeod rink is truly talking turkey

Dougal MacLeod and his teammates ate well this Christmas.

That's because each member of the MacLeod-skipped foursome took home home some frozen poultry for winning the Turkey Bonspiel at the Alexandria Curling Club on Dec. 19.

The winning team also included Jason Palmer as the third, Carol MacLeod as second and lead Bob Graham.

The MacLeod rink defeated Michel Lacelle's team (which featured Diane Riley, Bob Austin and Mora Cunning) in the "A" division final.

Finals were held in three other divisions on Dec. 19. The results included:

B Division: Walter Hughes (with Christie Thomson, Robin Thomson and Yvan Desautels) defeated Kurt Pristanski (Peggy Lafave, Bert Boulanger, Chris Millman).

C Division: Jim Poulton (Denise Laperle, Ambrose McDonell, Joanne MacPherson) defeated Bill MacLeod (Sue Derby, Bruce Kennedy, Anna Charlebois).

D Division: Stuart Nixon (Ian Fraser, Peter Bellware, Adrian MacDonald) defeated Rodney Fraser (Brent Lawson, Jean-Guy Hamelin, Claire Ouimet)

The Dec. 19 finals were the culmination of a two-week tournament.

Dignard dings Demons in final of Alex tourney

Leo Dignard's goal 54 seconds into overtime gave the Char-Lan Rebels a 4-3 victory over the North Dundas Demons in the championship game of the Alexandria Glengarry Tire peewee minor hockey tournament last Saturday.

Justin Lalonde assisted on the game- and tournament-winning goal.

The Rebels advanced to the final by defeating the Cornwall Royals 2-0 and the North Glengarry Stormont Braves 5-1.

Justin Lalonde led the Rebels with three tournament goals while Robb Schaefer and Robert Grant each scored twice. Mike Fontaine, Kurtis Thomson and Ryan Lalonde had single markers.

In Upper Canada Minor Hockey League action last week, the Rebels defeated Perth 3-1 and Potsdam 5-0.

Peewee Glens' results

The Rebels enjoyed themselves at the weekend puck party thrown by the Glengarry Tire Peewee Glens, but the hosts had a miserable time.

Alexandria was bounced from the competition after suffering back-to-back shutout losses – 2-0 to NG-S and 4-0 to Cornwall.

The Glens had much better luck ina league game against the Morrisburg Lions at the Billy Gebbie Arena last Sunday.

Pierre-Paul Decoeur racked up three goals and one assist as the Glens routed the Lions 7-2.

Mark Bigras and Pascal Lalonde each picked up a goal and two assists while Blake McMillan, and Roch Beauclair also scored for the winners.

COUNTY SCOREBOARD

JUNIOR B HOCKEY

Standings
St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Alexandria Glens	**30**	**20**	**6**	**4**	**169**	**114**	**50**
Winchester Hawks	28	19	9	0	172	129	38
Char-Lan Rebels	**28**	**16**	**9**	**3**	**126**	**95**	**38**
Kemptville 73's	28	13	14	1	142	141	28
Morrisburg Lions	29	7	20	2	113	186	20

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Westport Rideaus	27	14	11	2	135	115	32
Gananoque Islanders	27	12	10	5	116	109	30
South Grenville Rangers	27	10	13	4	119	124	29
Brockville Tikis	28	11	13	4	167	157	29
Athens Aeros	27	3	21	3	108	182	12

Teams winning a shootout or losing in OT receive a bonus point.

Results
Friday, Dec. 19
Clarence Creek 6 Kemptville 2
South Ottawa 3 Morrisburg 10
Ottawa West 3 Winchester 7
Buckingham 6 **Alexandria** 5
Saturday, Dec. 20
Alexandria 6 Brockville 5
Metcalfe 3 **Char-Lan** 4
Sunday, Dec. 21
Kemptville 3 Buckingham 10
Morrisburg 5 Metcalfe 10
Winchester 8 Clarence Creek 3

Top scorers (thru Dec. 18)
St. Lawrence Division

	G	A	P
Ryan Nichol, Win	27	33	60
Jeff Leonard, Win	22	23	45
Dave Weagle, Kempt	16	29	45
Yves Ruest, Alex	**28**	**16**	**44**
Nicholas Besner, Alex.	**17**	**27**	**44**
Eric Savard, Win	14	30	44
Josh Dixon, Kempt	20	21	41
Andrew Williams, Ke	15	24	39
Kurt MacSweyn, Alx.	**15**	**23**	**38**
Eric Fontaine, C-L	**18**	**16**	**34**
Stephane Loyer, Alex.	**18**	**16**	**34**
Mike Hartman, Kempt.	13	21	34

Rideau Division

	G	A	P
Dereck Layng, Bro	19	27	46
A.J. Howe, Bro	24	20	44
Chris Ferguson, Bro	17	27	44
Justin Ellis, Bro	19	22	41
John Dipaolo, Gan	16	25	41
Steve Sled, West	16	25	41
Robert Coon, West	14	27	41

Team scoring
Glens

	G	A	P
Nicholas Besner	19	35	54
Yves Ruest	30	18	48
Kurt MacSweyn	20	26	46
Stephane Loyer	22	16	38
Ghislain Valade	15	23	38
Daniel Tremblay	10	24	34
Marc Menard	11	22	33
Jason Poirier	8	23	31
Marc Angrignon	7	15	22
Simon Menard	3	9	12
Pat Burroughs	5	6	11
Steven St. Denis	4	7	11
S. Van den Oetelaar	4	6	10
Scott Nielsen	3	7	10
Michel Quesnel	1	7	8
Travis Young	0	3	3
Sylvain Campeau	1	1	2

Rebels

	G	A	P
Eric Fontaine	18	16	34
Jonah Leroux	12	16	28
Doug Ferguson	10	17	27
Jeff Legue	9	16	25
Kevin O'Farrell	6	18	24
Tim O'Shea	11	12	23
Mike Rankin	6	12	18
Jean Greggain	8	7	15
Mike Duffy	6	8	14
D.J. Zaluski	7	4	11
Rodney Besner	4	7	11
Lee Klazinga	2	8	10
Chris Corput	5	4	9
Ian McConnell	5	2	7
Chad MacDonell	1	4	5
Alain Lapierre	1	4	5
Ian Main	1	4	5
Dave Campbell	2	0	2

INDOOR SOCCER

Glengarry league
Standings
Men's division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Atl. Express	7	0	1	39	12	15
Atl. Storm	6	1	1	44	15	13
Bonnie Glen	6	2	0	40	19	12
Fassifern	4	3	0	34	34	8
Drillers	2	6	0	32	55	4
M&D Sports	1	7	0	14	44	2
Glen Nevis	0	7	0	8	32	0

Women's division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Shepherd's	7	0	1	40	9	15
Northerners	5	2	1	29	10	11
Springers	5	2	1	25	14	11
Atlantic	4	2	1	21	12	9
Glen Sandfield	2	5	0	14	12	4
Char-Lan	1	6	0	10	40	2
M&D Sports	0	7	0	2	44	0

Top goalscorers
Men's division

Brian Cameron, Storm	20
Randy Lavigueur, Storm	13
Duncan MacPherson, Flames	11
Murray MacLeod, B. Glen	9
D.A. MacMillan, Flames	8
Jeff St. Denis, Express	8
Lloyd Thomas, Express	8
Robbie Starkauskas, Flames	8
Scott McIntosh, Storm	8
Lloyd Thomas, Express	8
Pasquale Mongillo, Drillers	8

Women's division

Melissa MacDonald, Shepherd's	18
Tammy MacSweyn, Springers	13
Meghan MacPherson, Atlantic	11
Natasha Brodie, Glen Sandfield	10
Tracy McNicol, Northerners	8
Lori MacMaster, Northerners	7
Vanessa Van Sleeuwen, Shep	7
Christine Villeneuve, Northeners	7
Melissa McIntosh, Shepherd's	5
Jennilee Hamelin, Shepherd's	5

Char-Lan league
Standings

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
The Zone	8	1	0	55	9	24
R. Payer Sport	6	2	0	23	12	18
Stars	5	3	0	28	25	15
Nomads	1	7	0	14	49	3
Hellfish	1	8	0	8	33	3

Top goalscorers

Ben Pregent, Steelworks	16
Gab Gratton, Steelworks	14
Chad Beauregard, Steelworks	10
Derek Wereley, Rudi's	9
Toni Boos, Stars	8
Jason Varrin, Nomads	8

Laggan reunites on Jan. 3

Past and present members of the Laggan women's soccer team will be getting together on Saturday, Jan. 3.

The purpose of the reunion is to collect information and memories for the Laggan portion of the in-the-works Glengarry Soccer League history book.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Alexandria Pizzeria on Main St.

A look back... ...a look ahead

THE POINT AFTER



J.L. LEFEBVRE

Has it really been 365 days since my last lame "Year in Review" column? Well, the dust on my "Good Column Ideas" binder is about an eighth of an inch thicker than the last time I checked, so I guess 12 months is just about right.

Here's just a couple of the noteworthy events from the local sports scene in 1997:

Do it again, please: As a general rule, journalists are supposed to be objective about the people and events they cover. But one milestone event in 1997 turned me into an unabashed cheerleader. For the first time in too long, the Char-Lan Rebels and Alexandria Glens met in a Jr. B hockey playoff series.

Deep in my heart, there was no doubt how I wanted the series to turn out. I absolutely, positively wanted the winner to be... decided in seven games. To a non-partisan hockey-lover, the winner of the series was completely irrelevant compared to having the opportunity to see seven of the most entertaining displays of hockey to which Glengarrians have ever been treated. The sweet thing is there's a good chance the teams will meet again in this season's playoffs. Bring it on, boys.

No falling Stars this year: This was the year the Stars just couldn't find a way NOT to win the Glengarry Soccer League men's division championship.

The much-maligned Stars had made a habit of following up strong regular seasons with disappointing post-seasons this decade. There was certain oomph to the manner in which the Stars exorcised their recent demons – they ended the Greenfield Marauders' four-year title with a three games to one final series victory, clinching the championship with a 5-1 victory in Game Four.

Here, there, everywhere: Glengarrians continue to make their mark all over the map. From Andy Meth chasing pucks for a professional hockey team in Germany to Lisa Poirier controlling her own personal chunk of Kentucky bluegrass, Glengarry's sports ambassadors continue to carry our sports banner high.

Glengarry's Foreign Legion also includes the likes of hockey players Meth, Kent McDonell, Frank Morris, Ryan MacDonald, Lindsay Campbell, Brent Lauzon, Matt Gray, Joel Trottier, Karl Hehn, Chancey Lajoie, Beth Depratto and Martin Boisvenue, soccer players Poirier, Katharine MacLachlan, Wendi Lawson and Rachel Denner, race car drivers Ovide Doiron, Dave Bissonnette, Marc Therrien, George Renault, Gilles Titley, Simon Marcoux and the Ladouceurs – Laurent, Lee and Joey – and many, many more. The other day we even got a press clipping detailing the exploits of former local resident Danny McGee, who is excelling in the gruelling world of Ironman triathlons.

Whether it's inside or outside county lines, Glengarry's proud sporting tradition continues in fine style.

Champions: Obviously, there were far too many championship teams to mention them all here, but a few titleists deserve another look.

How about the Char-Lan junior girls' volleyball team that has won every "A" championship in SDG this decade? (That's eight in a row for those of you scoring at home) If you think that's good, how about the 17 titles in a row won by the Glengarry junior girls' soccer team?

While we're on the subject of streaks, there's Rudi Payer Sport's five-year run of dominance in Cornwall men's division indoor soccer and the Glengarry Stars' eight straight championships in the Char-Lan loop. The Laggan women have claimed four GSL crowns in succession and seven of the last eight. Clare's Flowers and Gifts have been in full bloom for four Char-Lan men's ball hockey seasons in a row. The Runnin' Crusaders are in the midst of a four-year streak of high school cross-country running championships.

Then there's the Alexandria Auto Glass Bantam Glens, who made history by winning the UCMHL championship trophy two years ago and then repeated that accomplishment last season. The M and D Sports Midget Glens won the Eastern Ontario Tournament of Champions on home ice.

Thanks for a wonderful 1997 everyone. Can't wait to see what's in store for 1998.

Glens beat Bears and dump Demons in weekend sweep

The Alexandria Auto Glass Bantam Glens were easy winners of back-to-back Upper Canada Minor Hockey League games last weekend.

On Dec. 21 in Smiths Falls, Lee Leblanc recorded a shutout as the Glens rolled to an 8-0 victory over the host Bears.

Eric Nielsen had a hat trick to pace the Alexandria attack.

Jeffrey Lobb chipped in with two goals and one assist and Rory McLeod also scored twice. Jason Vickers completed the goalscoring with a single.

Joel Quesnel had three assists while Alexandre Menard and Jean-François Menard each set up a pair of goals.

Glens win at home

On Dec. 20 at the Billy Gebbie Arena, a four-goal second period carried the Glens to a 5-2 win over the North Dundas Demons.

Jeffrey Lobb, Jason Vicke[rs], Andrew McIntyre, Eric Niels[en] Scott MacLeod each tallie[d] Alexandria.

Blair McMillan had [two] assists.

The Glens' four go[als] in the decisive second period came within a span of less than six minutes.

Newland's late heroics provide Rapids victory

A last-minute goal by Nigel Newland was the difference as the Seaway Valley AA midgets defeated Outaouais 2-1 in an Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association game on Dec. 17.

Greg Rombough also scored for the winners.

On Dec. 14, Jeff St. Denis scored all three goals to bring the Rapids from a 2-0 deficit to a 3-2 victory.

The Rapids lost 4-0 to Gloucester the day before.

Earlier in the mont, Seaway Valley took part in a tournament in Brossard, Que. and made it as far as the final before bowing to Waterloo.

The Rapids' overall record at the tournament was 3-2 with goals being scored by Terry Tillart, Nigel Newland, Sven Jseppi, Derek Wintle, Kirk Andrew, Kerry MacDonald, Adam Cameron and Joey Sullivan.

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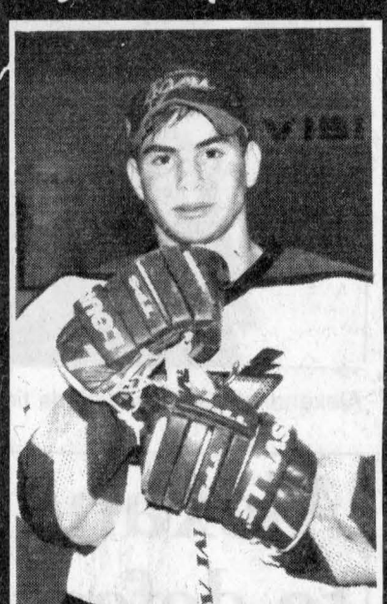

KURT MacSWEYN
Alexandria rookie left winger Kurt MacSweyn has been having an excellent rookie season for the Jr. B Glens, but he's really turned up the offence – especially the goalscoring – of late. The Laggan native has eight goals and 12 points in his last six games as a key member of Alexandria's most productive line (with Nicolas Besner and Ghislain Valade) He scored his 20th goal of the season last Saturday in Brockville.
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Card of Thanks

McRAE – Special thanks to Doctors and nursing staff at Glengarry Memorial Emergency and hospital for the excellent care I received while a patient there for one week. Many thanks also to my family, relatives, friends and Rev. Eric Roy for visits and telephone calls while there and help after returning home.
– Pat McRae. 52-1p

MacLEOD – I would like to thank my family and friends for the cards and gifts I received for my 80th birthday party and a special thank you to those who provided the entertainment.
– Alex D. MacLeod. 52-1p

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– Always remembered and loved by mother, sister and family. 52-1p

MacDONALD-MacQUEEN, Beverly – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, who passed away January 1, 1997.
No time for farewells that sad day
But we remember you, your smile, your humour
As the rolling stream of life rolls on.
– Evelyn and family. 52-1p

WARDEN – In loving memory of a mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Marie, who passed away January 1, 1993.
New Year's Day comes with great regret
A day that we will never forget.
We hold our tears when we speak your name
But the ache in our hearts remains the same.
No one knows the sorrow we share
When the family meets and you're not there.
You left a place no one can fill
But in our hearts you liveth still.
– Forever in our hearts, Donna and Bill, Kelly and Erin. 52-1p

MICHAUD – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, Bill (Papa), who passed away seven years ago, Dec. 29, 1990.
Dearer to me than words can tell,
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Always dear I am thinking of you.
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THANK you to the Sacred Heart for favour received. A. J. 52-1p

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Glengarry Memorial Hospital employee Kim Masson played a victim when the hospital held mock disaster exercises in late November.

1997: Year in review

Council wasted no time getting down to business

(Continued from page 12)

Other winners were: (North) Kent MacSweyn, Bill Franklin, Gilles Paradis, Johanne Wensink, Gary Shepherd and Claude Massie. In the South, other winners were Frank Prevost, Jim McDonell, Janette Abbey and Ian McLeod.

Local high school students interested in pursuing higher education received some good new Nov. 14 when the Msgr. Rudy Villeneuve Foundation was established. The foundation, which plans to provide 11 bursaries (one student each from local high schools), was established to recognize Villeneuve's commitment to education and work with young people.

Newly elected members of North Glengarry Council met publicly but without voting powers for the first time on Nov. 19. The gathering was intended as a get-to-know-you meeting and the new councillors staked out their positions on a number of issues from location of the new municipalities main office to pay rates and committee structure.

As a result of the discussions, Alexandria was favoured by the majority as the best location for the township office.

As the middle of the month rolled around, Canada Post workers went on strike. The work stoppage caused problems for many with their Christmas mailings but the widespread use of faxes, E-mail and courier services lessened the impact.

Nov. 18 saw South Lancaster host a stormy meeting regarding communal water. Most members of the public opposed the costly plan to provide services.

Char-Lan District High School student Stephanie Bateman was named winner of the Kara MacDonald-Wolachatiuk Award on Nov. 20. The award is presented to the student who successfully combines athletics, academics and leadership.

Alexandria's first-ever Christmas Jubilee went Nov. 21 to 23 wih organizers reporting a good response from members of the general public.

Farmers and churches in South Glengarry teamed up Nov. 22 to feed the hungry. On that date, farmers harvested 40 acres of land near Williamstown with the corn haul being donated to the Char-Lan Foodgrain Bank. The donation will eventually make its way overseas to feed the hungry.

Kenyon Coun. Blair Williams was named citizen of the year for that municipality on Nov. 26. He was recognized for his devotion to council and the community, leadership with the Glengarry Pioneer Museum and other initiatives.

Maxville Manor resident Marion MacRae received a high honor Nov. 27 when she was awarded with the Heritage Canada Lieutenant Governor's Award. MacRae was recognized for her lifelong devotion to preserving architecture in the province.

Tragedy struck in Summerstown when an aviation student was killed in a house fire Nov. 30. Four other individuals managed to escape the blaze.

December

The month began with the Maxville Chamber of Commerce saving itself on Dec. 3. Poor interest in group had led leaders to consider disbanding the organization but a general meeting resulted in a good turnout with members vowing to press on.

Quality of life for local seniors took an official step forward on Dec. 5 when the Glengarry Outreach Services Support Centre officially opened.

The debate over policing in North Glengarry heated up Dec. 8 when, at a meeting in Kenyon, that township's police advisory committee suggested a referendum be held to settle the issue. However, police services board member Helene Faubert said such a vote would not be binding on the board.

Kenyon Township said good-bye to itself and hello to its 200th year Dec. 10. While the township will be no more as of Jan. 1, 1998, residents and community leaders will still celebrate 200 years of Kenyon throughout 1998.

Students at Ecole Secondaire le Relais were in a festive mood Dec. 11 when they presented the Alexandria Lions Club with a cheque for more than $1,100. The money will go towards the Lions Christmas food voucher program

The province announced Dec. 12 the result of swapping services with municipalities. The news is a little different for the North and South. South Glengarry finds itself with a a shortfall of $464,000 while the North has a surplus of $72,000. Both municipalities will have to rework their finances as municipal support grants are cut as well.

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Auctions/Notices

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The first meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, for the initial year of the current term of office, will be held at the County Buildings, 20 Pitt Street, Cornwall,Ontario commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 1998.

R.J. Lapointe, Co-ordinator/Clerk-Treasurer

52-1c

Auctions/Notices

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 CHANGED TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

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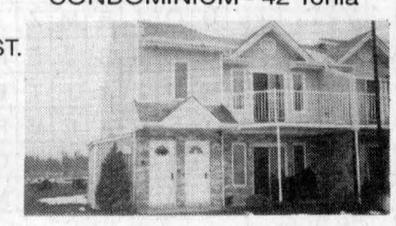

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Five previous SDG wardens called village home

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As our municipal government comes to an end and that of North Glengarry evolves, apprehension is behind the thinking of many of our citizens. There are rumours and certainly doubts and we first keep wondering how things are going to work out from our point of view.

This correspondent has been attending the Maxville Council meetings for about six years. During these meetings, there was time to study the photographs of the five SDG wardens from Maxville and the 24 photographs of the reeves since 1891. The third reeve, James K. Urquhart who served in 1902, apparently left no photograph behind. All the wardens are remembered by me and so are 15 of the reeves.

There are some interesting coincidences. The first warden from Maxville was Alex H. Robertson and he was an uncle of Dr. J. H. Munro.

Two pairs of reeves lived in the same home. G. H. McDougall operated the People's (grocery) Store and so did Hubert Quart. Both families lived over the store.

Reeves Robert MacKay and James Fitzgerald both had the same home, now that of the Alan Blaney family on Carr Street East.

Three generations of a family also produced reeves. William A. MacEwen, the grandfather, was reeve when he tragically died in 1957. Sometime later, William R. MacEwen was reeve. His widow, Vera, lives in the family home. Our second last reeve was Jim MacEwen, son of Bill and Vera and owner of MacEwen Agricenter Inc. of Maxville and St. Isidore.

For all the names of village councillors and reeves, you may find them on pages 295 to 302 of Maxville: Its Centennial Storey, 1991.

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A couple of issues ago, I suggested to walk or drive around the village to view the holiday lights and decorations. If you have the time or wish to entertain guests, I have another suggestion. Travel to Ottawa to view the marvelous decorations there. Parliament Hill is spectacular and Sussex Drive, MacKenzie Avenue and Elgin Street have many beautiful lighting schemes as well.

On the way home, go off Highway 417 at the Vars exit and drive through and around the streets of Embrun and Casselman. There are many, many homes in each town very well decorated and you should enjoy the tour.

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We have now passed the shortest day and, if our early winter is starting to get you down, think positively and realize that spring is on its way.

One recent morning, as I viewed the beautiful sunrise from my bed, I realized that the short days at least, mean that some of us don't have to get up early to enjoy the sunrises.

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At the "500" card party on Dec. 15, Georgette Lavoie had high scores, followed by Alice Richer and Lorna Chapman. For the men, Norman MacLeod, a long-time Kenyon councillor was first, with John MacMaster and Gerald MacGillis earning the other two prizes.

It wasn't all luck that earned Mr. MacMaster a prize for his score but it was luck that gave him the door prize.

In the 50-50 draw, luck was with Judy Johnsen, Viola Hope, (twice) Tony Van den Oetelaar (twice) and Mrs. Lavoie.

The next party in on Dec. 29 at 1:30 p.m. in the Anglican Church Hall. Rumour has it that there is going to be a bunch of mistletoe hanging in the hall that day.

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At the time of writing I have seen two large flocks of snow birds (snow buntings) out in the country. It may have been the same flock, seen twice, but it was a large one. If the birds are forecasting a storm, that storm will be history when you read this.

If you want to see cardinals, Dunvegan, Laggan and Skye are the places to find them. On caller reported three pairs of them. There are a few of these birds being observed locally too. Our Dunvegan reader has the evening or yellow grosbeaks feeding regularly too.

I am pleased that the white-winged crossbill continues to feed here. I was particularly pleased that it was here on one of the days I was doing the official count.

Our flock of redpolls continues to grow and it must be up to 50 members now. I keep watching for a special specimen known as a hoary redpoll. These have a frosted appearance and are considerably lighter in colour. The red cap is still there.

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If you notice that this column lacks social news and recent happenings, there is a reason for that. it is being written on Dec. 19 a day after last week's column was written.

OBITUARIES

Spurgeon Golden

Spurgeon Golden of Kenyon Street West, Alexandria passed away at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1997. He was 86.

Mr. Golden was the son of the late Frank Golden and the late Elizabeth Pichie.

He was the beloved husband of Dora Sauvé.

He was also the dear father of Corinne (Charles) Vanston, Shirley (Francis) Willard and Liz (Ewen) Massia, all of Alexandria.

He will be sadly missed by 18 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and one great grandson.

Mr. Golden was predeceased by one son Charles and daughter-in-law Gretta Major and by two sisters Nettie and Myrtle and by three brothers, Jim, Donald and John.

Relatives and friends called at Munro and Morris Funeral Home, Alexandria with funeral service held in Kenyon Presbyterian Church, Dunvegan on Saturday, Dec. 6 followed by interment in Kenyon Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were six grandsons, Jimmy Golden, John Willard, Richard Willard, Michael MacLeod, Gil MacLeod and Robert Willard.

Dorothy Patterson

Mrs. Dorothy Patterson of South Lancaster died at the Cornwall General Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997 at the age of 93 years.

She was the dear daughter of the late Henry Whittaker and the late Georgina MacKay. She was predeceased by her husband Robert Patterson.

She was the much loved aunt of Robert Whittaker of Cornwall, Margo Topolmyski of Etobicoke, Ont. and several other nieces and nephews. Also mourning is a much loved friend Susan Watt of Beaconsfield, Que.

She was predeceased by one brother Mack Whittaker and two sisters Margaret Hodge and Isobel MacGillis. To honor the previous by expressed wishes of the deceased there was no visitation.

Ruth Margaret Mowat

Mrs. Ruth Margaret Mowat died at Versa Care Centre, Cornwall on Friday, Nov. 28, 1997. She was 79 years old.

She was the beloved wife of the late William Malcolm (Mack) Mowat and the daughter of the late George Baker and the late Sarah McGibbon.

To mourn her loss she leaves sons Garry Mowat (Helen) of Calgary, Alberta and William Mowat (Ruth) of Cornwall. She will be sadly missed by three grandchildren David, Craig and Colleen.

One sister, Isobel, Mrs. Lloyd Gallinger of Cornwall also survives.

Mrs. Mowat was predeceased by one son Robert and two brothers Cameron and William Baker.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Wilson Funeral Home, Cornwall, at 3 p.m. on Dec. 2. Reverend Terry Dunlop of Knox-St. Paul's United Church officiated. Committal of cremated remains in St. Andrew's United Church Cemetery, Williamstown.

Rolland Bowen

Rolland Bowen passed away at his late residence in Summerstown on Dec. 1, 1997. He was in his 72nd year.

He was the son of the late Arthur Bowen and the late Maria Duchesne and the beloved husband of Marie Villeneuve.

Mr. Bowen was a Navy Veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 544, Lancaster.

Along with his wife, Mr. Bowen is survived by son Donald Bowen of Cornwall and Colette (Mrs. Carl MacDonald) of Summerstown. He was the loving grandfather of Jeremy, Justin, Jordan and Joshua.

Also mourning his loss are brothers Maurice (Jacqueline) and Andre (Marielle), and sisters Mrs. Cecile Quenneville and Mrs. Noella Julien, all of Cornwall.

The funeral took place on Thursday, Dec. 4 to St. Joseph Church in Lancaster at 11 a.m. Monsignor Rudolphe Villeneuve officiated assisted by Rev. Gerald Poirier. Spring interment will be in Notre Dame Cemetery, Cornwall.

Pallbearers were Tim Lagare, Daniel Villeneuve, Denis Villeneuve, Jean-Guy Gravel, Marcel Gravel and Eddy Laroche.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Saudi natives
6 Belonging to Cowardly Lion portrayer
11 Widely known
13 Fourteen-line column
14 Agave plant
15 Pacific islands
17 Vowel sequence
18 — of the line
20 Safe harbor
21 Day before holiday
22 Harvest
24 A Stooge
25 Fruit drinks
26 Lifeless
28 Bad acts
30 Cheerful ditty
32 Rice wine
33 Comedian Berle
35 Savalas role
37 Hot cross —
38 Insane
40 Concordes
42 Alphabet trio
43 Dine at home (2 wds.)
45 Youngster
46 Foxx ID
47 Changed
49 Faeroe Islands whirlwind
50 Texas city (2 wds.)
52 Make possible
54 — Haute, Indiana
55 Receded

DOWN

1 Behind in place
2 Showered
3 Before noon
4 Casper's cry
5 Of that kind
6 — cloth
7 Collection of facts
8 Ozzie's wife (inits.)
9 Keanu —
10 Pigpens
12 Line of stitches
13 Scoffs
16 Acknowledge frankly
19 Term of affection
21 Most nervous
23 Buckets
25 Crosses with loops
27 Type of sandwich (abbr.)
29 — bran
31 — paste
33 Stiffle
34 Mr. Thurmond
36 He was Lawrence of Arabia
37 Visorless cap
39 — Straits
41 "Avengers" character
43 Otherwise
44 Hawaiian bird
47 Swiss river
48 Pat lightly
51 San Juan's location (abbr.)
53 Bardot ID

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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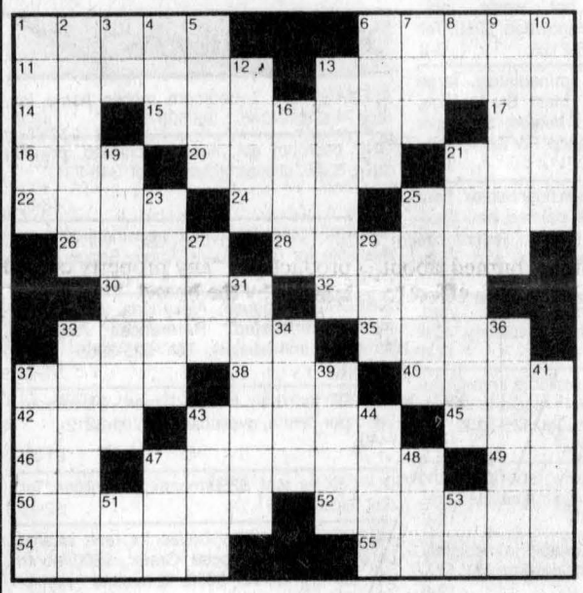

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CLUES

Airliner	Dots	Hues	Point	Spectrum
Bath	Energy	Illuminate	Projector	Spot
Beacon	Exposure	Intense	Pyre	Still
Blaze	Ferry	Lantern	Radiate	Streak
Blink	Filter	Laser	Rainbow	Street
Block	Fire	Lighthouse	Reflect	Stressful
Boat	Flame	Mall	Refraction	Submerged
Bulb	Flare	Marriage	Road	Telescope
Cabs	Flash	Measure	Room	Television
Camera	Floor	Melt	Scene	Tint
Clear	Fluorescent	Microscope	Science	Torch
Coast	Fuse	Natural	Shimmer	Traffic
Color	Gleam	Night	Shine	Trailer
Curtains	Glint	Noon	Show	Twinkle
Dark	Glow	Notice	Sight	Visibility
Dazzle	Guide	Opaque	Solar	Window
Dimness	Heat	Physics	Source	

by DAVID OUELLET

LIGHTS & LIGHTINGS Solution: 5 letters

T	B	C	T	O	R	C	H	M	R	S	S	I	N	T	E	N	S	E	E
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NINETY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday, Dec. 22, 1902

•The new bells of St. Finnan's are to be placed in position tomorrow and they will be heard for the first time when they call members of the congregation to assist at Midnight Mass. At the High Mass, on Sunday, the statue of St. Finnan, destined to ornament the niche on the new tower, was solemnly blessed by his Lordship the Bishop.

•Rory McGillivray, of the Toronto Dental College, is home for the holidays.

•F. Renaud had a large bee hauling brick from Maxville on Monday, preparatory to erection of a large hotel at Apple Hill, early next year.

•Sandy Robertson and Jim Hambleton of Glen Robertson, left Monday for Montreal, where they have secured employment as firemen on the Grand Trunk Railway.

•The choir of St. Finnan's, with orchestral accompaniment, will render for the first time at Midnight Mass, a beautiful Mass in E flat, composed by Professor Hyde, the talented leader of the citizens' Band.

EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday, Dec. 20, 1912

•Four horses and 35 head of cattle were lost with the hay and grain crop, when fire destroyed the modern barn of Norman John McRae, Maxville, early Tuesday morning.

•E. Pigeon, who was removed to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, following an accident at the Carriage Works last week, had his foot amputated above the angle on Tuesday.

•Harold Ostrom, late of the Union Bank staff, Cobalt, Ont., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Ostrom, this week before leaving for Winnipeg, to which office he has been transferred.

•David Theoret Jr., of Fassifern, met with a serious accident, Monday, when he fell off a load of straw, fracturing a bone in his hip.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday, Dec. 22, 1922

•A disastrous fire swept a section of Alexandria's business front, early Monday morning, when the Star Theatre, Jos. Lalonde's barber shop, and the Grand Union Hotel were destroyed, with lesser damage to Ostrom's drug store and the J. A. MacDonald block. The loss is estimated at $25,000 and includes the dispossession of Dr. J. T. Hope and J. H Prieur, notary, who had offices above the theatre and Dr. G. Monfette, whose office was above the Ostrom store.

•The Misses Eunice Simpson, Barbara Costello, Gladys and Alda Crewson, Johanna Kerr, E. Bouchard, Teresa MacDonald, Mary Chisholm and Della Douglas, students at Queen's University, Kingston, are at their respective homes for the holidays.

•The Laggan hockey club met on Saturday, when the following officers were elected: President, Fred McCrimmon; vice-president, John T. McDonald; sec.-treas., B. Goodman; manager, Alex McCaskill; assistant manager, R. N. McLeod; coach, Len Nixon; committee, Neil McLeod, Donald N. McDonald, D. D. McLennan, Benjamin Franklin; mascot, Tupper Goodman.

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday, Dec. 23, 1932

•R. McKay, Maxville and J. W. MacRae, Lochiel, president and secretary of the Glengarry Plowmen's Association, with F. C. McRae, agricultural representative, attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Counties Plowmen's Association at Chesterville, Monday. Peter McNeil of Williamstown, was named second vice-president.

•Miss Anne McLeod of Dalkeith, was among 18 trained attendants who received pins and caps on completion of their course at the YWCA graduation ceremonies in Montreal on Tuesday. Miss McLeod finished second in her class with 93 per cent.

•The young men of Fassifern west are building a skating rink at Fassifern and expect to have it finished this week.

•The people of the McCrimmon area held a poultry pool in McCrimmon Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday, when over 21 tons of turkeys, chickens, geese and fowl were graded and sold.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday, Dec. 18, 1942

•Branches of the Banque Canadienne Nationale at Maxville and Apple Hill closed their doors Saturday and the business has been taken over by the Maxville branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

•A native of Maxville, A. D. McLean, Controller of Civil Aviation in the Transport Department, Ottawa, has been awarded the Trans-Canada Trophy for outstanding service to Canadian aviation.

•Lieut. John McLaren of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, arrived at his Lancaster home last week after two years' service overseas.

•Pilot Officer Robert J. Gunn, of Summerstown, is reported missing and believed killed in air operations December 6th.

•J. J. MacDonald, proprietor of Shirley's Restaurant, has purchased the business of Dumser's restaurant in Cornwall, and will operate both under the name of Shirley's.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday, Dec. 19, 1952

•Three young children of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Proulx, Green Valley, died in the flaming ruins of their home, early Sunday morning. Mrs. Proulx was painfully burned about the head and arms in a vain effort to reach them.

•Duncan A. Macdonell's store and the adjoining home of Lucien Glaude, at St. Raphael's were destroyed by fire Friday night.

•Slippery under-footing on the weekend hospitalized Miss Janet Chisholm, Lochiel, who fractured her left arm in a fall while visiting here, and Frank McCormick who dislocated his shoulder in a fall.

•Arthur MacMillan, Glen Sandfield, is president of the Alexandria Concentrated Milk Producers Association formed among shippers to the Carnation plant here.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Thursday, Dec. 20, 1962

•Mrs. Pierrette Coxen and Mrs. Albert Coxen of Maxville, were injured in a two-car crash in Cornwall, Saturday night.

•Harold Blaney of Maxville, was elected president of the Glengarry Crop Improvement Association at the annual last week. He succeeds Morlin Campbell of Laggan, in that post.

•Andre Depratto, 6, suffered facial cuts when hit by a car as he played on Bishop St. last Thursday.

•A delegation of women from Glen Robertson, asked Lochiel Township to keep their sidewalks clear of snow this winter.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Thursday, Dec. 29, 1972

•The first blizzard of the winter dumped a foot of snow across Glengarry scene.

•Eldege Vaillancourt was elected president of the Cornwall and District Real Estate Board for the 1973 term.

•D. C. Murray, Martintown, succeeds John Fourney as president of the Glengarry Ayrshire Club and Donald MacGillivray was elected vice-president.

•A Lancaster family Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Renaud, 5th Conc., lost their home to fire Saturday night.

TEN YEARS AGO
Tuesday, December 29, 1987

•Congratulations to Suzanne Glaude, who recently captured third place for juvenile girls in the Ontario open division for girls under 59 kilos at the Eastern Region and Ontario Judo Championships.

•An Eastern Ontario Health Unit official will set his campaign wheels in motion, in January to eliminate smoking in SD&G county schools. However, he will have to contend with the board of education which quashed a motion last month to force students and staff to butt out. In a six-to-four vote, trustees set aside a motion which would have banned the use of all tobacco products on "any property owned or leased" by the board.

•Sunday wasn't a day of rest for two local businesses which opened doors in a first-time ever Boxing Day blitz. Anxious shoppers, clinging to funds which perhaps were received in plain white envelopes on Christmas day, waited in their cars until the event began.

Library reopens Jan. 3

DALKEITH



JEAN MACLENNAN
874-2385

There are a couple of reminders –

The Dalkeith branch of the library will reopen on Jan. 3, 1998. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Columba Presbyterian Church, Kirk Hill will have the morning services begin at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 4, 1998 and continue for a few months at that time.

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With early deadlines we don't have any Christmas visitors yet but please call me early to get them into the first issue of the New Year.

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Euchre at Laggan on Dec. 18 brought out a good crowd. There were a lot of extra prizes and fun.

Ladies, first, Evangeline Campeau; second, Tena MacSweyn; low, Janice MacIntosh. Men, first, Leonide Rozon; second Roger Brazeau; low Alex Tittley.

The 50/50 prizes were taken by Gerald McGillis, Roger Brazeau, Vina Brown, Rodney Nixon (twice), Karen (Ian) MacLeod, Gladys Barton. Door prizes went to Lucien Theoret, Bernice Lalonde, Dorina Theoret, Gladys Barton, Clifford MacDonald, Estelle Brazeau, Pauline Leroux, Annie MacLeod, Donat Titley, Leonide Rozon, Lina Arcand, Bernice Fontaine, Janice MacIntosh and Alec Tittley.

Jan. 16, 1998 will be the next euchre at Laggan.

More on Gaelic names

HIGHLAND PATHS



KEN MCKENNA

We ended the previous column with the Angus Bàn McDonalds who came to Glengarry over two centuries ago. Archibald and Isabel MacDonell and their family live on Muineil Farm here on the Summerstown Road in South Glengarry. Isabel is a direct descendant of the Angus Bàns and is the sister of Angus Hughie Angus Ranald Rory Angus of St.Raphael's. In a 1979 book "Inheritance - Ontario's Century Farms Past and Present" authors John and Monica Ladell had the privilege of interviewing Archibald's mother about the barn that had been erected on the farm before she was born: "At eighty-two, Florence MacDonell knows much of the history of the family and the farm. Her notes on the construction of the barn, and on later alterations to it and other out-buildings, record the continuing process of accomodation to new farming methods and machinery. The skelton of the fifty-by-one-hundred-foot barn, she noted, was erected in a single day in 1886, when a crowd of neighbours gathered for a raising bee that had every last rafter in place by nightfall. The timber for the barn had been cut from the bush months before, then laid out in a field, where it was cut to fit by a man nicknamed "Koovish" McDonald, a skilled carpenter although he could neither read nor write". Koovish is the phonetic rendering of the Gaelic "cuimheas", which means "sure of aim - unerring - an adjuster"; in other words, the ideal word for a man who could frame a building. Although most of the people of Glengarry in those days spoke Gaelic, few could read or write it. It was not taught in the schools and children were often punished for speaking it, not only here but in Scotland as well. The general attitude was that the language was useless and a deterrent to the learning of English. But not everyone agreed. English may have become the language away from home, but in many families Gaelic was still the mother-tongue for many generations.

The authors of "Inheritance" make one small error when they state that the Angus Ban family "were evicted during the clearances" in 1785. To be more accurate, the notorious Highland Clearances belong more to the 19th century, and, more specifically, to the years after the War of 1812. After Waterloo, great numbers of men were no longer needed to defend Britain and British interests and landlords in the Highlands were faced with an increasing population and a worsening economy. To hold onto their lands, they had to make a choice between profitable sheep and unprofitable tenants. For the first time in history, land was cleared of people to make room for animals, and the excesses of this sad epoch of Highland history are well documented. By the middle of the 1800s vast areas were emptied of almost all human life, but Glengarry in Canada had been settled long before.

There had always been evictions in the Highlands. In the days of clan feuds, the victors often replaced the vanquished with those of their own clan. If an all-powerful chief decided, for whatever reason, to evict an individual or family from the clan lands, they were evicted. This process, or the fear of it, was certainly accelerated after the defeat of the Jacobite clans at Culloden in 1746, the destruction of the clan system, and the vengeance of the government, but it would be a century before wholesale evictions became the norm. Angus Ban of Muineil was probably of the tacksmen class, the clan leaders who held a position just under that of the clan chief, and were identified by the names of their holdings, or tacks, so familiar here in Glengarry — Scottas, Greenfield, Aberchalder, and a dozen more. They were the more educated members of the clan, often schooled in Europe and speaking more than one language. Knowing that the old ways were gone forever in the Highlands, they looked across the sea to new lands and new beginnings before all was lost. And their clansmen and neighbours came with them. They had more choice in their decisions to leave than later emigrants.

These early arrivals in Glengarry seemed to have had a self-assurance and confidence that may not have been so apparent in later arrivals, when generations of ill-treatment by the landlords had reduced and degraded the Highland people. Many of the MacDonalds, MacLeods, the MacMillans and their kinspeople who first came here still lived in much the same way as they had in the latter half of the 18th century in the Highlands. And the Gaelic language was a basic part of that life.

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The Sunday morning worship service on Jan. 4, 1998 will be held at 10 a.m. in Glen Sandfield United Church with the Rev. Allister Rose officiating.

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Ken Roach, with his Voice of Glengarry Choir, presented an exhilarating Christmas concert on Dec. 14 at St. Finnan's Cathedral in Alexandria. The proceeds went to the aid of the Canadian Diabetes Association. A sizable crowd attended, in spite of several other events taking place, which included a Santa Claus Parade, that same afternoon.

Museum featured in calendar

DUNVEGAN



PEGGI CALDER

527-5293

George MacLeod of Dalkeith phoned to tell me that he'd just received his Villeneuve Tank Lines 1998 calendar featuring scenes from all across Canada and the month of August has a lovely picture of the Pioneer Museum here in Dunvegan!

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We wish you and yours health, wealth and happiness in the new year.

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On Friday, Dec 19, phones went out suddenly at shortly after 10 a.m. in the Dunvegan area. A quick survey up and down the road didn't reveal any work being done, although some repair work on the bridge towards the west end of the road had been apparently finished, as the crews were gone.

Bell Canada was rather slow off the mark to respond, as only the Tamarack Creek business east of Dunvegan had reported the outage. For some reason, one of their lines was still working.

Finally after lunch, crews discovered that the main cable had been 'spiked' by one of the road sign posts that had been reset when the work had been finished at the bridge.

The cable of 152 pairs of lines had been partially cut, explaining why some phones were still working.

By the time we got home from shopping around 8:30 p.m. the repairs had been made and everyone was connected to the world again.

Party to greet new South Glengarry

The Township of Charlottenburg's unique history is one of the oldest in Canada. Today, as Charlottenburg's chapter in history comes to a close, we reminisce on our community's origins.

The earliest survey of our local area was prepared by Patrick McNiff in 1784 at the request of Sir John Johnson. At this time, the Township of Charlottenburg's original name, as indicated on McNiff's map of this survey, was Royal Township No. 1

McNiff's map provided the lot and concession description of lands, which were then distributed to soldiers of the disbanded King's Royal Regiment. These United Empire Loyalists were soon joined by Gaelic-speaking kinsmen form the eastern Highlands of Scotland.

Royal Township No. 1 was renamed Charlottenburg to honour Queen Charlotte, the wife of King George III. In 1788 the District of Lunenburgh was formed which encompassed the Townships of Lancaster, Charlottenburg, Matilda, Edwardsburg, Augusta and Elizabethtown, each of which extended northward to the Ottawa River.

In 1792 the District of Lunenburgh was renamed to the Eastern District and was divided into the Counties of Glengarry, Stormont, and Dundas. In 1798 Glengarry County was divided to create Prescott County and Charlottenburg Township was divided to create the Township of Kenyon. Also at this time, a tract of land on our western border, known as "Indian Lands" was included in Charlottenburg.

The final "h" was added to Charlottenburgh during the First World War to distinguish the German "burg" from the Gaelic "burgh", meaning settlement. Over the years, Charlottenburgh has attracted many residents from other provinces and countries to build a diverse community.

Jan. 1, 1998 will mark the end of the Township of Charlottenburgh, when it will be united with the Township of Lancaster and the Village of Lancaster to form the Township of South Glengarry.

In recognition of this event, St. Mary's Centre will be hosting a "Farewell Charlottenburgh, Welcome South Glengarry," New Year's Eve dance at the Charlottenburgh Recreation Centre in Williamstown. Festivities on Dec. 31, 1997 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. will include New Year's party favours, door prizes, hot buffet and music by Hadrian's Wall. Tickets, at $15 per person, are available in Williamstown at Alex MacDonald's Store, E. Larocque's Service Station and Charlottenburg Arena or at Gilles Barber Shop, Glen Walter or MacEwen's 401 Lancaster.

CORRECTION NOTICE

We wish to draw your attention to the following in our current "Countdown to Savings" flyer.

Page 4. 7-1/2' Rocky Mountain Pine Christmas tree, 51-4543-2. Copy should read: Extra-strong, fully hooked branches, NOT hinged branches. **Page 16.** Cuisinart blender, 43-1945-4, models may vary by store. **Page 25.** Item 1. Carpenter's leather apron, 57-0089-6. Copy should read; 5 pockets, NOT 9. Item 2. Nail and tool pouch, 57-0088-8, does NOT include an adjustable belt. ALSO...

We wish to draw your attention to the following in our current "Last Minute Gift Ideas" flyer.

Page 8. Item 6. Steel trunk shovel. 59-6902-0. Copy should read: Save 18%, NOT 20-33%.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience we may have caused you.

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GLEN SANDFIELD



LORNA CHAPMAN

874-2408

People came expecting to hear some beautiful Christmas music and they were not disappointed. Mr. Roach sang a number of familiar songs and carols as solo numbers, as well as several more modern songs. For selections of his own original pieces and some carols in both English and French he was joined by the choir.

Pierrette Lefebvre sang a lovely solo, C'est Noël, with choral accompaniment. Amid the many beautiful poinsettias on the altar, the joyous voices of the singers soared up to the vaulted ceiling in hymns of praise and adoration to the Christ Child.

In contrast, the mellow tones of the steel drum echoed softly and sweetly down the aisles when he played White Christmas. Mr. Roach captivated the audience with his rich baritone voice and the special interpretation he gives to any music that he sings. These annual Christmas concerts seem to have become somewhat of a tradition for many members of the community. I personally received a number of phone calls requesting concert times and dates, as many people seemed to be really interested in attending. That this program lived up to everyone's expectations was amply demonstrated by the hearty applause from the audience and the standing ovation the singers received at the end of the program.

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This reporter accompanied daughter Nancy Chapman Sabourin to Longueuil, Que., on Tuesday, Dec. 16, for the St. Lambert Toastmaster Club's annual Christmas dinner and party at the Holiday Inn. I spent the afternoon with daughter Bonnie Chapman, in Brossard, doing some Christmas shopping.

That evening, following the banquet, the group adjourned upstairs for a social gathering. The festivities began with the poem "Christmas Is a State of Mind" read by Bonnie Chapman. The president spoke about some Christmas traditions, including the custom of wassailing. Carollers carried a large bowl of mede, drinking as they went, singing from house to house. After the carols they were supposed to have their bowls refilled by each of the hosts. Mede is a fermented form of honey drink with other ingredients mixed with it to make the brew. Anyway, the carolers were probably the happiest of the holiday celebrants by the end of their evening of wassailing.

Jokes and humourous stories were followed by a gift exchange with a difference. People brought generic items (under $5) for unknown recipients. Names were drawn with the idea being that the givers would try to convince everyone that they knew this particular person would receive their gift, and thusly, it was purchased especially for them. Some of the speeches were very inventive and all of them were amusing; especially the explanation for the rubber gloves! The singing of Christmas songs and carols followed (with your very surprised reporter leading to jingle bell accompaniment) and ending with "We wish you a merry Christmas." Though Nancy is no longer a member and I never have been one, we were very warmly welcomed by everyone. We returned that same evening to her home on 1st of Kenyon tired but none the worse for wear.

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Here we are at the start of a new year, with folks again making resolutions they will never be able to keep. Better by far to try to live a good life, be honest and caring all year, giving respect and consideration to everyone. Eat properly, exercise some and try to look on the bright side.

Everything has a dull side but everything also has some side facing the light. We never have to confront our troubles alone, God is always there, only as far as a prayer away. Not everyone's life is easy or always happy but we an invariably find someone worse off than ourselves if we but look around us. Remember the old saying, I complained that I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet. To feel better, resolve to look away from yourselves and out to others. Someone would live to have a new friend, some lonely person would welcome a weekly visit; the hospital auxiliary would welcome a new volunteer. Think how many new acquaintances you would make driving for Meals on Wheels a couple of times a month.



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