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Provincial grant cuts slam municipalities

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* editor**

Glengarry municipalities are reeling after learning their provincial grants will be slashed again in 1997.

All seven municipalities were cut by 9.5 per cent of their total tax levy, but that number has as wide range as the county's tax base.

Alexandria and Charlottenburgh were hit the hardest by the cuts.

Alexandria lost almost half its 1996 grant and was not prepared to handle such a severe cut.

"I don't know how we're going to manage this," said Poirier. "Do they want us to lock the doors here?

"The services are minimal as it is."

The province told the town only a few days before Christmas it was losing 41.7 per cent of its grant, a loss of about $142,000.

And since the town is already offering only skeleton services, Poirier said he has no idea how Alexandria is going to survive the heavy cut.

He's already started work on a letter asking the province for some consideration to ease the cuts.

The town will only be getting $197,760 from the province in 1997 which is a 67 per cent drop since the Harris government took power in 1995.

"We were hit hard last year," said Poirier.

"At that time we were told we'd feel the crunch this year (1996). It hasn't panned out that way."

Alexandria and Charlottenburgh, the two most populated municipalities, were dealt the greatest cuts because their tax revenues are the highest.

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> **Town clerk - Leo Poirier**

Since the grant won't be cut by more than 9.5 per cent of the total levy, townships with smaller budgets and which survive on a higher percentage of provincial grant money were cut by less, said Poirier.

"Urban municipalities are paying the price this year," he said.

The rural municipalities "benefit with more grant money and now they're going to benefit again," said Poirier.

But Charlottenburgh, which was cut by $184,536 or 27 per cent of its $478,108 grant, was well poised to handle the cuts.

"Hopefully it will not impact the municipality negatively," said township Clerk Marcel Lapierre.

When the township's grant was slashed last year, its council started preparing for a big cut again in 1997.

"I am not shocked by the $184,000," said Lapierre.

And because of very little snow fall, the township was able to put some of the money it saved towards next year's budget.

Lancaster township was also thanking mother nature when it was told it would be getting $77,018 less from the government this year.

The township saw an 18.5 per cent drop in its 1997 grant, amounting to a $120,000 loss in since 1996.

Township Clerk Mike Samson said council hasn't met to discuss what to do about the cuts but it could either draw from the reserves, tighten its belt or raise taxes.

Lochiel Clerk Ray Charbonneau said his township was cut by 5.83 per cent, a $43,884 cut to its $708,796 grant.

But Charbonneau said the township has more than $1.5 million in reserves which should easily cover the cut.

"There's not a worry in the world," he said.

Kenyon will lose $61,185 in 1997 after a 12.03 per cent cut in its grant.

The council had not met to discuss its new budget yet but Clerk Annie Levac speculated the township can get through 1997 "without any major changes.

"We can deal with it this year," she said.

Maxville will lose $11,714 of its grant money.

Lancaster village will lose $16,000, which adds up to almost 16 per cent of its $101,000 grant.

Defibrillator saves its first life

Area woman survives cardiac arrest thanks to new machine

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

A Lancaster Heights woman has been given a second chance at life, and in the process has become somewhat of a celebrity.

Susan White, a 32-year-old mother of two, has become the first area resident to survive a cardiac arrest after being resuscitated by paramedics using a defibrillator - a life saving device that delivers a shock to the heart after it has stopped.

The Ministry of Health began funding to train paramedics on the defibrillator last year. Area paramedics have been using them since late October, and White is the first patient in Stormont Dundas and Glengarry expected to make a full recovery.

According to medical officials, several patients have been resuscitated with the defibrillators, but have later died in hospital.

"Basically everyone before has died," said Dr. Brian Young, medical director for the Associate Base Hospital program at the Cornwall General Hospital.

He added had paramedics been unable to deliver the necessary shock to White's heart, she wouldn't be alive today. "This is the first time (someone has survived) since we started using (defibrillators) on Oct. 23."

White was resuscitated after she entered a restaurant in Cornwall on Dec. 31, and collapsed without warning.

According to Young, White's heart was "in fibrillation. Basically her heart stopped."

Essentially the defibrillator "knocks out" the problems affecting a patient's heart, in hopes of "resetting its normal rhythm," said Young. "To be honest, if she would have been at home she wouldn't have made it."

Fortunately for White, there was a nurse and three RCMP officers in the restaurant who were trained in CPR.

The nurse confirmed White's heart stopped and phoned 911 for an ambulance.

When paramedics arrived they delivered three shocks to her heart and White was stabilized. She is recovering at the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Cornwall.

Because of her condition White can't remember many of the events leading up to her heart attack.

"My boyfriend has told me some bits and pieces," said White. "But I don't ever remember going into the hospital."

White's family has a strong history of heart disease.



Lancaster Heights resident Susan White is the first local patient to survive cardiac arrest through the use of a defibrillator carried by paramedics. Paramedics have only been carrying defibrillators since late October. White, at left, is flanked by Barb Quinn and Ghislain Claude, the paramedics that saved her life.

Staff photo – Todd Lihou

> Basically I was trying to concentrate on what I had to do, and make sure I was doing it right."
>
> **- Paramedic Barb Quinn**

"My father has already had three heart attacks," she explained.

Both Ghyslain Claude and Barb Quinn, the paramedics who saved White's life, were thrilled to be able to help out.

"It's a good feeling. I"ve never had it before," said Claude, an 11-year veteran. "My partner was responsible for the defibrillator. I was more responsible for the CPR. Everybody has a certain role.

"Basically I was trying to concentrate on what I had to do, and make sure I was doing it right. You really have no time to think (about anything else)."

Quinn said she was "on auto-pilot" after arriving at the scene.

"You do most of your thinking on the way when dispatch gives you the call," said Quinn. "When you go to the hospital and they still have (the heart) rhythm, you know it is a good feeling when it is happening."

White had a hard time fighting back the tears when it came time to thank Claude and Quinn.

"I never want this to happen again.

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BFI pulls out of county landfill

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* editor**

The company expected to solve the counties' mega dump dilemma has pulled out of the running.

Browning-Ferris Industries, a private company specializing in landfill sites, will not develop its proposed landfill near Moose Creek.

The waste site was to handle all of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry's garbage.

BFI told the township of Roxborough at a meeting Dec. 23 that it was abandoning its plans for the Moose Creek waste site.

Now, the united counties waste management steering committee will have to look at other options to handle the area's garbage as local landfills fill up quickly.

Study Co-ordinator Nicole Martin said the committee hasn't met yet to decide where it's going to go now.

"We don't know," she said.

Martin said the committee never ruled out any options and had in the back of its mind that BFI could pull out of the plan.

"We always had in mind that we couldn't depend on BFI."

The committee has several ways it can turn and will be talking about its options at an open meeting tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the counties building in Cornwall.

The committee can re-open its study that looked at managing its own county-wide dump which was put on hold in January, 1996.

It can look for other options under the new environmental assessment act or look at shipping garbage.

"That's what we're going to have to discuss on Thursday, where do we go from here," said Martin.

A spokesperson from BFI could not be contacted before press time to explain why the company was pulling out.

Roxoborough Reeve George Creights could not be reached for comment either.

Two serious accidents keep area OPP officers hopping

Two serious accidents within a 12 hour span has kept area OPP officers hopping.

Traffic was re-routed for almost four hours Monday evening following a multi-vehicle collision on Highway 401 near Bainsville.

The collision occurred about 4:30 p.m. west of Curry Hill Road on Highway 401 westbound.

Lancaster OPP said two tractor-trailers were involved in the collision, but exact details could not be provided by the police.

Traffic was re-routed to the South Service Road and Highway 2.

Road conditions were described as wet at the time. Visibility later dropped to zero as squalls moved into the area.

Police are still investigating.

The second collision involved a Voyageur bus and a snow plow and occurred at about 7 p.m. Monday night on Highway 417, just east of Highway 34.

Numerous person were sent to the Hawkesbury General Hospital, but there were no reports of any serious injuries or deaths.

The exacts details of the accident were not provided by Hawkesbury OPP.

The snow plow, contracted to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation was salting the median shoulder at the time of the collision.

A second Voyageur bus was sent to pick up the passengers.

Hydro tight lipped over reasons for rate increase

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

Apple Hill residents will face their first hydro increase in four years.

The Apple Hill Hydro Commission and Ontario Hydro have approved a 4.55 per cent rate increase that will come into affect Feb. 1.

But Apple Hill Hydro officials were tight lipped about the new rate and gave few details as to the reason behind the increase.

"We need some more funds," said Apple Hill Hydro chairman Bernard Raymond.

Apple Hill Hydro bookkeeper June Raymond said the commission has been operating at a loss for close to four years and has been absorbing the loss until now.

"This year we had to put in an increase," said Raymond, but she wouldn't offer any information on just how much the commission was losing.

"I really don't think that is important," she said. "I don't have time to go and look that up.

"We don't have a computer system here."

In fact Bernard Raymond was unable to put a dollar figure on just how much the commission is looking to make up.

"It's a normal increase," said Bernard. "I don't have those numbers right in front of me."

Apple Hill Hydro is a separate entity from Ontario Hydro, but still requires their approval for any kind of rate increase.

Apple Hill Hydro made its final decision on the increase in December, but final notice of the new rate wasn't released until Ontario Hydro gave their approval just over a week ago.

Proposal could be accepted this week

Majority of municipalities expected to accept new recommendations in principle

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

A majority of north Glengarry municipalities could agree to a proposal that would see them amalgamate to form one as early as this week.

The township of Kenyon along with the village of Maxville have agreed, in principle, with a proposal that will unite them with the town of Alexandria and Lochiel township to form a new municipality tentatively named Glengarry township.

Lochiel township has yet to formally agree in principle with the proposed recommendations, but Reeve Ron MacDonell was confident last week, council would accept them in a meeting that may be held as early as this week.

In an interview held late last week MacDonell said "it looks like" the proposal will be accepted by Lochiel township, "but nothing has been done officially."



Mayor Grant Crack

Despite confidence one week ago, MacDonell was quick to change his tune when contacted Monday morning regarding the proposal vote.

During the interview MacDonell hinted the proposal may have hit a few snags and may not be as readily accepted as he once thought.

"That was last week," said MacDonell. "There are certainly some concerns (with the proposal). I'm concerned with how rate payers in Lochiel wil be affected."

Lochiel is the last municipality in North Glengarry scheduled to render a decision on the proposed amalgamation plan.

Alexandria is the only municipal body in the union that came out against the proposal. In fact, they refused to even table a motion to vote on the recommendations put together by a Hawkesbury auditing firm.

If the proposal is accepted by Lochiel, Alexandria is forced into accepting the decision by virtue of a 3-1 majority.

Alexandria councillors were opposed to the proposal, fearing they had more to lose by accepting it.

Alexandria Reeve Francine Richer is hopeful town councillors will change their minds about the proposal following the first transition committee meeting Jan. 8.

"If our members attend the meeting on (Jan. 8), maybe more will understand we have no choice," said Richer. "It's the majority that counts. Councillors have a right to feel (upset with the proposal). But if they had been attending the meetings since day one, then they would understand we have to do this."

Despite refusing to table a motion on the amalgamation proposal, Alexandria will still have representation at the transition committee meetings - and will be able to voice its opinion.

Richer said attendance at previous amalgamation meetings were at a councillor's discretion and she

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Alexandria Copy Cup

Card Game

The Hall Committee of the Paroisse Sacre-Coeur invites you to come and enjoy yourselves and play cards on Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. at the parish hall. All are welcome.

Cancer Network

The Alexandria Cancer Support Network will meet Jan. 21 at Glengarry District High School at 7:30 p.m.

For information phone 346-3513.

Weather report

The average temperature for December was an unheard of 5 C (9 F). There were also only 45 hours of sunshine. Both all time records.

A record low snowfall was recorded at 31 cm (16 inches), while 124 cm (69 inches) fell in 1965.

The average mean temperature for the whole year of 1996 was exactly normal at 6.275 C (43.3 F).

Fairweather Group

In December the Fairweather Group spent time doing Christmas crafts and singing carols.

On Dec. 18 they enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch provided by the Community Nursing Home.

Fraternite news

Activities will resume at Fraternite Programme de Jour and Bridge Club on Jan. 9 with a card game.

On Jan. 10 there will be regular bingo and Jan. 13 there will be dancing lessons.

Members are reminded to ask for a calendar of activities if they don't have one.

Amalgamation talks move into new year

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knows most had a good reason for not attending.

At a two-day session of amalgamation meetings in early December, only Mayor Grant Crack, Richer and town clerk Leo Poirier were present.

Deputy Reeve John Hope was present for three hours.

Richer said Glengarry township residents have to understand the proposal is a working document and several articles contained in it can be changed.

"There will be mixed feelings naturally," said Richer. "I'm confident that as we move into this exercise we will pull through."

Councillor Roger Lemieux was vehemently opposed to the proposal at a special council meeting held just before the Christmas holidays and still voices his displeasure.

"I can voice my opinions (at the transition committee meeting), but that is the only thing I can do," said Lemieux. "If the other three are in favor..." Lemieux feels there is nothing he can do about it.

Before the Christmas holidays Lemieux was unsure if he would be attending the upcoming transition meeting.

He now says he will attend, and will bring up several issues including the future of Alexandria's assets.

The proposal essentially calls for the four municipalities to pool all their assets together. But Alexandria will be responsible for its own debts and liabilities.

Crack said Alexandria won't suffer any ill economic effects following amalgamation.

"Alexandria will still have everything it has" worked for, said Crack. "But there won't be anymore 'us and them'. Now it is going to be 'we'."

Crack said some of the major "hurdles" to amalgamation, can be overcome with hardwork.

"We have shown we can all work together," said Crack. "We've had some good leadership and direction already."

MP Don Boudria challenges Bob Kilger at ski challenge fund raiser

The Canadian Cancer Society is hosting the 1997 Ski Challenge on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Mont Habitant, St. Sauveur, Que.

There will be free skiing and races with a minimum of $35 in pledges.

Already, Bob Kilger, member of parliament for Stormont and Dundas has been challenged by Don Boudria, member of parliament for Glengarry, Prescott, Russell to participate in the annual ski-a-thon.

To participate, skiers must collect $35 in pledges. This will allow them to take part in a free day of skiing and races.

Skiing is from 2 p.m. till closing. Races will take place at 6 p.m.

Pledge kits are available from the Canadian Cancer Society office at 16 Second Street East, Cornwall at 932-1283.

There will be a prize for everyone taking part in the races.

A special draw for skiers that collect $100 or more in pledges for a weekend of skiing at Mont Habitant will take place.

Dunvegan poet to give presentation at Arbor Gallery

On Jan. 11 Gary Geddies of Dunvegan will kick off the Arbor Gallery's Speakers Series. Geddes is not only a very accomplished poet, critic, editor and anthologist, but a "local" to the Vankleek Hill gallery.

He has 35 books to his credit, including poetry, fiction, drama, essays and anthologies, and has been awarded over a dozen very prestigious national and international literacy awards.

On January 11, Gary will be adding a very interesting dimension to his poetry reading, a slide projection.

The realism and directness of Gary's writings make them very approachable, and his extensive travel experience and many years of teaching make him a very artful communicator.

The presentation starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Arbor Gallery, 44 Home Avenue, Vankleek Hill, Ont.

The presentation will last about an hour and refreshments will be available afterwards.

The Speakers Series will continue every Saturday evening until April 26 outlining the rich experience of some very interesting people – poets, magicians, a stuntman, author, actor, armchair archeologist, photographer, herbologist and literary translator.

These evenings have purposefully been termed the "Speakers Series" since it's hopeful that they will be a sharing experience rather than a lecture.

The following Saturday, Jan. 18, the air will be filled with a little more mystery. Lawrence Larouche and Cynthia Martin who presently perform under the mame Magical Alliance will take you back through the centuries to the earliest traditions of magic and guide you on the winding road of its evolution.

They will also be consulting their "crystal ball" to see what the 21st century has in store for the art of magic.

Tickets are $5 per person at the door or, subscribe to the entire series of 13 presentations for $50.

For more information on any of the presentations, please call Phil at 613-678-2873 or Louise at 613-524-2784.

Defibrillator proves its worth after woman saved

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Not that I don't want to meet you again," said White. "Thank you very much."

White is expected to make a full recovery, despite being a relatively young heart attack victim.

"It's unsual but it happens," said Young. "To me the (prognosis) looks excellent. But I'm not her personal physician."

Young says White's survival is a testiment to the validity of the new 'chain of survival' program being adopted by hopitals nation-wide.

The 'chain of survival' is a series of links including early access to 911, early CPR (within four minutes), early defibrillation (within 10 minutes) and early advanced life support.

Young says if even one of the links wasn't present for White she would be dead.

"We are thrilled to see this new system works in our community," said Young.

Defibrillators normally cost close to $10,000.

"It paid itself off this time," said Claude.

Young agrees.

"In this case it was worth every penny."



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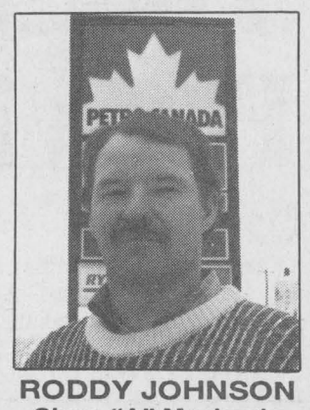

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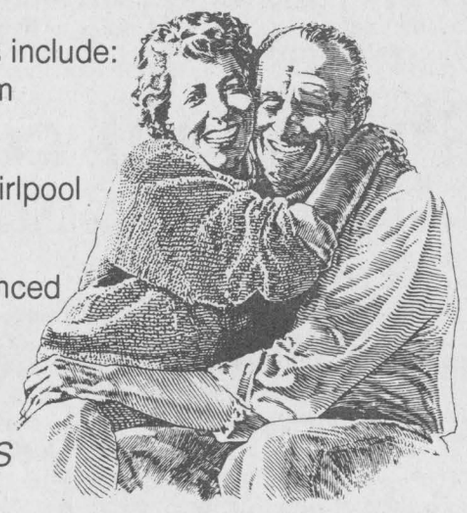

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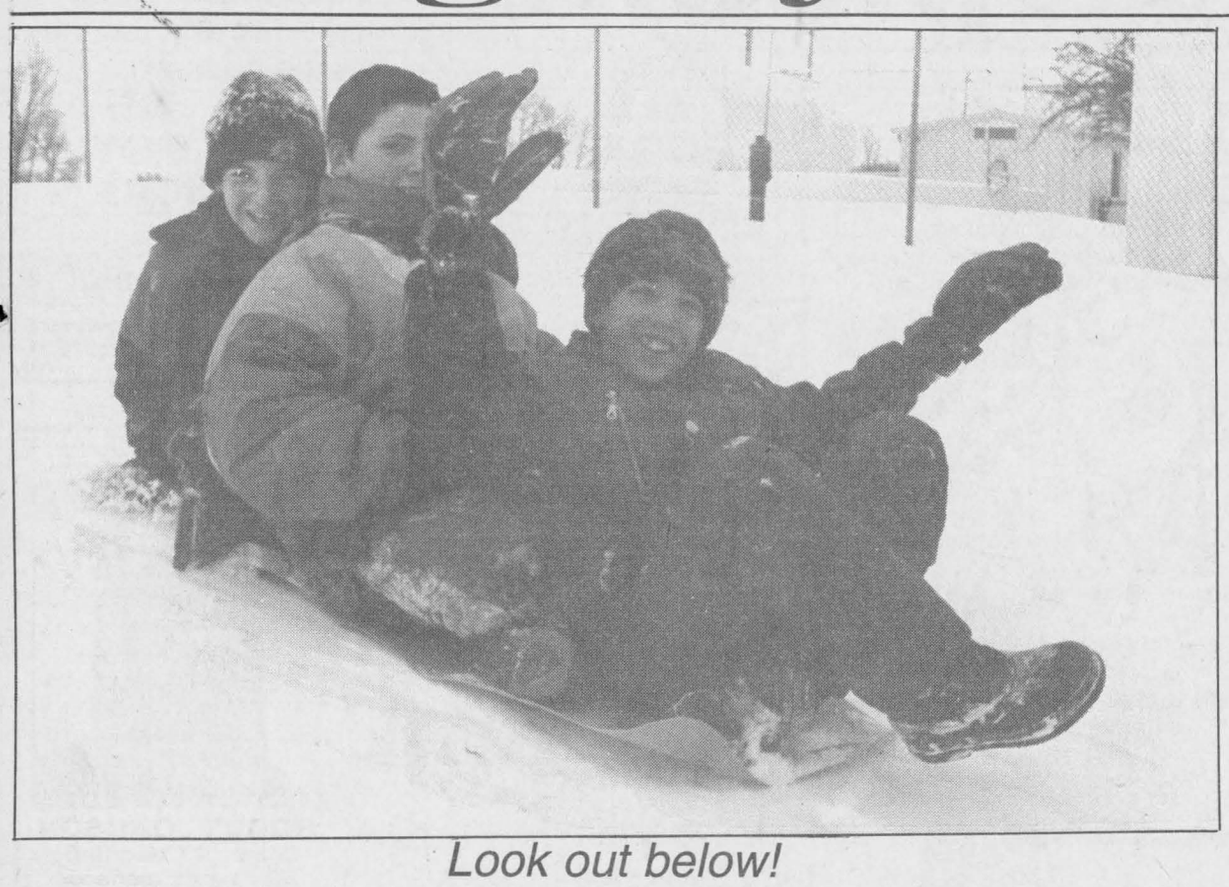

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Recent snow squalls made for perfect toboganning conditions for these three youngsters. Pascale Quesnel, Brendan Martin and Christian Quesnel make the best of the winter conditions in Alexandria.

Staff photo – Todd Lihou

Amalgamation key for 1997

Local politicians cite municipal mergers as issues to watch for

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

Municipa! representatives have peered into their respective crystal balls and have almost unanimously chosen amalgamation as the hot topic for 1997.

As local politicians look ahead to 1997, they do so knowing full-well it could be the last year their municipalities exist.

In the wake of provincial funding cuts Glengarry will more than likely be split into two distinct municipalities, north and south, bordering at Alexandria.

Most politicians agree this is the only way these new municipalities will be able to survive following a 47 per cent provincial reduction in funding over the last two years.

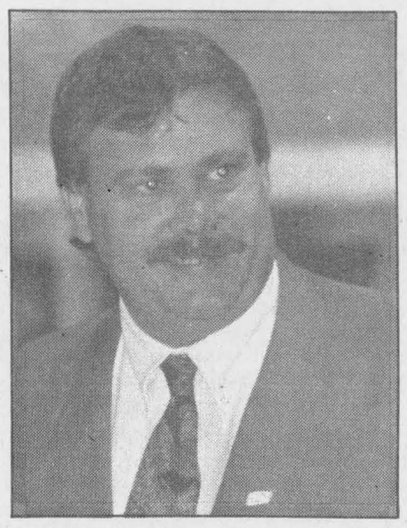
Lancaster township Reeve Charlie Sangster said amalgamation is essentially complete, as far as preliminary work is concerned.

"I think (amalgamation) is what this year will be about," said Sangster. "We will probably be getting a lot of things sorted out."

Sangster added "the ground work is being laid. We're just getting the final touches put together."

Charlottenburgh Reeve Leslie O'Shaughnessy said amalgamation should be looked after within the first six months of 1997, to make sure it doesn't drag on all year.

"It is something we should deal with early on," he explained. "Hopefully by early February. We should get things out of the way because we have lots of work to do next year" to prepare for the new government in 1998.



> "We should get (amalgamation) out of the way because we have lots of work to do next year."
>
> **Charlottenburgh Reeve Leslie O'Shaugnessy**

Alexandria Mayor Grant Crack said the amalgamation issue has been the hot topic for nearly a year and he expects this year to be no different.

"I think most of the work is behind us at this time," said Crack. "I predict this year will go smoothly regarding amalgamation."

Of all the municipal representative interviewed for this story, Kenyon Reeve Gwen Morris had the most to say about the upcoming year.

In a two page fax to The News, Morris outlined several issues that may affect Glengarry in 1997.

Lochiel Reeve Ron MacDonell said amalgamation will likely be one of the "big things" dealt with in 1997.

"The new waste management system isn't settled yet and will still be out there," said MacDonell. "There will be many other changes made as well. Will municipal funding come from the province or not?"

"Our focus this year will have to be on adjusting to the drastic changes due to the fact that by 1998 there will be no transfer payments, a new five or seven member government elected in November, 1997 and a need to meet after with the (northern municipalities) to draw up recommendations for the new council," Morris said in her fax.

She added the economic future of North Glengarry is a constant concern.

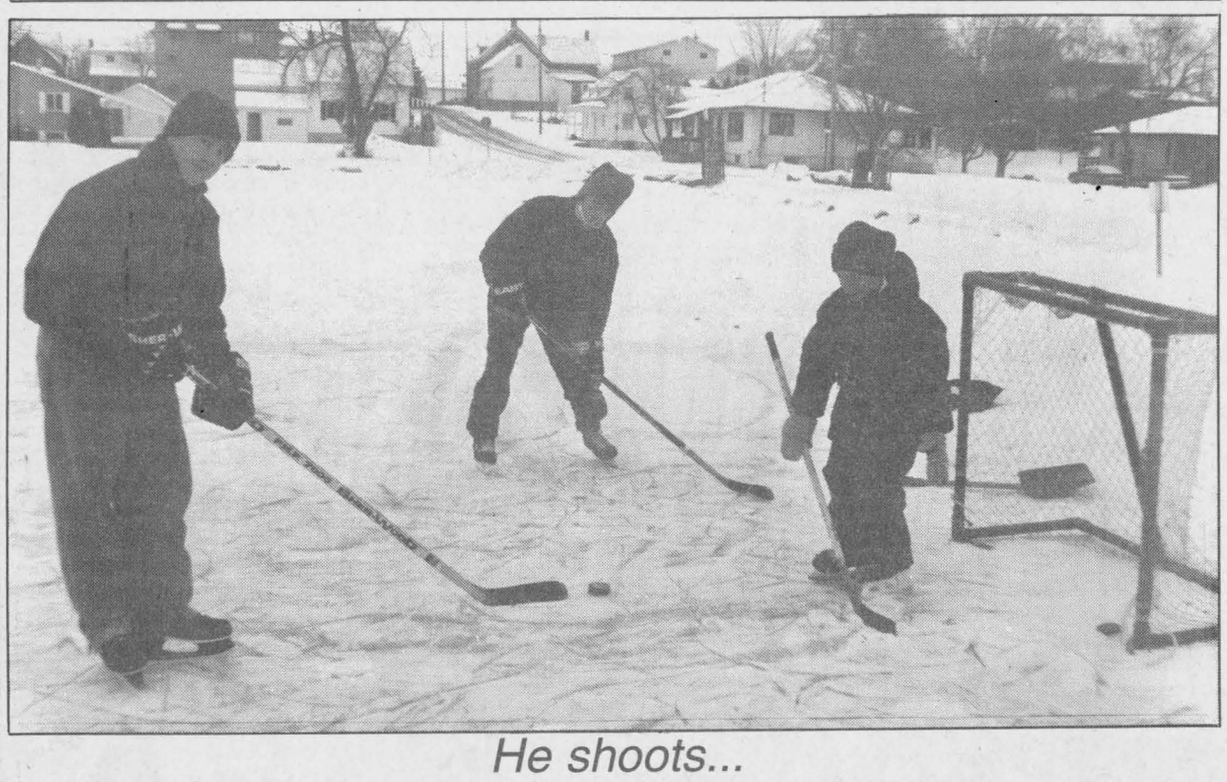
"We (Kenyon township) will have to work with the other three municipalities in north Glengarry to develop a common economic strategy that brings together and serves all the people," said Morris.

Crack said economics in Alexandria took some hard hits in 1996, and he says 1997 may be a carbon copy.

"It was definitely a difficult year for some businesses in Alexandria," said Crack. "I would suspect we will be looking at another year like we just had.

"But Alexandria Moulding is expanding and that could certainly bring things up."

Crack said once "we get rolling in 1997, we must start promoting the town."



He shoots...

A frozen Mill Pond was the best place these three future NHLers picked to sharpen up on their hockey skills. From left is Louis Roy, Marie-Andree Carrier and Dominique Carrier who said the ice on the pond is perfect for an afternoon of shinny.

Staff Photo – Todd Lihou

Christmas boosts business for many local merchants

Others saw only a slight drop in from the 1996 holidays season

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

Most Glengarry business persons were humming a happy tune following a successful holiday sales blitz.

This season's Christmas sales were up slightly from last year for most businesses in Alexandria, Lancaster and Maxville - following an especially slow autumn.

Retailers in Glengarry were rewarded with a hectic Christmas season and the addition of Boxing Day shopping only increased the number of sales for those businesses who chose to open their doors.

Alexandria Giant Tiger owner/operator Ron Poissant was swamped with customers Boxing Day and is proud to say he cleared out most of his Christmas stock.

"In November the business wasn't that good," said Poissant. "But we got a good push on Boxing Day."

Poissant said retailers often rely on Christmas to have a good overall year. He said because customers are becoming a bit more confidant with the economy, sales are beginning to pick up right across the board.

"People are money and price conscious, but they seem to be spending more," said Poissant.

Lancaster Freshmart owner Hector Landry agrees.

"If I combine the two weeks surrounding Christmas I did much better than last year," said Landry. "Last year we had close to a whole week of shopping before Christmas. It was very good this year."

Landry is able to breath a deep sigh of relief after a sluggish summer season - Landry's bread and butter.

"This Christmas is sure a positive sign for next summer," said Landry. "I had a terrible summer last year. It was really slow going for a while because of the bad weather during the summer."

Home Hardware in Maxville also has the Christmas season to thank for pulling them out of a minor sales spin out.

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> **Giant Tiger owner Ron Poissant**

Manager Francine Allaire has been at Home Hardware for just four months, but has managed to put her store back on the road to success following a successful Christmas.

"In the last four months things have improved," said Allaire. "Everybody I've talked to has said business is better this year.

"I won't let (business drop) again."

In fact, of the five Glengarry businesses questioned for this story, only two - Loeb Alexandria and Lancaster's Rob McIntosh - said this Christmas was slower than those in the past.

While Loeb did a good business, the numbers were still lower than last year.

Loeb owner/operator Michel Ouellet said this Christmas was "not as good as last year, but it was fair."

Ouellet said Loeb's had the same number of Christmas customers, but they weren't spending as much as they have in the past.

"We hear that (the recession is over) but we aren't seeing anything yet," Ouellet explained.

He added many consumers may still be clutching their wallets, fearful of job security and increased government cutbacks.

"I don't think (the recession) is over for one good reason," Ouellet said. "(People) don't know what is going to happen in the future."

Ouellet said tough times may remain a fixture in Alexandria for some time.

"It's tough to say right now," said Ouellet. "But I haven't seen any growth in about two or three years. It has stayed basically the same."

Rob McIntosh assistant manager Natasha Rickerd can sympathize with Loeb.

"Business was down a little bit, but not that much. We had the same number of people, but they weren't spending as much as they used to."

A busy summer season for Rickerd should make up for the small decrease this Christmas. She says people are still holding onto their money, but there seems to be a glimmer of hope on the horizon.

"I'm like that too, but its not as bad as it used to be," said Rickerd.

Woman's lawsuit against the town dumped

By Todd Lihou
***News* reporter**

An Alexandria woman's case to sue the town was thrown out of court earlier this month.

Carmen Viau charged the town of Alexandria improperly operated the municipal landfill site near her home south of town.

Viau claimed the landfill was discharging contaminants into the natural environment "that causes and is likely to continue to cause an adverse effect," she said in an earlier story published in The News.

A large part of her case rested on engineering reports done by the town. These reports were not accepted as evidence.

"I was relying on those documents," said Viau, who was representing herself in the case.

Viau said the documents were declared inadmissable because of legal technicalities.

"It's a question of law," said Viau, who has spent the better part of the last four years fighting with the town. "I did my best.

"I'm contemplating making an appeal."

The charges, contained in information sworn by an Alexandria justice of the peace, allege the town contravened a number of areas of the EPA and OWRA.

Viau claimed the town failed to operate the landfill within one of the conditions of the provisional certificate of approval, and failed to provide a green belt or neutral zone around the site.

She also charged the town failed to properly maintain or properly abandon a test well at the site and failed to adequately screen the site from public view.

Council hired Alexandria lawyer Alan MacKinnon to defend the it.

MacKinnon was unavailable for comment.



Michael and B. J. Coleman of Glen Robertson were nominated as Ontario Junior Citizens.

Twins among 103 kids nominated for award

The 267 community newspapers of Ontario are again honoring the province's youth by presenting 12 individual and one group award to a select group of Ontario Junior Citizens.

While they aren't among the recipients, Glen Robertson twins Michael and Barrington James (B.J.) Coleman, 9, had been nominated for the award and last week received certificates of acknowledgement from the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA).

Along with their sister Lindsay, 10, their mother Bernice and Linda Brytak, they helped save the life of 18 year-old Ryan Brytak from drowning in the Coleman's pool at their Lancaster Heights home last August.

Their efforts have drawn accolades and in September, MP Don Boudria presented the five with commendation certificates from his office.

Wednesday, Bernice Coleman told the *News* the boys have since gotten closer to Ryan.

"He is now their regular paid babysitter," Bernice told the *News* Wednesday.

The twins, who were swimming with Ryan at the time, noticed he was in trouble and dragged him from the bottom of the pool. Michael went for help with B.J. held the drowning teen's head above water.

Bernice responded to Micheal's call, diving in the pool and bringing the teen out onto the deck. She began giving him CPR and instructed Linda to breathe for her son.

Lindsay then ran into the house on her mother's orders and called the operator who transferred her to the police.

Since 1981 OCNA has sponsored the Ontario Junior Citizens program which honors young people between the ages of six and 18. Again this year the program co-sponsor is Bell Canada.

The award recipients and their families will be guests of Bell Canada and OCNA at an awards ceremony at the Toronto Airport Marriott Hotel on Friday, April 4, 1997.

OCNA President Carol Helfenstein praised each and every young person nominated this year.

"It is this kind of leadership and initiative, this incredible ability to reach far beyond their own needs and wants that marks the Junior Citizens of our province," said Helfenstein.

There were 103 nominations.

She said the task of selecting the finalists is a difficult one and reflects just how many good deeds are being done in the province every year.

"It is important to recognize such acts of great citizenship. They inspire us all."

The 1996 Junior Citizens are:

Melissa Crawford, 18, of Ancaster, Aaron Gauthier and Michael Crombie, both 14, of Tottenham, Lisa Beth Jackson, 18, of Guelph, Lindsay Lefton, 13, of Thornhill, Heather Muir, 10, of Walkerton, Novelette Munroe, 11, of Scarborough, Anne O'Connor, 9, of Whitby, Michael Sharshin, 18, of Ancaster, Usman Sheikh, 17, of Brampton, Martin Skobla, 17, of Oakville, Billy Stacey, and Jamie Wilson, both 11, of Bowmanville, Jadie Wardlaw, 18, of North Bay, and the Group Award was won by Pikangikum Youth Patrol (East and West Side Patrols).

Wild turkeys released into backwoods

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* editor**

Wild turkeys are getting back to their heritage in Glengarry county.

Since 1993, between 30 and 35 turkeys have been released into the area where they used to roam, and just last week another nine were let loose on a farm north-east of Martintown.

"We're just trying to reintroduce them to the area," said Rick Hollingsworth, MNR conservation officer.

The first eight birds released Jan. 2 were from Simcoe and a lone male from Picton was released on Jan. 3.

Hollingsworth said MNR is hoping to get another eight birds for the area which will complete the ministry's project to bring the turkeys back.

"Once that occurs, then nature hopefully will take its course," he said.

Glengarry is now number one on the priority list to get the birds because its stocking is almost done.

MNR is hoping to get a few more females than males to release into the area to kick start the birds' reproduction.

"As soon as the birds become available," they'll be released here, said Hollingsworth.

Once the population takes off, it will not only bring the birds back to the area, but "provide some hunting opportunities as well," he said.

In fact, the Lancaster Fish and Game Club has been very active in the project and even paid for the birds' transportation costs from Southern Ontario to Peter Overbeek's farm near Martintown.

Hollingsworth said Overbeek often spreads manure out near the bush for the turkeys.

The grain left in the manure is almost like "meals on wheels" for the turkeys, he said.

Once the population here is sufficient, Glengarry can become part of the program again, but next time it will give birds to other areas struggling to repopulate.

MNR is asking that anyone who sees a wild turkey in the area call its office. Any information will give the conservation officers some indication as to how the birds are doing.

Already, some people have reported seeing birds from an earlier release at Loch Garry.

Sightings should be reported to MNR's Kemptville office at 613-258-8204. The birds will most likely be seen in the spring or in July.

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Plan for survival is GMH's best hope

Amidst the negotiations over municipal amalgamation in Glengarry, a no-less stressful issue has been simmering that will have a similarly profound social and economic impact of the residents of this region – that of the fate of Glengarry Memorial Hospital.

Daily, it seems, we hear about hospital closures and downsizing in other communities, and the turmoil such radical changes in the system has wrought. And they make us wonder about the future of this community's hospital.

With health care in the province working through what many consider a state of crisis, GMH has unveiled a plan for its future to preserve its role in the Eastern Ontario health care mix. It's a pre-emptive plan of sorts, intended to head off a catastrophic announcement by the province that would end GMH's existence in this community.

That cannot be permitted to happen. And that is why the GMH plan deserves the aggressive support of everyone who cares about the hospital in these dramatically uncertain times, even when it is a plan that means cuts to beds and staff.

To understand better what is exactly at stake, none of us need look any further than two other jurisdictions here in Eastern Ontario.

In Pembroke, the province's health-care restructuring commission – which will come to visit GMH before Sept. 30 – shocked the city by announcing that the city's Civic Hospital would be closed within a year, leaving the single Pembroke General Hospital to cope with the demand.

Closer to home, in Cornwall, 96 jobs were lost and 57 beds were closed in the city's two hospitals last year after the health ministry cut hospital funding by five per cent last year. And yesterday, it was announced that approximately 230 full-time equivalent jobs could be eliminated from the city's two hospitals.

GMH has not been spared. On the same date – April Fool's Day – funding reductions of between $125,000 and $175,000 will hit the hospital. And between $125,000 and $225,000 will take effect a year later.

Obviously, to continue to maintain those services local residents cherish including the emergency and rehabilitative departments, GMH needed a rescue plan which it unveiled in November.

To ensure its survival, the hospital will close 14 active beds and relocate chronic beds to the active unit, to eliminate duplication of one of two nursing stations. The bed reduction shouldn't reduce service because the hospital is averaging 18 empty beds every day now. And those cuts will more closely match what the province deems is a proper average.

At the same time, the hospital has been moving toward making more of its space within the hospital available for family practitioners. There are three offices there now, with further plans for a fourth and possibly a fifth unit. This plan fits in with the province's intentions to convert some smaller hospitals, depending on population and geography, to family health centres, some with beds and some without.

Other plans call for centralizing all community health agencies, whose funding has also been cut, under the hospital's roof, and the construction of a hydrotherapy pool to help the high ratio of elderly in the community. The pool's construction would similarly jive with the provincial direction of keeping the elderly at home for as long as possible.

The plan is insightful in that it combines the long-term goals for health care locally with the ongoing more universal demands of the province. Unfortunately, there will be a human cost as well, in the form of layoffs. With 75 per cent of the total hospital costs taken up by wages, it goes without saying that a cut in funding means a cut in jobs.

But without this kind of planning, recent history around Ontario has shown that there are bleak times ahead for GMH. The loss of some jobs is necessary to save the ones that remain.

In brutally frank language the hospital stated in its Nov. 20 advertisement in this newspaper that it "is attempting to avoid a catastrophe. If a sensible strategic direction and plan is not formulated locally, then the Commission will undoubtedly make much more drastic decisions."

Ominously, it adds: "On Nov. 6, 1996, the chair of the commission commented that he foresaw small hospitals with only a few beds, if any."

The options seems clear, and the challenges formidable. But we support the GMH plan, and encourage the community to do likewise.

Zero tolerance for trucking companies

With so many of our population using highways 401 and 417, truck safety is a vital concern here. That's why we agree with Canadian Automobile Association which says trucking companies that risk the lives of motorists and their employees should be put out of business.

Public safety can't be compromised. With the awareness generated from previous year's aggressive truck inspections, there are no longer any excuses for poorly maintained trucks.

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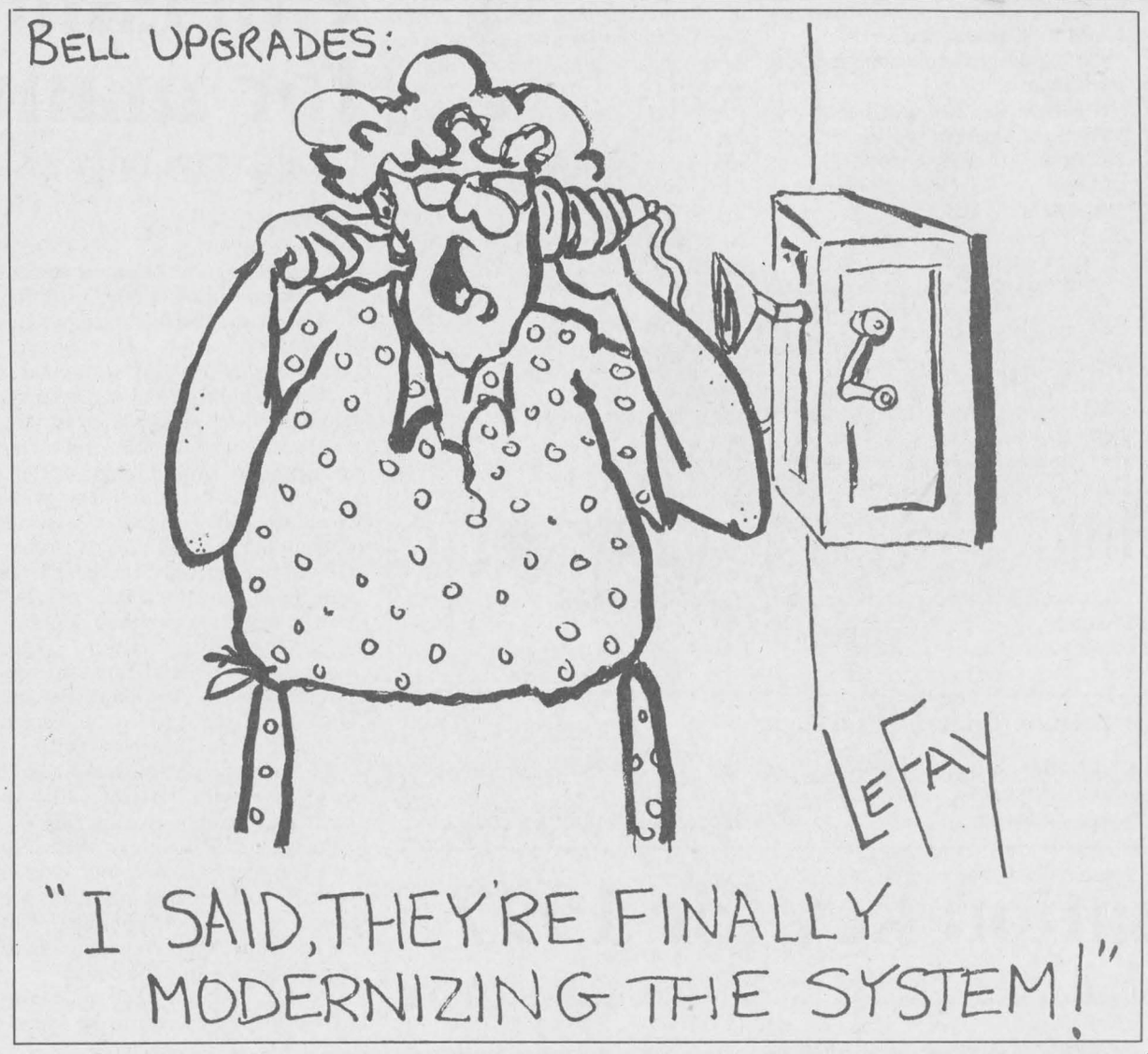

January could be a March lark

After Thoughts



by Joe Banks

There is a case to be made for fast-forwarding the year with each new turn of the year. Yes, to peel away a few pages of the calendar and begin our new year on March 1, 1997.

Consider the following. Psychiatrists are reporting a big increase in cases of depression as the result of December's unprecedented greyness. The sunless weather seems to have continued uninterrupted into the new year.

Not only is this bad for owners of solar-powered snowblowers and the sun glasses industry, but the experts say they're not only seeing more depressed people, but their depression is more severe.

This coincides with word from Environment Canada that says this region had about 44 hours of sunlight last month, 7.5 hours less than ever before.

No doubt about it. Few sunny days adds up to a cloudy disposition.

But really, what's surprising about the psychiatric findings is that anyone is surprised about them.

This is not a time of year, like May for instance, that spurs the populace out of their dens to frolic in carefree mirth. Those energies were used up in December.

This is a "down" time of the year in every sense of the word. Business slows after the Boxing Day/Week sales. About the only thing still moving with lightning-like efficiency is the speed with which the Christmas bills arrive.

The siege mentality takes hold as the meat of the winter begins to set in. But it doesn't take a psychiatrist to figure out that the weather and a lack of sunlight isn't the only factor affecting people's moods.

Look at what we do collectively in the days leading up to the holidays; we frantically prepare for Christmas and travel, then push on to New Year's, all the while ensuring we drink and eat more than usual to confirm in our own minds that yes indeed, the holidays have arrived.

And then it ends suddenly, with no prospect of a holiday until Good Friday on March 28 (unless you're able to convince your boss that Ash Wednesday or Valentine's Day is vitally important to your religion and must be honored with a day off work).

What goes up must come down. The best resolution I've heard is not to make any new year's resolutions at all, at least until the first crack of serious sun emerges through the steel-grey clouds.

Really, our resolutions, if they need to be made at all, should come at a moment suited to our outlook when the weather begins to nudge us back outside, when moods match energy levels.

This is not applicable, of course, if you are a hardy winter outdoors enthusiast who looks forward to respite on the slopes, along the trails or on the ice surfaces of the land.

For you, the weather is no barrier to happiness. The more winter-like it is, in fact, the better.

Envy is a four-letter word, but you've got to admit, these folks are true Canadians. Curlers, hockey players, skiers, skaters, snowmobilers – they've all figured out how to beat the January blahs and stay active at a time when even bears snooze for the season (Unless you include those people I see jogging along Hwy. 34 on the coldest days of the year, puffing steam through ice-encrusted faces like a locomotive. Or the media darlings of New Year's Day, the so-called polar bear swimmers. Clearly, these people are simply aliens from another planet who miss the frigid extremes of home.)

But they are in the minority, and so back to the calendar amendment. Who is for switching the months of January and February for March and April?

What with the green house effect flipping our weather with British Columbia's, maybe it's time we flipped the calendar to match.

Leaving aside the undeniably massive implications this would have on our everyday lives for just a moment, ponder the possibilities.

The February blahs become the April blahs, a phrase nobody would use because it hasn't been invented yet.

And the weather *has* been very March-like lately hasn't it? And if you are one of those types who feel the only way to get past Jan. 1 is to make a resolution, you would be entitled to two more months of procrastination.

Spring, if only in our minds, would be that much closer. We could remark that January was the warmest one in memory.

Best of all, when the bill's "payment due" dates show the end of January, it means you've got 90 days to pay instead of 30.

And for us writers attempting to get back into the grind, there would no longer be any excuse for writing columns about switching months on the calendar.

I've had enough, hunters lay off

Off topic



Lynn McCuaig

Complaints about hunters have been filtering through the news office ever since I started working here. I always gave the complainants my sympathy, but like everything else, you can't really understand until you've been there. Well, I've officially been there and I've officially had enough. Hunters lay off.

Since the fall, on our farm we've had a window shot out of a tractor parked in the yard, heard gun shots and spotted hunters while cross country skiing and have had farm machinery blocked in during harvest time by hunters parked in the middle of the road.

And most annoying, is that none of the people that were found back there have even asked permission to be on the land. Unfortunatley, the inconsiderate hunters give all hunters a bad name.

The last straw in my anger and frustration came last week when I learned my cousin's cat had been severely mangled by a trap set in the ditch by the side of the road.

Whoever set the trap had absolutely no regard for the people living in the area. And judging by his or her *leisure* activity of hunting, there's probably little sympathy for the animal or the young girl who lost her pet.

It took more than an hour to remove the mangled animal from the trap. I hate to think what could have happened if it had been a child that stumbled onto it.

If the hunters only came out a few weeks in the year and told me when to stay out of the bush, I might be able to handle it. But just when you think deer season is over and you're safe, out come the coyote and wolf hunters.

And for the property owners, who are often the victims of careless hunters, the onus is on them to keep these people off their land.

According to police, anyone can be charged for trespassing whether the land has signs posted or not, but a property owner should post, fence or sign the land. The signs need to be close enough so they can be viewed from one to the next to make it "obvious" it's private property, said Kevin Smith, MNR enforcement supervisor.

But what I don't understand is how a hunter can't figure out that if the land isn't his, then it *obviously* belongs to someone else.

So this weekend, I'll get my paint and plywood and I'll start posting no trespassing signs all over the bush. It's either start posting or start wearing a bullet proof vest to go skiing in the bush.

OPP Const. George Johann said the Lancaster department gets very few complaints about hunters and cited Quebec garlic pickers as the worst trespassers locally. But he did say that if hunters refuse to leave when the property owner asks, then the police will come and remove them.

Though there are few complaints to the police, I know I'm not alone in my plight. Last fall, residents in Lancaster Heights approached the township with worries about their children's safety around thoughtless hunters.

In Kenyon, a by-law was passed to prevent hunting in hamlets. The by-law actually caused quite a stir with people who simply *must* be allowed to hunt in hamlets like Greenfield and Apple Hill. What if a skunk walks on their lawns? They should at least be allowed to shoot it, some argued.

But from a person who has had many skunks walk across the lawn, I've never seen a need for a gun in the house.

I know there are many out there who disagree with me and think I just don't understand the strategy behind a good hunt. But, like one of my co-workers always said, it's not a sport until they start arming the animals.

So hunters lay off. If you feel the need to kill so strongly, buy your own land.

Dílcas gu Brath

Marion's books

Highland Paths



by Ken McKenna

A few years ago I got a call from a woman from Ingleside who said that she wanted to learn a Gaelic song or two to teach her grandchildren. I said that she might consider joining our Gaelic choir. "Oh no" she said, "I'd never be good enough to sing in the choir! I'd just like to come to a practice and hear the choir and try to learn a few songs". Marion Whitton did come to hear the choir, she did join it, and she did learn a few Gaelic songs — over one hundred so far! Her sister, artist Heather Whitbread soon joined her in the choir and their mother Betty MacDonald is a very important supporter who goes with the choir everywhere. She and Marguerite McGillis are both honorary members of the Glengarry Gaelic Choir. They've attended so many choir practices and concerts that they know every song we sing by heart.

For Christmas, Marion presented Anne and myself with two coffee-table books —— Ancient Scotland, with photos and text by Nigel Blundell, and Scotland, Land of the Poets, by David Lyons, a selection of pictures accompanying poems by well-known and not-so-well-known poets from ancient times to the present, from one of St. Columba's 6th century prayers, through translations of old Gaelic poems of centuries ago, from Duncan Ban MacIntyre to Sir Walter Scott. These lines from one of my favourites, In the Highlands, by Robert Louis Stevenson, could apply to Glengarry as well as to Scotland:

In the Highlands, in the country places, / Where the old plain men have rosy faces,
And the young fair maidens / Quiet eyes;
Where essential silence cheers and blesses, / And for ever in the hill-recesses
Her more lovely music / Broods and dies.

In 1821 on the Isle of Skye a woman was born who was to become one of Gaelic Scotland's best-loved poets. Her name in English was Mary MacPherson, but she was known throughout the Highlands as Màiri Mhór nan Oran, Great Mary of the Songs. Marion Whitton is our Màiri Mhór nan Oran, and when you hear her sing her mouth-music solo with the Glengarry Gaelic Choir you will know why. Marion is not only a great singer of Gaelic, she is a great human being and much loved by all members of the choir. During the existence of this unique singing group, united by a shared love of the music that is part of the Highland heritage of Glengarry, enduring friendships have been formed. Marion, her sister Heather (who helped design the cover for the Gaelic Choir tape) and their mother Betty MacDonald help to explain why so many people who hear the choir remark on the obvious joyousness that flows from the singers to the audience. These songs cast a spell on us all and any personal problems that we may have (and who doesn't?) fade away as we are caught up in the mystic spell of the language and music. To quote Stevenson again,

And this shall be for music when no one else is near,
The fine song for singing, the rare song to hear!
That only I remember, that only you admire,
Of the broad road that stretches and the roadside fire.

Another poem in that book of beauty that Marion Whitton gave us is by Alexander Nicolson. In the 19th century he wrote of his longing for his native Skye and the happiness he remembered sitting around a peat fire:

Kind were the voices I used to hear / Round such a fireside,
Speaking the mother tongue old and dear, / Making the heart beat
With sudden tales of wonder and fear, / Or plaintive singing.
Thanks, Great Marion of the Songs. It was a happy day when you made that first phone call.

Letters to the editor

Now's the time to stop high school reform fiasco

Dear John Snobelen,
Minister of Education and Training:

At Char-Lan District High School's recent school council meeting, a resolution was unanimously passed for council to make representation to you to revisit your current plans for high school reform.

As a council, we have attempted to educate ourselves in the few short weeks you have allowed for consultation. We find ourselves frustrated by the absence of information to support the changes you propose. As we understand it your intent is to:

•complete in four years a program that currently takes five,

•improve the course content to make it more applicable,

•reduce the current 110 hours per credit to 90 hours, and

•be more rigorous in applying quality standards.

Nowhere in the documents that have been issued to parents, schools, and school boards, do we find any explanation of how you plan to achieve these objectives.

Your document asks for our help in improving high school in Ontario and states correctly, "We can do best if students, parents, employers and educational administrators work together."

We see no evidence that any one of these groups is currently supporting your proposals. On the contrary, the Directors of Education have taken the unprecedented step of writing directly to the Premier, pointing out their concerns with your proposal.

In the time-frame you have allotted for consultation it has been impossible to meet and discuss this document with students and their parents. Those workshops that have been possible have raised more questions than they have answered.

Minister, it is time to call a halt to this process which is putting at risk the very group that you are obligated to protect – the students of Ontario. It is inappropriate to risk their futures on a scheme which lacks any level of support from the community. We request that you establish a process that includes professional educators, parents and students, and that you establish a time-table which allows for a democratic level of consultation.

There are those who would claim that your single motivation for these changes is to reduce costs and that the education of our children is of secondary importance. Show them they are wrong by putting an end to this current fiasco and by sitting down with all interested parties to formulate a plan that we can all support.

Yours truly, on behalf of the Char-Lan DHS School Council,

Allison Main,
Chair of Char-Lan School Council, Williamstown.

"Vive le Canada unie"

To the editor:

I would like to convey a message through you to our illustrious member of parliament, Mr. Don Boudria.

Mr. Boudria:

I have just learned from the television media that Lucien Bouchard has joined Jean Chretien's team Canada travelling abroad for the purpose of stimulating the Canadian economy by getting countries to invest in Canada. I applaud Mr. Chretien and his premiers for their work, but I take exception to Lucien Bouchard taking advantage of his free ride to spread his separatist propaganda to foreign countries at Canadian expense.

It is hard enough to stomach the subsidizing of the Bloc Quebecois in Ottawa whose only aim is to break up our great country which is the envy of all the world.

In most countries around the world, this would be known as mutiny and even a clear case of traitorism. We all know what happens to traitors in those countries.

Mr. Boudria, you being a member of parliament who is held in high regard by the prime minister, should relay to him that the time has come to lay down the law to this power hungry individual. He does not speak for all francophones either outside of La Belle Province or in Quebec itself while attempting to spread his propaganda abroad.

There has to be a stop sometime and this should be the perfect occasion.

"Vive le Canada unie."

Frank Periard,
Alexandria, Ont.

Home based child care is what's keeping Ontario going

To the editor:

This letter is in response to a previously published article "Town Daycare in need of support" that was brought to our attention by one of our independent child caregivers assoc. (ICCA) members, who lives and provides care in Alexandria.

First of all, there should have been a market evaluation done five years ago before the centre was built to properly assess the need for a daycare centre in the community dealing with size, number of children to provide for, hours of operation required, etc. Now, the taxpayers have already paid $360,000 for a building, $22,500 for the lot, maintenance and staff salaries that may have been easily avoided or paid on a more appropriate, smaller scale.

But our main concern was director, Jo-Anne Trottier's comments concerning home based daycare. "Every Tom, Dick and Harry," was her direct quote as to who ran home daycares. We're saddened that she feels pressure and competition between home based and centre based child care. It is obvious to us that if the parents in the town are overwhelmingly choosing home care versus the centre it is based on two determining factors:

1. it's the parents' preference to place their children in home care, i.e. they want the home environment; small group ratio, interpersonal relationship between parents and caregiver/child and direct input as to policies/hours/holidays etc., and 2. Price – if, in that area, parents are unable to meet the centre's fees, then they have no choice but to seek out other arrangements. For your information, those of us working and providing home care in the city earn between $25-$35 per day per child, meals, snacks, outings, receipts included.

This centre based versus home based battle has been going on for decades, with dedicated people providing excellent care in both fields. But we are certainly growing very weary of being "bashed" by those in the centre's community. Most caregivers have chosen to be at home and most work very hard at providing loving, stimulating and enriched programs for their daycare children. We access child development workshops, go to organized play groups, encourage life skills and teach social graces. We pay taxes, stimulate the economy by constantly purchasing products e.g. craft and toy supplies, and are often quite active within our own communities.

And, according to the latest Stats Canada findings, we're responsible for providing care for more than 67 per cent of Ontario's children. So, home based is really what's keeping Ontario working!

Yours truly,
Cathi Davies, vice-president of ICCA, owner of Sweet Dreams Home Based Childcare, Ottawa.

Editor's note: This letter was received before it was announced the Glengarry Child Care Centre is closing.

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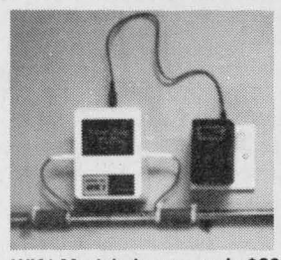

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'Over the Rainbow', DMD group meets every month

Dear editor,

The Depressive and Manic Depressive (DMD) "Over The Rainbow" meets every third Tuesday of the month at 533 Pitt Street, Cornwall.

If anyone in Glengarry would be interested in starting or setting up a support group in that area please call me for info at 938-9681 or fax me at 938-9779 and I would be glad to help out.

That is what we are here for, to help each other out.

Collette Oliver
Eastern Regional Director
Depressive and Manic Depressive Association of Ontario (DMDAO)

Connor township – no way!

To the editor:

Now just a dashed minute – I could hardly believe what I read in last week's News – that the Charlottenburgh deputy-reeve suggested "Ralph Connor Township" as a name for the new municipality!

This was perhaps meant as a joke, but please be informed dear sir, that Ralph Connor was born in – and wrote about – the northwest corner of Kenyon Township. He's our property! Lay off.

Charlottenburgh and Lancaster have a huge wealth of appropriate material-literary and otherwise – to draw on. If historical research and imagination both fail you entirely – what about "The Front" – it's what everybody else calls you.

Velma S. Franklin
Lot 34, Conc. 7, Kenyon

Seeks family info

Dear editor,

I've been reading as much as I can find about Glengarry county since my new internet connection has been providing an amazing amount of information about my greatgrandmother's birthplace —Lancaster. Her name was Isabella Ross.

I'm stunned by the amount of information available about the Rosses of the 1770's – early 1800s (e.g. Loyalists and KRRNY.) But I can not find information on her family since then.

Although born in Lancaster, she apparently moved to Buckingham, Quebec during the 1850 or early 1860's and married my grandfather (David McNeil) there and they moved to Alpena Michigan.

There are undoubtly many Rosses in Glengarry County who are "shirttail" relatives. I'd be glad to correspond with some.

Jim MacConnell
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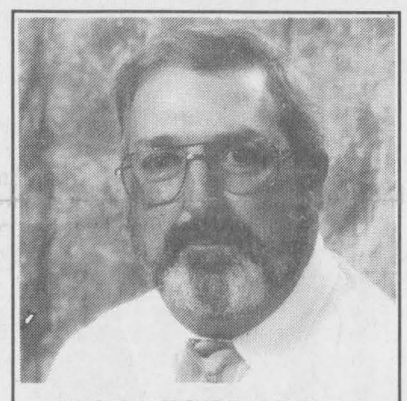
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137USA



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No public pressure to preserve tradition

To the editor:

It is with a sense of forboding that I follow the amalgamation plans for the county of Glengarry.

I cannot believe the passive acceptance by its citizens of the partitioning of the county.

For over 200 years, it has remained a unit bonded together by blood and tradition through times of war and peace. Now the politicians are parcelling it out.

Does this mean that under the current propositions, the names of the four townships, Charlottenburgh, Kenyon, Lancaster and Lochiel would disappear from our maps and make the old maps collectors' items?

How will we explain this to our grandchildren, that at the stroke of a pen, part of our heritage was lost? What else do these changes mean? Who knows?

Politicians only understand public pressure and as yet there seems to be no evidence of any from Glengarrians to maintain the county as a unit. Will there be any?

Harold MacMillan
Hawkesbury, Ont.

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Several thefts follow the holidays

Police Briefs

A rash of break, enter and thefts have hit Glengarry county following the Christmas holidays.

Between Dec. 30 and 31 about $2,400 worth of materials were stolen from a shed in Kenyon township.

The materials included a set of golf clubs, a chain saw and a snowblower.

A Glen Walter home was burglarized between Jan. 3 and 4.

A 26 inch television worth about $800 was stolen and $100 damage was done to the home.

On Jan. 4 a red 1986 Jeep Cherokee was stolen from a residence in Green Valley at approximately 4 a.m.

The Jeep is worth about $7,000.

Two vehicle break ins occurred Jan. 4 near Greay's Creek.

A couple who parked at Gray's Creek to take a walk returned to their vehicle to find a broken window and a purse missing.

The purse contained personal items and identification, worth approximately $50.

Later that day people stopped to watch some birds and returned to their vehicle to find the drivers side window broken and the trunk open. Missing were a black brief case containing bird books and two binocular cases.

Christmas thieves

Lancaster OPP are investigating two separate thefts that occurred during the Christmas holidays.

On Dec. 24, a 1996 chevy pickup truck was stolen from a local dealership.

The truck, worth approximately $30,000, had an extended cab, with a maroon exterior and a silver bottom.

Another vehicle was stolen from a separate Glengarry dealership Dec. 29.

A grey 1989 GMC van, valued at $10,000 went missing.

Police are still investigating both thefts and are accepting tips from the public.

Holiday accident totals

Const. George Johann of the Lancaster OPP said there were 13 accidents that occurred in a 48 hour period over the Christmas holidays.

Johann said inclement weather, beginning Dec. 28, caused the accidents.

Canadian Tire robbed

Alexandria Canadian Tire was robbed Dec. 29 when at least two thieves made off with an undetermined number of goods.

The robbers gained entry to Canadian Tire by chopping through the roof.

Alexandria Police Chief Guy Binet said the investigation is continuing and charges have yet to be laid.

The motion detectors were not set off during the robbery, prompting police to believe the thieves familiarized themselves with the store.

Four vehicles burglarized

Seaway Valley Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving the theft of air bags from four different vehicles parked at two separate Glengarry dealerships.

These thefts occurred on Jan. 3 and 4.

The thefts were completed in a professional manner as the dash of the vehicles was removed with little or no damage.

Lancaster OPP Const. George Johann suspects the air bags will be sold to body shops.

The total value of the stolen air bags is close to $13,000 said police.

If you have any information on this or any other crime please contact Crime Stoppers at 937-8477 or 1-800-265-8477.

Crime Stoppers does just wants your information.

SNRCA to make plan available

The South Nation River Conservation Authority held three public meetings in November to gather input on the future direction of the SNRCA.

Its strategic plan, called Vision 2020, is now almost three years old. With the 70 per cent cut in provincial transfer payments, the board wanted to ask people in the watershed if the SNRCA was still doing what the people wanted it to.

A report from the meetings will be available in early 1997.

One of the points made at each of the meetings was the need to increase the information and education of all people in the watershed on conservation.



Pulled from the ditch

Lancaster OPP pulled a car from the ditch along Highway 34 just south of the radio tower. OPP suspect the car had been sitting in the ditch for between 24 and 48 hours. It was covered with fresh snow from a small storm. The owners of the car are being contacted.

Staff photo – Todd Lihou

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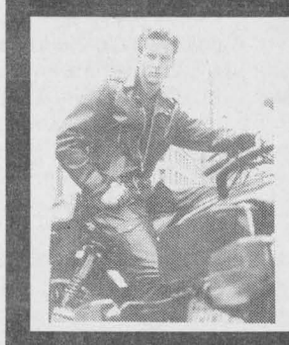

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 LIONS CLUB Director's Meeting Atlantic's Boardroom 7:00 p.m.	7 OPTIMIST CLUB Meeting Culturel Centre 7:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13 LIONS CLUB General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 OPTIMIST CLUB Meeting Culturel Centre 7:30 p.m.	21	22 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Meeting Atlantic's Boardroom Noon SERVICE CLUB COUNCIL Meeting K of C Hall,7:00 p.m.	23	24	25
26	27 LIONS CLUB General Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	31	

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Glengarry: More than just a name

The Glengarry Farmer
by Ian Cumming 347-2949



Glengarry. Perhaps it's only a name or an illusion, to be ignored at the whim or fancy of a municipal politician.

But perhaps, to others, Glengarry is more than just a name. Much more; it's real. It identifies who we are and isn't to be trifled with.

Wisely eliminating seven local governments for two, is not the point of debate. Maintaining our proud heritage and the soul of our community is. A heritage and soul, shown to the world in the past two centuries; on battlefields, through the nation's history, churches, literature and music.

"Here to Glengarry, some are born, others come, but the fortunate stay in either case," proclaimed David Anderson, at the opening of my wife's eulogy. "You are of a people Connor made famous to the world. The man from Glengarry does not long suffer defeat," he told me from the pulpit of the packed church. I had maintained my composure during that wrenching hour but when the violinist and my organist brother played "Glengarry My Home" as we exited the church; I cried.

There isn't contempt, only pity, for those politicians who don't get the point and figure the school song "Hurrah For Char Lan" would suffice under such circumstances. Some people understand class, some don't.

Charlottenburgh's reeve, now warden, feels we, in the south, shouldn't be called South Glengarry, because the North South names would "draw attention to the division." Wouldn't it unite?

Before the reeve and councillor Kannon (who bandies names about with the same care as one registering a pedigree poodle) decide to become politicians; perhaps they should learn about the people's history they claim to represent.

The northern end of the county, much to the amusement of the south, has been fertile ground for establishing Orange Lodges and following decrees issued by self appointed clan chieftains. The south, according to the north, has shown moral decay by repelling the Orange Lodge's advances and allowing Jack Delaney's to flourish. Notwithstanding silly exaggerated differences, we have always proudly stood together under the name of Glengarry. Despite its legal non-existence since 1905.

Stood together and accomplished so much. The values of Glengarry shaped the character of the man who gave us the Canadian flag and the Order of Canada. Past and present leaders in agriculture, clergy, valor in battle. Forget the name in a legal context, Glengarry's contribution to history is denied, forgotten, becomes irrelevant.

There is stark precedent for justifiable concern. "The anglophones' contribution to the history of Quebec is denied, never taught in schools and is unknown to the majority of Quebecers," Judy Taylor told me on Christmas Eve. Taylor is editor of the Huntingdon Gleaner, a Quebec native, with an English ancestry that dates over two centuries in the province.

Taylor's fluently bilingual daughter had recently been shaken by her experience at a company Christmas party in St. Hyacinth. A genuine friendly inquiry as to "what province she was from" because of her "different" French accent, turned to instant hatred and disbelief ("are there any?") when she told them she was an anglo-Quebecer.

Granted, it's complacent ignorance rather than insidious motives that's heading the municipal politicians in their present direction. But the results will be the same as those achieved by the devious Quebec nationalists. A nonchalance, like the councillors, is easily swayed, leaving the door open for future eloquent demagogues.

The next time Charlottenburgh's councillors head home for a meeting, they should shine their headlights on the entrance to the United Church in Williamstown. "read softly stranger, reverently draw near, the vanguard of a nation slumbers here," is the inscription.

No person, elected or otherwise, has the right to deny or substitute where the vanguard of a nation is in the pages of our children's history. Glengarry.

Copyright law disturbing for researcher

By Sue Harrington
***News* correspondent**

A Glengarry author and researcher is worried about the implications of Canada's copyright laws if Bill C-32 passes as expected, in the new year.

In a copy of a letter sent to MP Don Boudria, Alex W. Fraser says that as the bill is presently worded, "it can accomplish nothing but destruction for everyone who does any sort of research."

Mr. Fraser, along with Rhoda Ross, runs the Glengarry Genealogical Research Library which is a depository for the preservation and storing of published or unpublished family and local histories.

He is also the author of "Gravestones of Glengarry," a book in several volumes which lists names and inscriptions from cemeteries in the county.

According to Mr. Fraser, the new bill would make this type of copying illegal.

"How do you get permission from a dead person to copy the information on his gravestone?," he asks in a letter, copies of which have been sent to the Prime Minister and to Canadian Heritage Minister, Sheila Copps.

Fraser is not alone with his worries. A spokesperson for MP Don Boudria's office in Ottawa said they are receiving about three letters a day on the controversial bill.

The historian is also wondering how the law will be enforced.

"Is it the intention of the Canadian Government to confiscate every photocopier in Canada?," he asks. "Who is going to pay the bill for this enforcement?"

Bill C-32, represents Phase II of the overhaul of the Copyright Act, begun with the passing of Phase I in 1988.

Phase I dealt with with computer programs, moral rights, administration and revision of penalties for copyright.

Introduced in April, 1996, Bill C-32 has passed first and second readings in the House of Commons.

Hearings and petitions from various groups including broadcasters, artists, and librarians are presently being taken into consideration.

Doug McCallum, a communication advisor with the Department of Canadian Heritage, and formerly from Lancaster, said that the bill is in committee consideration at the moment and is being examined "clause by clause."

"There are a lot of competing interests; it is difficult to create a balance," McCallum told *The Glengarry News*, in a recent interview.

He said that "good progress" is being made and that the bill should get third and final reading when parliament reconvenes after the holidays.

Exceptions under the bill have been made for schools, libraries, archives, museums and persons with perceptual disabilities.

And under Section 27 (1) of the bill, "any fair dealing with work for the purpose of private study or research," does not constitute an infringement.

However, submissions made to the standing committee by the Writers' Union, with Margaret Atwood as spokesperson, have several groups worried that these exemptions from copyright royalties for schools, libraries and archives may be in jeopardy.

Bernard Katz, chair of the Ontario Library Association's Task Force on Copyright, which also made a submission, said his group wants, "a balancing of rights between creators/owners of copyright materials and the good of the public will."

Deaths sadden Dunvegan and area residents

Dunvegan
by Peggi Calder
527-5293



The DRA curling bonspiel is coming up on January 18 - be sure to register with Leslie Clark (527-5328) or Karen Campbell (527-3009) by Jan. 11.

This is a fun event and open to all Dunvegan area residents.

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Cyrus Walker passed away peacefully at home on Dec. 31.

Many years ago he had given up a successful city career and built a thriving dairy operation in Wisconsin, fulfilling a lifelong dream to become a farmer.

He and Louise then 'retired' to Dunvegan in the late '60's and established one of the largest sheep farms in the area. He finally retired for good about five years ago.

A life-long Quaker, Cy was an ardent pacifist and he loved nature - skiing, hiking and swimming well into his eighties.

The north-west corner of their farm was donated to provide a site for the creation of the Glengarry Pioneer Museum.

Our condolences go out to Louise and to sons Mike and Jim and their families.

* * *

The area was shocked by the sudden passing of Beverly MacQueen on Jan. 1 as he returned home with his daughter Audrey from the Boston-Ottawa hockey game.

A lifelong resident of Skye, Beverly was a dairy farmer and he and Evelyn have delivered the mail to our rural routes for about 30 years.

Beverly loved the old time music and spent a lifetime sharing his talents with others. Playing fiddle and piano, he was a member of the old Skye Orchestra and was three times president of the Glengarry Old Tyme Fiddlers.

About 20 years ago the MacQueens were featured on a CBC program documenting the music of the area.

The wake at Munro's in Maxville and the burial service on Jan. 4 at Kenyon Presbyterian Church saw huge crowds out to say their farewells.

Always quick with a smile and a joke, Beverly will be sorely missed.

The condolences of the community go out to Evelyn, Audrey and Garry and to their families.

* * *

Norman and Margaret MacLeod were both winners last week.

Norman had entered *The Glengarry News*' new subscribers draw and he was the winner of the VCR, picked from 271 entries.

Margaret was the recipient of $5,000 from a scratch and win bingo ticket she had bought at the Becker's in Eamers Corners.

Brenda Hardy drove her up to Toronto on Dec. 27 so she could pick up her winnings in person.

Congratulations – what a nice way to end the year!

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Joyce, Paul, David, Malcolm and Connor Kane and Norma, John, Kelsie and Christine Mesman were at Norman and Margaret MacLeod's for dinner on New Year's day.

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A bouncing baby girl was born Dec. 21 to Wayne and Donna Green of Grand Prairie, Alberta.

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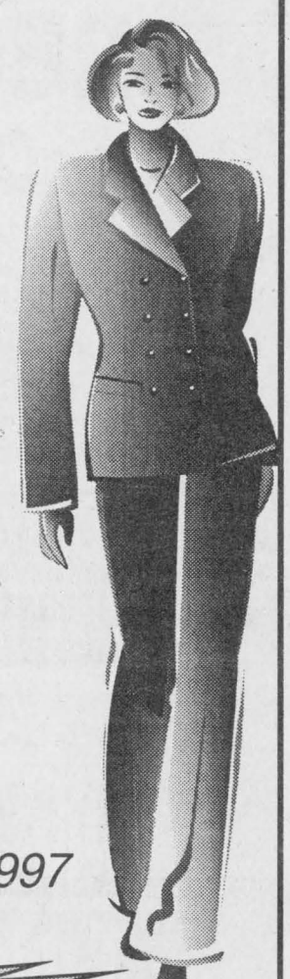

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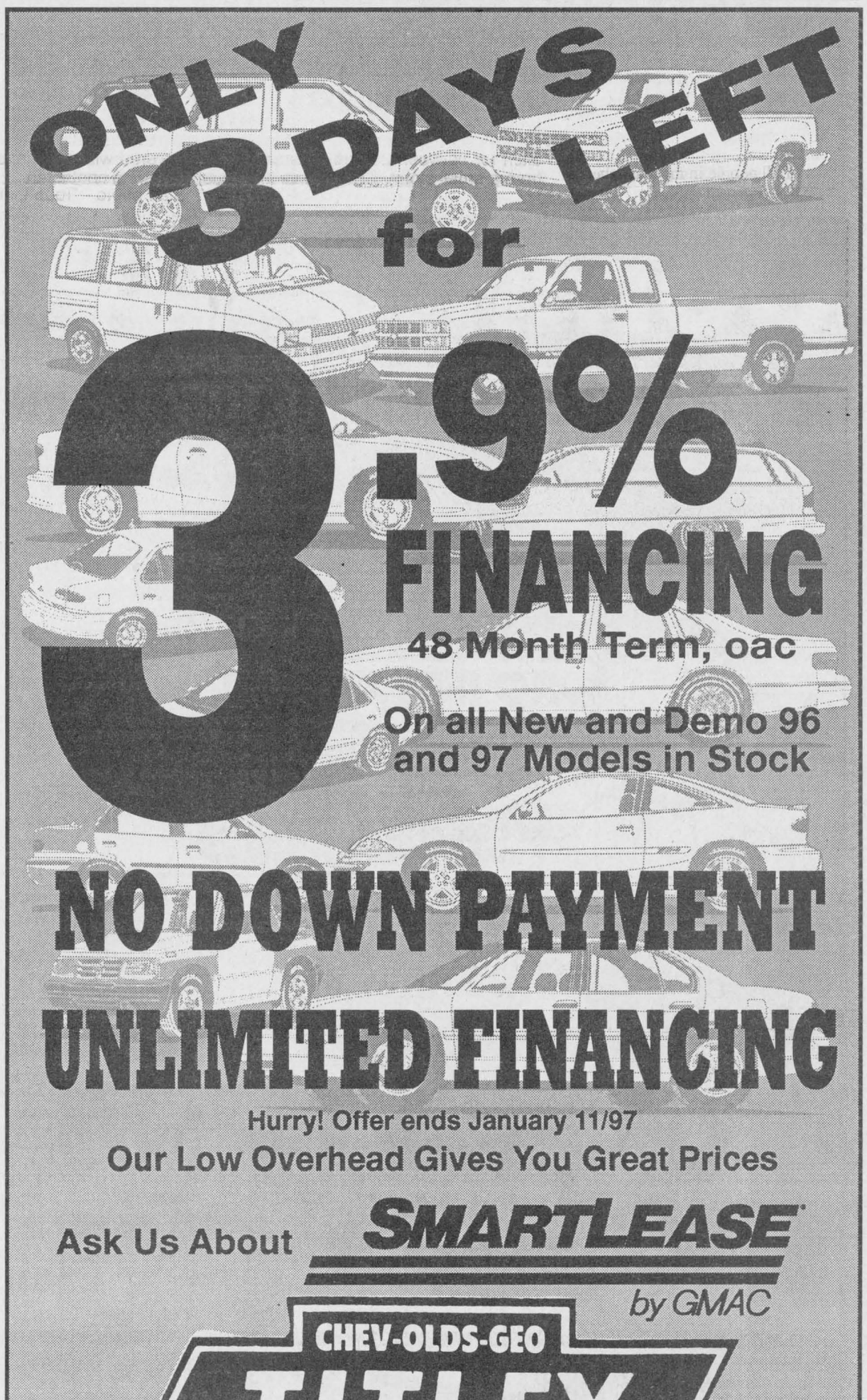

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Familiar face back at the pumps

Business Beat

by Joe Banks, 525-2020

The former Baribeau PetroCanada at Main Street north near the high school in Alexandria has been re-opened. Glen Robertson resident Roddy Johnson, a class A mechanic with 20 years experience, will be operating the leased garage.

Roddy will be offering general repairs services to all makes and models. And he has a familiar face working for him at the gas pumps.

Roger Leger, the longtime former owner of Roger's Esso at Main Street south, will be pumping gas and looks forward to seeing many of his old customers again.

Great response to toy drive

The toy drive sponsored by Alexandria Ford, Scotiabank, *The Glengarry News* and Canadian Tire was a great success, attracting enough toys to provide two gifts for every needy child.

The businesses would like to thank the community for rallying behind this important cause, which saw hundreds of toys donated. They were wrapped and distributed (along with grocery vouchers) from the former Tabagie St. Denis on Main Street by Alexandria Lions Club members.

Every toy donor's name went in for a draw for five $50 gift certificates courtesy of Canadian Tire. The winners were as follows: Gordon Rice of RR 2, Alexandria, Raylene Sauve of RR 1 Glen Robertson, Bonnie McDonald of Dornie Road, Laura Johnson of RR 1 Glen Robertson and Nathalie Dicaire of RR 3, Alexandria.

Several draws also related to business community programs were held in the final days before Christmas.

The Glengarry News sponsored a Christmas coloring contest for children. The winners were Kailie Ann Bray of Moose Creek, who received $25, Allison Wallis, also of Moose Creek, $15 and Jennifer Gadbois, Laggan, $10.

The winners of our annual Christmas Cookbook draw, taken from readers who submitted recipes in November and December, are as follows:

Diane Arsenault of Hawkesbury won the top prize of $75, Evelyn Secours of RR 2, Green Valley won $50, Dorina Massie of RR 1, Alexandria won $25, Winnifred Scott of Fournier won $15 and Beverley Lavigne of Alexandria won $10.

Our Christmas gift subscription drive netted over 43 new readers and brought in another 200 renewals.

Each subscription purchaser was eligible to win a VCR courtesy of Marcel TV and Furniture.

The lucky recipient was Norman MacLeod of Kenyon township, pictured at right with News publisher Joe Banks and Marcel owner Stephane Ranger.



Norman MacLeod, middle, of Kenyon township was the lucky winner of a VCR after his name was drawn in *The Glengarry News* Christmas subscription promotion. Presenting the prize is Publisher Joe Banks and Marcel TV's Stéphane Ranger, who supplied the VCR.

Surprise retirement party greets longtime teacher Yvon Menard

Green Valley

by Margo Pepin
525-3581



I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, but now it's back to work, meetings, diets, etc.

If you have any news please give me a call.

* * *

A surprise retirement party was held for Yvon Menard on Saturday, Dec. 28. His wife Donalda with children Sandra, Nathalie, Jean Luc and Yves and their spouses, along with family and friends attended the party for Yvon who is retiring at the end of January after many years of teaching at GDHS.

Dec. 28 has other special meanings for Yvon who celebrates his birthday and his and Donalda's anniversary on that day.

His children and a couple of teachers told of different incidents in Yvon's life which had everyone smiling and laughing. Knowing his loyal support for the Montreal Canadiens hockey team, his wife and children gave Yvon a coat with the Canadien emblem and colors. Several young ladies from the MacCulloch School of dancing entertained with Scottish and tap dancing.

A very emotional Yvon thanked everyone who came and invited everyone to enjoy themselves. A delicious lunch was served before going home.

I hear Yvon will be enjoying the sun down south sometime this winter, way to go Yvon, you earned it.

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The Green Valley UCFO will be holding its monthly meeting this Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

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Regente Agathe Binette, Daughters of Isabella, would like to thank all the members for their support and encouragement during 1996. She wishes all members a good year in 1997.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. Please return all books "pay what you pull" as the drawings will be held that night.

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Those in charge of the ice rink at Ecole Ste. Marie asked that you please not use the ice when it is soft and watery. They're trying to get it prepared for everyone, so please wait until it is cold enough and the ice is ready. They would gladly appreciate your cooperation.

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Birthday wishes go out to Florence Hurtubise, Rollande Decoeur and Curtis Lapierre on Jan. 7; Steven Owens on Jan. 8; Mathieu Sarda, Therese Valade, Violaine Lauzon and Suzanne Menard on Jan. 9 and Raymond Legault on Jan. 11.

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The Green Valley Knights of Columbus will be holding a breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They will also be drawing the Club 500 tickets.

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New Christmas dog collars causing wanderlust

Williamstown

by Sue Harrington
347-2279



January, 1997. The season of running things is upon us. Noses and things from the sky, and dogs. Like refugees, carrying only the scantiest of belongings, (in some cases, nothing but a few fleas), the dogs are on the move. Red collar - blonde; blue collar (with tether) - brown and black; hot pink collar - black and white: the list goes on. In packs and pairs and solos, the dogs are shifting demographics.

Why? Christmas present cast-offs? Don't think so; too early yet. Lunatic weather? Not the first time for sleet in January. Political upheaval at Canine Council? Possibly — insiders report some dogs favor living in Lhar-Can; others, mainly Highland breeds, are protesting.

The most plausible reason for the exodus, however, appears to lie in the afore-mentioned collars, where a similarity can be found among the dogs. They are all wearing NEW collars — Christmas collars — in shiny neon colors: bright and flashy and clean. Researchers, take note: something in those collars is causing wanderlust!

The collarless Barnardo dogs, running with the group, have always been among us. What could be more fun for them than to tag along with the pack, thinking they belong at last?

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If you have lost dogs in the Williamstown area recently, please call. I may be able to give you a few leads to their whereabouts. One, in fact, is sitting rather proprietarily on my door-step at the moment (Sunday). He has just barked at a passerby — a sure sign he thinks this place is his. Help!

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As for things that are running from the sky, those who made "go to church" a New Year's resolution, were foiled by the icy silver slivers on Sunday. St. Andrew's United cancelled services because of the weather.

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Williamstown is not yet a flu statistic place. Some noses were running during the holidays, but accompanying flu symptoms have yet to be reported in great numbers. Guess it's because so many of you took advantage of the shots offered at Char-Lan back in November.

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The outdoor rink was up and running for a few days during the holiday and the local children sure appeared to be having a great time. Fickle weather has put a temporary halt to the skating, but hopes are high that it will resume again shortly.

Thanks from the community go out to Butch Gordon for all his hard work in getting the rink ready.

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Well not much remains of Christmas now that the 6th of Jan. has passed. After all these years, I have just learned that to leave Christmas trappings up after the 6th brings bad luck. That certainly explains a few things!

So late Monday night, with only a few minutes to go to midnight, our tree was hurled through the front door with its stand and several couldn't-see-them-for-the-needles decorations still intact. This morning a salvage operation was underway.

Have you ever noticed how there is always ONE Christmas item that seems to elude the packing away of all the other decorations? Usually it languishes around, looking tacky and inappropriate until the next big clean up — at Easter.

And as for that other consequence of Christmas visitors — the changeling items mentioned in last week's column — who's got my deodorant??? I'll gladly swap the braided leather belt or the jar of Red Hot Habanero Jel and Glaze (an obvious escapee from someone's gourmet basket) to be able to use my tried and true roll-on! On second thought, I might just give the red hot stuff a chance at a new career — couldn't be worse than the men's deodorant I've been forced to use!

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Among the visitors at Donalda Lafave's this holiday, were Ellery Lafave, his wife Jennifer, and their daughter, Beven. The Lafaves are living in Maple Ridge, BC, and were in the area for a two week vacation.

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Home today; gone tomorrow. Most of our young people who are away studying have now returned to their books, or will be doing so shortly. Among those who were home were Laurie Schaefer from Guelph; Shannon MacLeod from Lennoxville; Greg MacDonald from Sudbury; Sarah Harrington from Kingston, and Sarah Meyer from London.

Best of luck to all on the next semester.

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Samantha McGibbon flew home from Scotland for the holiday season. Reports are that she enjoys living and working in Edinburgh, and is beginning to pick up a Scottish accent!

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Luke Bryan was also home during the holidays — from London, Ont. Luke is planning a career-related move to this area in the not too distant future.

And while Luke is returning, near neighbor, Luce Pilon, will be leaving Williamstown — for southwestern Ontario. Best of luck to you both.

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It's not often I am able to send birthday greetings to a centenarian in this column, but I am delighted to be able to do so this week. Ruby Lapierre celebrated her 100th birthday yesterday, Jan. 7, 1997, and, on behalf of the community, our heartiest congratulations are extended.

Ruby was born in Lancaster, and lived for more than 70 years in Summerstown Station, where many of her family still reside. A year ago she moved to Cornwall, and now resides at the Janet Macdonell Pavilion.

A celebration was held yesterday at the Pavilion, with some 20 family members in attendance. Congratulatory plaques and letters were received from Canadian dignitaries and politicians.

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Charlottenburgh can also claim the first baby of the New Year in this area. Congratulations to Judy and Mike Scheffer of the Glendale, on the birth of their fourth son, Ryan, which occurred on the morning of Jan. 1.

With four boys, Mike, who is a coach for minor hockey, can expect to spend even more time at the arena in the future!

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Catching up to a frog princess isn't easy, it seems. The first time Olga Grigoriev was interviewed on Regional Contact, I missed it. Then just last week, I happened to catch the very tail end of a radio interview with Olga on CBC's Radio Noon. She was just giving a list of shops where her papier mache creations may be found, but, not knowing who was speaking, I wasn't paying much attention. By the time I realized who was being interviewed, it was too late.

If you could repeat that list for me, Olga, I'd appreciate it. I'm sure The News readers would be most interested.

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No free coffee and no donuts mark the fifth anniversary of Williamstown's Shoestring Computing, but maybe we could throw a few Christmas cake crumbs your way.

Shoestring, which offers computing services of all kinds (programming, in your own home trouble-shooting, consulting, word processing, faxing, etc.) was established five years ago by my husband, David. Son Zachary, who is presently studying computer engineering in Hamilton, has joined Shoestring on a part-time basis, thanks to the miracles of e-mail.
Thanks to all of you for your support during the past five years!

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Just to get you geared up and ready for January frivolities, here is some pre-holiday news from the Glengarry Community Club.

At the group's birthday party on Dec. 18, Ethel Clark "furnished" the cake. (I don't know if that means that it came decked out with a complete miniature living-room set on the top, or whether it is just a nice way of saying, "supplied,"). Birthday celebrants were Dorothy Croll, Joyce Lalonde, Germaine White, Edna Edmonds, and Kathleen Theoret, to whom our congratulations are sent.

Family visitors were plentiful in hamlet area

Greenfield

by Mary Couture
527-2421



Visitors at Colombe and Dan Raymond's over the holidays were their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Lew and his family from Alliston; George from Angus, Ont.; Sharon and her family from Toronto; Donnie and family from Nepean; Bob and family from Cornwall; Sue and family from Apple Hill as well as Allan and family; and Ellen and family from Greenfield.

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George Brown from Angus, Ont. spent New Years Day with his parents Mary and Frances.

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Matthew and Anna Theoret, who are attending Union Springs Academy in New York State, were home for the holidays with their parents Beverly and Emile Theoret.

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Visitors with Linda and Andy Shott over Christmas were Karen and Larry Yaguchi with their four children from Kenora and Edna and Claude Cuthbert from Ingleside.

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Get well wishes to Armand Cuillerier in hospital and Ricky Chapman who broke his fingers in a skiing accident.

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Welcome to the Branchaud family who have taken up residence in the area recently.

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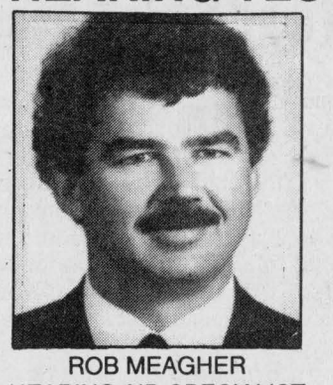

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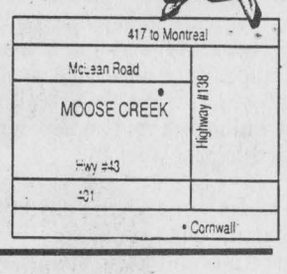

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Nominations encouraged for Citizen of the Year

Lancaster

by Marg Millett
347-2207
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The wind is whipping across the marshlands on this early January day carving hard pebble ice on the river and reminding us that, in spite of last evening's balmy temperatures, winter is still here. Tell that to the fat skunk waddling by the roadside as we drove home Sunday evening.

You may not remember that I started this column a year ago and it has been a very interesting road to travel. I have been in touch with some very nice people and have developed a more sensitive attitude about many things that happen in our community. Most of all I am constantly reminded that our community is a reflection of the efforts of those who choose to make things that would never otherwise happen.

So, for 1997, my hat goes off to those volunteers in great respect. If you are not one of those citizens... think about it, there is always a need for one more. And remember, there is always time, if you make it.

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Now is the time for all nominations to be handed in. Nominations for what you say? If you have someone in mind, please send your nomination for Citizen of the Year to Roger Menard at Roger's Garage in Lancaster.

For information or nomination forms call Roger at 347-2067 or stop by the garage.

The Citizen of the Year banquet will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1 at Creg Quay. Host, as usual, will be the Lancaster and District Chamber of Commerce, and tickets can be purchased from any member or from Roger.

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At the Feb. 1 banquet, other awards will be given as well, including those for the best decorated home and business for the Christmas season. Since all of the judges are finished and the results tabulated I can now give you the names considered.

Every year it seems that the decorations get better and better so the list to consider gets longer and longer! For business the finalists are Rob MacIntosh, Creg Quay and Auld Kirktown.

Honorary mentions go to Town and Country Florists, Kathy's Framing and The Cottage Blue.

For residences the finalists are Rheal Menard, G. Goddard, J. Ryan, Wilfrid Major, Lucien Menard, Huntly McDonell, and J. Robson.

There were many to choose from but the honorary mentions go to C. Guest, E. Lumley, R. Woods, P. Gauthier, C. Bacon, M. Bourdeau, P. Vialette, A. Flaro, S. Lajoie, P. St. Pierre, and B. Reasbeck.

A special mention goes, as always to the R. Rose family of Lancaster for their spectacular decorations whose purpose is to collect money for C.H.E.O. If you haven't donated but wish to do so, the lights are on until this weekend.

Another special mention goes to Kevin Vivarais who is the person responsible for the lovely display at St. Joseph's Church.

Congratulations to all!

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News from the United Church St. Lawrence Pastoral Charge: Happy New Year to everyone! As we do each year at this time, we will soon be gathering for our annual review of the work of our churches.

The sessions have set the following dates for the annual meetings this year. Please take careful note of the necessary changes in the items of the service –

Jan. 19: St. Andrew's, Bainsville, after the regular service and following a lunch.

Jan. 16: Salem, Summerstown, service at 11 a.m., lunch and a meeting to follow. (This means that the Knox service will be held at 9:30 a.m. on this date.)

Jan. 27: Knox, Lancaster, 10 a.m.

Feb. 4; St. Lawrence Pastoral Charge, meeting to be held at St. Andrew's at 8 p.m.

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The Sunshine Gang met in December to enjoy Christmas carols and a Christmas quiz. The cookies that they made were enjoyed as well as a birthday cake for Winnie Harland. To end the year everyone sat down to a wonderful turkey dinner prepared by "Chef Tony"... many thanks!

The "gang" will meet after the holidays and wish everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year.

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Take note all curlers – the second annual Marty Lariviere curling bonspiel will be on Friday (night), Jan. 17 and Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Lancaster Curling Club.

This event is open to any curlers who wish to form a team but don't wait too long as the spaces are filing up rapidly.

For $60 per team you can enjoy two five-end games, lunch, a lasagna dinner and dance to follow.

Please call Cathy at 525-1368 for information or to register. There will be no poster at the club.

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The Jolly 50's met on Dec. 17 for an open euchre. Winners are: Ladies, high, Reta Heath; second, Floride Legroulx and low, Violet St. John. Men's, high, Donald MacGregor; second, Roger Pilon and low, Harry Plue.

Door prize, Dorothy Ray and Donald MacGregor. The 50/50 winners were Florence Dubeau, Lorraine Prewer, Anna Krol, Beatrice McDonald and Johanna Oetelaar.

Two prizes donated by Reta Heath were won by Fleur Ange Bourdeau and Gerald McGillis.

The Jolly 50's meet again on Jan. 7.

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Holidays differ from year to year and as long as expectations are not too rigid, most are happy and not a disappointment.

This holiday was a nice change for us, the first time in 30 years, we went somewhere for Christmas dinner. Great fun!... and a welcome change! As usual we spent New Year's Eve with friends.

What was significantly different this year was the homecoming of our son who is at this very moment going to Ottawa to pick up a key for his house in Barhaven.

Have a super week.

Volunteer office a hit

Seniors' Prime Time

by Rosemary Cameron



Happy new year to one and all. I truly hope 1997 will be a year of health, happiness and friendship.

Our volunteer office at the Lan-Char Senior Support Centre is a great hit.

So far we have eight volunteers signed up. Believe it or not we have two gentlemen at our desk. We still have a number of openings during the month – come and join our team. It's a rewarding experience.

A special thank you to Mindy Switzer. Mindy is a student at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall. Mindy gave up her Christmas holidays and volunteered at our centre. There are a lot of good youth, we just don't hear enough about the goodness of people.

Thanks again to our caring volunteers.

Mark our Diner's Club dates down: Thursday, Jan. 2, Glen Robertson Community Centre; Wednesday, Jan. 15, Martintown Community Centre; Wednesday, Jan. 29, Alexandria Legion. For reservation and transportation please call us at 347-1175.

We have had a number of calls from seniors/volunteers wanting to take Tai-Chi classes. We are contacting a person in Cornwall to see if arrangements can be made. I will keep you informed of our progress.

I just received a phone call from Lenore Corey, our Meals on Wheels traffic coordinator from Alexandria. Lenore has a plea out to recruit volunteers to ensure our clients receive their meals.

Please give our office a call and offer that helping hand to our seniors and disabled, 347-1175.

Thought for the week: Middle age is when you finally know your way around but don't feel like going.

Inclement weather sees few worshippers at services

St. Elmo

by W. MacKinnon
527-2348



I hope everyone has had a very good Christmas season and New Year which has begun with promise of good health and much happiness.

Temperature wise, the weather has been mild for the first week in 1997 but with much rain and even freezing rain this past weekend.

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I had a good Christmas holiday in London, Ont. with son Wally Jr., Catherine and their adopted daughter, Emily, who was two years old in December.

My flight home from London to Ottawa didn't happen on Saturday, Dec. 28 as the Ottawa airport was closed for a good part of the day due to freezing rain in Ottawa.

On a re-arranged flight I was in Ottawa at noon on Sunday, Dec. 29 and home to St. Elmo that afternoon and thus missed the deadline for the column for last week.

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The freezing rain Saturday night and early Sunday morning this past weekend resulted in few people coming out for the worship services in Moose Creek at 9:30 a.m. and in St. Andrew's Church, Maxville, at 11 a.m.

This was a disappointment for the Rev. Leslie Walker who was beginning her pastoral interim ministry for the Moose Creek, Maxville, St. Elmo congregations, especially, as she had travelled over roads which were not good to get to Moose Creek and then on to Maxville.

The Highland Road, St. Isidore to Maxville, was in fair condition Sunday morning, but the concession roads were very slippery until the township machinery roughed them up quite late Sunday morning.

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Hawkesbury rink captures bonspiel

The team skipped by Claude Hoffman took top spot at the Invitational Mixed Bonspiel at the Alexandria Curling Club on the weekend.

Hoffman and rinkmates Stephane Hoffman, Nathalie Hoffman and Marie-Josée Carriere take home the Donat Boisvenue Trophy.

Another Hawkesbury rink – skipped by Richard Dupuis – was runner-up, finishing a mere half-point behind the winners.

Willie Thibault of Hawkesbury and Walter Price of Vankleek Hill tied for one-game honors, but the Hawkesbury rink was awarded the top placing because it won more ends.

Peewee Rebels pick up win, tie

The Char-Lan Peewee Rebels chalked up three of a possible four points in Upper Canada Minor Hockey League travelling team action.

Robbie Schaefer scored both Rebel goals in a 2-2 tie with the South Grenville Rangers.

Eric Larocque's hat trick and Leo Dignard's solo marker gave Char-Lan a 4-2 win over the Smiths Falls Bears.

Four Rapids in showcase game

Four members of the Seaway Valley Major Bantam Rapids will take part in a showcase game for the Ottawa area's top 15-year-old hockey players on Saturday afternoon in Pembroke.

Kurt MacSweyn of Laggan, Derek Wagar of Williamstown, Travis Albers of Cornwall and J.F. Perras of Embrun will represent the Rapids at the game, which will be attended by scouts from Central Junior "A" Hockey League clubs.

Wagar, Albers and Perras have all dressed as affiliated players for the Char-Lan Jr. B Rebels this season.

In Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association regular-season action on Sunday, the major bantam Rapids edged Nepean 3-2 as Albers, Steven Van den Oetelaar and Ian McConnell each scored once.

Jeff Legue and Kurt MacSweyn each had a goal and an assist as the Rapids lost 6-2 to the District III Cobras on Friday.

Mainville lethal against Cobras

Stephane Mainville had a goal and three assists to pace the Cornwall Tire Minor Bantam Rapids to a 4-2 decision over the District III Cobras in ODMHA play in Maxville on Sunday.

Jeremy Leroux, Jonah Leroux and Nick Dubé also scored as the Rapids put an end to the Cobras' nine-game unbeaten streak.

Nick Dubé scored twice on Saturday as the Rapids tied Gloucester 4-4.

Graham Charbonneau and Derek Proulx added single goals.

Typhoons win Salmon River tournament

Jennifer Pelkey, Beth Depratto, L.A. Laframboise and Crystal Vachon each scored a goal to lead the Cornwall RCAFA bantam girls' hockey team to a 4-0 win over North Franklin at a tournament in Salmon River, N.Y. on Dec. 28.

Sara Sherwood and Leigh Ann Wheeler shared the shutout.

Wheeler was in nets as the Typhoons defeated West Island 3-0 in their opening game.

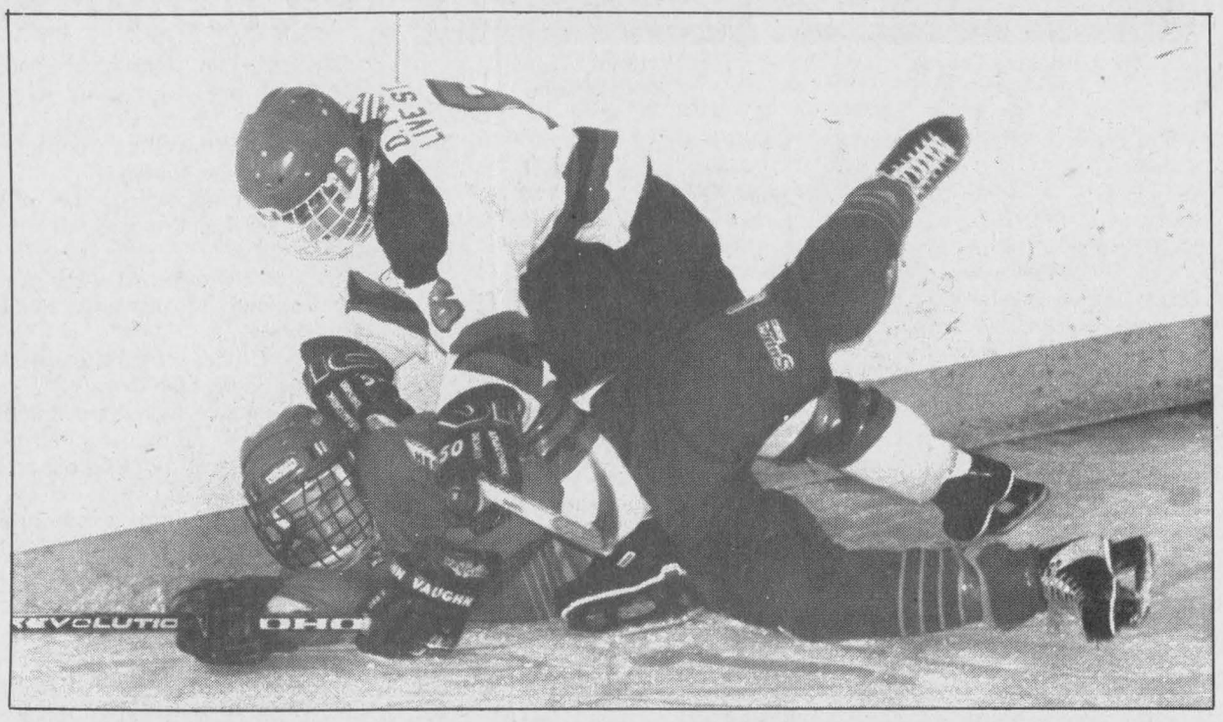
Beth Depratto, Jennifer Legue and Melanie Price scored while Jennifer Pelkey had two assists.

Depratto had two goals and two assists as Cornwall dumped Norwood 5-1 in its second game.

Melanie Price also scored twice, Jennifer Ouderkirk had a single and Anik Hagen and Crystal Vachon each had two assists.

On Dec. 22, the Typhoons knocked off their nemesis Ottawa NCCP by a score of 3-2.

Jennifer Ouderkirk, Beth Depratto and Jennifer Pelkey were the goalscorers.



The Glens' Marc Gauthier pins a Morrisburg player to the ice during Sunday night's junior B hockey game at the Billy Gebbie Arena. Alexandria beat the visiting Lions 9-4.

Staff photo – J.L. Lefebvre

Glens end month-long slump

By J.L. Lefebvre
Sports editor

For the first time since Dec. 7, the Alexandria Glens have won an Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League game.

The Glens snapped an eight-game losing skid by stinging the Morrisburg Lions 9-4 on Sunday night at the Billy Gebbie Arena.

The victory is a timely one for the Glens, who had both the Lions and the Winchester Hawks breathing down their necks as those three clubs battle for the final two playoff positions in the St. Lawrence Division.

The third-place Glens gave themselves a little breathing room by knocking off the Lions. Alexandria now leads Winchester by three points and Morrisburg by eight.

"There's no doubt, this was an important win," said Glens coach Michel Ruest. "It had been so long since we had won and we were starting to check the standings. We knew that (the Hawks and Lions) were coming up at us.

"The kids understood that it was time to get serious."

Alexandria recaptured its winning form on the same night Chancey Lajoie returned to the Glens' line-up.

Lajoie bounced around the Central League last season after an impressive rookie season in the junior B ranks in 1994-95.

The 18-year-old forward hadn't played at all this season until Sunday night, but he produced a goal and two assists in his first game back in the Glens' red-white-and-black.

"It's amazing what a difference one player can make," said Ruest. "As soon as the other players saw Chancey arrive in the dressing room, the morale of the team picked right up."

Lajoie was teamed on a line with Olivier DeMeester and Scott Nielsen on Sunday, and the trio combined for three goals and eight points.

"Chancey's a good player," said DeMeester, who scored twice on set-ups by Lajoie. "He sees the ice very well, he passes the puck very well and he's real good along the boards. I really like playing with him and I hope we can stay together on the same line."

The line's efforts helped the Glens break out of the offensive slump that plagued them during the eight-game losing streak.

"It's about time we scored some goals," said DeMeester. "We weren't playing that bad (during the losing streak), we just couldn't find the back of the net."

The Alexandria coach agrees that the eight-game losing streak might have been a little misleading.

"We weren't winning, but we were losing a lot of close games," commented Ruest. "Of course, close losses don't show up in the standings."

The Glens were outscored 24-7 in the first three losses in the slump, but the next five defeats included three one-goal decisions and one two-goal setback.

In addition to DeMeester's two goals and Lajoie's single, the Glens got a hat trick from Dan Tremblay and solo markers by Miguel Delisle, Yves Ruest and Darcy MacDonell.

MacDonell, Scott Nielsen and Jason Poirier each had two assists.

Pair sent to Vankleek Hill

Tremblay scored three goals in what could prove to be his final game of the season for the Glens.

Tremblay – who scored only twice in his first 29 games – and Patrick Burroughs will finish the season with the Jr. C Vankleek Hill Cougars.

Both players are already signed with the Cougars – they were skating with the Glens as affiliated players.

The departure of Tremblay and Burroughs will create line-up openings for Chancey Lajoie, his younger brother Cameron and Stephane Boisvenue.

Boisvenue is back with the Glens after leaving the club early in the season because of a dispute with management.

Glens lose in Winchester

A 4-1 loss in Winchester on Friday would prove to be the final game in the Glens' losing streak.

Ryan Nichol scored a deuce for the Hawks with singles going to Jeff Leonard and Rob Raistrict.

Christian Cadieux scored the lone Alexandria goal.

Pat Neville had a strong game in the Hawks cage.

Glens notes: Catching up with some Glens news from the past few weeks – the Glens have inked **Marc Angrignon**, a big defenceman from the province of Quebec. Blue-liner **Joey Houle**, who had no goals and seven assists in 25 games, was released...As one Lajoie arrives, another departs. **Chancey Lajoie** joined the club last week, but his father – assistant coach **Roch Lajoie** – has left the club because a work assignment will take him outside of the area for an extended period of time. GM **Marc Sauvé** will help coach **Michel Ruest** behind the bench...The Glens play in Brockville tonight. Alexandria hosts Westport in a rare Sunday afternoon game at the Billy Gebbie Arena. Game time is 1 p.m.

Rebels rally for draw in Kemptville

The Kemptville 73's survived a major scare on home ice on Sunday to extend their amazing Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League unbeaten streak to 30 games.

The 73's appeared to be coasting to their 28th victory of the season, but the Char-Lan Rebels scored three times in the last seven minutes of regulation time and Kemptville had to settle for a 5-5 tie.

The 73's earned a bonus point by winning the shootout tie-breaker.

Eric Fontaine's second goal of the game with 2:02 left in the third period was the equalizer for Char-Lan. Richard Laganiere, Tim Corput and Kacey MacDonell also scored for the Rebels, who are unbeaten in their last four games.

The 73's got two goals from Andrew McVey and single markers by Jeff Ricci, Glen Brown and Greg Kealey.

Rebs clip Hawks' wings

A pair of short-handed goals in the second period propelled the Rebels to a 6-2 win over the Winchester Hawks in Williamstown on Saturday.

The Rebels trailed 2-1 when Tim Corput knotted the score with a nifty shorthanded effort.

Corput carried the puck into the Winchester zone, dove in an attempt to make a pass and regained his feet in time to let a shot rip past Hawks goalie Anthony Calhoun.

The Hawks were on the power play again just a little over three minutes later when Nick Brunet scored another shorthanded marker to put the Rebs up for good.

Kevin O'Farrell scored twice for the Rebels with single markers going to Richard Laganiere and Doug Ferguson.

Serge Bellavance and Ryan Nichol replied for Winchester.

Carter praises special teams

There were two major story lines in Saturday's win – the work of the penalty-killing unit and the benching of three regulars in the first period.

Coach Jeff Carter says the Rebels have been effective and dangerous when shorthanded throughout the year.

"Our penalty-killing has been good all season long," commented Carter. "Guys like Timmy Corput, Nick Brunet and Kevin O'Farrell have been doing a real good job for us.

"We always have a guy putting pressure on the puck-carrier and we try to force a bad play. It's worked really well and it's created a lot of offensive opportunities for us."

Two of the penalty-killers singled out by Carter watched the first period from the bench.

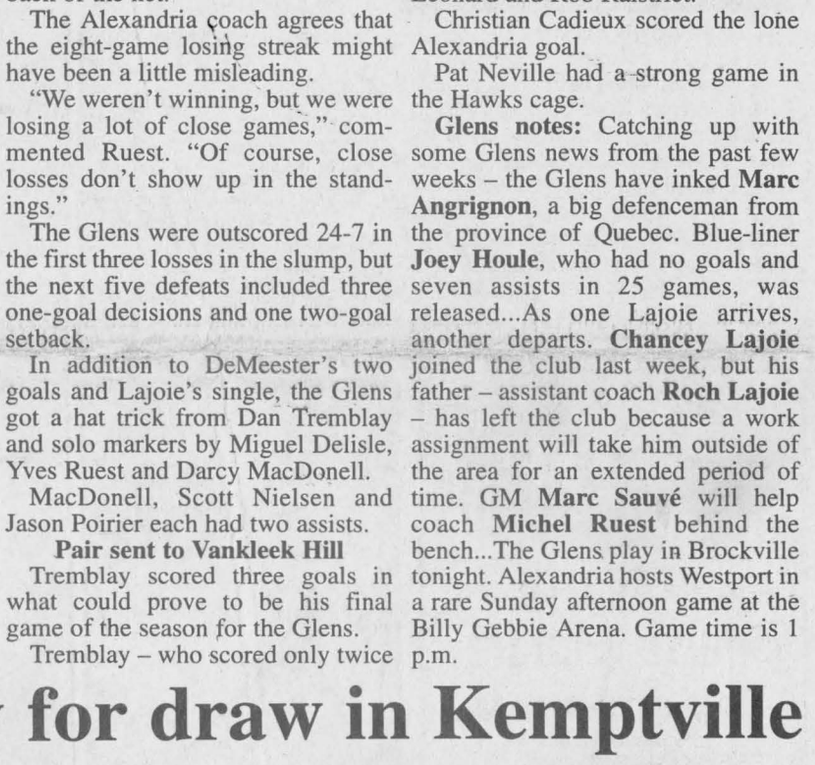
Brunet, O'Farrell and Dave Campbell were spectators in the opening frame for missing practice last week.

The Rebels trailed 1-0 after one period, but the benched trio combined for six points the rest of the way.

Carter doesn't think the benching had anything to do with the three-some's offensive production in the final two periods.

"They've been good players for us all season long. This (disciplinary move) isn't really about the three players, it's team thing. It's a message that everyone has to pay the price if we're going to be successful."

Rebels notes: Goalie **Lee Jenison** has been released. The Rebels will use **J.F. Perras** of the Seaway Valley major bantams as a back-up for **Tim McCuaig** until **Shawn Grant** can join the team full-time...**Derek Wagar** and **Travis Albers** dressed as affiliates Saturday...The Rebs host Brockville Saturday and play in Gananoque Sunday.



Nick Brunet of the Rebels tussles with James Mitchell of the Hawks on Saturday night at the Charlottenburgh Recreation Centre. Char-Lan beat Winchester 6-2.

Staff photo – J.L. Lefebvre

Habs keep on winning despite long injury list



J.L. Lefebvre

Sports Editor

Nobody asked me, but...

•All right, all those people who knew the Montreal Canadiens would go undefeated during their recent five-game road trip despite a hospital ward full of injuries and despite coming off the embarrassment of a 6-0 loss at the hands of the Ottawa Senators, put up your hands. Yeah, we thought so.

•Speaking of the mis-Habs, this just in. Molson Centre hot dog vendor Jean-Marc Lamoutarde is out four to six weeks with a broken thumb on his change-making hand.

•The United States won the World Cup of hockey and Canada won the World Junior Championships. The difference? The American World Cup team had two Canadians on its roster while the U.S. juniors had none.

•Patrick Roy. Felix Potvin. Martin Brodeur. Eric Fichaud. Jose Theodore. Marc Denis. Will the goaltending factory in La Belle Province ever slow down?

•The NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars are an amazing story, but don't you wonder how the AFC playoffs would have developed if Atlanta Falcons place-kicker Morten Andersen hadn't slipped when he attempted the field goal that would have kept the Jags out of the post-season?

•The Packers and Patriots will prevail this weekend and meet in the Super Bowl. The Pack will proceed to extend the NFC's domination of the Big Game for another year.

•You can bet the Fox television network isn't too thrilled about the match-up in the NFC championship game. Green Bay and Charlotte (home of the Panthers) are among the tiniest TV markets in the NFL.

•Speaking of Fox, is it in the NFL constitution that Pat Summerall and John Madden must call every Dallas Cowboys game?

•The Cowboys would be well served to add two people to their defence next year. Robert Shapiro and Johnny Cochrane come to mind.

•That must have been some hit Michael Irvin took on Sunday. Not only did he break his clavicle but, judging from the civvies he was sporting on the sidelines, he also fractured his fashion sense.

•How would you like to be one of the people in charge of putting together the next NFL expansion teams? In light of the amazingly quick success enjoyed by both Jacksonville and Carolina, you can bet that the next two clubs admitted into the league will operate under much more restrictive guidelines.

•If the Jaguars and Panthers can build Super Bowl contenders from ground zero in two years, how do you explain the perpetually inept Tampa Bay Buccaneers?

•First, Toronto beat Montreal to the World Series. Now the Blue Jays have made it Cooperstown before the Expos.

Phil Niekro made only a brief stopover in T.O., but the longtime Atlanta Braves knuckleballer becomes the first player from a Canadian team to get elected to baseball's Hall of Fame.

The Expos should have had an ex-player in the Hall by now, but Pete Rose is barred from baseball (and from Hall of Fame induction) for life because he bet on major league games while he was manager of the Cincinnati Reds. Another ex-Expo, first-baseman Tony Perez, finished third in Hall of Fame balloting but did not receive enough votes to get elected.

•I've always wanted to play like an NBA player. After seeing Los Angeles Lakers centre Shaquille O'Neal go 4-for-14 from the free-throw line in a loss to Portland on Monday, now I can say I do.

Shepherd's advances in CISL Knockout Cup

Shepherd Sports will face La Citadelle on Sunday at 10 a.m. in the quarterfinal round of the Cornwall Indoor Soccer League women's Knockout Cup tournament.

Shepherd's advanced to the playoff round by doubling the Minimax Hearts 4-2 in a preliminary game on Sunday.

Meghan MacPherson and Colleen Murray each scored twice for the winners. Tammy MacSweyn accounted for both Minimax goals.

La Citadelle moved on to the next round by defeating the Roadrunners 3-1.

The Atlantic was eliminated from the tournament after dropping a 2-1 decision to the Ray-Co Strikers.

Lisa Frappier and Julie Gallinger scored for the Strikers. Sherrill Norman connected for the Atlantic.

In other first-round games, the Raisio Rovers routed the Blazer Heat 8-0 and the Spitfires blanked Bold Signs 3-0.

Sunday's other quarterfinals feature the Under-19 Blazers (who had a first-round bye) taking on the Rovers and the Strikers facing off with the Spitfires.

The winner of the Strikers-Spitfires game gets a bye to the 2 p.m. final with the other two quarterfinal winners will play in a semifinal contest at noon.

Ten in a row for Rudi's

Rudi Payer Sport continues its winning ways in the men's division.

Rudi's recorded its 10th consecutive regular-season victory by shading La Citadelle 5-4 on Sunday.

Pat Burke potted two goals for the division leaders with singles going to Kieran Kennedy, Benjamin Pye and Gareth Pye.

La Citadelle replied with two goals by Benoit Merrizzi and single tallies by Marc Tremblay and Shawn Martel.

Glengarry County's other two entries in the men's first division – The Young Drivers of Canada and Villeneuve Tank Lines – battled to a wild 7-7 draw on Sunday.

Brian Cameron led Villeneuve (3-6-2) with four goals, Ahmet Duran scored twice and Craig MacSweyn had a single.

The Young Drivers (1-7-3) got three goals from Andy McCuaig, two from Richard Malo and one each from Les Bradshaw and Mattias Mader.

Dumont is the guy for Guy's

Guy's Radiator exploded for four second-period goals to down Kelly's Sports Bar 4-1 in SDG Broomball League play in Maxville on Sunday morning.

Mario Dumont scored twice for the winners with single goals going to Stephane Flipsen and Marc Derepentigny. Norm Derepentigny had two assists.

Barrie Rolfe had scored in the first period to give Kelly's a 1-0 lead.

Jamie Norman had two goals and an assist and Keith Presley recorded the shutout as Dave's Drywall defeated The Uniform Shoppe 4-0 on Sunday.

Jason Norman and Dave Coir also tallied for Dave's.

Farley Windows won by default over Cappuccino Express.

East beats West

An overtime goal by Ray Fontaine of The Uniform Shoppe gave the East Division a 3-2 victory over the West in the annual all-star game on Dec. 22.

Paul Seguin of Farley Windows and Roch Seguin of The Uniform Shoppe also scored for the East.

Robbie Waldroff and Jamie Norman – both of Dave's Drywall – each scored once for the West.

West goalie Donat Leduc of Cappuccino Express was named the game's most valuable player.

In regular-season action on Dec. 22, Steve Norman scored four goals to pace Dave's Drywall to an 8-0 thumping of Kelly's Sports Bar.

Jamie Norman scored twice with single goals going to Lance Ouderkirk and Dave Coir.

Keith Presley was between the pipes for the shutout.

In another one-sided contest, George Carriere, Rick Fontaine and Roger Marsolais each had two goals in The Uniform Shoppe's 9-0 defeat of Cappuccino Express.

Roch Seguin, Barry Benton and Ray Fontaine chipped in with single goals. Jeff Alguire recorded the shutout.

Terry Conway's goal proved to be the game-winner as Guy's Radiator edged Farley Windows 3-2.

Norm Derepentigny and Kenny MacLeod accounted for the other two Radiator goals. Marc Derepentigny had two assists.

Albert Derouchie and Pit Sarault each had a goal and an assist for Farley.

County scoreboard

Junior B Hockey

Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League
St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Kemptville 73's	30	27	0	3	218	82	1	58
Char-Lan Rebels	**30**	**19**	**8**	**3**	**161**	**106**	**2**	**43**
Alexandria Glens	**30**	**12**	**14**	**4**	**131**	**149**	**2**	**30**
Winchester Hawks	30	11	16	3	149	164	2	27
Morrisburg Lions	30	9	19	2	137	205	2	22

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	BP	Pts
Athens Aeros	30	19	8	3	158	111	2	43
Gananoque Islanders	29	17	10	2	160	102	3	39
Westport Rideaus	30	8	21	1	121	179	1	18
South Grenville Rangers	30	6	23	1	100	171	2	15
Brockville Tikis	30	3	27	0	85	190	1	7

BP – bonus point for overtime loss or shootout win

Results

Thursday, Jan. 2

Athens 2 Picton 4

Friday, Jan. 3

Napanee 4 Westport 2
Picton 2 South Grenville 3
Alexandria 1 Winchester 4
Kemptville 9 Morrisburg 2

Saturday, Jan. 4

Winchester 2 **Char-Lan** 6

Sunday, Jan. 5

Westport 3 Ernestown 7
North Frontenac 1 Athens 4
Char-Lan 5 Kemptville 6 (SO)
Morrisburg 4 **Alexandria** 9
South Grenville 4 Gananoque 5 (SO)

Upcoming games

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Alexandria at Brockville
Athens at Gananoque

Friday, Jan. 10

Winchester at Westport
Gananoque at Morrisburg
South Grenville at Kemptville

Saturday, Jan. 11

Morrisburg at South Grenville
Athens at Winchester
Brockville at **Char-Lan** (7:45 p.m.)

Sunday, Jan. 12

Char-Lan at Gananoque
Kemptville at Athens
Westport at **Alexandria** (1 p.m.)

Top St. Lawrence scorers (thru Jan. 2)

	G	A	Pts
Andrew Williams, Kmpt	23	42	65
Andrew McVey, Kmpt	21	32	53
Jeff Ricci, Kmpt	13	38	51
Greg Kealey, Kmpt	21	28	49
Ryan Nichol, Win	31	16	47
Glen Brown, Kmpt	20	27	47
Eric Fontaine, C-L	**25**	**21**	**46**
Corey McAllister, Mor	27	16	43
Dan Dupuis, C-L	**13**	**26**	**39**
Rob Darling, Mor	20	16	36

Glens scoring

	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
Miguel Delisle	30	19	17	36	50
Yves Ruest	23	13	18	31	29
Stephane Loyer	18	7	20	27	8
Jason Poirier	28	10	16	26	17
Olivier DeMeester	30	10	13	23	44
Daniel Methot	27	3	18	21	52
Patrick Burroughs	25	8	10	18	6
Scott Nielsen	29	9	7	16	38
Richard Hutt	19	7	9	16	54
Darcy MacDonell	25	7	7	14	16
Christian Cadieux	24	6	8	14	10
Daniel Tremblay	30	5	7	12	22
Travis Young	29	2	8	10	55
Marc Menard	28	2	7	9	98
Steph. Boisvenue	5	4	4	8	---
Steven St. Denis	29	1	6	7	55
Marc Gauthier	28	1	5	6	65
Chancey Lajoie	1	1	2	3	2
Cameron Lajoie	11	1	0	1	10
Marc Angrignon	5	0	1	1	39

Rebels scoring

	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
Eric Fontaine	30	28	30	48	9
Richard Laganiere	30	19	21	40	32
Dan Dupuis	26	13	27	40	8
Kevin O'Farrell	30	14	25	39	59
Dave Campbell	23	15	17	32	21
Nick Brunet	26	14	13	27	64
Tim Corput	28	12	15	27	109
Kacey MacDonell	29	5	16	21	134
Lindsay Campbell	18	8	11	19	45
Mike Rankin	29	5	14	19	50
Lee Klazinga	30	2	17	19	55
Mario Gibeault	18	6	10	16	80
Doug Ferguson	30	2	14	16	38
J.S. Larocque	30	1	11	12	40
Mike Duffy	11	2	8	10	49
Owen Swamp	24	6	3	9	76
Jamie Wheeler	6	2	3	5	30
D.J. Zaluski	29	1	3	4	91
Rodney Besner	6	1	1	2	12

Minor Hockey

Char-Lan house leagues
Novice division

•Rozon Insurance 5 (Rhys Paquette 4, Jeremy McDonell) M and S Mechanical 4 (Jordan Schaefer 4)

•Mac's Marina 10 (Jim McKay 4, Julien Delorme 2, Kelly Leblanc 2, Shawn Borris, Ian McIntosh) Alexandria 2 (Julien Chenier, Jean-Francois Menard)

•Mac's Marina 5 (Jim McKay 4, Jean-Francois Claude) M and S Mechanical 3 (Jordan Schaefer 2, Robbin Malyon)

•Rozon Insurance 6 (Rhys Paquette, Jeremy McDonell, Findley MacDonald, Christina Julien, John Ross, Adam Barton) M and S Mechanical 4 (Robbin Malyon 3, Jordan Schaefer)

•Curry Hill Lumber 5 (Brent Van Loon 3, other scorers unavailable) Rozon Insurance 1 (Tyso Gairling)

Atom division

•MacDonald Grocery 3 (Chris Gauthier, Corey Lalonde, Oakley McCoy) Ray Jans Construction 0

•McCuaig Plumbing 4 (Alain Lalonde 3, Thomas St. Pierre) Glengarry Kinsmen 3 (Curtis Thomson 3)

•Cornwall Aviation 5 (Willy deWit 2, Geoff Hollis, David Lapierre, Nathan Poitras) McCuaig Plumbing 2 (scorers unavailable)

•Glengarry Kinsmen 6 (Kurtis Thomson 4, Sandy McLean 2) MacDonald Grocery 5 (Oakley McCoy 2, Steven Lafrance 2, Corey Lalonde)

Peewee division

•Munro Agromart 7 (Nathan Poirier 2, Michael Fraser 2, Ryan Lalonde, Francesco Raimondi, David Pilon) Malyon Excavation 6 (J.P. Dupuis 3, Stefan Parisien 2, Phillipe Claude 1)

•Munro Agromart 5 (Ryan Lalonde 3, Michael Fraser, Kyle Fraser) Longevity Acrylics 2 (Robbie Grant 2)

•Malyon Excavation 4 (J.P. Dupuis, Joel Lemay, Stephen Rogers, Phillipe Claude) Visions No. Three 2 (Neil Thompson 2)

•Longevity Acrylics 1 (Robbie Grant) Malyon Excavation 1 (Joel Lemay)

Bantam-midget division

•North Glengarry-Stormont 5 Raisin River Marina 1 (Tyson Currier)

•Poirier Bus Lines 5 (Joel Duval 2, Leigh Thomson, Greg Morrison, Patrick Alguire) Gauthier Greenhouse 2 (Joel Plamondon, Blake Roy)

•Raisin River Marina 4 (Robert Martin 3, Renel Cadieux) Poirier Bus Lines 4 (Fred Hadzocos 2, Daryl Major, M. Bourdeau)

Alexandria house leagues
Bantam division

•Masson Insurance 9 (Derek O'Brien 5, Vince Pane, Marc Leroux, Jeff Lobb, Louis Roy) Alexandria 2 (Scott MacLeod 4, Gabriel Marengere 2, Nicholas Vaillancourt)

•Hawkesbury 4 Masson Insurance 3 (Marc Leroux, Rory McLeod, Vince Pane)

Atom division

•Caisse Populaire 3 (Kevin MacPherson, Robert Decoste, Corey Cameron) Glengarry Windows and Doors 0

Novice division

•Hawkesbury I 3 Alexandria III 1 (Bobbie McNab)

Sponge Puck

Alexandria Ladies' League

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Tap. Richard	8	0	1	49	2	17
Art Benton	8	1	1	48	6	17
M&D Sports	4	5	0	13	18	8
L.C. Electric	1	7	2	9	50	4
Atl. Storm	0	8	2	8	51	2

Top scorers

	G	A	Pts
Sue Stewart, Tapis	13	15	28
Kelly Pidgeon, AB	18	8	26
Karen MacDonald, AB	11	11	22
Ann McMillan, Tapis	7	11	18
Mary Nixon, Tapis	6	5	11
Barb Benton, AB	5	6	11
Lynda Brunet, AB	7	2	9
Diane MacDougall, Tap.	6	3	9
Sylvie Menard, M&D	6	1	7
Louise Sommers, Tapis	3	3	6
Joan Benton, AB	1	5	6
Mary McDonell, Tapis	4	1	5
Roxanne Lacombe, Atl	3	1	4
Elaine Oetelaar, Tapis	3	1	4
Sylvie Major, M&D	1	3	4

Indoor Soccer

Glengarry League
Men's division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Vilnve Tnk L.	7	1	0	68	16	14
Express	5	3	0	26	21	10
Old-timers	4	4	0	28	45	8
Storm	3	5	0	27	31	6
M&D Sports	1	7	0	12	48	2

Top goalscorers

Brian Cameron, Villeneuve	16
Jonathan Hamelin, Villeneuve	10
Dean MacGillivray, Storm	9
Scott McDougall, Express	9
Norm Decoste, Villeneuve	9
Toni Boos, Villeneuve	8
Allan Campbell, Villeneuve	7
Lloyd Thomas, Express	5
Richard Willard, Express	5
Glen MacLeod, Storm	5
Alain Decoste, Old-timers	5
Craig Calvank, Storm	4
Eric MacSweyn, Storm	4
Robbie Starkauskas, Villeneuve	4
Benjamin Pye, Villeneuve	4
Gareth Pye, Villeneuve	4
Craig MacSweyn, Villeneuve	4
Hans Bauer, Old-timers	4
Stacey Kronwald, Old-timers	4
D.A. MacMillan, Old-timers	4
Gordon MacPherson, Old-timers	4

Women's division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Atlantic	9	0	1	36	13	19
Springers	6	4	0	22	18	12
Northerners	5	4	1	22	17	11
Shepherd's	4	4	2	25	21	10
Glen Sndfld	2	7	1	16	27	5
Char-Lan	1	8	1	8	33	3

Top goalscorers

Meghan MacPherson, Atlantic	20
Melissa MacDonald, Shepherd's	13
Natasha Brodie, Glen Sandfield	9
Kelly Lavigueur, Atlantic	9
Jessica MacLeod, Springers	8
Sherrill Norman, Northerners	6
Kyla Burwash, Glen Sandfield	5
Tracy McNicol, Northerners	5
Lori MacMaster, Northerners	5
Alanna Shepherd, Shepherd's	5
Josie MacLennan, Northerners	4
Tina Bond, Springers	4

Cornwall League
Men's division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Rudi Pyr Sp.	**10**	**1**	**0**	**73**	**24**	**20**
Mr. Sub	8	3	0	66	37	16
Filion Troph.	7	3	1	52	36	15
La Maison	5	3	3	50	57	13
La Citadelle	4	6	1	33	34	9
Vlnv Tnk L.	**3**	**6**	**2**	**46**	**54**	**8**
Yng Drvrs	**1**	**7**	**3**	**41**	**60**	**5**
Crnwll BBQ	1	10	0	27	81	2

Men's second division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Bill's Sp. Bar.	9	0	2	101	20	20
Backstages	8	0	3	56	19	19
Osna.Cosmos	5	5	1	43	34	11
Jim's Ski-D	4	6	1	41	47	9
Harvey's	2	8	1	27	62	5
Roadrunners	1	10	0	27	110	2

Women's division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Raisio Rvrs	9	3	0	68	24	18
M'max Hrts.	**8**	**1**	**2**	**68**	**24**	**18**
Shepherd's	**8**	**1**	**1**	**47**	**17**	**17**
Blazers U-19.	8	3	0	71	21	16
Ray-Co Str	7	2	2	45	9	16
Atlantic	**4**	**4**	**3**	**35**	**24**	**11**
La Citadelle	3	7	1	26	55	7
Spitfires	2	7	2	20	36	6
Blazer Heat	2	6	2	23	63	6
Roadrunners	1	8	1	12	64	3
Bold Signs	0	9	2	10	82	2

Results

Sunday, Jan. 5

Women's division (Knockout Cup)

Raisio Rovers 8 Blazer Heat 0
Shepherd Sports 4 **Minimax Hearts** 2
La Citadelle 3 Roadrunners 1
Ray-Co Strikers 2 **Atlantic** 1
Spitfires 3 Bold Signs 0

Men's first division

Rudi Payer Sport 5 La Citadelle 4
Villeneuve Tnk Lns7 Young Drivers 7
La Maison 10 Filion Trophies 5
Mr. Sub 9 Cornwall Bar-B-Q 2

Men's second division

Bill's Sports Bar 11 Roadrunners 2
Jim's Ski-Doo 4 Harvey's 1
Backstages 3 Osnabruck Cosmos 3

Sunday, Dec. 12

Women's Knockout Cup playoffs

U-19 Blazers vs. Raisio Rovers (9 a.m.)
Shepherd's vs. La Citadelle (10 a.m.)
Strikers vs. Spitfires (11 a.m.)
Semifinal (Noon), Final (2 p.m.)

Char-Lan Men's League

	W	L	T	Pts
Rudi Payer Sport	7	1	0	21
Town Hall	7	2	0	21
Glengarry Stars	5	3	0	15
SDG Nomads	1	7	0	3
Filion Trophies	1	8	0	3

Monday, Dec. 6

Stars vs. Filion Trophies
Town Hall vs. Nomads
Rudi Payer Sport vs. Nomads

Broomball

SDG League
Results
Sunday, Dec. 22

East All-Stars 3 West All-Stars 2 (OT)
Dave's Drywall 8 Kelly's Sports Bar 0
Uniform Shoppe 9 Cappuccino Exp. 0
Guy's Radiator 3 Farley Windows 2

Sunday, Dec. 5

Farley Windows 1 Cappuccino Exp. 0
Dave's Drywall 4 Uniform Shoppe 0
Guy's Radiator 4 Kelly's Sports Bar 1

Char-Lan atoms lose to Plattsburgh in "A" final

The Char-Lan Atom Rebels made it to the championship game before bowing out to Plattsburgh at a minor hockey travelling team tournament over the holidays.

Patrice Brunet scored the only goal as Char-Lan lost 5-1 in the "A" final.

The Rebels recorded wins over Cornwall and Orleans earlier in the competition.

Patrice Brunet scored a hat trick as Char-Lan beat the Royals 8-2.

Mike Fontaine scored twice with single goals going to Patrick Leblanc, Pierre-Luc Legros and Addison MacDonald.

Fontaine and Legros scored in a 2-1 victory over Orleans.

In Upper Canada Minor Hockey League action, the Char-Lan bantams lost 8-2 to Alexandria and 4-1 to North Dundas.

Drew Thomson scored both goals against the Glens while Sylvain Matte was the lone Char-Lan marksman in the loss to the Demons.

The Char-Lan midgets beat up on Louisville, N.Y. 14-0 in an exhibition contest.

Joey Lemire scored three goals, Simon Menard, Chris Malyon and Pat Dubois each scored twice and Ian Main, Steve Deguire, Chris Roy, Jason Bacon and Dean Fraser had single goals.

The peewee Rebels defeated Brockville in a shootout to win a tournament's consolation title.

Matthew Gagne and Michael O'Farrell scored in regulation time for Char-Lan while Gagne and Justin Lalonde had shootout goals.

Leo Dignard and Eric Larocque scored in Char-Lan's 2-1 win over Belleville in the semifinals.

Dignard and Justin Lalonde scored as Char-Lan lost 5-2 to Athens in its first game.



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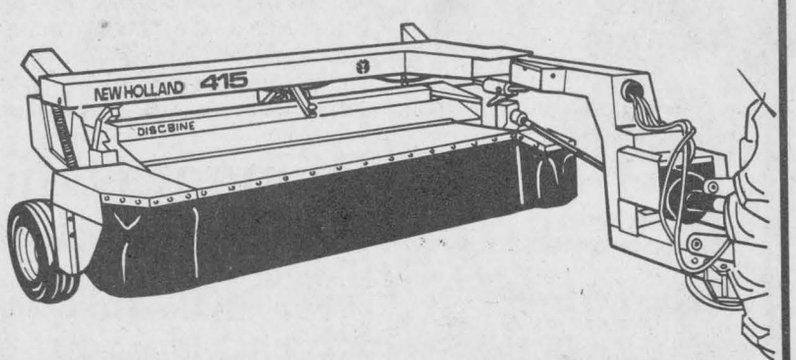

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ALEXANDRIA & DISTRICT



Alexandria Ford peewees come close at tournaments...three times

The Alexandria Ford peewees were busy over the holidays as the Alexandria house league hockey club played in three tournaments over a four day period from Dec. 27 to 30.

Alexandria made the "A" final at all three tournaments, but came up short each time.

Finch tournament

In Finch on Dec. 27, Alexandria lost 3-1 to Winchester in the championship game.

Alexandria led 1-0 until Winchester scored goals 54 seconds apart late in the third period to take the lead.

Stephane Deguire scored the only goal for Alexandria.

In the semifinal round, Alexandria Ford knocked off North Dundas I by a score of 6-3.

Mathieu Ranger led the winners with a hat trick, Emilie Ranger scored twice and Stephane Deguire had a single.

Alexandria started the tournament by beating Morrisburg 6-0.

Mickie Oetelaar and Stephane Deguire each scored a pair of goals while Bobby Dewar recorded the shutout.

Emilie Ranger and Kristy Kennedy each scored once.

Embrun tournament

Alexandria Ford fell 5-4 to Osgoode-Rideau in the final of the Embrun tournament on Dec. 28.

Alexandria led 4-2 after two periods thanks to three scores by Stephane Deguire and one marker by Mathieu Ranger, but Osgoode-Rideau rallied with three unanswered goals in the third stanza to claim the tournament championship.

In the semifinals, Stephane Deguire netted a pair of goals and Michael Depratto chipped in with a single as Alexandria shaded the host Embrun team 3-2.

Alexandria kicked the event off by downing Casselman 3-2.

Cameron Nixon and Stephane Deguire each had a goal and an assist to lead the winners.

Michael Depratto also scored.

Char-Lan tournament

The third close call in a tournament for Alexandria came in Williamstown on Dec. 30.

The ADMHA club won two games before dropping a 7-3 decisions to Char-Lan Visions in the final.

Stephane Deguire scored twice in a losing cause while Francois Lavigne tallied once.

Deguire once again was the big gun in the semifinal round, scoring all four goals in a 4-2 win over Cornwall. Deguire scored a total of 16 goals in the nine holiday tournament games.

Ryan Lobb, Mickie Oetelaar and Kristy Kennedy all had two assists.

Matthew Poirier, Francois Lavigne and Mickie Oetelaar scored as Alexandria edged Char-Lan Longevity Acrylics 3-2 in the first round.

Regular-season action

Through all the tournament action, Alexandria Ford found time to squeeze in a regular-season game against Alexandria Pronto Store.

Stephane Deguire and Francois Lavigne each scored once to give Ford a 2-1 victory.

Michel Diotte replied for Pronto.

Caisse Populaire takes "A" division crown in Chesterville

Atlantic Storm gets some consolation in Finch

Stephane Lanthier and Julien Rochon each scored twice to lead the Alexandria Caisse Populaire atoms to a 6-4 win in the final of a house league tournament in Chesterville on Dec. 29.

Robert Decoste had a goal and two assists while Frederick Zbinden also scored.

Earlier in the tournament, Caisse Pop thumped Cornwall 12-0 and edged North Dundas II 2-1.

Frederick Zbinden had three goals against Cornwall and Robert Decoste scored twice.

Chipping in with single goals were Richard Bellefeuille, Corey Cholette, Kevin Cameron, Roch Legault, Julien Rochon and Corey Cameron.

Corey Cameron and Robert Decoste were the scorers against North Dundas.

Storm takes "B" title

The Atlantic Storm atoms captured the consolation championship at a competition in Finch on Dec. 29.

Andrew Libbos, Adam Lancaster, Thomas O'Shea, Cameron Nixon and Michael Depratto each scored a goal as the Storm whitewashed Manotick 5-0 in the "B" final.

Craig Quesnel registered his second shutout of the tournament.

In th semifinals, Cameron Nixon scored a pair of goals to pace the Atlantic to a 5-0 win over North Glengarry-Stormont.

Adam Lancaster, Mary-Jane O'Shea and Thomas O'Shea rounded out the Storm offence.

Cameron Nixon and Michael Depratto scored as the Atlantic dropped a 3-2 decision in the opening round of the tournament.

Visions captures "A" crown

Jason Cooper scored three goals to lead Char-Lan Visions to a 7-3 victory over Alexandria Ford in the championship game of a peewee house league hockey tournament in Williamstown on Dec. 30.

Bernard St. Pierre scored a pair of goals for Char-Lan while single markers went to Matthew Gordon and Mathieu Proulx.

In the consolation final, a team from South Stormont defeated Char-Lan Malyon Excavation 3-2.

Stephen Rogers scored twice in a losing cause.

La Citadelle sweeps Gaels in SDG hoops tripleheader

The Glengarry Gaels went oh-for-three as the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry boys' high school basketball season resumed yesterday in Alexandria.

The Patriotes of La Citadelle marched into Alexandria and went back to Cornwall with victories in senior, junior and midget division action.

The senior Patriotes claimed a 64-37 win over the Gaels.

Roch Lemire scored nine of his 11 points in the second half to pace the Pats.

Bryan Haley and Terry Clement each had 10 points for La Citadelle.

Glengarry's Allan Campbell and Jason Loranger led all scorers with 13 points apiece.

Rob Montpetit hopped six.

The Glengarry seniors now have a 2-2 record on the season.

Juniors lose by 11

A poor start, a strong middle part of the game and a poor finish resulted in a 41-30 loss by the Glengarry juniors.

Alain Godard led the visitors with 10 points while Pierre Leger added eight.

Greg Lalonde (10 points) and Francois Elie (six) were the top Glengarry scorers.

Jamie Ladouceur and Daniel Laferriere each scored four points.

In midget action, La Citadelle prevailed 29-20.

Matthew Theoret scored a game-high 11 points for Glengarry. Chris Ladouceur and Kevin Bellefeuille each scored four.

Alexandria bantams crush Potsdam twice

The Alexandria Auto Glass Bantam Glens outscored Potsdam 24-0 in back-to-back Upper Canada Minor Hockey League games on Dec. 28 and 29.

On Dec. 28 in Potsdam, the Glens coasted to a 14-0 win.

Dominic Decoeur scored four goals and Chris Corput had a hat trick.

Patrick Huffman made only 10 stops to record the shutout.

Other goalscorers for Alexandria were Nicholas Quenneville with two and Chris McIntyre, Bruce Libbos, Andrew McIntyre, Jason Vickers and Jean-Francois Menard with singles.

Roch Gauthier was in goal the following day as Alexandria won 10-0 at the Billy Gebbie Arena.

Chris Corput had five goals while Dominic Decoeur, Nicholas Quenneville, Sven Jseppi, Jean-Francois Menard and Joel Quesnel each scored once.

Alexandria also played a pair of exhibition games in the period between Christmas and New Year's, beating the Embrun Pantheres 5-3 and losing 6-4 to the Vankleek Hill Cougars.

Chris Corput, Joel Quesnel, Nicholas Quenneville, Dominic Decoeur and Luc Lanthier all had a goal in the Glens' victory over the Pantheres on Dec. 27.

Alexandria didn't have as much luck against the Cats from Vankleek Hill on Dec. 29.

Nicholas Quenneville scored three times in a losing cause while Joel Quesnel had a single.

Glens down Demons

Captain Chris Corput had two goals as Alexandria doubled the North Dundas Demons in a UCMHL game on Dec. 21 in Chesterville.

Jason Vickers and Luc Lanthier also scored while Sven Jseppi set up a pair of goals.

On Dec. 14 in Alexandria, the Glens scored an 8-2 victory over the Char-Lan Rebels.

Jean-Francois Menard, Dominic Decoeur and Chris Corput each scored a deuce while Jason Vickers and Joel Quesnel added singles.

Atom Glens prevail in double overtime

Christopher Van Overbeek and Pascal Lalonde set up Patrick Decoste in double-overtime for the winning goal as the Alexandria Seaway Express Atom Glens defeated the host team 2-1 in the final of a minor hockey tournament in Brockville on the weekend.

Van Overbeek had scored the Alexandria goal in regulation time. Goaltender Christian decoste received the Hustler Award for his efforts.

In the semifinals, the Glens knocked off the Perth Blue Wings 6-0.

In the preliminary round, Alexandria beat Kingston and Leitrim by identical 3-2 scores. The Glens also tied Syracuse 2-2.

In Upper Canada Minor Hockey League regular season play, the Glens suffered their first loss of the season, dropping a 3-2 decision to Potsdam.

Peewees top Royals

Blair MacMillan had a goal and an assist to pace the Glengarry Tire Peewee Glens to a 3-1 UCMHL victory over the Cornwall Royals on Saturday at the Billy Gebbie Arena.

Michael Lauzon and Kevin Libbos also scored for Alexandria.

Glengarry Cattlemen's Association

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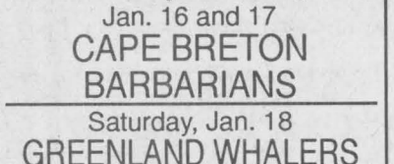
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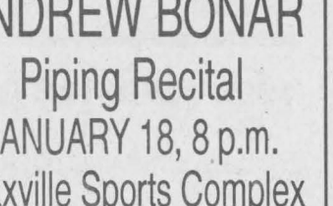
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McINTEE – Our precious little angel has finally arrived on December 15, 1996 weighing 5 lbs. 13 oz. Kayla Frances McIntee. Proud parents are Kelly and Colette (nee Lavigne) McIntee, Alexandria. Proud grandparents are Beverley Lavigne, Alexandria and Ruby and Danny McIntee of Glen Robertson. Great granddaughter for Teresa Sabourin, Alexandria. First godchild for Marc Lavigne, Alexandria and Karen McIntee, Ottawa.

DIRVEN – Berny and Olivia (nee Jones) are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, Marika Renee, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1996 at 6:54 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. Proud grandparents are Peter and Betty Dirven, Bainsville, Janet Spencer, St. Lazare and Dennis Jones of Shelbourne, Vermont.

CHOLETTE – Lori and Roch are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Casey Adam, born Friday, Dec. 27, 1996, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. Casey is the first grandchild for Marjorie and Sonny Thompson and 18th for Claire and Germain Cholette of Alexandria.

BOURDEAU – Denis and Monique are proud to announce the birth of their son, Francis, born on December 30, 1996 at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Cornwall, Ont. A brother for Sebastien, Zacharie and Danick.

Card of Thanks

MacLEOD – Thanks to all who remembered me during the holiday season with cards, gifts and enjoyable visits. It is so nice to be thought of while in the hospital.
– Gordon MacLeod. 1-1p

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LAURETTE SWANT
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PIDGEON, Marybell: In loving memory of a dear sister Marybell who died Dec. 31, 1995.
Today our thoughts, they all go back
To just one year ago
When all our smiles were turned to tears.
We all do miss her so.
– Remembered with love by Hattie, Leo and family. 1-1p

CARRIERE – In loving memory of a dear mother, Francine, who passed away January 9, 1996.
Sleep on, dear mother, take your rest,
I miss you most who love you best;
Friends may be friends, if they be true,
But I lost my best friend when I lost you.
"Sadly missed."
– Always loved and remembered by daughter Sylvie. 1-1p

BELLEFEUILLE, Rheal – In loving memory of a dear father who passed away Jan. 8, 1989.
I often stand beside your grave
My heart is crushed and sore
But through the gloom there come the words
Not lost, but gone before.
– Sadly missed and always remembered by your daughter Pauline and son-in-law Henry. 1-1p

MacLEAN – In loving memory of Ambrose who died accidentally Jan. 6, 1979.
Always missed by wife Annie, children and grandchildren.
Annie and family. 1-1p

NIXON – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, Stanley, who passed away Jan. 10, 1996.
Today is remembered and quietly kept
No words are needed, we will never forget.
Deep in our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day.
– Always remembered by Donna, Murray, Stuart and Ryan. 1-1p

CARRIERE, Francine: In loving memory of a dear daughter who passed away on Jan. 9, 1996.
God knew that she was suffering,
That the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed her weary eyelids
And whispered Peace be thine.
Away in the beautiful hills of God,
By the valley of rest so fair,
Some time, some day, we know not when,
We will meet our loved one there.
– Lovingly remembered by her mother, Aline. 1-1p

CARRIERE, Francine: In loving memory of a dear sister who passed away, Jan. 9, 1996.
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Sweetly, tender, fond and true.
There is not a day dear sister,
That we do not think of you.
–Lovingly remembered by Diane, Nicole, Michel, Marcel and Nathalie. 1-1p

CARRIERE, Francine: In loving memory of a dear mother who passed away Jan. 9, 1996.
Sleep on dear mother, take your rest,
They miss you most who loved you best;
Friends may be friends if they be true
But I lost my best friend when I lost you.
– Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by the Carriere family. 1-1p

Deaths

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ALEXANDRIA
MacGILLIS, CHRISTENA – Peacefully at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital, Alexandria on Thursday, January 2,1997. Age 90 yrs. Christena MacDonell of Lochiel, beloved wife of the late William Archibald (Willie) MacGillis. Loving and devoted mother of Jack (Joan) of Ottawa, Frank of St. Catharines, Bernie (Lois) of Cornwall, Jim (Elaine) of Coaldale, Alberta, Mary (Bill Izakowitz) of Southern California and Bill (Eileen) of RR #1, Alexandria. Will be sadly missed by 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Predeceased by two sisters, Mary Hammill and Janet MacDonell. Daughter of the late Flora and John A. MacDonell. Relatives and friends were received at Munro & Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street South, Alexandria on Friday and Saturday. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Alexander's Roman Catholic Church, Lochiel on Saturday, January 4. Interment parish cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Arthritis Society would be greatly appreciated by the family. 1-1c.

Hulse, Playfair & McGarry
WARNER, Hilton John (Retired CNR employee) – In hospital on Saturday, Dec. 28, 1996, aged 77 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy MacMillan. Dear father of Barbara Jean (Roy Watson) and Elaine Alma (Benny Phillips). Loving grandfather of Jeremy, Doug, Katrina, Shane, Brodie and Callie. Brother of Sterling (the late Helen) of Stittsville. Leara Kingston (Pat) of Prescott, Florence Smith (the late Ronald) of London, Merritt (Dorothy) of Nepean, Maurice (Bing) of Vancouver, Clare (Carol) of Ohio, Ivan (June) of Stittsville, Marion Halliwell (Bill) of Calgary and Jack (Christie) of Ottawa. He will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Milton and Verna (Baker) Warner, brother Norman and sister Eleanor. Friends visited at the West Chapel of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry, 150 Woodroffe Ave. (at Richmond Rd.) Ottawa. Service was held in the chapel on Tuesday. Interment of ashes at Pleasent Valley Cemetery in the spring. For those wishing donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. 1-1p

Deaths

McEVOY SHIELDS FUNERAL HOME
COSTELLO, KATHLEEN – In hospital on Sunday, January 5, 1997 at the age of 90 years. Daughter of the late Judge Francis Thomas Costello and Ann McPhee. Sister of Air Commodore, retired, Martin Costello of Niagara on the Lake and Judge Francis Costello of Kitchener. Predeceased by her sisters, Barbara and Helen. Dear aunt of 13 nieces and nephews and several grand nieces and nephews. Friends may call at McEvoy Shields Funeral Home, 235 Kent St., Ottawa from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and after 9 a.m. Thursday. Funeral Mass Thursday at 10 a.m. in Saint Patrick's Basilica, Ottawa. Spring interment St. Finnan's Parish Cemetery, Alexandria. 1-1c

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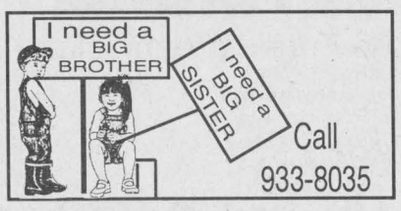

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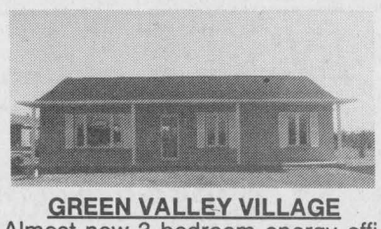
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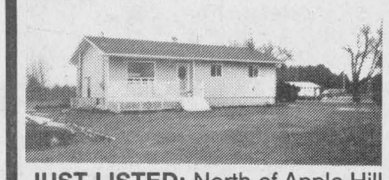
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Chairman - Apple Hill Hydro 1-1p

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WASTE MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN STUDY

The Steering Committee will be holding a General Business Meeting on Thursday, January 9,1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Non-Jury Courtroom at the County Building, 20 Pitt Street in Cornwall.
This is an open meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend. 53-2c

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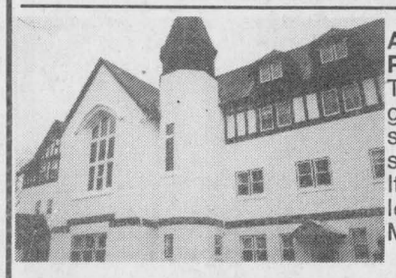

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Alexandria Police Services Board
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Notice to Creditors

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
ALL PERSONS having claims against the estate of LAURIA CARRIERE, late of the Town of Alexandria, in the County of Glengarry who died on the 2nd day of December, 1996, are required to submit full details of their claim, in writing, to the undersigned , on or before the 29th day of January, 1997, after which date the estate shall be distributed

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Solicitor for the Executors and Estate Trustees 1-3c

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Custodian on duty.

BY ORDER OF COUNCIL 1-1c

This is the second of three ads that will be placed calling for trappers to register under the terms of the Kenyon Beaver Management Bylaw. Applications received before January 31, 1997 will be included in the 1996-97 Trappers' Registry

TRAPPERS

ALL LICENSED TRAPPERS, RESIDENT IN KENYON TOWNSHIP, ARE ASKED TO REGISTER WITH THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TRAPPERS' REGISTRY FOR 1996

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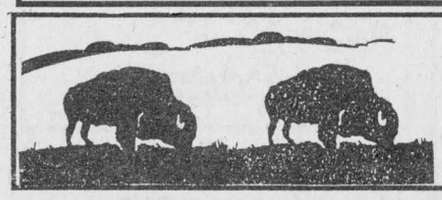
Please call 527-2090 or register by e-mail at dauville@total.net



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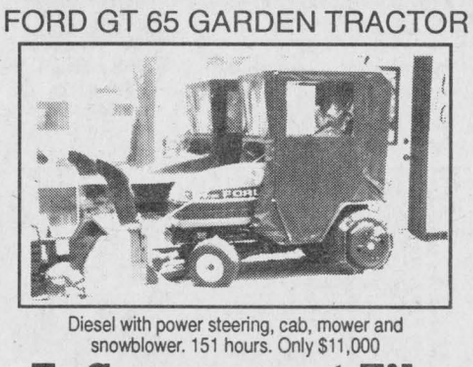

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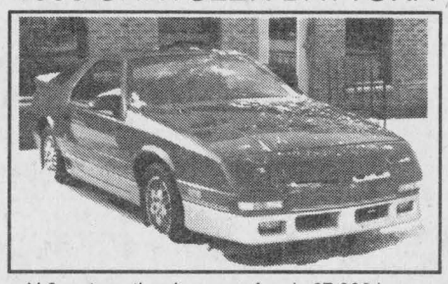

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Obituaries

Aldege Castonguay

Aldege Castonguay pased away suddenly at the Laurier Manor, Ottawa on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996. He was 87 years old.

Mr. Castonguay, formerly of RR1 North Lancaster was predeceased by his first wife Marie-Ange Seguin and is survived by his second wife Aline Campeau.

He is survived by his daughter Jeanne (Mrs. Henri Brunet) of Blainville, Que. and his son Jean-Paul (his wife Denise) Castonguay of RR3 Alexandria.

Mr. Castonguay is also survived by nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was the son of the late Octavie Bradley and the late Ferdina Castonguay.

Funeral sevices were held from Munro and Morris Funeral Home, Alexandria to St. Margaret of Scotland Roman Catholic Church, Glen Nevis for mass of Christian burial on Tuesday, Dec. 24. Intement was in the parish cemetery.

Pallbearers were six grandsons, Marc Castonguay, Donald Castonguay, Alain Castonguay, Roger Brunet, Robert Brunet and Lucien Brunet.

Gudrun (Mollie) Sporring

Gudrun (Mollie) Sporring of Moose Creek passed away at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Cornwall on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996.

Mrs. Sporring is survived by her husband Chris Sporring.

She is also survived by sons Robert, Peter and Herb and by daughter Hazel as well as many grandchildren.

A memorial service was held from Brownlee Funeral Home, Finch to St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Cornwall on Saturday, Jan. 4 with Pastor Steve Olson officiating.

Almost 50 on hand for Overbeek family gathering

St. Raphael's

by Serge Dreimanis

347-2353



Mary Van Overbeek of St. Raphael's, and her daughters, sons, grandchildren and other relatives and friends met on Dec. 25 for a Christmas dinner at the Parish Hall.

There were 47 in all, meeting each other again and having a good time.

The numerous friends of Mary's in the community, who love her almost as much as does her family, wish Mary a belated Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year.

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Residents on the Glen Roy side road were surprised, some of them while celebrating the advent of 1997, by a power outage on Dec. 31, at approximately 11:30 p.m.

According to Stuart MacDonald of Ontario Hydro, this was caused by a "burned tap" at the juncture of the main line on the King's Road and the branch line to Glen Roy.

Power was restored by approximately 3 a.m.

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A loved and respected member of our community Huetta Allinotte is now at Glengarry Memorial Hospital where she is recovering from an accident on Christmas Eve and surgery in Ottawa.

Huetta is cheerfully and warmly receiving visitors in Room 29 of the GMH.

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Gerrie Tibbals (nee MacDonell), now of Alexandria, and a member of the Glengarry Gaelic Choir, had visitors from Richmond, Texas during the holidays – her daughter Sharon and husband Gerald Martin.

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Chad Robert McGillivray, son of Cynthia and Dean, was christened on Dec. 31 at the church in St. Raphael's.

Godparents are Debbie Chisholm and Mike Longchamps of Cornwall.

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Teresa and Cuthbert MacDonald of Glen Roy had many family members visiting during the holidays from Russell, Hamilton, Sudbury, Ancaster and Toronto.

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The regular euchre party, scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 5 at the Parish Hall had to be cancelled, unfortunately, because of bad weather.

The next euchre evening is planned for Sunday, Jan. 19. Everyone is welcome.

CWL has anniversary

Five members of St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League were honored at the group's Christmas 40th anniversary banquet held in the Parish Center.

President Christine DeRepentigny welcomed the 72 guests.

Membership Convener Inez O'Connor presented introductory kits to Elisabeth Lanczinski, Mary Ehret, Martha Taraszczuk, Debbie Cormier and Tara Rines.

Following the supper young people from the community entertained the guests.

There were saxaphone solos by Erin MacDonell, violin solos by Alicia Cumming and bagpipe selections by Krissi McLeod. Kylie Cumming and Callie MacDonald performed Scottish dances.

Christmas songs were presented by Bonnie Cumming and Richard Keeler, who sang two of his own compositions, and by Tara Rines who also acted as emcee for the concerts.

Malcolm Cumming accompanied Bonnie and Alicia in their presentations.

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The new year is definitely with us now. I would like to ask you to help me with this column.

To make it more interesting and to have it truly reflect our "neck of the woods", I need your input.

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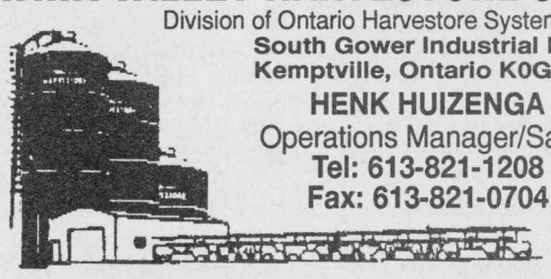

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Holiday's bright colors disappear for another year

Glen Sandfield

by Lorna Chapman

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The whole countryside had been shimmering with gaily colored Christmas lights and decorations during the holidays.

Alexandria's exceptionally brilliant array of outdoor decorations was a real joy to the eye. What a pleasure to drive around and look at the wonderful light patterns on trees, shrubs and along the house windows and eaves.

Doorways, leafless trees and old buildings became things of breathtaking beauty. Fences, driveways and balconies blossomed with an amazing variety of lights set out in loops, swirls and straight lines of rainbow colors.

Driving on the side roads, we were greeted by delightful arrangements of every tint and conformation. Never has our part of the world been prettier or brighter. Now they will soon be extinguished for another year.

When did lights become such a big part of Christmas? Candle-lit trees were an earlier practice, of course, and these were followed by little electric tree lights. But when did the beautiful tribute of outdoor lighting rise to the popularity that it now enjoys?

Won't we miss them though when the world goes back to shadows. We'll just have to keep the glow alive in our hearts until next Christmas, won't we?

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Sunday morning worship will take place at 10 a.m. at Glen Sandfield United Church on Jan. 12. East Hawkesbury United Church will reopen at Easter.

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Perle Brunet hosted a family dinner on New Year's Day. In attendance were daughter Manon and husband Stephan; Nadia and Stephanie Joly from St. Constant; daughter Lucie and husband Michel and Monica and Julie Racicot from L'Orignal.

After dinner they all drove to the Maria Goretti Residence, in Alexandria to visit with their father Lionel Brunet.

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Margo, Arnold, Keith and Marnie MacRae joined Doris and Donald MacMaster and their family at Laggan for Christmas dinner.

Marnie was home from Ottawa for a week with her family. The MacRae's held open house for friends and neighbors on New Year's Day.

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Gerry Fralic and Frank enjoyed holiday visits from daughter Kathy and her husband Al, Seth and Dara Briskin from Burlington with daughter-in-law Corrine; Cynthia Fralic from Two Mountains with her daughter Joyce and husband Stewart and Rory and Beth MacLennan from Glenlennan Farm.

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Get well wishes go out today to Ron MacLachlan. Everyone hopes that you will soon be well along on the road to complete recovery.

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New Year week visitors with Eleanor Bickerstaff and Janet were daughter Lois Bickerstaff and her friend Bill Briskin, both from Calgary.

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A safe and healthful 1997, with much joy and success, is a wish for all of our readers.

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North Lancaster

by Bernadette Campeau

347-2572



I dedicate this first 1997 column to my mom, who has proven once again, her love and devotion on New Year's day.

I'm not telling her age (she's over 70) but Rosie prepared and served a very delicious meal with all the trimmings for her large family and still had energy left over to kick up her heals in the evening.

Thanks mom and God bless. May we learn the true meaning of Christmas... unity, sharing and forgiving.

It feels good to get back to the routine after a couple of weeks of fun, but tiring, activities.

Last Sunday morning we woke to find mother nature had covered the land with a crispy and slippery blanket of ice.

The salt trucks were out early enough so that travellers could get to their destinations.

Monday morning was back to school with pretty good roads.

Let's hope the weather gets cold enough so that the school rink can be started.

The students will begin the new year by going to mass in the Glen Nevis church on Thursday morning where they will have time to visit the manger. Drivers and buses are offered free of charge for this outing.

Congratulations to Denis (Jr.) and Monique Bourdeau who had a fourth baby boy on Dec. 30.

Grandparents, Denis and Caroline, also had four sons. They are still waiting for a granddaughter, perhaps from Marc or Marcel.

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Happy birthday to Dominique Roy on Jan. 8 and to my niece Julie Campeau on Jan. 10. Best wishes.

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Thought: The secret to happiness is keeping your mind on the things you want and off the thing you don't want. – Earl Nightingale

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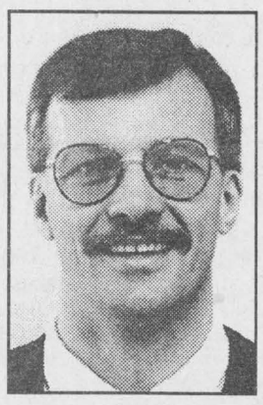

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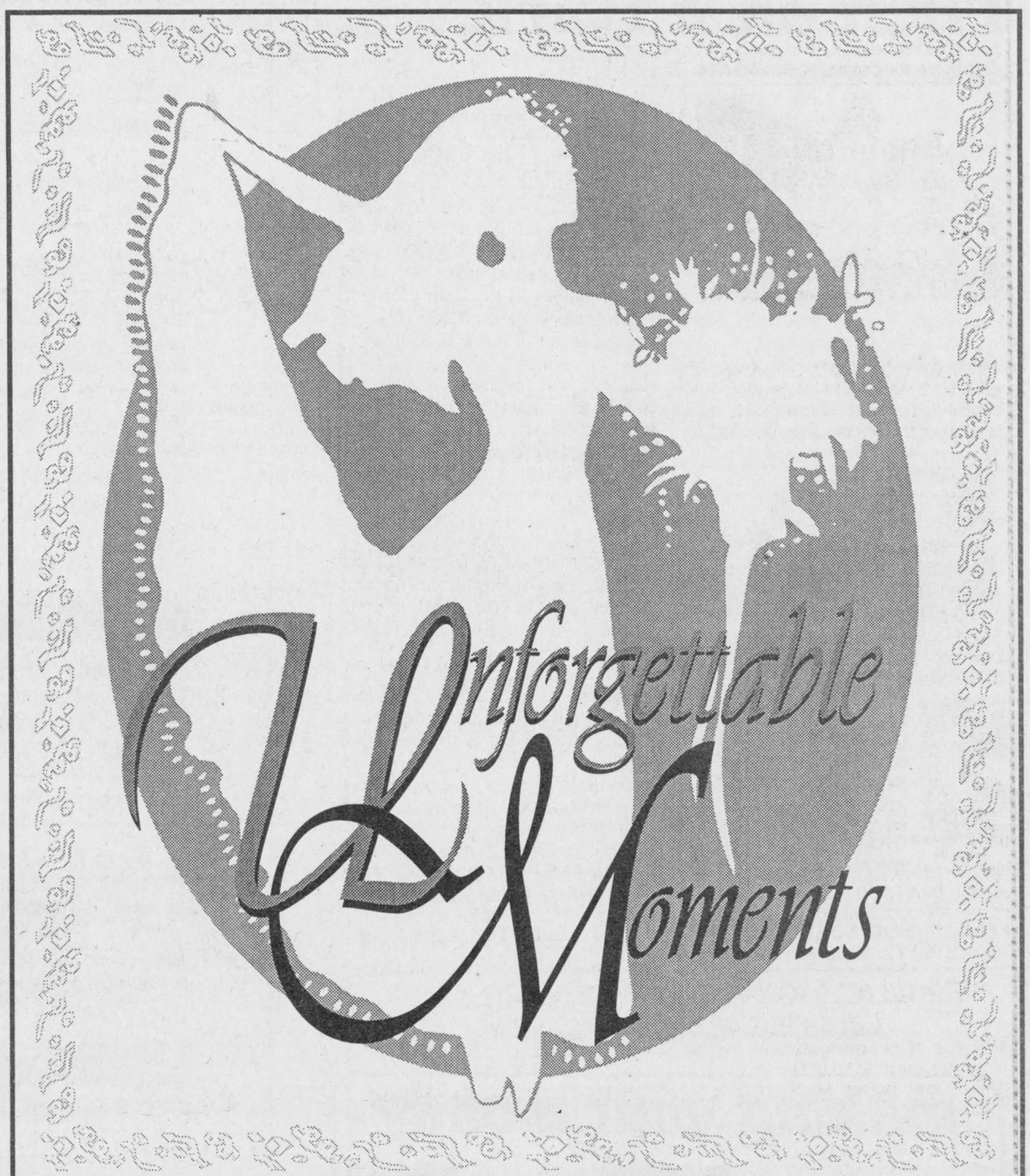

We will be publishing our ever-popular Bridal Issue on January 29, 1997. If you have any wedding photographs of Glengarrians that we could print, please bring or send them in to us before Friday, Jan. 17. Please have the year and individuals clearly marked. We don't promise to print them all, but we will return each and every one to you.

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Auld Lang Syne

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO
Friday, January 1, 1897

•As we go to press we learn that a burglar who was attempting to enter the store of A. Leclair, North Lancaster, on Wednesday night, was shot by the clerk, who was sleeping on the premises. The man who was a stranger, is in a serious condition.

•On Monday, Alex Charlebois received a telegram from Butte, Mont., announcing the sad news of the death of his eldest son, John, who left here some seven years ago. No particulars were given other than the fact that deceased had been killed by a train.

•A daring burglary was perpetrated on Tuesday night when the store of Messrs. Pilon Bros. was entered and upwards of $200 worth of goods taken. Judging from the loot which included 25 overcoats, a team must have been used to carry the plunder away.

EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday, December 29, 1911

•Aime Huot, Alex Cameron and Hugh A. Gauthier, all of Ottawa University, are enjoying the holidays at their homes here.

•J. D. Cameron, Mack's Corners, the first of the week tapped several maple trees on his farm and made excellent syrup.

•John G. Graham of Apple Hill, but lately of Cobalt, met a tragic end on Thursday, December 21, when employed as a deck hand by the Crown Reserve Mine. He fell down a five hundred foot shaft of the Silver Leaf Mine, and was instantly killed. Mr. Graham came to Canada when but a young boy and began work with the late Hugh McIntyre in the 3rd Kenyon.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 29, 1916

•The worst catastrophe in years, so far as Glengarry is concerned, occurred on the CPR line at St. Polycarpe Junction on Wednesday evening last, when the Chicago to Montreal express dashed into the rear end of the Cornwall to Montreal local train killing six and injuring four. No less than five of the dead and two of the injured were Glengarrians. The killed were Alex J. Grant and Lewis Grant of Lancaster; Newton Dumoulin, William Abrams and J. Kennedy of Williamstown and Conductor Wm. Hinton of Cornwall. The injured were J. J. McCulloch of Glen Brook; Michael Malloy of Smiths Falls, bridge and building expert of the CPR, express manager Lavalle of Cornwall, and D. C. St. Amour of North Lancaster.

•Franklin McIntosh and Alex McDonell of Queen's, and Walter Crewson and M. Markson of McGill, are at their respective homes for the holidays.

•Felix Deprato is receiving the congratulations of our citizens on his well merited promotion, he having recently been appointed superintendent of the Munro and McIntosh Carriage Co.

SEVENTY YEAR AGO
Friday, December 31, 1926

•Municipal nominations were held in all Glengarry municipalities on Monday and resulted in acclamation except in Lancaster Village, where balloting will take place for councillors. Mayor Laurin and Reeve Fitzgerald were returned to office in Alexandria; Alex R. McDonald is reeve and Fred McLeod, deputy-reeve of Kenyon; J. A. McCrimmon is reeve and Horace Robertson, deputy-reeve of Lochiel; A. A. Macdonell is reeve and D. S. McIntosh, deputy-reeve in Charlottenburgh; John D. McDonald is reeve and Rod A. McLeod, deputy-reeve in Lancaster township; Robert McKay is reeve of Maxville and J. R. McLachlan, reeve of Lancaster Village.

•The Ontario Department of Highways will provide to a reasonable extend for "through" traffic on provincial roads this winter.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
Friday, January 1, 1937

•Reeve J. R. McLachlan was returned by acclamation in Lancaster Village, but there will be an election for councillors among Jas. Dufresne, Dawson McLean, Henry Sauve, Stewart McGillis, J. Rene Poirier and J. R. Frappier. In Lancaster Township, the entire slate was returned. It consists of Rod McLeod, reeve; W. J. Major, deputy-reeve; Allan A. MacDonald, Jas. A. MacDonald and Scott Fraser, councillors.

•For over 17 years operator at the local CNR station, Duncan A. MacDonald has retired on pension. He will continue to reside here.

•Members of the Badminton and Tennis Clubs gathered at the Armouries, Monday evening, when a chair was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Van Every, who left Wednesday to reside in Toronto.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Friday, January 3, 1947

•Officers of Kenyon Agricultural Society have decided to hold a three-day fair in 1947. It will be held in September.

•The marriage of Margaret Mae McDougall, daughter of Roderick A. McDougall, Alexandria, to John De Voy Lyons, BSc., took place December 21, in St. Roch's Church, Montreal.

•Evariste Jeaurond and Irene Lefebvre were to be united in marriage on Dec. 28 but a big snow storm blocked all roads making things impossible, even the snow plow broke down. Evariste and Irene were finally married on Dec. 31, 1946.

FORTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, January 3, 1957

•Mrs. Rene Lavigne, 18, of Eastview, suffered a broken neck, her three-year-old daughter had a fractured jaw and Hector Henry, 35, of Billings Bridge, suffered a skull fracture New Year's day. They were injured near Maxville while driving to the Lavigne home.

•Bruce Abrames has opened a sign painting shop on the Mill Square.

• Pte. Jean-Guy Ouimet, 21, McCormick Road, was hospitalized with severe abrasions and internal injuries when his car rolled while he was west of Martintown, Dec. 29.

•Curling ice will be ready tonight and the local clubrooms have been completely transformed in preparation for introduction of the ladies to the roarin' game.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, January 5, 1957

•Gordon James Truax of Monkland, was struck and killed Friday night as he walked across Highway 43 near his home.

•The Goodyear Feed plant at Green Valley, was destroyed by fire, Dec. 22.

•Elie Chenier suffered burns Dec. 23 when a gas torch exploded in his shop.

•Top prize in the outdoor decorations competition was won by Marcel Lanthier.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, January 6, 1977

•Palma Lacombe, Jr., of Alexandria, suffered third-degree burns and Daniel Lavigne was less seriously burned when fire destroyed the 4th Kenyon house occupied by Mr. Lavigne Dec. 22. The home of Bernard Turcot in the Maxville area was also destroyed that night.

•Charles Sangster was but one vote short of a tie for a councillor post in Lancaster Township in a recount by Judge Stiles. Sangster had 480 votes to 481 for Maurice Desautels.

•Alcide Massia, 26, suffered a fractured pelvis Jan. 1st when struck by a hit-run driver opposite the high school.

TEN YEARS AGO
Wednesday, January 7, 1987

•Brothers Rejean and Roger Menard of Green Valley won the $10,000 first prize in the annual Richelieu Club draw held Dec. 22 in Green Valley.

•Les trois p'tits points cultural centre received $60,861 last week to hire three more employees for a year.

•With a move to an apartment in Metcalfe, Violet and Dr. Don Gamble have left Maxville after being very prominent members of the Maxville community for many years.

Santa Claus visits Glen on a Harley

Glen Robertson
by Colette Sauvé
874-2076



On the morning of Dec. 24 in the Glen, I saw Santa, dressed in red, drive by on a Harley-Davidson. Even though the weather was mild, Santa seemed to be enjoying himself.

Over 130 kids enjoyed an afternoon with Santa on Dec. 22 at the social centre. Germain Lacombe sang a medley of Christmas songs and the Tasmanian Devil was greeted warmly by all the kids.

A beautiful quilt was won by Carmen Rochon of Alexandria.

Baskets for the less fortunate of the parish were delivered on Dec. 23. A special thank you to the Optimist Club, the Recreation Centre and the United Church in Alexandria for making this project possible and spreading joy to the under-privileged.

Congratulations to Sylvie Decoeur, Carol MacDonald and Richard Theoret who were in charge of the Christmas party for the kids. Thanks also to Louise Carriere, Linda Van Den Oetelaar and all the Optimist members who worked on the Christmas baskets project. A special thank you to Emilien and Helene Proulx who supplied the room needed to make the baskets.

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Welcome to Karol and Lydie Krivask who moved into our community. They purchased the former Carey home.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of life long resident of the Glen, Léonie Geneau who died recently.

Our hearts go out also to Denise Lavigne whose husband, Edgar Lavigne passed away. He was the son-in-law of Beatrice Lalonde.

Condolences to the family of Wilfrid Racine who died recently. He was the father of Alice McCallum.

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Club 65 will resume its activities in 1997 with a euchre party on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Social Centre.

Line dancing is also on the agenda every Wednesday at 1 p.m. It's a great way to exercise and meet friends!

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Congratulations to Andrea Brunet and Jeff Long of Hamilton who were engaged in December. Andrea is the daughter of Fernand and Lucille Brunet.

Optimist draw

Winners of the $1,000 Optimist draw held last Sunday were Royal Bank staff Yvonne Kerr and Linda Bigelow. The vendor was Sylvie Decoeur.

The next draw will be on Feb. 2.

An Optimist bingo will be held this coming Saturday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. There are many prizes to be won and a welcome to all is extended.

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Happy birthday wishes to Eileen Flood who will celebrate this coming Sunday, Jan. 12.

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EI provides Canadians with basic income protection, plus a range of new re-employment benefits to help unemployed workers get jobs. Here are answers to questions you may have about some of these important changes.

WHAT'S NEW FOR CLAIMANTS?

Are we now counting hours instead of weeks?
Yes. Every paid hour of work will count to qualify for EI. A minimum of 420 to 700 hours (which is the equivalent of 12 to 20 weeks of 35 hours each) will be required, depending on the unemployment rate in your region.

If you are filing a claim after your first job, or after an absence of 2 years or more from the workforce, you now require 910 hours to qualify.

To qualify for sickness, maternity or parental benefits, a minimum of 700 hours of work is required.

How long can I receive EI?
The number of weeks payable is 14 to 45, depending on the number of hours of insurable employment and the rate of unemployment in your area.

If I work 15 hours or less a week, am I now covered by EI?
Yes. There are no longer any weekly minimum hours or dollars required to have insurable employment. All hours of work will count, and premiums will be payable on every dollar earned. However, if you earn $2,000 or less a year, your premiums will be refunded when you file your income tax return.

Does past receipt of EI benefits affect future claims?
Yes. The normal benefit rate is 55% of your insured earnings. This could be reduced by 1% for every 20 weeks claimed from July 1996. The maximum that the benefit rate can be reduced to, is 50% after 100 weeks claimed. This adjustment to the benefit rate is called the *intensity rule.*

Remember: T*he intensity rule does not apply to people receiving the Family Supplement, sickness, maternity or parental benefits.*

Who can receive the new Family Supplement?
Claimants with children and a family income under $25,921, who also receive the Child Tax Benefit are entitled to the new Family Supplement. Eligible claimants will receive up to 65% of their insurable earnings. However, the maximum benefit still remains $413 a week for all claimants.

Will there be any change to my EI premium deductions as of January?
Yes. The EI premium rate for 1997 is lower than last year. However, as of January you may notice a difference in the way your premium is deducted over the course of the year. There is no longer a weekly maximum of $750 on your insurable earnings. Premiums are now payable on every dollar you earn up to the the yearly maximum of $39,000. Once you have reached $39,000, you will not have to pay any more premiums. For example, if your salary is $58,500 a year, you will pay all your EI premiums in the first eight months and none for the rest of the year.

Am I allowed to earn more than before without losing benefits?
Yes. All claimants, regardless of their income, can earn $50 a week, or 25% of their regular benefit, whichever is *greater,* without facing any loss of benefits.

What are the new re-employment benefits?
The Government of Canada is working with the provinces and territories to put in place new re-employment benefits to help Canadians get back to work.

These benefits may include: *Targeted Wage Subsidies,* to encourage employers to provide on-the-job experience leading to long-term employment; *Self-employment Assistance,* to help unemployed people start their own businesses; *Job Creation Partnerships,* local partnerships to create work opportunities and sustainable jobs in your community.

WHAT'S NEW FOR EMPLOYERS?

The method of reporting employment history has been revised under the new Employment Insurance System. The Government of Canada and employers have worked together to come up with an easier reporting system. An information package has been sent to all employers. If you have not received one, contact your nearest Human Resource Centre of Canada.

What is different about the Record of Employment?
In general, for each employee, you will have to report only the following: the first and last day of work, the total hours worked in the pay periods in the last 53 weeks, and the total insurable earnings for the last 27 weeks.

What is the new hours-based system?
As of January 1, 1997, every hour worked and paid is insurable, which means that earnings of all workers are now insurable.

Are premiums now calculated differently?
Yes. They are now calculated on each dollar of insurable earnings to an *annual* maximum of $39,000, instead of a weekly maximum.

What is the New Hires Program?
If you are a small employer who paid less than $60,000 in employer's premiums in 1996, you will be entitled to a refund in 1997 and 1998, if your overall premium bill goes up by $250.00 or more.

STRICTER ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES

Under EI, claimants who commit fraud now face stiffer rules. More hours of work will be required to qualify for future claims, and financial penalties may increase.

Employers who engage in fraud will also face stricter financial penalties – which can be up to $12,000 per offence or the total of claimant penalties in collusion cases.

If claimants or employers make an honest mistake and forget to give us information, it is not too late to provide it. Under our disclosure policy, we can waive any penalty or prosecution, if the matter is not already under investigation.

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Brodie man was weatherman over holidays

Dalkeith

by Jean MacLennan
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On Boxing Day, Donald John and Angus MacLeod had a family get together. It makes quite a houseful with Donald's family, grandchildren and great grandchildren and spouses.

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On New Year's Day we were all saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Beverly MacQueen, husband of Evelyn MacLeod. Visitation was in Maxville with funeral and burial in Dunvegan on Saturday, Jan. 4.

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Jean and Ken Campbell, Gail, Terry, Luke and Tanya were off to Toronto to spend Christmas with Wendy and Wayne McArthur, Pam, Scott, Graeme and Glendon Campbell, and Robin Campbell. Robin accompanied them home to stay on for a few days.

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Phyllis and Stan Roddick, returned to Yarmouth N. S. after visiting for several weeks with their families. They saw Bruce and Phyllis Roddick and family of Ingersol; Sandy and Jocelyn Roddick and family from Vankleek Hill and Terry and Gail Roddick and family of Breadalbane.

Sandra Berry, who attends Guelph University was home for Christmas.

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On Christmas Day Isabelle and Valaire L'Ecuyer, family and friends gathered at the Golden Age building in Vankleek Hill. Over 60 people including their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren had a great day together.

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Evans Macgillivray and Rhoda MacDonald were at the Maxville Manor on Dec. 29 visiting with Mrs. Annie MacKillican on her 102nd birthday. As mentioned before she was Evans' first teacher at Kirk Hill North.

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Joyce Henry of Ottawa spent Christmas Eve with her sister Shirley, and Lorne, Sidney, Cameron and Cassie MacDonald of Kirk Hill. Later in the week, the MacDonalds visited Shirley's parents, Laurabelle and David Henry in Carleton Place, and travelled on to Huntsville to visit for a few days with Lorne's mother, Muriel MacDonald.

Ian and Shelley MacDonald of Rockwood, spent Christmas with Shelley's folks in Plunkett, Sask. and New Year's with Muriel in Huntsville. On their way home the MacDonald's stopped in Almonte to see Bev and Bert Thom and family.

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Richard and Michael MacMillan, Winnipeg, spent a few holidays with Ernie MacMillan, their grandmother, Sara MacMillan, and other friends and relatives in the area.

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Theresa Hay and Karl Hay spent Christmas with Elaine, Gordie, Leah Ann and Steven at Green Valley.

During the holiday season Gail (Hay) Fred and James Muir of Ottawa spent a few days with Teresa Hay.

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Over Christmas, we had my family, Joyce, Barry, Josie MacLennan; Andre Seguin; Mary, John, Scott and Ryan Weese; and Ruth, Garry, Hughie and Morgan MacQueen.

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With Kenneth and Rhoda MacDonald for Christmas dinner were Donald and Bessie Fraser; Donald and Claire MacGillivray; Ross and Helen MacGillivray; Lyle, Barbara Lindsey and Mark Howes; Robbie, Nancy, Bethany and Brian MacDonald; Gordon and Anne MacDonald; and Jeff, Mona, Michael and Alex McNeil.

On Monday evening after Christmas, the MacDonalds entertained for dinner Ian, Vera, Margaret and Mac Cumming and Joyce and Mac-Naughton Cumming of RR2 Williamstown.

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Richard Fraser, Kincardine, spend about 10 days with Sara MacMillan.

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On Tuesday, Dec. 31, Munroe McCaskill and Ernie MacMillan went to Ottawa to attend the funeral of Hilton Warner.

His wife Dorothy (MacMillan) is the daughter of the late Jean and Clark MacMilllan, Lorne. Munroe and Margery McCaskill now own and live on the farm where Dorothy lived.

While in Ottawa Munroe and Ernie visited Ed Broomhall and his daughter Anne Wardrop.

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Congratulations and best wishes to Julie (Goulet) and Andre Bujold, Ottawa on the birth of a son on Dec. 28.

Proud grandparents are Yvette and Gerard Goulet. This is the seventh grandson!

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Elizabeth Le Geyt, report on bird watching in *The Ottawa Citizen*, says there were record numbers of Canada Geese in the Christmas bird count.

Apparently they are not all in that area because on Dec. 27 Isabelle and Valaire L'Ecuyer saw a flock of nearly 200 flying from Glen Andrew towards Dalkeith. With all this mild weather and open water are they trying to tell us something?

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It was interesting to see Bruce Myers, Brodie, giving the weather on CBMT – Ch 6 Newswatch for two weeks over the holiday period.

Maybe if we contacted Bruce he could arrange some more sunshine and winter weather. But now he is back to Ottawa to his regular employment.

Laggan Public School

The Laggan parent council will be meeting at the school on the evening of Jan. 8, 1997, at 7:30 p.m. All members of the school community are welcome to attend. Items to be added to the agenda should be phoned in to Mary Ellen Courtright prior the evening of the meeting.

With the unpredictable weather, parents are reminded that students should be dressed appropriately each day they come to school. It would also be helpful if parents would reinforce the rule that if you wear it to school, you are expected to wear it outside for recess. If a child needs an extra pair of mitts or toque or any outerwear, they should check the office to see what we have available.

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This Sunday, Jan. 12 the Optimist Club will host the popular brunch at the Optimist hall.

The Optimist Club is still taking applications for the carnival king and queen.

Contact Bob at 874-2695 for more information.

The carnival is planned for January 24, 25 and 26 and we hope to have favorable weather.

The "outdoor rink makers" are having a hard time to get a good ice base with all the changeable weather. The children did get in some skating days over the holidays.

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Just as I was finishing this column, I had a phone call from Eileen (MacLeod) Dolson, of London.

She was in Ottawa with her family over Christmas and came to Laggan to see Clara and R. D. MacLeod and their families before heading home on Tuesday.

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The Optimist bingo on Jan. 4 had the following winners:

First, jackpot, Evangeline Picard, Denise Lauzon and Therese Daniel shared this prize. The mystery game went to Grace Doth and the second jackpot was won by Lilian Bernique and Mrs. Beaupre won the bonanza.

Thanks to all who support the club through the bingo.

The next bingo will be Feb. 1.

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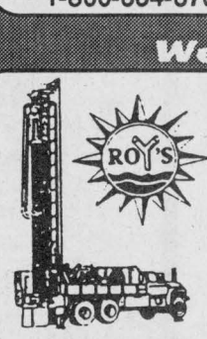

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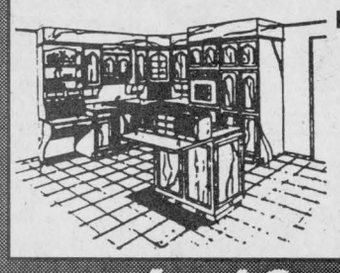

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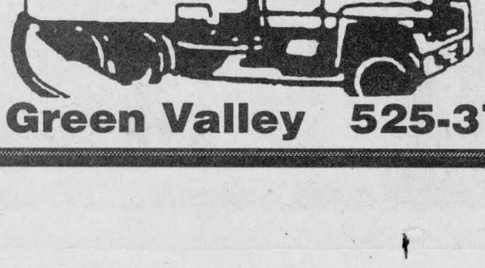

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On Monday we acknowledged the day as Epiphany or perhaps in a more familiar term, Little Christmas. Sunday was therefore Epiphany Eve and the twelfth day of Christmas. This day marks the close of the Christmas season.

The Ministerial Association of the village chose Sunday evening for a special carol service in St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church.

The Rev. Jan Staniforth presided and was assisted by the Rev. Ed Gratton, the Rev. Jim McVeigh, the Rev. Lesley Walker and Father Mac Piche.

Ms. Walker was introduced as the new minister serving in the Presbyterian Church and was given a warm welcome.

Father Piche announced the service for Christian Unity which will be held at the Manor on Jan. 22 and which will be a truly ecumenical service.

During the service, carols were sung, there were scripture readings and prayer. Eva Bodo of the host congregation assisted with one prayer.

Special guests included members of the Youth Group of the United Church.

Members of the ACW provided delicious refreshments during a social hour following the service.

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A long time member of the community and an active worker marked her 95th birthday on Monday. She is Stella (Mrs. J. N.) Fitzgerald, a Manor resident who looks very well and is ever ready to greet her friends.

We wish Mrs. Fitzgerald the very best on this special birthday.

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The list of visitors and those visiting away continues and this correspondent will be pleased to hear about those who have been missed.

Gary Fraser, his wife and son were home from Toronto to see his mother, Thelma, for a few days after Christmas.

Margaret Munro, Doug and Marjorie Munroe with Wes and Heather, spent a few days over Christmas with the Mayberry family near Ingersoll. Over the holidays, Marjorie Munroe's mother, Marjorie MacPherson, spent two weeks at the Manor for what she termed her "Christmas holidays" under the respite care program.

Margaret and Tom Turpin of Ottawa spent Christmas with her brother, Linden Kippen.

Dr. Johns from Hamilton was with his son Ken and family over new years.

Erin Blair was home for a few days with the Gerald Blair family from Iqaluit, Baffin Island, where he holds a teaching position.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McLeod (nee Mary Gormley) from Santiago, Chile, spent New Years with her aunt, Gabrielle Gormley and John O'Hara.

Helen Hunter was in Peterborough for 10 days over the holidays with Ted and Glenda Hunter. They were joined by Margaret Hunter for a time, and while there, Mrs. Hunter visited with former St. Elmo residents, Helen and Donald McEwen of Campbellford.

Holiday guests with Grace and Gregor McEwen were their daughter Carole and Bob Brown, David and Karen from Bathurst, N.B. and Ada McEwen from Ottawa.

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Several families were bereaved over the holidays and to all of them we extend sympathy and condolences. Pat Kelly, St. Elmo lost his father just before Christmas.

After a relatively short illness in hospital, Wilfred Racine died shortly after Christmas. He lived south of the village all his life first on the farm and then on the home farm just north of Dominionville.

Three of his children have worked in the village – Aline in the grocery store, Joanne for Highland Toyota and Maurice who keeps St. Bernard School clean and in tip-top shape.

The Sporring family are remembered here for over 50 years. In later years Chris and his family were residents before moving to Monkland and later still he and wife Mollie moved to Moose Creek.

Dairy farmers will remember Chris as an R.O.P. inspector and many gardeners visited his lovely garden in Monkland.

Chris was bereaved of his wife on Dec. 24 with a memorial service held on Jan. 4. The Sporring children are Robert, Peter, Herb and Hazel.

Agnes MacLennan died at the age of 98 in Ottawa.

While a Moose Creek native, Miss MacKennan had a wide circle of relatives including Howard Morrow and Gerald Blair. Her late sister, Pearl, taught in the Public School here many years ago. In fact, it was when I was a student there.

John Coleman died suddenly last week at the Manor where he had been a resident for a few months.

John was born here but was in Ottawa for most of his working years. He returned to his old home for retirement.

His wife Edythe is one of the Willard girls from the 5th Conc., Roxborough and his son Ivan Jeannie and three boys are village residents. Dr. Roy Coleman, Ottawa, is the surviving member of this family of four boys.

Beverly MacQueen's sudden death last Wednesday was a shock to many and at this time we are remembering his two children, Audrey and Gary and their families who live side-by-side on Marlborough Street.

The late Mr. MacQueen was a resident of Skye and his surviving brother, Murray, and late brother, Angus, are well known here.

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Have you heard about millennium fever yet? The media is being blamed for inventing it. It is the fevered state we are supposed to gradually acquire as we approach the new millennium on Jan. 1, 2001.

This topic is brought up here as one that has been invited and should hold not validity and also to print the official date of our entry into the twenty-first century.

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The January meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Monday, Jan 20 in the chapel at the Manor at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Bonnie Cappuccino who will detail her work with the Child Haven projects in India.

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The bridge club under the S.O.S. program at the Manor continues to provide a good time for about three tables of players every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

The last three top scorers starting on Dec. 14 were Russ Surtees, Bernice Burwash and Tina MacIsaac.

The first Diners' Club meeting of the new year will be this Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Mary MacMillan will give a talk afterwards on Hands on Health. After that, Joanne Wensink will be available to check the blood pressure of all those who wish to have their's checked.

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Julie Larin, who co-ordinates the S.O.S. program, is willing to organize a Tai-Chi class in February, if there is sufficient interest. If you would like to learn how to relax and exercise at the same time, give Julie a call at 527-2170, ext. 228.

Also if Jan. 26 is a good day and if you would like to have a walk along the trails at the MacKinnon Forestry Centre south and east of Apple Hill, Julie can supply you with details.

If you are a snowshoer, this will provide a good opportunity to practice those skills.

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The Glengarry Curling Club held a draw for a wheelbarrow of cheer and the lucky winner was Ken MacCuaig.

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The last two winners in the Lions Calendar Draw for Dec. 30 and 31 were Gerald Lajeunesse of Moose Creek and Annette Currier of Maxville.

The club is not sponsoring this fund raiser for 1997.

Speaking of calendars, we received several and most of them had lovely colored photographs.

We hung the one with the largest numerals and most space for each day at the telephone. If I was designing a calendar, I would forget the page for December of the old year and in its place have a page for January of the following year. It is supposed to be bad luck, remember, to hang the calendar before New Year's but appointments for January do need to be marked down before the old year is over.

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My big bird news is that we had a male cardinal one day during the holidays. It hasn't returned but at least it came on one of the days I was keeping count. Leonard Hill probably has the same bird and is expecting its mate.

Another new bird at the feeders are two cow birds. It is unusual to have them as they are usually early spring arrivals.

Wild pigeons have been a real pest in our neighborhod for the last few years. The proper name for this bird is rock dove but it is seldom used. Three of these birds have discovered our feeders and we are not pleased by this encouragement. I will have to eliminate the cracked corn which is attracting them.

Also, we have far too many starlings, about 25 at the time of writing. With the mild temperatures, they are able to use up the suet and fat mixtures much too quickly. At the same time, I recognize the starlings as a more beneficial bird in the summer time than the pigeons.

Essay contest open to teens

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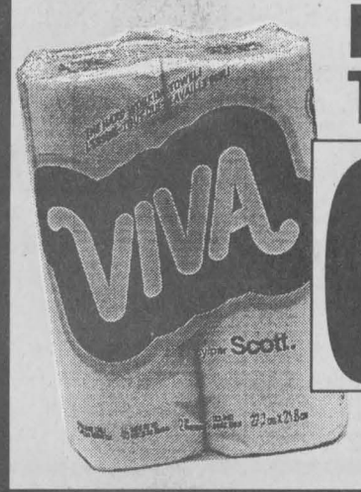

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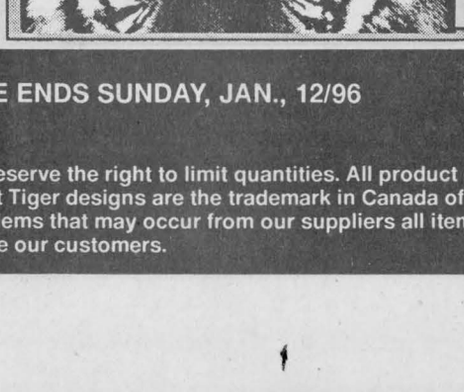

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