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Ontario's ethanol plan could drive up cost of gas, insiders says

By Steven Warburton
News Editor

If the provincial government is going to increase the necessary amount of ethanol in Ontario's gasoline then it had better help the province's corn producers compete in the international market, say industry insiders.

On Nov. 26 Premier McGuinty announced that a wholesaler's annual gasoline sales must achieve an average of at least five per cent ethanol content as of Jan. 1, 2007.

But many involved in the ethanol and corn industries – including Ontario Corn Producers Association (OCPA) General Manager Brian Doidge – say that the province doesn't have enough resources to manufacture that much ethanol.

"The five per cent requirement would require 750 million litres of ethanol by Jan. 1, 2007," says Mr. Doidge. "Right now, Ontario only has one ethanol plant (which is located in Chatham) that can produce 150 million litres."

Mr. Doidge's concerns are mirrored by Williamsburg resident Steven Byvelds, an OCPA region one director whose territory includes Glengarry.

"We need more ethanol plants in the province," Mr. Byvelds said. "We'd prefer to produce the ethanol here instead of having it imported from the United States and Brazil. If we import, there won't be any economic spinoffs."

Mr. Byvelds says he'd like to see the Ontario government not only encourage the construction of additional ethanol plants in the province but also to provide those plants with incentives to purchase Ontario corn.

Even so, Mr. Byvelds remains optimistic. He says there's talk of increasing the capacity of the Chatham plant and building new plants in Sarnia, Brantford, as well as the Seaway Valley Farmers Energy Co-operative plant in Cornwall.

Seaway Valley President Bud Atkins says that he is waiting for the Ministry of Environment to amend an environmental permit that will enable the group to begin construction on the plant. Regarding the premier's announcement, Mr. Atkins says he shares his colleagues' concerns.

"We'll need 750 million litres of ethanol and we don't have it," he says. "We'll have to build plants or import the ethanol."

In any case, the Cornwall plant should be able to accommodate 10 per cent of the needed allotment. Once operational, it should take in 7.5 million bushels of corn per year while producing 75 million litres of ethanol.

But while some are concerned over a lack of ethanol facilities, others have questions about what Mr. McGuinty's mandate will do to gasoline prices. In fact, the president of the Maxville-based MacEwen Petroleum says he fears the legislation

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Soggy bills the story of Games

By Steven Warburton
News Editor

Even the money got wet this past year at a Glengarry Highland Games that was plagued by extremely rainy weather.

So wet, that Games treasurer Brian Arkinstall was reduced to standing around tables in the early morning of July 31 in the basement of the Glengarry Sports Hall of Fame in a futile attempt to dry out stacks of $20 bills with a hair dryer.

The money constituted part of the proceeds from the preceding day, July 30, in which Games events had taken place in the midst of a Noah's-Ark-like downpour.

The bills were from various beer tents and hospitality venues. When they were returned to the treasurer's office, they were soaked straight through.

Mr. Arkinstall, who has served as treasurer for over 25 years, says that he was still drying off his bills at 2 a.m. While he admits that it certainly wasn't a laughing matter at the time, Mr. Arkinstall lent the situation a great deal of humour when he made his treasurer's report at the Glengarry Highland Games' committee on Thursday evening at the Maxville Fairgrounds.

Unfortunately, the rest of his story was not quite as humorous for the Games as he reported on a year that produced a shortfall of $22,000.

Nonetheless, news of the shortfall certainly isn't stopping the committee from making the 2005 edition of the Games even bigger and better than ever. In fact, Games President Perry McConnell said that the com-

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BUNDLED UP: Paige Smith and Melina Decoeur, both 10, stayed warm aboard the Rozon Insurance float in this year's Lancaster parade. See A18 for more photos.
STEVEN WARBURTON PHOTO

Santa arrives in Glengarry

By Steven Warburton
News Editor

Santa Claus had a busy weekend in Glengarry. On Saturday afternoon, he headlined the Lancaster Santa Claus parade and then made a repeat appearance at the Alexandria parade the following evening.

Earlier, on Friday night, he was on hand for the lighting of the Christmas tree in Mill Square in Alexandria. (See page B1 for photos.)

In Lancaster, the 46th annual parade took place during an overcast but fairly nice day. Hundreds of children and adults lined Military Road to watch the 25 floats and 65 entries make their way from the Lancaster Legion to St. Joseph's Centre.

The parade was organized by the Lancaster Fire Department. Parade chairperson Derek Leroux says that the department only had about four weeks to organize the parade but that the whole thing turned out much better than he expected.

"All we wanted was to organize something for the kids," he says. "The community really came together because of all of those kids. And after the parade, about 200 kids flocked to see Santa at the centre."

But despite the incredible turnout at the parade, Mr. Leroux says he wants it to be even bigger next year.

"We want to bring in more marching bands," he said. The only marching band at this year's parade was the South Glengarry Pipe and Drum band.

He says that it looks like the fire department will also organize next year's parade with the assistance of the community.

In Alexandria, the parade was once again organized by the local Richelieu Club and despite a pedestrian accident just before the start of the event, (See page A2 for details) it was an affair filled with laughter, merriment, and the Christmas spirit as hundred of people donned winter coats and toques before lining the Main Street.

The Richelieu Club's parade committee chairperson, Jacques Leblanc, says that he is overwhelmed with the amount of people who participated.

"We had 33 participants," he said. "Some had floats, some had cars, and some had horses."

And some, like the Double Creation Dance Studio, had a whole bunch of dancers in tow, performing synchronized routines to cheerful Christmas music.

Mr. Leblanc says that people

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SHINING STAR: Rose Huxted of Dalkeith, glittering with tinsel and lights, handled the reins of her horse-driven wagon in this year's Alexandria parade. See B1 for more photos.
PETE BOCK PHOTO

Stork Market

- Guylaine (née Roy) and Peter Magoon, a boy, Derick Anthony, Nov. 12
- Sherry (née Sloan) and Steve Laframboise, a girl, Kathleen Megan, Nov. 27
- Chantal (née Dubeau) and Robert Martin, a boy, Tristan Sylvain, Nov. 27

GLENGARRY BABIES IN 2004:
Boys: 54 Girls: 55

Councillor proposing North Glengarry merge CAO, CEMC positions

By Kristina Wilson
News Reporter

The duties of North Glengarry's new Chief Adminstrative Officer (CAO) and Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) could be performed by the same individual.

That's one of the possibilities that appears to be emerging at council, based on a survey of members conducted during the past week by *The Glengarry News*.

While a job description for the CAO has yet to be hammered out, Kenyon ward councillor Julie Akkermans got the ball rolling with talk that the CAO and CEMC could be a single person.

"That's what I've been pitching," Mrs. Akkermans said.

She said she has personally spoken to all members of council, except for Deputy-Mayor William Hagen, about the idea.

Mrs. Akkermans said she feels the CAO position won't be full-time at first, since Clerk-Administrator Leo Poirier doesn't forsee retiring until 2010 at the earliest. She added the CEMC position is not really a full-time job either.

"Garry (Smith) did it in half a year," she said, referring to fulfilling the provincial government's emergency plan requirements for 2004.

"Between the three of them (the CAO/CEMC, Mr. Poirier and Deputy Clerk-Administrator Robert Boisvenue), they've got to be able to get everything done."

As was the case at the Nov. 23 council meeting when the CAO topic was first brought up, most councillors still favour moving to a CAO model of administration.

Of the six members contacted by *The News*, only Alexandria ward councillor Gary Shepherd remains opposed to the idea. Councillor-at-large Chris McDonell, who was against the hiring of a CAO at the meeting, could not be reached before press time.

Mr. Shepherd stands by his earlier comments that a CAO would be too costly to the township.

"I don't think it's something we can afford," he said. "I think we have the staff capable of doing what we need."

Mr. Shepherd also fears a CAO would "be the overall boss of the whole operation," taking away council's autonomy.

The other councillors still feel the idea of hiring a CAO is viable, and those who have heard Mrs. Akkermans' suggestion seem to think it has merit.

On the issue of the CEMC, however, council remains split, as they have been for some time.

Some councillors – Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Hagen, Mr. McDonell and Maxville ward councillor George Currier – have all said they feel the job can be done by someone already employed by the township.

They are also opposed to the salary range of $40,000 to $60,000. the township has set aside for the position, recently held by Garry Smith.

"We don't have any choice," Mayor Bill Franklin said. "I wish people would understand that every township will have a CEMC, by law."

The mayor continues to stand by his belief that even though other municipalities are "doing things more cheaply, they don't know if what they've planned is acceptable" to the provincial government.

Meanwhile, North Glengarry's emergency plan requirements for 2004 have been complete since August, and have already received government approval.

Municipalities have until Dec. 31 to meet this year's requirements.

"I reiterate most strongly: my basic concern is the well-being of the people of the township, which is a moral responsibility as much as a legal responsibility," Mr. Franklin said.

"Legally, if anything serious ever happened and we were found liable (because we didn't do enough), it would cost us more than any CEMC would ever cost us."

While they don't dispute the need for an emergency plan and even a CEMC, the council members opposed to the notion of a full-time CEMC are researching other avenues.

Many feel that someone already on staff with the township could perform the job.

"I'm interested in talking to the fire chiefs," said Mr. Shepherd. "It would be more economical for us. There's all this talk about carrying a 24-hour pager, well, a fireman has it seven days a week. I'm not knocking Garry Smith, he did a fantastic job."

Mr. Currier also believes the fire chiefs should be approached.

"We should talk to the fire chiefs and see if there's anyone (in that department capable of being CEMC). We have to look at the staff we've got and see if there's someone in our staff that can do this job."

Mr. Currier also suggested council should hold off on hiring a CEMC for 2005 until the CAO is hired, to

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TIE ONE ON: In an effort to promote responsible driving over the holiday season, red ribbons were tied on to the Christmas tree in Alexandria's Mill Square. Tying the ribbons were SDG OPP Sergeant Brian Eadie, Senior Constable Bob Latreille, vice-president of Community for Sober Highways and Waterways Gerry Fralic and Alexandria resident Duncan Macdonald who was passing by and lent a hand. Ribbons to tie onto your car aerial can be picked up at the OPP offices in Alexandria, Lancaster, Winchester, Long Sault and Morrisburg and in Cornwall at the radio station on Water Street, the Esso gas station at Pitt and 13th and the one on Marleau. When picking up a ribbon and making a donation, fill out a ballot to for a $250 draw to take place in early January. KRISTINA WILSON PHOTO

Three-year-old boy struck by vehicle at Santa parade

By Kristina Wilson
News Reporter

The Alexandria Santa Claus parade got off to a rough start Sunday evening as a collision between a vehicle and a young child closed a section of Main Street.

Just as the parade was preparing to leave the Your Independent Grocer parking lot, a three-year-old boy from St. Isidore entered the roadway into the path of a Chev Lumina van in front of Canadian Tire.

Several onlookers were lining both sides of the street to watch the parade, which was scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. The parade was rerouted through the Canadian Tire parking lot.

Luckily, police and firefighters were part of the parade and were able to respond to the collision immediately.

"I heard the squeal of tires and then people were signalling for me to come over," said SDG OPP Community Services Officer Jöel Doiron, who led the parade in his Community Services Vehicle.

The van was driven by a 36-year-old female from Alexandria. She was southbound on Main Street at the time of the collision.

The child was taken to Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital by ambulance and then airlifted to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) in Ottawa, suffering from non-life threatening injuries.

The section of Main Street in front of Canadian Tire and Your Independent Grocer was closed until about 10 p.m.

An OPP Technical Traffic Collision Investigator was called in to assist Constable J. Brodie with the investigation.

South Glengarry's next council meeting takes place Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the township office

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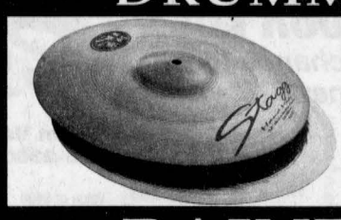

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Man arrested on outstanding warrant

Police Report

A Barrie, ON, man was arrested in North Glengarry after SDG OPP discovered an outstanding warrant against him.

On Dec. 2, around 8:15 a.m., police had the occasion to stop a vehicle on Concession 5 in North Glengarry.

Investigation revealed that the male passenger was wanted by the East Algoma (Blind River) OPP Detachment on an outstanding arrest warrant for Aggravated Assault.

The male had failed to attend court in early November.

Jason Conlon, 32 was arrested and held in custody.

He will be turned over to East Algoma OPP officers for further investigations.

Detective Constables S. Hardy and M. MacDonald are investigating.

Drug seizure

OPP officers seized 50 marijuana plants from a rural location in the former Lochiel Township on Nov. 30.

No charges were laid in connection with this seizure.

Constable M. Carrier is investigating.

Break and enter

Police responded to a break and enter report at the UPI Petroleum building on Boundary Road in South Glengarry on Nov. 30.

Entry was not gained into the building and no theft was reported.

Const. J. Maxwell is investigating.

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On Nov. 27, SDG OPP began an investigation into a Break and Enter into a vacant new home located on SDG 25 in South Glengarry.

Entry into the property resulted in damage to every wall in the house as well as water damage throughout.

Const. M. Gadbois is continuing this investigation.

Anyone with information in relation to this or any other crime is asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Calls for service Nov. 29 to Dec. 5

Traffic incidents	28
General calls	25
Criminal investigations	14
Traffic charges	100
Criminal Code charges	3
Motor vehicle accidents:	
Personal injury	1
Property damage	26
Fatals	0
12-hour suspensions	2
Impaired drivers	1
False alarms	13

It's RIDE time

A 47-year-old Cornwall man was clocked driving 133 km/h on SDG 34 on Nov. 26.

The speed limit for that road is 80 km/h.

Further investigation revealed that the driver had been drinking; he also faces a charge of impaired driving.

The Paul Street resident is set to appear in Alexandria Court on Jan. 5.

Const. J. Maxwell is investigating this matter.

The charges laid were part of the OPP's annual Festive RIDE initiative to reduce impaired driving throughout the united counties. Several vehicles were stopped and some drivers face charges of impaired driving.

The next day, SDG OPP were conducting a RIDE program at an off-ramp of Hwy. 401 in South Glengarry.

A vehicle check led to an officer requesting a breath sample from the driver of a 2005 Buick Century. The driver, a 23-year-old male from South Glengarry, refused.

He was charged with refusal to provide a sample, as well as three counts of fail to comply with undertaking or recognizance contrary to the Criminal Code.

Const. D. Roy is investigating.

Also on Nov. 27, police were conducting a traffic stop on Hwy. 401 which resulted in a 17-year-old male from South Glengarry being charged under the Liquor Licence Act of Ontario.

Const. D. Roy is investigating.

Out of sight, out of mind

SDG OPP wish to remind Christmas shoppers to secure their vehicles and keep valuable items out of sight.

This being a busy shopping time of year in preparing for the holidays, valuable items are left in vehicles as shoppers go from store to store.

Leaving purchases in plain view provides temptation to would-be grinches.

Remember to lock your vehicles and store your purchases... out of sight, out of mind.

Happy Holidays!

Thin ice

Police are warning residents of the dangers of open water areas during the late fall/early winter season.

Even though cold weather has arrived, some bodies of water are not safe to be on.

The unknown is a concern to all: pedestrians, snowmobiles and ATVs are encouraged to use alternate routes.

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Snowmobile safety

In Ontario, there are over 47,000 kilometres of trails used by more than 200,000 snowmobilers.

The number of snowmobile fatalities in Ontario each year is an ongoing concern.

In the past, statistics have shown that alcohol is involved in around 70 per cent of the accidents involving snowmobiles.

The risk of injury to riders and passengers is ever-present, due in part to the limited safety equipment available, and the addition of alcohol and/or speed as a contributing factor to the collision only escalates the risk.

Speed limits for snowmobiles are also different from those posted for other vehicles that make use of the roads.

Generally, for snowmobiles, there is a maximum speed of 20 km/h in any public park or exhibition grounds, and in areas were the posted speed limit for other vehicles is 50 km/h.

In areas where the posted speed is in excess of 50 km/h, the snowmobiles are restricted to a speed of 50 km/h.

The 50 km/h limit also applies to public trails.

A council of a municipality may reduce these limits within their jurisdictions.

The laws relating to drinking and driving under the Criminal Code apply to the operation, care or control of a snowmobile anywhere it is found.

Charges for impaired driving and having blood-alcohol above the legal limit carry the same punishments as they do when driving a car and will also result in a suspension of driving privileges.

Help reduce collisions and injuries this year: slow down, use the proper safety equipment and don't mix alcohol and driving. Make 2004-2005 a safe season on the trails.

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HÔPITAL GLENGARRY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Family Physician Joining Hospital Medical Staff

Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce that Dr. Yasmin Harrison will be joining the Hospital's medical staff in the middle of January 2005. Dr. Harrison is a recent graduate of Family Medicine from McGill University in Montreal. She participated in the Ministry of Health's annual Recruitment Tour in September 2004 where she met Dr. Adams, the Chief of Staff, and Mrs. Linda Morrow, Chief Nursing Officer. She was very interested in providing family medicine and emergency services at a rural hospital and made a special visit to Alexandria in October 2004. Dr. Harrison and her partner, Ali Hassan, a cooking teacher and caterer, were welcomed by hospital staff and other physicians. They were impressed with the hospital and the people they met and made arrangements for a second visit in November. They were again welcomed by all the Board members, medical staff and senior management, along with their spouses. Following this visit, Dr. Harrison made a commitment to start her first Family Medicine practice at HGMH in mid-January 2005. Her office will be located across from the Gift Shop in the Main Lobby. Dr. Harrison and Mr. Hassan, along with their dog Monty, are now in the process of looking for a home in the Alexandria area.

The current full time family physicians with admitting privileges at the hospital, Drs. Adams, El Salibi, Jaggassar, Marleau, Millman and Nadkarni, are pleased with the addition of Dr. Harrison to the medical staff roster.

Dr. Harrison will be accepting new patients. Please watch for further announcements regarding her office telephone number.

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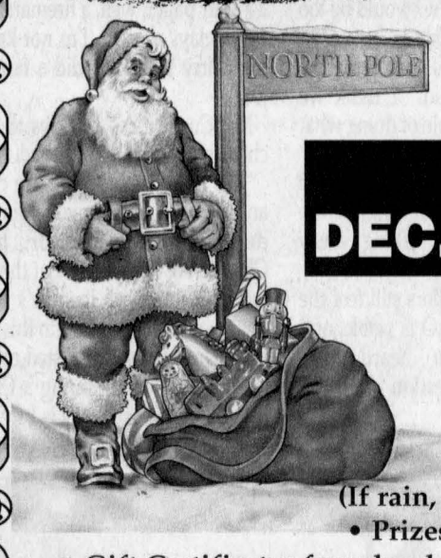

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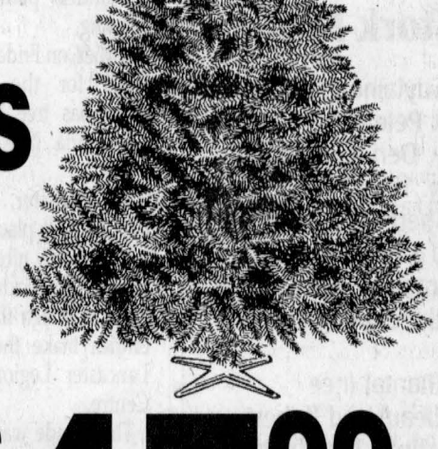

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Lancaster grocery store opening soon

By Steven Warburton
News Editor

The new owners of Lancaster's grocery store have a message for the concerned residents of the village:

"Don't worry, we'll be opening soon."

Jim and Kate Henderson, both of Williamstown, say that they hope to have Henderson's Grocery open in February.

They admit that their previous target was November but, unfortunately, ongoing renovations have delayed the much anticipated store re-opening.

"We do one thing and then we find out that there's 10 more things we have to do," says Mr. Henderson.

As an example, he points to a section of the store's northern wall that is crumbling badly. He says he didn't know about the bad state of that wall until he removed an old cooler that stood in front of it.

Behind him, the rest of the former Landry's Country Grocer lies in ruins. The floor is covered with loose planks of wood and various debris. The store is not heated and so Mr. Henderson, the store's new owner, is wearing a San Jose Sharks winter jacket while he talks to the press.

"I'm doing most of the renovation work myself," he says with a smile. "It's always been a goal of mine to open a family business and then the opportunity to buy this store presented itself."

Although Mr. Henderson works in Montreal as a national sales supervisor for Rolf C Hagen – an international pet supplies company – he says he's spending more and more time at the grocery store. He's cut his Montreal responsibilities down to two days a week and he estimates that he spends about 50 hours a week renovating the store.

But while he's accomplished a lot of work so far, there's a lot more work to do.

"The other day, my wife and I hauled out 8,600 pounds of metal," he says. "It took us the whole day to do it."

He's also arranged for the demolition of the store's old 1,500-square-foot receiving area. He plans to build a modernized 700-square-foot receiving area in the near future.

In fact, modernization is definitely one of Mr. Henderson's biggest goals. He is exchanging the store's old equipment for more energy-efficient technology.

When the store opens, it will include a bakery, butcher's shop, a bulk foods department, a full line of groceries and fresh produce. It will also include a door on the northern side of the building so that the store will be accessible from the parking lot.

Mr. Henderson says he's flattered by the public's interest in the store, adding that people are constantly asking him about the store whenever he's walking through the village. His 14-year-old daughter, Meaghan, is also asked about it at Char-Lan District High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson intend to work at the store full-time once it opens. Meaghan and 13-year-old son, Lukas, will probably also have part-time jobs. Mr. Henderson says he imagines the store will provide employment for six or eight people. He expects to hire more once the summer approaches.

The store is located on the east side of Military Road.



STORE RENOVATIONS: Jim Henderson stands with his daughter, Meaghan, and wife, Kate, in the Lancaster grocery store that he is currently renovating. Mr. Henderson hopes to open the Military Road store in February.
STEVEN WARBURTON PHOTO

SDG official plan stops in NG

By Pete Bock
News Reporter

Area residents last week got what may be their last chance to look at SDG's official plan before it is approved and several took the opportunity to comment on planning issues of concern to them.

The meeting, held at the Island Park municipal building in Alexandria, was part of a SDG-wide tour to showcase the second draft of the plan, which officials hope will be in place sometime in the spring.

A major thrust of the SDG effort is to bring planning decisions back from "Kingston and Toronto," and to eliminate a large number of outdated municipal plans, counties' consultant Glenn Tunnock told the audience of about 35 people.

North Glengarry adopted its own official plan in 2000, but the majority of the townships in SDG have been working with a multitude of plans since amalgamation.

"North Glengarry wants to keep its plan in place," Mr. Tunnock told *The News* in an interview, "but once this plan is in place and approved the other 19 or 20 plans will be repealed." It may take a year for the changes to occur.

On the whole he said there are subtle differences in North Glengarry's and the counties' plan, noting that the township's may go into more detail.

Some North Glengarry residents, including 4th of Kenyon residents, Blair Williams and Michael Hudson, hope the public review allows more flexibility to be incorporated in the SDG plan than in the local one.

Mr. Williams is disappointed the township has "blanketed" tracts of property as agricultural, even though some have not seen a plow for 200 years. Properties which were historically classified as rural marginal were changed to agricultural under the township's plan.

"I am not against protecting agricultural land," Mr. Williams said in an interview. "Of course I am very much in favour of that, it is just that it is not specific enough... We are caught in a blanket thing." Mr. Williams would like to see more flexibility for residents who want to sever pieces of land for family.

The same is true for Mr. Hudson, who would like to resolve a dispute that is restricting his wife and him from building a house on the property of family member Gwen Morris, just outside Alexandria.

He also can't understand how a piece of property that was once rural marginal has now become prime agricultural.

"The North Glengarry plan comes up for review in the spring any way," Mr. Hudson told *The News* "Maybe between that and the county plan we can reach some agreement with what has to be done with that parcel of land, hopefully on a friendly basis. I don't want to go the (Ontario Municipal Board) any more than anybody else does."

Both Apple Hill resident Linda Vogel and area environmentalist Elaine Kennedy suggested more general changes to the plan.

Mrs. Vogel, who runs a hog and cash crop farm, feels municipalities and the counties are not using the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) enough to resolve severance disputes.

She told the crowd that the municipalities go to conservation authorities and the ministry of environment for help on dealing with severance claims, but are no longer going to OMAF.

"They would resolve a lot of conflict between neighbours," Mrs. Vogel said in an interview. "Instead of having a non-farmer and a farmer fighting, (municipalities should) bring OMAF in to be the neutralizing party." She believes OMAF employees can represent the rural community and bring an agricultural awareness to the table.

The protection of local wetlands is an issue SDG Resource Stewardship Council volunteer Elaine Kennedy believes needs addressing before the plan moves forward. She says that provincially significant wetlands are already protected, but that it is also essential to identify and set aside space for the local ones. Drinking and future agricultural water supplies are at stake.

"We have got to protect the wetlands because they are our storage," Ms. Kennedy told *The News*. "They are the sponges that store our water for when we need it."

But for some local politicians, like South Glengarry mayor Jim McDonell, the most important thing is to get the plan completed. What was originally envisioned to be a three-year project has dragged on over seven years. Currently his township is having to deal with three different plans.

"If we want to make a change, we want to make it on a township basis," Mayor McDonell said in an interview. "Right now we have to do each plan individually, we have to apply to the province...administratively it is a problem."

The mayor considers an official plan to be a living document which is constantly changing and being modified.

Nonetheless, some people like Mr. Williams believe that it is best to make changes at this point rather than later after the plan is adopted. He hopes people speak out now when the public is still allowed to suggest changes to the plan.

"People shouldn't dilly-dally," Mr. Williams told *The News*. "You tend to wait until there is a plan there and then you try to deal with it, and it is too late. This is a good time to deal with it."

The counties' second draft can be reviewed by the public at local township offices.

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SHARING YOUR FUTURE ... REMEMBERING YOUR PAST

The growing rural revolution in Glengarry County

GUEST COLUMN



BLAIR WILLIAMS

What is one to make of the newly formed Glengarry Landowners' Association? Last week this active group held another in a series of meetings that are intended to give voice to discontented taxpayers, and again the meeting was extremely well attended.

As many as 200 local residents made their way to the Glengarry Sports Palace to offer their support and encouragement.

The Glengarry Landowners' Association (GLA) is a product of the so-called "Rural Revolution" which started with a group of rural residents in Lanark County.

The Lanark County Landowners Association has rallied around the motto (emblazoned on their signs, T-shirts, and brochures) " This Is Our Land" – "Back Off Government". It's a blunt, tough-talking message intended for a blunt, tough-talking crowd.

In general terms there are many positive things that can be said about the GLA initiative. For one thing this is a group that supports public participation at the local level.

It is widely acknowledged that democracy is strengthened when public issues are being openly debated, government policies scrutinized, and politicians are held accountable for their actions.

Although elected politicians have a duty to facilitate public participation they often fail to take this responsibility seriously.

Even at the local level – the level closest to the people – we see examples of entrenched governments resisting and discouraging public involvement.

To its credit the GLA is also taking steps to counter the current trend toward secrecy, closed meetings, and highly controlled information at the local level.

Many local governments are violating the spirit and intent of the legislation that requires decision-making to be open in the province of Ontario.

In North Glengarry, for example, it is clear that too often privacy and the advice of lawyers is being used as an excuse for closed-door meetings and for withholding information from the public.

One of the professed goals of the GLA is to expose excessive regulation and the unnecessary intrusion of government into the lives of ordinary citizens.

For example, it is now well recognized that the proposed regulations governing the quality of water – regulations that arose from the Walkerton tragedy in southern Ontario – are so stringent (and expensive) that they threatened to shut down community halls, churches and public institutions throughout rural Ontario.

For the GLA this is an example of the kind of bureaucratic overkill that must be resisted if the quality of rural life in Ontario is to be preserved.

A key concern of the GLA leaders is what they see as the rampant waste of taxpayers' money.

Taxes are high, they argue, because of bureaucratic regulations and unwarranted government intrusion that leads to wasteful unjustified programs. And very often these programs and regulations are simply a cover for elected officials who are not doing their job. A core duty of the GLA, therefore, is to expose wasteful spending and to hold politicians accountable for the programs they are implementing.

At the local level the GLA is highlighting some issues that have not been well handled, or properly explained, by local authorities. They are asking, for example, why it is that North Glengarry needs to hire a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and they are inquiring as to the cost of such a move.

Similarly, they have challenged the need for a highly paid emergency-measures coordinator.

Without questioning the need for recycling, they have raised serious concerns about planning and the financial viability of the RARE plant in Alexandria.

Finally, the GLA is beginning to acknowledge that this region may not be well served by two tiered (county and municipal) local government. To find evidence of waste, overlapping programs, and unaccountable government the GLA needs to look no further than the SDG Official Plan that was unveiled last week.

Having paid about $100,000 for the North Glengarry Official Plan taxpayers are now on the hook to pay a similar amount for exactly the same plan at the county level.

That kind of duplication makes no sense and it may, in the end, cause the GLA to lead the fight for a single level of government at the local level.

Overall, then, the GLA and the leaders of the so-called "Rural Revolution" deserve some credit for the light they are casting on issues of local concern. And we should appreciate the fact that they are bringing some badly needed energy into the public debate. There are, however, some danger signs on the horizon and pitfalls the GLA would be well advised to avoid. More on this next week.

Blair Williams lives in Kenyon Township. He is a former professor of Political Science at Concordia University in Montreal.

Thorns & Thistles



Thorn – Mount Carmel House at risk.

In an area renowned for its heritage, it's difficult to believe that one of our more historic buildings could be at risk.

Still, if the recent meeting attended by some 60 area residents is any indication, any attempt to tear down this famous structure will be met with resistance.

That's the good news. The bad news is that it won't be in the group's hands when it comes time to make the decision.

It bears repeating that Mount Carmel was the home of Bishop Macdonell and, therefore, the orgin of Catholic education in Ontario.

If its current owner, the Catholic church, doesn't think that alone is worth the expenditure of not just maintaining it, but restoring it to its rightful level, there's something terribly wrong with its sense of direction and purpose.



Thorn – Sparks fly over personnel plans.

It's hard to imagine that a sensitive issue could be more poorly handled than that of the proposals to change North Glengarry's administration structure .

But that's the only conclusion one can draw after what transpired at township council at its most recent meeting.

Supposedly, the proposals had been discussed with those that would be affected and the necessary transition periods agreed upon. But, clearly, that's not case.

Instead, we have the clerk standing before council to read a statement which, in effect, says either he wasn't consulted fully or that his concerns were ignored. The same seems to be true regarding the current roads superintendent, who was ready to retire in the spring but continue to work for the township. Now, he is threatening to take his services elsewhere.

Why council, by a majority vote of 5-2, decided to push forward with its plans – particularly to create the new post of Chief Administrative Officer – when there was not a compelling need to do it that night remains a mystery.

At the very least, once council realized it didn't have all its ducks in a row, it should have put the issue off for another meeting or two and used the interim to try and assauge staff in a more effective manner.

As to the issues, there are several schools of thought in each case. First, dealing with the roads superintendent issue, and for that matter the roads department as a whole, if council was thinking of making a substantive change, which its proposal suggests, it might have been useful to consider whether there is any merit to outsourcing the department as a single entity or approaching South Glengarry to work out a proposal that might provide significant savings for both townships.

Second, it seems that council is leaving the issue of staffing up to the new CAO that it hires. Although it makes sense on one hand, it also makes for a potentially awkward and difficult situation in the future.

As a rule, there's not many managers around who don't think they could use more staff, particularly if there isn't a bottom line to curtail their actions as is the case in the private sector. Also, what happens if the current council hires a CAO with a specific game plan but because of the timing those plans need to be approved by a new council that doesn't support those ideas. The could develop into a situation requiring a costly buyout.

Finally, under the present system, where the mayor serves as CAO, taxpayers have the option of firing that person after three years without compensation if his or her work doesn't meet with their approval.

Clearly, that won't be the case under this new scenario.

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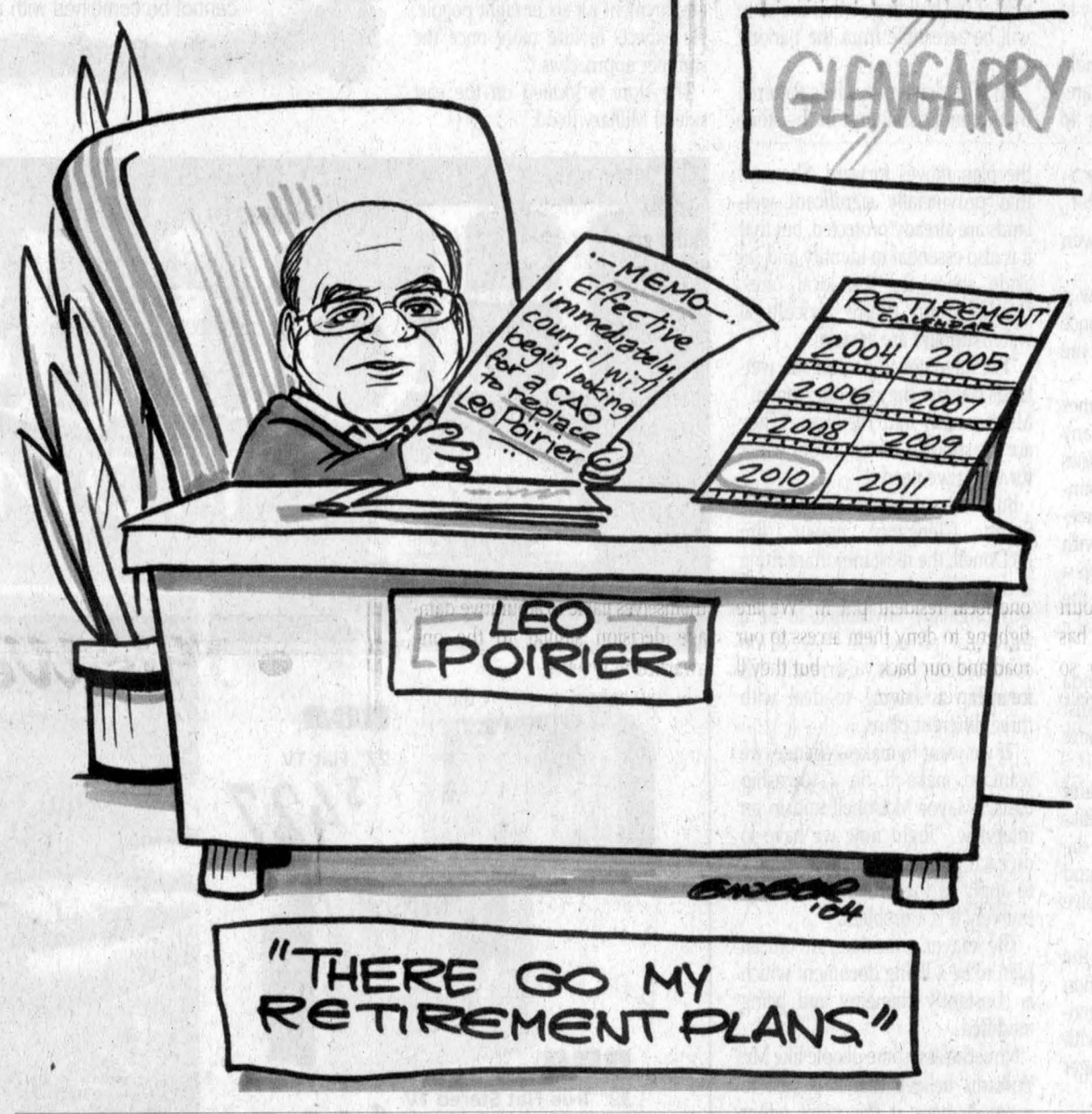

Santa arrives in Glengarry

ROUND THE GLENS



STEVEN WARBURTON

The Christmas season has finally arrived in Glengarry.

I can say that with absolute confidence after spending the past weekend taking in not one but two Santa Claus parades. The first was in Lancaster and the second was in Alexandria.

And what wonderful parades they were. Last year's Lancaster parade just happened to coincide with a freak snowstorm and a burst of harsh, cold weather. This year the weather conditions were ideal. I'm sure that the hundreds of South Glengarry residents that lined Military Road had just as much fun watching the event as I did.

And it would be remiss of me not to give a tip of my Santa hat to the Lancaster Fire Department. As many people know, the village of Lancaster was in serious danger of not having a Santa Claus parade this year. But those selfless souls of the LFD took over and provided Lancaster with a wonderful parade that will be remembered for a very long time.

Thanks to Derek Leroux and Sherry Davis who provided information to the would-be parade participants prior to the event.

Up in Alexandria, the Richelieu Club once again mounted an excellent Santa Claus parade. The evening affair proved to be a bit colder than expected but that didn't stop the excited spectators from bunding up and lining the streets.

If you still haven't gotten your fix of Christmas parades, then Glengarry is definitely the place to be this weekend. This Sunday, Dec. 12, there are parades in Glen Walter, Martintown, and Maxville.

Have fun.

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The Dec. 5 edition of the *Ottawa Citizen* was a real doozy.

What made the issue so good was the front page above-the-fold story that headlined this: Teen girls abuse their dates more than boys, study finds.

The article went on to say that researchers from York University and Queen's University are suggesting that teenaged girls are much more likely to be mean to boys than the boys are to girls.

I know this to be true because the very first girl I ever dated, Jennifer Bell, was very mean to me on our first and only date.

We went roller skating at Lloyd's Rollercade in Calgary. After skating around the rink for an hour or so, Jennifer Bell made a very unreasonable request. She wanted me to dance the hokey-pokey with her.

Now I was only 14 and I had never roller skated before. Suddenly, I was being asked to perform the exceptionally difficult hokey-pokey dance on skates.

With images of myself falling flat on my tookus while trying to stick my left leg in, I refused. I told Jennifer Bell that I would play Ms. Pac Man in the rollercade's arcade while she danced the hokey pokey by herself.

And so Jennifer did as I requested and I played my game of Ms. Pac Man and by the time I was done, the hokey pokey was over and Jennifer had found a new boyfriend. This guy was taller than I, a better roller skater, and not afraid to dance the hokey pokey.

The last thing that Jennifer Bell ever told me is not suitable to be printed in a family newspaper. Suffice it to say that I was crushed and now, 17 years later, I am still mad at Jennifer Bell for being so vicious and spiteful. I have not been roller skating since and I know that I'll never do the hokey-pokey again for as long as I live.

Yep, I think those researchers are on to something.

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I'm only 31-years-old but it sounds like I need a hearing aid.

Readers of last week's *Glengarry Scene* may have read an item about Dunvegan's Donaldson MacLeod and an award he won for writing a paper on payment management in Canadian Western National Parks.

Nothing wrong with that except for the fact that Mr. MacLeod makes his living as a highway and bridge manager, not a banker.

What I'm trying to say, in a roundabout way, is that the paper was actually on *pavement* management, not payment management.

Such is the curse of all these phonetically similar words.

Still, Mr. MacLeod and I had a good laugh over that little slip-up. I hope you did too.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Support helped Scouts

It was with great relief that we learnt that Apple Hill Scout Reserve would not be sold off, but kept for the youth of the communities to learn and experiment with the outdoors.

In Scouts Canada we put forward a workable business plan, and showed great community support. To all of the people who wrote letters, called the national office and showed us your support a great big thank you.

A special thanks to the news people who became involved and took the word to the public. We did not only save this camp but many others across Ontario as the story spread and many camps were saved.Some good things did come from this. It not only showed Scouts Canada National Office that the communities cares about our youth but it also showed us local scouters the same things.

Sometimes when you are trying to run programs on a limited financial budget and always falling short, it gets discouraging, but our many volunteers keep on going for their love of seeing a child smile when he accomplishes a feat he may have never done before or something he has been struggling to do.

I personally have been involved with Scouting for 15 years and have seen so many a youth smile, gain new friends and self-confidence. I have watched as they grow from little boys to young men who are now starting to branch out on their own

The ongoing force for my commitment has been that if I keep one youth off drugs or out of jail it has been all worthwhile.

Thank you all.

Wade Bates /Apple Hill Scout Reserve Warden

The other side

The Glendaler's Winter Sports Club is an ATV Club (non-profit organization) that has about 125 km of trails in the North and South Glengarry Townships. Large portions of our trails are only open in the winter months between mid-December and mid-March where we make use of private lands. During the rest of the year, we make use of an old railway line between Cornwall and St. Telesphore, Quebec. We are a club with about 400 families registered and we do create a great deal of business for Cornwall and North and South Glengarry townships. Last year, we purchased over $1M of ATVs in this area not including the accessories and winter clothing. In the winter months, we patronize a number of restaurants, corner stores and gas stations along our trail system. We also hold fundraising events such as the Easter Seals for Kids, Ride against Crime, and the CNIB events. All membership revenues and other club events pay for trail maintenance, groomer repairs and insurance costs with no money to spare. The Glendaler's Winter Sports Club would not exist without the ongoing support of our generous landowners, loyal sponsors and volunteers. We try to be active and support our community as a whole while enjoying our recreational activity of ATVing.

Last year, there was an Ontario Highway Traffic Regulation introduced that allows municipalities to pass a bylaw to permit ATVs to ride on roadways. On our winter trails there is a need to travel down certain roads to get from trail to trail. As soon as the regulation was in place, the Glendaler's submitted requests to the municipalities to allow us to travel down these roadways to connect our trail. South Glengarry Township recently passed a bylaw to allow ATVs to ride certain roads between Dec 1st to March 15th between 7 am to 1 am. This has raised some concerns of residents that are along these roadways about the noise and traffic. I would like to alleviate some of these concerns. ATVs must be plated, insured and the driver must have a valid driver's licence. The majority of ATVs these days are equipped with 4-stroke engines that run clean and quiet. If the rules of the roads are obeyed, there shouldn't be excessive noise or road damage. As with any other vehicle, it is the way a vehicle is driven that usually causes concerns not the type of vehicle. Also the rumour that 600 ATVs will parade down a roadway at a time is completely false. However traffic will increase during event days. Our executives are making every effort to educate members about the rules of the road to make this work. We also have asked the OPP to help patrol our trails with our trail bosses to ensure everyone is following the law as outlined in the regulation. There will always be the one per cent of people that will act up and cause problems but we will do our best to reduce that number and keep the peace. For more information about the club, visit our website at http://www.glendaleratv.ca.

Henry Schryver /President
Glendaler's Winter Sports Club
Cornwall and South Glengarry taxpayer

Letters To Editor

Adversarial

Within the on-going tax debate spearheaded by the Glengarry Landowners' Association (GLA) the RARE operation has come under scrutiny (Letter, Roy MacMaster, *The Glengarry News*, December 1, 2004).

There is a significant discrepancy between council's view that RARE produces a profit and GLA's contention that it is a deficitary operation resulting in a charge against tax revenues.

Both groups may be correct depending on the time frame. Mr. MacMaster acknowledges there are fluctuations in market demand for certain materials. This most certainly affects RARE's year-to-year results. On the other hand, it is possible that there may be some inconsistencies in financial reporting, but these surely would be revealed by independent annual audits.

If sloppy accounting is the culprit it can be tidied up so that all interested parties have access to accurate data. Unfortunately, because GLA has elected to use conventional business methodology to evaluate RARE's operations an important principle is getting lost in the shuffle.

The primary purpose of recycling has never been to realize a profit. I share in the widespread belief that recycling is a creative and constructive effort to mitigate the tremendous stress on landfill operations and, as a secondary benefit, to recuperate certain basic materials and thereby generate some partially offsetting revenues.

Personally I am tremendously impressed by RARE's orderly, quietly efficient collection and processing of recyclable material. The installation makes a significant contribution to the cleanliness and functioning of our community and is a largely under-appreciated element in the local economy.

I am baffled as to why GLA fails to recognize that one way or another there is a cost involved. Taxpayers generate garbage and they have a clear obligation to pay for its collection and disposal. It is a far more responsible use of tax dollars to recycle and re-process than to add to already over-burdened dumping facilities which are a serious source of pollution.

Mr. MacMaster estimates that the net cost to taxpayers of the RARE operation over the five years 2000 to 2004 will be $376,356. This averages at slightly more than $75,000 per year and frankly, I think North Glengarry is getting a fabulous bargain especially if, as Mr. MacMaster claims, the figures include contributions to reserve funds for capital equipment and to offset annual operating fluctuations.

Perhaps Mr. MacMaster could expand his research and enlighten us as to what the costs would have been for the same period if no recyclables of any kind had been collected and everything had been dumped in with the regular garbage.

In developing his figures Mr. MacMaster should factor in the costs of managing the necessary expansion of landfill sites and the social and medical costs arising from the added burden of pollution. GLA is to be commended for requesting clarification, impact studies and accurate costing for a proposed project to expand the RARE operation beyond the needs of our immediate community. However, I note that GLA has a penchant for mixing issues and manipulating projected capital expenditures versus operating costs in order to manufacturer dramatic conclusions to serve its own ends.

The Glengarry News has previously reported at length on the vastly differing interpretations reached using the same source material. Mr. MacMaster's Dec. 1 letter is largely a hodge podge of disparate financial data yet he attributes Enron-like manipulation to others.

It is unfortunate that GLA has adopted such an adversarial and confrontational stance with respect to this issue and several related matters. It could make a far more constructive contribution to the debate by working with Council, the Environment Committee and organizations of interest such as RARE, in a spirit of co-operation and goodwill. Our elected representatives and our local public service employees should not be subjected to the disrespectful and high-handed methods that, to date, tend to characterize GLA's approach.

Pamela J. Leonard
/ Alexandria

A surprise

Ron MacDonell's letter re: "Position not needed" really surprised me.

Mr. MacDonell ran for a seat in the political party that mandated that each municipality must have a C.E.M.C. I encourage him to read the three-inch thick guide that details what the province requires an Emergency Co-ordinator to have set up before the end of 2006.

Programs and plans that have to be written specifically for our township and submitted to the province for evaluation and approval. Our document plan is some 40 pages thick!, from phase 1. How much more would we have to pay our fire chief to submit such a document? Not to mention it was time sensitive.

I also would like to point out that once phase 3 documents and programs are approved by the province we then only need a "24 hour 7" person with the ability to review and update changes in our plan. For someone with the years that Mr. MacDonell had in municipal politics to write the statement that "sky rocketing taxes, municipal share almost 50 per cent," this from a man who instead of building on reserve funds (preparing for a rainy day) with the "Transition Money" from the province to help smooth amalgamation.

Preferred to artificially keep taxes low demonstrating that he had no long term plan for North Glengarry. With regards to the R.A.R.E. plant expansion, the way I understand it is there is a feasibility study on the way for 2005 which is the base for any "business plan."

If you GLA people would just back off a little and let the municipality do their job you would see that they may go slow but the job does get done. Another thing, I am told that the Township has maybe found grant money to help pay for the study.

Laurie Eschbach
/ Lochiel resident, taxpayer

Making progress

The Lancaster Community and Business Improvement Association had its first Pot Luck Dinner on Monday Nov. 15 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Lancaster and what a great night it was.

The LCBIA would like to give a special thank you to the businesses and people who donated items towards the pot luck as well as gifts for the door prizes.

Thank you again for making the evening such a sucess.

The purpose of the pot luck was to update the Lancaster community on what the LCBIA has done and what they hope to achieve in the future.

There will be more pot luck dinners in the new year and we hope to see you there.

Christine Allan
/ Lancaster

Encroachment

Call us NIMBYs (Not In My Back Yard) if you wish, call us NIMFYs (Not In My Front Yard) too, call us tree huggers or nature lovers too. Whatever label you wish to impose on us, we just don't care. What we do care about is the increasing trend of encroachment on the peace and quiet of our rural areas.

After attending two open meetings of the South Glengarry Township council, we have been awakened by the emerging trend toward municipal acquiescence and endorsement of more and more noise, pollution and threats to safety in our rural area of Eastern Ontario. We have witnessed how our councillors have been skillfully lobbied by ATV and snowmobile clubs seeking municipal legislation to allow them greater access to the township roads, county roads and green roads of our area. These groups have also seduced or pressured private property owners to allow motorized recreational vehicles access to their properties.

Until now, we property owners stood by virtually helpless and voiceless as individuals against the potential tsunami that these recreational vehicles represent. We're mad, we're getting united, we're speaking out and we just won't take it any more!

We have been encouraged by the wonderful precedent set by a recent ruling of Quebec Superior Court Justice Helene Langois. She has ruled in favour of the 600 or so homeowners that have been harassed, annoyed, irritated, bothered, disturbed and intruded upon by snowmobilers that changed an abandoned railway bed into what some are now calling a local 'snowmobile highway.'

Her ruling has placed the local municipalities (which lease the trail) and the province (which owns it) responsible for damages to the peaceable enjoyment of adjacent property owners. The settlement awarded is estimated at between five and ten million dollars, payable to residents living within 100 metres of the nuisance snowmobile route. That converts to an award of $1,200 per resident for every year since 1997. As a result, fear of such liability has resulted in other municipalities electing to close down routes that they had endorsed until this landmark decision.

What started as a local issue, only involving the residents of several local side roads (Maple Road, Johnson Road, MacGregor Road, Alpin Road), seems to have grown to be a concern to many others. As one local resident put it, "We are fighting to deny them access to our road and our back yards, but they'll be after yours next."

In addition, there's the liability aspect if you give permission for others to use your property. Local property owners were advised that their insurance policy would not cover claims made by an ATV or snowmobile rider injured on their property.

A representative of the local ATC club claimed that the OPP (Ontario Provincial Police) would supervise the trails and enforce any time, speed and behaviour restrictions mandated by the club. However, a representative of the OPP clearly stated they could not be on hand to do so.

Our local councillors seem to be determined to grant access to the ATV club despite the fact that a petition signed by 79 of 83 local residents was presented to a recent meeting of the council. Perhaps these so-called representatives of the people should read the handwriting on the wall, and the news articles published in newspapers such the Montreal Gazette and the National Post. They may open themselves liable to a punitive damage decision similar to the one awarded in Quebec.

In summary, if you enjoy the privacy, peace and quiet of your rural property, stand up and be counted. Act in defence of your own property rights and the rights of your neighbours.

The South Glengarry council bylaw ratification meeting will be held on Monday December 13. By having a large number of residents who oppose any further intrusion of mechanized nuisance attend the meeting, we hope the council will see fit to back away from their obvious intent. As with the Titanic, it's time to alter the course of so-called progress before it's too late.

Remember, the ATVs and snowmobiles may be seeking to gain inroads into our area now, but your area may be next.

Nick Wolochatiuk
/ South Glengarry

Human rights

Friday, December 10, is an important day. It will be International Human Rights Day – the anniversary of the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly 56 years ago. What an accomplishment!

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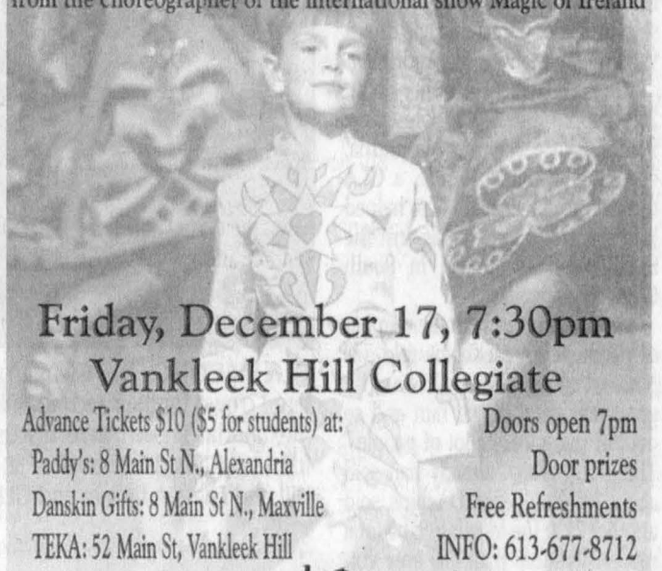

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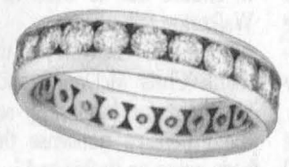

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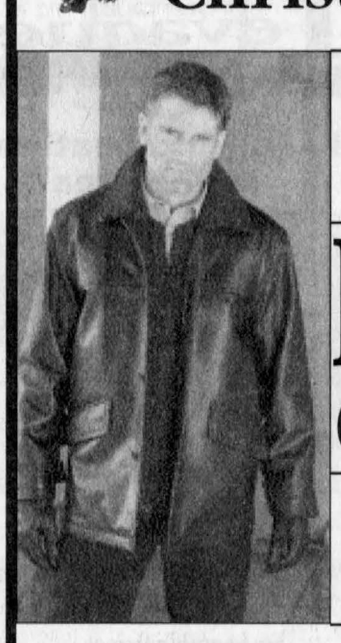

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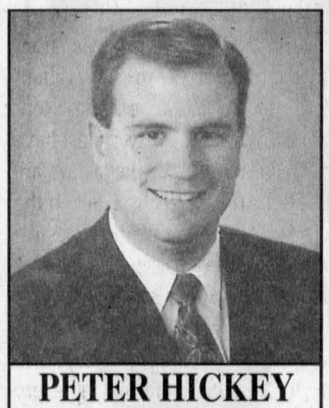

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Victory builds GLA's confidence

By Pete Bock
News Reporter

The Glengarry Landowners' Association (GLA) appears to be gaining confidence and momentum after winning a recent battle and then drawing a large crowd to its second general meeting held last Wednesday night in Alexandria.

Despite inclement weather about 200 people filled the Glengarry Sports Palace hall in Alexandria, encouraging Bill McKenzie, a GLA director from Bainsville who helped lead the group's charge against the Smithfield Park Project in South Glengarry.

"I was impressed with the number of people," Mr. McKenzie told *The News* in an interview. "It wasn't a great day with all the rain and so on, but there were a lot of people." The group which already had sold about 300 family memberships, sold another 71 at the meeting. The total represents more than 700 area voters.

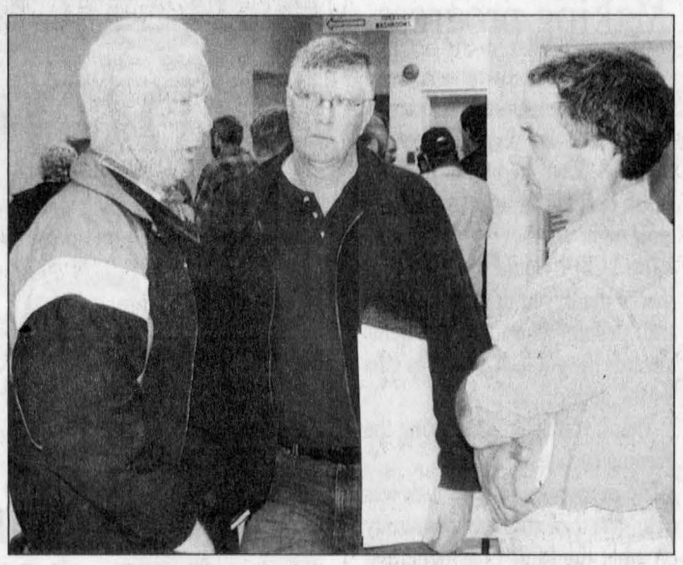
Government intrusion and accountability drew fire from all four speakers at the event – GLA director Jamie MacMaster, local MP Guy Lauzon, Yorkton-Melville, Saskatchewan MP Garry Breikreuz, and Randy Hillier president of the Lanark Landowners' Association, the group which sparked the "rural revolution."

Mr. MacMaster likened the GLA to a computer anti-virus program, "keeping a check on big government so they don't get in."

The organization has detected and identified local problems over the past few years he said, and now hopes to secure more help from the public to stop them.

Sheets with phone numbers for all the local politicians were made available to the audience.

"When the Smithfield Hall story started in South Glengarry and the politicians changed their minds about it they all said one thing," Mr. MacMaster stated, "it was the high volume of phone calls from taxpayers that made them change their mind."



GLA MEETING: The Glengarry Landowners' Association drew a large crowd for their second public meeting on Wednesday night in Alexandria. Shown here discussing issues after the meeting are from left Ranald McDonell of St. Andrews, Walter McIntosh of Apple Hill and Laggan farmer and GLA director Roy MacMaster.

PETE BOCK PHOTO

Mr. McKenzie echoed the same sentiments, saying it was the residents of South Glengarry's phone efforts which swayed the tide on the issue.

"From the feedback we had from the councillors and the mayor, it made a difference," Mr. Mckenzie told *The News*. "It was a way to communicate people's wishes, and they heard.

"They said 'we got lots of phone calls and in some cases it was 85 - 90 per cent against Smithfield.'"

Mr. MacMaster encouraged members to tackle tough issues, yet also suggested they commend positive efforts as well.

He recognized South Glengarry councillor John Warden's opposition to Smithfield from the start, and fellow council members Jim McDonell, Frank Prevost, and Ian McLeod for being willing to listen to their constituents and then changing their minds.

Issues that the landowners continue to monitor and investigate in South Glengarry include the amount of money the township spends on consultants, and the excessive water costs that residents of the Redwood Estates are having to endure due to what he called Walkerton fallout.

"In North Glengarry I want to thank Chris McDonell and Gary Shepherd for (opposing) some of the expensive nonsense that has been going on in this end."

It should be noted that Mr. McDonell was the only local politician in the audience at the Landowners' meeting.

According to Mr. MacMaster, North Glengarry has the highest property taxes for this part of Eastern Ontario, higher than Ottawa's core residential, which benefits from 24-hour police and fire protection.

What's burning the landowners is their belief the taxes in the township will continue to rise if the township hires an emergency coordinator at $60,000, a Chief Administration Officer at $100-$150,000 and expands the RARE Plant.

"Guess where the $1.3 to $1.8 million for that planned expansion is going to come from? "Mr. MacMaster asked, and then joked, "I see you reaching to put your hands in your wallets. RARE! I don't think this place needs an expansion, I think it needs an audit."

The landowner director dove into the hot-button topic of municipal employees fearing for their jobs. He said his organization is most concerned with the hiring of high-paid white collar officials.

"Contrary to what some of the politicians told you, we are not the big bad wolf out there,..." he stated. "At this point the GLA is the best friend you've got.

"If we can get council to backtrack on some of its silly spending, your job will be as secure as it ever was."

He took a last run at North Glengarry council for the Alexandria parking study, which he heard is completed and claims will end up costing $22,700.

"If you promise not to laugh I'll tell you what one of the recommendations is: a multi-level parking garage.

"That is just a rumour...That is just what our downtown core needs. With all those closed stores, that will bring in a crowd."

North Glengarry township clerk administrator Leo Poirier wasn't ready to comment on the parking study, when called by *The News*, saying the municipality has yet to receive the final draft from its consultants.

Conservative MPs offer encouragement to landowners

By Pete Bock
News Reporter

As the Glengarry Landowners' Association (GLA) continues to battle government intrusion and high taxes on the local front, they drew encouragement from two federal politicians, the leader of the "Rural Revolution," and shared experiences with neighbours in SDG.

"What a crowd," exclaimed local MP Guy Lauzon when he took the stage at the Glengarry Sports Palace Wednesday night. "If I had a crowd like this come out when I was running for election I would have won hands down."

Mr. Lauzon accompanied and introduced fellow conservative MP Garry Breikreuz, of Yorkton-Melville, Saskatchewan, to the audience. Mr. Breikreuz has been working to enshrine property rights into the federal charter of rights and freedoms.

Both MPs were impressed with the leaders of the landowner associations (Glengarry And Lanark) and the groups' ability to work in cooperation.

"This is a grassroots movement on an issue (of extreme) importance to this country," Mr. Breikreuz told the crowd. "I want to encourage you. I hope this spreads right across Canada.

"Because you are dealing with an issue that is fundamental to keeping our freedom. We will continue to be enslaved if we continue to have wasteful programs and don't bring property rights into our charter of rights and freedoms."

Building on earlier words from Glengarry Landowners' Association director Jamie MacMaster, who compared the spread of big government to a computer virus, the MP talked about how some well-meaning programs go wrong in the hands of government.



GLA MEETING: The Glengarry Landowners' Association drew a large crowd for their second public meeting on Wednesday night in Alexandria. Shown here talking to the crowd is federal MP Garry Breikreuz.

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A long-time opponent of the gun registry program, Mr. Breikreuz said the idea of gun control started by targeting criminals. But then all of a sudden, it started being aimed at the law-abiding citizens instead.

"There are almost 200,000 people who have been prohibited by our courts to carry firearms, they never have to tell the government where they live. The courts rule they have their privacy rights...

"But if some of you are a firearms owner, you probably know if you move, if you don't report your change of address within one month, you could get up to two years in jail. You have become the target and the criminal has his rights. He is protected by the charter and you are not. There is something really wrong in this country when ordinary citizens are not protected by the charter."

The spiralling costs of the gun registry program also enrage the MP. He said no business would put up with a project going 500 times over budget.

"They told us it was going to be a $2 million cost to the taxpayers...and the auditor general a couple of years ago tracked it at over 500 times over budget ...and it is still eating up $100 million a year right now. It all began with how can you be opposed to gun control?"

While Randy Hillier, the president of the Lanark Landowners' Association and founder of the Rural Revolution is not one to jump on any political party's bandwagon, he agreed that trouble often starts with well-meaning ideas.

He asked the audience who could argue with clean drinking water, but then talked about the oppressive regulations that are shutting down community halls across the province. New funding to conservation authorities in Ontario, to the tune of $13 million worries him. He spoke about endless reports and the counting of fish specimens. And then he described how a woman could no longer work her 200-acre property, because a bird – a loggerhead shrike – was spotted on it. While he said it was important for the environment to be protected, if the government wanted to take control of a property, they should pay for it.

Mr. Hillier encouraged new GLA members to stand together with their neighbours and to say no to government policies they didn't agree with. He also advised them to link up with fellow organizations during their times of need.

Interestingly, it wasn't just an information sharing meeting for the GLA. Its members heard appeals from some neighbouring residents like Tammy Hart and Peggy Brochert of South Stormont.

The two women, who learned about the meeting from a friend in Williamstown, raised issues concerning the difficulties they are having combatting some of their township's reckless spending policies.

"We felt maybe we could do something as well," Mrs. Hart said in an interview after the meeting. "So we thought maybe we'd come here and find out what people do to take a stand. We are walking away feeling empowered."

Mrs. Brochert said she was surprised to find out some members of the GLA had already been following their battles in the press and had discussed, among themselves, that maybe they needed some backup.

Describing how daunting it can be to challenge politicians at council, she found this encouraging.

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Staples of real estate scene ready for retirement

By Kristina Wilson
News Reporter

When Alexandria Realty Ltd. closed its doors for good on Dec. 1, its owners, Cathy and Jean Paul Claude, wrapped up over 80 years of experience in the real estate and restaurant industries.

Mrs. Claude has spent the last 20 years working in real estate as a sales representative, while her husband got into the game a few years later.

Prior to selling real estate, Mrs. Claude was a restaurateur, first operating a restaurant, Cathy's Tavern, in North Lancaster from 1963 to 1978 and later Cathy's BBQ in Alexandria, from 1977 to 1987.

Cathy's BBQ was located on Main Street, on the north-west corner of Main and Gernish, but the building caught fire and burned down on Feb. 8, 1995.

After the fire, that business, now called Maggie's BBQ, moved to Anik Street.

"I started working when I was 15, as a waitress," Mrs. Claude said. "I was always in the restaurant business."



CATHY AND JEAN PAUL CLAUDE

She did not pursue real estate until after her husband started "carrying on" without her at Cathy's BBQ.

After taking the real estate course, she started with Sauvé Real Estate in Alexandria. Later, she moved on to Royal LePage and Remax before opening Alexandria Realty Limited in 1990.

By that time, Mr. Claude had become a real estate broker himself and the couple opened the office together. They sold the restaurant in 1987 in order to concentrate on their real estate business.

Mrs. Claude said the highlight of being in real estate was interacting with the public. She said she has seen everyone in her office from people she had not seen since grade school to repeat customers. She's also fielded real estate inquiries from the children of former customers.

"Twenty years ago they were this high, now they're in to buy a house," she said. "Every sale is totally different. That's the interesting part."

Mrs. Claude said the time was right to retire, "while I'm healthy.

"We've done well. Now it leaves room for someone else to come in. There seems to be a lot of people taking the courses these days."

It would appear that there is an entrepreneurial gene in the family: son Bob owns Cornwall trucking firm Seaway Express, son Gary and his wife Karen own and operate KFC/Pizza Hut Express, Action Video and the Carriage House Bed and Breakfast in Alexandria while daughter Christine is the owner of Christine's Restaurant and was operating Kaboodle Kids consignment store in Alexandria. She has also completed the first portion of the real estate course herself.

Rounding out the family, oldest daughter JoAnn works with the disabled at the hospital in Smiths Falls, while youngest daughter Jaime is studying medicine at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

"I'm thankful to the people who have worked with me," Mrs. Claude said. "I appreciate those people, and those who repeated with me."

While the office has officially been closed since Dec. 1, the Claudes still have a few sales to complete and a few loose ends to tie up.

With more time on their hands now, Mr. Claude will dedicate himself to his sports and the couple also has plans to travel.

Front St. residents say no to municipal water, sewer

By Kristina Wilson
News Reporter

Residents of Front Street in Alexandria have decided not to connect to Alexandria's water and sewer services.

According to a survey conducted by Waterworks manager André Bachand, only 41 per cent of the street's residents are in favour of connecting to the township's sewer. Mr. Bachand says that the township would only have connected the homes if at least 50 per cent of the residents had said yes.

Homes on Front Street are on their own wells and septic systems. Some residents had approached the township, asking if it were possible to connect to Alexandria's sewage system.

Mr. Bachand was seeking direction from council at the Nov. 23 meeting on what to do next. There were three options, he explained. The township could simply let the matter die, provide further information to the homeowners on available funding and the long-term benefits and survey them later, or simply proceed with the 41 per cent support.

Council's recommendation was to combine the last two options, by providing the residents with additional information and letting them talk amongst themselves.

"When they hit 50 per cent (support for servicing), tell them to let us know and we'll proceed," Mayor Bill Franklin said.

NG Council Briefs

Resource directory

The Environment Committee recommended that council purchase the 2005 Resource Recycling Directory put out by Waste Source Stewardship SDG for distribution to all households in North Glengarry.

The directories will be sold to the township at 25 cents per copy, which is well below the cost to produce it, which is 75 cents per copy.

The committee also recommended that two free dump passes be included with the garbage tags again this year.

Support for fishing derby

Alexandria ice fishing derby organizers Stéphane Lavigne and Jacques Massie appeared before council on Nov. 3 to ask for support for the 2005 edition of the derby.

This will be the third ice fishing derby the two men have organized. Last year, it attracted around 1,000 anglers from across Ontario and Quebec.

As they have in the past, the two men asked for the township's financial support in the amount of $500 to put towards promoting the venue.

They also asked for the use of the municipal building at Island Park for registration and support from the roads department in clearing snow off Mill Pond.

"We have no objection," Mr. Franklin said.

"It's a big benefit to the community and it helps put the township on the map."

More sheep killed

Dalkeith farmer Donald Crooks has lost another 16 sheep, bringing the total to 30 killed by coyotes in a month.

Mr. Crooks has a guard dog for his flock, but after a neighbour complained to the township about the dog's barking, Mr. Crooks was forced to lock it up at night.

"What are we going to do about that dog?" councillor-at-large Chris McDonell asked.

The issue should be resolved at council's next meeting, Dec. 13, when it will consider an amendment to its animal control bylaw, exempting working dogs from the barking regulation.

In the meantime, Mr. Crooks should feel some comfort in the fact that trapping season has recently begun, which should curb the coyote population.

Mr. Crooks will be paid a total of $1,862.75 for the 16 sheep he lost, two on Nov. 4 and 14 on Nov. 12.

The township will recover the money through the provincial Livestock, Poultry and Honey Bee Protection Act.

Wetlands funding

North Glengarry council passed a bylaw to authorize the start of the wetlands project in Alexandria, as well as to apply for temporary financing for the project.

The financing, through the Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority (OSIFA), is like a line of credit.

It would only be used if needed, and the township can borrow only as much as it needs.

The project has been "pre-cleared for $3.5 million," Mr. Bachand told council.

"It will cover the beginning expenditures on the wetlands," he added.

The financing in no way jeopardizes the township's applications for grants for the project.

RARE figures coming later

RARE plant manager René Jeaurond will wait until the end of the fiscal year, Dec. 31, before he presents council with figures from the recycling plant.

Mr. Jeaurond was on the agenda for council's last meeting, but did not attend.

He will make his presentation at council's first meeting in January.

Next meeting

North Glengarry township's next general council meeting takes place this Monday, Dec. 13 at the council chambers at Alexandria Island Park.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. It will be the last meeting of the year for the township.

Local students do well in math

By Steven Warburton
News Editor

Both of Glengarry's English public high schools are performing better than average in applied mathematics.

According to recent statistics published by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), both Glengarry District High School's and Char-Lan District High School's grade nine students have met or exceeded provincial and board averages in applied math.

Forty-seven per cent of Char-Lan students achieved the provincial standard or higher in the test while GDHS had a total of 46 per cent. The averages for the province and the Upper Canada District School Board of Eastern Ontario (UCDSB) stand at 26 and 29 per cent respectively.

GDHS did a better job in the academic mathematics department than their colleagues at Char-Lan. At GDHS, 72 per cent of students met the provincial standard while that total was 65 per cent at Char-Lan. Provincial and board averages are 68 and 67 per cent respectively.

Rights

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The nations of the world, with their different histories, cultures and religions agree that some rights are universal and that each of us have certain rights no matter who we are or where we live. We have the right to such things as freedom from arbitrary arrest, protection against discrimination and freedom of thought and religion. We Canadians should take special pride in the fact that it was a Canadian, John Humphrey, a McGill University Law Professor, who was the primary author of that declaration.

Yet 56 years after its passage, it is clear that agreeing on a charter of rights does not ensure that everyone can claim those rights. When Bishop Tutu of South Africa visited Canada he complimented Canada on its record of working for human rights in many countries. Then he gently reminded us that Canada's own indigenous people have suffered a long history of abuse of their rights and that those abuses continue. Around the world, each day carries the news of the torture, the disappearance, or violence against men, women and even children who have the courage to speak out for or exercise their human rights.

Amnesty International's annual report describes human rights abuses from Albania to Zimbabwe.

A leading organization in the global struggle for rights is Amnesty International, an organization of more than one million members worldwide and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1976.

Today, in the post 9-11 world, we are faced with two related threats to human rights. The first is the threat of international terrorism and the second is the violation of rights by those who would protect us from terrorism.

Since September 11, 2001, governments around the world have turned their backs on fair judicial practice and have contended that human rights can be abridged in the service of security.

As a result, thousands of innocent people have been imprisoned, denied access to lawyers or a fair trial.

While we may have the good fortune to live in a country and a community that promises free expression, there are constant and sometimes subtle efforts to erode that right. On this Human Rights Day it is our hope that all of us will pause to treasure the rights we have secured and then commit ourselves to speaking out and defending those rights everywhere.

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It is important to note that what is collected in North Lancaster will be distributed in that area. Your generosity will benefit your own neighbours.

Thanks in advance to all donors and especially to Luc and Tanya for their community spirit.

Raffle Tickets

The North Lancaster Firefighters are raffling an array of prizes meant to soothe the humours of all those who are suffering from the stress of the season.

The first prize is a romantic getaway for two. Lucky winners will escape for two nights to the Chateau Montebello. The total prize is valued at $1,000.

The second prize is $200 and third prize is $100. This should help fill any gaps in the winners ' wallets.

Tickets are available from firefighters or from Marche Luc and Tanya Decoeur in North Lancaster. The ticket price is a reasonable $2 each or three for $5. Next time you are at the store, take a chance or three.

Enter soon, as the draw date is Dec. 11. Proceeds will be used to purchase fire equipment.

Another raffle

The North Lancaster Optimist Club is also sponsoring a raffle for which the prize is a beautiful Harvest Basket. The Optimists are very generous to the area's youth and the proceeds from the draw will be used to fund community activities. Tickets are available from members or from Decoeur's Store in the village. The draw date is Dec. 19 so, as the cereal folks say, enter soon and enter often.



HOLIDAY TREATS: Parishioners of St. Margaret of Scotland Church held a bake sale at the North Lancaster Optimist Hall on Saturday. Shown here displaying some of the goodies are parishioners Diane Roy, left, and Louise Maville both of North Lancaster. PETE BOCK PHOTO

SJ McLeod news

S.J. McLeod Public School staff and students cordially invite their families and friends to the annual Christmas concert this Wednesday, Dec. 8. Performances are at noon and at 7 p.m. In case of inclement weather the alternate date is Dec. 9 but listen to local radio for updates.

The school band is practicing and performing a great selection of Christmas favourites. Last week's program included concerts at Chateau Gardens, St. Andrew's Catholic school, and in Lancaster before the parade. Many thanks to all those who invited the group to these venues! Special thanks are extended to the parents who brought the young musicians to Lancaster on a non-school day. John Hillenbrand's Exclusive Artforms Gallery provided an outdoor stage for the troupe and the hospitality was very much appreciated. Some familiar faces in the audience included Huntly and Christine McDonell with Keehan and Pierre and Linda Roy.

Nest week the band will visit Maxville Manor, Martintown Public School, East Front Public School and Bishop Macdonell School. Break a leg!

Library fun

North Lancaster and area residents are cordially invited to make use of the library facility in Lancaster. Join area children aged three to five on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. This is a fun way to introduce yourself and your kids to the facility.

Bake sale

St. Margaret of Scotland Church's Parish Christmas Bake Sale was a great success last Saturday.

The copious quantities of baking disappeared in record time. Many thanks to the bakers and patrons who make the event a complete success each year.

Raffle winners are a follows:

Sharon McRae, gift basket from Kinvara Farms Organic Food Store; Mary (Mrs. Angus) McLeod, gift basket of Levac honey products; Beverley Craig, nativity set; Allan Mccuaig, painting by Lorraine Shirlow.

Social notes

Last Friday's Centennial concert was hugely attended at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Cornwall. Charles (Johnny Rod) Mcdonald was one of the many Glengarry voices in the group.

A number of local residents took in the concert. Keep up the good work, Charles!

On Saturday night, Mallory and I very much enjoyed *The Glengarry News*'s Christmas party. Thanks so much to the Macdonald family, staff and management for the invitation and hospitality. Kudos to Steve Warburton, magician extraordinaire!

Condolences are extended to Colombe Regimbald of North Lancaster whose brother passed away last week. We also think of Mary Bathurst and family for the loss of her sister, Hazel.

Christmas wreath-making at school this Friday



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L'Ange Gardien students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity by creating a Christmas wreath. Wreaths will be displayed at both pavilions on Friday Dec. 10. A big thank you to Chloe Belanger, a grade two student for this great idea. Chloe wins a $ 10 prize for her idea.

On Wednesday Dec. 8, students and staff invite parents and friends to Église Sacré Coeur in Alexandria for a Mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception at 7 p.m. Monsignor Paul-André Durocher will lead the service accompanied by Pere Daniel Gauthier and Monsignor Rudy Villeneuve. Everyone is welcome, so come and celebrate the advent season with the students.

During the afternoon of Dec. 10, students from pre-kindergarten to grade eight will have the chance to participate in a musical concert prepared by secondary school students from Le Relais. The concert will be held at the Ste. Marie pavilion. They would like to thank Madame Lyne Besner who organized this event.

Also on Friday Dec. 10, pre-kindergarten students are inviting their parents, grandparents, and friends to a pajama breakfast. After a special breakfast of fruit, muffins, croissants, juice, and other goodies, everyone will be able to participate in singing Christmas songs and other organized activities. Thank you to Madame Carole for organizing this activity, it promises to be a very enjoyable event for everyone.

Confessions

A reminder for those wishing to have confession before the holidays, for Ste. Marie and Sacré-Coeur, it's on Monday Dec. 20, at 7:30 pm.

Christmas supper

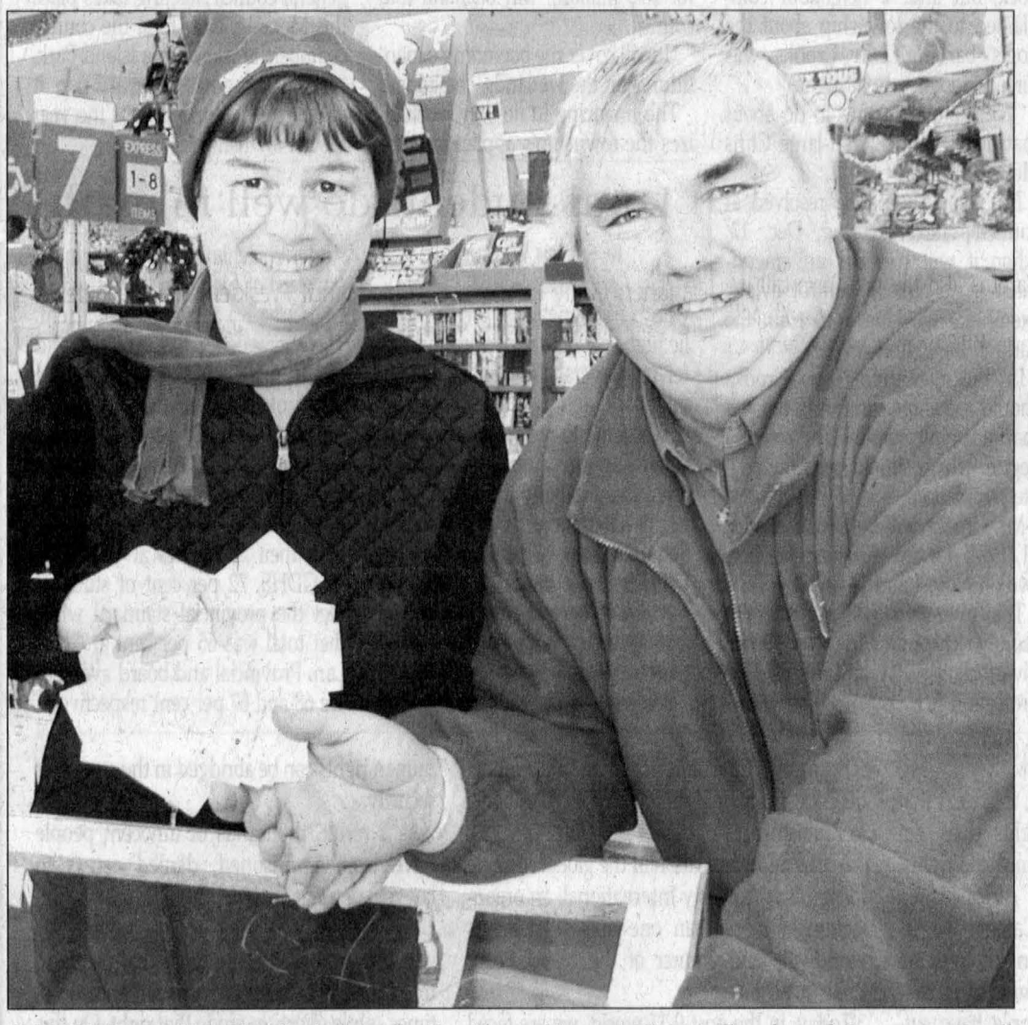
The Daughters of Isabella will hold their Christmas supper and last reunion for the year at the Green Valley restaurant on Wednesday Dec. 8. All members are asked to attend. Supper will be served around 6:30 p.m.

News party

A big thank you goes out to the organizers at *The Glengarry News* for the beautiful party this past Saturday evening. The meal was delicious as usual, and the games and prizes were great. Thank you again.

Even if the electricity kept going off quite often, everyone had a great time, I know we did.

God bless and have a safe week.



CHAMBER DRAW: The final draw for the Alexandria and District Chamber of Commerce Retail Shoppers Passport Promotion took place on Sunday. Shown here at left is volunteer Bonnie McDonald and chamber board member Ron Aubin picking the winners at Dessureault Independent Grocer. The $500 prize went to Andreé Gauthier; Nicole Vincent won $300; Dorothy Seguin won $200; Gabrielle Blais won $100, while Francoise Seguin won $50 in promotion cash redeemable at participating businesses. Over 4500 passports were dropped into drums at designated stores during the month-long shop locally campaign. Thirty-five businesses participated in the event and a total of $2350 in "promotion cash" was won. Every Sunday during the campaign draws of $200 and $100 were made. PETE BOCK PHOTO

Great shows in the works for Celtic Cultures

By Kristina Wilson
News Reporter

Charles Dickens is alive and well and will be visiting Maxville this Christmas season.

At least that's what many might say after they witness John Huston's critically-acclaimed one-man-show *A Christmas Carol*, at the Maxville United Church on Dec. 20. Mr. Huston has performed the show in venues like the National Arts Centre's 4th Stage in Ottawa and Toronto's Roy Thompson Hall. He is being brought to Glengarry by Ron Johnson, president of the Maxville based promotions company Celtic Cultures.

"I'm very excited," said Mr. Johnson, adding that the Dickens classic has been a part of his own Christmas celebrations for many years.

"I thought, if nobody else is going to (bring this show to the area), I will."

Mr. Huston has performed the show more than 300 times over the past 11 years across five provinces. Mr. Johnson has already talked to him about return dates next December.

"I'm going to make it an annual event," Mr. Johnson said.

Looking at his past success, Mr. Johnson has good reason to be enthusiastic. Last spring, he brought the English-Irish band Flook to the Bonnie Glen Pavilion and they were greeted warmly by the community. Mr. Johnson is anticipating a good turn-out for *A Christmas Carol*.

"We're going to stuff (the church) to the gunwales," he said.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 and are only available at the door.

In any case, the *Christmas Carol* performance is something of a departure for Celtic Cultures. Usually, it concentrates on musical performances like the Flook concert that rocked the Bonnie Glen Pavilion on April 22 of last year.

After *Christmas Carol* closes, Mr. Johnson's next big event will be a concert by the Scottish duo, Pipeline, at Villeneuve Hall at the Maxville Sports Complex on Feb. 18.

"We first saw them at Celtic Colors (in Nova Scotia) and the Milwaukee Irish Festival. This is a serious band," Mr. Johnson said.

The band is made up of Dermot Hyde, who performs on uilleann pipes, whistles, vocals and small pipes, and Tom Hake who plays bouzouki, guitar and harp.

They take their repertoire from traditional and new music from the Celtic cultures of Ireland, Scotland, Galicia and Brittany, as well as North America and Australia.

"People are really going to enjoy it," Mr. Johnson promised. "Just as with Flook, we'll sell out next year."

Anticipating a great response to Pipeline in February, Mr. Johnson is already in talks with the band to bring them back in the fall of 2005.

He is also attempting to bring the legendary Chieftans to Glengarry as well as the Brock-McGuire Band, formerly known as Moving Cloud.

In addition to bringing high-quality acts into Glengarry, Mr. Johnson also has a strong desire to work with young local musicians and help them become a band by providing practice time, rehearsal space, and guidance.

He is looking for teen who play any traditional Irish or Scottish instruments – especially the bodhran, button accordion and whistle. All of them are rare in Glengarry.

He doesn't know of any local bodhran players but notes that many people will be coming from as far as Toronto and Montreal to participate in Flook member John Joe Kelly's bodhran workshop next June.

He said it would be nice if there were some local participants in the workshop.

"Some day, I want to see really talented (local) whistle, flute and bodhran players (be internationally known)," he said.

"I'm willing to give time and money to move that agenda along."

Mr. Johnson said he started Celtic Cultures to bring quality musicians to this area, so people would not have to go to the big cities for a good concert.

"It is now (a full-time job.) It's very hard work, but I enjoy it. There's also the social side, the community side. I pretty much spend all my time doing this these days, making things happen. It's important that we have this kind of entertainment right here."

After Pipeline, Celtic Cultures will bring Flook back to Glengarry for another show in June. *The News* will have more information on this show as the concert approaches.

For more information on any of the upcoming Celtic Cultures shows or to learn more about the band he wants to form, Mr. Johnson can be reached by phone at 527-3090. Mr. Johnson also has a website: www.celticcultures.com.

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Sometimes we columnists overhear things that seem tailor made. Perhaps we don't really hear them, as much as think we do, because they are just so right for the situation at hand.

Take the St. Andrew's Day concert at Char-Lan High School last week. I'm pretty sure I heard a voice from somewhere behind me saying, "This is my favourite day of the whole year!"

Favourite day of the whole year? Better than Christmas, birthday, Hallowe'en or National Skip Day? Hard to believe when presented in cold black on white as it is in this column. But not hard at all when sitting in a cafetorium listening to the pipes, watching step dancers, and being surrounded by the plaid.

Students whose forbears had probably never even been near the Highlands performed with gusto at the concert last Tuesday. Char-Lan even mounted its own mini pipe and drum band – 11 students and teachers provided the much loved music which set the tone of the day.

The VIPs in attendance seemed impressed. Upper Canada School Board Chairperson Dave McDonald and Superintendent Ted Kennedy couldn't believe a school the size of Char-Lan could have so many pipers and drummers. Neither could I!

Then the dancers poured on stage, filling it from corner to corner. Highland, then step, and one fantastic solo performance by Kelly VanderBurg – talent itching to be let loose on the world.

The Physics guys, retired teacher Ken Johns and paternity-leave taking teacher, Andy Rorabeck returned for some musical numbers on clarinet and guitar, respectively. David McPhee teamed up with a couple of young ladies for a little toe-tapping fiddling, and a group of students, led by Jamie Warden, showed their theatrical talents in a short skit.

No St. Andrew's Day celebrations would be complete without Art Buckland and his side-kick "Haggis." While Art recited Burns' famous ode, Char-Lan Principal, John "MacDanaher" gave the audience a "translation," in teenage Glengarry vernacular.

Following the concert, the students headed outside, where, sun shining, and grass not yet speckled with icy white, a heavy events contest was held under the direction of Laura Lang Reusser. Rory Sandilands was the winner of the caber toss.

Congratulations to all who participated in the events of the day, and special thanks to teachers Jennifer MacLachlan and Jane MacMillan for keeping Glengarry's heritage alive and well.

School council

If you want to know what's going on at Char-Lan, join the school council, or at least attend its meetings. That was the message that council executive members got across to a good showing of parents who turned out at a meeting held last week.

School Council President Bev Schaefer said today's school council is not about fundraising and doing other unpleasant tasks. It is mainly for information purposes so that parents can keep tuned in to what's happening at school that could affect their students in the future.

In fact, the council actually receives funding, getting a percentage of the sales in the school's cafetorium, and makes decisions on how the money is to be spent. Requests from teachers and school groups for funding for special events, busing costs for trips, team sweaters, etc. are all considered in the divvying up of the dollars.

Parents who attend the council meetings are privy to a report from the principal and the vice-principal, as well as the student council president – pretty heady stuff! Well, at least stuff you are not likely to hear about from your offsprings who may have the nasty habit of using bookbags as blue boxes.

So, when is the next meeting of the Char-Lan School Council? Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the school library.

On the agenda? The drive-to-school policy, the possibility of holding night-time dances, distribution of money (as mentioned above), graduation ceremonies, and other issues which might surface between now and then.

Goodies

Last week's school council meeting was brief and to the point, and then came the goodies!

Ann Donkers had made a fabulous carrot cake decorated with school council doings; someone else brought cheese and crackers, and another parent, fruit and creamy dip. There was coffee, hot apple cider, soft drinks or water, and the opportunity to meet with other parents and do the idea-sharing thing.

This is a good group, folks: plan to join in. Can't promise there will always be such a spread, but it certainly is worthwhile knowing what's going on, not just at our local school, but in education as a whole.

Holiday camp

School lets out for the holidays on Dec. 17 this year – early by all accounts. So how are you going to keep the children from prodding and prying and shaking their gifts, or from eating all your carefully baked goodies before Christmas arrives? What about after Christmas?

Monica Piotrowski might have the answer for you. Monica is running a couple of holiday enrichment day camps for students aged eight to 16, at her Williamstown studio on Maple Road.

The focus will be on old world folk handicrafts which have their origins in many different European countries. Each day there will be the opportunity to create a different art project, and children will bring home all artwork – generally two pieces per day. All materials will be provided.

Among the projects will be some exciting stuff: stenciling, making European style Christmas ornaments, tin punching, German straw stars, advent wreaths, gingerbread hearts, painting, drawing, and much more.

There are two sessions: Monday, Dec. 20 to Friday, Dec. 24 or Monday, Dec. 27 to Friday, Dec. 31. Students may attend the whole week's session, or just on certain days.

Class sizes are limited to six children, with one instructor, and run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Please call Monica at 613-330-7863 for more information and/or to register.

New baby

She's a lovely little girl with a beautiful name. Kathleen Megan arrived in this world on Nov. 27, a much welcomed daughter for Sherry (nee Sloan) and Steve Laframboise.

Miss Kathleen is also the sister of Aidan, who is five, and three-year old Nolan. With two big brothers to guide and guard her, this young lady should lead a charmed life. Ready and waiting to spoil their first granddaughter are Gary and Helen Sloan of Williamstown.

Baptism

Another of our 2004 babies, Master Thomas Clark Poirier, was in his finest duds on Sunday on the occasion of his baptism at St. Andrew's United Church.

Thomas is the son of Margo and Dean Poirier and the grandson of Jane and Robert McDonell and Joyce and Artel Poirier, all of hereabouts.

Marsh quartet

St. Andrew's United welcomed the Marsh Quartet – Ken Johns, Lynn Palen, Elizabeth Funnekotter and Rene Cuhat – at its church service Sunday. The quartet provided the congregation with gifts of music – a very welcome offering at this time of year.

If there is someone whose memory you would like to honour during the Christmas season, you may do so by placing flowers in the church. To do this, please contact Nancy Woollven before Dec. 12.

Taking a break

Sue Henssen is taking a break from her role as flower decorator at St. Andrew's in Williamstown. During the past many years, Sue has transformed the church with her beautiful, creative arrangements and she will be a hard act to follow.

However, in her absence, new volunteers are needed, especially to cut some evergreens and decorate the windows for Christmas. If you have ever been to the Christmas Eve service at St. Andrew's, you will know how magical those windows look with the frost on the panes sparkling in the light of the lamps which are surrounded with fresh pine.

Volunteers are also needed to create arrangements for the front of the church in the New Year. If you are handy at this kind of thing, please call Carol Edwards at 347-3675.

Informal service

Carol is also the person to call if you are willing to help out with an informal 9:30 a.m. worship service in Irvine Hall on Dec. 26.

There will be singing, prayers, reflections, and, perhaps, the reading of "The Christmas Pig". Hot cider will be served afterwards.

Green Thumbs

The last meeting of the year for the Williamstown Green Thumb Horticultural Society attracted almost 100 members who gathered to bring gifts for the less fortunate,and to welcome their own private Santa. Wine and cheese, artfully served by Christine Allan and her team, made the evening especially festive.

Several community stalwarts have agreed to serve on the club's executive for the coming year. President Sheila Dow-Cadieux takes over from Janet Bratberg, who has been the root of the Green Thumbs over the past three years.

"Sheila's enthusiasm is infectious," reports Walter Cartwright, who will continue as public relations man. "It will no doubt encourage club members on to even greater things."

Not all executive spots are as yet filled, so if you are pining to be one of the inner sanctum, please give Sheila a shout at 932-5469.

Condolences

Sympathy is sent this week to Ken Goudie on the death of his aunt, Helen Bougie of Cornwall, who passed away on Dec. 3. Mrs. Bougie was the sister of Ken's mother, the late Marvel (nee Sauvé) Goudie.

Bridge results

It seems last Wednesday was noteworthy for odious weather. Could be the reason the bridge scores are more condensed than usual.

The results for the Williamstown Bridge Club for Wednesday, Dec. 1 are: 1. Jim Campbell and Elizabeth Marjerrison; 2. Bill Tadgell and Audrey Pasco; 3. Joan Owen and Gordon Snook and Marjorie and Rudi Mertl (tie).

Wedding bells

A Williamstown wedding on Friday at St. Andrew's united Carol-Ann Ross and John Rattray in marriage. The happy couple celebrated following the service with a reception at the Char-Lan Recreation Centre, where the Brigadoons set the dancing pace.

Carol-Ann and John are yet another couple whose romance blossomed at Jack's in Williamstown. Must be something magic in the place! We wish the bride and groom the very best.

At Jack's

Speaking of Jack's, the new sign is up and is looking very swanky. And check out those beautifully decorated window boxes! Really makes the place look attractive.

Best wishes

On Saturday, Hamish MacDonell, and Tricia Eastman celebrated their marriage with a reception at the Sand Road Sugar Camp – some place a little different. Hamish is the son of Ruth and John R. MacDonell of Celtic Lane. Our congratulations are sent to the happy couple.

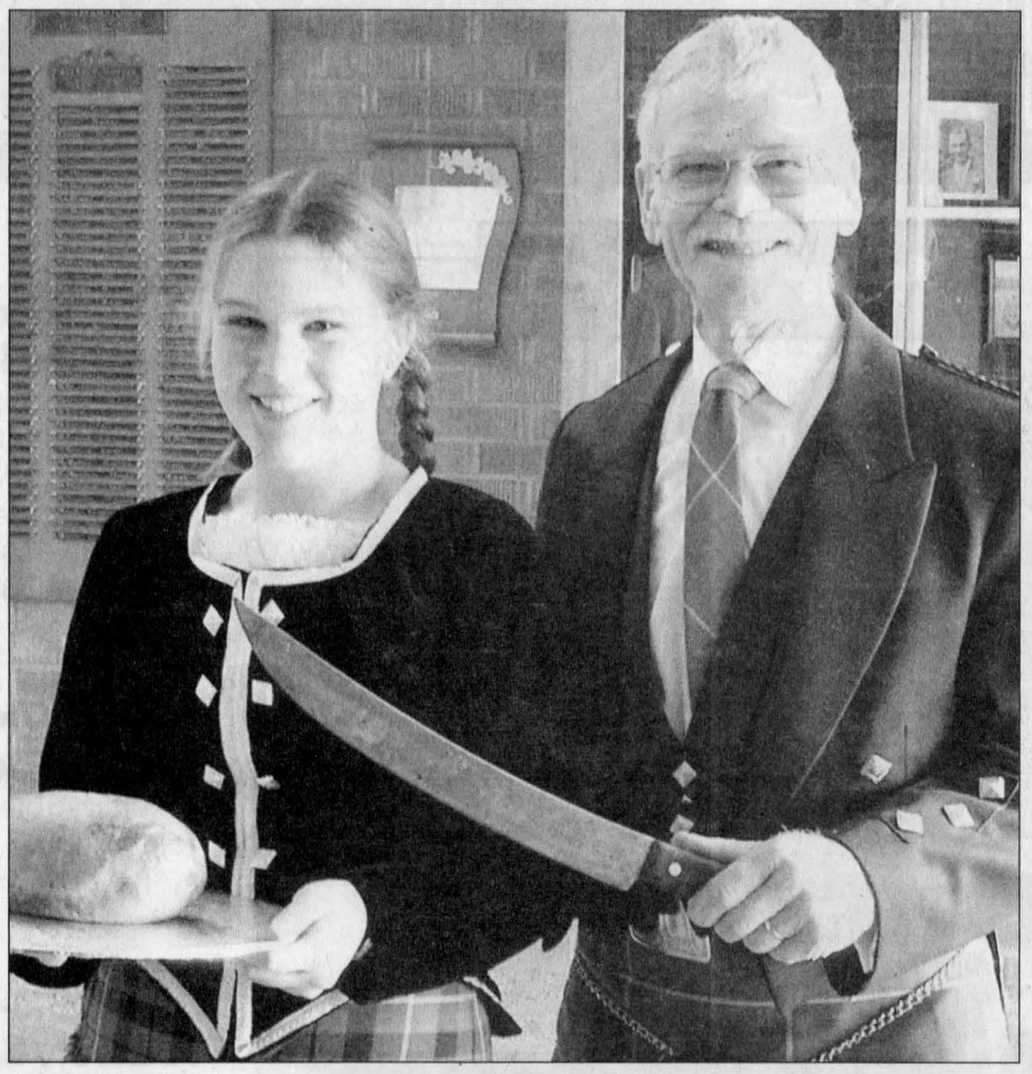
Christmas hayride

Remember when I told you to save Saturday, Dec. 18 for something special? Christine Matt and Laura Lang Reusser have organized a Christmas caroling hayride through the village that day.

The plan is to meet in the Char-Lan High School parking lot at 4 p.m. to catch the wagon. Song sheets will be available for those who need help with some of the words of the carols, and everybody, young and old, is invited to climb aboard. All you need to bring is some good Christmas spirit.

Please call Christine at 347-7267, or Laura at 528-1313 if you need more information.

This is something new which could perhaps make Christmas a little more magical. What could be more beautiful than a hayride through Williamstown during this happy season?



ST. ANDREW'S DAY: Char-Lan student Christina Russell holds the haggis while Art Buckland brandishes his knife. The two were preparing for the annual address of the haggis at Char-Lan District High School's St. Andrew's Day celebration on Nov. 30. SUBMITTED PHOTO



HAVE YOUR CAKE: Members of the Char-Lan School Council met recently for a special evening. Admiring a 'school council' cake are, from left: Student Council President, Vicky Schaefer; Principal John Danaher; Cindy Lefebvre, School Council President, Bev Schaefer; and Sandra Russell. SUE HARRINGTON PHOTO

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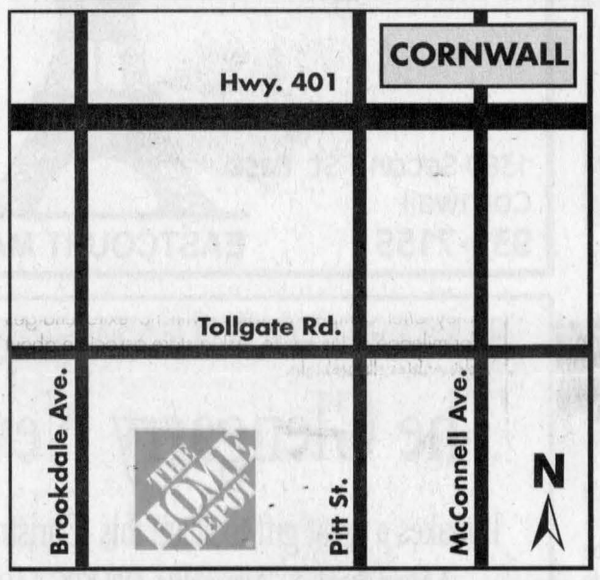

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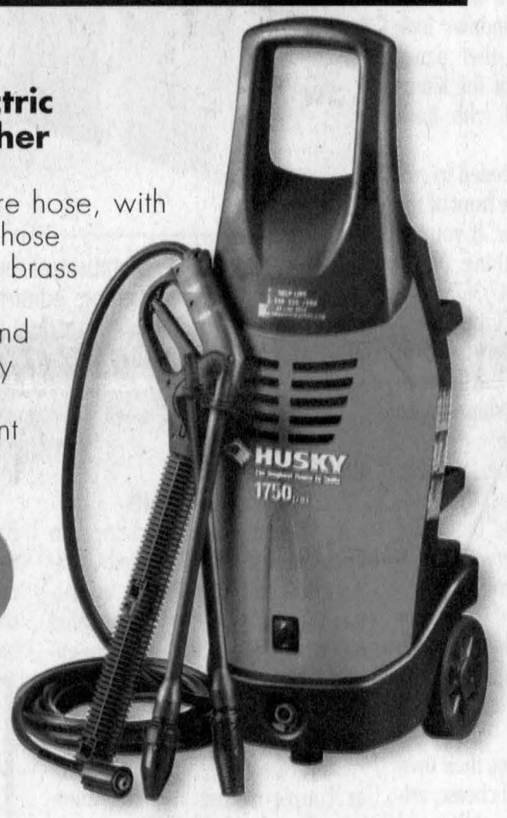

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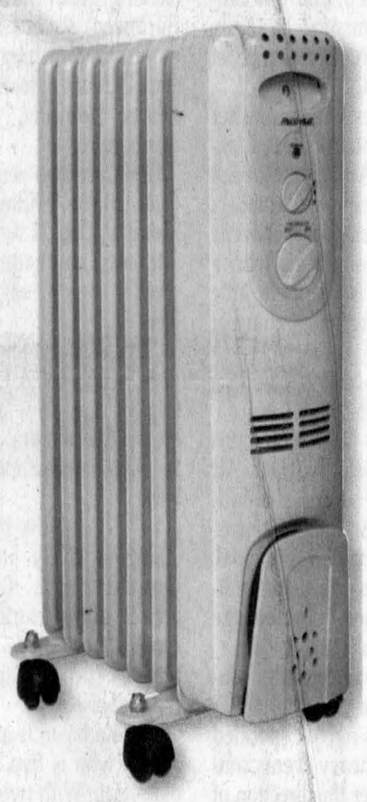



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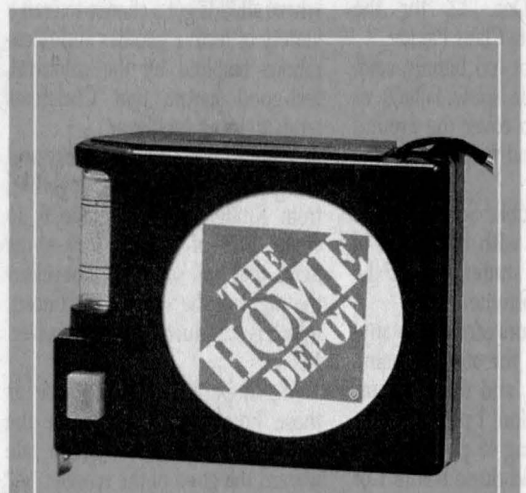

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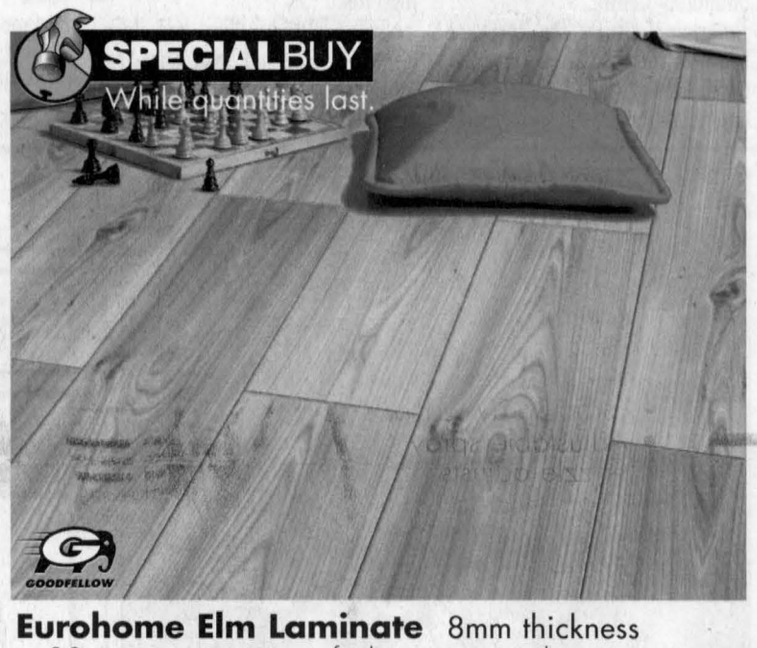

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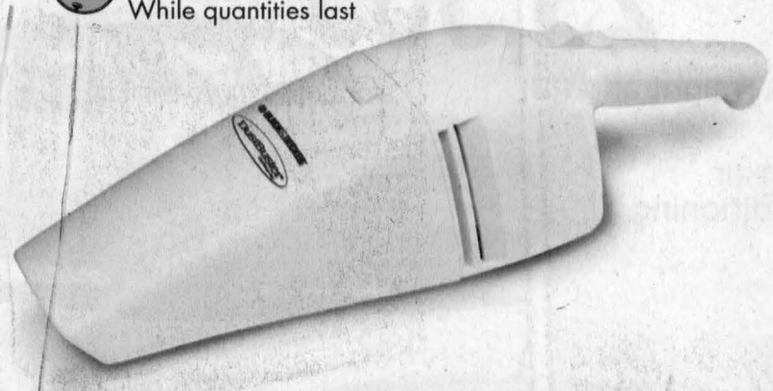

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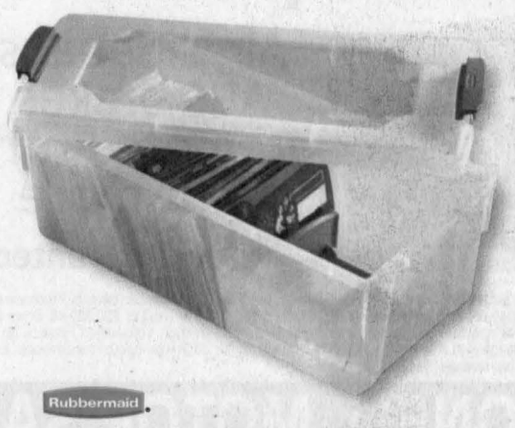

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Let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather will cooperate this coming Sunday, Dec. 12, for the Martintown Santa Claus Parade.

How about not too bitterly cold, some nice gentle snow falling, or enough snow to cover the ground on Saturday, and bright sunshine on Sunday?

Martintown Public School will be entering a float with the theme of Toyland and students will be dressed up in costume.

Parade spectators can line up anywhere between the starting point, Laidlaw Garage, and the terminus, the Fire Hall, before 1 p.m.

Anyone needing to pass through the village should do so before 1 or enjoy the parade and wait until the way is clear.

Entries of floats are still welcome, and there is no judging involved.

It is meant to be a fun event for all the kids of the area, young and old and in between!

Santa will be at the Fire Hall to hear requests from the wee folk. For more information, call Mike McDonell at 528-1065.

St. Andrew's United Church

Tessa Ann Ramsay, daughter of Jason and Nicky Ramsay, was baptized at St. Andrew's United Church in Martintown on Dec. 5 by Rev. Andrea Harrison.

The baby's godparents are Alex and Natalie Kinloch and proud grandparents in attendance were Lorraine and Ray Ramsay and Sharon and Edison Penney, along with a good number of family connections.

A lunch following the service was held at the home of Nicky and Jason.

Former Martintown resident, Grace Bruns, now living in Edmonton, was back for a visit and attended St. Andrew's on Sunday. She sang with Cathy Kinloch and Wendy Poirier as part of the Martintown Trio, accompanied by Alison Murray.

Next Sunday, Dec. 12, a Christmas lunch will follow the worship service, and those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

They may have to take a break between courses in order to get to the parade!

Something special is planned for Dec. 19, and there will be more details next week, but everyone is advised to arrive at church at 10:30 a.m. that day.

New baby on North Branch

A Martintown welcome goes out to a new Glengarrian, Charlotte Grace, a daughter for Allison (Grant) and David Haley born on St. Andrew's Day, Nov. 30, 2004, and weighing 8 lb. 7 oz.

She is a little sister for Benjamin and Olivia.

The Haleys live on the North Branch Road in the home formerly occupied by Grace and the late Charles Bruns, and hence the baby's middle name.

Mrs. Bruns was able to meet the baby on her recent visit to Martintown.

Congratulations to the young family and all extended family members as well!

Martintown Public School

Martintown Public School student reporter, Maria Cornett, submitted the following item for this week entitled "Crafty Kids: Getting Creative For Christmas."

"Martintown Public School had a creative workshop set up on Dec. 1 where all kids got a chance to craft a variety of festive goodies and decorations inspired by the colourful, feel-good karma that Christmas tends to bring each year.

"The day was extremely busy and all grades co-operated together, from Kindergarten to grade 8, to create one of a kind look-at-me items that will surely be hot-sellers the night of the Christmas Concert, which is scheduled at 7 p.m. on Dec. 15.

"We hope to see you there as these homemade crafts from the hearts of the kids will go on sale toward the good of the school.

The excitement is captivating as lines for skits and plays, songs and dances are being memorized for that evening where everyone gets to share in the spotlight.

"Keep the good cheer, we know we are!!"

Members of the School Council were on hand on Dec. 1 for the Christmas craft day, and one parent reported that the work done by the students was amazing.

As well as these handmade items, raffle tickets will also be on sale at the Christmas concert on Dec. 15, and non-perishable food items for the Agape Centre will be collected that night.

A children's Santa Shop took place at the school today, Dec. 8.

Gift items at reasonable prices were available for students to purchase for family members and all items were conveniently wrapped and tagged.

All who are interested in helping out with the float for the Santa Claus parade this Sunday should arrive at the school by 11 a.m. on Dec. 12.

Students will be dressed up as toys and have been asked to bring wrapped boxes and stuffed animals to decorate the float.

Students in Grades 7 and 8 will visit Char-Lan District High School on Dec 13 for a drama production. They will also be treated to a performance by the school band and have some hot chocolate.

On Dec. 14, students from the S. J. McLeod student band will visit Martintown Public School to play Christmas and other musical selections.

At the Nov. assembly the following students received awards for academic excellence: Gr. 2, Bailey MacDonald; Gr. 4, Thomasina Hassall; Gr. 4, Edwin Kuipers; Gr. 5, Alisha Peeters; Gr. 8, Keleigh Goodfellow; Gr. 8, Maxwell Ming; French, Angela Flipsen.

The following students received awards for excellent work ethic: Gr. 1, Catherine Proulx; Gr. 2, Keith Flaro; Gr. 3, Zach Benton; Gr. 3, Landon Galliott; Gr. 5, Dominique Marchand; Gr. 7, Mackenzie Thomson; Gr. 7, Dilbir Guram; French, Jacob Geneau.

Family sends thanks

In November, the Russell family lost their home and all of their possessions to a fire.

As soon as the community heard of the Russells' misfortune, clothing, household items, food and monetary donations poured into Martintown Public School.

The Russells were overwhelmed by the support and generosity of the Martintown community.

During a recent visit to the school, they asked if a message of thanks to everyone who helped in their time of need could be sent out.

Diners' Club

Area seniors are invited to the Diners' Club turkey dinner to be held on Dec. 15, at the Martintown Community Centre.

Entertainment in the form of Christmas music will be provided by members of the Cornwall-based Centennial Choir.

The Martintown Women's Institute will provide Christmas goodies for purchasing at a bake table.

Reservations for the dinner must be made by Dec. 14 by calling Glengarry Outreach at 347-1175.

Duplicate Bridge

The Scots were all winners at the Martintown Duplicate Bridge held at the Martintown Community Centre on St. Andrew's Day, Nov. 30.

Music from Scotland set the mood as the following people took the high road:

North/South, 1. Jim and Jean Campbell, 2. Jane McTroop and Margaret McHamlett, 3. Joyce McMadden and Estelle McBrazeau.

East/West: 1. Marg and Sam McWolynec, 2. Elsie MacLeod and Helen MacLeod, 3. Audrey McPasco and Barbara McRoss.

As you can see, liberties have been taken with the names, and I only give out what is dished up to me! It was fitting for the Campbells to place first, with the club's original Scot, Margaret Hamlett, coming in second along with the MacLeod ladies.

All other winners claimed some Scottish ancestry, though there was a MacLeod, a MacDougall a McDonell and a McLeod who didn't quite make it to the top of the list. Funny no mention of the McRoulstons either.

The Martintown Duplicate Bridge Club will hold a Christmas lunch on Dec. 21, beginning at noon.

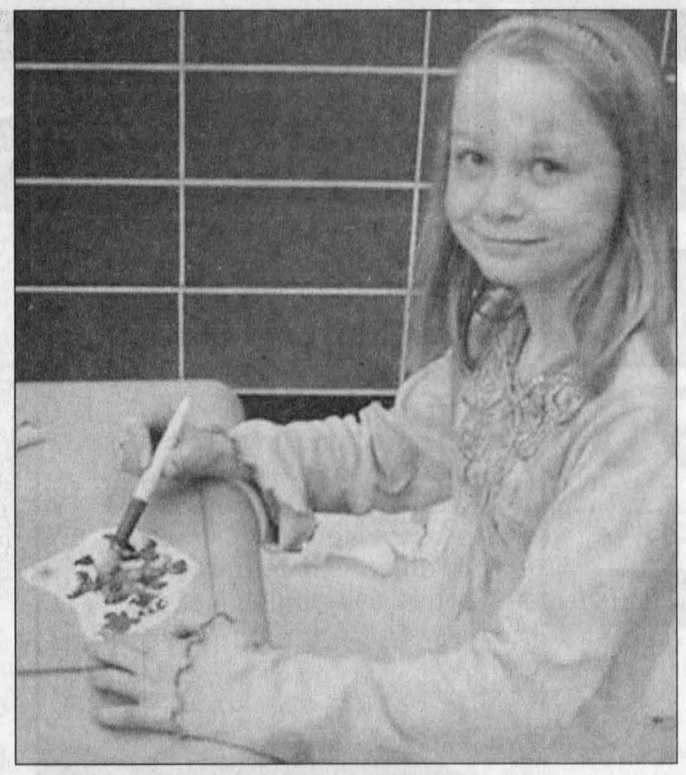
The menu will be ham and beans, a repeat of a good tradition from past years, and not to be missed. Bridge, as usual, will follow.

The cost is $8 and all proceeds and additional donations will go to the Agape food bank in Cornwall.

Party Bridge

The winners of the Party Bridge held at the Martintown Community Centre on Monday, Dec. 6 were Larry Downs, Mary Milne and Margaret Kennedy.

Next Monday, Dec. 13, a catered lunch will draw bridge players in for 11:30 a.m., followed by a Christmas bridge.

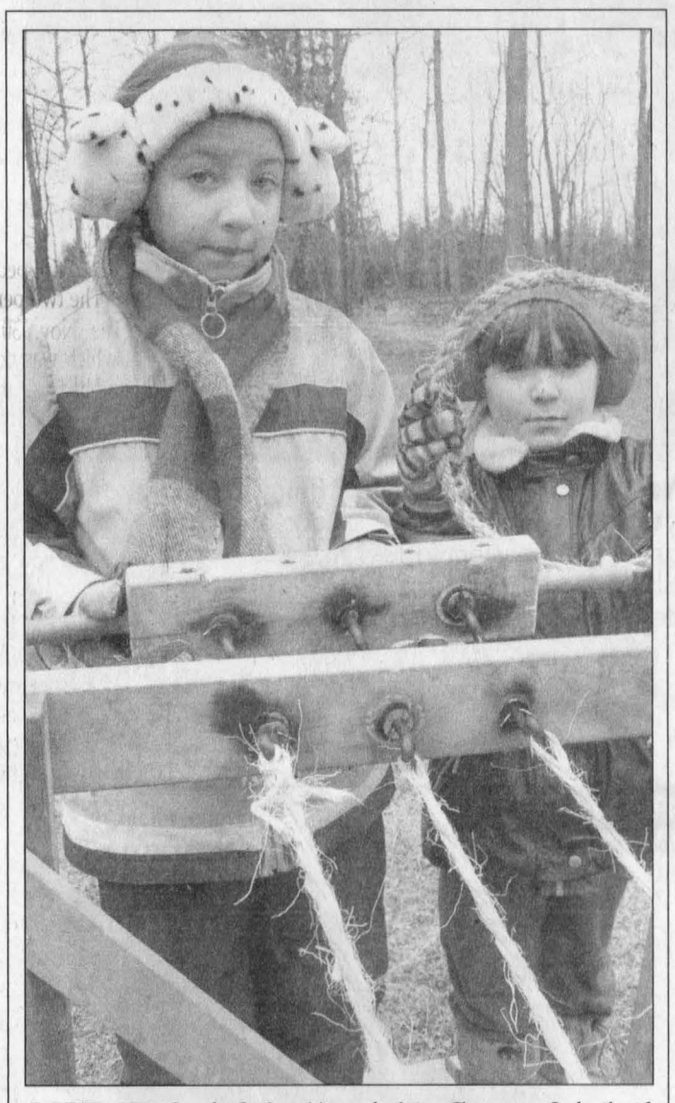


YULETIDE CHEER: Martintown Public School student Kelsey MacDougall made this Christmas craft on Dec. 3. SUBMITTED PHOTO

BUSINESS BEAT

After working at a Cornwall automobile dealership for the last four years, Alexandria resident Linda Lavigne has come home to work.

Mrs. Lavigne has accepted a position with Titley Chev-Olds, located on SDG 34 just south of Alexandria.



ROPED UP: Sarah Craig, 11, and sister Chyenne, 9, both of Williamstown, participated in a rope-making exercise at a maple syrup workshop at Sand Road Sugar Camp on Saturday, Nov. 27. STEVEN WARBURTON PHOTO



BAKE SALE: Alexandria's Bank of Montreal held a bake sale in its branch on Dec. 3 as a benefit for the United Way of Stromont, Dundas, and Glengarry. Branch manager Lori Lalonde and United Way volunteer Lynn Gauthier helped sell dozens of cookies, pies, and cakes throughout the day. The sale raised $416.50 for the United Way. STEVEN WARBURTON PHOTO

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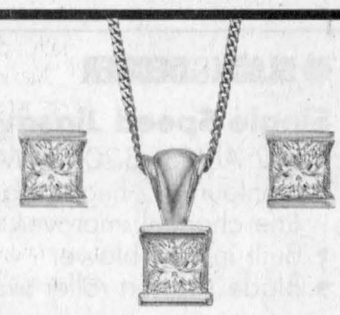

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Sports Briefs

Girls' basketball

Glengarry captured the SDG girls' basketball championship last week going unbeaten in three games during a playoff tournament in Cornwall.

They beat Tagwi 21-5, Russell 10-7 and St. Joseph's 21-19 (final game).

Other scores included: St. Joseph's vs Char-Lan 12, Russell 12 vs General Vanier 4, St. Joseph's 16 vs La Citadelle 7, Char-Lan 18 vs La Citadelle 10, Tagwi 31 vs General Vanier 10, North Dundas 28 vs Rothwell Osnabruck 8, St. Lawrence 17 vs Holy Trinity 2, Rothwell Osnabruck 19 vs Holy Trinity 7 and North Dundas 22 vs St. Lawrence 12.

Peewee B Rebels

The Creg Quay Marina Char-Lan peewee B Rebels are undefeated in their past five league games.

Recently the team has had success defeating Akwesasne 3-2, Ogdensburg 10-4, NGS 10-2 and Cornwall 8-0. They have also tied South Grenville 3-3.

Durign those games Eric Ming led the attack with nine goals and eight assists.

Ramsey Wheeler and Taylor Eamon each recorded four goals and four assists.

Nelson Cecereu had four markers and one assist, Jonathan Pidgeon collected three goals and five assists, Kyle MacDougall and Kevin Veilleux each had two goals and five assists, MacKenzie Roy had two goals and four assists, Parker Payette scored once and handed out five assists, Duncan MacDonald had five assists, Cody Taylor had two goals and two assists while Jason Rose and Pat Leblanc each had two assists.

Richard Guillet and Robbie Chapman were solid in goal.

Midget B Braves

The major midget B NGS Braves scored on a late breakaway to defeat South Stormont Selects on Dec. 2.

The goal came from Colin Blaney with six minutes left.

Patrick Poirier opened the scoring for NGS to erase a 1-0 Selects' lead.

Mathan McDonald gave NGS a 2-1 lead late in the first period.

Playing down six skaters against four late in the game, NGS goaltender Jeremy MacLaine shut the door to preserve the win.

Peewee B # 2

The Alexandria peewee B # 2 Glens split a pair of games this past weekend.

On Saturday in Vankleek Hill they lost to the first place team 3-1 as Jeremie Poirier scored the lone Glens' goal.

At home on Sunday against Alexandria # 1 the # 2 Glens won 5-1.

Poirier scored three times in the win while singles went to Julien Ouimet and Isaac Meldrum.

Ryan Seguin had two strong performances in goal.

Atom C Glens

The Alexandria atom C Glens played back-to-back games this weekend against Akwesasne.

On Saturday they lost 2-1 and at home on Sunday they tied 2-2.

All three Glens' goals were scored by Kevin Poirier with strong goaltending coming from Mathieu Carriere.

Midget B Glens

The Alexandria midget B Glens are on a seven-game winning streak.

In their most recent game the Glens defeated Akwesasne by a convincing 7-0 score.

Shawn Borris led the way with three goals in the win.

Corey Willard, Julien Delorme, Corey Poulin and Adam St. Denis also scored in the win.

On Nov. 25 the Glens defeated Morrisburg 3-1.

Andrew Lapointe was solid in goal as Julien Chenier, Adam St. Denis and Curtis Lapierre all found the back of the net.

Two days later in Kemptville the Glens played what could very well have been their best game of the season.

Scott Cameron, St. Denis, Chenier, Corey Poulin and Jason Doucet scored in a 5-0 win.

Lapointe posted the shutout.

The following day the Glens destroyed visiting Akwesasne 9-3.

Jean-Francois Menard led the way with two goals and three assists in the win.

Cameron had two goals and an assist while Marc-Andre Demers had a goal and three assists.

Delorme, Marc Bourbonnais, Corey Willard and Lapierre rounded out the scoring. Chad Besner was in goal for the win.

Maxville Mustangs under new ownership

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

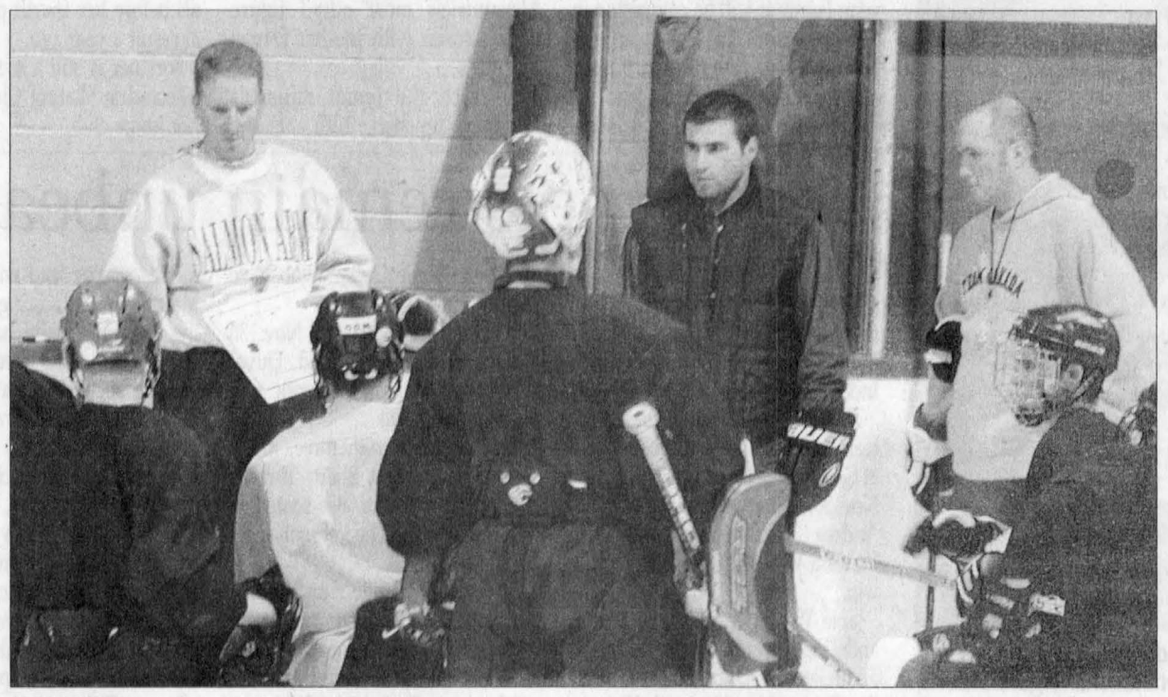
Another chapter was added to the junior C Maxville Mustangs whirlwind season last week.

Shortly before practice on Dec. 1 the local five-man ownership group sold the club to an Ottawa man.

Trevor Jacquard, 35, purchased the club from Andre Paquette, Kevin Lalonde, Robert Rolland, Harry Lalonde Jr. and Ricky Hebert. The deal happened just before 7:30 p.m., minutes before the club's practice. No financial details concerning the sale were released.

With the Mustangs sitting in the Eastern Ontario Junior C Hockey League basement and having already gone through a change of their entire coaching staff earlier this year, Jacquard (president of CM Group in Ottawa) figures he can spin things around in Maxville.

"It's going to be a big learning curve but I'm going to listen to the folks who've been there for a while. It's all kind of foreign to me but I understand it can be very political (owning a hockey team) but it can be really fun too. I have some friends in the business and we're going to brainstorm out some strategies. We want to switch things back to the positive. We want results on and off the ice. We're going to help the program. We want to get life back into the organization."



WHO'S THE NEW GUY?: The Maxville Mustangs took a timeout during their practice on Dec. 1 to introduce their new owner Trevor Jacquard, centre standing. Jacquard announced he will keep head coach Kevin Lalonde and assistant Ian Henderson, to his left and right respectively, on staff. Jacquard is hoping to help turn around the fortunes of the Mustangs who currently hold down last place in the Eastern Ontario Junior C Hockey League standings.
TODD ANDERSON PHOTO

Paquette said it was tough to let the ownership go but at the same time he's expecting Jacquard to do a good job.

"It was tough because I enjoyed owning the team here," said Paquette who lives in Maxville.

"We worked very hard for that team but the opportunity to sell came up and it will relieve us of some big commitments. Now we can focus more on the team."

Jacquard was most impressed with the location of the club and said there are no plans to move the team.

"They will definitely stay in Maxville. I bought the team because of the environment there. It's a bigger venue than we could have here (in Ottawa). What piqued my interested was where the team was and the interest and support shown from the community. I have no intention of moving the team. I appreciate what the people of Maxville have done with the team so far. They're all volunteers. We're going to try and find the right formula now."

While Jacquard is the sole owner of the club, he expects to receive help from several friends during his stay in Maxville.

Jacquard expected to bring in some friends on Saturday to oversee the process on game night. He also has several other contacts, including former NHL Montreal Canadiens draft pick Steve Bisson (his brother-in-law) and former Ontario Hockey League player Jake Linklighter, to come in and run clinics. Jacquard's brother Jay, of Rockland, is also expected to help out.

Jacquard became interested in the Maxville franchise last year when the team was sold by the Maxville and District Lion's Club. Kevin Lalonde initially purchased the club but welcomed the other four local men as part of the former ownership group shortly afterwards.

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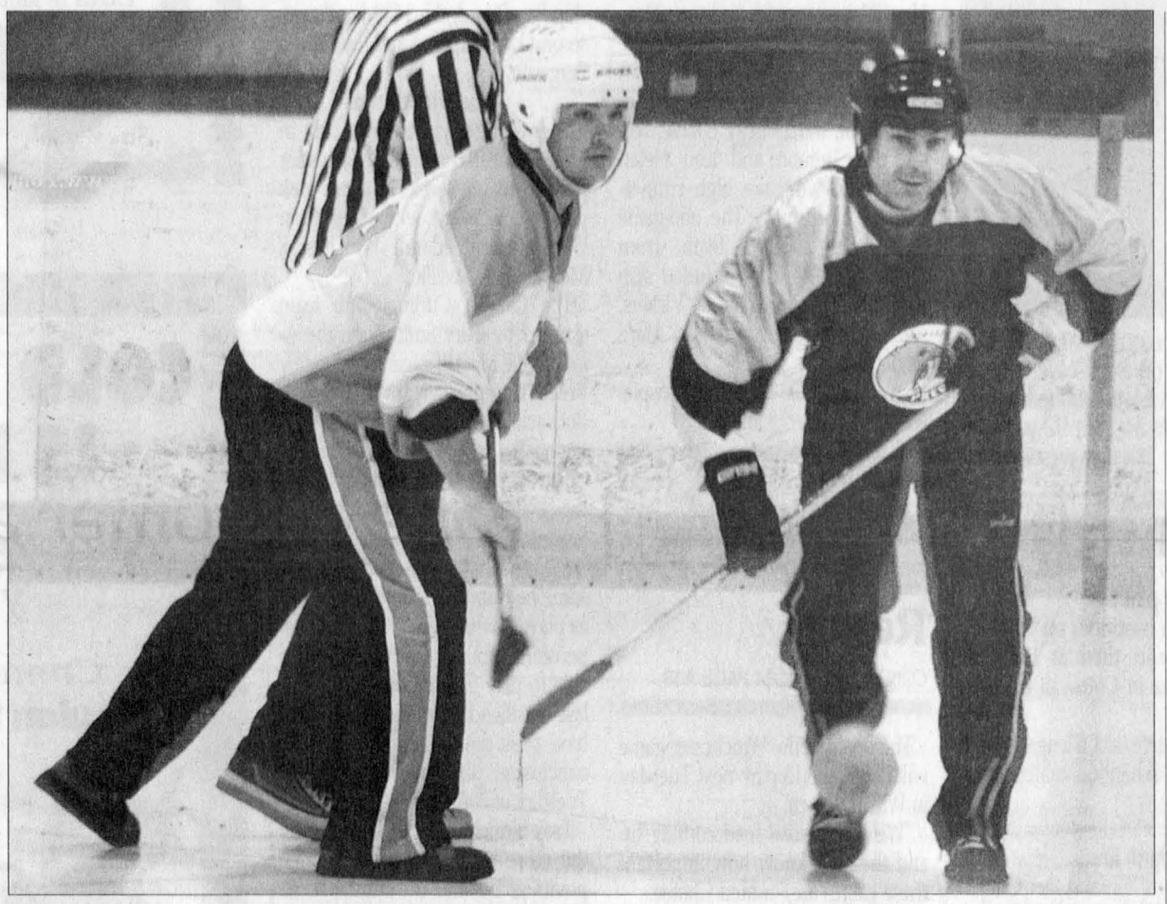

GOAL SCORERS: Lacombe's Custom Work captain Roch Lacombe, left, and Matco Masters Lee Lachance both scored in a 2-1 Matco win on Sunday in North Glengarry Men's Broomball League action. It was Matco's third win of the season. See story on page A14.
TODD ANDERSON PHOTO

Glens-73s in tight race for first

ALEXANDRIA JUNIOR B GLENS

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

A busy weekend resulted in the St. Lawrence division-leading Alexandria Glens taking home four of six points.

The lone blemish was a 7-1 loss to the host Kemptville 73s Sunday night. After a slow start the 73s now sit just two points behind Alexandria in the standings and have two games in hand.

As the Glens face off with Winchester and Akwesasne this week head coach Raymond Lavergne suggested nothing will be settled in the division until the end of the regular season.

"We're fighting hard with all of them. It'll take until the last weekend to see who finishes where. All the games are tough."

The Glens continue to hold down first place despite having a revolving door for players who keep popping in and out of the lineup. Only 11 skaters made it to Kemptville on Sunday.

"It's hard to add players rights now because everyone has a spot or they're not playing because of school commitments," said Lavergne.

"I'm still working on it. I'm doing my best."

The Glens did add two defencemen (they've been playing with just four defencemen the past couple of weeks) at the Dec. 1 roster deadline.

Chris Mifflen, who's playing with Smiths Falls in the Central Junior A Hockey League, was signed to a junior B card. He will continue to play with Smiths Falls as an affiliate until Jan. 10, then he will play five more games as an affiliate (as per league rules) and then be a full-time Glens player. In the meantime he'll suit-up occasionally in Alexandria, he's expected to play this Saturday. Mifflen was the Glens rookie of the year last season.



HE'S BACK: The Alexandria Glens got some much needed help when they signed 2003-04 team rookie of the year Chris Mifflen last week. The defenceman will play sparingly in Alexandria as he continues to skate with the junior A Smiths Falls club as an affiliate.
TODD ANDERSON PHOTO

The Glens also added former Vankleek Hill junior C defenceman Martin Lortie, a 20-year-old from Bourget.

"He's a defensive defenceman," said Lavergne after watching him play for the first time last weekend.

"At first I noticed he's not too fast but he's always in a position where he's not going to get burned. His first pass seems to always be on the tape too. He didn't play bad for not being on the ice for a month."

On Friday Lortie made his debut for Alexandria against Athens.

Glens 5 Aeros 1

According to Lavergne his team "did just enough to win the game."

Lavergne said he was okay with that however as most inter-division games lack intensity and with another two games coming up in following nights, saving some energy may have been a good idea anyway.

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Busy week for Rebels

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

The next few days will be very, very important for the Char-Lan Rebels.

Starting Friday the St. Lawrence division's fifth placed team plays four games in five days. It's time to make up all those games in hand and it couldn't come in much more of a flurry.

Actually, next Tuesday's game will include just two periods and the Rebels will be given a 3-0 lead before the puck is even dropped.

The two periods will be played to finish the Nov. 30 game against Winchester which was postponed after the first period because of a malfunction with the zamboni which caused a deep cut into the ice.

In other matches the Rebels will face Morrisburg on Friday night, Kemptville on Saturday (at home) and Westport Sunday (at home).

With injuries and suspensions stemming from last week's brawl with Alexandria it was a tough week for the Rebels. Their fortunes didn't get any better with more injuries surfacing.

Some of the Rebels' injury woes which continued last weekend included: Eric Lemire (badly bruised knee, day-to-day), Pat Lemay (checked into boards, dizziness, will not play this weekend), Nathan Poitras (badly bruised shoulder, could play this weekend), Joshua Legue (ankle, tried to play Sunday but undressed after first period, day-to-day), Addison Pelkey (upperbody, could play this weekend).

Adding to the lack of depth was the fact that head coach Eric Fontaine, Jordan Johnston, Justin McCourt and Jordan Reasbeck all missed action due to suspension.

"It's been like a patchwork lineup the last couple of weeks with suspensions and injuries," said Chafee.

"It's very frustrating, especially because we're fighting for the final playoff spot and we're not far out of it."

They did manage to pick up one of their biggest wins of the year on Sunday though.

Rebels 9 Wolves 5

Most of the Rebels were back in the lineup Sunday night and the timing couldn't have been any better.

The Rebels used a total team effort to get past the Akwesasne Wolves 9-5. The Wolves currently have a five point edge over Char-Lan for the final playoff spot in the division so the win was very important.

"That was a big win for us last night," said Chafee.

"We're trying to catch up. It's important for us not to fall too far behind especially with the games in hand that we have."

Steve Jarvo and Derek Crawford each scored two goals in the win while singles went to Pat, Lemay, Eric Lemire, Derek Duval, Julian Moffat and Troy Sinfield.

"Jarvo's goal was absolutely beautiful on Sunday," said Chafee of the Rebels' sniper who returned from a shoulder injury last week.

"It was one of those highlight type goals where he turns the defenceman inside out then goes in and scores. He adds such an offensive dimension for us."

Chafee added that he's also been impressed with the play of Moffat of late.

Duval also handed out two assists.

Corey Thomas, Trevin Thompson, Tyler Maxwell, Geoff Winchester and Drew Baker scored for the Wolves.

Brian O'Shaughnessy was a winner over Jeff McIntyre in goal.

A day earlier a dismantled Rebels' roster walked into the home of the Rideau division's first place team.

Rangers 9 Rebels 4

With head coach Eric Fontaine suspended and assistant Corey Payment (playing with Cornwall Comets) and Frank Hincks (family commitments in North Bay) unavailable, Chafee stood behind the bench and coached.

He brought former Char-Lan minor hockey coach and junior B Rebels' right-winger Chris Eamon along for the ride. Eamon, a resident of Bayview Estates near Cornwall was signed to a B card before the game.

"He attends most of the games and he has a feel of the styles of each player," said Chafee.

"It was an easy fit. That was my first loss as a coach though as a fill-in over the years. I think I have one tie and three wins before that."

Still Chafee was impressed with the effort of those who were there.

"We were missing (Ryan) Major and (Jordan) Reasbeck. When Ryan is out we miss someone who plays so well defensively. He's such a leader. Jordan also has a lot of experience on defence. We had three affiliates and it's a tough job to play against a first place team."

Affiliates Brent VanLoon, Kyle Laframboise, Charlie Laplante and Rhys Paquette were all called up because of suspensions to Rebels' regulars.

"At one point we only had Nathan as a regular available on defence and he had a cracked blade," said Chafee.

The Rebels fell behind early trailing 4-1 after 20 minutes.

The fought back in the second and headed into the third down 5-3.

The Rangers put the game out of reach in the final period for a 9-4 final.

Julian Moffat, Brett Chisholm, Pat Lemay and Troy Sinfield scored for the Rebels.

Adam Lawrence, Eric Selleck and Steven Fuhr each had two goals for the Rangers while singles went to Matt Bailey, Brandon Kelly and Julien Francis.

Tim Potter was a winner over Anthony Fricchione, who was pulled in favour of O'Shaughnessy with 8:02 remaining in the first period.

Rebels notes:

This weekend will be very busy for the Char-Lan Rebels.

On Friday night the Rebels travel to Morrisburg for an 8:15 p.m. start.

On Saturday the Rebels host the Kemptville 73s starting at 7:45 p.m.

On Sunday the Rebels host the Westport Rideaus for an afternoon tilt beginning at 2:45 p.m.

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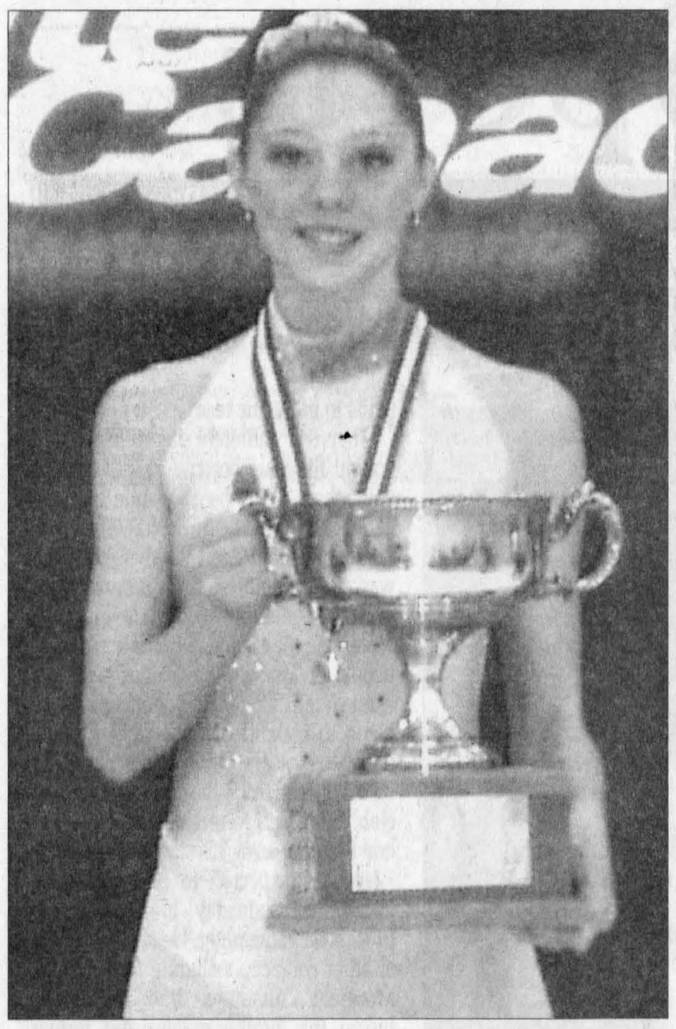

ON THE PODIUM: North Lancaster resident Tara Forstner is hoping to finish in the top five at the Junior National Figure Skating championship coming up in Quebec City. Forstner is pictured with her trophy for finishing first at the sectionals in Port Perry earlier this year. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Forstner hoping for top five

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

Tara Forstner is hoping for another top five finish at the junior nationals figure skating championship.

The event, which is held on Feb. 2 to 5 will be in Quebec City this year. Forstner will be competing in the championships for a second year in a row. She finished fourth at the nationals last year.

"I want to try and up my routine a bit," she said Monday from her Pierrefonds home.

"I want to possibly put another triple in. My goal would be to finish in the top five."

Tara, 15 and her mother Sue have moved to Pierrefonds this season to live while one of Alexandria's most gifted figure skaters trains with teacher Daniel Beland.

To reach the junior nationals Forstner finished 10th at the regionals held in Mississauga at the Hershey Centre last weekend.

In the sectionals she finished first in Port Perry.

Forstner is competing in the novice division, the same division she competed in last year.

She finished ninth in the regionals before her fourth place national result a year ago.

Forstner is still a member of the Alexandria Skating Club, which is her home club.

Northerners remain unbeaten

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

The Northerners remain the only unbeaten team in the Alexandria Indoor Soccer League.

The ladies' division's first place team knocked off Glen Sandfield 6-3 at Glengarry District High School on Nov. 30. Laine McDonell with three, Andrea Blaine with two and Vanessa VanSleeuwen scored in the win.

Janie Westgate, Stephanie Seguin and Tina Dewar scored in defeat.

VanSleeuwen continues to lead the division in scoring with 17 goals. McDonell is tied for second with Atlantic teammates Leanne Duval and Lynn-Marie Duhart who have 15 goals each.

In the other match on Nov. 30 Duhart scored three and Duval scored two in a 12-1 Atlantic win over Vankleek Hill.

Lynn Montroy with three, Kristy Kennedy with two, Sherri Thomas and Kelly Lavigueur also scored in the win. Jacynthe Theoret replied for Vankleek Hill.

On Dec. 2 Atlantic shut out the Springers 4-0. Lavigueur and Duval each potted a pair of goals.

Men's division

Atlantic continues to lead the way after doubling the Hellfish on Dec. 2.

Brian Cameron broke open a tie for the scoring lead with teammate Marc Seguin by scoring five goals in the 8-4 win. Seguin had the other three. They now have 14 and 12 goals respectively. Dan MacPherson ranks third in league scoring with nine after a three-goal performance in the loss. Donald McDougald had the other Hellfish goal.

In the other match Glen Nevis edged Lochiel 6-5 to remain ahead of them for second place.

Mike Buhr led the way with three goals in the win while Emile and Thomas Booyink each potted singles.

Jeremy Dubeau scored three goals in the loss while Travis Giroux and Mike MacKinnon added singles.



AND THE WINNER IS...: GDHS teacher Linda Burgess. She is the lucky winner of the quilt raffled off as a fundraiser by the GDHS girls' hockey team for their trip to Europe. Making the draw on Dec. 1 were, from left, team managers Alexa Winkewicz, Emma English, Scotiabank manager Martine Laviolette and team captain Mary Jane O'Shea. The quilt was made and donated by Kathleen Lowe of Metcalfe and her 92-year-old aunt Marg Given. Mrs. Lowe is the mother of the team's coach, Dwayne Lowe. KRISTINA WILSON PHOTO

Local curling activity

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

The Lancaster Curling Club hosted a Ladies Invitational bonspiel on Nov. 30 as part of St. Andrew's Day.

Eight teams competed in the event. The two-game high winners was Alexandria. The team included skip Joan Ryan, third Peggy Lafave, second Pat Tetrault and lead Helen MacLeod. Two-game high runner-up was Morrisburg. The one-game high was another team from Alexandria. The team included skip Barb Darling, third Linda Vickers, second Diane Riley and lead Marg Yagilashek.

The Lancaster Business Bonspiel was held on Dec. 3 and 4.

15 teams participated in the event which was won by Cornwall Industrial Mach and Fab Ltd.

The team included: skip Taff Pye, third Don Marsh, second Heather Marsh and lead Elaine Pye.

Runner-up was Munro and Morris Funeral Home. The team included: skip Ray Picard, third Shirley Picard, second Lyn Bergeron and lead Gwen Bergeron.

Zone playdowns

The Glengarry Curling Club in Maxville hosted zone 1 OCA senior playdowns last week. 11 teams took part in the event with clubs from Ottawa, Cumberland, Winchester, Metcalf and Maxville.

The Ottawa Curling Club team skipped by Gary Smith won the A-side while Metcalf's team skipped by Bruce Campbell won the B-side. Both clubs have qualified for the regionals.

The Maxville teams participating in the event were skipped by Bill Sobering and Elwynn McDonnell.

Girls' hockey in Williamstown today

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

The Charlottenburgh Recreation Centre will be hosting a SDG high school girls' hockey tournament today.

The tournament kicks off with Glengarry meeting Heritage at 8 a.m.

The day continues with Char-Lan vs Tagwi (9 a.m.), CCVS vs Glengarry (10 a.m.), Heritage vs Tagwi (11 a.m.), La Citadelle vs Char-Lan (12 p.m.), St. Joseph's vs CCVS (1 p.m.), Char-Lan vs General Vanier (2 p.m.) and St. Joseph's vs Glengarry (3 p.m.).

The season continues on Jan. 4 in Alexandria and then at the Bob Turner Arena in Cornwall on Feb. 16.

Char-Lan defeated Glengarry last week in an exhibition match by a score of 7-3.

Glens

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The Glens led 2-0 after 20 minutes and 4-1 after two periods before winning 5-1.

Pierre-Paul Deceour, Louis Brisson, Chris VanOverbeek, Jami Jean Louis and Julian Machabee scored in the win.

Jean Louis, Jeremy Ryan and Patrice Brunet each had two assists.

James Brown scored the lone Aeros' goal midway through the second period.

Michel Bouchard was a winner over Ryan Shecter.

One night later the Glens' offence was on full display during a one-sided victory over Morrisburg.

Glens 9 Lions 3

It was an outstanding night for several Glens' shooters.

Nick Adam, Brunet and affiliate J.F. Menard teamed up to score a total of 12 points as Adam scored three goals and an assist, Brunet had a goal and five assists and J.F. Menard scored his first junior B goal and added an assist.

"That line was good," said Lavergne.

"They played well together. I had Adam with Brisson and Marc-Andre Fournier. Fournier and Adam are both left shots so I had to make a switch. They just have to click against the big teams now."

Defenceman Mathieu Hebert handed out five assists in the victory while Jamie Jean Louis scored twice and singles went to Deceour and Ryan.

Machabee and VanOverbeek each handed out two assists.

Lavergne said Jean Louis and Hebert are thriving with extra ice time.

"Hebert is small but he plays tough for his size. He's doing a lot for us. Jean Louis has a helluva shot and whenever he hits the net there's always a chance he'll score."

Pat McLeod, Mike Carbino and Jordan Scheffer scored for Morrisburg.

Charles Lavigne was a winner over Andrew Pearson in goal.

The game seemed to turn in Alexandria's favour in the second period after the Morrisburg coach pulled a weird stunt.

With the score tied 1-1 after the opening frame the Lions' players stayed on the bench in between periods while the zamboni flooded the ice.

"They were a different team after that," admitted Lavergne.

The Lions started the game with their backup goaltender after starter Matt VanEgmond was injured during warm-up.

On Sunday the Glens ran into a tough Kemptville team who's vastly improved since opening day with the additions of new skaters.

73s 6 Glens 1

Only Louis Brisson was able to spoil Mats Baribeau's shutout bid with 3:48 remaining. The rest of the game it was all Kemptville.

Tyler Rasa with two, Anthony Rocheleau, B.J. Smelser, Mike Byrd and Tommy Black scored in the 6-1 win.

Baribeau won over Bouchard.

The game marked Mifflen's debut for Alexandria this season. He assisted Brisson's tally.

"We played well considering we only had 11 skaters," said Lavergne.

"That's not an excuse but we were getting tired after playing three games. One time in the second period we were all over them but we just couldn't score. They have a real good, big, fast team. We'll see how we do against them when we have a full team."

Glens notes:

This weekend the Glens host the Akwesasne Wolves on Friday night starting at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday the Glens travel to Winchester for an 8:15 p.m. start with the Hawks.

The Glens released Montreal's Alexandre Bargola on the Dec. 1 deadline. Bargola, a forward, asked to be released after being offered a position on the fourth line.

Former Glens' forward Pier Olivier Mouton has been signed by the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League's Acadie Bathurst Titans.

The Glens' received more bad news stemming from the brawl with Char-Lan two weekends ago. Simon Langevin received an additional game to his four-game suspension because he left the players' bench.

While Brisson (captain) and Brunet (assistant) continue to wear letters on their shirts, Adam and VanOverbeek wore 'As' on Saturday. Lavergne said he's unsure of who will wear the 'As' on a permanent basis just yet. He is impressed with VanOverbeek's breakout season however.

"He's proud to be with us. He sat quite a bit the last two years. This year he improved a lot and he's getting the ice time. He's producing. I took a chance offering what I did to him. He's winning most of his battles."

Adam (school), Ryan (school), Deceour (finger injury), Jean Phillippe Bourgeois (work), Pat Dore (sick) and Langevin (suspension) all didn't play Sunday in Kemptville.

"We'll see how we do against them when we have a full roster," said Lavergne.

According to Lavergne several teams showed displeasure with new rules concerning fighting at the junior B meeting last Thursday.

League president John Shorrey asked clubs to try out the new rules until the next meeting towards the Jan. 10 roster deadline.

New rules will include giving players extra game suspensions for each of instigating fights and aggressor penalties (not stopping when the referee asks players to).

The Glens and Kemptville 73s have qualified for this year's Boxing Day tournament which will be held in Westport.

"It's good for the kids," said Lavergne.

"It's good experience to see other teams and how we compete with them. The only thing is so many guys are gone because of holidays."

Rebels

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The finale of the Winchester game will begin at 8:15 p.m. next Tuesday in Williamstown.

"We have a real load coming up and the boys know how important these games are," added Chafee.

"We have to come up with a bigger effort."

Jordan Johnston will miss the next two games as he got into a fight with Akwesasne's Thomas seconds after the Wolves' forward opened the scoring for his team Sunday. Johnston received an aggressor penalty and it was his fifth major of the year. He got one game suspension for each offence.

The shortened game against Winchester last week had some controversy to it as no one knew how it would be settled before the junior B meeting last week. The Rebels have to be happy with the decision to commence the game at the start of the second period with the score 3-0 in their favour. The were also given some help in the depth department as players who were sitting out suspensions against Winchester were able to play Saturday or Sunday of last weekend. Those players will have to sit out the remainder of the conclusion of that game next Tuesday of course.

Troy Sinfield must be quite happy the score stood up. He has three points going into the third period. He scored and assisted on goals from Brett Chisholm and Eric Lemire.

Chafee said this has been a different year when it comes to testing out affiliates.

"We've have good looks at our midgets this year. We've seen about 10 of them. They'll all be fighting for a job next year and at least this year has given the coaches a better idea of what to expect."

The Rebels signed junior A Cornwall Colts captain Pat Turcotte to a B card last week. Chafee is hoping the former Ontario Hockey League players, who's returning from an injury, will be able to suit up with Char-Lan this week as part of his rehabilitation program.

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Mustangs lose three more but help is on the way

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

The Maxville Mustangs nearly pulled off an upset Sunday in Rockland but came away with no points after three weekend games.

Help is on the way however as the Mustangs, who announced new ownership last week (see story on page A13), dealt the rights to disgruntled defenceman J.R. Besner to East Ottawa last week for Alex Gray and Kyle Vandeloo. Neither player was in the lineup last weekend but they're expected to be at practice this week.

Mustangs' assistant coach Ian Henderson said despite the weekend losses, some positives came out of a new system which was implemented during the games.

The system essentially involves the wingers skating up and down the boards while the centre steers the opposing forward into either forechecking winger.

"After this weekend the boys have realized we have a system that works. Now they are willing to adopt it. Proof is the results on Friday and Sunday when we used it and Saturday when we didn't. We had some bad calls that could've cost us some games this weekend. We just have to stay out of the box now."

The Mustangs had two minor penalties called against them in the final five minutes Sunday in a game which they nearly pulled off their second win, or at least their second tie, against Rockland.

Nats 4 Mustangs 3

Despite icing only 11 skaters the Mustangs played under a new system implemented by the coaches and kept pace with host Rockland Nats.

According to Henderson the system was abandoned for part of the game however and that's what cost his team.

"They did it to a 'T' in the first period and then got away from it for about the first five minutes in the second. That's when Rockland scored three quick goals. We calmed back down and it finished 4-3."

Still Henderson and head coach Kevin Lalonde were pleased with the effort Sunday.

"We were extremely proud of the boys on Sunday. That was the best game I've seen them play this year. Everyone was working hard and staying upbeat."

Jonathan Bray, Ryan Villeneuve and affiliate David Hoar scored in the loss for Maxville.

Rockland got goals from Ghislain Hotte, Alex Bernard, Marc Fleurant and Adrian Oliver in the win.

J.F. Gignac was a winner over a busy Maxim Bergeron in goal.

"Max was picked player of the game from our team," said Henderson.

"He played a good positional game and he was very focussed. He faced quite a few shots and one of the goals he was completely screened on."

A day earlier the Mustangs were humbled on home ice by the first place Casselman team.

Stars 9 Mustangs 1

Jonathan Bray spoiled Louis Phillippe Raymond's shutout bid with 14 minutes left in the game.



SEASON OF GIVING: Maxville Mustangs' assistant captain Steven Stewart was in an unselfish mood on Friday in Embrun as he assisted on both of his team's goals. TODD ANDERSON PHOTO

That was the only bright spot on another bad home night for the Mustangs.

Casselman got goals from Jonathan Desnoyers with three, Ben Walkowiak with two, Andre Neveu with two, Brandon Draper and Marc Mainville in the win.

"We didn't play into our system and we ran into some penalty trouble," said Henderson.

"You can't do that against Casselman. The boys were also tired from Friday night and it showed. We played our system on Friday and Sunday and those games were close."

Raymond was a winner over Jacob Rodrigue in goal.

On Friday the Mustangs fell to second place Embrun 5-2 in Embrun.

Panthers 5 Mustangs 2

It was affiliate Jacob Benton leading the way with a two-goal performance for Maxville. Unfortunately that's all the scoring they would get.

Embrun got goals from Mathieu Roy with three, Greg Quinn and Nick Krumins in the victory.

Henderson likes what he sees out of young Benton.

"He played the best game of the year for us Friday night. On his second goal he showed good patience and that's a sign that he's gaining confidence in this league."

Ben Boisvert won over Rodrigue in goal.

Mustangs notes:

This weekend the Mustangs host the Embrun Panthers on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday they travel to St. Isidore for a 7:30 p.m. start against the Eagles.

Alex Gray is from Cornwall, where he played AA hockey growing up. He also skated with the junior B Morrisburg Lions.

Vandeloo is from Whitby and according to Henderson "he's a craft centre". Whitby also played junior B hockey, while living in Whitby.

Both are attending school in Ottawa.

Captain Shane O'Brien receive a three-game suspension on Saturday vs Casselman after slashing their assistant captain Samuel Raymond.

Raymond was left screaming on the ice after O'Brien's two-hander to the back of the legs kept the talented forward out for the remainder of the game.

"Shane knew that it wasn't a smart play and apologized to us for doing it, but that doesn't help the fact that he's gone for at least 3 games," said Henderson.

Defenceman Ryan Crawford missed Saturday's game after fighting in the final 10 minutes on Friday.

NGS juvenile affiliate Josh Harrison, a defenceman, played on Saturday.

"He played very well," said Henderson.

"He had a couple of big hits and he kept it simple."

At the Dec. 1 roster deadline the Mustangs released Dale Ferguson, Pierre Lacombe, Swantanon Skidders, Thomas Mondoux and Andre Curotte.

General manager Andre Paquette said Lacombe would be signed if the former captain decided to rejoin the team.

Paquette also said he expects to have a former junior B player from London at practice on Wednesday. He's also looking into the possibility of affiliating five or six players available from the Seaway Valley AA major midget team.

Mustangs

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"I was doing some research but I stepped back when I heard a group was interested in the club," said Jacquard of his initial desire to purchase the Mustangs.

"I started to get interested again and through talking with Ian (Henderson, the Mustangs' assistant coach) I got pretty excited about it. I thought about maybe lending a hand."

Jacquard has known Henderson, who's a former junior C player himself, for three years as a business associate at CM Group.

Jacquard said he had been conversing with Kevin Lalonde, who is also head coach of the Mustangs, for about a month before the sale was made.

He met with Lalonde and general manager Andre Paquette for the first time on Dec. 1.

While Jacquard took to the ice to help with drills during the club's first formal event under his ownership, he expects to leave the development of players up to the coaching staff from now on.

"I'll leave that up to Kevin and Ian and I'll bring out other specialists. I hope to add some new scouts and another assistant coach too. It's also nice to have a guy like Andre around. He has a vast knowledge about the league."

Paquette has been associated with the team ever since the Mustangs joined the league six years ago.

Jacquard said he didn't have any key people in mind to fill the scouting or assistant coaching positions and had no immediate plan as to when those spots would be filled. While he gets adjusted to the team he expects to attend most of the Mustangs games, home or away.

"Once you get in the arenas the blood starts flowing again. I thought I could be hidden but it's too exciting to watch the team's development and growth. I can't wait to see things become more positive."

Jacquard, who's married, was born in Pembroke and played hockey in the Ottawa Valley while growing up. Among the teams he played for were the Renfrew Timberwolves and Buckingham (now Gatineau Voisins) in the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League.



MAKING A MOVE: Glengarry Gaels' forward Shonna Atchison makes a move against a Akwesasne Stars' player in her teams 6-0 win on Sunday in Cornwall Indoor Soccer League women's division one action. Glengarry leads the division with a record of 8-1-0. TODD ANDERSON PHOTO

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Bantam B Glens defeat rivals in tournament final

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

The Alexandria bantam B Glens picked up a tournament win on home turf Nov. 20 beating rival Char-Lan in the final 3-2.

Down 2-1 after the first period the Glens tied the game up in the second and Derek Ravary gave them the win when he scored with five minutes remaining in the contest.

Chad Borris and Joshua Lapierre had the other Glens' goals.

Paul Martel had a goal and an assist for Char-Lan while Kevin McLeod added the other goal.

Char-Lan dominated the final and has been unstoppable all season posting an unbeaten record.

In the first game of the tournament the Glens defeated NGS by a 4-0 score.

Andrew Munro scored twice while singles went to Joshua Lapierre and Borris.

Samuel Rozon recorded the shutout.



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS: The Alexandria bantam B Glens captured their home tournament on Nov. 20 defeating the Char-Lan Rebels 3-2 in the final. Pictured front from left are: assistant coach Michel Rozon, Olivier Roy, Alex MacMillan, Ghislain Nadeau, Samuel Rozon, Andre Bellefeuille and Chad Borris. Back row: assistant coach Bruce MacMillan, Patrick Hurtubise, Bradley Lafave, Jesse MacLeod, Thai Cappuccino, Patrick Menard, Zack Wellman, coach Denis Nadeau, Andrew Munro, Derek Ravary and Joshua Lapierre. Absent from photo is affiliate Simon-Pierre Lajoie and Brendan Picken.

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In their second game of the event Alexandria edged Casselman 5-4 as affiliate Simon Pierre Lajoie scored the game-winner with 46 seconds remaining.

Munro, Bradley Lafave, Lapierre and Borris also scored in the win.

In regular season action the Glens lost their most recent contest to South Dundas 8-5.

Alex MacMillan scored twice in the loss while singles went to Andre Bellefeuille, Ravary and Borris.

On Dec. 4 the Glens doubled NGS 2-1 with Borris scoring the winner with six seconds remaining.

Ravary had the other Glens' goal while Kyle Jeaurond replied for NGS.

On Nov. 28 the Glens tied North Dundas 3-3.

MacMillan, Ravary and Munro scored in the draw.

On Nov. 27 the Glens defeated Akwesasne 5-3.

Pat Menard scored twice in the win while singles went to Zack Wellman, Lafave and MacMillan.

On Nov. 21 the Glens fell to Cornwall 4-2 as MacMillan and Olivier Roy scored in defeat.

On Nov. 14 the Glens fell to Char-Lan by a convincing 8-2 score.

MacMillan and Munro scored in the loss while Char-Lan got goals from Steve Rose and Kevin McLeod with two each, Max Ming, Brian Jans, Grant MacDougall and Colin Poirier.

On Nov. 7 the Glens defeated Kemptville 6-2.

Borris with two, Wellman, Lajoie, MacMillan and Pat Hurtubise scored in the win.

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Shutouts come in bunches in women's broomball play

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

Shutouts were the story as two of four recent Char-Lan Women's Broomball League games ended 0-0 and the other games finishing 3-0 and 1-0.

Last Sunday Laframboise picked up their second point of the season after an impressive 0-0 draw with second place La Maison.

Excellent goaltending was provided by La Maison's Michelle Paquette and Cathy Gagan of Laframboise.

In the other match Gail Fourney scored the lone goal in first place Top Notch's 1-0 win over Rayco.

Anne Desrosiers continued a brilliant season with another shutout. She's allowed just seven goals in 11 games this season.

On Nov. 28 Top Notch and La Maison played to a 0-0 draw. Desrosiers and Paquette were in goal.

In the other match third place Rayco defeated Laframboise 3-0.

Glenda Villeneuve scored a natural hat trick in the win while Kendra McIntosh recorded the shutout.

Men's broomball

In North Glengarry Men's Broomball League action the fourth place Matco Masters surprised third place Lacombe's Custom Work by winning 2-1.

Jamie MacCulloch picked a good time to pot his first of the year as he scored the game-winner with one second remaining in the second period. Lee Lachance had the other Matco goal. Eric MacDonald handed out two assists for Matco.

Roch Lacombe scored his ninth of the season in the loss.

In the other match Farley Windows broke out of a first place tie by defeating Dave's Drywall 3-1.

Victor Sarrault was the man of the match scoring twice and adding an assist for Farley.

Albert Derouchie had a goal and an assist in the win. Gary St. Pierre had the lone Dave's goal.

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Hockey

Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League
St. Lawrence Division
As of Dec. 6

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Alexandria	25	16	8	1	97	87	33
Kemptville	23	15	7	1	115	84	31
Winchester	26	13	9	4	127	109	30
Akwesasne	26	12	12	2	111	106	26
Char-Lan	23	10	12	1	93	93	21
Morrisburg	27	5	20	2	94	149	12

Teams losing in overtime receive one point. OT losses are listed in the ties (T) column.

Results

Nov. 30 South Grenville 5 at Westport 2. Winchester at Char-Lan incomplete game (ice problems); Dec. 1 Gananoque 2 at Brockville 5; Dec. 3 Kemptville 10 at Morrisburg 5, Athens 1 at Alexandria 5, Westport 12 at North Frontenac 4; Dec. 4 Morrisburg 3 at Alexandria 9, Char-Lan 4 at South Grenville 9, Akwesasne 3 at Winchester 4; Dec. 5 Brockville 4 at Athens 2, Westport 2 at Gananoque 9, Char-Lan 9 at Akwesasne 5, Alexandria 1 at Kemptville 6

Eastern Ontario Junior C Hockey League
As of Dec. 6

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Casselman	19	16	3		102	44	32
Embrun	18	14	3	1	103	38	29
St. Isidore	19	12	7	0	88	50	24
Rockland	19	11	6	2	82	60	24
East Ottawa	20	8	10	2	77	75	18
Vank. Hill	20	4	14	2	53	118	10
Maxville	21	1	19	1	38	158	3

Results

Rockland 6 at East Ottawa 5
Vankleek Hill 3 at Casselman 8
Maxville 2 at Embrun 5
Casselman 9 at Maxville 1
East Ottawa 7 at Vankleek Hill 2
Maxville 3 at Rockland 4
Embrun 4 at St. Isidore 1

Char-Lan Minor Hockey House League
As of Nov. 29

Peewee

Danaher and Assoc. 4 (Nicholas Bonneville, Jacob Saunders, Justin Roy, Alexander Millar) Glendale Outdoor Equip. 3 (Tyler Cameron 2, Matt Lavallee); Laplante Welding 5 (Jonathan Pidgeon 3, Christian Morin, Jeremy Lamarche) Curry Hill Lumber 2 (Hannah Fraser 2); Glendale Outdoor Equip. 6 (Mandon Smith 4, Matt Lavallee 2) Longevity Acrylics 0; Danaher and Assoc. 6 (Justin Roy 3, Brody MacDonald, Christopher Sweeney, Tyler MacDonald) Curry Hill Lumber 2 (Hannah Fraser, Chris Lafontaine); Longevity Acrylics 5 (Brandon Scheffer 2, Tyler Whitford, Bradley Robertson, Cody McLeod) Laplante Welding 4 (Brandon Laplante, Christian Morin, Paul Gauthier, Jeremy Lamarche); Danaher and Assoc. 2 (Brody MacDonald, Tyler MacDonald) Glendale Outdoor Equip. 1 (Matt Lavallee)

Bantam

Roy's Pontiac 6 (Mitchell Boyd 2, Nigel McCoy, Chantal Gaucher, Cody Fontaine, Lloyd Fourney) Raisin River 4 (Brendan Tuck 2, Shane Turcotte, Joshua MacDonald); Rozon Insurance 2 (Ryan McDonald 2) Raisin River 0; Rozon Insurance 5 (Brennan James 2, Justin Brunet, Justin Labelle, Eric Blanchard) Roy's Pontiac 2 (Cody Fontaine, Kyle Dingwall); Raisin River 0 vs Roy's Pontiac 0

Midget

John Gordon Const. 3 (Christian Labrecque 2, Matthieu Poirier) Ray-Jans Construction 0; Ray-Jans Construction 8 (Zachary Belinsky 3, Jamie Vogel 2, Robert Powell, John Ross, Dylan Pearson) Munro Agromart Ltd. 3 (Colin Bourdon, Ian McIntosh, Tyler McDougall); Ray-Jans Construction 1 (Kevin Jans) Munro Agromart Ltd. 1 (Colin Bourdon)

Indoor Soccer

Alexandria women's indoor soccer league

Women's division

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Northerners	8	7	0	1	48	12	22
Atlantic	7	5	1	1	52	13	16
Springers	7	3	4	0	17	31	9
Glen Sandfield	7	2	5	0	15	30	6
Vankleek Hill	7	0	7	0	7	53	0

Top scorers

Name	G
Vanessa VanSleeuwen, Northerners	17
Laine McDonell, Northerners	15
Lynn-Marie Duhart, Atlantic	15
Leanne Duval, Atlantic	15

Men's division

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Atlantic	6	5	1	0	43	16	15
Glen Nevis	6	4	1	1	32	37	10
Lochiel	6	2	4	0	27	32	6
Hellfish	6	1	4	1	15	32	4

Top scorers

Name	G
Brian Cameron, Atlantic	14
Marc Seguin, Atlantic	12
Dan MacPherson, Hellfish	9

Broomball

North Glengarry Men's Broomball League
From Dec. 5

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Farley	9	7	1	1	34	11	15
Dave's	9	6	2	1	28	9	13
Lacombe's	9	5	3	1	24	16	11
Matco	9	3	6	0	13	18	6
Lavoie's	8	0	8	0	0	44	0

Teams losing in overtime receive one point. OT losses are listed in the ties (T) column.

Top scorers

Name	G	A	P
Jamie Norman, Dave's	7	8	15
Roch Lacombe, Lacombe's	9	4	13
Victor Sarrault, Farley	9	4	13

Char-Lan Women's Broomball League
From Dec. 5

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Top Notch	11	8	1	2	22	7	18
La Maison	11	7	2	3	18	9	15
Rayco	11	3	5	3	12	15	9
Laframboise	11	0	8	2	5	25	2

Top scorers

Name	G	A	P
Shelly Betts, La Maison	8	2	10
Barb Benton, Top Notch	5	4	9
Glenda Villeneuve, Rayco	5	3	8
Gail Fourney, Top Notch	4	4	8

Pool

Alexandria Pool League
From Nov. 30

	G	Pts	W	L	T
Strikers	40	1392	9	1	0
Sprinters	40	1299	7	3	0
Crazy 8's	40	1293	8	2	0
Squires	40	1275	6	4	0
Braves	40	1271	5	5	0
Lupino Inc.	40	1242	5	5	0
Tequila Crows	40	1207	4	5	1
Legionaires	40	1171	5	5	0
Boozers	40	1168	4	6	0
Larocque Boys	40	1118	3	7	0
Shooters	40	1093	1	8	1
The Wolves	40	1087	2	8	0

Top players

	G	Pts	Avg.
Andre Major	40	376	9.4
Yvon Delorme	28	252	9.0
Jeremy Dubeau	40	357	8.9
Gaetan Levert	40	356	8.9
Peter Kolada	40	352	8.8
Daniel Godard	40	352	8.8
Jason Fradette	40	347	8.7
Sylvain Lavigne	40	346	8.7

Bowling

Alexandria Lanes
From Nov. 27 to Dec. 3
Results are listed as high game score first then high round score.

Apple Hill

Melba Murray (228) and Donat Wissell (287); Laurie Andre (409) and Donat Wissell (486)

Golden Age Friday

Mary Hopley (151) and Eddy Hiscock (177); Mary Hopley (419) and Eddy Hiscock (486)

Friday 5 pin Mixed

Joanne Nadeau (287) and Frank Leclerc (297); Gilles Diotte (697) and Frank Leclerc (763)

Friday YBC

Sylvie Gareau (201) and Paul Jeaurond (266); Sylvie Gareau (493) and Paul Jeaurond (642)

Thursday adult mixed

Michelle Valade (197) and Paul Goulet (195); Michelle Valade (315) and Gerard Goulet (370)

Golden Age Monday

Betty McDonell (186) and Tom Poole (242); Betty McDonell (463) and Tom Poole (583)

Golden Age Thursday

Fleurette Decaire (223) and Emile Trepanier (261); Ruth Hughes (544) and Emile Trepanier (714)

Golden Age Tuesday

Anita Picard (294) and John VanBlankers (202); Anita Picard (693) and John VanBlankers (600)

Golden Age Wednesday

Aline Menard (258) and Mitchell Larocque (276); Aline Menard (599) and Mitchell Larocque (685)

Ladies Commerical

Joanne Nadeau (346); Joanne Nadeau (830)

Men's commercial

Rejean Menard (380); Rejean Menard (851)

Monday Men's 10-pin

Jacques Hamelin (203); Sylvain Lavigne (544)

Tuesday night men's

Mario Nadeau (211); Mario Nadeau (575)

Sunday mixed 10-pin

Ray Bellefeuille (157) and Steve Soulliere (198); Ray Bellefeuille (414) and Guy Menard (515)

Sunday mixed

Heather Hughes (205) and Dwight Niemen (258); Joan Niemen (519) and Dwight Niemen (700)

Thursday mixed 10-pin

Chantal Boismenu (160) and Mario Nadeau (236); Chantal Boismenu (467) and Don Boismenu (646)

Tuesday mixed 5-pin

Leanne Duval (271) and George Lavigne (306); Leanne Duval (625) and George Lavigne (748)

YBC Saturday 10:00

Melissa Menard (163) and Pascal Theoret (94); Melissa Menard (295) and Pascal Theoret (94)

YBC Saturday 11:30

Amy Lavigne (243) and Matthew Stewart (157); Amy Lavigne (607) and Matthew Stewart (405)

YBC Thursday

Emma Lipton (170) and Nigel Carlisle (113); Stephanie Delorme (425) and Nigel Carlisle (323)

YBC Tuesday

Alyssa Andje (213) and Joel Carriere (210); Alyssa Andje (476) and Joel Carriere (555)

Peewee B Glens win home tournament

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

The Alexandria peewee B Glens captured the A championship at their home tournament last weekend.

On Saturday the Glens met up with South Dundas in the final and won by a 2-0 score.

Keegan Fillion was solid in goal registering the shutout.

The game was close throughout as the Glens got their two tallies with 2:52 and 2:12 remaining in the game.

Goals were scored by Sean MacDonald and Joe O'Shea.

To reach the final the Glens defeated NGS in their second game 3-1.

Zachary Cholette had two goals in the win while Jacob Cameron potted a single.

Danik Prevost had NGS' goal.

In the tournament opener the Glens hosted St. Isidore.

The Glens edged the visitors by a 2-1 score.

Cholette and Nicolas St. Onge were able to find the back of the net.

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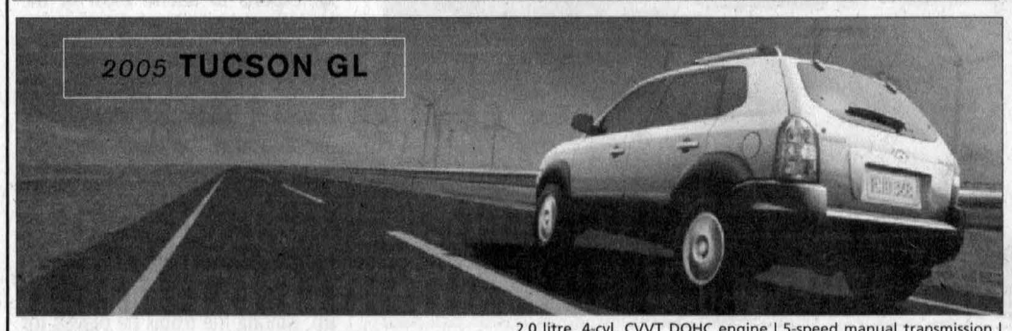

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Agriculture News

Ethanol benefits environment and farmers, says oil president

By Steven Warburton
News Editor

No one has to convince Allan MacEwen of the benefits of ethanol-blended gasoline.

The president of the Maxville based MacEwen Petroleum Inc. says that his company has been providing ethanol-blended fuel since June of 1993 and, in fact, was the first company in Eastern Ontario to offer such an altenative.

Today, over two billion kilometres have been driven on Canadian highways using MacEwen's ethanol product.

Mr. MacEwen says his company started producing the ethanol blend for a variety of reasons.

"There are certainly environmental benefits and that's part of the reason that we do it," says Mr. MacEwen. "But the (government was offering a) deal for ethanol and since we are in a rural area, we wanted to help out the farmers."

The deal was that the government provided tax relief on the pure ethanol portion of a gasoline blend.

"In other words, if 10 per cent of a product was ethanol and 90 per cent was gasoline, you would not pay road taxes on the 10 per cent," he says.

Mr. MacEwen added that the tax relief was absolutely necessary.

"Otherwise, the marketplace would not have paid for the ethanol gas," he says.

Even today, Mr. MacEwen says his ethanol blends and regular blends are roughly the same price throughout his company's 75 locations in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec.

He says that the ethanol blend at the various stores account for sales between 28 per cent to just over 50 per cent.

In any case, ethanol-blended gasoline helps the environment by helping burn fuel more efficiently, thereby decreasing harmful tailpipe emissions such as carbon monoxide.

Ethanol

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could drive the price of gasoline up from anywhere between one and three cents.

"We're obviously very much in favour of having ethanol in gasoline but we are not in favour of the way (Ontario Premier) Dalton McGuinty is mandating this," says Allan MacEwen.

Mr. MacEwen, whose company has been offering ethanol-inclusive gasoline since 1993, says that this is because there are additional expenses associated with ethanol production, expenses that could be passed on to consumers.

He is suggesting that the government provide oil companies with incentives to produce ethanol.

"Let (the companies) source the ethanol as cheaply as they can," he said.

"What the McGuinty government wants to do is buy more expensive ethanol and then pass the increased prices on to the consumers."

Speaking as a government member, South Glengarry Liberal MPP Jim Brownell says that although his party is planning to encourage local ethanol production, it does not have an agenda finalized at the moment.

As an example, he points to the assistance the government provided to the Seaway plant.

"We've given them money to lobby the federal government and to encourage investors," Mr. Brownell said.

In any case, the new ethanol mandate was one of the promises the premier made in his election platform.

"This is another part of our plan to improve the health and prosperity of Ontarians," said Mr. McGuinty. "Ethanol is a cleaner-burning fuel, so this means cleaner air."

According to the provincial government, Ontario's 2007 target for ethanol would be equivalent to taking 200,000 vehicles off the road. This would reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by about 800,000 tonnes.



BAAAA ATTITUDE: With the cold weather coming, no wonder these two sheep are opting to stay inside. They were spotted looking out a barn window at a North Lancaster area residence recently.
STEVEN WARBURTON PHOTO

France's farming practices discussed at Holstein Club

By Kristina Wilson
News Reporter

Rabbits could very well be the biggest difference between farms in France and in Eastern Ontario.

At least that's what members of the Glengarry Holstein Club learned on Nov. 30 at their annual meeting at the Alexandria Restaurant. The guest speaker was a local feed sales representative who provided a portrait of agricultural communities in the two countries.

"I talked to one co-op (in France) where they had 40 per cent pork, 27 per cent ruminants and 25 per cent rabbits and poultry. There's an immense market for (rabbits)," said Hugues Menard of the Coopérative Fédérée de Québec. Mr. Menard visited France last year with members of the Fédérée to learn about French farming practices.

Despite the popularity of rabbits, farms in France and Eastern Ontario are not all that different, said Mr. Menard.

"We visited companies and co-ops out there, to compare them with our businesses at home."

Mr. Menard said there is not a lot of cooperative thinking in France.

"But there are people working at it, and they look at us as an example."

On the flip side, there are a lot more dairy producers in that country than in Quebec, 100,000 compared to 7,000, he learned.

"There are four million cows out there," he said. "But they have smaller farms, 30 head instead of 60 to 70 in Ontario and 40 to 60 in Quebec. They have smaller farms, but more people involved in farming."

While in France, Mr. Menard picked up a few feed techniques that could be applicable in the area, such as different concentrates and feed mixes.

"There wasn't that much difference," he said. "International businesses are becoming more and more alike.

"It's the little things we go look for."

Locally, Coopérative Fédérée operates a store in St. Isidore, called Agriest.

"We like to meet with all our customers, including Holstein breeders," Mr. Menard said.

Dairy farmers increase producer quota

Submitted

The Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) Board decided at its Nov. 30 meeting to increase producer quotas by 0.5 per cent effective Dec. one, 2004.

New market sales data available indicated the change was needed. The increase is the net result of higher industrial milk demand and some offsetting decline in fluid milk demand in the P5 pool provinces.

Agriculture Briefs

The board also plans to review the need to further clamp down on over-quota shipments through a levy or prefill policy for implementation early in the new year. The purpose of the over-quota levy would be to charge those producers that over-produce their quota the actual disposal costs incurred by the marketing system.

Cattle meeting

The Ontario Cattle Feeders' Association is holding its Annual Meeting at the Four Points Sheraton in London, ON, from Jan. 6-8, two005. The theme of the meeting is Ontario – Pride, Optimism and Opportunity. The cost is $37.45 per person. Accommodations are not included in this fee. Call the Four Points Sheraton at 519-681-0600.

Christmas muffin recipe courtesy of 4-H

4-H NEWS
TRACY MYERS
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With the advent of snow about to make the countryside look like something from Currier and Ives, it is easy to feel a lot like Christmas.

To help everyone celebrate the season, 4-H is offering you a recipe for delicious cranberry muffins.

There are lots of berries in the stores right now, but this recipe will still be tasty in February when we present our annual fundraiser of selling blueberries, cranberries and raspberries.

So wishing everyone the best of the season and, just for your Christmas breakfast, we present Crunchy-Top Cranberry muffins!

Muffin:
two cups flour
one cup white sugar
one tablespoon baking powder
one teaspoon baking soda
one teaspoon salt
one teaspoon cinnamon (optional)
one cup yogurt
one cup orange juice
one cup oil
two eggs
one cup cranberries

Topping:
one cup sugar
one tablespoon grated rind

In a large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. In a separate bowl, whisk together yogurt, orange juice, oil and eggs and pour over flour mixture. Sprinkle with cranberries. Stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon batter into greased or paper-lined muffin cups, filling three quarters full.

Topping: Combine sugar with orange rind, sprinkle one teaspoon over batter in each cup. Bake in center of 400F oven for 25-30 minutes or until tops are firm to touch. Makes twelve muffins.

Enjoy this delicious recipe, share with your friends and enjoy all that the season has to offer.

Until next week, yours in 4-H Tracy Myers.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS: Hundreds of people lined Military Road in Lancaster, Saturday, to take in this year's Santa Claus parade. Clockwise from top left, Michel Bourdeau was the jubilant parade marshall. Mr. Bourdeau is also the Financial Secretary of the Lancaster Knights of Columbus. At right, Santa Claus made his customary appearance at the end of the parade. Bottom right, Catherine Harding and Jaclyn Cecereu, both 13, joined their fellow SJ McLeod classmates for a rendition of Santa's Got a Brand New Bag. Bottom centre, André Lavictoire got a tug from Bear the dog on the Berrigan's Pub float. Bottom left, Larry Riviere and Connie Leroux made elves of themselves on the Leroux Small Engine float.

STEVEN WARBURTON PHOTOS









More expansion for fastest-growing school

By Steven Warburton
News Editor

The expansion of one of Glengarry's fastest growing schools should begin very shortly.

Alexandria's Terre des Jeunes principal Paul Hurtubise says that he has given contractors a Dec. 10 deadline to submit tenders on the $5-6 million construction project.

He added that there appears to be a lot of interest in the construction project. At a Nov. 22 meeting at the school, located at 33 Lochiel St. East, about 25 people representing different contractors showed up to learn more about the details.

Le Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO), Terre des Jeunes' school board, has also purchased two houses along Alexandria's Main Street.

These houses will be demolished to make way for a larger school yard and a school bus access area.

In October of 2003, CEPEO demolished another Main Street home in order to make way for the forthcoming expansion.

Mr. Hurtubise says that the expansion is necessary because the school is not big enough to accomodate the growing student population.

Since he arrived at the school in 1999, he has seen the student population go from 80 to about 250. Because of this, the school has been forced to adopt a number of short-term solutions including bringing in portable classrooms and sending older students to the former CEPEO adult education centre on Kincardine Street.

The expansion will double the school's classroom total – from nine to 18 – and give Terre des Jeunes a capacity of 350 students. It will also allow for a new gymnasium, music room, additional office space, preschool, and a stage for various productions.

Santa

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came from Lancaster and Vankleek Hill in order to participate in the parade.

"We called a lot of people to see if they'd participate and about three quarters of them said that they would," he said.

Here are the winners from the Alexandria and Lancaster parades:

Alexandria

First place: Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital..

Ssecond place: Fountain Church.

Third place: L'École Laurier-Carrière.

Lancaster

Best float: Direct Transport (also won the best out-of-town float.)

Second best float: Knights of Columbus.

Third: Body Care Solutions.

Best Theme: Lancaster Fire Department.

Most Original: Williamstown Fair Board.

Best Business Float: Leroux Small Engine.

Best Youth Achievement: SJ McLeod School Band.

Best School: L'Ange Gardien.

Best Horse and Rider: Rose Quarter Horses.

BestAnimal Entry: Berrigan's Pub.

Second Best Animal Entry: Jack Hawley and his Burmese Mountain Dogs.

Best Walking Costume: Michelle Larocque and daughters.

Second Best Walking Costume: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers.

Third: Dollar Deals.

Positions

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"see what he (or she) thinks."

Mr. Hagen says he, too, is looking to save on the CEMC's salary and agrees someone in house should be considered.

"I feel the same about the CEMC as I did when we discussed it at budget time last year: I'm not in favour of having such a huge budget going to that department and I will bring it up again at budget time."

Lochiel ward councillor Wendy MacPherson agrees with Mrs. Akkermans' suggestion of combining the CAO and CEMC positions.

"We no longer need to hire a CEMC if we hire a CAO: we could make it part of his or her job description. Nobody on staff has the time to do (the CEMC's job) and it would be a good way for the CAO to get to know (North Glengarry)," she said.

"It's a shame we didn't have all the details ironed out. We should have had more details worked out before we went public (about hiring a CAO)."



MAXVILLE GAMES: Here is the Glengarry Highland Games committee for the upcoming year Front row: Brian Arkinstall, Treasurer; Neil MacDonell, Vice President; Perry McConnell, President; Mary McDonell, Secretary; Mike Villeneuve, Past-President. Back row: Rod McLeod, Lois MacLeod, Gilbert Young, Dale Munro, all directors-at-large. Absent: John Williams and Murray McEwen, both directors-at-large.

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Games

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-mittee has already chosen a theme for the annual Friday night tattoo.

"The theme will be the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War," Mr. McConnell told the crowd. "We'll also strike a committee to see what we can do for the veterans."

Mr. Arkinstall also briefly discussed the Kenyon Agricultural Society's (KAS) ongoing quest to rebuild the Angus Gray Building. He said that the $300,000 building still has a shortfall of about $95,000.

Later, the KAS's new president, Andrew Arkinstall, stated that the building plans are still going ahead.

"We hope to get the building completed in the winter and we're still continuing our fundraising," he said. "So if we haven't come knocking yet, we will."

The old Angus Gray building was deliberately burned down in the fall of 2003.

The Games committee also announced its executive for the upcoming year. They are President Perry McConnell, Vice President Neil MacDonell, Treasurer Brian Arkinstall, Secretary Mary McDonell, and Past-President Mike Villeneuve. The executive also include directors-at-large Rod McLeod, Lois MacLeod, Gilbert Young, Dale Munro, John Williams, and Murray McEwen.

Next year's edition of the Glengarry Highland Games run on July 29-30. The Games are Glengarry's biggest tourism draw. They feature Celtic music, pipe bands, highland dancing competition, and highland games like the sheaf toss, hammer throw, and caber toss.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Straight TALK

Should the Ontario government make it mandatory for students to stay in school until they are 18? Do you favour the status quo where they only have to stay until 16?



Angele McDonell, Green Valley: "I'd say that 16 is a little too young to be able to make that kind of decision (whether to remain in school or not.) Kids should stay in school while they are young."



Tony Hansen, Maxville: "I would say 18. At 16, they are too young and still thinking about what they want to do. By 18 they have a better idea of where they want to go in life. Teo years at that age makes a big difference."



Justin McDonell, Martintown: "I think it's a good idea because it will keep people in school longer. It will also help them get a better education."

Andrew Arkinstall, Dunvegan: "I think it's a good idea. Kids these days get out of high school too early. It's nice to see a mandate that will help kids embrace their career opportunities."

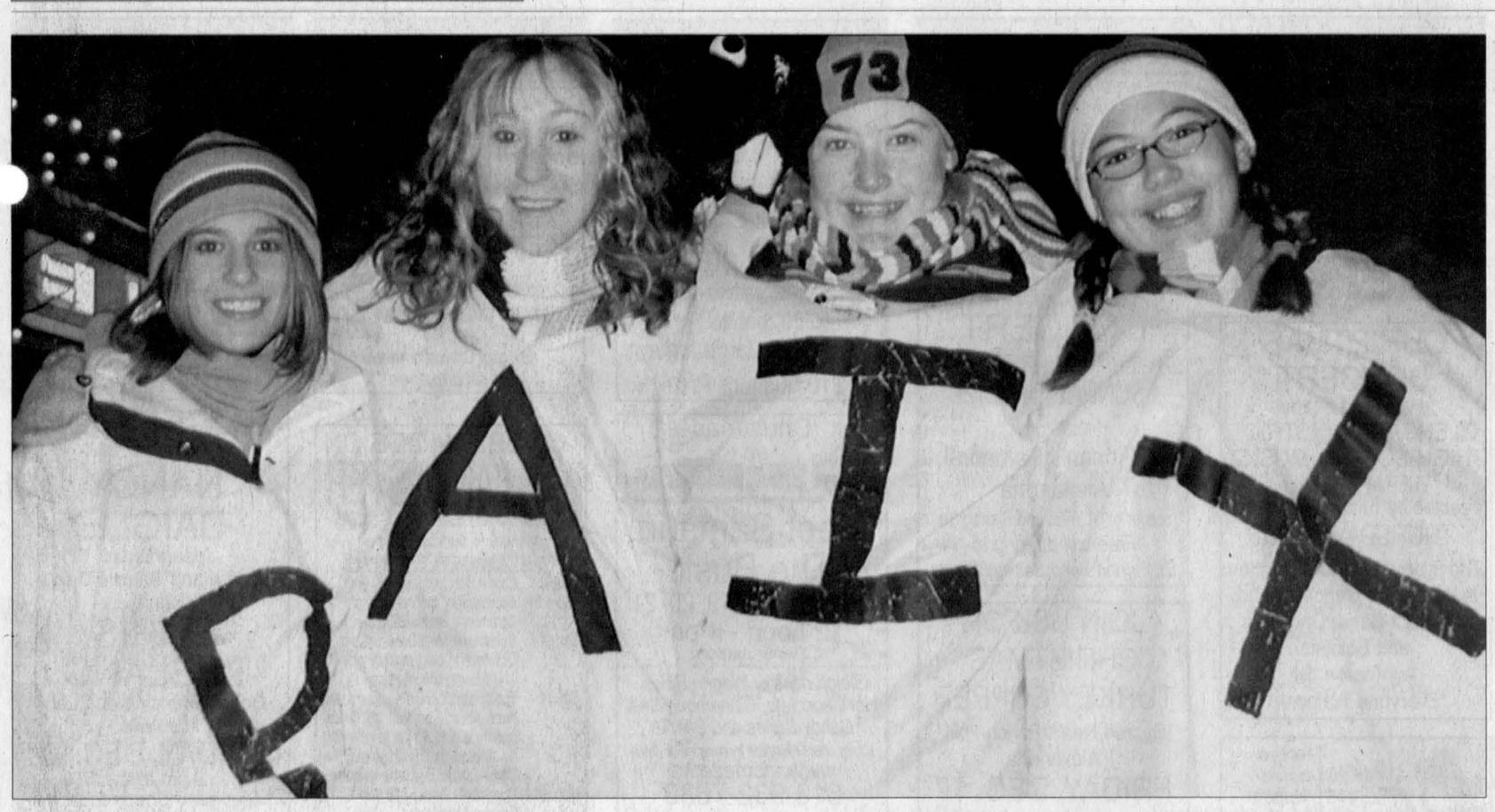


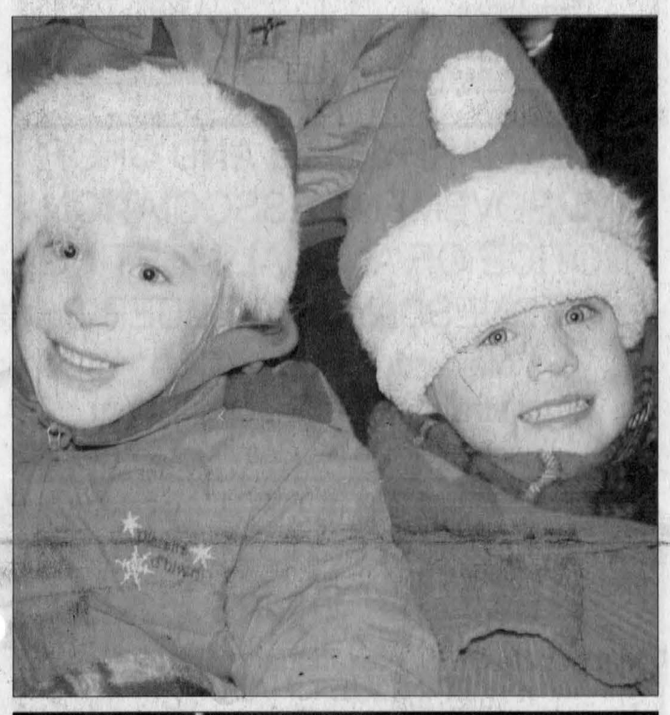
Brad Dumoulin, Glen Walter: "I think it's a good idea because you can't really do much without a high school education."



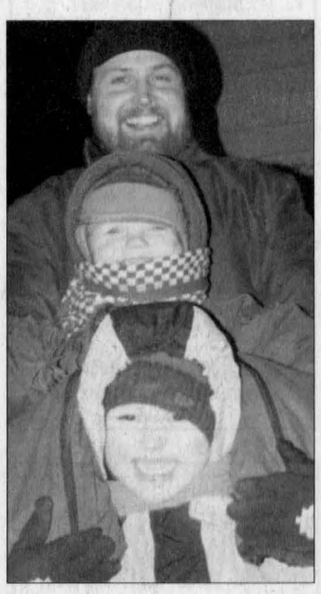
Ursula Jungen, Dalkeith: "I think the age should remain at 16. Some people like to work with their hands better than with books. At 16, they should have the choice to go to work at something they are more comfortable with."

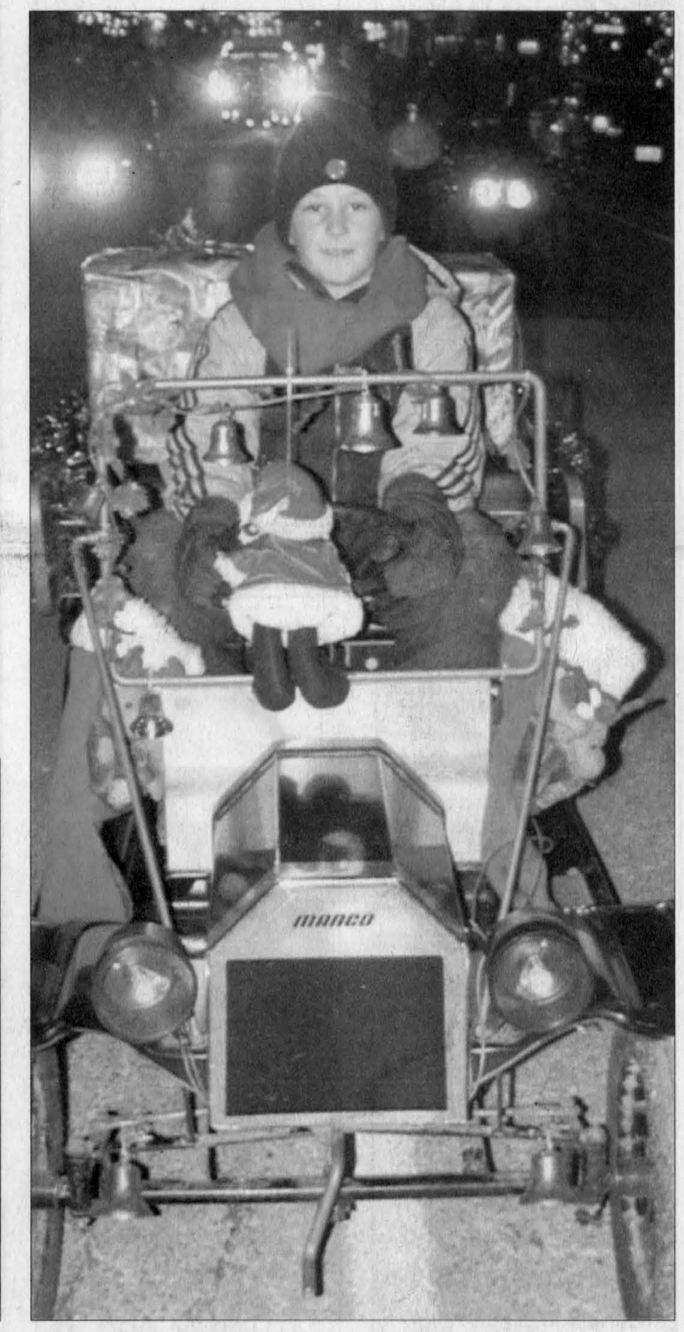






ALEXANDRIA PARADE: A good crowd turned out Sunday night for the annual Alexandria Santa Claus Parade run by the Richelieu Club. Top, from left, are École Secondaire Le Relais students France Leclerc, Valerie Levac, Katie Smith and Martine Desjardins. Bottom right is Stephane Blanchette of Apple Hill and his hot rod. Below, stacked from bottom are Noel, Rachel and Scott Campbell of Alexandria. Bottom left, in a carnival mood on the Club Optimiste de Green Valley float were Anik Prud'Homme, Maxime Bouchard and Emilie Ricard. At left, looking like elves on the Double Creation Dance Studio float, from left were Briana Sarault of Green Valley and Hannah Fitzpatrick of Alexandria. PETE BOCK PHOTOS





GLENGARRY Scene

Window work

Worshippers at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Glen Walter will soon have a new set of windows to enjoy.

Last Wednesday afternoon, a work crew was spotted replacing the stained glass windows on the north side of the church. The new windows were ready for the Mass on Dec. 5.

Dancer update

If you've been wondering whatever happened to that gifted dancer from Glengarry who placed sixth in the 1999 World Championships of Highland Dancing in Dunoon, Scotland, ponder no more. Heather MacLeod, the 27-year-old dancer who was raised just south of Maxville, is now working as a physiotherapist at Ottawa's PSI Rehab clinic.

Even so, Ms. McLeod says she hasn't hung up her dancing shoes. She still dances with the Ottawa Police Pipe Band whenever she gets the opportunity.

GDHS newspaper

It looks like Glengarry District High School will be giving *The Glengarry News* a run for its money.

The school now publishes a monthly paper, *The Glengarrian*. The November issue features an article on Remembrance Day, a celebrity trivia quiz, a page of recipes, an astrology column, advice on friendship, and a search-a-word.

Highland Games oops

There were a couple of comical moments at the grand opening ceremony for the grandstands at the Glengarry Highland Games grounds two weeks ago.

The first took place when local MPP Jean-Marc Lalonde announced that he's looking forward to the upcoming Games on June 29, 2005.

Followers of the Games should take note that they will actually begin on July 29, 2005. But perhaps Mr. Lalonde enjoys the Games so much that he'd like them to last an entire month instead of the typical two days.

And we're sure that many Glengarrians feel the same way.

Another bit of humour came courtesy of Cornwall councillor Leslie O'Shaughnessy who spoke about the commitment that local people make to ensure they raise every dollar possible in support of the Games.

He recalled the time when he represented Charlottenburgh at Counties Council and had asked Maxville representative George Currier if he could get him some tickets to the Games. Mr. Currier said that he could and, at a subsequent meeting, handed over four tickets.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy thanked Mr. Currier and started to walk away when he was stopped by the Maxville Reeve.

"Hey, you owe me $60," Mr. Currier told him.

Of course, Mr. O'Shaughnessy handed over the money. No doubt he would it agree that it ranks as one of the best $60 expenditures he ever made.

Glengarry Gatherings

Santa Claus will certainly be kept busy in Glengarry on Dec. 12. The big fella has agreed to participate in three Santa Claus parades that Sunday. The first takes place in **Glen Walter** at 11 a.m; the next in **Martintown** at 12:30 p.m.; and the final parade takes place in **Maxville** at 1:30 p.m. With a schedule like that, let's just hope that Jolly St. Nick is in good shape for Christmas Eve.

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There will be lots of Christmas music on Dec. 12 at the **Seaway Winds concert** at St. Finnan's Cathedral in Alexandria. The concert begins at 2:30 p.m. and a free will offering will be collected at the concert.

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The Christmas spirit is coming to the Cooper Marsh this Saturday, Dec. 11 with the **lighting of the Christmas tree** at 7 p.m.

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The Glen Robertson Optimists are holding a **Christmas brunch** this Sunday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the community centre. Santa Claus will be there to greet the children.

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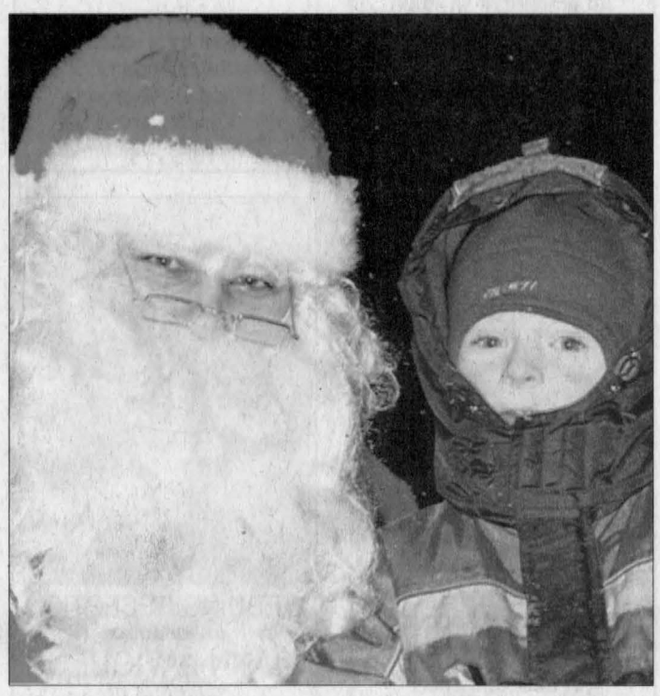
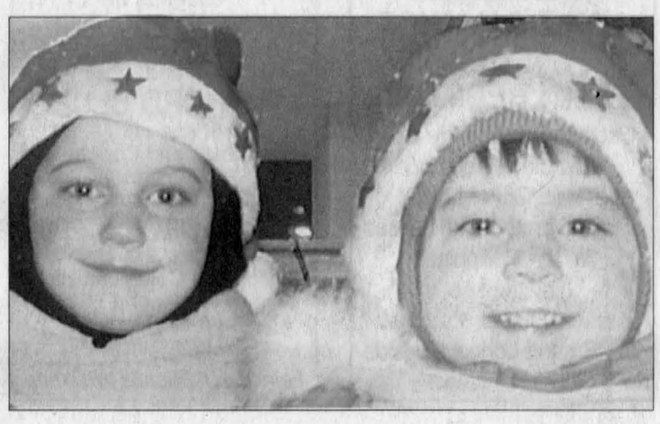
The Maxville Lions Club is holding its **monthly breakfast** at the Maxville Sports Complex on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.



The tradition continues







THROW THE SWITCH: At far right, roads department supervisor Jean-Guy Levert prepares to light up the township's Christmas tree in Alexandria on Friday night. In the centre at top, St. Nick celebrates with Nicholas DeRepentigny of Maxville, whose birthday is Dec. 24. In the centre, below, watching the tree lighting in flashing hats are Olivier and Daphnee Belanger of North Lancaster. This year's tree was donated by the Paquette family on William Street in Alexandria. The event took place thanks to the efforts of Mr. Levert, Dan Giroux and John Hope.

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LAFRAMBOISE–Sherry (nee Sloan) and Steve are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Kathleen Megan, born Saturday, November 27, 2004 at Ottawa General Hospital weighing 8 lbs. Welcomed by big brother Aidan and Nolan. Happy grandparents are Gary and Helen Sloan of Williamstown and Rheal and Georgette Laframboise of Summerstown. 49nc

MARTIN–Chantal (nee Dubeau) and Robert, of Green Valley, are happy to announce the birth of their second child, a boy, Tristan Sylvain, born Saturday, November 27, 2004 at Ottawa Civic Hospital weighing 7 lbs. A brother for Danik. Proud grandparents are Claire and Raymond Dubeau of Alexandria and Laurette and Robert Martin of Glen Roy. Also, proud great-grandparents are Leila and Leo Thauvette of Glen Roy, Juliette and Olivier Trottier of Lancaster and Rejeanne Dubeau of Lancaster. 49nc

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Deaths

RACINE, Irene



Peacefully with her family by her side at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital on Friday, November 19, 2004. Irene Racine (nee Bray) of Maxville; age 80 years. Beloved wife of the late Wilfrid Racine. Loving mother and mother-in-law of Donald Racine (Diane) of Alexandria, Maurice Racine (Pierrette) of Maxville, Aline McCallum (Ian) of Glen Robertson and Joanne McRae (Eliot) of Moose Creek. Dear daughter of the late Olivier Bray and the late Rosa St. Denis. Dear sister of Roger Bray (Monique) and Rene Bray (Georgette) both of St. Isidore. Predeceased by four brothers and one sister-in-law; Victor of Hawkesbury, Rolland and his wife Rita of Casselman, Donat of Moose Creek, and Florian of St-Isidore. Also survived by her sisters-in-law Colette and Monique, her 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Govan and the staff at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital for their compassion and devoted care. Also, heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent donations to the Cancer Society, the Glengarry Memorial Hospital and especially for all the kind gestures given from friends, relatives and neighbours, during this difficult time.
- The Racine Family 49-1p

SALONS FUNÉRAIRES
Munro & Morris FUNERAL HOMES LTD.
Maxville Branch

MACRAE, Malcolm
At the Glengarry Memorial Hospital on Monday, November 29, 2004. Malcolm Archie MacRae of Maxville Manor; age 79 years. Dear brother of Catharine (Mrs. Duart MacLean) of Finch. Brother-in-law of Mrs. Iris MacRae of Cornwall. Dear son of the late Archie and Rebecca MacRae. Predeceased by one brother, Norman MacRae. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends called at the **Munro & Morris Funeral Homes Ltd., 20 Main Street, Maxville, (527-2898)** on Friday, December 3, 2004. A Funeral Service was celebrated in the Chapel of Munro & Morris Funeral Home on Friday. The Rev. Mark Bourgon, officiated. Interment followed in the Gordon Church Cemetery, St. Elmo. As expressions of sympathy, Memorial Donations to St. James-St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Gravel Hill or the Canadian Bible Society would be appreciated by the family.
As a Memorial to Malcolm, a tree will be planted in Memory Woods. A tree grows – memories live.
Condolences may be made online at www.munromorris.com 49-1c

In Memoriam

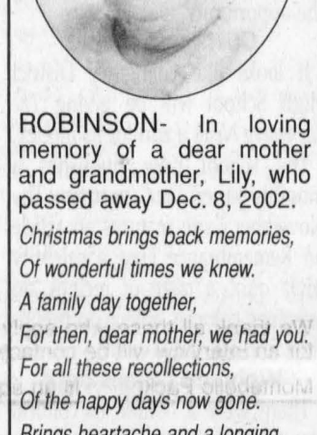
O'CONNOR–In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother Theresa who passed away December 9, 1999.
Those we love, we never lose,
For always you will be
Loved, remembered, treasured,
Always in our memory
And forever missed.
–Sadly missed by your husband Roddie, children and grandchildren. 49-1p

CADIEUX–In loving memory of a dear son Michael who passed away December 10, 1982.
Deep in our hearts there's a picture
More precious than silver or gold
Tis a picture of a dear son and brother
Whose memory will never grow old.
–Always remembered by Mom, Dan, Sandra, Suzanne and Amanda. 49-1p

JAECK, Joan–In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who passed away one year ago December 5, 2003.
You left us too soon but we stayed strong and carried on. As much as we would still want you to be with us, I guess God needed an Angel to guide and protect us.
–Lovingly remembered and sadly missed, your son Brent, daughter in-law Manon and grandchild Amanda Vachon. xoxo. 49-1p



ROBINSON- In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, Lily, who passed away Dec. 8, 2002.
Christmas brings back memories,
Of wonderful times we knew.
A family day together,
For then, dear mother, we had you.
For all these recollections,
Of the happy days now gone.
Brings heartache and a longing,
As Christmas morning dawns.
Always loved and remembered by
Debbie, Dan,
Shayne and Tom,
Sandra, Lisa, and Aidan 49- 1p



le 9 décembre, 2000
GÉRARD JR. BEAUCLAIR
Déjà 4 années se sont écoulées sans pouvoir entendre ta belle voix ou voir ton beau sourire. Si nos larmes pouvaient bâtir un escalier et nos mémoires un chemin, nous pourrions marcher au ciel et te ramener à la maison.
Tu as toujours une place dans nos coeurs et nos vies. Encore aujourd'hui nous versons des larmes en silence. Cher fils, nous tous qui t'aimons ainsi que tes 2 beaux enfants voulons te souhaiter un Joyeux Noël. Tu seras toujours notre ange guardien. 49-1p
- Ta mère, Guy et familles

Announcement



To our little bundle of Sugar:
Happy 1st Birthday
MELODY ROSE WHITEHOUSE
Love
Grandmama, Grandpapa,
Mommy and Daddy
xxoo 49-1p

Coming Events

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BLUE Christmas Service–Wednesday, December 8 at 7:30pm. Do you find this time of year difficult? Have you suffered a loss during the year? Perhaps this service would be beneficial to you or someone you know. It is non-denominational. All are welcome. The service will be conducted by Maureen O'Neill at Alexandria United Church. 48-2c

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
presented by the
GLENGARRY DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT
directed by Elizabeth Caddell
THURSDAY, DEC. 9
7 to 9 pm, School Cafetorium
featuring the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Choir and Soloists
Admission: $4
Everyone Welcome 49-1p

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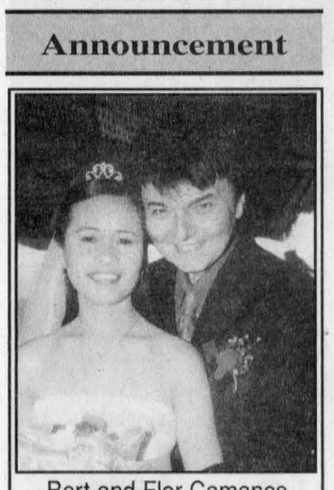
Friday, December 31
• Cocktails - 5 pm
• Meal - 6 pm -
All-you-can-eat buffet:
Chicken and Roast Beef au Jus
• Champagne at Midnight
• Party Favours - Prizes
• Midnight Lunch served at 1 am
• Operation Red Nose
• Non-stop music by:
First Choice Entertainment
(Light Show) - Until 3 am
Limited Tickets 49-1c
Only $30.00 ea. / 525-3078

Card of Thanks

Rita Carriere and Cecile Lavigne
would like to thank the Senior Citizen Euchre Club President Leonide Rozon and all card players who donated money toward the Calvary in Green Valley.
An amount of $100.00 was given to
Father Marcel Larouche 49-1p

Announcement



Bert and Flor Camance are pleased to announce the recent marriage of their daughter
LORIE CAMANCE
to
BRIAN REDMOND
son of Bob and the late Beverley Redmond
Their "Gift of Love" was celebrated and blessed in the Philippines by the sea on November 6, 2004.
D.J. Bri and Lorie will reside in Williamstown. 49-1p

Coming Events

BEREAVED Families of Ontario–Cornwall and Area will hold its Support and Share Night on Thursday, December 9 from 7pm to 9pm. Guest speaker Barry MacDonald will address "Helping yourself through the holidays" and this evening will also include a special candle lighting for our loved ones. For more information please call 936-1455. 49-1c

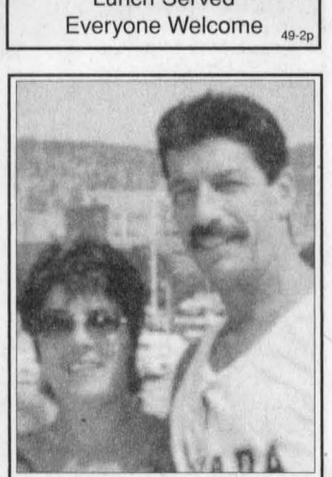
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Seaway Winds Concert Band
SUNDAY, DEC. 12
2:30 pm
St. Finnan's Cathedral, Alexandria
(corner of St. Paul and Bishop Sts)
Free-will offering to
St. Finnan's and Seaway Winds 48-2p

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS TURKEY SUPPER
Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Alexandria
FRIDAY, DEC. 17
$15/person
Information:
Noella and Leo Paquette
527-5495 49-1p

JAMBOREE
CHRISTMAS SUPPER and EVENING
Join us to celebrate our last Jamboree of 2004
Glen Robertson Social Centre
LCBO licence that evening
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10
6 pm - $15/person 49-1c
Supper reservations accepted up to Thursday, 10 am
For info call Mimi or Jacques
874-1260 eve; 525-2069 day



The children of
MARIE THERESE
and
AIME THEORET
wish to invite you to their parents'
35th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Mass held at parish
St. Alexander's (Lochiel)
SATURDAY, DEC. 18
8 pm
followed by a reception held at the Glengarry Sports Palace in Alexandria
Lunch Served
Everyone Welcome 49-2p



WEDDING RECEPTION
in honour of
JoANN LAVIGUEUR
daughter of
the late René and Claire Lavigueur
and
RICHARD BLUE
son of
Charles and Corinne Vanston
and the late Carman Blue
FRIDAY, DEC. 10, 2004
8:30 pm - 2:00 am
Knights of Columbus Hall
Alexandria
DJ - Karaoke
Light Lunch 49-1p
Family and Friends Welcome

TURKEY BINGO
St. Raphael's Parish Centre
FRIDAY, DEC. 10
7:30 pm
10- Regular games - turkey
4- 50-50 specials
1- Special - large turkey
$10.00 Door Prize 49-1c

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FRIDAY
BAKED SHRIMPS with Caesar Salad, baguette, dessert - coffee or tea
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SATURDAY NIGHT
SIZZLING Steak
Maggie's Style
Thick cut of rib eye steak in a mild pepper sauce, potato and vegetables, dessert - coffee or tea
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from 9 am to 1:30 pm
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Pool EVERY Tuesday
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Saturday Meat Draw
Draws 3:30 pm,
4:30 pm and 5:30 pm
* * *
FRIDAY, DEC. 17
Christmas Dinner, 6:30 pm
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SUNDAY, DEC. 19
Christmas Party
Santa Claus and Elves in attendance
* * *
New Year's Eve Party in Club Room
* * *
KARAOKE
EVERY FRIDAY
8 pm to Midnight
Everyone Welcome
* * *
WEDNESDAY
Senior Darts - 2 pm
* * *
CARDS
EVERY THURSDAY
OUTREACH 1 pm - 3 pm
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Every 1st and 3rd Friday
DINERS CLUB
OUTREACH 12 noon
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Every 2nd and 4th Friday
COFFEE CLUB
OUTREACH 10:30 - 11:30 am
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Every 2nd Thursday of the month
10 am - 3:30 pm
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Delivered every Tuesday and Thursday 49-1c

BRANCH 423 LEGION ALEXANDRIA
CHRISTMAS DINNER
FRIDAY, DEC. 17
6 pm
Ham, turkey and all the trimmings
Music
Santa Claus will be in attendance 49-1c

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Monday to Sunday 1-10 pm
DECEMBER EVENTS
Wed. 8 - Legion Dart League, 7:30 pm
Thurs. 9 - Community Fun Pool, 7:30 pm
Fri. 10 - Community Darts, 8:00 pm
Sat. 11 - Community Meat Draw, 3-5 pm Draw every hour - *must be present to win.* Everyone Welcome.
Sat. 11 - Turkey Shoot, Sandbag, Darts and much more. 1 pm until last turkey or ham is won, $3 per target. Must be 16 years or older to use air rifle. Come join us. Everyone welcome.
Mon. 13 - Community Darts, 7:30 pm Everyone Welcome.
Tues. 14 - Executive meeting, 7 pm Community Fun Pool, 7:30 pm
Wed. 15 - Legion Dart League, 7:30 pm 49-1c



WEDDING RECEPTION
in honour of
NANCY DAIGLE
daughter of
Sandra and Camille Daigle
and
CHRIS LEBLANC
Son of Francine and Leo Leblanc
FRIDAY, DEC.10
9 pm at the Glengarry Sports Palace
Music by Mystic
Lunch to be served
Everyone Welcome 48-2c

GLENGARRY SOIL AND CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
Alexandria Curling Club
Registration from 9:30 to 10 am
- Lunch Available - Guest speakers 48-2c



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EVERY WEDNESDAY 3 pm - 5 pm: Free Skating
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THURSDAY - BINGO
* * *
Wedding Reception - Friday, Dec. 10
Nancy Daigle and Chris Leblanc
* * * 49-1c
HOCKEY: FRIDAY, DEC. 10 - 8 pm - Glens vs Akwasasne

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Adults $2 - Under 12 - $1.25
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Anyone interested, call the Complex 49-1c
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LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST - Sunday, Dec. 12

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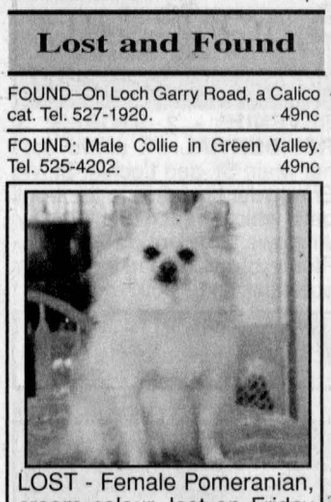
Lost and Found

FOUND–On Loch Garry Road, a Calico cat. Tel. 527-1920. 49nc

FOUND: Male Collie in Green Valley. Tel. 525-4202. 49nc



LOST - Female Pomeranian, cream colour, lost on Friday in Alexandria. Answers to Rosette, very friendly. If you have any information please contact me at 525-2511 or 525-4844. 49-1p

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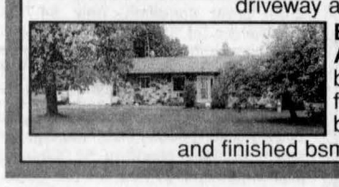
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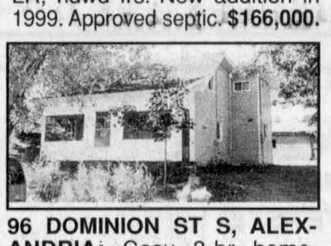
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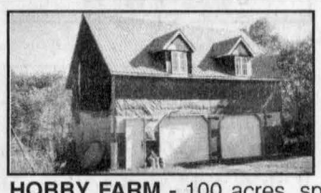

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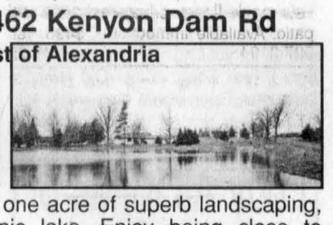
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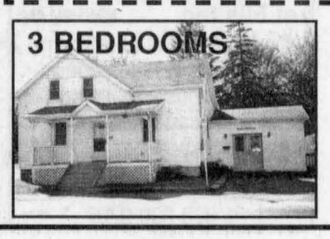
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ATTRACTIVE SPACIOUS - Nicely updated, move in condition, vinyl exterior, some recent windows, country size kitchen, big LR and DR. Approved septic. Drilled well. Garage. Shop. 7 minutes to Alexandria. **$72,000.**



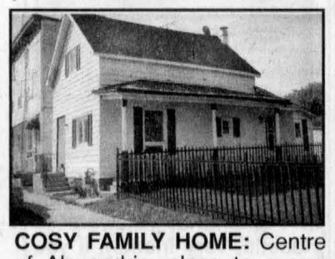
ATTRACTIVE NEW, COUNTRY: Near Glen Nevis, built 2002, spacious 1200sf, 3 brs, entrance den, front verandah, green tin roof, full very high bsmt with woodstove and gas fireplace stove, can easily be finished. Lot 1.4 acres. **$139,800.**


HOBBY FARM: 15 acs at corner of Loch Garry Road and 1st of Kenyon Rd, good home, big barn, new septic system, new drilled well. **$139,000.**


BEGINNER HOME: In good condition, new oil furnace and oil tank, 125 amp breakers, approved septic 1992. Above ground pool and double decks. Drilled well. Recent windows, attached garage. Located at 20971 County Road 21, Lochiel. **$67,800.**


SOUTH LANCASTER - great home for young or older couple, beautifully landscaped lot, 89x120, town water and sewers, garden. Gas fireplace in LR. 3 bedrooms. **$74,800.**


REVENUE - 2 STORES, 3 RESIDENTIAL: At active corner Main St. and Lochiel St. W. Bring your business to the front part which has 4 big display windows. 2 recent oil furnaces. Plenty of street parking. Much potential. **$119,000.**


COSY FAMILY HOME: Centre of Alexandria, close to everything, all renovated home, 8-yr-old roof, windows, cupboards. Adjacent to post office. **$66,000.**

BUILDING LOTS AND LAND
- Beaupre Road, 127x350, great to build on. **$16,800.**
- Lancaster Village, 54x104, **$22,900.**
- Larocque Rd, treed acre lot, 200x213, scenic, **$20,900.**
- 82-84 Elgin St., large lot 116x132, zoned for up to a 10-unit or one home, **$35,800**.
- Conc. 8, east of Green Valley, 200x200. **$11,800.**
- Curry Hill on 4th Line, 1.5 acs, corner 3rd Conc Rd, **$21,000.**
- 13 acres, Main St., Greenfield. **$19,800.**
- Main St., Glen Robertson, 125x250. **$15,000.**
- Marcoux Road, 24 acres. **$37,800.**
- Florence St., Glen Robertson, 2 lots of 180x240, **$13,800 ea.**
- 3 lots, 170x301, at corner Hwy 43 and Lakeshore Rd. Treed evergreens. **$17,800 each**
- 380x315, on Marcoux Rd. **$21,000.**
- 200x722, 2 super lots, on Road 45, 1 km west of Alexandria. **$27,800.** Walk to town.
- Dorney, 4 acres, south of tracks. **$18,800.**



PRESTIGIOUS SPACIOUS HOME: 2,500sf of executive quality, stone fire-place in cosy family room, bright modern kitchen, spiral staircase with entrance foyer, formal dining room, finished basement, new roof, big yard. (Front St., Alexandria). **$179,000.**


GORGEOUS COUNTRY BUNGALOW on Marcoux Rd, 1 km west of Kenyon Dam Rd, vew of Middle Lake. Double paved driveway, interlock in front and also behind, double back deck to above-ground pool. Insulated garage plus a shed. Comfortable home built 1987, front verandah, finished basement with pool table. **$169,000.**

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NOTE: *I can show you all of the MLS listings, regardless of listing agent.*

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Lease price reduced to $1.90 per sq. ft.


INDUSTRIAL 16,500 SQ. FT. - Great opportunity for a new industry in Alexandria, located just south of town on 9th Conc. Road (Road 25). Large 16,500 sq. ft building on 3 acres land. Large septic for 50 employees installed in 1990. 600 amp 3 phase. Available immediately.


BEST HOME AND BUSINESS PACKAGE GOING - Tremendous updated classy home, all new windows, new natural gas furnace, spacious, large living rm and country kitchen, fireplace. 3,200sf commercial shop and store built 1991 with own furnace. High visibility on active Cty Rd 34. Choose your own business. Huge lot of 318x325. **$250,000.**


CHOOSE YOUR BUSINESS: Corner lot with high visibility and high traffic. You will be seen by many people to promote your business. Garage is 29x42 plus 28x43.

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GREEN VALLEY RESTAURANT and bar, very active business, seats 40, plus seats 60 in dining or reception hall, all licenced. Updated 3-br living quarters upstairs.

STORE RENTAL and 2 APTS: Excellent building for revenue. Store rented, owner lives in marvelous apt upstairs and other good apartment. All new windows and doors. Bsmt is 18' high. New tin roof 1988. Solid brick bldg. **$135,000.**

FLOURISHING RESTAURANT - In Cornwall, 2000sf, very good breakfast, dinners, nights with active bar business. Licenced for 97 plus 27 on patio. Beautiful design, layout and colours appealing. Known as Remington's on Montreal Road. Drop in for breakfast. 3 apartments above.

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Real Estate Broker - Courtier En Immeubles
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Liette Ricard, Broker
19760 County Road 18 (King's Road - West of St. Raphael's)



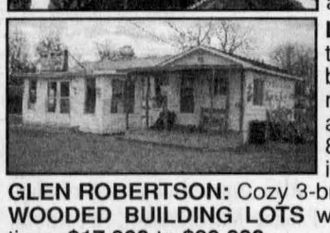
CLOSE TO BORDER! HOT OFF THE PRESS. $324,000. Hilltop location! Fantastic view! Executive, spacious 2-storey home, 2645sf, 3 brs and guest room/office, formal dining room, family room, 9' to 10' ceiling, walk-out basement w/French doors, double attached garage with bonus room! Overlooking a pond. Don't delay call today. Liette Ricard, Broker.



NORTH LANCASTER, $59,000: Why pay rent? You can afford this one! Cozy 2-br home! Payment less than renting, approx **$364/25 yrs or $410/20 yrs.** Call Liette Ricard, Broker.



GLEN ROBERTSON: Restaurant known as Le Casse Croute du Coin! the only one in the area! Business, building, equipment. For additional info call today!



LANCASTER, $49,900: High traffic location! Be your own boss! Well established business (for 24 years). Building and equipment all on a 80'x75' lot. For showing and info call Liette Ricard, Broker.

GLEN ROBERTSON: Cozy 3-br home. **$59,900.**
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DOUG ARKINSTALL
Sales Rep., 527-5435
Cell 360-0948

LANCASTER: 2-br bungalow on a well treed corner lot. **Asking $69,900.**
INCOME PROPERTY: West of Alexandria on Hwy. 43. Have the tenants pay your mortgage. **$89,900.**
MAXVILLE: Wooded building lot, 1.7 acres. **$17,500.**
AVONMORE: 53 acres wooded, evergreens and poplar. **$39,900.** Building lot 125x250. **$15,000.**
HWY. 43: 9 acres, some bush. **$23,500.**
COMMERCIAL: Start the new year with your own business. Call Doug to discuss this prosperous corner gas bar and convenience store. **$175,000.**

VILLAGE OF MAXVILLE



BILL SHIELDS
Sales Rep.
346-0026

2-BR HOME with attached garage. This home has large kitchen w/plenty of cupboard space and an attached dining area. Full size family room with main floor bath and separate laundry room. **Price $89,900.**
QUIET ST: Large 5-br brick home, 2 full baths, eat-in kitchen and formal dining room and living room. **Price $119,900.**
TURN OF THE CENTURY: This great old home has lots of character. Mostly renovated in the past several years but all of its original charm has been maintained. This is a must see home.

TANYA FLARO
Sales Rep.
528-4672

WILLIAMSTOWN VILLAGE: 2-storey century home with updates including all windows, detached garage and large lot. Asking **$119,900.**
SMALL HOBBY FARM: 2-br bungalow w/partially finished bsmt. Situated on 12 acres with a barn. Just outside of Williamstown. **Asking $134,900.**
ESTABLISHED BUSINESS in Alexandria, owner has other interests. Call today for more info.
GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY: Century brick building w/commercial space and 3 rental units. Located on Main St., Alexandria.
VILLAGE OF MARTINTOWN: 3-br raised bungalow in excellent condition w/numerous updates in the last 4 yrs, hdwd and ceramic flooring, fully finished bsmt. A must see! **Asking $164,500.**

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FOR THE WOODWORKING HOBBYIST: Glen Robertson area, over 1262sf brick/stone bungalow, renovated kitchen with oak cupboards, hdwd flrs, 3 spacious brs, large bath, partly finished basement, deck, efficient oil heat, carport, detached garage, shed and 1-1/2 storey woodworking shop MLS. All ideally located on a 3/4 acre lot. Priced at only **$159,000.** Try your offer. Call today.



ALEXANDRIA AREA: West of town on Dornie Rd, we offer you this recently built 3-br 1500sf extra spacious open concept, log exterior bungalow, partly finished bsmt, attached garage, paved drive and over 19 scenic cedar treed acres with severance possibilities. MLS. Call now!



JUST LISTED: Alexandria town, **WATERFRONT PROPERTY,** quaint 2-br year-round winterized bungalow partly renovated, new approved septic system, new drilled well. MLS. A must to see! **VENDOR MAY ASSIST QUALIFIED BUYER IN FINANCING. CALL NOW!**

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ONE bedroom apartment for rent, Alexandria, available November 1. Call Stephane Lavigne. Tel. 551-3939. 38-tf

LOWER two bedroom apartment, available immediately, $575 with utilities. No animals. Tel. 525-1330. 42-tf

TWO bedroom house, available immediately, $750, all utilities included, $525 without utilities. No animals. Tel. 525-1330. 42-tf

FOR rent–Sublet, two bedroom apartment with basement, central Alexandria, $525 plus utilities, w/d hookups, available mid December or January 1. To view, call 525-0236. 44tf

GREEN Valley, one bedroom apartment, fridge, stove, washer/dryer hookup, cable, utilities included, no pets, available immediately, $475. Tel. 525-2400. 47-4p

77A MAIN Street South, Alexandria, one bedroom upper, fridge, stove and utilities included, washer/dryer hookups, $450, available immediately. Tel. 613-592-1624. 48tf

ALEXANDRIA–Two bedroom apartment, lower level, centrally located, available immediately, includes w/d hookups, parking and storage. Electricity not included. No pets, references and one month deposit required. Tel. 525-2646. 48-tf

QUIET adult building, one bedroom apartment, main floor, washer/dryer hookups, centrally located. No pets. References. Available immediately. Tel. 525-3694. 48-2p

ALEXANDRIA–Two bedroom apartment, $500 monthly includes utilities, available immediately, with references. Tel. 525-3047. 48-tf

THREE bedroom apartment for rent. Also one and 2 bedroom, both with washer/dryer hookups, available immediately, 1 mile south of Green Valley. Tel. after 6pm, 347-2889. 48-tf

THREE bedroom apartment for rent, 1 km from Alexandria on Hwy. 43. For info call Stephane Lavigne at 551-3939. 49tf

THREE bedroom apartment for rent with fridge, stove, washer/dryer, heat and electricity included. Available immediately. Tel. 613-874-2743. 49-2p

ALEXANDRIA– One bedroom apartment available February 1st, main floor, fridge, stove, utilities included, $440 monthly, no pets. Tel. 525-4684. 49tf

MacCRIMMON Corners, upstairs apartment for rent, 2 bedrooms, available immediately, $450, utilities not included. Tel. 525-2202. 49tf

TWO bedroom apartment, washer/dryer hook-up, parking for one car, 136 Dominion Street South, available immediately. Tel. 525-2944. 49-2p

LANCASTER–Large two bedroom, available immediately. Clean, quiet at 39 Queen St. Coin washer/dryer in building. References. Tel. 525-4321. 49-2c

ALEXANDRIA–Spacious 2/3 bedroom for rent. Ground floor, parking, walking distance to schools and shopping. References. Tel. 525-4321. 49-2c

LUXURY three bedroom apartment for rent, lovely large livingroom, modern kitchen, $675 plus utilities. Call Maurice Sauve. Tel. 525-2940. 49-2c

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COUNTRY living–Large one bedroom basement apartment in new home, Martintown and St. Raphael's area, $550 including utilities. Mature adults preferred. Call 930-6747. 49-1p

Wanted

WANTED–Used treadmill. Tel. 525-3303. 49-2p

WANTED–Person to carpool between Alexandria and Dorval, Monday to Friday. Must be in Dorval by 6am. Tel. 525-0535. 49-1p

WANTED–Used half size fridge in good condition. Tel. 874-2454. 49nc

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J'écris pour vous!
Claire Hains
(613) 525-2926 45-2p

Notice/Auctions

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY NOTICE

The Municipal Office will be closing at 12:00 (noon) on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2004.**

CANTON DE GLENGARRY NORD AVIS

Le bureau municipal fermera à 12 heures (midi) **le vendredi 10 décembre, 2004** 49-1c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EARLE WIGHTMAN, late of the Township of South Glengarry in the County of Glengarry, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that all persons having claims against the Estate of Earle Wightman, who died on or about the 3rd day of November, 2003, are hereby required to send full particulars of their claims to the undersigned Solicitors, on or before the 22nd day of December, 2004, after which date, the Estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been received.

DATED at Alexandria, Ontario, this 29th day of November, 2004.

MacDonald & Aubry,
P.O. Box 1000,
Alexandria, ON K0C 1A0
Solicitors for the Trustees 48-3c

AUCTION SALE
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8 at 6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15 at 6:30 pm
Weather permitting. If in doubt, please call.
Watch papers for our January opening date.
Have a safe and happy holiday from Ray and staff.
For information or to consign, please call: 613-346-5483.
TERMS: Cash or cheques with I.D.
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REAL ESTATE AUCTION (TRIPLEX)
AT 103 ALICE ST., CORNWALL
SATURDAY, DEC 18 - 11 am sharp!
To be sold on site: TRIPLEX - TWO TENANTS ON DIRECT PAYMENT - Gross income $1,650.00 per month. Each unit, 2 bedrooms - 3 x 100 Amp services; good windows - vinyl and aluminum siding. Lot 55' x 90' This property WILL BE SOLD subject ONLY to a minimum bid of $39,900.00
TERMS: $1,000.00 deposit - balance due on or before Dec. 31/04.
OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY, DEC. 11 - 1 to 3 pm
Realty Broker / Auctioneer
CARSON CHISHOLM AUCTION SERVICE
St. Andrew's West 613-937-0201 49-1c

ESTATE AUCTION
EXCELLENT SELECTION OF GLASS and CHINA – ROYAL DOULTONS – ANTIQUE FURNITURE – CLOCKS – CROCKS and JUGS – STAMP COLLECTION – COLLECTIBLES – OLD TOOLS and MUCH MORE
To be held at the Maxville and District Sports Complex, Fair Street, Maxville, Ontario
From Hwy 43 turn north onto Highland Road, travel 9 kms to Fair Street, turn east; From Hwy 417, take Highland Road Exit, travel south 7 kms to Fair Street
SATURDAY, DEC. 11 – 9:30 am
9 pc dining room set with Queen Anne legs, Duncan Phyfe extension table and 4 chairs, sideboard; 9pc dining room set; vanity; oak claw foot china cabinet; oak 4 section bookcase; washstands; parlour tables; small table with drawer; dressers; rocker; cedar chest; trunks; assorted chairs; small oak display case; plant stand; wooden post office organizer; modern dining room table with 6 chairs and lighted china cabinet; 2 Arthur Pequegnat clocks (Amherst and Toronto); large antique regulator clock with porcelain face; old Coca-Cola dolly; Coca-Cola sign; Coca-Cola porcelain push bar; Coke cases; Pure Spring push bar; crocks and jugs including 1 gal Bate and Co. jug Ottawa; 2 gal Bodega Wine Co. jug Ottawa; 2 gal flowered jug Cornwall; 1 gal merchant jug Thos. Lamb Grover; large Canadian stamp collection including first day covers; plate blocks; souvenir cards; 4 boxes of stamps and more; quilts and linens; paintings, pictures and prints; Mechanix magazines; vintage children's books; Dionne Quintuplets post cards; old tin toys; cast-iron toys; chrome ashtray with Greyhound dog; table top Toledo scales; Miller High Life light up sign; motion lamp; old Christmas decorations; antique German Santa Claus candy container; cheese boxes; milk cans; WONDERFUL selection of glass and china including several Moorcroft vases; 24 piece chintz luncheon set; flowblue gravy boat and tray; flowblue pitcher; pickle caster with green insert; good selection of old cranberry pieces including cranberry opalescent pickle dish; vases; pitchers; shaker; sugar bowl; glasses and more; Bulls Eye compote and others; Nova Scotia glass; Limoges; pink and green depression; 9pc green pressed glass set with gold overlay; Bavaria, Wedgwood, cobalt, Copeland Spode, 25 cups and saucers including Shelley and Royal Crown Derby, 7 Royal Doultons Christmas Morn HN 1992, Easter Day HN 2039, The Ermine Coat HN 1981, Alice HN 2158, Marie HN 1370, Dinky Do HN 1678, Loretta HN 2337, approx 350 salt and pepper shakers, assorted tools including adze, broad axes; deburring knife set in box; moulding and modern planes; braces and augers; saw sets; Stanley "Bull and Block Plane" No. 130; log scale; wooden jack planes; boring machine; heavy duty air compressor for operating small air tools; colour T.V.; small household appliances
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Notice/Auctions

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

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

NEIL MCINTOSH and GWEN ROMBOUGH,
Estate Trustees
by their Solicitors
ADAMS, SHERWOOD, SWABEY & FOLLON
305 Second St. East
Cornwall, ON K6H 1Y8 49-3c

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

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

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

MacDonald & Aubry,
P.O. Box 1000,
Alexandria, ON K0C 1A0
Solicitors for the Trustee 49-3c

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY
PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry proposes to enact a bylaw to stop up and close that part of the road set out and described as follows:

The road allowance between Lots 31 and 32, Concession 4, north of Concession 4 Road or Bourdeau Road, Township of South Glengarry, formerly the Township of Lancaster, County of Glengarry.

The proposed Bylaw will come before the said Council for reconsideration at its regular meeting at the Council Chambers, 6 Oak Street, Lancaster, on the 13th day of December 2004 at the hour of 7:00 pm and at that time the Council will hear any person or by his/her Counsel, Solicitor, or Agent, any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

DATED this 24th day of November 2004.

Michel Samson
Clerk/Treasurer
Township of South Glengarry
Telephone: 613-347-1166
Fax.: 613-347-3411
Email: info@southglengarry.com 47-3C

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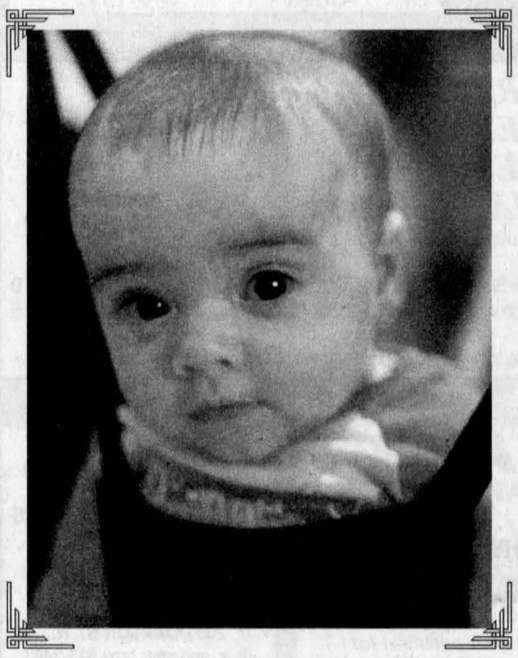
HATS OFF
to the babies of 2004!!



The Glengarry News will be featuring
YOUR BEAUTIFUL BABIES BORN IN 2004
in the December 29 edition
FREE!!!

Bring in a picture of your child born in 2004.
Include the Baby's Name, Birth Date and Parents' Names.

We are accepting submissions by e-mail too!
Send it to
production@glengarrynews.ca
(Send original graphic ie: JPG, TIFF, EPS)
Deadline is December 17th

Optimist Christmas brunch this weekend



GLEN ROBERTSON
COLETTE SAUVÉ
874-2076

Just a reminder about the brunch this coming Sunday, put on by the Optimists, from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. at the Community Centre.

Children under 12 get free admission if accompanied by a parent.

Please bring non-perishable goods for the less fortunate of the community.

You'll get to see Santa and some super young dancers.

Baskets for the less fortunate will be delivered on Dec. 23 around supper time.

Donation by dissolved club

The Dalkeith Optimist Club, which has been dissolved, finished its duties in beauty by giving $500 to École Laurier-Carrière. This will go towards books for the library. The name of the donor will inscribed in all the books bought by this donation.

Diners'

A reminder about Diners' tomorrow: if you want to attend, please call 525-4443.

Happy birthday!

Congratulations to Evariste Decoeur who celebrated his 80th birthday at the churh hall, accompanied by many people.

We wish you many, many more!

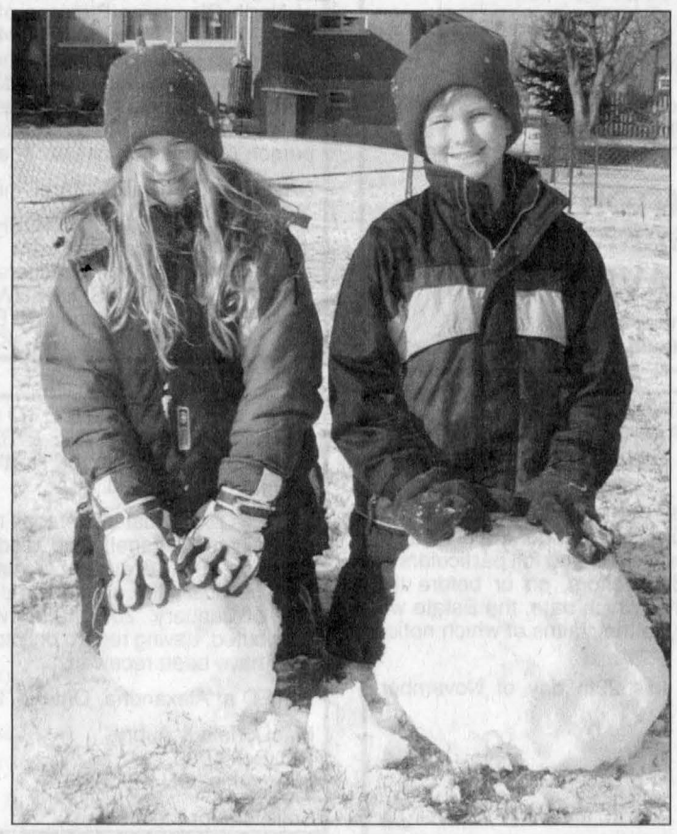
Bingo

The mystery winner last Sunday was Jeannette Bellefeuille, while the jackpot of $700 went to Isobel Maclennan and the bonanza went to Garth Larocque.

The $1,000 monthly Optimist draw went to Joseph Gareau of the Brown House. The vendor was Gérald Desjardins and the ticket number was 0023.

For the winter months of Jan., Feb. and March, the bingo players have voted and the bingos will be held in the afternoon starting at 2 p.m., only for those three months.

The next bingo will be on Jan. 9 instead of the 2nd, as people will certainly not feel like playing bingo the day after New Year's day.



FIRST SNOW: It didn't take Melissa and Alexander Durand of Glen Robertson long to take advantage of the first dumping of snow. Saturday they were hard at work starting on a snowman.

PETE BOCK PHOTO

The \$1,000 Optimist draw has to be held on Jan. 2 as marked on the ticket and it will be held at the back of the church on that date.

A moment of silence was held for Teresa Sabourin who passed away, as she was a regular bingo player.

Laurier-Carrière news

For Advent, Dec. 2 was the official launching of a project with the theme "L'eau Vive." Actions should be taken to make our lives better so as to be ready to receive Jesus.

Many thanks to Brigitte Séguin and Paulette Larocque-Rozon who organized this nice pastoral project.

Mme. Paulette has formed a committee with many students from Grades 7 and 8 to help elaborate this project.

The students will certainly be revived by this water which is our faith.

Roll up your pennies and bring them to the school. This activity will go on all through the year and this money will be given for the Children's Hospital in Ottawa, CHEO.

Christmas is certainly the ideal time to think about children, especially those who are sick and are really in need.

On Dec. 3, junior kindergarten, senior kindergarten and Grade 1 and 2 students mailed a letter to Santa at the post office in the Glen.

Mme. Nathalie will certainly make the imaginations of the children come to life since every day from the Dec. 5 to 11, they will discuss a certain country and savour food from that part of the globe.

A journey of culture and good eating!

Last Sunday, the school participated at the Christmas parade in Alexandria with a float.

Last year, they won 1st place. It's not necessary to win every time, but very important to participate in great numbers each year. The theme was "Peace on Earth."

On Dec. 6, Father Eric organized a reward activity for all the altar boys and girls with one hour at the gym followed by an activity at the church.

All the children will be able to receive the Sacrament of Confession today at 8:30 a.m. at the school.

Grade 2 students will receive this sacrament for the first time that same day at 7 p.m. Congratulations to Jason Cayouette, Innis McLeod, Mandy Séguin and Mylène Simoneau.

Many thanks to Father Eric and Mme. Nathalie for the beautiful preparation of these young people.

An idea suggested to me by somebody from PEI which I thought was real neat: how about baking a Christmas cake and decorating it with "Happy Birthday, Jesus". After all, it's his birthday!

After the confessions, Grades 7 and 8 will be playing in a volleyball tournament at École Elda-Rouleau and Le Relais.

On Dec. 9, Grades 5 to 8 will go to Ottawa for a day at Parliament Hill. They will visit the Canadian Mint followed by a guided tour of the Parliament.

They will have the chance to attend Question Period in the House of Commons.

A trip filled with history and culture!

On Dec. 13, Father Eric will celebrate an Advent mass at 10:30 a.m. at the church, preceded by a practice of the school choir.

This will be followed by a brunch with fruit pancakes and bagels, free of charge for the students.

On Dec. 14, the teaching staff and the students are proud to offer a Christmas concert entitled "Soirée des talents" at 7:30 p.m. at the school gym.

On Dec. 16, Mme. Brigitte and her classes of Grade 5 and 6 students will hold a bake sale and offer the recipes in a booklet for \$3.

Have a very nice week!



THE WINNER IS: École secondaire catholique Le Relais had a draw for a \$3,000 trip recently. From left: Julie Charland, principal of Le Relais; Denyse Deschamps, president of the school council; Pascale Lajoie, co-president of the student council; Sylvie Valade-Claude, 1st prize winner and Pascale Claude who sold the winning ticket.

MARTIN CREVIER PHOTO

OBITUARIES

Jeannette Lavigne

At the Cornwall Community Hospital, Second Street Site, on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2004, Jeannette Cella Lavigne of Alexandria passed away at the age of 54.

She was the friend of Roger Hamelin of Green Valley.

She is also mourned by her brothers and sisters, Hector Lavigne (Annette), Gerald Lavigne (Jacqueline), Herve Lavigne, Mrs. Annette Theoret (Jean-Paul) and Laurette Menard (Alcide) all of Alexandria and Emile Lavigne (Eva) of St. Clet, Quebec.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Aurel and Victor Lavigne. She was the daughter of the late Arthur Lavigne and the late Della Lavigne.

Relatives and friends called at the Munro & Morris Funeral Homes Ltd., 114 Main Street South, Alexandria, on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Eglise Sacre-Coeur on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004 at 10 a.m. followed by cremation.

As expressions of sympathy, Memorial Donations to the Lung Association, Eastern Counties or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

Christena Crowe

Mrs. Christena Crowe of Cornwall, formerly of Summerstown Station, passed away at the Cornwall Community Hospital Second Street Site on Nov. 9, 2004. She was 86.

Mrs. Crowe was predeceased by her husband, Robert Jay Crowe.

She is survived by her children Arthur (Geraldine) Crowe of Glen Walter; Katherine Crowe of Cornwall and Sharon (Dan) Arcand of St-Lazare, Que.

She was the dear sister of Norma (Bill) Cattanach of Williamstown.

Mrs. Crowe will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Suzanna, Melissa and Philip.

Also missed by sister-in-law Pauline MacCrimmon, Abbotsford, BC and brother-in-law Sandy MacPherson of North Lancaster.

Mrs. Crowe was the daughter of the late Farquahar MacCrimmon and the late Christybel MacNeil.

She was also predeceased by her son Steven, brothers Duncan and Callum MacCrimmon and two sisters Harriet MacPherson and Isabel Hood.

She rested at the Wilson Funeral Home, 822 Pitt Street, Cornwall.

Funeral services were celebrated by Reverend Andrea Harrison in St. Andrew's United Church, Williamstown, on Nov. 11, 2004.

Organist Malcolm Cumming and piper Grant MacDougall provided the music.

Interment followed in St. Andrew's United Church Cemetary, Williamstown.

The pallbearers were Allan MacCrimmon, Robert Cattanach, Neil Cattanach, Robert MacPherson, Glenn MacPherson and Doug MacPherson.

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Parade a resounding success with 65 entries



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What a success! The Lancaster Christmas parade saw 65 entries, which included registered and non-registered particpants travelling down the main street.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

The winners are as follows:

Best Overall Entry: 1st Direct Transport; 2nd Knights of Columbus and 3rd Body Care Solutions. Best Theme: Lancaster Fire Department; Most Original: Williamstown Fair Board; Best Small Business: Leroux Small Engines; Best Out of Town: Direct Transport; Best Youth Achievement: S.J. McLeod School Band; Best School: Ecole L'Ange Gardien; Best Horse: Rose Quarter Horses; Best Animal: 1st Berrigan's; 2nd Jack Holly's Bernese Mountain Dogs; Best Walking Costumes: 1st Emily and Laroque, 2nd Lancaster Cubs, Scouts, Beavers and Venturers, 3rd Dollar Deals.

A very big thank you to all who helped: The Optimist Club, The Knights, The Legion, Exclusive Artforms for providing space for the S. J. McLeod Band to entertain, the O.P.P and the Lancaster Fire Department.

To Derek Leroux, a big thank you for getting involved and making sure the tradition carried on and getting the whole community involved. We all had fun and take pride in the success of the day!

Dollar Deals sends thanks

Bill and Eudora Eaton would like to thank their volunteers who helped with the float.

Special thanks to Elaine and Jim Lalonde, the chicken and the lion, and also to Inga and Naylor Sargeant for their hand with decorating and to Peter and Shirley Boileau and Charlie Borland for dressing up and handing out candy.

Novice Rebels win...again

If you guys are sitting at home moping, watching reruns of old hockey games, it's your own fault.

These boys are the bomb, winning another game 5-2 against Long Sault.

Scorers of this action-packed game were Reid Payette with a hat trick and Keegan Mulhearn and Killian McCullough with a single each.

Watching these guys play is edge-of-the-seat excitement.

You can adopt this team to get back into cheering for players who play because nothing else matters to them, and you can even choose a favourite player.

For example, Steve's is "the boy he counts every assist of," Jeremy McFarlane, Rodney's is" Leader of Defence" Ross Craig and mine, of course, is "Mom, don't touch my skates" Tristan Davis.

There are lots to choose from: Tanner Spink, Kieran Devine, Kenzie Flarrow, Blake Shannon, Liam Giant.

For their next home, game check your local listing (this is it). You don't want to miss it!

For coaches everywhere, if you see us in your arena don't give me any papers because I will write on them. That's what I do. For me or not, I will do it!

Knights news

It will be a busy day on Dec. 19 for the Knights.

The day starts with their community breakfast at St. Joseph's Parish Hall from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Adults $4 and children $3.50. Everyone is welcome.

Same day, same place, but at 7:30 p.m. is their Annual Turkey Bingo and admission is $1.

Their annual Christmas dance was held on Nov. 27 and winners from their Club 400 draw were Caroline Dussault: $1,000; E. Wilson-King: $500; Helene Dussault, Shelley Chaytor and Elise Jacques: $100 each.

Thanks to everyone for their support.

Special thanks to Sylvain Pilon, Eugene and Cathy Picard, Lucien Brunet and family, Robert and Deborah Bedard, Gerald Gauthier, Richard Pilon, Charles Borland and Michel Bourdeau.

Children's Christmas service

On Dec. 12, the children of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in South Lancaster will be conducting their annual Christmas pageant.

The service, which will bring the true meaning of Christmas to life, will begin at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow. Everyone is welcome.

We've got Reiki!

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A frugal trip

My husband was quite pleased with me when I came home from a shopping trip to Ottawa with the girls in his family and I barely spent any money.

How is this possible?

Well, Ian is blessed with a nosy (I say "curious") wife.

I was quite content watching all the protesters in the Rideau Centre with their pierced faces, "couldn't find a comb" hair styles, using their Crayola markers to make their "articulate signs" many of which read: "Bush wanted for war crimes," "Bush Terrorist," "Bush kiss my !@#."

We had a most interesting lunch at the Weston as we watched the street below us fill with hundreds of police officers dressed in their riot gear, officers on the roofs of the Parliament and surrounding buildings.

One young protestor helped us pass the time as we waited for the bill, as he was brought down the street, apprehended by two officers. Apparently the protestors had no use for the security barriers put up, so they thought they would take them down.

An interesting view from a mall. Now I must go and shop because I am really behind. I wonder who will come to town next year!

Cooper Marsh Tree lighting

Take a delightful break from the busy rush of the Christmas Season and spend a few "harmonious" hours at the Cooper Marsh annual treelighting tradition.

Starting at 7 p.m. at the Visitor's Centre on Dec. 11, the evening will include Christmas carols with Shirley Stokes at the keyboard, a special Christmas story by MC Gary Stokes, music by Terry and Cathy Dube, and a procession outside to light the big tree looking out over the marsh.

Many outdoor lights have been placed to light up the way to the Centre.

Just before the evening's entertainment, awards will be presented to the winners of the 2004 Eco-Photo Contest.

After the tree lighting, refreshments will be served.

The Cooper Marsh Conservators, the RRCA, and the St. Lawrence River Institute extend a warm invitation to you and your family.

For information call Dan at 932-2720 or Gera at 347-1371.

White gift Sunday

On Dec. 12, St. Andrew's and Knox United church celebrates White Gift Sunday and Communion at the Bainsville site, to be conducted by Rev. Jacqueline Friaud.

White gifts this year go to the Children's Treatment Centre in Cornwall, for physically and sexually abused children ages 14 to 17.

Gifts for adolescents are greatly needed – or money to help the centre continue its vital treatment and healing work.

A WI Christmas

The Bainsville Women's Institute held their Christmas dinner meeting last week at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hall, South Lancaster.

This year, instead of a multi-course dinner, members opted for "finger foods" with an international theme.

Members exchanged gifts, read poems, sang carols and brought gifts and donations for Baldwin House for abused families in Cornwall.

Susan Robertson and Raylene Goulder directed a comedy skit about kids misbehaving at the knee of a long-suffering department store Santa.

Guelda MacRae decorated the hall handsomely, Elizabeth Legge presided and Lillian MacGregor, assisted by teenage volunteer helpers, convened the dinner.



WINNING POSTER: The Eastern Ontario Health Unit recently sponsored a poster design contest to discourage young people from using marijuana. École Le Relais student Joëlle Ouimet (centre) was the winner. She is congratulated by Public Health Nurse Corinne Brunet while her art teacher, Céline Ferland, looks on. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Choral Festival postponed to Sunday



GLEN SANDFIELD
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874-2408

Just a reminder that the annual Choral Festival of Carols, which will take place in St Alexander's Church in Lochiel, has been postponed until Dec. 12. Please contact Mike Gibbs for additional information.

Back from USA

It is nice to be home after a month travelling in the USA. I spent two weeks in Chesterfield, Missouri with my stepdaughter, Mildred Nyberg, and her son, David. Then I flew to Wichita, Kansas to stay two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vanderhoff. (They are my second cousins.) I visited daily with my cousin Betty Campbell at a rehab centre and we enjoyed our afternoons together.

On Nov. 29, Betty's 90th birthday party-dinner and family concert was held at their church. There were 65 family members and most of them sing and play instruments. What a talented family. It was just wonderful! I arrived in Montreal the following Monday and got back here on Tuesday morning.

It was a delightful month away but it certainly is nice to be back home.

Christmas party

Bonnie Chapman from Brossard joined me for *The Glengarry News* Christmas party last Saturday evening and we both really enjoyed the dinner and dance. It was great fun! She left for home on Sunday afternoon.

Condolences

It was with great regret that I returned to learn that Sarah MacMillan had passed away. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family at this sad time.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Mac McRae, whose untimely death has saddened his many friends in the area.


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On the weekend of Nov. 25 to 27, Dr. Theo and Di Jaggassar were in Toronto to attend the annual Family Medicine Forum of the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

The weekend turned out to be a very momentous one for our highly respected doctor, when he was awarded a Fellowship in the College of Family Physicians of Canada to honour his continuing Certification in Family Medicine since 1972 and commitment to professional development and lifelong learning.

He was also honoured with a Life Membership in the College.

Mrs. Jaggassar was accompanied by daughter Lora and son Mark when Dr. Jaggassar received his honours.

Dr. Jaggassar has been the family doctor in Maxville since 1967 and the medical doctor for Maxville Manor since 1968, and as we congratulate him as the very worthy recipient of these honours, we wish him continued good health in order to look after his appreciative patients for years to come.

A great loss

Relatives and friends from far and wide were shocked last week to learn of the sudden passing of Malcolm (Mac, little Mac, or Scotch Mac) MacRae, a Manor resident.

He had a vast number of friends and knew the life history of most.

With him went a great deal of local history centred around Vankleek Hill, Dunvegan, Monkland and Maxville.

His funeral was held at the Munro Morris Funeral Home here on Friday and was conducted by the Rev. Mark Bourgon, the Presbyterian minister from Avonmore. The organist was Eileen Campbell, Dunvegan.

There was a very large crowd in attendance and Mac would have known every one of them and most likely their parents and, perhaps, their grandparents.

The burial was in a family plot in the cemetery of the Gordon Church at St. Elmo and a reception was held afterwards at the funeral home.

Four of his best friends served as pallbearers: Leslie Clark, William McDonell, Sesel Wert and Malcolm Dewar, along with his two nephews, Lee MacRae and Dr. Peter MacLean. Dr. MacLean also gave his uncle's eulogy.

Our condolences go to Mac's sister, Catherine MacLean, Goldfield, and to his sister-in-law, Iris MacRae, wife of the late Norman, Cornwall, and to Lynne Mainville, his niece, of Strathmore.

Parade rescheduled

Nov. 28 was a very wet day and the organizers of the Santa Claus parade had to make the decision to postpone the parade for two weeks.

Therefore, it will be held next Sunday and will start from the Manor, after the judging of the floats, at 1.30 pm.

Santa will be at the Sports Complex after he is driven there at the end of the parade and will be very happy to speak with all his little friends there.

There will also be refreshments, compliments of the local Lions Club.

Back from sanctuary

Fred Cappuccino is back home now after his long stay in the church in Ottawa where he was supporting the protest for a refugee threatened with deportation. The matter has not been finalized yet, but promises have been made to attempt a satisfactory resolution of the matter.

New baby

Congratulations and very best wishes go to Kathleen and Rodney MacKillican on the birth of their third child and second daughter. The baby was born on the birthday of her grandfather, Peter Jack, on Nov. 30.



CRAFT SHOW: The annual Canadian-European Christmas craft and bake sale took place over the weekend at the Maxville Sportsplex. It drew many visitors including Lorna Blair, of Maxville, shown here checking out a beautiful wreath. PETE BOCK PHOTO

Oops

I apologize to Blair Williams for not reading his e-mail announcement carefully and to Ken Jones and Ken Johns for mixing up their names.

It will be Ken Jones who will be the guest organist at the special service in St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church on Dec. 19.

Lions breakfast

The monthly breakfast served by the members of our Lions Club will be this Sunday at the Complex, from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

I am going to add a personal note to this announcement: I was a member of the Lions Club for many years and it was me that suggested that we try these breakfasts as a fundraiser.

The first ones were held in the basement of the Community Hall, before the Complex was built. So it must be around 30 years that the members of the Lions Club have been serving them and pleasing the public.

UCW meeting

Members of the UCW of the United Church held their monthly meeting at Christine Walker's Lunch Box Café last Wednesday.

Other ladies from the church, perhaps potential members, were included to a total of 23. After a delicious luncheon, the regular worship and business meeting were conducted.

Craft sale a success

The Canadian-European Craft Sale at the Complex last Saturday and Sunday was once again a decided success.

The attendance was large, everyone seemed very happy, and all those leaving carried parcels.

It appeared to me that there was more baking this year and it is always bound to sell quickly.

The refreshment area was well filled and it is so good to see all the friends from far and wide having a good visit.

A Christmas Carol

On Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m., Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will be presented in the United Church by a group direct from a performance at Ottawa's National Arts Centre. Featured will be renowned professional actor John Huston and a choir.

Organizers believe that this will be the event of the year for the Village.

Bingo volunteers needed

Phyllis Burtenshaw-Lalonde requires two volunteers to assist with the weekly bingos at the Manor. They are held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and are one hour long. So that means that the new volunteer has to give up only one hour of his or her time to bring enjoyment and a bit if excitement to residents. Of course, the volunteer may also stay around, visit with the players or visit others in their rooms.

To volunteer with Phyllis, you phone 527-2170, ext. 228, and speak with her or leave a message on her answering machine.

Outreach news

Margaret Fraser, who co-ordinates the Seniors' Outreach Programs at the Manor, has some announcements for those interested in participating.

On Dec. 16, there will be a trip to Upper Canada Playhouse for the play "Dear Santa." The group will leave the Manor at 4:30 p.m. and have dinner at the McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg.

This time, diners will make their choices from the menu.

Play tickets are $17 and there will be a small charge for transportation.

The monthly euchre will not be held in December.

With lots of notice, the luncheon for the bowlers will be held in Town Square at the Manor on January 13 at noon.

Bridge results

After the Saturday afternoon bridge party at the Manor, Myrtle MacMillan went back to her room with her slip of paper showing the highest score, Margaret Anderson took her second place standing to her home in Glen Garden Village and Barbara Lariviere her third place standing to her home just west of the Manor.

Bowling scores

The Tuesday bowlers, last week, shared honours.

Trudy Wilamoski had the high score (171) for the ladies as well as the high triple (443). Eunice Nixon and Jean Campbell were next with their high scores while Olive Shields and Jean were next with their triples.

It was the same for the men. Jim Campbell had high score (181) and high triple (448) and was followed by Bill McDonell and Leslie Clark with their singles and Bill and Gregory Ryan with their triples.

The Thursday bowlers, mixed things up a bit.

Marlene Annett had high score (187) and the triple (478). Claire Besner and Lillian Duval were back a bit with their singles and Claire and Elise Forrest back some with their triples.

Gary Newman claimed that he was in his third year now and finally topped the two lists with a single of 191 and triple of 485. He was followed by Gordon Winter and Harris Annett in the singles and Herb Gillingham and Gordon with their triples.

There will be no more bowling until January.

It's a bird eat bird world

The biggest item for the bird news this week came from Loch Garry. A huge bald eagle was observed in an elm tree feeding on what must have been a hawk. While feeding, the bird dropped something, and later this something was picked up by the observer and it appeared to be the foot of a hawk.

There are cardinals at the lake, too, as well as a few geese, as of Monday, on some open water.

Just after I finished writing this column last week, there were two evening grosbeaks at a feeder outside the window. I haven't seen them since.

There is a red breasted nuthatch coming regularly and a small flock of mourning doves.

It is harder to have feed available for them at all times with the snow and squirrels coming around. I have to admit, though, that we are not troubled by many squirrels this year.

The feeders hanging from the arms on a pole have solved the squirrel problem, mostly.

Cardinals have been reported at the north end of the village, and just a few minutes ago, while I was writing this column, Lorna spotted a male cardinal in the tree. We hope that it comes back.

Christmas basket deadline approaching

Time is ticking down for families to request Christmas baskets from the Lions Club of Alexandria.

Campaign chairperson Gaetan Ravary said the last day to ask for a basket is Dec. 17. The baskets will be delivered on Dec. 18.

So far, around 40 baskets have been requested.

"There have been calls coming in all week, seven to 10 a day," Mr. Ravary said. "We'll probably reach 80 by the end (of the campaign.)"

He said the average each year is around 80 baskets.

"There's always new people (who request baskets) too, people who have just moved to the area."

To help defray the costs of the baskets, the Lions Club is holding a draw as well as placing donation boxes at businesses around Alexandria.

"The donations help cover expenses," Mr. Ravary said.

The club also receives donations by mail from indviduals and businesses, but in the end, the Lions Club absorbs the deficit.

There's still time to buy tickets in for the draw. The earlybird draw took place on Dec. 7, but the final draw will be held on Dec. 18.

To request a Christmas basket, phone 525-4261.

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EB-2004-0446

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING

GAS FRANCHISE APPLICATION FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. filed an application dated September 24, 2004 with the Ontario Energy Board under the *Municipal Franchises Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55 for an order of the Board approving the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the Corporation of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry ("the Corporation") is by by-law to grant to Enbridge the right to construct and operate works for the distribution of gas, and the right to extend and add to the works in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry ("the Municipality"). Enbridge has also applied for an order of the Board declaring and directing that the assent of the electors of the Corporation is not necessary. The Board has assigned file No. EB-2004-0446 to this application.

The Municipality encompasses the City of Cornwall and the Townships of North Dundas, South Dundas, North Stormont, South Stormont, North Glengarry and South Glengarry. Enbridge has an existing Franchise Agreement (E.B.A. 374) with the Municipality which expires on January 22, 2005. Enbridge has existing Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for portions of the Municipality including: the former Town of Alexandria (F.B.C. 194), the former Township of Kenyon (F.B.C. 188) and the former Township of Lochiel (F.B.C. 186), all located within the Township of North Glengarry; the former Township of Charlottenburgh (F.B.C. 195) and the former Township of Lancaster (F.B.C. 198), both located in the Township of South Glengarry. Enbridge has existing Franchise Agreements with the Township of North Glengarry (E.B.A 852) and portions of the Township of South Glengarry including the former Township of Lancaster (E.B.A. 796) and the former Township of Charlottenburgh (E.B.A. 837). Enbridge does not have Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for, or Franchise Agreements with the City of Cornwall, the Townships of North Stormont, South Stormont, North Dundas, and South Dundas, or portions within.

Copies of the franchise application are available for inspection at: the Board's office, Enbridge's head office, Enbridge's regional office and the Municipality's office, at the addresses indicated below.

The Board intends to proceed with the application by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board within 7 calendar days of the publication date of this Notice.

If you wish to participate in the written hearing, you must forward three copies of your written submissions to the Board Secretary and one copy to the applicant at the addresses below. All submissions must be received no later than 14 days after the publication date of this Notice. If Enbridge wishes to respond to the written submission, such response must be received by the Board no later than 21 days after the publication date of this Notice. All submissions must quote file number EB-2004-0446, clearly state the sender's name and address, and be received by the Board Secretary by 4:45 p.m. on the required dates.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY FILING WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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Elda Rouleau teacher wins vacation



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The school council of École secondaire catholique Le Relais held a draw for a trip worth $3,000 or $2,000 cash on Nov. 30. The winner, Sylvie Valade-Claude, a teacher at École catholique Elda-Rouleau chose the trip. Pascale Claude receives $100 for selling the winning ticket.

Second prize is shared by Serge Gabrion and Lionel Décoeur of Alexandria and Pierrette Lapointe of Chateauguay wins the third prize.

Natasha Vaillancourt won an MP3 player for selling the most tickets.

Proceeds will benefit the students of Le Relais, who wish to thank all those who bought a ticket.



GDHS AWARD WINNERS: Front row: Taj Dhinsa (silver medal grade 11), Kelsey McLeod (bronze grade 11), Keisha Macdonald (bronze grade nine), Christine Duncan (silver, grade nine.) Back row: David Duncan (gold, grade 11), Christian Gallai (silver, grade 10), Alexander Fraser (bronze, grade 10), Matthew Fenwick (gold, grade 10), Nicole Nussbaumer (gold, grade nine), Kelsey McDonell (bronze, grade nine.)
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GDHS academic awards

The following is a list of winners at the Academic Awards ceremony for the year 2003-2004.

Highest averages: Grade 9: 1st place, Nicole Nussbaumer; 2nd place, Christine Duncan; 3rd place, Kelsey McDonell and Keisha MacDonald.

Grade 10: 1st place, Matthew Fenwick; 2nd place, Christian Gallai; 3rd place, Alexander Fraser.

Grade 11: 1st place, David Duncan; 2nd place, Taj Dhinsa; 3rd place, Kelsey McLeod.

Medals, 80 per cent and above:

Grade 9: Christine Duncan, Rebecca Luck, Keisha MacDonald, Kelsey McDonell, Jessica McLeod, Katie McLeod, Nicole Nussbaumer, Jean-Christian Poirier, Jessica Thompson, Victoria Vanderbyl, Khalhela Zoeller.

Grade 10: Matthew Bedard, Charles Cholette, Angus David, Kristina Décoeur, Matthew Fenwick, Jesse Firempong, Alexander Fraser, Christian Gallai, Alexandra Hargreaves, Matthew Lalonde, Emily MacLeod, Jeffrey Munro.

Grade 11: Hannah Burleton, Lorianne Décoeur, Taj Dhinsa, David Duncan, Jana Finger, Linda Franova, Mélanie Gauthier, Alisha Giroux, Dominik Guettinger, Kacie Lancaster, Kelsey McLeod, Alyson Orwell, Jordan Sauvé, Amanda Smith, Adam St. Denis, Christian Woods.

Certificates, 75 to 79 per cent:

Grade 9: Jennifer Bourbonnais, Kayla MacDonald, Amanda MacNaughton, Elizabeth MacPhee, Corey Mader, Andrea Richard, Hannah Vigeant.

Grade 10: Nancy Bourbonnais, Kim Carrière, Sarah Chisholm, Victoria Couchman, Marie-Louise Gaudreau, Blake Kerr-Kaswurm, Megan Kirchner, Sidney MacDonald, Chelsey MacPherson, Shannon Paquin, Yvonne Schultz, Dinah Thaw, Samantha Zbinden.

Grade 11: Ellen Astle, Shawn Borris, Randy MacKinnon, Brad MacLeod, Matthew McKay, Mary-Jane O'Shea, Vincent Richard, Sarah-Anne Woodings.

Arts: Comprehensive Arts 1OE (Music), Jessica McLeod; Comprehensive Arts 1OE (Art), Christine Duncan; Dramatic Arts 2OE, Matthew Bedard; Dramatic Arts 3OE Brad MacLeod; Music 2OE, Yvonne Schultz; Music 3ME, Alisha Giroux; Visual Arts 2OE, Megan Kirchner; Visual Arts 3OE, Alisha Giroux.

Basic Life Skills: Basic Life Skills, Krista Orwell.

Business Studies: Information Technology Applications in Business 3OE, Shawn Borris; Introduction to Financial Accounting 3ME, Christian Woods; Introduction to Information Technology in Business 2OE, Jeffrey Munro.

Canadian and World Studies: Canadian History in the Twentieth Century 2DE, Christian Gallai; Canadian History in the Twentieth Century 2DF (Immersion), Matthew Lalonde; Canadian History in the Twentieth Century 2PE, Shannon Paquin; Civics 2OE, Matthew Fenwick; Civics (Immersion) 20F, Matthew Lalonde; Géographie du Canada 1DF, Rebecca Luck; Geography of Canada 1DE: Christine Duncan; Geography of Canada 1PE, Jean-Christian Poirier; Regional Geography: Travel and Tourism 3OE, Ellen Astle; Understanding Canadian Law 3EE, Eric MacMillan; Understanding Canadian Law 3ME, Jana Finger; World History to the Sixteen Century 3ME, Taj Dhinsa.

Career Studies and Guidance: Career Studies 2OE, Dinah Thaw; Career Studies 2OE (Immersion), Nancy Bourbonnais; Leadership and Peer Support 3OE, Melanie Gauthier.

Computer Studies: Computer and Information Science 3ME, Alexander Chisholm; Computer and Information Science 2OE, Matthew Fenwick.

English: English 1DE, Christine Duncan; English 1PE, Amanda Denneny-Mallette; English 13E, Andrew Patry; English 2DE, Alexander Fraser; English 2PE, Philip Wood; English 241, Julie Julien; English 3CE, Dominik Guettinger; English 3UE , Melanie Gauthier.

French: French 1DF, Christine Duncan; French 1PF, Nicole Nussbaumer; French 2DF, Matthew Fenwick; French 3OF, Taj Dhinsa; French 3UF, Alyson Orwell; French Extended 2DF, Charles Cholette; French Extended 1DF, Kelsey McDonell; French Extended 3UF, Lorianne Décoeur; French Immersion 1DF, Keisha MacDonald; French Immersion 2DF, Matthew Lalonde.

Interdisciplinary Studies:

Applied Journalism 3OI, Melanie Gauthier; Appreciation of French Culture 4OF, Lorianne Décoeur.

Mathematics:

Foundations of Mathematics 1PE, Victoria Vanderbyl; Foundations of Mathematics 2PE, Justin Black; Functions 3ME, Kacie Lancaster; Functions and Relations 3UE, David Duncan; Mathematics 141, Amanda Helliker; Mathematics for Everyday Life 3EE, Randy MacKinnon; Mathematics of Personal Finance 3CE, Linda Franova; Principles of Mathematics 1DE, Nicole Nussbaumer; Principles of Mathematics 2DE, Matthew Fenwick.

Physical Education:

Healthy Active Living Education 1OB, Matthew Stones; Healthy Active Living Education 10G, Katie McLeod; Healthy Active Living Education 20B, Jeffrey Munro; Healthy Active Living Education 20G, Dinah Thaw; Personal and Fitness Activities 3OB, Adam St. Denis; Personal and Fitness Activities 3OG, Alyson Orwell; Recreation and Fitness Leadership 4OE, Adam St. Denis.

Science: Biology 3CE, Amanda Smith; Biology 3UE, David Duncan; Chemistry 3UE, David Duncan; Physics 3UE, David Duncan; Science 1DE, Nicole Nussbaumer; Science Pathways 14B, Sylvie Gareau; Science 1PE, Jean-Christian Poirier; Science 2DE, Matthew Fenwick; Science 2PE, Jonathan O'Neill; Science 3EE, Randy MacKinnon.

Social Science and Humanities: Food and Nutrition 2OE, Kristina Décoeur; Introduction to Psychology 3ME, Hannah Burleton; Managing Personal Resources 3EE, Sylvie Gareau; Managing Personal and Family Resources 3CE, Jennifer Shackleton.

Spanish: Spanish 2OE, Stephanie Yates.

Technology: Construction Technology 2OE, Blake Kerr-Kaswurm; Construction Technology 3CE, Taj Dhinsa; Integrated Technologies 1OE (Technology), Elizabeth MacPhee; Integrated Technologies 1OE (Computers), Nicole Nussbaumer; Manufacturing Technology 3CE, Thomas Gosselin; Transportation Technology 2OE, Matthew Keusch; Transportation Technology 3CE, Adam St. Denis.

More news from GDHS

The GDHS Christmas Concert, presented by the Music Department and directed by Elizabeth Caddell and featuring the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Choir and Soloists will take place on Dec. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school cafetorium. Admission is $4.

Don't forget: anyone looking for Christmas gift ideas, yearbooks can still be purchased for $30 (gift certificates are available).

Also still available are Brian Caddell's "Be Mindful" CD for $15, of which $5 goes to the refurbishing of the piano and also Hadrian's Wall "A Good Excuse to Wear A Suit" CD, which sells for $15, with $10 from each CD going towards the girls' hockey teams' European trip.

GDHS staff will be cooking up a storm (hopefully not a snow storm!) when they host their annual Christmas breakfast of sausages and French toast for students, custodians, bus drivers and school council reps on Dec. 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Amnesty International

A major event called Write for Rights is taking place at Glengarry District High School and the Georgian House in Alexandria on Dec. 10, International Human Rights Day.

It's the first public activity of the new Amnesty International Glengarry Prescott Russell Action Circle 75.

Those participating in Write For Rights will be joining other Amnesty International (AI) activists in more than 80 countries around the world to raise awareness of human rights abuses.

People are invited to drop by the high school from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or come to the Georgian House restaurant from 6-8 p.m. and write a letter, a postcard or greeting card to help bring justice to someone somewhere in the world who has suffered human rights abuse.

A lot of people feel terrible when they read about human rights abuses in the Darfur Region of Sudan, in the Middle East or elsewhere, explains Pat Kerr, spokesperson for the Action Circle. But they can't imagine how they can do anything about it individually.

By participating in Write for Rights, they will join people across Canada and the world in putting public pressure on governments and private sector abusers to change tactics. It only takes a few minutes but it can make a remarkable difference.

Last year in Canada, more than 8,000 letters were written during 100 letter-writing events across the country. This year, Amnesty hopes to more than triple that amount. Already more than 300 events are scheduled.

The cases people will be working on include political prisoners, victims of war, child soldiers and women who've experienced violence. Brief descriptions of the cases, letter writing materials and cards, in French and in English, will all be on hand, as well as information about Amnesty International.

For more information or to learn more about Amnesty International, please contact Pat Kerr at 874-2293 or by email at kerrsun@glen-net.ca.

Bridge results

N-S 1. E. Marjerrison and Jim Campbell; 2. Pat Graham and Danielle Martineau; 3. Lorne Norman and Don Crawford; 4. Michel Paquette and Suzanne Lambert.

E-W 1. Jean Larocque and Albert Leonard; 2. Sheila Pickett and Jean Campbell; 3. Jack Paavila and Hugh Wilson; 4. Ron Allison and Gerri Tibbals.

Fraternité card party results

Winners at our Dec. 2 card party hosted by Huguette and Marcel Ranger were:

Euchre: Rolland Paquette, Omer Poirier, Colette Viau, Emile Viau, Andre Lefebvre, Real Diotte, Doreen Johnson, Marcel Séguin. Skunk: Real Diotte.

Bridge: Yvette Massie, Pauline Valade, Louise Sabourin, Patch Macdonell. 50/50: Paul Emile Charbonneau, Aline Levac, Jean Guy Chenier (twice), Raymond Lefebvre, Marie-Therese Theoret, Aime Theoret, Helene Campeau, Cecile Lortie. Door prize: Claude Massie.

Our next card party will be held on Dec 16, hosted by Huguette and Marcel Ranger.

Don't forget Turkey Bingo on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

Ten turkeys will be drawn during the evening.

Sand bag league

From Nov. 26: Highest Double, Ghislaine Menard: 7180; Raymond Lefebvre: 8100; Helena Campeau: 6920; J. Guy Chenier: 6410; Marthe Chenier: 6300; Guy Perreault: 5940.

Highest Game, Ghislaine Menard: 4430; Raymond Lefebvre: 5100; Marthe Chenier: 3670; J. Guy Chenier: 3390; Helena Campeau: 3510; Guy Perreault: 3200.

Highest Square, Helena Campeau: 1240; Raymond Lefebvre: 1450; Mary Perreault: 1110; Mike Camacho: 1270; Marthe Chenier: 1070; P. Emile Charbonneau: 1100.

Christmas is in the air

While I was unable to attend the tree lighting last Friday evening, I did drive by later and was very impressed with the tree this year, as I stated last week the tree alone was impressive but it is very beautiful with the lights lit!

Get out take a walk and stop to enjoy a big part of this town's contribution to the Holiday season!

I also wanted to mention that while we have had a small taste of winter in the last week or so, many people get right into the spirit of things: as I stood looking out of my window the other morning, I was amazed to see a snowman!

Yes, and quite an impressive one at that. My son even commented on the fact that he thought we didn't have enough snow to make snowmen yet, so to my neighbors who took the time to make such a beautiful lawn decoration for winter, I thank you! Each day as I look at it, that snowman makes me smile.

Also, for all those who know Sue Paquin and have been wondering about how she is doing, I have news! I was lucky enough to bump into Sue last week while shopping and she looks wonderful. She assured me that she also feels quite well and if that famous smile of hers is any indication, then it must be all true!

We continue to wish her good luck and nothing but the best of health for the New Year!

See you all next week!

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AVIS DE REQUÊTE ET AVIS D'AUDIENCE ÉCRITE
POUR UNE REQUÊTE DE CONCESSION DE GAZ POUR LA CORPORATION DES COMTÉS UNIS DE STORMONT, DUNDAS ET GLENGARRY

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. a déposé une requête, datée du 24 septembre 2004, auprès de la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario en vertu de la *Loi sur les concessions municipales*, L.R.O. 1990, c. M. 55, en vue d'obtenir une ordonnance de la Commission approuvant les conditions et la période selon lesquelles la Corporation of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (ci-après, la « Corporation ») accordera, par règlement, à Enbridge le droit de construire et d'exploiter des ouvrages de distribution du gaz et de les agrandir ainsi que d'y effectuer des ajouts dans les comtés unis de Stormont, Dundas et Glengarry (ci-après, la « Municipalité »). Enbridge a également présenté une requête pour obtenir une ordonnance de la Commission déclarant et ordonnant que l'accord des électeurs de la Corporation n'est pas nécessaire. La Commission a assigné à cette Requête le numéro EB-2004-0446.

La Municipalité comprend la ville de Cornwall et les cantons de North Dundas, South Dundas, North Stormont, South Stormont, North Glengarry et South Glengarry. Enbridge détient une entente de concession (E.B.A. 374) avec la Municipalité, laquelle vient à échéance le 22 janvier 2005. Enbridge détient des certificats d'intérêt public et de nécessité pour les portions de la Municipalité comprenant l'ancienne ville d'Alexandria (F.B.C. 194), l'ancien canton de Kenyon (F.B.C. 188) et l'ancien canton de Lochiel (F.B.C. 186), lesquels sont tous situés sur le territoire de North Glengarry ainsi que l'ancien canton de Charlottenburgh (F.B.C. 195) et l'ancien canton de Lancaster (F.B.C. 198), qui sont situés tous deux dans le canton de South Glengarry. Enbridge a conclu des ententes de concession avec le canton de North Glengarry (E.B.A 852) et des portions du canton de South Glengarry, notamment l'ancien canton de Lancaster (E.B.A. 796) et l'ancien canton de Charlottenburgh (E.B.A. 837). Enbridge ne détient aucun certificats d'intérêt public et de nécessité pour la ville de Cornwall, les cantons de North Stormont, de South Stormont, de North Dundas et de South Dundas ou des portions de ces cantons et Enbridge n'a conclu aucune entente de concession avec ces villes et cantons.

Des copies de la requête de concession sont disponibles pour consultation dans les bureaux de la Commission, au bureau central d'Enbridge et au bureau de la Municipalité aux adresses indiquées ci-dessous.

La Commission entend procéder par voie d'audience écrite, à moins qu'une partie ne présente à la Commission des raisons justifiant de ne pas tenir une telle audience. Si vous avez des objections à ce que la Commission tienne une audience écrite dans cette affaire, vous devez fournir des arguments par écrit précisant en quoi une audience orale est nécessaire. Les objections à une audience écrite doivent parvenir à la Commission dans les sept jours civils suivant la publication du présent avis.

Si vous désirez participer à l'audience écrite, vous devez faire parvenir trois exemplaires de vos observations écrites au secrétaire de la Commission et un exemplaire au requérant aux adresses indiquées ci-dessous. Toutes les observations doivent parvenir à la Commission au plus tard 14 jours après la publication du présent avis. Si Enbridge entend répondre aux observations écrites, elle doit faire parvenir sa réponse à la Commission au plus tard 21 jours après la publication du présent avis. Toutes les observations doivent citer les numéros de dossiers EB-2004-0446, indiquer clairement le nom et l'adresse de l'expéditeur et parvenir au secrétaire de la Commission avant 16 h 45 aux dates prescrites.

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Fait à Toronto le 12 novembre 2004.

COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO

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SDG Highland Dancing results

The SD&G Highland Dance Association held its second of four indoor competitions on Dec. 4, at Glengarry District High School in Alexandria.

The judge for the day was Pat McMaster from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. The pipers were Amy Garson and Sean Wereley.

The results for the day were:

Primary 5 and under

Emma Hardy: 1st fling, 1st sword, 1st pas de basques, 1st pas de basques highcuts.

Makenna Scott: 2nd fling, 2nd sword, 2nd pas de basques, 3rd pas de basques highcuts.

Lauren Fourney: 3rd pas de basques, 2nd pas de basques highcuts.

Olivia MacDonald: 4th pas de basques, 6th pas de basques highcuts.

Emily Tourangeau: 5th pas de basques, 5th pas de basques highcuts.

Catherina Blair: 6th pas de basques.

Primary 6

Ashley Belair: 1st fling, 1st sword, 1st pas de basques, 3rd pas de basques highcuts.

Makaela Porter: 2nd fling, 4th pas de basques, 1st pas de basques highcuts.

Anna Parks: 3rd fling, 2nd sword, 2nd pas de basques, 3rd pas de basques highcuts.

Sarah Cameron: 4th fling, 3rd sword, 3rd pas de basques, 2nd pas de basques highcuts.

Shelby Hunt: 5th pas de basques, 6th pas de basques highcuts.

Kara Bush: 6th pas de basques.

Storey Quinn: 5th pas de basques highcuts.

Beginner 7

Holly Alguire: 1st fling, 2nd sword, 1st seann triubhas, 1st flora.

Michaela Smith: 2nd fling, 3rd sword, 2nd seann triubhas, 2nd flora.

Paige Morin: 3rd fling, 4th sword, 3rd seann triubhas, 3rd flora.

Bryanna Nixon: 4th fling, 5th sword.

Shawna MacPherson: 5th fling, 6th sword.

Donavan Descarie: 1st sword. The trophy winner was Holly Alguire.

Beginner 9 and under

Isabella Priddle: 1st fling, 4th sword, 2nd seann triubhas, 4th flora.

Heather Ernst: 2nd fling, 1st sword, 1st seann triubhas, 1st flora.

Brittany White: 3rd fling, 5th seann triubhas, 2nd flora.

Kassandra MacDonald: 4th fling, 3rd sword, 6th seann triubhas, 5th flora.

Amanda Grant: 5th fling, 5th sword, 3rd seann triubhas, 3rd flora.



AFTERNOONDANCE WINNERS: Front Row: Tianna Pidgeon, Marissa Charbonneau. Middle row: Melissa Descarie, Kerry McDougall, Claire Boteler, Amanda Mastrangelo. Back Row: Jennifer McDougall, Kalynda Conley, Laura Donlan, Laura Novitsky, Grace McAlear. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Thyra-Jean Thompson: 2nd sword, 4th seann triubhas.

The trophy winner was Heather Ernst.

Beginner 10 and over

Catherine Brown: 1st fling, 2nd sword, 1st seann triubhas, 3rd flora.

Emily Kitagawa: 2nd fling, 3rd sword, 3rd seann triubhas, 4th flora.

Michelle Murphy: 3rd fling, 1st sword.

Rebecca Saaltink: 4th fling, 6th seann triubhas, 5th flora.

Tegan Stranks: 5th fling, 6th sword, 5th seann triubhas, 2nd flora.

Jordan Racine: 6th fling, 4th sword, 4th seann triubhas, 6th flora.

Alison Brown: 5th sword, 2nd seann triubhas, 1st flora.

The trophy winner was Catherine Brown.

Novice 9 and under

Robyn Evrall: 1st fling, 1st sword, 1st seann triubhas, 1st flora.

Nicole Bouvier: 2nd fling, 3rd sword, 2nd seann triubhas, 2nd flora.

Michaela Paradis: 3rd fling, 4th sword, 4th seann triubhas, 5th flora.

Emma Adams: 4th fling, 2nd sword.

Gabrielle Lanthier: 5th fling, 3rd seann triubhas, 3rd flora.

Rachel Houlzet: 6th fling, 5th sword, 5th seann triubhas, 6th flora.

Melanie Cholette: 6th sword, 6th seann triubhas, 4th flora. The trophy winner was Robyn Evrall.

Novice 10 and over

Allison Shaw: 1st fling, 2nd sword, 2nd seann triubhas, 1st flora.

Emma Thompson: 2nd fling, 6th sword, 1st seann triubhas, 2nd flora.



AFTERNOON DANCE WINNERS: Front row: Holly Alguire, Robyn Evrall. Back row: Allison Shaw, Catherine Brown, Heather Ernst. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Laura McIntosh: 3rd fling, 4th sword, 5th seann triubhas, 3rd flora.

Rebcca Johnston: 4th fling, 3rd seann triubhas, 4th flora.

Dirk McMillan: 5th fling, 5th sword, 6th seann triubhas, 6th flora.

Andrea MacLure: 6th fling, 1st sword, 6th flora.

Michelle McMillan: 3rd sword.

Samantha Shaw: 4th seann triubhas, 5th flora. The trophy winner was Allison Shaw.

Intermediate 11 and under

Marissa Charbonneau: 1st lilt, 1st flora, 4th jig, 1st hornpipe.

Logan Green: 2nd lilt, 3rd flora, 3rd jig, 3rd hornpipe.

Becky Greenwood: 3rd lilt, 1st jig, 4th hornpipe.

Jessica Duperron: 4th lilt, 6th jig, 5th hornpipe.

Mareena MacPherson: 5th lilt, 6th flora, 6th hornpipe.

Madison MacDonald: 6th lilt, 4th flora.

Kelsey Lee: 2nd flora.

Shawna O'Neill: 5th flora, 2nd jig, 2nd hornpipe.

Hope Wilson: 5th jig.

The trophy winner was Marissa Charbonneau.

Intermediate 12 and over

Jessica McBride: 1st lilt, 1st flora, 4th jig, 2nd hornpipe.

Claire Boteler: 2nd lilt, 2nd flora, 1st jig, 1st hornpipe.

Michelle Woertink: 3rd lilt, 6th jig, 3rd hornpipe.

Danika St. Denis: 4th lilt, 3rd flora, 5th jig.

Madison Norton: 5th lilt, 6th flora, 3rd jig, 5th hornpipe.

Athena Dunbar: 6th lilt.

Nicole Stafford: 4th flora, 6th hornpipe.

Alexandra Batchelor: 5th flora, 2nd sword, 4th hornpipe.

The trophy winner was Claire Boteler.

Premier 11 and under

Marena Bray: 1st lilt, 6th flora.

Tianna Pidgeon: 2nd lilt, 1st flora, 5th jig, 1st hornpipe.

Jessyca Evrall: 3rd lilt, 2nd flora, 3rd jig.

Jennie Glaude: 4th lilt, 2nd hornpipe.

Robin Barillaro: 5th lilt.

Melissa Descarie: 6th lilt, 3rd flora, 3rd hornpipe.

Rebecca Rutley: 4th flora, 4th jig.

Breanna MacDonald: 5th flora, 6th jig, 6th hornpipe.

Jenny Lee: 1st jig, 5th hornpipe.

The trophy winner was Tianna Pidgeon. The runner-up was Melissa Descarie.

Premier 13 and under

Kerry McDougall: 1st lilt, 2nd flora, 3rd jig, 1st hornpipe.

Amanda Mastrangelo: 2nd lilt, 1st flora, 2nd jig, 4th hornpipe.

Erin Lee: 3rd lilt, 3rd flora, 4th jig, 2nd hornpipe.

Kelsey Campbell: 4th lilt, 5th flora, 1st jig, 3rd hornpipe.

Alyssa Matheson: 5th lilt, 6th hornpipe.

Andria MacDonald: 6th lilt, 6th jig.

Jessica MacDonald: 4th flora, 5th hornpipe.

Shelbie Ladouceur: 6th flora, 5th jig.

The trophy winner was Kerry McDougall. The runner-up was Amanda Mastrangelo.

Premier 15 and under

Kalynda Conley: 1st lilt, 1st flora, 2nd jig, 2nd hornpipe.

Anna Stautz: 2nd lilt, 4th jig.

Laura Novitsky: 3rd lilt, 4th flora, 1st jig, 3rd hornpipe.

Jennifer McDougall: 4th lilt, 3rd flora, 3rd jig, 1st hornpipe.

Jennifer Blodgett: 5th lilt, 2nd flora, 5th jig, 5th hornpipe.

Kelly Valade: 6th lilt, 5th flora, 6th jig, 6th hornpipe.

Leah Dick: 6th flora, 4th hornpipe.

The trophy winner was Kalynda Conley. The runners-up were Laura Novitsky and Jennifer McDougall.

Premier 16 and over

Laura Donlan: 1st lilt, 2nd flora, 1st jig, 1st hornpipe.

Grace McAlear: 2nd lilt, 2nd flora, 2nd jig, 2nd hornpipe.

Catherine MacLeod: 3rd lilt, 3rd flora, 3rd jig, 3rd hornpipe.

Kendra MacDonald: 4th lilt, 5th flora, 6th jig, 4th hornpipe.

Hayley Carkner: 5th lilt, 6th flora, 5th jig, 6th hornpipe.

Martha MacFarlane: 6th lilt, 4th flora, 4th jig, 5th hornpipe.

The trophy winner was Laura Donlan. The runner-up was Grace MacAlear.







Time to decorate the Dalketih Library



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Christmas decorating time at the Dalkeith Library is on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

Children are especially welcome.

The Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service will be held at St. Alexander's Church, Lochiel, on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. It is always such a lovely service with choirs from all the local churches performing.

There is euchre at Laggan this Thursday, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. Along with the regular prizes, door prizes and 50/50, there will be Christmas hams.

Now that we have a white covering, the Christmas decorations and lights brighten the community and remind us that Christmas is not too far off.

Saturday evening was that special time of year when Kevin Macdonald, President of *The Glengarry News*, invites his staff and their friends to the annual Christmas party. Following the sumptuous dinner there was time for music, dancing, games, contests and the usual chatter among friends. Thanks to all who planned such a great evening.

As of June 30, the Dalkeith Optimist Club has ceased to operate in the community.

After attending to many details involved in the closure of the club we wish to thank everyone who encouraged and helped us. With the distribution of our remaining funds we wish to let you know that donations were made to the following: The CHEO Foundation, The Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Hawkesbury General Hospital, Community Living Glengarry, and to École Laurier Carriere.

We have also donated our copier to the Dalkeith Library for the continued use in the community.

Again we wish to thank everyone who helped and encouraged us by their attendance at our brunches and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Laggan news

Congratulations to our Laggan Junior Girls Volleyball Team who won eight out of 10 of their round robin and final games to take the championship title.



SCHOOL PERFORMANCE: Ottawa's Ian Tamblyn was at Laggan Public School on Dec. 1 to perform his multi-media show on early Canadian artists. STEVEN WARBURTON PHOTO

Their hard work, positive attitude and excellent sportsmanship did Laggan proud!

Thank you to all the teams who participated.

Laggan Public School is actively working on this year's concert, titled *Country Christmas Ceilidh*, which will be presented in two performances on Tuesday, Dec. 14. The first performance will be in the afternoon from 1-2:30 p.m. and the second performance will be in the evening from 7:30-9 p.m.

In the event of bad weather, the concert will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15 (the same schedule.)

We ask students, their families and members of the community to donate to the Holiday Charity drive, if possible.

Toys, canned goods or any non-perishable items and cash donations will be collected.

The Lions' Club of Alexandria will be picking up the donations on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Only two weeks left to purchase your ticket to win an all-inclusive one week vacation for two to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

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The holiday break begins Friday, Dec. 17, at the end of the school day with children returning to school on Monday, Jan. 3, 2005.

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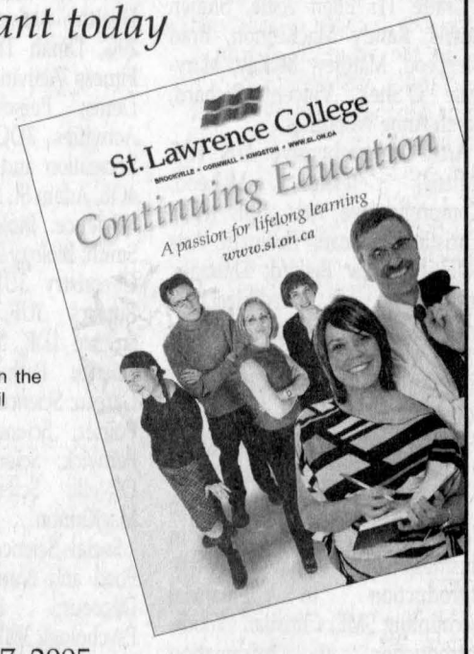

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100 YEARS AGO
Friday, December 9, 1904

•Nat. Munro of Munroe's Mills, lost his left hand between the wrist and elbow in an accident at the Carriage Works on Wednesday.

•Angus H. Mcdonald, Alexandria, and John B. McDonald of Glen Sandfield, left Tuesday for an extended trip through the Eastern States to California. They will return in the spring.

•A new feature at Alexandria High School on Friday afternoon last, was the debate among First Form pupils on the subject: "Resolved that a girl's life is easier than a boy's." Winners were the affirmative: A. Martin, Finlay Munro, A. Proulx, Thos. Kemp and Wm. MacLaren.

The negative speakers were: Misses I. McKenzie, P. Grant, I. McPhee, Ada Campbell and Sara Kennedy.

90 YEARS AGO
Friday, December 11, 1914

•The ladies of Alexandria are contemplating sending Christmas boxes to the soldier boys doing guard duty on the canal.

•Michael Dillon lost his life Monday evening while skating on the mill pond with many other young people. The young man had come here from North Lancaster 16 months ago and had been on the staff of *The Glengarry News*.

•Greenfield Rural Mail Delivery No.1 was established December 1st with John A. McDonald as courier.

•Wm. McDonald, Glen Roy, left on Monday to do guard duty at Dickinson's Landing.

•Dalkeith can now boast an up-to-date post office, the new fixtures being recently installed in J.W.A. Smith's store.

•Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cameron and Mrs. H. Dupuis of Vankleek Hill, were killed Wednesday afternoon, when their carriage was struck by a train at the Grand Trunk crossing.

80 YEARS AGO
Friday, December 12, 1924

•The Militia Gazette confirms Lt. Col. J.A. Gillies in his command of the 154th Regiment and the promotion of Capt. W.J. Franklin to be Major and commanding officer of the Glengarry Company of that unit.

•Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKay last week took possession of their modern new home on St. George Street.

•Duncan A. McDonald, Centre Street, has added another pair of silver black foxes for breeding.

He now has three breeding pairs.

•Fred Vachon, 17-1st Kenyon, lost his barn when a lantern exploded. Three horses and 10 head of cattle were lost.

•Clarence MacMillan, Lochiel, has arrived home from the West looking hale and hearty.

70 YEARS AGO
Friday, December 7, 1934

•Kenyon Township, by a vote of 734 to 510, decided against repeal of local option, in Monday's voting when Reeve A.A. McKinnon was re-elected with Fred MacLeod deputy-reeve, and Councillors J.A. Gray, J.A. MacRae and Malcolm N. Grant. Mayor J.A. Laurin was re-elected in Alexandria, over Councillor J.G. Sabourin. In Charlottenburgh with Reeve L.B. Murray given an acclamation, other members of council elected were: Deputy-Reeve Robt. A. McNaught, and Councillors Howard Ross, Cameron Kennedy and John A. Sova.

•George McKie of Curry Hill, suffered a broken leg in a fall on Saturday while Roderick A. McNeil of Brodie, has sustained a severe fracture of his elbow and three fractured ribs.

•Francis Fyke has been appointed local representative of the Toronto Globe at Maxville.

•Miss Olive Poirier left on Monday for Vankleek Hill.

60 YEARS AGO
Friday, December 8, 1944

•Romeo Rouleau was re-elected mayor over Elie David in heavy voting here Monday. Councillors elected were Joseph Dore, A.W. Trottier, George Simon,George Lefebvre, Duncan Morris and Raoul Clement. Bruno Brunet and Louis Shepherd were elected to the PUC.

•Maxville's grand old man, Alexander J. Campbell, died Saturday at the age of 105. He was a native of the Isle of Skye.

•A native of the McCrimmon area, Donald J. MacLeod of Fredericton, N.B., has had conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Cambridge University, England.

•Three students at AHS have been awarded Carter Scholarships for general proficiency in Grade XIII. They are Ida Morris, Frances Gauthier and Alexander McDonald.

The students each took 10 subjects, spent one year in Grade XIII and finished the high school course in five years.

50 YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 9, 1954

•Wilfred Doth will be the only holdover of Maxville's councillors. Also elected among nine candidates were: Dr. D.M. Gamble, Archie Hughes and J.D. MacRae. Reeve W.A. MacEwen received an acclamation.

•Three area men will be home from Korea for Christmas: Pte. C.J. O'Connell, 31, of Alexandria, who has completed his second tour; Gnr. Gordon A. Lasalle, 25, of Laggan, and Pte. F.J. Duval of Glen Robertson.

•Mr. and Mrs. James Allan MacDonald, 8th Lancaster, were honoured by 300 friends at Green Valley Pavilion prior to their departure to reside at Belle River, near Windsor.

40 YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 10, 1964

•There were 25 candidates in Alexandria's elections Monday but only two newcomers were elected. Paul E. Viau and Lyall Costello will fill vacancies as councillors. Mayor Raymond Periard won election and Bruno Massie moved up to reeve.

•Kenyon is now the only "dry" area in Glengarry. Lancaster Township approved the sale of beer and wine in a Monday referendum.

•The widow and six sons of murdered Rev. Hector McMillan are expected in Avonmore this weekend.

30 YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 12, 1974

•Now retired from the political arena, Fern Guindon of Cornwall, has purchased the oil business of his late brother, J.V. Guindon Ltd. of Apple Hill. It includes Glenoco Oil of Apple Hill and Alexandria.

•The former Sydelle (Queenie) Markson of Alexandria, Mrs. S.P. Katzer of Farmington Hill, Mich., has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Michigan State University.

•Production resumed Monday and most of the employees are back at work despite a fire last Thursday night at Lucky Legs plant that caused damage variously estimated from $50,000 to $200,000.

•Luckily, Mrs. Lloyd MacDonald noticed damage done to a rail at the Lancaster crossing and notified officials at once. As a result the Rapido passenger train was stopped before it reached the crossing.

•The new Charlottenburgh Township arena at Williamstown was officially opened November 30 in the presence of council members and area politicians, and a goodly number of adults and youngsters were also in attendance.

20 YEARS AGO
Wednesday, December 12, 1984

•Alexandria's postmaster for almost 19 years, Jacques Joly, has accepted a three and a half month special assignment within Canada Post.

•Twelve local people were among recipients of Ontario's Bicentennial Medals during a ceremony in Aultsville Hall at St. Lawrence College.

•An 11-year old R.R. #5 Alexandrian boy, Gilbert Lacombe, is making good progress in hospital after being struck by a car on Main Street Wednesday night.

10 YEARS AGO
Wednesday, December 7, 1994

•The health community has moved one giant step ahead in the battle against tobacco products, with the Ontario government's proclamation of the Tobacco Control Act, says the Lung Association.

The Act prohibits the sale of cigarettes in pharmacies and prohibits smoking on public school property. Tobacco products cannot be sold to anyone under the age of 19.

•Veteran trustee Art Buckland will lead the next SDG public school board as the new chairman. Mr. Buckland defeated his opponent, Susan Adams, for the top seat.

•Hermann Rogalsky, chairperson of the 1995 Big Brothers and Big Sisters Bowl for Millions has announced that the program has been expanded to include the Glengarry Challenge Cup, to take place in Alexandria annually.

Fun at a Barra Ceilidh



HIGHLAND PATHS
KEN MCKENNA

Cathy MacGregor's story of the trip she and her husband Bruce took to the Isle of Barra goes on today with a concert in the church hall in the village of Northbay. Anne and I had attended a very similar ceilidh in the same place on our honeymoon fifty years ago when we surprised the audience with a Gaelic song.

On that memorable evening we were sitting in the audience enjoying the entertainment and listening to the Gaelic voices murmuring all around us. As the performers were introduced, they stood up where they were sitting and sang their solos without going up to the stage. One young woman, whose name I have forgotten, was so shy that she left the hall when her turn came and sang from the doorway to the kitchen!

Much to our surprise and embarrassment the MC announced that there were two visitors from Canada in the hall who, he was sure, would favour the audience with a song. After a little hesitation, Anne and I sang some *puirt-a-beul*, mouth-music for dancing, which we had learned from a record in Montreal after hearing it performed in the Barra-made movie Whisky Galore (or Tight Little Island, as it was re-named for North American audiences). I must admit that it was a great success. In the applause that followed, one woman even lifted up her little child to get a better view of us!

The MC had the last word, however. "Well, well now," he said, "and wasn't that something? I was expecting our Canadian guests to give us something like Cowboy Bill and His Old Guitar and we get our own Gaelic music instead!"

Cathy MacGregor's memoir continues:

"Like their cousins in Cape Breton, few residents of Barra are materially wealthy; many leave the island in search of better economic opportunities and those who stay contend with uncertain employment and a high cost of living. Many people appeared to have two or three part-time jobs rather than one full-time position; they seemed hard-working, ingenious and entrepreneurial and when we saw how expensive ordinary items such as toothpaste and pasta were, we had a glimpse of the sacrifices these people make to stay on their beautiful island. Almost everything, except of course for the plentiful and succulent local seafood (harvested daily from our airport landing strip, as the menu in the excellent dining room in the Craigard Hotel humorously has it, comes in on the ferry, so it is surprisingly expensive, even to North American tourists who find the cost of living all over Britain to be pricey. Clothing is ordered from catalogues (and more and more via the Internet) and so are many food staples; in this respect, it is also like many northern communities in Canada. This may seem to be a digression from the Northbay ceilidh, but it's my attempt to put into perspective the compassion and generosity of these people. They don't have much themselves, but they're willing to share it with those who have less - and if throwing a great party is a good way to raise a little money for those who need it, well so much the better!

"We took a taxi around the island to Northbay and entered St Barr's Parish Hall. Tables and chairs filled the building and as the seats filled up we could hear animated conversations – mostly in Gaelic, some in English – rising above the sounds of the pipers tuning up outside. Bruce and I sat at the back, facing the stage and were surprised that as the hall filled up, so did the chairs on the stage. The real show was not on the stage, as it turned out. Once the concert started, we were delighted to find that some of the performers were our neighbours; the MCs would announce the next act and the singer would arise from his or her table and belt out a Gaelic song from wherever they sat. A narrow but long area in the middle was kept clear for the pipers and the dancers. I've spent an awful lot of time in an awful lot of church halls in Canada and although I am not an expert, I would guess that this one would accommodate about 85 people before a fire marshal would get nervous. I eventually counted about 135; it was hard to get a firm count because the teenagers, who were standing near the door, moved constantly in and out, taking turns and giving each other a chance to enjoy the performances.

"And what performances! Father Colin MCed the first half and although he'd been abroad for many years, seemed to know every singer, piper and dancer, young or old. Canon MacQueen, St Barr's pastor, took over for the second half. Like many Barra people, he had strong ties with Canada, especially Nova Scotia and laughingly told us that if it had not been for him, his parents would have become Canadian; They had every intention of emigrating, but the authorities would not permit his mother, who at that time was expecting him, to travel while pregnant."

To be continued.

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