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GLENGARRY IN BRIEF

Warm weather trend persists

Submitted by George Hambleton, Atmospheric Environmental Services at Dalhousie Mills.

The mean temperature was 3.9 degrees Celsius (7 degrees Fahrenheit), warmer than normal for December with 28 millimetres (11 inches) of snow and 55 mm (2.2 inches) of rain.

This month past was the 25th consecutive month of higher than normal temperatures.

For the whole year of 1999, 200 cm (79 inches) of snow and 776 mm (30.6 inches) of rain fell for a total of 976 mm (38.4 inches).

1998 was a different story with the warmest year ever recorded (2.5 C (4.5 F) warmer than normal) along with 1150 mm (45 inches) of precipitation.

Township main server crashes

The North Glengarry Township Hall computer system was not operating Tuesday, the first day municipal employees returned to work.

"There's something wrong with ain server," said Township clerk Leo Poirier of the networked system.

"We've got Info Avenue to come down and look at it."

Asked if the main server had een bitten by the Y2K bug, Poirier replied, "It shouldn't be."

The municipal office office equipment was cleared for year 2000 compliancy earlier, so he suspects Y2K isn't to blame.

There was little business as of Tuesday morning, so Poirier didn't anticipate a back-log.

South Glengarry Township municipal office have had no problems yet, reported administrator Marcel Lapierre.

Early morning fire in Greenfield

A faulty chimney resulted in an early Sunday morning fire at the residence of Rene Belair in the hamlet of Greenfield.

Firefighters from the Apple Hill fire station were called to the site and the fire was soon under control. The chimney had to be torn down for firefighters to put out the fire which had spread to the outside wall.

Glendale phone lines severed

Alarm complaints reported along the Glen Road in the area of the Glendale Subdivision in the early hours of Monday morning led Ontario Provincial Police to the discovery of a severed Bell telephone line.

Police note that someone's lifeline to firefighters, police and ambulance could have been cut off that morning.

Stork Market Report

* Dec. 13 – to Leonard and Carol (nee MacLennan) Seguin, a boy, Nicholas Lennan
* Dec. 27 – to Jason and Amber (nee MacLeod) Ogilvie, a girl, Hannah Margaret Paige

Glengarry babies in 1999:

Boys: 74 Girls: 63

By-law passed to cover unfinanced road work

By Ross Greer
News Publisher

In a special one-item Township council meeting on 29 December, the North Glengarry Township Council adopted a $235,000 by-law to cover unfinanced road expenditures by the former Township of Lochiel.

The by-law states in the preamble the step was taken on the recommendation of auditor Gary Hoffmann of the firm Deloitte and Touche, appointed on 15 December, 1999, "to review in general the expenditures and allocation of the expenditures on roads in the former Township of Lochiel for 1997 and in particular to review the unfinanced portion of roads expenditures being in the approximate amount of $235,000."

The funds are to be borrowed from the Royal Bank of Canada, repayable on a fixed schedule over a four-year period at an interest rate not to exceed 7.75 %. The interest rate is still under negotiation with the Royal Bank.

The by-law was proposed by Councillor-at-large Gilles Paradis, seconded by Councillor Gary Shepherd and adopted unanimously. Councillor Claude Massie, who represents Lochiel ward, was absent.

Articles 4 and 5 of the by-law state the funds will be charged back to the future road allotments for the Ward of Lochiel: "That the payments to the Royal Bank as required on the monies as financed (principal and interest) to pay for the unfinanced portion of the work done on the roads in 1997 in the former Township of Lochiel, be paid from the portion of the roads budget for the Township of North Glengarry as allotted to the roads in the ward of Lochiel;

(and) that the monies as required in paragraph 4 above shall be a first charge, other than for necessary maintenance, as against the portion of the road budget allotted to the Ward of Lochiel, in each and every year until such time as this Lochiel road (1997) financing has been accounted for in full."

Following adoption of the by-law, Mayor Grant Crack said the Council has not decided as yet how the funds will be appropriated from the reserve but pointedly reassured the taxpayers of Lochiel: "I can assure the ratepayers of Lochiel their roads will not be allowed to deteriorate, that adequate funds will be spent on roads, that maintenance is still a priority, and that services will not suffer."

The Mayor said the Council had no alternative to enacting the by-law because the audit had clearly shown the expenditures in 1997 on roads prior to Lochiel becoming part of North Glengarry on 1 January, 1998, had not been financed by the former Lochiel Township

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Why not?

While some Glengarrians left caps and mittens behind, Alexandria's Rebecca Cardinal opted for a pair of shorts and her favourite summer top to enjoy Tuesday's warm weather conditions.

Staff photo – Sandra Berry

Shoppers splurge a little more this Christmas season

By Sandra Berry
News Reporter

Despite uncertainty about the Y2K events, it seems consumers were not saving their cash for the millennium crash.

Rob McIntosh China president Barbara McIntosh says the 24 china outlets spread across Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia reported a double digit increase in sales this year.

"It was an excellent year," she says.

She says it was not the best year for the Lancaster store probably due to the opening of an outlet in Montreal.

"We have had better increases in Lancaster."

Nonetheless, Boxing week was a big success this year at the Lancaster outlet.

Others like Alexandria Canadian Tire owner Gaston Boivin says the boxing week sales are down from last year.

"The first three weeks were excellent," he says.

Although business slowed for Christmas Eve and Boxing week, the Alexandria store recorded a four per cent increase in holiday season retail sales compared to 1998.

"That's good for this part of the country," says Boivin.

Canadian Tire stores across the country recorded an average 10-percent increase.

"People spent a little bit more this year," says Ken Morris, owner of Buck or Two in Alexandria.

For Neil Macfarlane of Home Hardware Stores in Maxville, the holiday season did not prove to boost sales volume.

Sales were lower for December because the store was closed for two Saturdays of the month.

"Saturdays are our busiest time of the week. It makes up 20 to 25 per cent of our weekly sales," says Macfarlane.

For Debbie Gaulin of Debbie's Country Corner in Maxville the holiday season was a success that began as early as late summer

"I had people shopping for Christmas gifts in August," she says.

Her sales started peaking as early as September and the trend continued through December.

"It was a very good year."

Assistant manager at the Liquor Control Board of Ontario outlet in Alexandria, Daniel Lalonde, says 1999 was a good year, especially for wine and champagne.

He says cheaper wine prices and gas prices attracted Quebecers who made the trek west to fill up the tank with gas and the truck with wine.

"For the last year, wine has been from $2 to $3 cheaper a bottle in Ontario (compared to Quebec)."

Despite cheaper prices and an expected increased demand for bubbly stuff to kick off the new year, champagne bottles remain on the shelves.

"There was a big scare that we would run out of champagne but there are lots left."

The situation was similar at the Lancaster outlet while an employee of the Maxville outlet refused to comment.

Economic committee in limbo after resignations

By Greg Peerenboom
News Editor

The North Glengarry Township committee responsible for dealing with economic development issues appears to be extinct after two of its public members resigned last month.

Rresignations of Malcolm Charlton and Bill Gilsdorf were accepted Dec. 13 by council.

Charlton and Gilsdorf both wrote letters briefly stating their problems with the committee.

". . .I believe that to remain on the committee puts me in a conflict of interest with our interests in the community. To remain might, (in) the future, cause the township embarassment and destroy the effectiveness of the committee in question," Charlton wrote.

"Since it has become rather obvious that our work has been superseded by the ad hoc committee of councillors that worked on the budget, please accept my resignation from the now, apparently defunct, committee," stated Gilsdorf.

Gilsdorf later told *The News* that projects came under the ad-hoc's wing, such as the development of community signs.

The ad hoc committee comprises of Mayor Grant Crack, Deputy-mayor Kent MacSweyn, Councillor-at-large Gilles Paradis and Councillor Johanne Wensink, with treasurer Annie Levac as secretary.

Other members of the economic development committee were Wensink, MacSweyn, Leo Tavormina and Lionel Lustgarten.

Gilsdorf then took the township to task on what he viewed as council's lack of appreciation for volunteers.

"I do hope that the council learns to support and take better advantage of the commitment, knowledge, skills, and willing involvement of volunteers.

"Strong communities thrive on encouraging the sharing of responsibilities between elected and non-elected citizens. The citizens of North Glengarry represent a vast amount of talent and energy which remains untapped because so many remain uninvolved and uninvited."

Crack said the committee's inactiveness hasn't impeded the township's work.

"The bottom line is that it's cyclical," he said, about the need to operate an economic development committee.

"We might have to try to define the role of the committee."

Gilsdorf said the last economic development committee meeting he had attended was last spring.

He said the split occurred when Council appeared unwilling at first to help fund projects put forward by the North Glengarry Community Econ-omic Development Group. Gilsforf was the group's chair at the time.

Before that, Gilsdorf also claimed that Crack was unwilling to fully involve the CED with the attempt to keep Nestlé from closing its plant in Alexandria.

Seaway Tourism backs Glengarry Highland Games' project

By Ross Greer
News Publisher

The Glengarry Highland Games has received a resounding "thumbs-up" from the Cornwall & Seaway Valley Tourism (C&SVT) board in its campaign to launch a $1,500,000 expansion of the Highland Games' storied site in Maxville.

The ringing endorsement was contained in a letter from the tourism board's Secretary Michel Lalonde to his counterpart Neil McCormick, the Secretary of the Highland Games.

"Clearly," Lalonde wrote, "the Glengarry Highland Games provides a tremendous boost to our local industry. It has played a major role in putting Cornwall and the Seaway Valley, and more precisely Glengarry, on the tourist map."

Lalonde backed his endorsation with statistics: "The Games ranks as our region's number one special event, attracting visitors from all over Ontario, Quebec and the northern United States. C&SVT estimates that of the total attendees to the Games, a conservative number of 2,000 travellers are from a great enough distance that they require overnight accommodations.

"The economic impact of only this small sector is estimated to be $250,000. The overall economic benefit of the Highland Games is many times this amount. The economic spinoff of the Games extends to local service stations, restaurants, shopping malls and other retail shops."

The Highland Games annual weekend has such an impact, Lalonde added, that the tourism board's regular Calendar of Events "is devoid of any other activity or special event on that weekend.

"Even with that, every hotel, motel, and bed and breakfast room throughout Cornwall and the United Counties is booked."

The Highland Games importance in the local economy merits a unique service from C&SVT, Lalonde stated: "The C&SVT office maintains a registry of the few rooms still available. The Games is the only event for which we perform this service."

In addition to their collaboration on the Games' weekend, the Highland Games and C&SVT have a reciprocal arrangement whereby each stock and distribute the others' tourist brochures, with C&SVT playing the larger role through its greater circulation in all local hotel lobbies, information kiosks, shopping malls and visitor information centres operated by the region's chambers of commerce.

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Lochiel's unfinanced road work

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Council.

"We don't know why that was the case, but that was the reality," the Mayor said, adding: "They approved the payments to the contractors for the work they had performed on the roads, but the auditors found no motion on the record to show the expenditures had been financed."

Auditor Gary Hoffmann and his firm Deloitte and Touche had also been the auditors for the Township of Lochiel prior to the amalgamation.

Councillor Gilles Paradis, a chartered accountant and the Council's "minister of finance" said the Council's action has left future council's with maximum flexibilty in deciding how future capital projects will be carried out in North Glengarry in general and Lochiel in particular.

But Lochiel may be in for some belt-tightening insofar as capital projects are concerned because of the need to take into consideration the estimated $80,000 in principal and interest that will be repaid annually to the Royal Bank on the $235,000 by-law for Lochiel's pre-amalgamation road construction spree.

"GREAT CONFUSION AND SPECULATION"

"When our council in this year 2000, or a future council, is deciding what we can spend for capital projects," Paradis explained, "say it's $500,000 and Lochiel"s normal share of that would be $150,000, there's already $80,000 spent to repay the bank, so (only) the balance would still be available to spend in Lochiel on a fair share basis, taking into consideration that in the last two years of their township prior to amalgamation Lochiel got a whole lot more projects than what their assessment base would normally provide."

Paradis echoed Mayor Crack's assurances to Lochiel ratepayers that normal maintenance of roads, as distinct from capital projects, would not be adversely affected.

A report to Council by Councillor Paradis, said Lochiel road construction prior to amalgamation has been a problem: "The amount and disposition of the surplus, reserve and reserve funds of the various amalgamated municipaliities that form part of the Township of North Glengarry have been the subject of great confusion and speculation, even more so in the ward of Lochiel.

"The orders in council by which we must abide state, firstly, that these balances (reserves) at December 31, 1997, are to be used to set-up a working fund for the new municipality and secondly, the remaining balance is to be used for the benefit of ratepayers for the ward. In the case of the Lochiel Ward, the reserves of $278,686 at December 31, 1997 were allocated as follows:

•Prescribed working funds	$113,000
•Lochiel ward reserve	$165,686
•Lochiel Township reserves, Dec. 31, 1997	$278,686

"Some speculation has revolved over the size of the Lochiel Township reserves prior to amalgamation. At Dec.31, 1996, one year prior to amalgamation, the Township of Lochiel had surpluses, reserve and reserve funds of $868,719. This balance was reduced to $278,686 at Dec. 31, 1997 mainly due to an increase of 20% in current operating expenses and a large increase in capital roads projects over the prior year.

"The following outlines the activity in the Lochiel ward reserve in the first year of amalgamation:

•Lochiel ward reserve, Dec.31, 1997	$165,686
•Interest earned on a Lochiel term deposit	$1,541
•Inputed interest paid on reserve in 1998	$5,959
Sub-total	$173, 186
•Transfer of recreation reserves to rec associations	($4,438)
•New roof on Dalkeith library	($13,905)
•Cost of R.F. MacLennan Drain order	($85,882)
Lochiel ward reserve, Dec.31.1998	$69,051



Fifth generation

The Piettes of the Glen Robertson area had a big reason to celebrate as a fifth generation was added recently with the birth of Marie Eve Piette, being held by great-great grandmother Alida Ouimet, with great grandmother Edna Laflamme, grandmother Gaitainne Piette and father Michel Piette. Submitted photo

Unbalanced budget leads board to cut by $2 M

By Sandra Berry
News Reporter

Despite the fear of another strike by unionized teachers, the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario could be going ahead with a plan proposed by administrative staff to lower expenditures by $2 million.

Unbalanced budget

The board's trustees fear that the budget submitted to the Ministry of Education in September is balanced on paper only and will require major long-term adjustments if the ministry does not let the board balance it by using transitional funds allocated to the board for other purposes. The ministry could force the board to find an additional $120,000 to $150,000 to pay the yearly interest on a $2 Million loan.

The administrative staff has already put plans in motion to reduce expenditures by $1 Million. These include changes to the number of teaching assistants hired, noon hour supervision, deployment of supply teachers and assignment of secretarial time to schools.

But the actual cutbacks are not enough to satisfy the ministry's expected plan of action to reduce expenditures by $2 million.

Cut or strike

Despite worries of a possible strike, the administrative staff recommends a renegotiation of the teachers' collective agreement to reduce the preparation time, particularly at the elementary level, to 150 minutes– a savings of $1.7 million.

Also on the chopping block is full-day Kindergarten, which according to board plans would be reduced to to half-days, effective September 2000.

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Gilles Paradis
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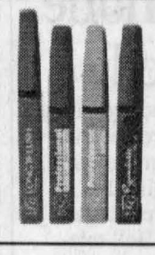

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GLENGARRY SCENE

Last Year of the Millennium – 1999 – Year in Review

May

Grass fires tax crews

(May 5) – Many residents could not escape the omnipresent acrid smell of smoke in much of South Glengarry the past week.

Across the horizon, grass fires – mostly caused by human error or disregard – spewed billowing black clouds on a daily basis.

As of May 3, firefighters with the South Glengarry Fire Department in Lancaster had battled eight blazes and counting since the prior weekend.

"It's very serious. The spring fire season doesn't usually start until now," said Lancaster chief Gene Picard. "We've been at it for two weeks now."

A burning ban has been in effect since April 28.

Despite the ban, Picard said his department, plus Glen Walter and Williamstown were once again fighting grass fires over the weekend.

Driest month since '41

(May 5) – George Hambleton of Atmospheric Environment Services in Dalhousie Mills discovered that April was the driest month since April of 1941.

It was also one of the few Aprils that didn't receive any snow. The April of 1941 was also the last April not to get snow.

Ministry of Agriculture crop advisor Gilles Quesnel says the soil is slightly drier than last year but conditions shouldn't cause people to worry.

June 3 vote set

(May 12) – Glengarry will go to the provincial election polls for the first time as part of Prescott-Russell on June 3.

The election boundary change made by Premier Mike Harris means that most Glengarrians won't find incumbent Noble Villeneuve on the ballot.

Villeneuve will be going head-to-head with Liberal incumbent John Cleary in an interesting race in the Stormont-Dundas-Charlottenburgh riding. Maggie MacDonald will run for the New Democrat Party.

The rest of Glengarry will choose between three brand new faces: PC candidate Alain Lalonde, NDP Stephane Landry and Liberal incumbent Jean-Marc Lalonde.

All three candidates hail from the former riding of Prescott-Russell.

Sisters welcomed back

(May 12) – If money could ever be fully express the gratitude Glengarrians feel toward the order that originated in this county, Our Lady's Missionaries, It was achieved Friday evening in a packed Bonnie Glen.

Mother Superior Clarice Garvey stood with mouth agape when 50th anniversary committee chair Glenda McDonell announced how much money the committee had raised.

"Eighty thousand dollars!"

A large gasp escaped from nearly all the 500 well wishers in attendance to honour the 28 sisters.

"It's an absolutely marvelous sign from the people," Sister Garvey told *The News* afterwards.

It was 50 years ago when the late Rev. Dan Macdonald, pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland in Glen Nevis, achieved his dream – creating a missionary order for English-speaking Canadian women.

Debates cancelled

(May 19) – Three local debates scheduled to take place this week were cancelled after PC candidate Alain Lalonde was admitted to hospital.

Lalonde went into hospital Sunday night with a fever of 105 degrees as as of Tuesday, he was still under care. The cause of the fever was unknown at press time, but is speculated it may be linked to knee surgery he had a few days before the campaign began.

Open forum debates in Alexandria, Hawkesbury and St. Isidore have all been cancelled or postponed. No new dates had been set.

Liberal and NDP candidates are supportive of Alain Lalonde, but are concerned Glengarry will not have a chance to meet the candidates in the new riding.

Museum wants cash

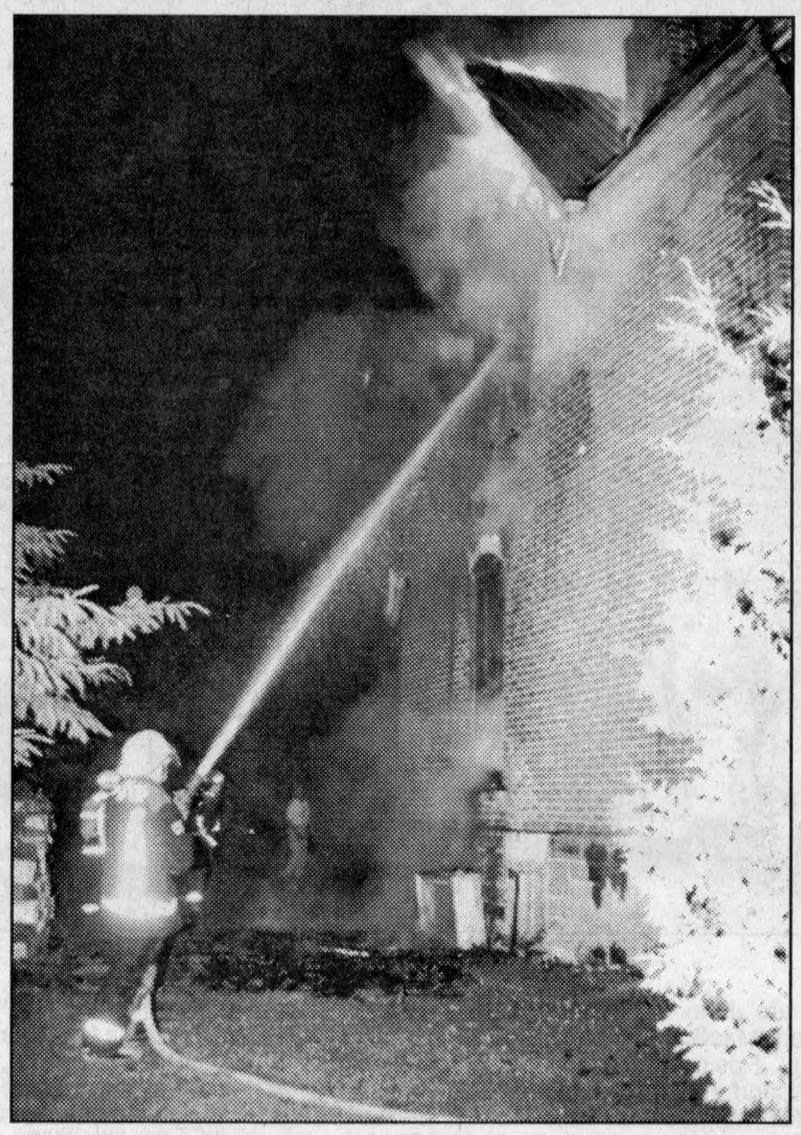
(May 19) – The Ice Storm Museum committee is asking North Glengarry council for a $30,000 a year grant and the soon-to-be-empty Alexandria police station to bolster the project.

Susan Lustgarten, secretary for the committee, told council the proposed state-of-the-art museum would boost tourism and economic development and should be supported by the township.

But council was hesitant to give such a large grant and pointed out the building may not be available until late next year since is still unclear where and when the police will move.

The township did not want to commit $30,000 a year, especially since the members couldn't agree to funding beyond their term.

"We wouldn't fund $30,000 a year forever," said Deputy-reeve Kent MacSweyn. "Other museums (in the municipality) operate on shoestrings.".



The brick home of Rémi Lanthier was destroyed by fire, but he later rebuilt it, partially using the leftover brick.

5,000 trees planted

(May 19) – They may be only several inches high now, but in 20 to 30 years, our children's children will lie in their shade.

At least 5,000 trees will be planted in Glengarry this month by Youth Services Canada workers and high school students.

Both North and South Glengarry townships are taking advantage of a program to "spruce" up areas that serve residents.

"We're putting the trees in areas where we can improve the aesthetics," said Raisin Region Conservation Authority program co-ordinator Chris Critoph.

Each township is allotted 2,500 trees each by the Canadian Tree Foundation, an organization funded by several corporations.

North spends less

(May 26) – North Glengarry ratepayers will see a 19 per cent decrease in municipal taxes this year, thanks mainly to almost $1.4 million in savings since amalgamation.

The tax cut means the average resident with a home valued at $100,000 will spend $1,398 on the township portion of their property tax bill this year.

North Glengarry Councillor-at-large Gilles Paradis said when this year's budget is compared to a pre-amalgamation one, it shows the effect changes made.

All areas in North Glengarry will see a decrease in taxes since 1997, except the town of Alexandria.

While the rate will go down, a garbage levy of $75 has been established that will eat away much of the tax decrease.

Water levels drop fast

(May 26) – A warm, dry spring has caused the North Glengarry PUC to ration water in Alexandria at least one month early this year.

"We could be in for a record (low-water level) this year," said Raisin Region Conservation Authority general manager Roger Houde.

The authority monitors the water supply for the North Glengarry Public Utilities Commission. Houde sent a letter, recommending the PUC proceed with water conservation measures.

The PUC decided on May 21 to permit limited lawn and garden sprinkling.

Manslaughter plea

(May 26) – After spending almost 16 months awaiting trial behind bars, the first degree murder trial of the man known locally as "Costa the Greek" was over quickly.

Konstantinos Plevritis, 38, pleaded guilty to manslaughter when a "scare" resulted in the killing of a friend, Kenneth "Khadafy" Rickert.

From a statement of facts heard on May 19 at Cornwall court, assistant Crown attorney Guy Simard said Plevritis was trying to convince Rickert, 37, to settle debts to a number of people, including cocaine suppliers.

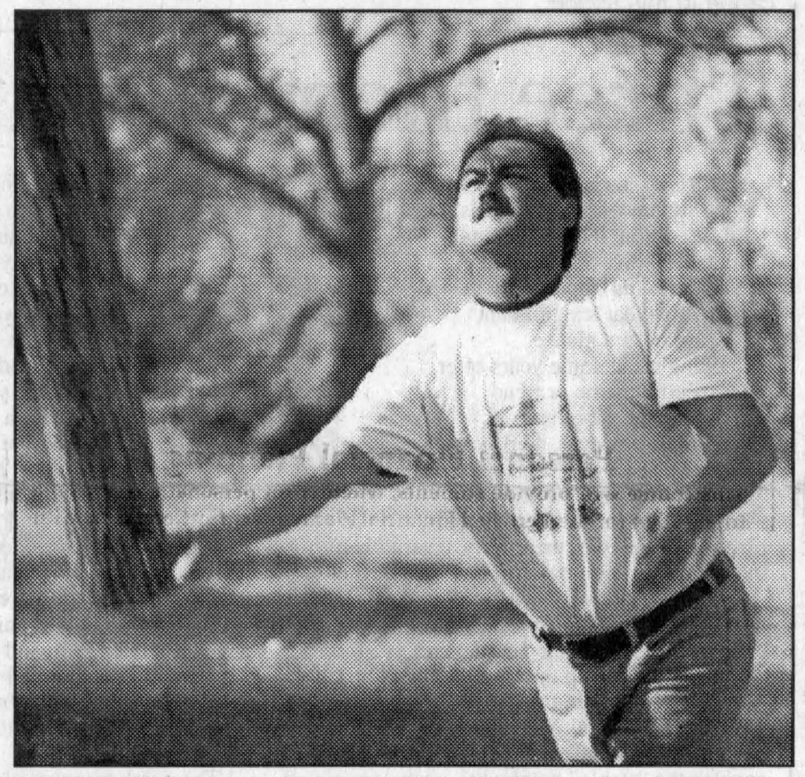
Rickert at one time operated a pizza restaurant in Alexandria.

On Jan. 13, 1997, Plevritis and Rickert argued in Plevritis' pick-up as they drove on Caber Road, near Glen Roy. Eventually, Plevritis pulled out a gun.

The verbal altercation continued when both men got out of the truck. Four shots were fired as Rickert tried to take the gun away.

Plevritis dragged the slain man about 30 metres into the bush and departed.

Wolf hunters found the corpse nine days later on Jan. 22.



Leo Gatien strives mightily while competing in the pulp toss contest at the Domtar Forestry Centre.

June

Museum plan folds

(June 2) – Improved roads and recreational facilities won over a proposal to spend money on the proposed Ice Storm Museum.

With council members quivering to give adequate funding, Ice Storm Museum proponent Lionel Lustgarten told council not to even bother voting on a motion to support the project in principle.

North Glengarry Township Deputy-reeve Kent MacSweyn was prepared to author a motion, stating the municipality's approval, and assist with renovations. The proposed museum's location was at the building currently housing the town police, who are moving to the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

Ice Storm Museum secretary Susan Lustgarten had asked council on May 10 to allocate $30,000 this year and next for the project's development.

Election apathy exists

(June 2) – There were differing tales from the well-dressed corporate executive, who showed Premier Mike Harris around his Alexandria plant and the dust- and greased-caked employee endured the media scrum near his work station.

Premier Wire sales manager Kevin Larkin said it was a very gratifying experience to escort the Ontario Premier through his plant.

"I believe in Harris's policies and we're happy to invite him here to take a look at our place in his press conference," Larkin said.

He credits Harris' big personal income tax cuts for helping to create a healthy economic environment, which has allowed the company to triple its sales during the past three years.

However, worker Tim Salmon, 28, is representative of the antipathy that still exists despite the polarizing climate that permeates this election.

"I listened (to Harris's speech), but mostly I don't give a s--t," Salmon said.

Arrow book revealed

(June 2) – Dalkeith resident Peter Zuuring had no idea he was going to write a book about the Arrow, Canada's most talked about military airplane from the 1950s, until he visited the Ottawa aviation museum two years ago. Little did he know he was going to embark on a mission to rebuild one of Canada's historical war planes.

Zuuring was intrigued by the controversy of the Arrow after watching a min-series on CBC more than two years ago. And after meeting the first pilot to test fly the arrow, Jan Zourakowski, at the aviation museum, his motivation to capture some of Canada's history peaked.

For the past 14 months, the Dalkeith resident has been looking through minutes of the federal legislation, visiting hangers and aviation scrap yards across Ontario, talking to various key people involved in the Arrow project and looking through the remaining data.

The last six months have been spent editing with Dunvegan's Dane Lanken.

"Over $100,000 has been invested in this book," says Zuuring.

Fair more popular

(June 2) – Attendance at Maxville Fair was up by 1,000 compared to last year.

Organizer Janice Blaney says it's because of the added entertainment.

Over 200 people, mostly children, gathered for the Spice Girls and Backstreet's Back show. The snowmobile grass drags drew a large crowd with about 40 entries.

All the horse shows had increased entries but a smaller number of cattle was shown.

Liberals sweep county

(June 2) – For the first time in John Cleary's political career, election night turned out to be nail biter.

His election office was jam packed with party faithfuls hanging on every poll result after Cleary's initial lead over PC Noble Villeneuve in Cornwall plummetted as the rural votes trickled in.

A strong cheer rang out each time the Liberal tally climbed, but it wasn't until close to 10:30 p.m. that spectators began to chant "John" as victory drew closer in the riding of Dundas-Stormont-Charlottenburgh.

Cleary rang in 20,054 votes while Villeneuve trailed with 19,492.

NDP candidate Maggie MacDonald earned 2,247 and Natural Law candidate Ian Campbell managed 329.

The result ushered out a long rule by Villeneuve, the Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister, in the United Counties of SDG.

Meanwhile, Liberal Jean-Marc Lalonde, after running to and fro to about 25,000 homes, clinched victory in Prescott-Russell-Glengarry.

The former Rockland mayor and MPP incumbent received the majority of votes, 24,568 of 44,824 or 54.8 per cent.

Lalonde did not have to run anymore, or even walk. He was carried to the victory podium by his supporters.

His main opponent, PC Alain Lalonde, hobbled by a fever, took in 17,364 or 38.7 per cent of the popular vote.

New Democrat Stephane Landry and later entry, Natural Law Party hopeful Mary Glasser were far behind with 2,007 and 425, respectively.

60th year for priest

(June 16) – A large congregation of well wishers honoured Monsignor Michael Joseph O'Brien as he achieved the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

The one-time pastor of several Glengarry parishes, the 87-year-old celebrated Mass for about 1,000 followers at St. Finnan's Cathedral.

Despite a long and active role in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, Msgr. O'Brien shows no signs of slowing down and renewed his vows to Bishop Eugene LaRocque.

"You just keep going day-to-day, one day after another; don't worry about tomorrow – the Lord will look after that," Msgr. O'Brien told *The News*.

A native of Glen Walter, he had received his ordination from Cardinal Felix Couturier on June 8, 1939.

Ravary honoured

(June 16) – Alexandria ambulance service operator Gaetan Ravary joined an elite group recognized by Canada's Governor General on June 7.

Ravary was given the Exemplary Service Medal for his high standards and years of community service.

"I was thrilled," said Ravary, a 31-year veteran of the local service.

"It's a big reward."

Ravary received his award at the Ontario Ambulance Operator's Association conference where L. Gen (Retd.) James Gervais presented it to him on behalf of Gov. Gen. Romeo LeBlanc.

Ravary was one of the only four in Ontario to receive the medal, which has been existence since 1994.

Spraying banned

(June 23) – A moratorium has been placed on roadside spraying in South Glengarry in 1999, following concern from residents that council had contravened a resolution it passed in September of a last year.

Ernest Spiller, spokesperson for the group of concerned citizens, said the residents were "outraged" last year that spraying had taken place, and were "outraged" again this year that spraying might be used on roadside rights-of-way which could not be cut by township mowing equipment.

"We are here to ask council to desist from spraying this year. We want a moratorium in 1999," he said.

Spiller pointed to Resolution 295-98 which states that "roadsides and ditches shall be maintained by mechanical means," and that spraying should only be used on specific sites where cutting is ineffective and/or impractical and where all non-toxic methods have failed."

Fibre optics a lifeline

(June 23) – Fibre optics and information technologies might provide a partial solution to the economic woes facing Eastern Ontario now and in the future.

A group of about 40 people from the area gathered at Laggan Public School last week to hear a message that was blunt and inspiring.

Lanark County's Bruce Crampton told the audience of business and manufacturing people that if the region does not embrace the concept of upgrading information transmission systems to include fibre optics we can expect job losses, a dwindling manufacturing base and to be left behind on the information highway.

His bleak vision of the future without a commitment to convince Bell Canada, the senior levels of government and the private sector to invest in information technologies in this region was offset by the benefits of jumping into the information age.

Father Mike dies

(June 23) – Just days after reaching his 60th anniversary as a servant of God, Monsignor Michael O'Brien has been called to his Lord's side.

Funeral services for Msgr. O'Brien were extremely well attended at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Glen Walter on Monday.

The sermon was preached by long-time friend and colleague Rev. Bernard Cameron of Apple Hill.

Vaillancourt retires

(June 23) – There are some teachers, who by their dedication and will to succeed, have had a major influence on their students.

Judging by his retirement party last Friday, GDHS music teacher Pierre Vaillancourt is one of them.

The event drew Vaillaincourt's students from as far back as his Vankleek Hill class in the early 1970s, right up to his present day band from GDHS-ESLR.

Ruins given new life

(June 23) – The moment the Friends of St. Raphael's Ruins have been working towards for the last five years is finally here – preservation begins on the ruins next month.

"This certainly is a major step," said Friends board member Ian McLeod.

The $466,000 project, which will see the interior walls repointed, window sills capped and stabilizing rods installed, seemed overwhelming when the group first began.

But through a massive fundraising campaign, $200,000 was raised in donations, events and merchandise.

Mill demolition

(June 30) – The township of North Glengarry is ready to spend its own money to demolish a badly decaying portion of the Priest's Mill in Alexandria.

But the move is being resisted by the mill's owners, Ernie and Chris Sauer, operators of The Hub of Glengarry Restaurant.

Chief building official Ken Robbers has been authorized by council to demolish the mill annex if the Sauers don not come up with a plan to remove or repair it themselves by July 14.

The annex is a safety hazard. The annex's walls facing the mill pond and dam care cracked and could crumble.

Charges against drivers

(June 30) – ATV users should have second thoughts about using the VIA Rail tracks for a joy ride, thanks to a safety conscious train passenger.

An Alexandria man was charged with two traffic offences just two weeks after St. Isidore resident, Terry Bowes, alerted North Glengarry Police Services to a potentially deadly problem.

On June 10, Bowes' two children were nearly run over by three all-terrain vehicles beside the VIA Rail Station in Alexandria.

The children were waiting by the tracks on June 10 as their father purchased train tickets.

July

Farmer found guilty

(July 7) – Alex Ferguson was found guilty of failure to share half of the roadway and fined $500 plus $375 in costs by Justice of the Peace Francis Amyotte.

Ferguson was driving a tractor which was pulling a fertilizer and a cultivator, eastbound on County Road 25. As he was attempting to turn right into his laneway, the cultivator was hit by David McCabe, who died in hospital the next day.

Lochiel group forms

(July 14) – A group of about 40 Lochiel ward residents formed a ratepayers' association to protect their wallets against the people elected to represent them.

At stake is a potential $750 per ratepayers bill if North Glengarry Township is held liable for the faulty R. F. MacLennan Drain.

Instead of the average of about $750, someone with a $600,000 assessment might be on the line for $4,500.

The MacSweyn family reportedly seeks $1.2 million in compensation for agricultural land damaged by the drain.

Chief sues township

(July 14) – Former Alexandria fire chief Gerald Charlebois is seeking $125,000 in "compensation for alleged wrongful dismissal".

Charlebois, a 40-year veteran of the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department, resigned as the town's fire chief in December 1998, following amalgamation of area departments.

He was one of 22 Alexandria Fire-Fighter Association members who threatened to resign en masse last year unless council accepted association demands for a two-year contract.

Be part of the Games

(July 21) – The Kenyon Agricultural Society's Highland Games Committee unveiled a Millennium Patron Program that will raise working capital and help pay for improvement on the grounds.

The package price ranges from $25 to $1,000.

Plant short of $1.4 M

(July 21) – The Seaway Valley Farmers Energy Co-Operative has raised over $3 million in shares in the past two months but remains $1.4 million short of the $6.7 million equity requirement to secure a $18-million loan.

If the remaining $1.4 million is not raised, there is a possibility that original members will not see any of their initial investments returned.

Repair or demolish

(July 21) – Priest's Mill owners Ernie and Chris Sauer were given a July 14 deadline to come up with a plan to repair the annex of the mill or demolish it.

The township is looking for a contractor to demolish the structure.

$200,000 settlement

(July 28) – The 25-year R. F. MacLennan Drain dispute between the MacSweyn family and two municipalities has ended but the ramifications could be felt for some time.

The Lochiel Ratepayers Association has retained legal counsel to protect ratepayers from what is expected to be a special levy to cover the settlement.

Lochiel tax bills could increase by $90 for a $92,000 assessment and approximately $900 for farms valued at $1 million to cover the $200,000 settlement.

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Alexandria Main Street malaise keeps growing

The recent closing of yet another store on Alexandria's Main Street north has put an emphatic exclamation point in the ongoing saga of deterioration at that end of town.

This closure, together with the impending closure of the Alexandria Police station, and the growing list of retail stores and businesses exhibiting "For Sale" signs, can only mean the downward spiral at the north end can only continue.

The primary reason, of course, for the decline of what was once the "hub" of Glengarry was the opening up of the south end of town where the virgin nature of the land provided the opportunity for the major businesses to be properly laid out, and generously endowed with what is in this day and age the vital ingredient, ample parking

What's needed most, above all else, is the achievement of a state of mind where such dreams can become reality.

Some well intentioned but ultimately feeble attempts have been made to address the north end malaise by emulating the "trendy" approach taken with considerable success by neighouring communities like Lancaster and Vankleek Hill This approach manifested itself primarily in the splendid murals painted on Main Street and the Mill Square, one an initiative by the B.I.A., and the other by public-spirited business woman Gail Abrames of Paddy's.

Both of the resulting murals are as fine examples of the genre to be found anywhere, but the hopes that the murals would be the forerunners of many others were dashed when the sale of 1,000 prints intended to finance more murals failed to meet expectations; a mere 250 were sold.

The trendy approach has worked with fabulous effect in many other places, Niagara-on-the-Lake and St.Jacob's, both in Ontario, and in the birthplace of the mural approach in Chemainus, B.C., to mention just three outstanding examples.

There are many other fine examples in the U.S. and of in Europe where millions of tourists flock to leave their cash behind to the benefit of the natives.

That might have happened in Alexandria if the town had been "frozen in time" at the turn of the 20th century. Such a picture may seem crude, even squalid, in the 21st century, but it's a safe bet the cash registers in the stores would be ringing a merry tune.

That, of course, is just a chimera, impossible of realization, but there are many things that could be done, even at very little cost, to revive the spirit in Alexandria and make it an attractive place to visit, and to do business.

What's needed most, above all else, is the achievement of a state of mind where such dreams can become reality.

Keeping quiet usually backfires

The continuing existence of withholding information or keeping secrets has a long history of causing unwanted difficulties for those proprietors of the guarded box or closed lid. Certainly this is a case in point stemming from two recent examples right in our own back yard.

Certainly the two scenarios are as different as a "white" lie and a blatant attempt at reversing the truth.

At last month's United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Council meeting, a number of councillors took aim at North Glengarry Township Mayor Grant Crack, one of them being South Glengarry counterpart Charles Sangster.

With these kinds of antics, Counties Council could be setting itself up for a black eye in the perception of the public.

Sangster and associates chastized Crack for responding to an attempt by this newspaper in tracking down the development of Alltech Inc. moving into the old Nestlé plant.

Crack was accused of repeating a certain habit – "run to the press" as North Dundas Mayor Claude Cousineau put it. Crack's adversaries appeared more concerned with knocking Crack down a notch instead of asking how the new kid on the block, Alltech, was doing and what more assistance the counties could give North Glengarry Township to make life easier for Alltech.

But there is another disturbing note. It seems Sangster has a problem with Crack's willingness to share information publicly and that is why county concillors have withheld information from Crack before. One wonders what other 'secrets' are not being whispered to Crack and Deputy-mayor Kent MacSweyn?

With these kinds of antics, Counties Council could be setting itself up for a black eye in the perception of the public. This sort of bruising could sway voters to harden their hearts toward what some already view counties government as distant and unaccountable.

This would work in Crack's favour and increase the profile of his stance for eliminating the counties government and expanding the lower-tier municipal one.

The other example is the shroud of closeness the Order of the Poor Clares has wrapped themselves in. And while this is all part and parcel with such an order, there are times when it might need opening when an issue of public interest such as the demolition of a heritage building is at stake.

The difference of course between counties' admonishment of Crack's open door policy and the Poor Clares is that the sisters have the right to privacy, government does not, except in issues that might unfairly compromise private individuals, personnel and impending real estate transactions.

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One-room school

From left to right, in front row, are John Dunic MacMillan, Hector MacRae, Archie MacMillan (Allan Donald), Jimmie Fraser, Mary MacKenzie, Georgina Fraser, Clara MacGillivray, Jimmie Chisholm, Jessie MacCaskill, Linda MacPherson, Minnie Fraser, Annie Trottier, Florence MacGillivray (MacRoy), Rosie Trottier, Cassie Sara MacMillan, Myles D. D. MacMillan, Johnnie MacCaskill, Alex Duncie MacMillan, Val Chisholm, in second row, Mac Dan MacGillivray, Peter Myles MacMillan, Josie Tallion, Harvey Campeau, Dunc MacGillivray, Margaret MacCaskill, Maggie MacRae, Ann Jane MacPherson, Maggie Cameron, Jennie MacKenzie, Bertha Trottier, Christina Fraser, Dannie J. MacMillan (Allan Donald), D. W. MacPherson, Kennie MacCaskill, Willie D. MacMillan, George Cameron, in third row, Mr. Alex Cameron, Inspector Dr. McDermind, Mr. R. F. MacRae, Jessie Cameron, Mr. Dan Malcolm MacGillivray, Allan Donald MacMillan and teacher Colin Robertson. *The Glengarry News* welcomes submissions of old photographs of Glengarry County for publication in this space.

Three themes that emerged in 1999

FIRST PEERSON

GREG PEERENBOOM

The News' annual year-in-review, featured in this edition, the next and the last of 1999 gives myself – and the readers – an opportunity to sift through the year's significant news stories at a glance.

Looking back, some years offer up a specific theme or trend throughout the 12 months. Sometimes, however, it appears one, maybe two unrelated stories dominate the calendar of events.

Last year I believe was the combination of the two: there were several themes intertwined around big events.

And just what qualifies stories as major have to impact most of Glengarry and have profound influence over the next year and beyond.

So here are the top three news stories of 1999:

1. The accelerating turnover of employment.

Glengarry, with its agricultural base, has always existed on seasonal employment, but now it appears the "stable" employers, such as some of the bigger factories in Alexandria are entering a topsy-turvy period.

It all began with the announcement in March that Nestlé Canada will be shutting down its Alexandria plant. What made it different from other past closures, was that one of the biggest and steadiest employers was leaving not because of a worsening economy, but a competitive world marketplace.

The same message bears true for Alexandria's former No. 1 employer, Consoltex Inc. Last fall saw the layoff of more than two dozen as the company decided to cut labour costs to increase efficiency.

As for Hush Puppies' Alexandria Footwear operation, it was more of the traditional tale. The company had experienced a couple of lame sales of its winter products, which created a large inventory. So the need wasn't there to produce, hence the decision to shutdown temporarily, we hope.

And yet, the year boasted a number of successes, led again by Alexandria Moulding, which appears now to contribute the heftiest payroll to the region.

Others who posted gains, carried over from 1998, were Premier Wire and Farley Windows.

Then of course was the welcome news that biotechnological Alltech Inc. had bought the Nestlé site and was planning to hire about 60 well paying hi-tech jobs.

The quick turnover clearly illustrates the vibrancy of the world economy and possibilities that exist for even Glengarry to take advantage of it.

2. The battle to preserve heritage.

Coming from a background that could be described as a melting pot – Thunder Bay – the sense of heritage and culture here is easily the county's most attractive and most identifiable trait.

And what a fascinating year for the future of Glengarry's past it was. From the restoration of St. Raphael's Ruins to the demolition of part of the Priest's Mill. From the bold endeavour to expand the Glengarry Highland Games to the disbanding of the North Glengarry Local Architecture and Conservancy Advisory Committee. From broadening the appeal of Alexandria's historic core to the shutting off of Lake St. Francis's Cairn (Monument) Island

For a place as historic as Glengarry, we sure have an eclectic way of treating our treasures.

Even though there were some sad moments for preservationists, one would think heritage's advancement will be furthered through the general public by the publicity generated.

3. The struggle intensifies to maintain natural resources.

Nothing especially new here. Water and sewage issues have been in the front pages of the press for years before.

However, it appears the tightening budget of the provincial government is having an adverse effect on projects that will benefit the county's well-being and alleviate sore spots.

If ever Alexandria can get its sewage disposal and water supply up to par, then progress in Glengarry's hub will intensify. Recent discussions among municipal officials and the local intelligentsia agree that a strong centre community is a major key for increasing prosperity throughout the immediate area.

In South Glengarry, the municipal decision makers are forging ahead to upgrade Lancaster area's sewage and water supply. The pressure to prepare the shores of the St. Lawrence River for development increases with each passing year.

From ease and comfort grows laziness

BERRY PICKINGS



SANDRA BERRY

Political "hoo-la-laooing", my invention of a word meaning complaining about government cutbacks, be it federal, provincial or municipal and the general discussion of why and how the government has wasted our money once more, is not much practiced activity in my every-day life.

Perhaps I'm not a concerned citizen but I find no gratification in sending a letter to Jean Chrétien complaining about the $267.87 I had to pay in GST this year, to Mike Harris thanking the conservative government for the $1.69 cut in income tax on my weekly pay stub or to North Glengarry Mayor Grant Crack about cat tags.

I have no children. I don't operate a business. I don't even own property. I drive an old car that is destined for the scrap yard in about five years, so what do I care about bumpy roads or slippery curves.

I'm young and fortunate to have good health. The only time I visit the doctor is for my annual medical examination and the occasional mishap where I need to pay a visit to the emergency ward.

Hence I have never paid much attention to the health budget cutbacks. . . because, they don't affect my everyday lifestyle.

Like a lot of people, as long as I get my wages at the end of the week, can pay the groceries, heating, rent, student loan and fill up the tank, I'm living life without a care in the world.

Alas if that were true for all.

The other day I heard someone complaining about how long it takes to meet with a professional in the medical field, by that I mean an appointment with a cardiologist or for a CAT scan or biopsy.

"I fought for this country, you know," he said.

Here you are, about 60 years old, with some kind of medical condition. Perhaps you gave six months, a year maybe more, but that's not what is important. Someone actually loved this country enough to risk their life and what kind of recognition do they get? I'm sure they received the official thanks -a-lot afterwards. But what about today.

Now I tell you, if I would have walked the beaches of Normandy or flew the skies of Italy, I would be writing letters, banging on doors and ringing phones off the hook.

But I was unfortunately born in the early 1970s and have lived a life where being a Canadian means watching fireworks on July 1 and sewing a Canadian flag on my backpack while hitch hiking in Europe as the rumour is everyone just loves us Canadians.

It's unfortunate a life of ease and comfort has conditioned me to take my rights and liberties as a mere privilege.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

South Glengarry input needed in future of Cairn Island

To the editor,

I am writing concerning an article in *News* by Sue Harrington dated Nov. 10, 1999 about the Cairn Island being placed out of bounds to the public.

I was over to the island recently and seen the signs attached to trees advising the public that the island is out of bounds. This apparently was the result of an archaelogical find of a bone or bones that apparently belongs to an ancient member of the Akwesasne tribe and now the island might be classified as an ancient burial site. It would be nice if Parks Canada would make public the results of the archaelogy study that took place. It might be quite educational to see how they determine that the bone or bones belonged to a member of the Akwasasne and not that of a Huron or some other native that might have succumbed to the cold or some other form of death.

Can you visualize how it must have been some two hundred years ago with hundreds of soldiers digging the foundation for the Cairn and horses hauling stones from mainland to the island and after all this digging bones from a human being are found. That's hard to believe. The Cairn itself takes up about a quarter of the island which leaves very little for a burial site.

This summer past I spoke to some people who were told to get off the island. They were not climbing the Cairn but simply having a family picnic. I would like to know on whose authority Native people have the right to harass people and forcing them off the island.

The Cairn is our heritage and has been for two hundred years. I would suggest that before any decisions are made by Parks Canada that the results of the find be made public. It would also be interesting to know why Parks Canada use Native personnel instead of some organization from South Glengarry to look after the Cairn.

Perhaps if the people of South Glengarry started writing their members of parliament or to Parks Canada, to the Superintendant Pamela Buell, Fort Wellington, K0E 1T0, phone 925-4746, ext. 106, or Fax 925-1536.

Don't wait for Parks Canada to make a decision because by then it will be too late. If this Cairn, the largest in Canada, were situated in the Ottawa River outside the parliament buildings, Parks Canada would not think about giving it away. Can you imagine if the Cairn was located in the Thousand Islands instead of South Glengarry.

Let's act together.

James F. Fitzpatrick
Lancaster

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"My Ontario" evidence of Harris' penny-wise foolish philosophy

To the editor,

Recently, my children came home with a Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation publication entitled "My Ontario". My first optimistic thought was that my daughter had at long last received her "new curriculum" français textbook. That was not the case, and in retrospect, I should have realized that with only half the semester completed, it was completely unrealistic of me to expect Mr. Harris' government to furnish Ontario's students with required textbooks after such a paltry delay of merely 3 months.

What I soon discovered, was that this 160 page publication was a compilation of little stories, poems, drawings and songs, created by students in response to the question "what do you think Ontario will be like in the year 2020?". Without taking away from the wonderful work of the students, I was flabbergasted to learn that every single student across the province received a copy of this book, amounting to millions of dollars of tax payer money! More evidence of Mr. Harris' penny wise, dollar foolish philosophy.

As a member of GDHS school council, I have recently taken part in discussions on the best way to distribute the small bit of money school council raises annually. School personnel submitted requests for funds amounting to thousands of dollars!

Each submission dealt with items that were required in order to implement the various aspects of the "new curriculum", none of which was subsidized by the Ministry of Education. The money spent on the books issued to GDHS/Le Relais students, would have been sufficient to supply both schools with the CPR dummies needed for students to practice on in order to become certified, as mandated by the Ministry of Education in the new curriculum.Instead, the schools must look for financial assistance from the community.

Where some might argue that the books did not come out of the Education budget, in my opinion, wasted tax dollars are wasted tax dollars regardless of the department they are issued from! If Minister Helen Johns wanted to do something for Ontario's schools and its students, she should have consulted with them directly to find out what their needs and priorities were! I am reasonably certain that a nice little "story book" would not have been terribly high on the list of priorities! In addition to each student receiving a copy of this "millennium memento" book, each school library (or libraty as referred to in the credits of said book) will be given a more elaborate copy, to be kept at the schools for students to access.

Talk about overkill!

There is a group of bright young students from the Ottawa School Board that are gathering up these books to deliver to Queen's Park in protest of the colossal waste of money that they represent- I shall endeavour to see that my two (not just one, but two!) copies of this book are among those collected.

If Mr. Harris had asked me what I thought Ontario would be like in 2020, I would have told him that I foresaw an Ontario slowly recovering from his government's cut-backs (with threats of yet millions more to be cut from education!), an Ontario free of Mr Harris who, hopefully, will have retired from politics by then, and an Ontario in which the hard working citizens need not worry that their futures are at the mercy of a politician's whim.

Penny wise, dollar foolish.

Bev Poirier
North Lancaster

Success backed by dedicated volunteers

To the editor,

The task I have at hand is a very pleasant one, thanking all who participated and enjoyed the South Glengarry Santa Clause Parade on Dec.4.

There were over 40 entries with so many people participating I was surprised that there was anyone left to watch. The street was full of kids of all ages watching the parade and waiting for the Big Guy's arrival.

All the groups that helped plan and organize a full day are certainly to be commended for their efforts: The Antique Car Club, especially the wives that registered all entries-no easy task. The Optimists. Hugie's training in traffic management insured that the lineup for Santa was the best ever. The Bainsville Women's Institute must have bagged a ton of candy. The fire departments from both North Lancaster and Lancaster were just great as were the Knights, even Erp learned how to make hot chocolate. Almost all of the local elementary schools participated; I don't know where the kids came from.

Santa, a special guy. He took the time to talk with everyone that wanted to sit on his knee, stayed for the tree lighting ceremony, and sang carols with the choir. We certainly owe him a lot.

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Trying your best at drawing a blank

ARTS SCENE



LORNA FOREMAN, 347-1338

Happy Year 2000! No doubt a lot of readers have made the usual list of Resolutions - I started my list with only two.

One is to take more time for creative endeavours and the other is to be more organized. Sounds like an oxymoron.

It was while I was thinking about those new creative endeavours that I found my mind a total blank.

Here I was with good intentions and I couldn't think of even one artistic project.

Yikes! The blank mind is not uncommon to artists.

What would you do if you had finally been given approval to go ahead with that long sought after commission and absolutely no ideas came.

Are there any steps that can help break the block?

There are probably as many creative solutions as there are artists.

I have, in the past 22 months, interviewed a lot of artists. Oddly enough, I have never asked them what they did if they were blocked.

Perhaps none of us really want to think about those moments.

But I do know some well enough that I called and asked.

A friend and past neighbour uses social issues as a source of his humourous found object sculpture.

All he has to do is read a newspaper or listen to the news on TV and something emerges.

Potter Janet Keefe is inspired sometimes by nature: unusual seeds, flowers, rocks and shells. But sometimes these inspirations aren't enough and you need something to spur you on.

When I am faced with a blank mind I brew some coffee, look through my inspirational resource book, go for a long walk and then I wash the floors.

Yep! That's what usually does it. If it is a particularly dry spell I repeat the process and clean the cupboards.

I think it's the thought of another domestic chore that does the trick.

The blank mind syndrome struck just this past week which is what inspired this column. I was starting to worry.

Artists that I called were all busy, recuperating from Christmas or preparing for the big New Year's Eve celebration.

No time for interviews. I panicked.

I had a coffee and decided to sweep that fresh snow from the doorstep.

The sun was shining and the new snow sparkled.

Have you ever really looked at snow? It isn't really all white.

The yellow bench in my garden cast a yellow shadow and, where the marsh grasses were, the snow was beige.

Even the snow itself reflected colours like a crystal and the shadows cast by my trees were deep blue.

A truly spectacular sight.

I have never painted snow before but I went in and tried. What fun.

It might not be a masterpiece but I really learned how to look at snow differently.

Somehow I don't think dust balls will inspire me quite as much but I just added another resolution to my list: slow down and really look around me.

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Merry Millennium everyone! Was there ever any doubt that we'd all carry on as usual?

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After conducting the first half of the Christmas Eve service at Kenyon Presbyterian Church, preacher Brynn Carson relinquished the pulpit to Doris MacIntosh who did an admirable job of leading the balance of the service.

It was a delight to sing all the familiar Christmas songs and share in the fellowship of the old story.

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Belated condolences of the community go out to James Joyce and Terry Sweitzer, Ursula and Brendan following the passing on Dec. 24 of James' father Harry Joyce.

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Just before Christmas, I was driving down a back road and in the corner of my eye caught a large hand-lettered sign announcing "Mattress for sale."

I couldn't imagine why anyone would put up a sign to sell a mattress and, as I thought it over, I suddenly realized that it was a badly lettered "Xmas trees for sale."

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Consider starting the new year with something new for you - Tai Chi. Glen Hillier is running sessions at the DRA hall Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Just show up to check it out, or phone him at 527-2584 for more information. Ten lessons are $40 and you will be encouraged to go at your own pace.

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An interesting visitor at our window feeder last week was a Hoary Redpoll that arrived with a group of American Goldfinch.

This pretty little bird looks like a "frosted" Common Redpoll, with the same bold striping, black chin patch and jaunty red spot on its forehead, but noticibly whiter.

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And the New Year's tip for 2000 is: Do Not Throw Your House Key to Your Husband When He's Standing in Snow!

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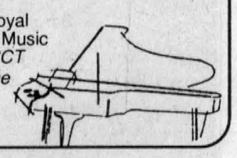

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Tip leads to arrest of Lancaster man

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POLICE BRIEFS

A tip led to a search warrant of a residence on the South Service Road, east of Lancaster Village on Dec. 22.

The Ontario Provincial Police recovered 68 items of stolen property, including household appliances, electronic equipment and power tools.

The items, stolen from residences in Manitoba and Ontario, are valued at $20,000.

Charged with possession of stolen property is Rodney Richard, 33, of Lancaster.

Richard has been released on a promise to appear in Alexandria court on Jan. 14.

Less drinking and driving

The Ontario Provincial Police report that drinking and driving decreased as of the fourth week of the five-week RIDE campaign.

As of Dec. 26, a total of 451,604 vehicles were checked province-wide, compared to 415,779 in 1998. The number of charges with impaired driving for the same four weeks decreased from 524 in 1998 to 432.

Also, 12-hour suspensions were issued for 922 persons compared, to 1,160 in 1998.

Christmas Eve accident

Sivapathan Mylaganam, 32, of Timmons was on the eastbound ramp of Hwy 401 on Dec. 24 when his 1999 Toyota four-runner slid into the north ditch, rolled and came to rest on the eastbound lane near Lancaster.

Mylvaganam and three passengers were not injured except for Jeyathevy Ponrasah, 36, who suffered minor injuries.

Van ends up in river

A 17-year old youth was driving a 1993 Chevrolet Astro van westbound on Loyalist Road when the van began to slide on the icy road as it entered a curve.

The van hit a culvert on the south side, continued south and entered the Raisin River coming to rest in approximately three feet of water.

The driver received minor injuries to the face while a 15-year-old female passenger was not injured.

Thieves break in trailer

A camper trailer left at the T and I Campground in Summerstown was broken into between October and Christmas.

A 20-inch RCA color television, Panasonic VCR and white microwave were stolen from the trailer.

The items are valued at $800.

Driver fails to stop

Rene Tapp, 37, of l'Assomption, Que, was southbound on County Road 20 and drove through the intersection of County Road 19 near Martintown on Dec. 27.

The 1998 Pontiac he was driving collided with a tree on the south west corner of the intersection.

Injured were Sylvie Massia, 36, and daughter Karine Tapp, 11, both of l'Assomption, Que.

The driver was charged with failure to stop.

Car collides with rock cliff

A Sudbury resident was eastbound on Hwy 417 near Maxville when the left tires of his 1999 GMC Jimmy caught the median shoulder causing the vehicle to swerve and slide into a rock cliff in the median.

The driver Anthony Cook, 29, and his wife, Andrea Cook, 29, were injured and taken to Glengarry Memorial Hospital by ambulance.

Cook was charged for failure to drive in a marked lane.

Computer stolen

A Kenyon Road business establishment near Alexandria was broken into on Dec. 27.

Stolen from one of the offices were an IBM 1410 Think Pad lap top computer with a Pentium processor and a CD ROM drive and a Minolta Freedom 35 mm Supreme camera.

The items are valued at $3,500.

Anyone with information is asked to call Const. Anthony Palazzo at 1-888-310-1122.

Generators stolen

A 1998 Kubota Ae 2200W orange generator, valued at $2,200, was stolen from an unlocked garage adjacent to a residence east of Alexandria between Dec. 12 and Dec. 24.

Anyone with information is asked to call Const. Dan Morin at 1-888-310-1122.

A Honda red generator, valued at $1,450, was stolen from a Williamstown shed on Dec. 31.

Collision injures two

Two drivers were taken to Cornwall Hotel Dieu Hospital on Dec. 30 after a head-on collision on South Branch Road, Couty Road 19, east of Cornwall.

Florenti Rene Allaire, 60, of Cornwall was eastbound when he lost control of his car, crossed the centre line and collided with a 1997 Ford Escort driven by Russell Barton, 38, of Martintown.

Pedestrian struck by car

A Glen Robertson man was taken to Ottawa Civic Hospital on Jan. 1 after being struck by a car in Glen Robertson .

Luc Desjardins ran out from the north side of Main Street and was struck by the front end of a 1990 Buick driven by Germain J. Ramsay, 61, of Alexandria.

OPP occurrences (Dec. 27 – Jan. 2)

Motor vehicle accidents:	
Property damage	12
Personal injury	5
Traffic calls	23
General complaints	24
Criminal investigations	13
Criminal Code charges	2
Provincial charges	139
RIDE setups	8
Impaired charges	1
12-hour suspensions	1

Let's stop break and enters

This week Crime Stoppers is asking the public's assistance in solving break and enters, both residential and commercial.

Residential break-ins can be traumatic for the victims with the loss of family heirlooms and the invasion of privacy.

Commercial break-ins can be financially devastating for a business.

Persons who buy stolen property should remember that possession of stolen property carries the same penalty as theft.

If you have any information on this or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers, and if your information leads to an arrest you are entitled to a cash reward of up to $1,000.

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A time for family and friends

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Rolland and Helen Levac spent the Christmas weekend with their family in Ottawa. While there, they attended midnight mass at Notre-Dame de l'Ile Parish in Hull where Father Gerry Levac is the parish priest after many years in Rouyn-Noranda.

For New Year's Day, Rolland and Helen, had a full house with family members joining them to celebrate the beginning of the new year at a family dinner.

Suzanne and Bruce Polsky, Rachelle and Caroline, Hartford, Conn. visited with Merle Levac.

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Maude Poston, Orleans, spent some days with her son, Robin, his wife Nancy and son John, Mack's Corners Road.

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Shirley, Lorne, Sidney, Cameron and Kassi MacDonald were off to Huntsville during the holidays to visit Muriel MacDonald.

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With Iris and Johnnie Hughie Morrison, MacCrimmon, over the holiday period was their family - Brenda and Phil Lowe, Hayden and Sheena of Aldergrove, B.C., Lynn and Doris Morrison, Leyna, Jordan and Meagan of Bruderheim, Alberta. Other callers during the week were Allan Walker, Dunvegan, Don and Anne Walker, Kingston, their daughter Kathy Rayner and her daughter Alexandra of Mississauga.

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Sharing the Christmas season with Ian and me were Joyce MacLennan, Josie and André Seguin, Barry and Bert MacLennan, Mary and John Weese, Scott and Ryan Weese, Mel and Jenny, Ruth, Hugh and Morgan MacQueen.

Frances Fraser, Louis Loczy and Joseph passed a happy holiday at home enjoying the company of niece, Rosemarie Ferjuc, Ottawa and friends Gail Hicks, Montreal, Renata Vynalkova and Tindra Kincal of the Czech Republic.

Frances would also like to thank everyone who made her feel welcome in their homes when she was canvassing for the C.N.I.B.

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Alexandria Bantams win B final

The Alexandria Bantam travelling Glens were the spoilers in the B final of a hockey tournament held in Casselman Dec. 29 and 30.

The Glens knocked off the home team Stars 6-3 to capture the tournament B championship.

After losing their opening game to Kanata 4-3, the Glens rolled off wins over NGS, Morrisburg and the Stars.

Steven Stewart with two, Julien Quesnel with two, Kris Hehn and Marc Bigras scored in the final game.

Roch Lebrun with two, Hehn, Landon Shepherd and Blake McMillan added assists.

Matthew Cooney played in goal in all four games of the tournament.

Stephane Deguire had a strong game in the semi-final scoring two goals and adding an assist.

Peewee Glens almost end Rebels streak

The Peewee B travelling Char-Lan Rebels have been amazing this year. Heading into their game Dec. 22 against the Alexandria Glens, the Rebs were riding a 13-game unbeaten streak.

Travelling to Williamstown, the Glens were looking to do something that no other Peewee B team had at the Charlottenburgh Recreation Centre so far this year, win.

They came close but the Rebels streak is still alive after both teams left the ice with a 5-5 draw.

Peter Eykens, Alain Lalonde, Kevin McDonell, Oakley McCoy and Jim Vanderburg scored for Char-Lan ensuring the continuance of the streak.

Stefano Zoppas, Kevin Johnston, Kevin McDonell and Brent Van Loon assisted in the game for the Rebels.

Bobby McNab with two, Richard Bellefeuille with two and Pierre-Luc Marleau replied for the Glens.

Goalies Burles and Malette save the day

Jason Burles was stellar in goal as the Malyon Excavation peewee house team defeated Cornwall Aviation in the A final of a hockey tournament held in Williamstown on Dec. 28.

Burles earned a shutout as his team won 3-0.

Cameron Grant, Adam Jarvo and Chris Richard scored for the winners.

All four Char-Lan teams made it into the "A" pool.

Alexandria Glens #3 were the big winners on the "B" side.

Kevin Malette was the hero for his team as he picked up a shutout in another 3-0 game.

The Blackburn Stingers couldn't get the puck past Malette to equal goals from Glens players Ryan Gallagher, with two and Chad Ladouceur.

Wereley scores two in Ray-Co broomball win

Lucie Wereley scored the first two goals in Ray-Co's 3-0 whitewash of Bar Moustache.

Sharon Jasper, who is Ray-Co's goaltender as well, scored the third goal and Sue Villeneuve added two assists.

Mary McDonell scored three times in Edge Water's 4-0 shutout victory over Top Notch.

Sandra Berry had the other goal. Christine Derepentigny was in goal for the shutout.

Boxing Day a let down for Glens

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

The annual Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League Boxing Day Tournament which was held in Alexandria at the Billy Gebbie arena this year was disappointing for Alexandria in two ways.

It turned out to be not-so beneficial to our local club and merchants economically and our Glens lost their first game despite a close score.

Although there was an entertaining display of talent from the Ottawa West Golden Knights, the Kemptville 73's, the Alexandria Glens, the Gananoque Islanders, the Perth Junior Blue Wings, the South Ottawa Canadians, the Renfrew Timberwolves and Westport Rideaus; low numbers attended the tournament leaving Glens management bewildered.

"It didn't help being eliminated right away, it didn't help not having Char-Lan here or having most of the teams coming from far away," said Glens president Robert Lajoie.

"We expected more then what we got, it was the same thing the last time (in 1991 when Alexandria last hosted the tournament). I wouldn't call it a flop but it was stale."

Lajoie estimated the crowd who took in the Glens game against the Ottawa West Golden Knights at about 600.

"Maybe people were broke from Christmas, we asked around (local merchants) and we don't know where these 600 people went to eat, maybe they brought their own lunches,' said Lajoie.

The Glens entered the game as the youngest team in the tournament, having only three players 20 years old. Most teams averaged around the age of 20 while the Glens played with five 16-year-olds and only three 20 and over.



Ottawa West Golden Knights captain Brandon Sheaves, left, and Alexandria Glens captain Simon Menard, right, take part in a faceoff to officially kick the 1999 Eastern Ontario Junior B Boxing Day tournament held at the Billy Gebbie arena this year. Glen president Robert Lajoie, Rideau St. Lawrence Division president John Shorrey, Eastern Ontario Jr. B commisioner Dwain Barkley, executive director of ODHA Richard Sennott and Metro Valley Division president Don Valcour look on.

Ottawa West entered the tournament looking to win their first Boxing Day tournament since 1994.

The Glens best finish in the past 15 years of the tournament was runner-up in 1990 in Metcalfe after losing to the Renfrew Timberwolves in the final year of their three-year reign.

Entering the game as the fourth place team in the St. Lawrence Division, the Glens would have their hands full with a much larger and more experienced Ottawa West club.

Golden Knights 2 Glens 1

In Boxing Day play only two periods make up a game, too bad because it looked like the Glens could comeback from a one-goal deficit from their opposition from the West but eventually time decided their fate.

Despite a strong effort from goaltender Trevor Cunning the Glens fell just short of making the second round of the tournament after a 2-1 loss to Ottawa West.

With their youth and nervous feelings of playing in front of a home crowd considered, the Glens may have come out a little flat, it would be somewhat understandable.

One of those 16-year-olds, Louie Brisson changed that theory though, and in a hurry.

Less than a minute into the game, Brisson blocked an Ottawa West defenceman's shot at his own blueline, grabbed the loose puck and burst down the ice on a breakaway to battle against Brett McGarry in the Ottawa goal.

Brisson made a convincing fake to the left then tucked the puck in the right bottom corner of the net under a desperately sliding McGarry.

"We were a young club against an experienced club, we hoped for a fast start," said Glens coach Marc Sauve.

Unfortunately for the Glens it was their only goal of the game.

The Golden Knights first goal came from a blistering slapshot from the point that found it's way past Trevor Cunning in the Alexandria goal.

Cunning couldn't be blamed for the goal as he had made three saves from in close seconds before and was screened on the shot form the point.

The two teams fought off the remainder of the opening frame and headed into their respective change rooms tied 1-1.

In the second, Cunning continued his heroics by stoning to Ottawa players at the blueline with Hasek-like saves.

Cunning's fearless venture out of the crease combined with a spectacular glove hand save seemed to pick up his teammates.

"He's a big goaltender for us, I'm never afraid when he leaves his crease, he knows where to go," said Sauve.

The Glens started to put pressure on Ottawa then disaster struck and the crowd became a lot more silent.

Another Ottawa shot from the point seemed anything but dangerous this time but ended up being the game-winning goal.

An Ottawa defenceman took a weak shot from the left point of the blueline as he got to the puck just before it would have exited the Alexandria zone.

The puck fluttered to the left side of the goal and was deflected from an Ottawa forward. Now it was heading in front of Cunning across his crease.

The puck then made contact with Ottawa West's captain Brandon Deaves knee and ended up behind Cunning.

The play was a lot quicker then it sounds but wasn't any prettier.

The goal took something out of the Glens but they still pushed on in hopes of tying it up again.

The line of Ghislain Valade, Jason Poirier and Yves Ruest played a load of time during the game and put in some good efforts after falling behind 2-1.

Eventually the Glens ran out of time and fell short of making the second round of the tournament.

Westport ended up winning the tournament final 4-2 over Kemptville.

Westport got past Renfrew, 2-1, and Ottawa West, 4-2, en route to the win.

Kemptville qualified for the finals after beating South Ottawa, 3-2 in OT, and Perth, 6-3.

Perth qualified for the semifinals by beating Gananoque 4-1 in their first game.


Despite being one of the smaller players in the tournament, Jason Poirier played a strong game for Alexandria against Ottawa West.


Westport Rideaus captain Robert Coon accepts the Cy Easterbrook Trophy as his team won the Boxing Day tournament over Kemptville 73's in the final.

Rebels consider number 13 lucky in one-sided win over Athens

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

After narrowly failing to qualify for the Boxing Day tournament in Alexandria this year, the Char-Lan Rebels were looking to let off some steam against Gananoque Dec. 28.

Luckily for Gananoque the game was postponed because of an ice storm, now the Rebels looked ahead to pounding the Rideau Division cellar-dwelling Athens Aeros.

And that they did.

Rebels 13 Aeros 0

Heading into the game Dec. 30, Athens had only won one game all year. Char-Lan was firing on all cylinders as they capped off the millennium with a huge win.

Never truer was the saying "The best defence is a good offence."

The Rebs fired an astonishing 72 shots towards Athens keeper Jason Murray who must have felt like he was sentenced to death by firing squad.

Courageously, the goaltender remained in the Aeros goal for the entire duration of the game and he earned some respect from Rebels GM John Chafee.

"He made 59 saves, he really played well but got tired in the third. We had 22 shots in the second period alone but didn't score. He even stayed on the ice after the game to shake our boys hands."

All of the Rebels scoring was done in the first and third periods, including nine goals in the final frame.

Several Rebels players padded their season scoring totals in this game, especially super-rookie Scott Champagne.

Champagne netted four goals and added an assist.

Another rookie, Eric Larocque and veteran Chris Corput also had a five-point night with two goals and three assists apiece.

Mike King added two goals and two assists. Luc Lapierre with two and Graham Charbonneau capped off the scoring for the Rebels.

Doug Long was strong in goal making 23 saves earning the shutout.

After last week's play the Aeros rank as the worst team in the Rideau-St. Lawrence Division in goals for, goals against, wins and total points.

With a win over such a weak team, Rebels management may have been worried as the team travelled to Morrisburg to take on their St. Lawrence Division rival Lions.

Team coaches often try to prevent blowouts as players step away from team systems.

Chafee said he wasn't worried at all though.

"The scoring was spread out against Athens and a couple of guys who haven't been producing that much had big nights. All the lines contributed so I think it was good for us."

Against the Lions on Jan. 2, the Rebels proved they didn't lose focus squeaking out a 4-3 win over the up-and-coming

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Glengarry sports year in review

1999

January

• The Alexandria Curling Club defends Quebec Challenge Cup against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Curling Club 19-17.

The trophy, which is emblematic of the oldest competition in North America was won by Alexandria Dec. 6 against the Royal Canadian Navy Club in Ottawa.

• The NGS Bantam Braves hockey team hosts a tournament and wins in the A final against Plattsburg 4-1.

Derek Crawford with two, Jon Bray and Mike Fraser score in the win.

• Williamstown resident, Kent McDonell brings home a silver medal from the world junior championships.

McDonell, a forward, played a key role, especially on the penalty kill, for Canada's team.

• Steven Van Den Oetelaar lands in Smith Falls. After playing the early months of the hockey season with the Brampton Battalion (OHL), Cornwall Colts (CJHL) and Alexandria Glens (EOJBHL), Vanden Oetelaar is dealt to the Bears of the Central Junior A Hockey League for defenceman Nick Grady.

• The Char-Lan midget travelling Rebels win the B Championship in their own tournament after a 2-1 win over the Ernestown Jets in the final.

Goaltender Eric Bishop, was stellar in the tournament and came within 21 seconds of a shutout in the final.

• Stars snap Rudis win streak at four in Glengarry Indoor Soccer League action.

Tim McCuaig scored a hattrick for the Stars as they won 5-1.

• Kent McDonell returns to Guelph Storm (OHL) lineup and scores his 20th goal of the season.

• Once again the Alexandria Curling Club defends the Quebec Challenge Cup by beating Almonte 17-13.

• Martin Boisvenue returns to the ice to practice with the Philadelphia Phantoms of the American Hockey League after being side-lined for two months after surgery because of a fractured hip injury.

• Glens Jean Desrochers, Ghyslain Valade and Steven St. Denis and Rebels Tim McCuaig, Chris Corput, Eric Fontaine, Doug Ferguson and Alain Lapierre chosen to represent Glengarry at 1999 EOJBHL All-Star game.

• Glens Jean Desrochers and Ghyslain Valade connect for two goals in 5-3 St. Lawrence Division win over the Rideau Division at the 1999 EOJBHL All-star game. Char-Lan's Chris Corput contributed with two assists.

February

• Fibronics wins popular Industrial bonspiel played at the Alexandria Curling Club. Skip John Shago, teamed up with lead Bobbi-Jo MacLeod, second Scott Campbell and third Charlie Titley.

• Jr. C expansion team, Maxville unveil new Mustangs logo. The winner of the design Dave Leblanc of Alexandria, says he hopes to make the team and does later in the year.

• Glens season comes to an end after players and management listen to shootout win by Akwesasne Wolves over Kemptville 73's over arena sound system.

The arena tapped into the radio airwaves of the Akwesasne-Kemptville telecast and were hoping Kemptville would win ensuring the Glens of the final playoff spot. The Wolves edge the Glens by one point in the final standings.

• Jr. B Glens forward Jean Desrochers has bitter-sweet finish to season as he is named St. Lawrence Division rookie of the year.

• The Char-Lan Rebels finish second in the St. Lawrence Division regular season and take on the Winchester Hawks in the first round of the playoffs.

• SDG high school athletes finally get sports year into swing after teachers strike. The girls take to the courts

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Glengarry sports year in review

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for volleyball while the boys concentrate on basketball.

• Glen Nevis men win first Glengarry Indoor Soccer League game 4-1 over the Fassifern Flames in the final game of the year. Glen Nevis, a first-year club, end the season with a record of one win and 14 losses.

• Alexandria Curling Club keep rolling, defeat Winchester Curling Club to retain Quebec Challenge Cup.

• Alexandria Caisse Populaire atom house league hockey team claim regular season championship.

• Skip Will Klages captures the annual Lancaster Curling Club Mixed Invitational. Lead Joanne MacPherson, second Ian Fraser and third Katie MacLeod teamed up with Klages.

• Williamstown's Jonah Leroux leaves the Oshawa Generals (OHL) to take part in the Canada Winter Games held in Cornerbrook, NFLD. Leroux played for the Ontario under-17 team.

• Robb Schaeffer scores two goals as the Char-Lan bantam Rebels win the B championship final 4-1 over Keswick at a tournament held in Kingston.



The GDHS senior girls soccer team captured gold for the first time in OFSAA. The boys won silver.

March

• Alexandria's Lisa Poirier's number is retired at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky.

Poirier, a standout soccer player who wore #12, is the first woman in school history to have her number retired.

• Char-Lan Rebels bantams dumped from UCMHL playoffs after losing two games to North Dundas in semi-finals. 21-year-old, coach Karl Hehn leads team to record of .500 in first year as minor hockey league coach.

• Rebels end season with opening EOJBHL playoff series loss to Winchester. The loss ended the junior B careers of Rebels Rodney Besner, captain Eric Fontaine and D. J Zaluski.

• The Char-Lan junior girls volleyball team fails to sweep all of 90's SDG championships after losing to General Vanier. Char-Lan still must be considered junior "A" volleyball team of the decade after winning the championship from 1990 to 1998.

• The third annual Knights of Columbus bonspiel raises $1,408 for local charities.

• The Glengarry District High School Gaels beat the Char-Lan District High School Crusaders 4-2 and 8-6 to capture the Jim Hill memorial high school hockey tournament.

• Former resident of Alexandria, Jean Vaillancourt acts as assistant coach for team Ontario's gold winning girls under-17 team at the Canada Winter Games.

• Le Relais volleyball team captures silver medal at Franco-Ontario tournament in Kingston.

• Greenfield's Steven St. Denis, 21, ends his Jr. B Glens career with an armload of team trophies. The three-year veteran wins the most valuable player trophy, the leadership award, the best defenceman trophy and was co-recipient of the coach's award along with fellow over-ager Jean Theoret.

• GDHS wins the junior "AA" girls volleyball SDG championship.

• Melissa McIntosh scored the first two Shepherd Sports goals in a 4-1 win over Atlantic Hotel in Glengarry women's Indoor Soccer League action. With the win Shepherd's completed an undefeated season beating Atlantic Hotel 2-0 in the playoffs final.

• Jr. C expansion team, the Maxville Mustangs, name Maxville resident Ivan Coleman as first coach. Coleman had previous experience coaching minor league hockey for 13 years.

• GDHS' midget girls volleyball team loses in final of SDG championships to team from St. Joseph's in Cornwall, 15-8, 11-15, 12-15.

• The Atlantic Hotel Express beat Champions in the final of the mens Glengarry Indoor Soccer League final for a consecutive second year in a row.

The Express win the first two games of the best-of-three final 3-2 and 5-2.

• Glengarry residents learn of revival of News Cup for the first time since 1993. Glens, South Glengarry, Atlantic and Rebels set to take part.

• The junior Gaels volleyball team lose in the semi-finals at the Eastern Ontario volleyball championships to Syndenham.

• Char-Lan atom Rebels win the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League East Division consolation playoff crown after sweeping through playoff series' against Akwesasne, Kemptville and North Glengarry.

• The Alexandria Glengarry Tire peewee Glens win the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League crown after beating the Char-Lan Rebels in two straight games 5-0 and 5-1 in the best of three final.

Fred Zbinden was flawless in goal for Alexandria in the clincher.

• On the strength of two goals from each of Beth Depratto and Ann MacMillan and a shutout from Carmelle Hagen, Tapis beat Pic's in the Ladies Sponge Puck final 5-0.

• The Le Relais boys hockey team wins gold at a provincial tournament for french language high schools in New Liskeard.

Chris Corput scored the game winner and was named MVP.

• The junior A hockey career of Williamstown area resident Brent Lauzon comes to an end after his Cornwall Colts team is eliminated from the playoffs by the Nepean Raiders.

• Maxville curlers win annual Glengarry Cup against county rivals Alexandria and Lancaster.

• Alexandria's reign as Quebec Challenge Cup owners comes to an end after losing to the Mount Bruno Curling Club 19-14.

• Tagwi curlers win SDG championship after beating General Vanier.

• Jean Francois Menard is named MVP of the Upper Canada atom Minor Hockey League All-Star game.

• Iona Academy junior boys and girls win SDG championships for basketbal!.

April

• The team of Corey and Joey Van Loon capture the best time at the 26th annual Raisin River Canoe Race at 02:23:50.

The win for Corey is a record sixth.

• South Glengarry defeats Alexandria 7-5 to capture 1999 Glengarry News Cup. Roddy MacKenize named tournament MVP.

• The Alexandria Glengarry Tire peewee Glens travelling team complete dream year with the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League title beating the Kemptville Panthers 5-1. The team finishes the season with a record of 20-1-3.

• Glengarry native Frank Morris and his Kircardy, Scotland-based Fife Flyers win the British National League championship. Morris was named Fife Flyers player of the year.

• GDHS team of Jean-Francois Menard and Carolline Lajoie take SDG mixed junior gold medal while Pierre Paul Deceour and Dan Legroulx capture gold in the midget boys badminton championships.

• Char-Lan's top performers include Steven Jarvo, Michelle Guay, Jenny Larkin and Melissa MacDonald.

• Skip Bill Sobering with Malcolm Chisholm, Don Chisholm and Aaron Blair capture Maxville Competitive Curling League championship.

• North Dundas high school wins the first annual high school relay challenge at Raisin River Canoe Race.

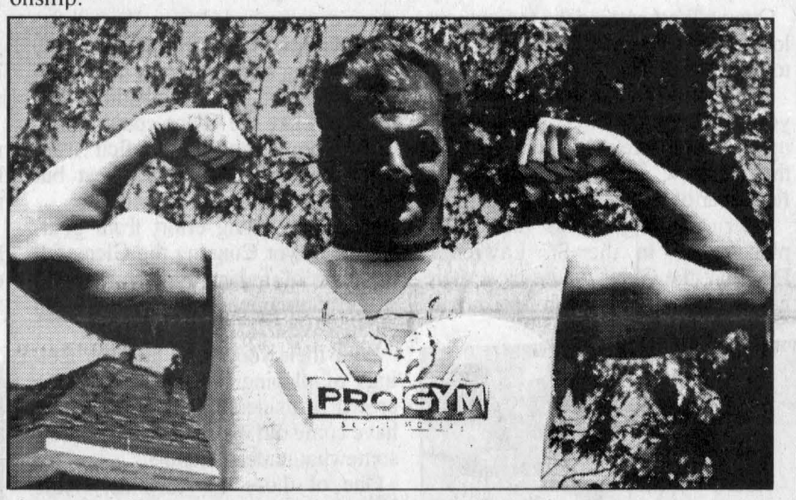
• Martintown Public School wins "A" championship at senior boys basketball championship.

• The Kemptville 73's capture their second Eastern Ontario Junior B Championship after win in final over the Papineau Voisins.

The final game will not be forgotten soon as police were needed to separate fans, players and coaches during a brawl that broke out on and off the ice. Glengarrians Nigel Pelletier and Peter Coleman were linesman for the game and were physically abused, neither received serious injury.

• Rebels goaltenders Tim McCuaig and Chris Davidson named teams' co-MVPs of the year.

This was the first part of our Review of Sport in Glengarry from 1999. Next week we will feature part two.



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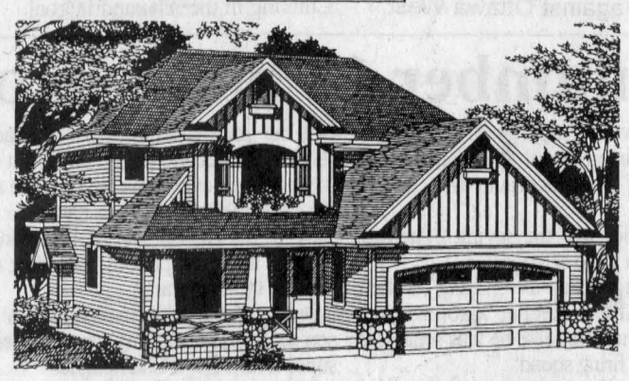

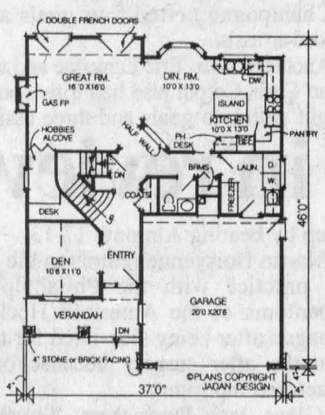

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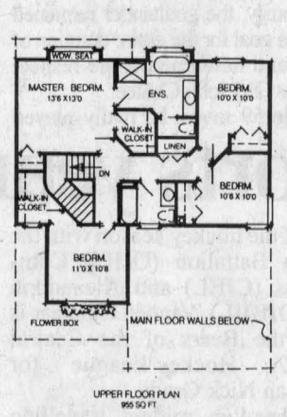

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Glens win streak over thanks to pair of Rideau Division squads

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

Coming off a 2-1 loss to Ottawa West in the 1999 Boxing Day Jr. B Tournament in Alexandria the Glens had no time to lick their wounds as their next two games pitted them against the Rideau Division leading Westport Rideaus and surging Brockville Tikis.

Unfortunately for the Glens, the wounds would get a lot worse.

Another four Alexandria players have been lost after suffering injuries last weekend.

Simon Menard will be out for four to six weeks with a broken wrist while Yves Ruest will miss three weeks of action with a broken finger.

Michel Quesnel (charlie horse) and Joel Quesnel (ligaments damage in knee) will be side-lined indefinitely.

Glens head coach Marc Sauve was asked what he would do with out the foursome.

"I have just been making calls for an hour trying to find players," he said.

"Sunday is the deadline where we must have our roster set at 21, we could possibly trade or sign players cut from Junior A."

Alexandria headed into last week's action knowing they would be in tough against a strong Westport club.

Rideaus 8 Glens 2

Westport jumped out to an early 2-0 lead scoring goals at the 9:00 and 5:41 marks of the first period.

Joel Quesnel scored from Luc Lanthier and Dominic Deceour with 1:27 left in the opening frame.

Once again, the Rideaus potted another two quick goals in the second period, this time making the lead 4-1.

The Glens responded with another late goal in the period to cut the lead to 4-2.

Ghislain Valade connected for his 17th goal of the year from Lanthier and Phillip Blanchard with 47 seconds left in the second.

Westport rolled off another four goals in the third period to make the final 8-2.

Rideaus captain Robert Coon led the way with three goals and two assists.

The loss to Westport came 4 days after the Glens were handed another devastating blow from the improved Brockville Tikis.

Brockville stands third in the Rideau division behind the Rideaus and second place Gananoque Islanders but have been on a roll of late.

Tikis 7 Glens 2

Captain Dereck Layne proved why he wears the "C" on his shirt after a thrilling display of offence for the Tikis in the game Alexandria just couldn't get into.

Layne scored three goals and added an assist for a four-point night.

Brockville potted four first period goals compared to Alexandria's one.

Sauve said he was expecting a better effort.

"It hurts a lot, I was expecting better things. The team was not prepared and they came out real flat."

Joel Poirier had the first Glens goal from Joel Quesnel and Steven Vanden Oetelaar.

The Glens scored their second of the night in the second on the powerplay.

Jason Poirier scored with 4:20 left in the middle frame from Jeremy Lafaivre and Simon Menard.

Unfortunately for the Glens the scoring stopped there and Brockville added another three goals to win 7-2.

Patrice Vaillancourt was busy in the Alexandria goal stopping 31 shots including 21 in the first period.

"It wasn't his fault," said Sauve.

"He was making the first, second and sometimes third save, our guys just couldn't get the puck out. Our defence stunk, 25 shots against us in the first period is not acceptable."

Sauve was asked if he is looking forward to this weekend's matchups against Athens and Winchester so his team might be able to recapture their winning ways despite the injuries.

"We're looking for that for sure, we're hoping to spur something."

"After the way we played in our last two games we can't take anything for granted though, we have to take it one game at a time."

Glens notes: Despite the two lopsided games the Glens were only penalized six times, all against Brockville and each only a minor penalty.

Forward Jason Poirier will play this Friday and Saturday and then will head back to school in Peterborough.

Poirier is expected to be back in a Glens uniform for a couple of games before the playoffs though.

County Scoreboard

Hockey

Eastern Ontario Jr. B Hockey League
St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Kemptville	29	21	6	2	45	148	78
Char-Lan	30	19	7	4	43	146	92
Akwesasne	31	14	12	5	36	116	112
Alexandria	30	13	15	2	30	118	125
Morrisburg	31	13	17	1	28	131	131
Winchester	29	6	22	1	14	86	161
Rideau Division							
Westport	29	19	7	3	41	161	91
Gananoque	29	19	10	0	38	137	104
Brockville	30	12	16	2	29	115	125
South Gren.	30	8	20	2	20	110	160
Athens	29	1	26	2	8	60	190

Last week's results - Dec. 28 Gananoque - Char-Lan (postponed- rescheduled for Dec. 4), Morrisburg 6 Westport 5. **Dec. 29** **Brockville 7 Alexandria 2**, Gananoque 6 Winchester 3, Morrisburg 6 South Grenville 5. **Dec. 30** Akwesasne 3 Brockville 2, **Char-Lan 13 Athens 0**, Kemptville 4 South Grenville 2. **Jan. 2** Brockville 6 Winchester 3, **Westport 8 Alexandria 2**, Akwesasne 4 Gananoque 1, Kemptville 6 Athens 4, **Char-Lan 4 Morrisburg 3.**

Leading scorers
St. Lawrence Division

Team	G	A	Pts
Charles Froment, Morrisburg	23	31	54
Daniel Beland, Morrisburg	21	29	50
Scott Champagne, Char-Lan	**19**	**25**	**44**
Troy Patterson, Kemptville	20	22	42
Craig Stanley, Kemptville	21	20	41
Sylvain Routhier, Akwesasne	14	25	39
Jason Valcour, Kemptville	16	22	38
Scott Thompson, Akwesasne	11	26	37
Ghyslain Valade, Alexandria	**17**	**19**	**36**

Char-Lan Minor Hockey Association
House League results for Dec. 30

Atom

Alfann Farms 3 (Tyson Girling 2, Steven McIntyre- Stephen Grant, shutout) Denis Rose Jr. Trucking 0; Longevity Acrylics 3 (Bailey MacDonald 2, Steven Boileau) McQuaig Plumbing 3 (Nicholas Menard 2, Mathew Dawson); Denis Rose Jr. Trucking 7 (Joshua Gibeau 4, Mandy Rose, John Ross, Liam MacDonell) Munro Agromart 1 (Nick Marion); Alfann Farms 3 (Kelby Sloan 3) Longevity Acrylics 2 (Daniel Bougie, Alexandre Quesnel); McQuaig Plumbing 4 (Nicholas Menard 2, David Barton, Carrogam Desjardins) Munro Agromart 3 (Grant MacDougall, Nicholas Marion, Michel Lapierre)

Peewee

Cornwall Aviation 4 (Travis McKay 3, Kyle Laframboise) Malyon Excavation 4 (Michael Rattray 2, Brennan Poirier, Justin Rearguard); Raisin River Marina 3 (Robin Malyon 2, Tim McKay) Laplante Welding 1 (Matthieu Lefebvre)

Bantam/Midget

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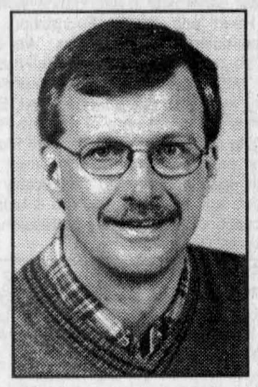

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Lucky 13 for Rebs

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Morrisburg team.

Rebels 4 Lions 3

Champagne was at it again lighting the lamp with 4:46 left to help his team nip the Lions 4-3.

Champagne's goal came on the powerplay and was assisted by Eric Larocque and Stephen Alguire.

Andrew Banville opened the scoring of the game when he took a feed from Ryan Major and beat Mathieu Blanchard in the Lions goal at 18:29 of the second for a 1-0 Rebels lead.

Morrisburg scored three minutes later to knot the score at one.

Larocque gave Char-Lan back their one-goal lead when he scored from Mike Rankin at 12:35.

Doug Ferguson capped off the scoring of the period unassisted with 3:30 left.

In the third, Morrisburg jumped right back into the game when captain Chris Proulx scored with just under three minutes gone.

Once again the Rebels played a great defensive game against the St. lawrence Division leading scorers Daniel Beland and Charles Forment.

Beland picked up an assist, one of very few points scored between the two against the Rebels this year.

Chafee said the two snipers along with a couple more imports have really helped Morrisburg become competitive this year.

"They signed a couple of imports from Quebec, two are in the top five in scoring. They struggled at the beginning and are now playing well."

Morrisburg is currently two points behind the Alexandria Glens for the final playoff spot in the St. Lawrence Division.

"We could face them in the playoffs, you never want to be on a losing streak against someone you meet in the playoffs," said Chafee.

Rebels notes: The return of Rebels Jean Greggain and Brent Lauzon may become reality soon.

Rebels GM John Chafee said both have expressed some interest in the idea and Greggain is planning to attend Rebels practice Thursday and possibly play over the weekend.

Lauzon is eligible to return as an overager.

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Card of Thanks

McDOUGALL Peter Douglas —On behalf of my family and myself, I extend heartfelt thanks to all for your generosity in attendance, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, mass cards, condolences and flowers. We deeply mourn the passing of a wonderful husband, devoted father and much loved granddad. I thank my wonderful daughters, Cheryl, Brenda and Wendy for taking care of me and Richard for his help in brining me home from Florida. I thank the pallbearers for handling their heavy load with pride and dignity. I especially thank Ron Munro and his staff at Munro & Morris for their exceptional attention and professionalism.
—Dorothy McDougall 1-1p

MacPHERSON, Marty —I would like to thank Bonnie Poirier and all my nieces and nephews for the lovely party given to me at the Legion. Thanks also for the beautiful supper I had at Christine's Sunday night. 1-1p

In Memoriam

MacLEAN —In loving memory of a dear husband Ambrose, father and grandfather who died suddenly Jan. 6, 1979.
—Always missed by Annie and family, Bev, Donna, Gayle, Wayne, Cathy, Roseanne and Mark. 1-1p

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

CARRIERE, Francine —In loving memory of a dear daughter who passed away 4 years ago, Jan. 9, 1996.
No one knows how much we miss you,
No one knows the bitter pain
We have suffered, since we lost you
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly, tender, fond and true.
There is not a day dear daughter,
That we do not think of you.
—Always remembered by Mom, brothers and sisters. 1-1p

ROUSSIN, Luc —who passed away on Dec. 28, 1997.
Memories are the threads of gold.
They never tarnish or grow old
And when old times we do recall
That's when we miss you most of all.
—Marian, Joey, André, Pauline and the family 1-1p

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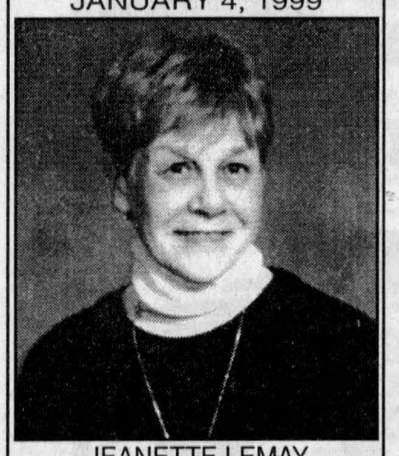
JANUARY 4, 1999



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Denyse Deschamps and Hélène Lemay 1-1p

Deaths

MUNRO & MORRIS
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ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

DOROTHY KYLE - Peacefully at the Maxville Manor on Monday, Jan. 3, 2000. Age 93 years. Gertrude Dorothy Kyle, beloved wife of Robert C. Kyle. Dear mother of Robert W. (Betty). Loving grandmother of Brenda Chapman, Bruce (Carol) and Bonnie Kyle, and great grandmother of Cailine, Kyle and Michelle. Predeceased by two sisters, Violet Becksted and Eileen Inglis. Rested at Munro and Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street S., Alexandria with funeral service in the funeral home chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000 at 2 p.m. followed by cremation. As expressions of sympathy donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Visitation hours Wednesday, 1 to 2 p.m. 1-1c

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ORPHIR SAUVE – Peacefully at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital, Alexandria on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, age 85 years. Beloved husband of the late Eveline Charlebois. Loving father of Roger and Gerald (Manon) of Alexandria and Huguette Fournier (Jean) of Orleans. Will be sadly missed by 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Predeceased by one sister, Irene Major and two brothers, Mea and Roger. Son of the late Edmond Sauve and the late Eva Bissonnette. Relatives and friends called at Munro & Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street St., Alexandria with mass of Christian Burial held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Lancaster on Tuesday, Dec. 28. Spring interment parish cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. 1-1c

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DONALD CAMPBELL – Peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, aged 64 years. Don Campbell of Glen Nevis, beloved husband of Sheila Thompson. Loving father of Glen and Heather Ann Henry (Todd) and grandfather to Megan Henry. Dear brother of Robert (June), James (Jean), William, Jean Metcalfe (Bill) and Joyce Ferguson (Rae), brother-in-law to Rita Kennedy (Don), Agnes McErlain (Aaron), Gerald Thompson (Doreen) and Ray Thompson. Son of the late Arthur Campbell and the late Hilda Kennedy. Relatives and friends called at Munro & Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street S., Alexandria on Wednesday, Dec. 22 with funeral service held at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Glen Nevis on Thursday, Dec. 23. Interment parish cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. 1-1c

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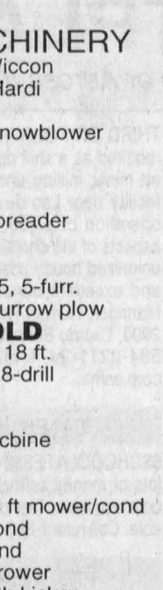

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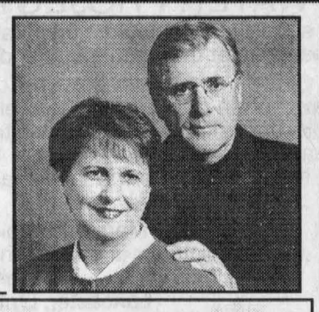



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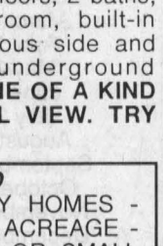

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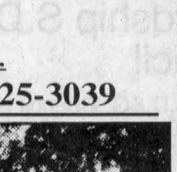

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MAXVILLE, 2-br, 2-storey brick home, oil heat, attached shed, large lot. **ASKING $69,900.**



DUNVEGAN: Large 3-br. century home with walk-up 3rd storey, new windows and fireplace, nice lot. Ideal for a home-based business or bed and breakfast. **$69,000.**



MAXVILLE: Excellent 3-br. village home, hardwood floors, fireplace, oil heat, large lot. **Asking $79,000.**



HOBBY FARM: Well renovated 3-br. century home, 2 baths, wood stove, good log barn and outbuildings, 4 acres, close to Hwy. 417. Asking **$95,500.**



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LAND:
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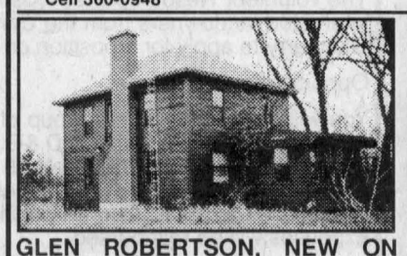
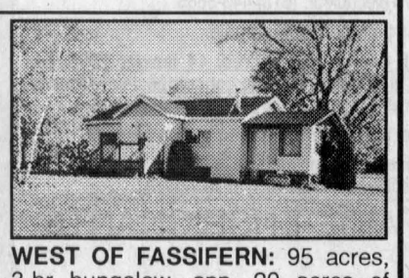
Apple Hill, 80 acres, old log home, barn, **$72,000.**
Greenfield: 20 acres on a paved road, **$28,500.**
Ste. Anne de Prescott: 4.8 acres, some bush, **$18,900.**
BUSINESS: Restaurant/tavern for sale in prosperous area, great opportunity, motivated vendor. Call Doug for details.



GLEN ROBERTSON, NEW ON THE MARKET! Perfect hideaway! 48 acres hobby farm. Asking **$79,000.** 3-br home needs interior finish and some plumbing works. For info. and showing call Liette Ricard, sales rep. 525-2940 off. or 347-2793 res.



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Notice-Tenders

TENDER
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY
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Contractors are invited to tender on the supply of all equipment and labour necessary to clear the site for the proposed water treatment plant and raw water intake.

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All persons having claims against the estate of Mary Jane Chisholm late of the town of Alexandria, Ontario, who died on the 7th day of March, 1999 are hereby notified to send full particulars of their claims to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of January, 2000 after which the estate will be distributed with 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 Alexandria, this 16th day of December, 1999

R. & F. Olsen, Executors
Box 861
Alexandria, Ontario K0C 1A0

52-3p

UNITED COUNTIES OF STORMONT, DUNDAS AND GLENGARRY

TENDERS FOR SMALL VEHICLES AND SIGNS

Sealed tenders, submitted on forms and in envelopes supplied by the County Engineer's Office, will be received by the undersigned until 11:00 a.m. on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2000

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(3) Signs - a joint tender for road sign requirements for the Counties and the Townships of North Dundas, South Dundas, South Stormont and South Glengarry.

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D.J. McDonald, P. Eng.
County Engineer
20 Pitt Street
Cornwall, ON K6J 3P2
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TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT
2000 Council Meetings
at Berwick Municipal Office - 7:00 p.m.

January 11, 2000	January 25, 2000
February 8, 2000	February 24, 2000
March 14, 2000	March 28, 2000
April 11, 2000	April 25, 2000
May 9, 2000	May 23, 2000
June 13, 2000	June 27, 2000
July 11, 2000	July 25, 2000
August 8, 2000	August 22, 2000
September 12, 2000	September 26, 2000
October 10, 2000	October 24, 2000
November 14, 2000	November 28, 2000
December 12, 2000	December 28, 2000

The Clerk requires 8 days notice for delegations to be included on the agenda (Per By-Law #2-98)

All meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend.

BY ORDER OF COUNCIL

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ATTENTION LANDOWNERS
Resource Stewardship S.D.&G. Council

The volunteer Resource Stewardship S.D.&G. Council is currently inviting interested landowners from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry to apply for a position on the Council.

Opportunity

You will be working with a group of dedicated volunteers as a member of the Resource Stewardship S.D.&G. Council. You must be willing to volunteer your time for approximately 10 meetings each year. Individuals with a good knowledge of the challenges facing our natural environment are encouraged to apply. Council positions are voluntary, but travel and other expenses will be reimbursed.

Description

The purpose of the Resource Stewardship Program is to encourage responsible resource management by private landowners through education and partnership. The program is directed by a group of volunteer landowners, known as Resource Stewardship S.D.&G. Council.

This Council recognizes that decisions about resource stewardship are made by individual landowners and works with them to determine community stewardship priorities.

This community-based initiative is sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Council and want to make a positive difference in your community, please contact Jim Hendry, at the address below for your copy of the application form and information package.

Jim Hendry
Stewardship Coordinator
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
c/o OMAFRA
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Avonmore, Ontario
K0C 1C0
Telephone: 1-800-267-1726

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Applications must be received by February 10, 2000

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Iona Academy kicks off Great Jubilee Year

The Great Jubilee Year (of the millennium) got off to a very special start in the homes of many Iona students.

The school had sent home a letter just before Advent, inviting students' families to make a nativity scene for their home, as a project for the jubilee Year. That was all.

The response was an overwhelming explosion of creativity! More than 50 families carefully, lovingly, faithfully, put together the story of the birth of Jesus. And each one was unique.

they used every material imaginable. Stables of all sorts and sizes were constructed; some with beautiful simplicity, some with delightful detail. One had a well outside, made of real little stones cemented together. Several had electric lights! Some had scenes added of Bethlehem, or the Judean hills.

All of them had the figures of the Holy Family, reverently placed in the centre. Some were the lovely traditional figures, store bought, and some were home made with wonderful skill and originality.

There were large, magnificently hand carved or saw cut wooden figures, carefully painted. There were exquisitely crafted wire and papier-mâché figures. There were paper and cardboard figures lovingly drawn and coloured, or cut from picture books and cleverly made to stand up. There were bright fabric figures and charming yarn figures. One family filled their stable with snowman figures including a snowman infant in the manger. Another fitted fabric robed wooden peg figures into a Christmas wreath. There were plenty of shepherds and many magnificent kings or wise men.

And of course, animals. This is Glengarry, so there were lots of cows (Holsteins, even!) as well as the donkey and sheep and some very dignified camels. Birds and still other toy animals appeared. The enthusiastic involvement of the children was obvious. Will they ever forget making their family Christmas crib or crêche? Surely some will become family heirlooms.

The high point of the project came when Fr. McDougald blessed all these wonderful nativity scenes, arranged around the gym. In a simple ceremony with the whole school and beaming with joy he asked God to bless them, the families that made them and the homes where they would be used. Then he sprinkled them liberally with holy water. They were show "Sacramentals." Everyone sang "Away in a Manger."

On the day of the school Christmas concert, the families carried them proudly home and it seemed that many little angels went along with them.

ST. RAPHAEL'S AND THEREABOUTS



ANNA-MARGARET MacDONALD, 525-1174

Died in Sudbury

The O'Connor families here have receive word of the sudden death of Helen O'Connor in Sudbury. She was the wife of their nephew Sean O'Connor and the daughter-in-law of Jerome and Bernice O'Connor. The funeral was held in Sudbury on Monday.

Yuletide Visitors

Home with Angus and June MacDonald for the yuletide were Rev. Roy MacDonald of Petawawa, Malcolm of Edmonton and Leanne from Pikangicum, Ontario

Cuthbert and Teresa McDonald had all their family home for New Years: Colleen of Toronto, Helen Anna nd Marty Dillon Tanner and Wesley of Ancaster; Joan and Bill Brooks, Graham Cameron and Shannon of Whitby; Jean and Peter Graham, Trevor, Kyle, Andrea and Daryl of Russell; Charlie and Patty McDonald, Katey, Allison, Andrew and Emily of Sudbury; Brian and Nancy McDonald, Bradley and Melissa of Peterborough; Marion and Gene Penco, Michael and Laura of Hamilton and locally Carmel, Crystal, Stephanie, Erin, Holly and Mila MacDonell; Frances and Peter VandenBerg and Dillon; Marty and Iobel McDonald, Vanessa and Ryan.

Lived in Three Centuries

Wasn't it nice to finally be assured that all would go well for New Year's Day after all the warnings? The dawn of the new year meant that "Grandpa McDonald" known throughout his lifetime as "Jimmie Sandy B." has now seen life in three different centuries as he became a centenarian last February. His comment on the new millennium, "Well it's not like the old days." He's seen a lot of changes since 1899.

Mrs. Josephine Seguin, a lifetime neighbour in the Seventh of Lancaster, has also had a similar experience having celebrated her 101st birthday in September.

Must be the good air in the Seventh - or something unusual?

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New correspondent for new century

A new year/century/millennium? and a new Martintown correspondent. Conscription is rearing its head again in Martintown. Though wary of offending either by omitting important news, writing about those who would rather not be mentioned, or misspelling names, I am answering the call in the hopes that I can provide a guide to events in and around Martintown, and a wee bit of news about those who live here. . .

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It was a green Christmas in Martintown proper, much to the disgust of those who watched snow falling while abiding in classrooms in Williamstown on Dec. 23, only to arrive home to an absence of the white stuff. Those last-minute shoppers had to contend with snowy roads most of the way to Cornwall, but there was no White Christmas up here on the height of land!

MARTINTOWN

VIRGINIA WINN

528-4379

Many of us travelled to visit loved ones over Christmas and many others returned home.

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Onagh Ross spent Christmas near London, Ont., and also visited Toronto where there was a send-off party for two nieces who are headed overseas.

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France, Andre, Patrick and Luc Desjardins visited Janie, who is working at the Banff Springs Hotel.

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Jamie Thompson and Stacey Laroche were home from locations farther west in Ontario, swelling the numbers at Nana May Thompson's house on Christmas day.

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This Winn family headed for the hills to snow and relatives, but without eldest daughter. Ariana is studying in Strasbourg France this year, but spent Christmas with Anya Garn (a former exchange student at CharLan) in Berlin, away from the storms that ravaged France.

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Let me know if you wish to share news about others who came home or went away or if you've heard from people who used to live here and have sent news at Christmas.

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The results of the Dec. 21 Optimist Euchre were: Ladies first, Rita Seguin; second, Elizabeth Briere; third, Solange Glaude; Men's first, Rene Poirier; second, Yvon DeRepentigny; third, Hector Lavigne.

Door prizes were won by Loraine DeRepentigny, Jack McDonell, John MacMaster, Solange Glaude, Rene Sauve, Meriza Valade, Ted Lapensee, Morris O Connor, and Yvon DeRepentigny.

Winners of the 50/50 draws were Annette Chretien, Maurice Chretien, Hector Lavigne, Ed Ukrainetz, Ted Lapensee, Loraine DeRepentigny, John Lapierre, and Laurette Menard.

Eileen Johnston won the free ticket draw and Gerald McGillis won the special draw.

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The next Optimist Euchre will be held this Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Community Centre. Euchres are usually held every other Tuesday evening.

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This holiday season several families were affected by the loss of dear ones. Our sympathy goes out to Corey VanLoon and family over the sudden loss of his brother Tony VanLoon of Greenfield.

Diana Powell passed away on Christmas Eve, and the thoughts of many go out to her children, Shaun, Jamie, Kimberly and Andy, and her parents Ronald and Margaret Harris of McCuaigs Corners.

The King's Road lost a long-time resident suddenly on Dec. 19. Beatrice McDonald will be missed by all who knew her and condolences go to her family.

I had the privilege of reading a short biography of Mrs. McDonald at her wake. Written by a grandson as a school project while at Martintown Public School, Mrs. McDonald related the major events of her life a few years ago. Her family has a wonderful legacy in written form and I couldn't help thinking that in this new year 2000 we should all make a effort to record the stories of our older relatives or neighbours. We would never regret the time spent.

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I'm hoping to hear from Martintown residents with news that's fit to print. Martintown area takes in all with 528 phone numbers, but lots of those in 931, 525 and 527 also call Martintown home so, if you consider yourself one of us and have news for the column, don t hesitate to call me at 528-4379 or E-mail at: uwinn@cnwl.igs.net

Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy New Year.

Check out improved Grade 9 report cards

Focus on G.D.H.S.

VICKIE HARDY

The Glengarry District High School school council had its last meeting of the year Nov. 15 and it was a pleasure to see some new faces. Welcome new faces. Welcome also to Donna MacNaughton who has volunteered to fill the non-teaching staff representative position.

The students will be staging many performances in the near future but, unfortunately, the lighting system which is very much a part of these performances, is not up to scratch.

In order to defray the cost of upgrading the system, the council members voted to distribute most of our funds to this cause. We decided this decision would answer the greater good since it would help the students who, in turn, will deliver enjoyment to the public.

Also, as funds are collected, they will be used to help rewire the sound system that is now held together with band-aids (not an exaggeration).

If some of you generous folks would like to redirect your charitable donations towards our school, now that our kitty is nearly exhausted, it would help our young people show off their talents in a better light. Let me reassure you that we do have talent in GDHS, as evidenced at the Christmas concert which many of you attended and enjoyed. Just loved that jazz!

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Did you notice that this year's Grade 9 report cards have changed? The software arrived two days before they were due for distribution and the training was done the night before.

The teachers and staff had to work like little elves to make the deadline and to their credit GDHS was the first school in our area to get the reports out on due date.

The Teacher Advisor Program (TAP), which is part of the new Grade 9 curriculum and has been readily embraced by the teachers, will soon be adopted by the other grades. Check out the Ministry of Education and Training's web site, www.edu.gov.on.ca, for the new Grade 10 curriculum.

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One of our council's subcommittees has been busy writing and revising our council constitution to make life easier for all future council members who will be volunteering after us. Every T has to crossed and every I dotted, making it a continuous process.

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The council has also provided an information box that is located in the main office. This box contains documents, correspondence, information pertaining to education, meetings' minutes and those monthly reports to you.

Any interested party can access this information either by signing it out if large or asking for a photocopy if only one or two pages.

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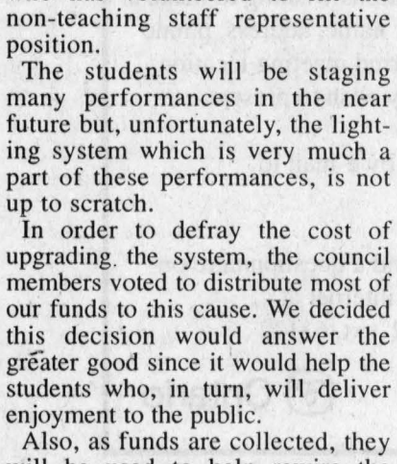
The next meeting will be held Jan 17 and, as always, we would gladly welcome new faces. Attendance could be part of your New Year's resolutions.



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Lefebvre family welcomes meteorologist daughter to Bainsville

LANCASTER



MARG MILLETT
347-2207, FAX 347-1297

Hello and Happy New Year!

Everything changes..to be the same. Indeed, the 21st Century has started. Visions of an amazing future and many reflections of the past two thousand years of the Gregorian calendar spill over the pages of magazines and newspapers.

Concerns about the start up of Y2K is a thing of the past. There never was a bug, (not counting the flu) only a potential for problems..and very few glitches came about.

So, life goes on as always. And the new year is invariably a fresh start, a chance to do better and to be better.

For those of you who also put up with this horrible flu bug that is so prevalent you can understand that it's great for me to start the new year feeling healthy and capable of enjoying each day. Good health to all of you.

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Our volunteer firefighters in such rural communities as ours provide an excellent service as well as a sense of security that we will be looked after in case of any emergency as well as fires.

Each year at the Firemen's Ball a Firefighter of the year is chosen. So, on Dec 12, at St. Joseph's Hall, it was announced that the 1999 Firefighter of the Year was Stephen Szabo. According to Lancaster Firefighter, George Baker, it was a well deserved award. Congratulations Steve!

Aside from all of the activities during our Santa Claus Parade and the usual Christmas festivities life at the Firehall has been fairly quiet. George suggests that people seem to be more aware of fire safety and that IS good news.

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Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas draw at Chateau Gardens. For Rose Latreille it was a nice Christmas basket and Melissa Rozon won the Christmas Tree skirt.

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Life in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, suits Cindy Lefebvre just fine. With a wee home overlooking the harbour, and a very fulfilling job as a meteorologist for Global T. V., Cindy Day (her professional name) has become a very popular local figure.

Cindy visited her parents, Aurele and Faith Lefebvre of Bainsville, and the family for this holiday and it was great to have a short chat with her recently. She says that going to work each day is a joy and like most people, she loves the friendly and down home atmosphere of the Halifax/Dartmouth area.

You may remember that Cindy worked for CFRA, Ottawa, as a meteorologist where her deadly accuracy for weather predictions became famous. Before leaving for Nova Scotia Cindy had established a very interesting and successful business, Weather by Day.

In her new job Cindy presents weather forecasts for the Atlantic Provinces for Global T.V. and, as you can guess, has a great time providing this service.

Cindy has *The Glengarry News* delivered each week so ... here's to you Cindy ... and Happy New Year!

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And now for some curling news. Winners of the Nov-Dec mixed draws were: for the Thursday evening St. Pierre's Garage Trophy, the champs were Chuck Beaudette, Lynn Bergeron, Fergie Legge and Charmaine Andrews.

For Friday evening curling the Lloyd Fawthrop Trophy went to the team of Super Dave Robertson, Diane Bowles, Steve Helle, and Judy Helle. Congratulations to all!

These trophies will be awarded at the year end banquet.

And now, news for the Turkey Bonspiel??? Coming soon.

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Early morning walks are once again routine now that I'm better. Usually Barry joins us. The dogs follow scents and get real excited when they reach the deer tracks that lead into the forest. Imagine our surprise on Sunday to sight at least three Robins flitting through the trees. The quiet morning air is filled with staccato tapping and we stop to watch a downy woodpecker at work. Around and about sharp cries of the ravens join in the music of early morn. Totally unaware of all of the fanfare for the arrival of the millennium, they spend the second day of the year 2000 doing as always. I know that it's far too early but it sounds like Spring!

And it's usually Spring when the fishermen come down into the conservation area loaded with gear, ready to spend the day fishing on foot along the river. Not so any more. Much to Su-Lin's chagrin there are men walking on her part of the river! They park on the causeway and stay for most of the day. Su-Lin spends hours making sure that they don't come any closer to her family. Her fur raises and she growls as they pass back and forth, augers and pails in hand. It's a habit that she picked up when, last summer, fishermen in boats sat in front of the house and cast towards her. Some things are beyond explaining to dogs ... and to man for that matter.

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I am sorry that I was too sick to hand in a last column for 1999, depriving me of the chance to extend my best wishes for your holiday. However, the new year is hardly three days old. I send to all of you wishes for a wonderful new year, 2000, one day at a time.

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Please remember to send in your news. From the response that I get, readers like your news and look forward to it. Call me, fax me, send me an e-mail ... Millett@glen-net.ca, or, since Hector says you can, drop a note at the Lancaster Freshmart. The bag is right near the checkout. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Have a super week!

Arthritic sufferers take note

GLEN SANDFIELD



LORNA CHAPMAN
874-2408

Sunday morning worship on Sunday will be held at 10 a.m. in Glen Sandfield United Church. Everyone welcome.

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Our wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Bessie MacLennan who was unable to be with us for the Christmas Eve service this year.

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Isabel and Lloyd MacLennan entertained Janice and Earl MacLennan and family from Maxville and Christena and Kevin MacLachlan for supper during the holidays.

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Attention! Arthritic sufferers please take note! Do you have trouble grasping bottle tops and jar lids? Do you have trouble opening that new bottle of pickles, a nail polish bottle, the ginger ale bottle cap or the peanut butter jar? Take heart, there is help out there! I found a strap wrench at the local Canadian Tire called the Baby Boa Constrictor that is perfect for my ailing hands and fingers. There is a lifetime warranty on it. There are no moving parts except the strap, and we can now open anything that the strap fits over. No lid daunts me now; no bottle fills me with despair. I can open them all. I don't have to ask the bag boy at the grocery store to open that jar of jam, pickles, olives, whatever, before I leave the store. No sir!

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The Glen Sandfield United Church congregation and their guests celebrated Christmas Eve a little differently this year. A power line came down in front of the MacLachlan residence and we lost electric power about 6:30 p.m. so there would be no heat in the church.

Although we thought that power would be restored by 8 p.m. in time for the service, it wasn't. Several repair men worked steadily but, even so, it took much longer than everyone expected.

The church elders considered the situation and, since the people had begun arriving before 7:45 p.m., they decided to go ahead with the service anyway. The church was warmly illuminated by candles which had been placed on most of the window sills, several were set upon the communion table and two oil lamps glowed near the pump organ.

The service took on an old fashioned flavour as it progressed smoothly with the carol singing being accompanied by the old organ. One of the carols, Silent Night, contained a verse in German which was sung by the Boeckoff family members assisted by Fiona Fraser. Her daughter, Shona Fraser, read beautifully, the meaningful Lighting of the Christ candle ceremony, Fiona sang a solo called Gentle Mary Laid Her Child, and I joined her for a duet called A Cradle in Bethlehem.

The scriptures relating the Christmas story was read by Christena MacLachlan and Margo MacRae. Ernie MacMillan read the Legend of the Candy Cane. Phyllis Noble was the inspired leader of the service. Two of the choir's selections, Still, Still Still and Sing 'Til Sundown, were sung to pretaped accompaniment, which had been skillfully played and recorded by our guest soloist.

The electric power was restored in time for the singing of the last carol and Joy to the World rang out accompanied by the electronic organ. Everyone in the congregation seemed to have enjoyed this year's impromptu candle lit Christmas Eve service.

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Christena and Kevin MacLachlan hosted their annual open house after the Christmas Eve service, where relatives and friends always enjoy a pleasant visit together before returning home.

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Christmas guests with Christena MacLachlan were Elida, Murray and Cheri MacLachlan from Manotick.

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Doris Spencer enjoyed visiting her sons Freddie and Michael Mutz over the holidays at their homes in Montreal.

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Christmas day at our house brought 13 visitors. Wendy and Tom McHarg, Stefanie and Dianne from Cornwall, Christianne and Casey Bolduc with their friend Laurant from St. Jean du Richelieu, Lorna Chapman and Jean Giomi from l'Acadie, Nancy Chapman and Michel Sabourin from Alexandria with their son Jamie Chapman from Belleville and Bonnie Chapman, from Brossard, who stayed until Sunday evening. After the gift exchange, Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all.

Flames in and around hamlet

GREENFIELD



MARY COUTURE
527-2421

Condolences to the family of the late Antonius (Tony) VanLoon who passed away suddenly last week. The funeral took place Thursday at St. Catherine of Sienna.

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Ivan McDonell from Alberta spent the holidays with his parents Peter and Shirley McDonell and family.

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George Brown from Angus, Ont. spent the holidays at his parental home.

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Some volunteers have been busy getting the rink in shape for the season so the children could enjoy themselves on it.

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There has been two house fires lately in the area; one on Conc. 6 and one in the village. Luckily only minor damage was done with quick fire response.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION:
INTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the **Ontario Ministry of the Environment** have scheduled consultations for public input on the issues surrounding intensive agricultural operations in Ontario at the following:

January 17, 2000	Burford - Burford Agricultural Society, 6 Park Ave.
January 18, 2000	Glencoe - Glencoe Agricultural Society, 268 Currie St.
January 19, 2000	Clinton - Clinton Legion, 95 Kirk St.
January 20, 2000	Orangeville Convention Centre, 72 Centennial
January 25, 2000	Chesterville - Chesterville Legion, 167 Queen St.
January 26, 2000	Hastings - Hastings Civic Centre, 6 Albert St. E.

All meetings held from **9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon** & **1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Members of the public or representatives of organizations wishing to make a presentation at the meetings are asked to submit their name, address, phone number, group/organization being represented, preferred meeting location and a summary (maximum one page) of the brief they wish to present.

Summaries should be sent to: Fax: 519-826-3259 or by e-mail to consult@omafra.gov.on.ca

More information and copies of a discussion paper and a questionnaire on intensive agricultural operations are available on the internet at www.gov.on.ca/omafra or by calling 1-888-466-2372 ext. 63132

Ontario

AVIS DE CONSULTATIONS PUBLIQUES :
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* *consultation bilingue*

Les réunions se tiendront de **9 h 30 à midi et de 13 h 30 à 16 h 30.**

Le public ou les représentants et représentantes d'organismes qui veulent faire une présentation aux réunions sont invités à faire parvenir leur nom, adresse, numéro de téléphone, groupe ou organisme représenté et endroit choisi pour la réunion ainsi qu'un résumé (maximum d'une page) de leur présentation.

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Aww. . . the old Smillie and McDearmid store

MAXVILLE



GORDON WINTER
527-2888

He has been a confirmed bachelor for about 80 years and has been a Manor resident for a few years. She is a kind, little lady who moved to the Manor last year. Gradually a friendship grew and now he is getting the attention from his lady friend, the attention he probably never experienced.

She was going out for a few days over Christmas, brought him a little present, kissed him good bye and then said "Now don't die before I get back."

He has no notion of dying. Why die when life holds so much more meaning for them both?

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We are always pleased to see family members and friends returning home for Christmas and the holiday season. I am not attempting to list them this week but will be pleased to include them next week if contacted.

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On Dec. 21, the Leroux family headed by mother, Angeline, held a Christmas dinner in the activity room at the Manor. Included were Mrs. Leroux's nine children and their spouses. A grandson, Jamie Leroux, who had worked at the Manor as a co-op student, was also included. Also included was Rose Leroux's mother, Blanche St. Louis, also a resident.

The dietary deparunent provided the dinner. Mrs. Leroux distributed her cards with their appreciated enclosures. Cards were played and as usual there was lots of family music.

Fred Leroux reported that "It was as close to Christmas at home as we could get. It was our second time and we were most appreciative of the Manor's staff's co-operation."

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The crowd wasn't as large, but Scott and Julia Graham, who have taken up residence in the former Presbyterian Church manse, entertained members of his mother, Barbara's, Burton family over the holidays. The young couple with their little daughter, Olivia, are a most welcome family to our village. Scott's uncle is Dr. John Burton, a faculty member of the University of Guelph, in case we have students or graduates of the university reading this.

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Santa Claus was very pleased to receive 80 letters that were mailed through the post office here. Many had excellent printing and drawings he reported. It is too big a task for Santa to keep up to date with all the new toys but the elves are able to do so and help Santa in planning his presents. He realizes too, that the Wish Book that comes out before Christmas plays a big part in the lists in the letters.

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At the Sunday service in the United Church on Dec. 26, the baby daughter of Trudy and Warren MacIntosh was baptized by the Rev. Stanley Ralph in the presence of a large number of relatives. The baby's name is Rebecca Sarah and she has two older sisters. Godparents are her uncle, Dean MacIntosh, and a neighbour, Denise Frei.

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The banks, grocery stores and gas bars are probably finding business slow after people had prepared for the Y2K crises which didn't happen. I was a bit slow in figuring out where the Y2K expression came from. The K came from the metric prefix kilo meaning 1000 as in kilometres and kilograms. The Y, of course, was year and 2 was the 2 for the year attributed to be the beginning of the new millennium.

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That was an excellent photograph of the Smillie store in last week's *Glengarry News*. I remember it as the Smillie and McDearmid store with the owners' first names, John and Dan, respectively.

To the right of the store was a door which led to the family's home upstairs. Along with Mr. Smillie, there were siblings, Walter, Jean and Ruth.

There was also a little store in the same building. I remember a milliner, Miss Ogden, having her business there.

At the time of the fire which destroyed the store on Apr. 25, 1935, this room was serving as a clubroom for men who enjoyed card games. The fire also destroyed the Weegar home and print shop as well as Bert MacDougall's warehouse. The Presbyterian Church was in real danger and Will Guindon was given credit for saving it. The Home Hardware store now on the site is the second building built since the first Smillie store burnt.

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Three families were bereaved since Christmas. Tony Van Loon of Dominionville died suddenly in an Ottawa hospital. He was a carpenter and a very dependable worker and a member of the large Van Loon family originally from the Netherlands. Our sympathy is extended to Anna and their five children and their families as well as to the deceased's brothers and sisters and their families.

Violet Lagroix worked in the post office when I was a child. Along came Dr. Don Gamble, a recent graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College whose services were required following the death of Dr. R.T. O'Hara. However, his arrival was double welcomed because he became of the Maxville Millionaires hockey team.

The Gambles were active community workers and had three children, Donald, now deceased, Peg and Susan.

Mrs. Gamble has had poor health for the last few years and she died on Jan. 2. Our condolences go to the immediate family as well as to the Lagroix siblings, Fred, Nellie Barton and Donald. Two sisters, Idella Merkley and Pearl, Mrs. Fred Boisvenue, are deceased.

Keith MacIntosh, a former Strathmore resident, died at the Manor on Jan. 1 at the age of 80 years. Our sympathy is extended to his brother Milton and his family as well as the other relatives.

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Thirteen members of the local Horticultural Society entered the competition for the outdoor millennium decorations and the following winners are announced. For the overall scheme, Scott Robertson earned first prize followed by Angele and Richard Scott and Ann Kerr.

For their front window Christine and Gerald Jans were awarded first prize, Charlotte and Donald Kennedy second and Thelma Colbourne third.

Jean and Bill Metcalfe received the top award for their front door and Lorna and Gordon Winter came second.

All are thanked for the interest indicated in this project of the Horticultural Society.

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The Lions Club is holding its January breakfast on Jan. 9 in the Sports Complex from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Boy Scouts will be assisting. The members will have a display up and will be receiving a share of the profit from the breakfast. Your support will be appreciated as usual.

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At the last 500 card party, Norman MacLeod was unusually lucky winning the door prize, two 50-50 draw prizes and the second prize for his score. Other draw winners were Toni Oetelaar, John MacMaster and Lorraine DeRepentigny. Alex Titley had high score and Roger Brazeau was third high. For the ladies, the winners were Claire Van Putten, Mrs. DeRepentigny and Cecile Currier.

The next party will be Jan. 10 in the afternoon as usual.

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The members of the local C.W.L. had a lovely Christmas dinner party and short meeting at the home of Jessie and Sterling Stewart, 5th Conc. Roxborough on Dec. 13. There was an exchange of gifts and fun was had by all at games' time.

The winner of the Christmas food basket was Pierrette Frigon, Rigaud, Que.

The next C.W.L. meeting will be on Jan. 10 with the Rosary at 6:45 p.m. and mass at 7 p.m. Both new and regular members will be welcomed.

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We have two weeks of winners for the Lions Club calendar draw. For the week of Dec. 20 they were Steve Hawn, Monkland, Joey Lafrance, Cornwall, Dan Munroe, Bill and Betty Cousineau and Allen Ceasar, Moose Creek.

For the following week they were Trina Piche, Ottawa, Annie Michaud, Mary Campbell, Ottawa, Denise Kenny, Williamstown and Ramsay Baker, Moose Creek.

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There have been some interesting birds reported recently. A great horned owl has been observed by residents of Loch Garry. A pine grosbeak has been at a feeder at Baltic's Corners and residents at both he south and north edges of the village have a pair of cardinals. A cow bird seems to have settled in for the winter at a reader's feeder who also has a brown creeper. It is a small bird, brown on top and lighter underneath with habits much like those of a nut hatch. Among the redpolls at our niger feeder, I have noticed at least one ivory redpoll. It has a "frosted" appearance to be labelled with that name.

The Highland Society

HIGHLAND PATHS

Dílcas gu Brath



KEN MCKENNA

The first Highland settlers who came to Glengarry at the end of the 18th century had gone through a lot before they even began to make their homes here.

The first to arrive came up from the Mohawk Valley of New York province at the time of the American Revolution. Among them were veterans of foreign wars, such as Spanish John Macdonell, whose adventures in Europe and Scotland were legendary. In 1746, after suffering with his Highland people through the devastation of their glens, he retired with his wife and family to Knoydart to live, as he doubtless hoped, in peace.

Within three decades, however, conditions in the Highlands had so deteriorated that Spanish John found himself among the leaders of the 1773 emigration on the ship *Pearl* to British North America. They had been only a few years in the Mohawk Valley when the Revolutionary War erupted. Spanish John once more buckled on his sword and fought on the British side, his family suffering privation and near-starvation, until he took them to safety in Montreal. Under the leadership of Sir John Johnson, the exiles who were later to become known as United Empire Loyalists came to the new Glengarry in 1784. Spanish John died two years before the War of 1812, but his people again were involved in warfare until 1814.

When they were not fighting for their lives in battle, the Glengarry settlers were fighting to stay alive in an environment that was even more hostile than the Highland hills; biting cold in the winter, sweltering heat in the summer and, coming from the almost treeless West Highlands, a forest so thick as to be nearly impenetrable, with mosquito-infested swamps that had to be drained before crops could be planted.

The newcomers struggled mightily to clear patches of land to grow grain and potatoes to feed themselves and to keep pigs, hens and a cow or two. There was little time for leisure, but as conditions improved, some of the leading members of the community decided to preserve something of their distinctive Highland culture.

Although the English language was essential to any advancement of fortune, both in Scotland and in Glengarry, affection for the Gaelic language and the traditions which accompanied it were part of life itself to most Highlanders. When they looked around them in the Canadian wilderness many mourned the loss of their ancient way of life, harsh as it may have been.

On November 10, 1818, at the home of Angus Macdonell of St Raphael's, the first meeting was held of what was to become the Highland Society of Canada. In the National Archives, the aims of the Society are set out: "for preserving the Language, Martial Spirit, Dress, Music, and Antiquities of the ancient Caledonians - The Language in which the deeds of their forefathers were celebrated and the Music which animated [them]."

The Governor-General, Sir Peregrine Maitland, agreed to become the honourary president. Vice-presidents were the Rev. Alexander Macdonell [the future Big Bishop], Hon. Col. Neil MacLean and Lt. Col. Donald Mcdonell; treasurer, Alexander Fraser, Esq; secretary, Archibald MacLean, Esq; directors, Dr. Roderick MacLeod, Alexander McLean, Esq; and Alexander Wilkinson, Esq.

The Society evidently flourished until Bishop Macdonell, the prime mover, transferred to Kingston about 1832 but it was revived in 1843 under the presidency of John MacDonald of Garth, for the express purpose of erecting a tablet in St Raphael's Church commemorating the Big Bishop, who had died in 1840.

For the next 60 years or so nothing much is known about the activities of the Highland Society, but at the end of the century renewed interest in everything Celtic, inspired by the Gaelic Revivals of Ireland and Scotland, spread to Glengarry.

Although none of the early settlers were still alive by that time, thousands of their descendants still spoke Gaelic and some spoke no other language. English had become the dominant language of education and trade and many Gaelic speakers also spoke French. Some French-Canadians in Glengarry also spoke Gaelic, the language of their neighbours.

Cape Breton may have had more native speakers but they were spread over a much greater area. The ratio of Gaelic-speakers to the land in Glengarry was considerably higher, concentrated as it was in a much smaller district.

In Ireland, as in the Highlands, the speaking of Gaelic had been discouraged for centuries. The same negative attitude extended to Canada. Children were punished in schools for speaking as much as a word of their mother-tongue, even although many came from Gaelic-speaking homes.

How a revived Highland Society in 1910 tried to uphold the heritage of Glengarry will be continued in a future column.

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The witching hour has passed and there's not much difference in Williamstown. Those who partied their souls out thinking tomorrow might never come, may be skulking around with paper bags over their heads, but generally-speaking, we are as we always were.

There's some measure of satisfaction knowing that the doomsday prophets were wrong. I remember having a "discussion" with a gentleman at the library a few months back. He was worried about dire things, wondering whether the township had an emergency plan, and warning me in no uncertain terms to be prepared.

So I prepared all right. Took a flight to Mexico early in the morning of January 1st, when planes were expected to fall out of the skies, if they ever got off the ground at all. I'm writing this with the sight and sound of the surf just outside my window and the warm sun streaming in. But more of this later.

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Holiday visitors returned to Williamstown in droves this year. The Christmas Eve service at St. Andrew's church was packed with family members home for the holidays, the streets saw more than the usual number of walkers, and visiting animals from afar joined their country cousins racing around the Christmas tree.

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Barbara and David Stones had a wonderful Christmas surprise with the unexpected arrival home of their daughter Tiffany and her husband, Ben Shaw, of Houston, Texas.

Tiffany, who is working as a librarian in Houston, was not able to get much time off at Christmas, so had decided not to come home. A few days before the 25th, she and Ben decided to come anyway, if only for a brief visit. It was a wonderful gift for her parents.

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Grace and Ralph Gordon also had a houseful over the holidays- staggered visits resembling one of those historical chronology lines.

Cathy and Steve visited from Toronto; Laurie and Nancy came with their three, and Darcy, Annie and Bronwyn arrived on Boxing Day, reports Cynthia, who is now living in Williamstown.

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Darcy was perhaps in attendance at the basketball tournament at Char-Lan held on Dec. 27. Judging from the number of cars outside the school, the resurrection of this annual event for former members of Char-Lan teams was a great success. Was it? Tell me about it!

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Jennifer MacNaughton was home from St. John's Newfoundland, to visit Brian and Yvette for the holidays. Jennifer, who attends Memorial University, joined sister Becky, her husband, and their two daughters for a wonderful Williamstown Christmas.

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At Jay and Nancy Woollven's, it was a dog's Christmas. Accompanying daughter, Wendy, on the trip home from Victoria, was a magnificient young dog, who was very well mannered, indeed. David Woollven and his wife, Jenn, were home from London, Ontario, and although I do not know this for certain, (it's difficult to write this column from afar), I suspect their dog came along for more than just the ride.

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It was good to see Patrick Elsey home for New Year's. Pat is attending school in Ohio and was back for a visit with Sandra and Richard, and sister Debbie.

It was also good to hear that Pat's local library near his new home was not as good as ours here in Williamstown. But perhaps he was just being diplomatic!

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At the Harringtons, it was a rollicking time.

This year's Christmas was grand, but over far too soon. The tree still stands, only partly dressed- a couple of strings of lights, the star on top, and two new ornaments. Should have been halled of for indecent exposure.

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I was interested to learn from Carol Beamer that daughter, Jenny, has been living in Paris for more than a year. Jenny is a member of a dance company which performed in Egypt during the holiday season.

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While most things grind to a halt over Christmas, the bridge club lays on. Winners of the Williamstown Bridge Club's play on Dec. 29 were: 1. Jim Campbell and Elizabeth Marjerrison; 2. Hanz Schulz and Audrey Blair; 3. Marjory and Rudi Mertll.

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Unfortunately, the holiday season was a sad one for several families who lost loved ones. Delard Dubeau's sister, Edna Seguin, died Christmas Day in Hornby, On.

Our sympathy is sent to Delard and Carol and family and to Edna's brother-in-law, Arthur Seguin of Martintown.

Two of the area's oldest residents also passed away over the holidays.

Gertie MacRae, wife of the late Archie formerly of the Glen Road, died Dec. 22 in Cornwall at the age of 94.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 28 at St. Mary's Chruch.

Our sympathy is extended to the family.

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Ruby Lapierre of Summerstown died the follwing day, also in Cornwall, at the incredible age of 102. She was the mother of nine and is survivied by 27 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and five great-great grand children. Many of the family live in the Summerstown, Williamstown, Bainsville and Lancaster areas, and our sympathy goes out to you all.

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I was going to give you a full exposé on a certain New Year's Eve party in Williamstown but I seem to have lost "me script" and without such a valuable document, not much sense can be made of the millennium play and its looty (lutey?) characters.

Suffice it to say, a good time was had by all– particularly the "white" fairy, whose costume was beyond the imagination. (No names, but will give you a big hint- it was wearing yellow Kneesocks!)

And, take note, *News* decision-makers. If ever you want a replacement for the much-mourned crossword puzzle, just give David Stones a shout. He makes super puzzles with a local flavour!

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It was my plan not to mention the Mexican excursion. However, I have been coerced. Those of you horrified by the lack of trip planning, will be glad to know that all is going well. I still haven't yet figured out how to use the telephone for long distance (collect) calls. So here's my chance to say hello to you all.

The Mexican vacations is a gift from my daughter, Johanna, who accommpanies me. I was aware of the trip before Christmas, but hadn't given it much thought, focussing as I was on writing cards (I didn't) and decorating the tree.

Two days before our Jan. 1 departure, I asked my benefactor the name of our hotel.

"Haven't got one yet," she replied, off-handedly casual-like.

"Don't you think it might be a good idea to reserve something?"

"No." (Spoken with no-questions-to-be-asked finality)

Who was I to argue? With $40 spending money in my pocket, I could hardly win.

When we arrived at Cancun airport, my heart sank. Our fellow travellers were being carted off in hotel brand-name buses, while we found ourselves crushed into a dubious-looking mini-van of assorted stragglers.

We stopped at one hotel- the Westin- where a young couple embarked. Then we pulled up to a very Mexican looking place. Without a word, our driver pointed to us, and indicated we should exit. Believe it or not, we did

The driver left the other passengers in the van and escorted us to an elevator in the building. We were joined by another man and shown to a room. There was much Spanish converstaion gonig on and finally "Luis" the room-renter said we could have the place for 400 pesos. (That's about $60 and less than half the going rate.) There was just one string attached, the money had to be in cash and we weren't to check in at the reception desk!

Being improvident and adventurous, we agreed. The room was magnificent, marble and onyx everywhere; French doors opening out to a postcard view of turquoise waves and white sands.

At the time we didn't worry unduly that Luis' "office" was next door, but later that night I awoke wondering if he would come sneaking through the adjoining door, or whether this room had been the scence of something unpleasant in times past.

But it has been three days now and we are having a wonderful time, despite sun-burnt ankle and other non-sunblocked body parts.



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