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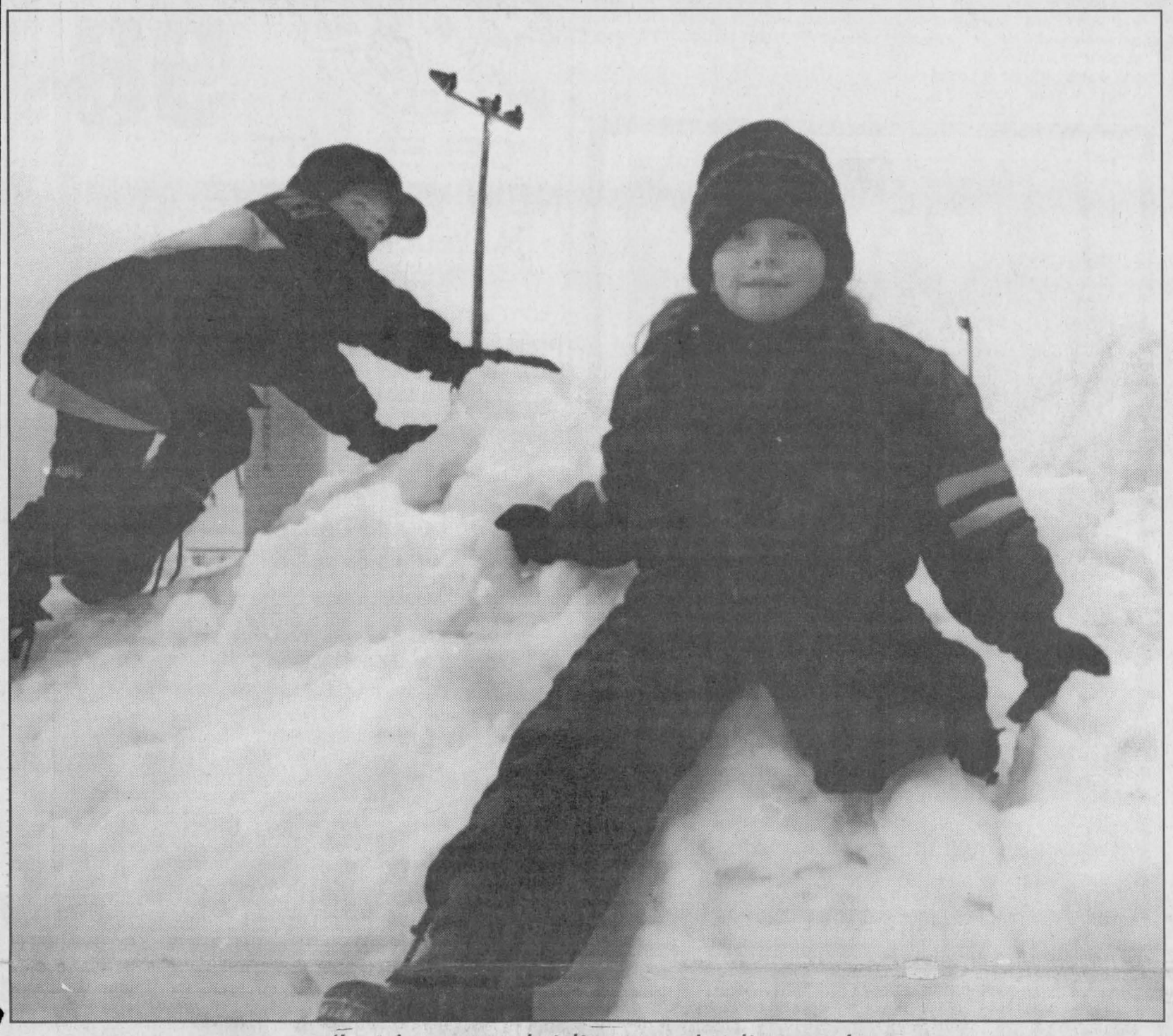


*'Let is snow, let it snow, let it snow'*

While the older ones were shoveling drive ways or brushing the snow off cars, little ones like Kézia Levert and her cousin Maxim, enjoyed the snow for what it is, one of winter's elements with which to enjoy the day. Staff photo – Sandra Berry

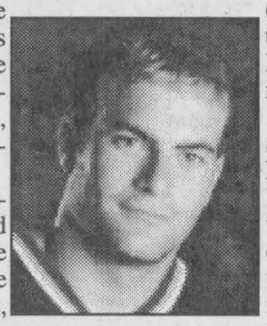
# McDonell going for hockey gold

## The pride of Williamstown wearing Maple Leaf at world championships

BY J.L. LEFEBVRE
*News* editor

For the final few days of 1998 and the first few days of 1999, the village of Williamstown will have a prominent place on the world stage.

That's because native son Kent McDonell is skating for Canada at the world junior championship tournament, which started in Manitoba on Sunday.



McDonell, 19, a six-foot-one, 195-pound right winger with the Guelph Storm of the Ontario Hockey League, learned on Friday morning he would be one of the 22 players to wear the Maple Leaf jersey as Canada tries to recapture the gold medal at the event.

The Carolina Hurricanes draft choice is having a career year in his third season with the Storm. He has 19 goals and 19 assists for 38 points, along with 78 penalty minutes, in 31 games and has been one of the major reasons the defending OHL champion Storm sits in first place in its division.

McDonell, at Canada's tryout camp in Manitoba, found out he made the cut by way of an old saying: No news is good news.

The last players to be cut from the roster were to be informed of their fate by a phone call from the coaching staff on the morning of Dec. 18. McDonell's phone never rang.

Kent immediately phoned his father Bruce at work to give him the good news, but the elder McDonell had already been tipped off by two other sons, Marty and Shane.

"The boys spent over two hours watching that small print at the bottom of the screen (on The Sports Network) on Friday morning," said Bruce. "As soon as they found out (Kent had made the team) they called me and then Kent called me just a few minutes later."

Bruce and Marty left on Saturday to watch McDonell in action while Kent's mother Linda and the rest of the McDonell clan will be glued to their television set. So will the rest of Williamstown for that matter as those home owners with satellite dishes figure to be extremely popular for the next week or so. TSN, which will carry Canada's world championship games, is a cable channel and the village isn't hooked up.

**Team Canada schedule**

As of the publication date for this issue, Team Canada has already played two games.

Canada played Slovakia in its opener on Sunday in Brandon and Finland yesterday (Monday) in Winnipeg.

Here are the team's remaining games:

**Wednesday, Dec. 30** – vs. Czech Republic, 8 p.m. in Winnipeg

**Thursday, Dec. 31** – vs. United States, 6 p.m. in Winnipeg

The quarterfinals will be played on Jan. 2, the semifinals on Jan. 4 and the medal games are on Jan. 5.

(See the sports section for local reaction on McDonell's selection to the national junior team).

# 1998 was an eventful year in county

## JANUARY

### The Great Ice Storm pounds Glengarry

The decade's defining moment arrived early in the year, severely tested the area's ability to overcome calamity.

Almost three inches of freezing rain fell over a span of five days, starting on the evening of Jan. 4 (Sunday).

By Jan. 6, schools were closing as secondary roads were made impassable by the ice build-up. Intermittent power outages began affecting residences and businesses.

The freezing rain continued and the worst possible scenario became reality.

Kilometres of electrical and telephone wires, burdened with more than an inch of ice, started to topple hundreds of hydro poles.

Glengarry and nearly all of Eastern Ontario was plunged into darkness by Jan. 8. Regular life ceased, as the new townships of North and South Glengarry and neighbouring municipalities declared states of emergency.

With most residences relying on electricity to heat or power furnaces, adequate shelter was needed.

Shelters sprang up all over. The high school, outreach centre and Knights of Columbus hall in Alexandria; the outreach center in Lancaster; the manor and curling club in Maxville, St. Mary's Centre in Williamstown, the Knights of Columbus Hall in Glen Walter, the Martintown Community Centre, the Apple Hill Community Centre, the Green Valley Centre and the Optimist Hall in Dalkeith. Glen Robertson opened a shelter on Jan. 17.

Countless volunteers contributed to cooking meals, cleaning and administration.

Both municipalities set up emergency response offices to co-ordinate relief efforts. At first, it was left up to township employees and volunteer firefighters. But not long after, especially with local factories and businesses shutting down, those no longer able to work, joined in.

However, those unable to take advantage of the shelters because of disability or commitment to farms, were in more desperate shape.

Generators became the hottest commodity, especially those with high wattage output, needed for dairy operations.

For the first week or so, farmers scurried from farm to farm, hooking generators so herds could be milked.

Much of the milk was wasted however. Trucks stopped pick-up services periodically because processing plants were shut-down as well.

During the weekend of Jan. 10-11, municipal leaders met with Premier Mike Harris and Prime Minister Jean Chretien, both of whom promised emergency funding.

The post-ice-storm restoration was underway.

It took a while to assess the total damage, but with a clear picture of the disaster's enormity, Ontario Hydro called in thousands of repair crews from other parts the province, including municipal and private workers from across Canada and even the U.S.

Repair crews began working 16-hour days, first starting on main feeder lines to connect power with about a dozen distribution stations servicing the county.

Relief efforts were further boosted by the arrival of the military on Jan. 11-12.

With uniform soldiers and army equipment present, the whole area took on the look of a war zone.

Camps were set up by 3rd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment in Williamstown and North Lancaster. The Cameron Highlanders Reserves were established in Alexandria. To the north, the Royal Canadian Engineers Battalion arrived in Vankleek Hill.

Later, the RCR would establish a main base at the Glengarry Sports Palace. The North Glengarry Police Services headquarters also became home to the army and OPP liaison officer.

The soldiers provided much of the grunt work for hydro crews busy with more intricate repairs. They also joined local volunteers going door-to-door to help stranded residents with food and heating concerns and helped manage some of the shelters.

Meanwhile, three Montreal area residents were arrested by North Glengarry police for impersonating military officers.

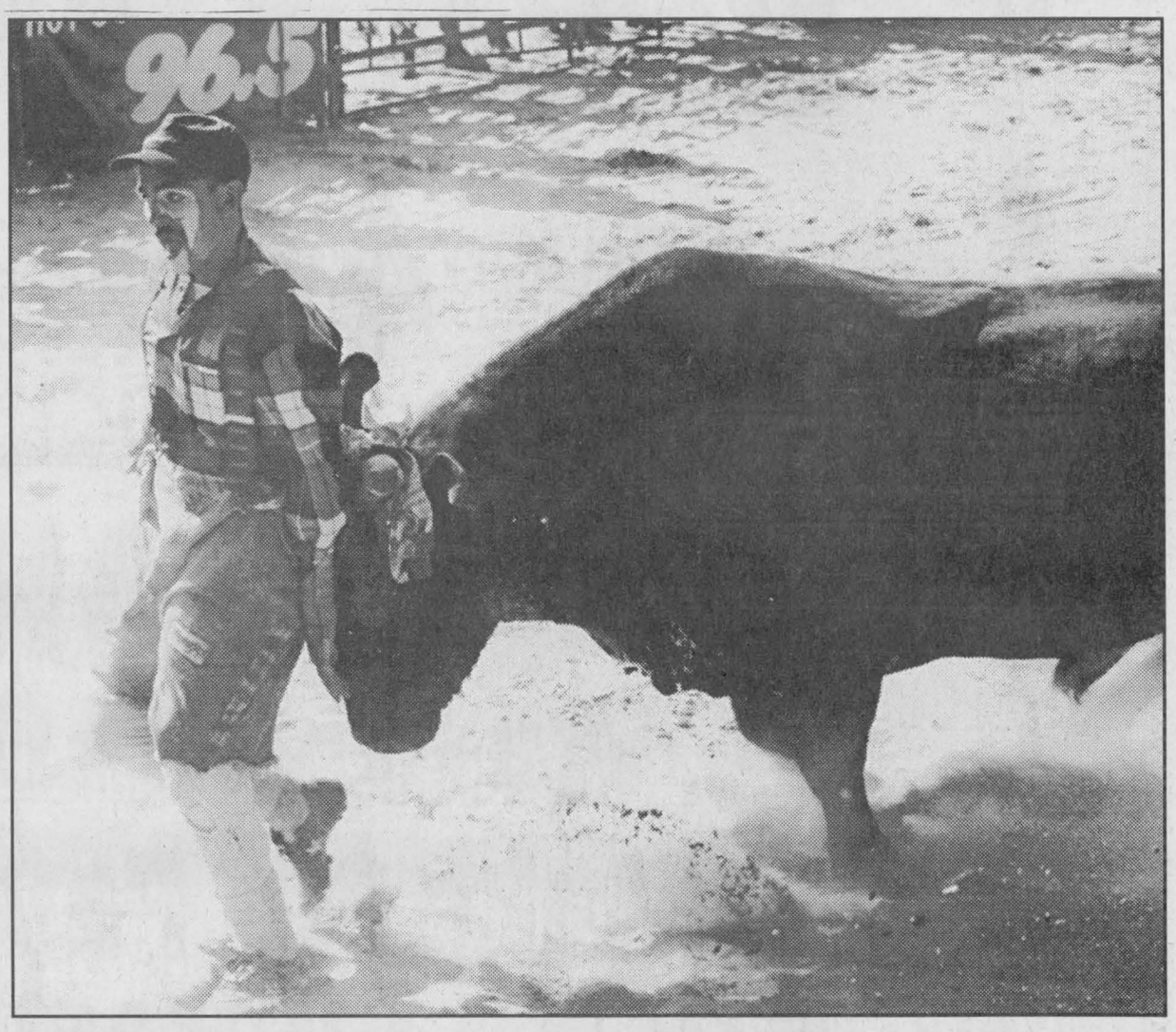
The light appeared at the end of the tunnel when first Williamstown and then Alexandria and Lancaster were linked back up to feeder lines after about a week in darkness.

During the weekend of Jan. 17-18, industrial strength generators arrived in Maxville, Dalkeith, Glen Robertson and Martintown, providing enough power for residents to return to their abandoned homes.

By Jan. 20, most of the shelters were empty although hundreds still showed up for hot meals.

During the week of Jan. 19-26, about 1,000 hydro repair crew personnel were in the Glengarry area, concentrating on the worst hit areas.

Hydro link-up returned to Green Valley, North Lancaster, Dunvegan and Apple Hill on Jan. 20-21, Lochiel on Jan. 22, Glen Sandfield, Glen Robertson, Greenfield, Maxville, Dalkeith and rural areas of Kenyon on Jan. 23.



Clown rodeos were part of the entertainment at the Lancaster Rodeo held in the beginning of August.

By the time restoration was finished, Ontario Hydro had used enough wire and cables to stretch across Canada from Glengarry to the West Coast.

Some schools reopened for the first time on Jan. 19 since the start of the Christmas break; all were open by Jan. 23.

The last people to receive hydro were rural residents around Glen Sandfield on Jan. 28.

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# Ringing in the New Year with festive punch

## COUNTRY COOKING CORNER



CAROL KLOOS

New Year's Eve is nigh!

I have included this week a couple of party drinks plus a spiced punch to warm you up and many more ideas.

This hearty, savoury meal uses up any leftover Christmas turkey or ham you may have.

**Ham and Turkey Jambalaya**

1/4 lb. bacon (4 to 6 slices) cut in 1-1/2" pieces
1 med. onion, chopped
1 cup converted rice
1 can (28 oz.) stewed tomatoes (with juice)
1 cup chicken broth, low-fat
1/2 tsp thyme
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 bay leaf
1-1/2 cups cubed (1/2") lean ham (about 1/2 lb.)
1 med. red pepper
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley (optional)

In a large skillet, cook bacon until crisp, drain well, set aside. Drain most of the bacon fat out of skillet leaving only 1 tbsp. Meanwhile, chop onion. Add onion and rice to skillet, cook stirring constantly for about two minutes.

On medium-high heat, add tomatoes with juice, broth, thyme, pepper and bay leaf. Bring mixture to a boil. Reduce to medium-low, cover pan, and simmer for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, cube turkey and ham. Cut red pepper into thin slivers. Stir turkey, ham and red peppers into the jambalaya. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until pepper is limp, about five minutes. Serve sprinkled with the bacon and parsley. Serves 4.

Serve with a salad and crusty bread.

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Notes: Jambalaya is similar to a stew that includes a mixture of ingredients, including meat and vegetables.

The onion, turkey, ham, red pepper and bacon can be cut up the day before. The whole dish may be done ahead and reheated gently in oven or microwave.

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Here is an easy appetizer that I have made many times. It looks appealing and is just finger-licking good. I bake it in a quiche dish and when cooked, I cut it into thin wedges. I use only one cup of the red pepper.

**Red Pepper Appetizer Wedges**

2/3 cup chopped green onion
1 to 1-1/2 cups finely chopped red pepper
1 lb. Jarlsberg cheese, shredded
6 eggs, beaten with dash of basil, salt and pepper (to taste.)

Sprinkle onions and peppers in bottom of well-greased 9" pie plate. Cover with cheese. Pour eggs over all. Bake at 350°F, preheated oven, for about 30 minutes or until set. Cool 10 minutes. Serves 8 to 10.

Note: Chopped Jalapeno peppers may be added, if desired.

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This is the traditional "Buck's Fizz" and the next drink recipe is a variation of it.

**Buck's Fizz**

3-1/2 oz. freshly squeezed orange juice
Chilled champagne

Pour orange juice into a champagne flute. Top up with champagne. Serves 1.

Note: A champagne flute is a tall, thin glass on a long stem.

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**Orange Champagne**

8 oz. freshly squeezed orange juice
4 oz. cointreau
1 tbsp sugar
1 bottle chilled champagne

Combine orange juice, cointreau and sugar in a large jug. Stir until sugar has dissolved. Divide mixture between eight champagne flute glasses. Top up with chilled champagne. Then, toast in the New Year! Serves 8.

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Come in from the cold and warm up to this toasty cup of delicious punch.

**Holiday Punch**

2 32-oz. or 8 cups cranberry-apple juice
5 whole cloves
2 cinnamon sticks
4 2" lime rind curls
1/2 cup cranberries
1/2 cup apple-flavoured brandy (optional)

In a saucepan, combine juice, cloves, cinnamon sticks and lime rind. Heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer 10 minutes. Add cranberries and brandy if desired. Serve warm or chill and serve cold. Serves 8.

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Note: Use your vegetable peeler to make the lime rind curls. Using the peeler on an orange or lemon can also make long spirals to garnish fruit salad.

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Ideas for your guests:

•Have an attractive hand towel at your bathroom sink for your guests.

•Leave lots of paper napkins scattered around in case they are needed.

•Don't have all your food choices out at the beginning of your party, it's nice to bring in new appetizers halfway through the party to stimulate your guests' interest.

•Have a selection of fizzy and still waters and soft drinks.

•Have containers around the room to put olive stones, toothpicks or used cocktail sticks into.

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More appetizer ideas:

•Roll salami slices into cornucopias, secure with toothpicks. Fill with potato salad or softened cream cheese seasoned with a little bit of horseradish.

•Spread two thin crosswise slices of wieners with mixture of mustard, mayonnaise and horseradish. Put slices back together in pairs with slice of dill pickle in between; secure with a toothpick.

•Add cut garlic cloves to brine in jar of ripe olives; let stand several hours.

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Tips and hints of the week:

•If two glasses stick together, set them in warm water and fill the top glass with cold water.

•Dip glasses into hot water edgewise so both sides are heated at same time. This prevents cracking.

•A great tip from my sister-in-law, Martina; when using your oven, place serving plates (to keep them warm) over the cooking round on your stovetop. There is always one round where oven heat escapes. "Plate-up" your meal on nice warm plates!

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Happy New Year – happy cooking.



Mr. Grant Crack, Reeve of North Glengarry along with Jacques Lajoie, Norm Seguin, Gordon Kalau, Gerry Bellefeuille, Aksha Cadieux and Sam Sultan officially open the new elevator.

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GLENGARRY SCENE

# Reflections on the year

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With many businesses and factories closed for an extended period of time, there were many residents who had been without an income for one week or more.

Spoiled food needed to be replaced, fuel had to bought to run the generator. Repair was needed for ruined basements and appliances.

The province handed over $500,000 to be distributed among residents at various locations throughout SDG.

However, the distribution was loudly criticized as hundreds showed up at the Alexandria Fraternite Hall and the Royal Canadian Legion in Lancaster and were turned away because the $100-$200 cheques quickly ran out.

Farmers had an easier time accessing emergency funding. Every farmer with a valid registration received an initial $2,000.



Alexandria firefighters responded to the scene of a fire at Eglise Sacre Coeur during the summer.

## 1998

## February

### Hirings will help study

(Feb. 4) - A special study group called the Garry River Report Card announced it was hiring 12 area unemployed people to help proceed with a number of projects.

During an eight-month term, the workers would help to improve the watershed's water availability and quality, increase protection of important ecosystems and enhance recreational opportunities.

Water level and quality has been a growing concern for Alexandria, which has been under a development freeze since 1989.

### Severances offered

(Feb. 4) - North Glengarry Reeve Grant Crack said several employees have been offered severance packages as the new township tried to pare down staff requirements.

Meanwhile, three senior positions were filled: deputy-clerk Annie Levac, planning administrator Terry Hart and chief building official, drainage superintendent Ken Robbers and PUC general manager Luc Poirier.

### Lancaster bank robbed

(Feb. 5) - A lone gunman robbed the Lancaster Bank of Montreal and fled with an undetermined quantity of money.

It was the second time in two years that criminals have targetted the Lancaster branch.

### Residents slam council

(Feb. 5) - North Glengarry council faced a barrage of criticism from rural residents disappointed with the township's service to them during the ice storm.

Council was grilled throughout a question and answer session during a packed meeting at Laggan Public School auditorium.

Reeve Grant Crack admitted that rural areas did not receive the same attention as Alexandria and some other urban areas.

Some residents did sympathize with council, which faced an unenviable task of organizing relief.

### Emergency planning begins

(Feb. 16) - Council decided to have Gordon Hardy present a committee structure for starting a disaster response plan after an intense committee of the whole meeting.

Hardy urged council to consider a grass-roots organization as opposed to a planning committee operating at the top.

### Lower hydro rates

(Feb. 25) - Hydro customers in Alexandria, Maxville and Apple Hill will get lower bills starting May 1, announced the North Glengarry PUC.

Residents that use electricity to heat their homes should save about $150 off an annual average expense of $3,000. Those who do not use electricity for heating should experience a $50 discount.

The PUC was able to lower its rate through administration and billing savings, when it took over the Apple Hill and Maxville PUCs.

### Insurance rates the same

(Feb. 28) - Glengarry's two largest home insurers pledged not to raise rates to cover huge ice storm payouts.

Both Glengarry Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance and The Co-opertors said costs will be mostly covered by reinsurance.

Rates would be reviewed next year.

## March

### Employment expands

(March. 4) - Alexandria Moulding continued a strong hiring spree into March as demand from the U.S. increased over the past year.

General manager John MacDonald said the company was hiring five or six employees per week.

### Sale brings in $500,000

(March 9) - South Glengarry Township will receive $500,000 as a part of the sale of Cornwall Electric.

The utility serviced much of the old municipality of Charlottenburgh.

There were no immediate plans for the money, said township administrator/co-ordinator Marcel Lapierre.

### OPP offer policing options

(March 12) - The OPP presented three options for North Glengarry Township council and police services board to consider, if the municipality wanted the OPP to expand its patrol into Alexandria.

The contracts ranged from $1.189 million to $1.305 million per year. The lower figure represented 18,710 hours, the minimum required or 20,384 hours for the higher figure. A third option was $1.242 million for 19,627 hours.

The costlier option also included a full-time staff sergeant dedicated to North Glengarry.

It was emphasized that under any OPP arrangement, the North Glengarry police would be offered employment.

### Dalkeith veteran honoured

(March 11) - A Dalkeith man was given a rare honour when the Department of National Defence decided to name a building after him.

During the Second World War, Major John Denovan (ret.) designed a mortar gun that was attached to the armoured vehicle (of) Royal Engineers (AVRE).

The gun was used to blow up obstacles that blocked an armoured vehicle's path. The shell also detonated German land mines upon impact.

In June, an armoured engineer's building at CFB Courcelette, near Quebec City, was renamed the Major John Denovan Pavilion.

### Counties usurp policing

(March 23) - A majority of politicians outside Glengarry effectively gutted any hope that North Glengarry Township will get to choose between the OPP or North Glengarry police.

The United Counties of SDG council voted 10-2 to take over policing responsibilities from the township level.

That very evening, North Glengarry police Chief Paul Deveau was to present a costing proposal that would be compared to an earlier OPP offer.

The chief's presentation was all for naught after Reeve Grant Crack, who voted against the Counties, said the counties intended to have an SDG-wide police service.

### Citizen of the year

(March 21) - Ernie Larocque was named Lancaster Citizen of the Year by the local chamber of commerce.

Larocque is heavily involved as a sports volunteer, from hockey to soccer, from referee to coach.

Munro Agromart was named Business of the Year.

### Restoring the Avro Arrow

(March 25) - Dalkeith area resident Peter Zuuring went public with an ambitious project that would see the Avro Arrow take flight again.

Zuuring is trying to gather the remaining parts to the controversial fighter jet, which was cancelled more than 40 years ago.

### Arena manager dismissed

(March 26) - Long-time Glengarry Sports Palace manager Mike Depratto was released from his position by the sports palace board, which voted 5-2 in favour of the dismissal.

Board chair Grant Crack said the elimanation of the manager's position was needed to save the township money.

The decision was roundly criticized by South Glengarry shareholders who were without two of their three representatives.

### High school gets face-lift

(March 18) - Renovations and expansion at the Alexandria high school building costing $2.5 million were underway.

The renovations would update the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, brighten up older classrooms, modernize the science labs, replace old exterior brick and windows and offer a new entrance for Le Relais administrative offices.

## April

### Melt-off causes flooding

(April 1) - A number of roads and bridges were closed in Glengarry as melting snow caused rivers to overflow their banks.

This spring's melt-off was worse than usual because of a sudden blast of unseasonably warm temperatures that combined with recent rain and ice from January's storm that clogged culverts.

Officials considered the flooding the worst well over a decade.

### Councils clash over firing

(April 6) - Glengarry's two township councils clashed frequently during a special joint meeting.

South councillors were upset that sports palace manager Mike Depratto was fired by a majority of North council members that sit on the arena board.

South representatives were upset that South Glengarry was not adequately represented and that its board members were informed directly of the meeting. North councillors responded, saying a letter of notification was sent.

### Fugitive on the run

(April 8) - A former Cornwall resident was a fugitive of justice after an attempted murder took place at the Cornwall golf club located inside South Glengarry limits.

Lionel (Lee) Baker, 65, was wanted in connection with the shooting of Richard Lalonde, 54, a golf club janitor.

### Police open wallet for 9-1-1

(April 11) - North Glengarry Police Services revealed it would have to spend $87,000 in 1998 to implement 9-1-1 service.

The payout represents an increase of about 12 per cent over the current town police budget.

Chief Paul Deveau said five dispatchers were hired and some equipment purchased by the police service. He said legislation prevented him from contracting 9-1-1 service to a private company, such as Alexandria Telephone Answering Service.

### Policing issue decided

(April 20) - United Counties of SDG officially took over policing responsibilities after adopting a bylaw, despite stiff opposition from North Glengarry representatives.

Reeve Grant Crack objected because the county government does not know the implications of its actions. He said the cost of disbanding the North Glengarry police could be the counties' responsibility.

He said the newly acquired responsibility also meant that the township-level of government is closer to extinction, which he is against.

### Local forum promotes ideas

(April 18) - Almost 100 people, representing municipal councils, business organizations, senior levels of government, tourism and individual entrepreneurs gathered at Laggan Public School to discuss the economic improvement of North Glengarry and area.

The forum, organized by the North Glengarry Community Economic Development Group, pinpointed several issues that needed immediate addressing: setting up local sources of development financing, focusing on the "big picture", bringing in youth and francophone representation, developing an accessible, community resources' database and continue a series of forums on specific issues.

### 9-1-1 arrives in SDG

(April 22) - Local residents were now able to dial the familiar 9-1-1 number in case of any type of emergency.

When a call is made to 9-1-1, the caller's name, address and phone number is displayed to the dispatcher.

### Amalgamation saves $

(April 27) - Reeve Grant Crack predicted that North Glengarry amalgamation would save about $1 million.

He said annual payroll was trimmed by about $450,000 and a further $550,000 savings was within reach in other areas.

However, employee severance packages cost the township of about $500,000, but council was able to secure a $731,000 restructuring grant from the province.

## May

### Confusion over policing

(May 11) - North Glengarry Township and the United Counties of SDG clashed over payroll responsibilities, as the provincial government refused to act as a referee.

Township council was reluctant to pay the North Glengarry police, claiming the counties was legally required to do so.

### Reeve on the defensive

(May 18) - South Glengarry Reeve Charles Sangster came under attack from fellow councillors for improper procedure.

Sangster was accused of going outside of council to tell a consultant firm that it had more time to submit water and sewage operating quotes.

Thompson Rosemount Group asked Sangster for more time, indicated a letter from the consultants to the township.

Sangster said he was just trying to get more information for TRG.

### More amalgamations?

(May 18) - Reeve Grant Crack proposed that a special study commence that will justify the elimination of the upper tier municipal government of SDG and, possibly the unification of Glengarry.

Crack is concerned that other county council members are opposed to his political philosophy, which means bigger government.



The Canada Day parade was a wet one this year requiring on-lookers to bring along an umbrella.

### GMH fights for chronic care

(May 27) - Glengarry Memorial Hospital board of directors is appealing a move by a restructuring commission that calls for the hospital to discontinue chronic care.

GMH administrator Kurt Prystanski said chronic care must stay at the hospital because of Glengarry's high ratio of elderly people.

### Downtown gets uplift

(May 27) - The beautification of Alexandria's historic downtown core was becoming a reality as the BIA and the township roads department planned to lay down interlocking bricks, plant trees and erect traditional standing light fixtures.

The project was helped by a $325,000 provincial grant for upgrading County Road 34.

### Crops up to 2 weeks ahead

(May 27) - A warm spring helped farmers to one of the earliest plantings ever.

Cash crops were at least one week to 10 days ahead of normal, while many farmers had already begun cutting hay.

### Amalgamation saves $

(May 31) - A major wind and thunder storm blasted through the county, knocking down poles and leaving hundreds without power.

Worst hit was Bainsville where five houses had to be evacuated when stray voltage contacted a telephone wire.

The new South Glengarry Township Hall in Lancaster also felt the effects after lightning struck it. When staff arrived Monday they found all the computers disrupted and half the phones not working.

### Fair attendance improves

(May 31) - The Maxville Fair was held with strong attendance, partly because farmers, most of them finished with planting, had more time to attend.

Most of the Sunday's events were downgraded by that day's big thunder storm.

## June

### Local economy on a roll

(June 1) - Latest statistics confirmed widespread signs that Glengarry's economy had improved significantly during the past year.

The unemployment rate in April was 6.8 per cent for Eastern Ontario, excluding Ottawa. It was 10.7 per cent one year earlier. The number of employment insurance recipients in the county also dropped to its lowest in years.

Other positive signs include less commercial space, expanding industrial plants and more first-time home buyers.

### Office boosts economy

(June 17) - A new economic development office will open in Alexandria that would benefit students, entrepreneurs and tourists.

The office, run by the North Glengarry Community Economic Development Group, will act as a nerve centre to help find jobs for students, assist new or struggling business owners and act as a kiosk for tourists.

### Robber arrested at lunch

(June 17) - North Glengarry police arrested a man sitting down to lunch just minutes after the Bank of Montreal was robbed.

Natalino Duarte of Montreal was at the Georgian House Restaurant when Const. Ranald MacDonald found him there. Moments earlier, a woman had followed a man fleeing the bank to the restaurant.

Restaurant co-owner Deborah Kerr said the man appeared nervous as he ordered.

### Historical artifacts found

(June 20) - While repairing the Glengarry Pioneer Museum in Dunvegan, contractors found old belt buckles, bottles, keys, buttons and plates buried in the ground.

The artifacts would be analyzed and put up on exhibit.

### Hospital runs surplus

(June 18) - Despite a provincial grant reduction of $287,000, the Glengarry Memorial Hospital finished in the black.

The grant reduction forced the hospital to reduce 14 acute care beds that were not being used.

Chief executive officer Kurt Pristanski said care did not suffer, judging by the dozens of letters received from patients. Only one was negative.

### Dunvegan woman awarded

(June 29) - Dunvegan's Catherine McRae received the Governor-General's Caring Canadian Award.

McRae, a long-time nurse, often donated extra time helping sick residents get to hospital when ambulance service was still not available.

She accepted a lapel pin and certificate from Governor-General Romeo LeBlanc at Rideau Hall.

### June ends with wild storm

(June 29) - Tornado warnings were in effect as the wettest June on record ended with powerful electrical storm.

Weather observer George Hambleton said almost 120 millimetres of rain fell during the last week alone, capping off the wettest June ever.

**See next week's paper for the rest of the Year in Review**

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# EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

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## We can make a difference in '99

This marks the final edition of *The Glengarry News* for 1998. To say it was an exciting and volatile year would be an understatement.

In fact, 1998 was a year of change and upheaval in Glengarry County that started with amalgamation of seven municipalities into two, North and South Glengarry Townships. The transition has been anything but easy.

In January we all got slammed by the great ice storm which has left an indelible mark on our psyches if not the landscape. We were all touched by its icy grip and will remember it for the rest of our collective lives.

***The year 1999 will give us all an opportunity to make it a better year than 1998 with its divisions and problems. We hope the opportunity is not sacrificed on the altar of self-interest.***

But 1998 will also be remembered as a year of confrontation and division. A year of emotional highs and lows.

It ended earlier this month with a rancorous confrontation between North Glengarry council and the fire department which threatened to tear the fabric of our community apart.

During the year it seemed every time we turned around there was some new controversy or other ranging from the first municipal budget to the BIA. Then too there was the incessant Glengarry rumour mill that churned out a variety of conspiracy theories that helped poison the atmosphere.

With 1999 only days away, the last year of the second millennium, we would all do well to ponder what kind of year we will make it.

We can expect the firefighting issue to continue and who knows where it will lead us if a spirit of compromise is absent.

Too, we can be sure that taxation issues will abound as will road maintenance, education problems and all the rest of the year's unresolved issues, personality conflicts and simple differences of opinion.

This does not mean, however, that 1999 cannot be better. It does not mean solutions cannot be found to our problems and it most certainly does not mean that we cannot all work together to ensure the communities of Glengarry County better places in which to work, live and invest.

This area boasts a great number of intelligent and dedicated residents. These qualities are not measured by the length of time they have been connected to the county. Some may have roots going back a few centuries while others have been here just a few years.

Many people are also willing to work hard for the municipality, a resource which we feel might be underused. Certainly the climate that has existed since the beginning of the year has not been conducive to volunteering for the betterment of the community.

Still, many people have been working hard to make a difference and they have in spite of the difficulties.

We would do well to think about 1999 and how we individually and as groups can make the county a better place in which to live

It is surprising how easy and rewarding it can be.

## Police detachment site location not political

Policing in North Glengarry has been a gritty topic that was settled with much difficulty. With the choice of which police force to choose behind us, we now move on to the practical issues facing the United Counties of SD&G.

One of those issues is the location of a detachment office as former North Glengarry police officers are absorbed into the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

At first blush it appears that there might not be a detachment in Alexandria which could instead be serviced from the existing office in Maxville. While that might work in theory, we wonder how practical and effective such a situation would be.

***Although a decision has yet to be made about a police detachment in Alexandria, we suggest more than patrolling is needed .***

Alexandria represents the largest single population centre in the United Counties which must be part of the equation.

Does it make sense not to have a police presence within the community 24 hours a day? As we understand it, the North Glengarry department handles anywhere from 30 calls a day to more than 100 on a busy weekend.

Walk-in traffic is another matter. Police visit the station for a number of reasons ranging from obtaining background checks to reports of crime, loss of licence plates and any number of other problems.

We hope that the people who make decisions about office locations carefully consider the numbers of people who use the North Glengarry facility.

There is more to policing the community than in patrolling the streets, doing radar duty or staging RIDE programs to combat drinking and driving.

We would suggest that without a highly visible presence, the small percentage of people who cause problems in the community might interpret the lack of a station of some kind, as open season allowing them to do whatever they want.

Effective policing is visible policing.

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*Peace and tranquility on the Delisle River*

While everyone was busy shoveling the first snow earlier this month, the area surrounding the Delisle River south of Alexandria maintained its ambiance of stillness on an early Sunday morning. Staff photo – Sandra Berry

## Courage grows on family farm

THAT'S LIFE



BILL McINTYRE

Courage in the face of adversity is not confined to the soldier in battle, the firefighter rescuing a child from a burning building or a helicopter pilot plucking a fisherman from a raging sea.

Courage is not always found at the centre of a cataclysmic events such as when hurricanes, earthquakes or floods strike. Certainly courage is often found in those places, but not exclusively.

In the pastoral countryside of Glengarry County, courageous battles are being fought in silence with grim determination. Unlike many battles these are not to save life and limb but to preserve a way of life and the means to earn a decent living.

The plight of Danny and Beth Koggel, who run a farrow to finish hog operation in Bainsville are fighting just such a battle. Through no fault of their own they are facing financial ruin and an uncertain future for themselves and their young children.

*News* reporter Sandra Berry interviewed the couple at the farm and found a family struggling in silence to keep their farm going in spite of the bottom having fallen out of the hog market, leaving them with an $800-a-week loss on the operation.

What struck me about the story was how the family simply buckled down to cut every expense possible in the face of economic adversity.

Even the Koggel's four children have joined the fight by curtailing their extra-curricular activities to the family money.

Beth even quit using her clothes dryer to save on electricity and drives a school bus to help stave off financial ruin.

Their quiet determination reminds me of the spirit exhibited by our parents and grandparents and their parents before them in struggling to make lives for themselves under nearly impossible conditions.

They lived in a harsh land during lean and mean times. Money was scarce and jobs even more so. Living on the land meant long days of back-breaking labour for few rewards.

Children of the time were expected to carry their load in sharing the families load. I don't know if they did their chores and made their sacrifices willingly or not, but they made them nonetheless. Parents accepted their responsibilities and managed their problems as best they could.

In contrast, we today seem to have created a climate where many people simply abandon their problems whether those problems be their spouses, children, pets, money. Many take the easy way out and leave others to face the consequences.

These are times of the quick fix, painless solutions to painful situations where many feel no sense of responsibility whatever to contribute to their own well being or success.

We have created a "not my fault" generation that wallows in the disappointment of impossible expectations.

I suppose that is why I was so impressed with the Koggels and others like them, who are committed to pulling themselves out of a hole that seems to be getting deeper by the day.

They are exhibiting the determination and fortitude necessary to not just give up and walk away. The Koggels will not go out with a whimper or a whine even, I suspect, if they were to lose the battle.

There is a lesson in the Koggels' plight and the that of others in similar circumstances from which we can all learn.

Theirs will not be an easy or short struggle, nor will they be handed a solution on a silver platter.

Recently there have been reports of farmers walking away from their animals, like the Perth County man who left more than 300 pigs to die of starvation. That is not the Koggels' way.

Beth said: "With animals, you can't just shut the doors and walk away. It's not their fault."

I hope the Koggels and others like them, can weather the storm and get back on their feet.

If hard work, determination and sacrifice are not enough, then I fear for the rest of us who might not be made of the same stuff.

## Our advice for 1998? Just forget about it

THE POINT AFTER



J. L. LEFEBVRE

This is usually about the time of year when many of us look back at the year that has just passed.

Not me, though. As far as I'm concerned, 1998 never happened. Go ahead, ask me about the last 12 months.

Ice storm? What ice storm?

Years from now, little children will ask me what is was like at the end of the 20th century and I'll start by telling them about that crazy time that the world just jumped directly from 1997 to 1999. It turns out some Gregorians made an accounting error sometime in the 17th century, I'll tell them, and to make up for the mistake they just skipped an entire year.

Amalgamation? What amalgamation?

That brings up an interesting point. Who the heck are the Gregorians and who appointed them the keepers of our calendar? I don't mean to be sacrilegious, but somebody was dipping a little too heavily into the sacramental wine when they came up with this brainstorm.

I mean, is it possible to arrange 365 days in a more haphazard way than our buddies the Gregorians did?

I suspect the guy who was given the assignment of coming up with a new calendar system was a major slacker and he just blabbered the first thing that came to his head when his work came due: "Uhh, let's make 12 months, yeah 12 months, that's it! We'll have six months with 31 days and five with 30 days and let's alternate them, except in July and August when we'll have two 31-day months in a row. And let's only have 28 days in the second month, but every four years it'll have 29 days. Except for century years, those Februarys will have 28 days like normal, unless it's a century year you can divide by 400, in which case it'll be a leap year. Yeah, that's it."

At which point the head Gregorian would have rubbed his chin and said: "Hmm, is that it?"

"No, there's one more thing. Let's name the months so people will know when it's okay to eat oysters."

Municipal tax reform? What tax reform?

I'm in complete denial about the past calendar year. So many people spent so much of the year disgruntled that I wonder if there's any hope for any of us to ever become gruntled again.

Things started out badly, they continued badly and before you know it things are going so rotten that you just start wanting 1998 to go away forever. Come to think of it, you could say the same about Leonardo DiCaprio. Aren't that guy's 15 minutes just about up?

Teacher strike? What teacher strike?

For all sorts of reasons, people spent a lot of time and energy on being angry in 1998. When they ran out of reasons to be angry or just forgot what they were originally angry about, they got angry about running out of reasons or forgetting.

It just doesn't make sense. We should all be happy with what we've got. After all, we could be NBA basketball players. Man, there's a bunch of guys who have it tough.

In case you haven't noticed (and I'm guessing most of you haven't) the NBA players have been locked out for almost 200 days and not a single ball has been dribbled in anger so far in what was supposed to be the 1998-99 season.

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## Issues aren't easy regarding local firefighters

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS



BLAIR WILLIAMS

It's hard to imagine a more dramatic and emotional conflict than the one that unfolded on Dec. 14 when the Alexandria firefighters along with their families and supporters packed the Glengarry Sports Palace to confront the council of North Glengarry.

The council had been handed a hard-edged ultimatum by the firefighters and in response the council had effectively dismissed the entire fire department. That was what triggered Monday's wild confrontation.

After the meeting, a friend said I would be nuts to try to write about the event because it was too complicated, too explosive and too close to the bone to make any sense of it. But the issues involved here are too important to be ignored and we need to have a public discussion to try to figure out how the situation spiraled out of control to reach the sorry state that was evident at Monday night's meeting.

First, it is possible to say that council did not deal with this issue early enough. With the benefit of hindsight, it seems clear that meetings should have been held in the spring and summer months to begin the process of working out new arrangements for North Glengarry firefighters.

It's true, of course, that 1998 has not been an easy year for local councils. They have had to cope with the effects of the ice storm, municipal amalgamation, and all sorts of related problems. Nevertheless, it is now obvious that much earlier attention to the firefighter issue would have been a good idea.

It should also be recognized that when it comes to change, or the "rationalization" of services, one of the most difficult groups to deal with are local firefighters.

As a rule, fire departments have all the attributes of a close-knit men's club. Its members have a shared code of conduct; they have distinctive uniforms (on duty and off duty); they have a clear chain of command (chief, deputy chief, lieutenants, officers, and so on); and they have a deep belief that they are doing the right thing for the right reasons.

Firefighters identify strongly with their department and with each other. They socialize together, they rely on each other, and they develop common attitudes that become very entrenched and, as this council has learned, they cannot be easily challenged by other authorities.

There is, therefore, a natural reluctance for local governments to deal with fire related issues when change is in the air. The very elements that make fire departments such strong and cohesive organizations also makes them stubborn and difficult and this has a direct impact on the way in which they deal with local councils. Professionalism in their work does not usually translate into professionalism in the way in which firefighters deal with other groups or municipal authorities. We saw strong evidence of this on Monday night.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Columnist should check facts, declare conflicts, practice fairness

**To the editor,**

"A good newspaper is fair, accurate, honest, responsible, independent and decent. Truth is its guiding principle," – Associated Press Managing Editors Association Code of Ethics (April 1975).

"Editorial employees participating in specific events should not report on those events," – Southam Newspaper Publishing Credo (March 1979).

"The newspaper has a responsibility to its readers to avoid inaccuracies or misleading statements. Where these have been published they should be promptly corrected...

...The newspaper has the responsibility to practice fairness in its news reports. It is, however, free to be partisan on public issues, but when doing so there must be a clear distinction between reporting and commentary. Opinions of the newspaper and/or its staff should be restricted to designated areas or columns in the newspaper or otherwise be clearly identified as such." – Canadian Community Newspapers Association's Statement of principle (1992).

When people read these statements, they must be amazed to look at the coverage of events in The Glengarry News and their editorials.

In about 18 months, the publisher of *The Glengarry News*, after printing his editorials, has had to come back and apologize or qualify his statements a number of times, especially on municipal affairs. Mr. McIntyre should understand that readers are not interested in belated retractions or admission of guilt. They are interested in having a publisher who checks his facts before making his mind, who talks to all sides before taking a side and finally they would like to make their own opinions based on fair reporting.

One example is the Blair Williams' column on "Municipal Affairs." On a number of times it talks about many other topics but municipal politics. And when Mr. Williams writes on a municipal topic, he conveniently forgets to tell readers about his connections to certain groups.

When Mr. Williams writes on the BIA, he should mention that he is one of the founders of the North Glengarry Economic Development Group which has representatives on the BIA. He should also remind readers that he was a councillor in Kenyon for a few years and should remind people about the stands he took as such.

However, he does none of that. Instead, he elevates himself and judges present politicians. It is easy for him to pontificate, however, if I remember well some meetings of council in Kenyon, he had some problems himself (remember "gun control" in Kenyon?)

It is easy for people who did not have the courage to run and defeated politicians to continuously snipe at council. It is also easy for these same people to hide behind groups and associations to protest council decisions. The council was elected to lead the municipality until the next elections.

Finally, there is a number of people who create a number of associations, sit on the boards of these associations, exchange positions once in a while with friends and like-minded people, to study studies that were studied in reports of associations' sub-committees... hot air! Result: none. Should we pay for that? No!

He has a responsibility as a published opinion leader and columnist to disclose everything that might lead to a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest. He does none of that.

Mr. McIntyre has a responsibility to check his facts, talk to all sides and present a fair image of what is happening in the community. Also, if his columnists are unable or unwilling to disclose a possible conflict of interest, he should make sure to remind them of basic principles in journalism.

I do not oppose the right for Mr. Williams or anyone else to write in a newspaper, however he should inform readers of all facts that might sway him one way or another.

I read *The Glengarry News* every week, and I enjoy reading about events in my community. However *The Glengarry News* should be more careful in its reporting and editorials.

*The Glengarry News* should report on all events and not just act as a tabloid and report on events that are negative and divisive. It is easier to have a headline "AFA" township fuming in fire flap" than "Council help youngsters and families through sports funding." However shouldn't both be known? Is it not important to find out that your teenage boy or girl can play soccer because council helped maintain a soccer field?

*The Glengarry News* is losing credibility fast. Will it become a tabloid whose goal is to create events instead of reporting on events.

**Serge Buy,**
**Glen Robertson**

## Firefighters should take pro-active approach

**To the editor,**

An open letter to the Alexandria firefighters:

There has never been any question that your community very much appreciates the fire prevention and firefighting services you provide in such an excellent manner.

We also understand the personal risks you take on our behalf and know that you can never be adequately thanked.

I strongly suggest that you become pro-active in the reopened negotiation with the North Glengarry council and come up with a solution that would be acceptable to you and your comrades throughout the township.

For instance, if your association were to provide a proposed pay scale based on training, experience and other essential skills, then this could be equitably applied to all firefighters in North Glengarry and give recognition to those who have put in extra effort to become better at their jobs.

I am sure it would also encourage most to improve themselves for the benefit of all.

There are times when we must recognize that change and compromise are required. The best resolution is usually the one we propose ourselves.

**Sincerely,**
**Susan-Jane Lustgarten,**
**North Glengarry.**

## 1998 is year that should be quickly forgotten

*(Continued from page 4)*

The poor players have been frustrated with the negotiation process for a new contract with team owners.

At one point, union president Patrick Ewing looked reporters straight in the eye and said: "The owners are trying to take food out of my family's mouths."

He's got a point. The New York Knicks paid Mr. Ewing a mere $18 million last season and that doesn't buy nearly as many Twinkies as it once did.

The players were so upset with the owners that they decided to get away for a conference to discuss negotiation strategy.

The site of this meeting? Why Las Vegas, of course, that noted refuge for the poor and destitute souls of our society.

Plummeting Canadian dollar? What plummeting Canadian dollar?

The upcoming year is bound to be much better than the past. I mean, it couldn't be any worse, could it? Could it?

Of course it will. The past year only seems horrible because it was the most recent year. A problem comes along, we panic, then a day passes and we realize yesterday's problem wasn't really that big of a deal. But today's new problem, man that's big trouble. But then tomorrow, the second problem passes and...

In other words, we'll all find something else to get ticked off about in 1999 and we'll start saying: "1998, now what a great year that was! I so wish it was 1998 again."

Well, maybe not.

There were some pretty serious difficulties this past year and the list of casualties is staggering — Kenyon Township, Lochiel Township, the Villages of Maxville and Lancaster, the Town of Alexandria, Lancaster Township, Charlottenburgh Township, the Alexandria Police Force, a myriad of high school sports and activities, countless jobs obliterated by amalgamation... the list is seemingly endless.

It was a year of turmoil and upheaval, one that can't possibly be reproduced in 1999. Just in case though, you may want to stock up on candles, generators and lamp fuel now. It seems to me something happened almost 12 months ago that made those items precious commodities, but I can't quite remember what it was.

## Issues involved in firefighter dispute are too important to be ignored

*(Continued form page 4)*

On Monday night, the good things about the Alexandria fire department — its professional pride, its skill and efficiency, its competitive edge — were transformed into a kind of arrogance that was quite ugly to behold.

They abused the council; they belittled other fire departments in the municipality; they exaggerated their own role and proclaimed their own self importance. In this, they were ill-served by their own chief who sounded like Napoleon Bonaparte rallying his troops and spurring them on to new conquests.

Monday was not a good day in the annals of the North Glengarry council or the Alexandria Firefighters Association. It was a day that demonstrated how disconnected the council had become from its own fire services, and how out of touch and pompous the fire department had become. But where does it leave us? What are the lessons to be learned?

There is a clear public interest here and it involves reconciling the concerns of those who want the best possible fire protection with those who want our scarce tax dollars spent wisely. Firefighters can't simply do what they want, or demand whatever they want, whatever the cost. Neither can council ignore institutions with a track record like the Alexandria fire department.

One thing is obvious: there needs to be more open public debate of fire services and fire protection policy in the township. This is not a private matter for fire departments to settle, nor is it a purely legal matter to be settled behind closed doors as the council seems to sometimes assume.

Many people in North Glengarry are concerned about what seems to be a tendency in council to ignore their own common sense and to see issues in legal terms.

This leads to a reliance on in-camera meetings from which the public is excluded. What council has to realize is that public meetings where all points of view are raised and discussed may save them from making mistakes and it might avoid the kind of confrontation that happened last Monday night.

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## Fired Chief Charlebois can hold his head high

**To the editor,**

After the town meeting on Monday night between the residents of North Glengarry and council, where tempers flared and nothing was settled, it did not surprise me to hear that fire chief Gerald Charlebois was fired.

Though it appeared that Chief Charlebois was not accustomed to the politics of a fire department, it was also apparent that the protection and safety of all residents of North Glengarry was his priority. He was a dedicated firefighter and chief for 42 years and to be dismissed this way must be very hard. He has given countless hours without thanks, because he loved what he was doing. He pushed his men hard when firefighting, but all the while with respect, and the men reciprocated.

This community felt secure knowing they were protected by Chief Charlebois and his men, You have nothing to be ashamed of Chief Charlebois. You have done a great job.

You can hold your head high knowing you have trained your firefighters to be one of the best volunteer firefighting teams in Ontario.

Thank you!

**Dennis Roy**
**Alexandria**



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## WONDERWORD

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**CLUES**

Absorb, Agent, Amount, Appearance, Balm, Basic, Blob, Body, Brand, Brush, Cabinet, Cans, Carry, Chapped, Chemicals, Citrus, Clean, Clear, Clinic, Cold, Color, Commercial, Corners, Cream, Cure, Daily, Deep, Drops, Evening, Expense, Extra, Face, Finish, Fluid, Freshen, Gentle, Gifts, Grain, Grams, Hand, Health, Herbs, Hide, Hypoallergenic, Ingredient, Jars, Jelly, Layer, Legs, Lemon, Lime, Liquids, Lotion, Maintain, Mixture, Morning, Natural, Nightly, Open, Packaging, Pores, Potent, Pots, Protect, Pure, Remove, Replenish, Rinse, Roots, Scent, Seasonal, Shine, Shower, Skin, Smear, Smell, Soap, Soothing, Spread, Squeeze, Store, Strength, Table, Thick, Treatment, Urns, Vial, Wash

by DAVID OUELLET

**MOISTURIZERS ARE USEFUL** — Solution: 7 letters

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# Senior citizen face-to-face with intruder

## Police Briefs

A 17-year-old youth has come forward after a female senior citizen was confronted by an intruder in her Bainsville-area residence.

The victim called 9-1-1 when she heard someone banging on the windows.

"As she was talking to the 9-1-1 operator, she heard someone enter the basement," Const. McClements said.

"The intruder then spotted the victim and ran out the door."

Moments later, three OPP officers arrived to investigate. Not long after a Bainsville youth surrendered to police.

He is charged with break and enter and intent to steal and will appear in Alexandria court on Feb. 5.

### Passengers don't pay up

Several Valleyfield, Que. men are wanted by Glengarry OPP after a taxi driver was ditched.

The four men, ages 20-22, arrived at Herb's Towing and Service Centre, near Vankleek Hill, from Valleyfield.

"They had agreed on a contract to Ontario," said OPP Const. Hugh McClements.

"Once they arrived they made a partial payment and went into Herb's to get more money (from a direct deposit machine), but they vacated, going through the back door."

The taxi driver was still owed $20.

Const. McClements said criminal code charges could be filed. Contact Const. Dan Morin at 347-2449 if you know the men's whereabouts.

### Cars broken into

A couple of motor vehicles were broken into during two separate incidents on Dec. 18.

Sometime between 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., a thief smashed the driver's side window of a car parked at the Glengarry Curling Club in Maxville.

The car's owner discovered the damage and noticed his wallet had been taken, Const. McClements said.

There, however, was no money in the wallet, but it did contain banking and credit cards.

About half an hour later at St. Andrew's Church in Martintown, a man found that his unlocked car had been entered and some contents were missing.

The owner had left the vehicle around 5 p.m.

Stolen were a Canon 35 millimetre camera, a stainless steel bowl and a five-gallon jug of water. Total value is about $550.

Const. Dan Morin is investigating.

### Crooks want generators

Over the past week, three generators were stolen after five residential property buildings - four in Glen Robertson on the night of Dec. 13 and one in Green Valley on Dec. 16 - were broken into.

In Glen Robertson, thieves stole a Kawasaki G5000A, worth $3,500 and a 2,400-watt Generac, worth $1,200, said Const. Hugh McClements.

Thieves in Green Valley stole another Generac, with 5,000-watt capability. It was worth $2,400.

In both cases, the locks were pried open to enter the shed or garage.

Anyone with information, should contact Const. Gaston Thibodeau at 347-2449.

### OPP occurrences (Dec. 14 - Dec. 20)

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| Motor Vehicle Accidents: | |
| Property damage | 7 |
| Personal injury | 1 |
| Traffic calls | 19 |
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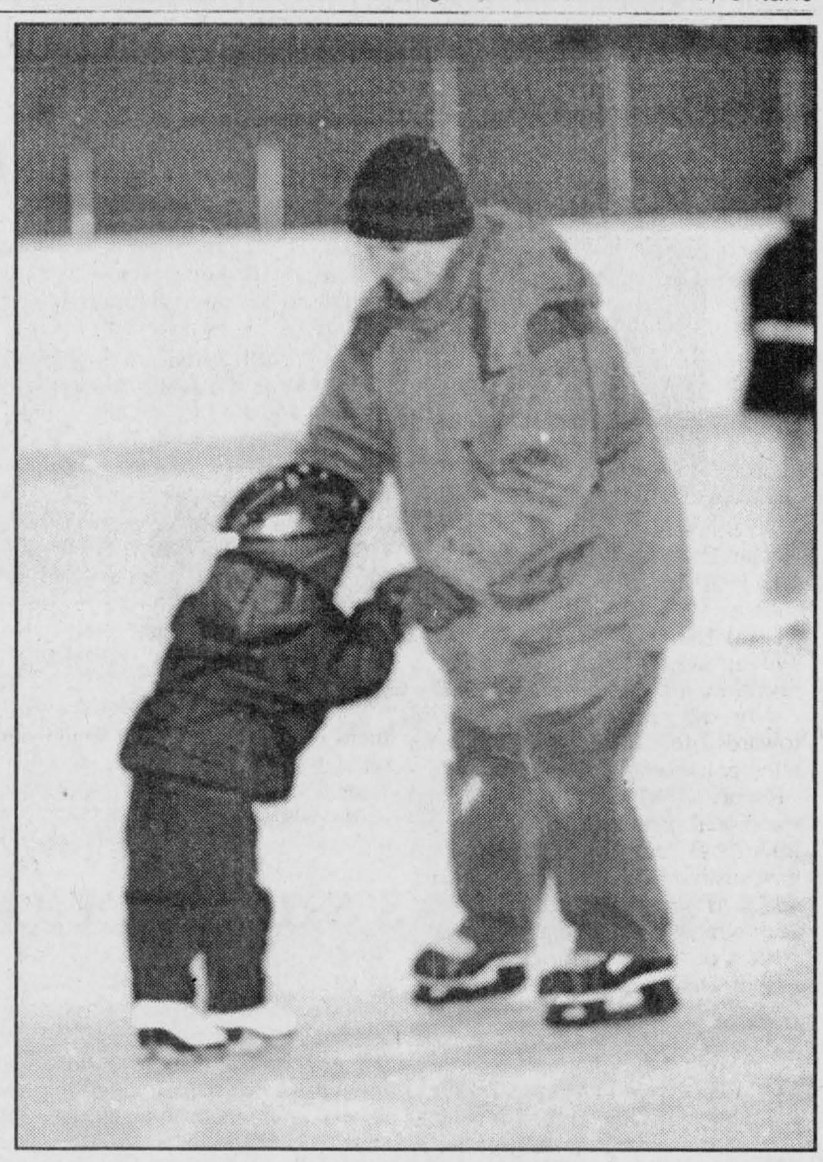

*In need of a little help*

Young and old gathered at the Billy Gibby Arena in Alexandria on Sunday afternoon for a little fun on the ice. While most could easily skate along some of the younger beginners required a hand for balance.

Staff photo – Sandra Berry

# Does auctioneer ever get any sleep?

The pictures in the *Ottawa Citizen* in the Wheels section, showing some die cast toy cars, really only touched an amazing story, especially if you are a collector.

Theresa Taylor of South Lancaster is a rookie auctioneer and her business is growing by leaps and bounds. You may remember the story recently of her sale of Carnival glass for $1,900 that created some excitement, especially for the vendor. Well, as often happens in life, there is a spinoff to that story.

A referral from the couple who sold the Carnival glass led to the consignment of a wonderful hidden treasure, the die cast car collection (60 no less) and automotive epherma.

The articles involved in this consignment were passed on to a couple but were previously owned by a Mr. Schell of Green Valley. Mr. Schell was a lawyer, a Danish diplomat and writer about the development of the European automotive industry. He chose to move to Canada after Expo 67 right to our own area. He certainly was an automotive historian of international reputation.

His widow had not the same interests and passed many of his collected items on to the present owners.

With the help of an associate who had previously collaborated to purchase the Schell library and the help of others familiar with these items, the catalogue and the presentation of the articles were set up.

Telephone bids came in from Toronto. An auto historian called from Philadelphia. A flight to Montreal was impossible due to the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday so he found a representative in Westport to attend the sale.

Needless to say, the sale in Martintown was a great success. A Grand Prix program signed by six drivers went for $1,400 and stayed in our area. A Bugatti steering wheel went for $500. Some model cars went for $500 and the epherma, including such items as signed racing forms, photos from the Associated Berlin Press and many other related items were sold for a good price. Amazing!

It seems that there were many serious collectors from many parts of our country attending this sale.

Theresa says that they packed complimentary luncheons for the guys from Toronto who arrived before 8 a.m. and stayed to 5 p.m.

The moral of the story, says Theresa, is that hard work pays off. My only question from this great collectors story is: Does Theresa Taylor ever sleep?

Tune in for the answer!

## Lancaster



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My apologies to our village school, Ecole St. Joseph.

We had the right day of the week but the wrong date for their concert. Hopefully, as in most school concerts, the people attending didn't need our notice and already knew the proper information.

Principal, Alain Dumont, told me that the concert was a great success. The church was transformed into a concert hall to see the children present their sketches.

Teachers at Ecole St. Joseph worked enthusiastically to prepare their students for this lovely traditional event. Alain says, Two thumbs up! for their effort. Everyone worked extremely hard and the results were splendid.

To the janitor, Richard Pilon goes a special thanks. Richard is always ready and willing to help and was a great support for the concert.

Thank you, Mme Nicole Dupuis for the donation of two ceramic figurines for the draw. Finally, congratulations and many thanks to the staff and pupils of St. Joseph's and to the many parents who helped, for a wonderful Christmas Concert.

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The best part of Christmas is when family and friends sit down together in harmony and join in the frivolity, and keep traditions, some that have lasted for generations and some that are just evolving.

From the birth of a child in a manger

to the modern day world is an infinitesimal step.

Along the way of time, the messages still come through and we learn them again and again.

Rejoice, have faith, be kind, and follow your heart.

Treat others as you would have them do to you.

The list goes on for eternity as does your soul.

I told my son that my column for New Year's must go in before Christmas and was concerned that it wouldn't be personal or reflect what happened during the holiday. He said, Write a poem. Now, I am not a poet but am sort of whimsical in my view of life. So I let the words flow.

The old year is ending and a new one about to begin. I relish in fresh starts and a new opportunity to make things better.

My resolutions remain the same these past few years. I resolve to help others when I can, live up to my responsibilities and do my very best to hurt no one with my actions.

A tall order, but I have learned to work on this day by day.

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Have a super week. The best to you all for 1999!

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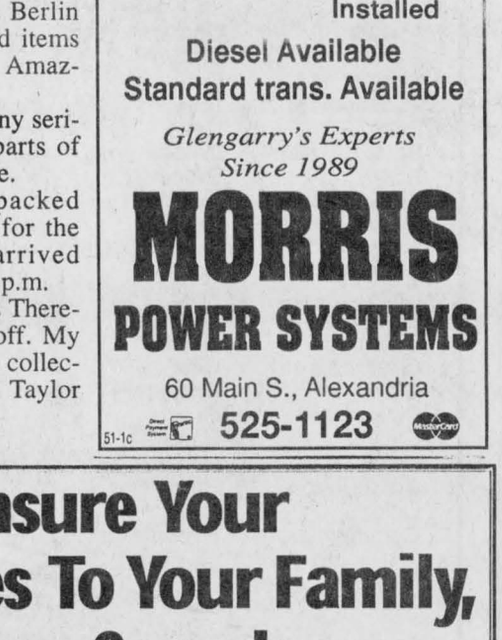


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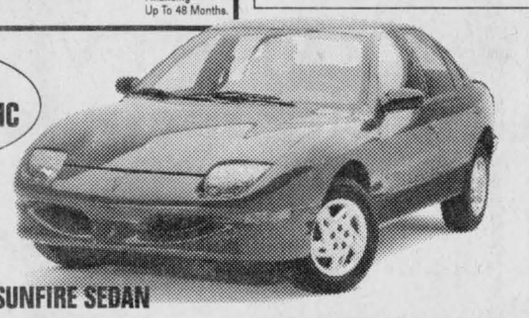

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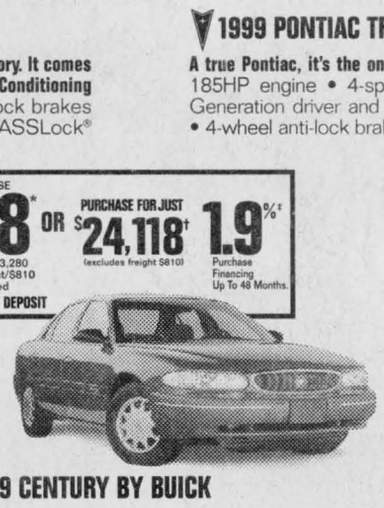

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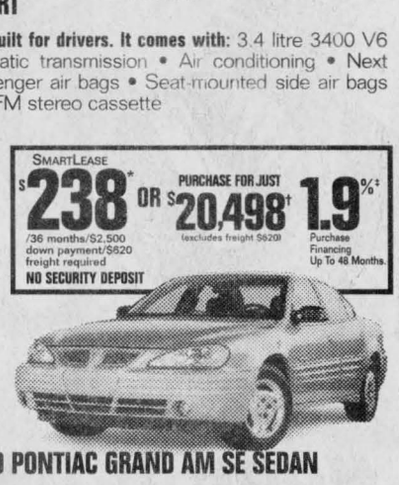

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# Art reflects life philosophy

## ARTS SCENE



LORNA FOREMAN, 347-1338

Several years ago, when I first met Rachel Fox, South Lancaster quilter, I had no idea that she would have such an enormous impact on me.

I was intrigued by Rachel's quilts and her approach to quilting. As a result, I am now a quilter.

"My art reflects my attitude towards life," Rachel said. "It is an attempt to always move forward."

Rachel's quilts are not the usual traditional patterns; they may use traditional techniques, but always have a slightly offbeat approach. Her quilts, as well as her quilted clothing, are asymmetrical, abstract and use a variety of textured fabrics and techniques such as applique and embroidery.

"I started as a weaver," she said. "But I found the loom too constricting. While living in Montreal, I studied contemporary embroidery and ended up teaching the subject at the Visual Arts Centre in Westmount for about five or six years."

"One of my students, who quilted, led me to this medium," Rachel explains. "Because every medium reinforces the next, there is not really a jump to another area, but rather a flow."

"I love old quilts," Rachel said. "I love to look at them; some are so lively with the different fabrics and shapes. Past quilters just changed fabrics if a particular one ran out. Because many of them used old clothing, they could not be duplicated. I like the irregularity found in these. Today's quilts are often far too coordinated. I want my quilts to offer something different to each person."

Rachel's quilts are more like abstract paintings; the viewer getting from them what they want. She compares it to television versus radio. One gives you a finished concept while the other leaves you to make up your own vision.

There is a distinct Oriental influence in Rachel's quilts; an elegance and simplicity that takes great understanding of how shape, colour and texture work with each other. This is the result of her fine art background as well as growing up surrounded by fine Oriental art and antiques.

I've watched Rachel at work. Using a huge piece of flannel on the wall, Rachel positions the fabrics, checking its impact on its neighbour as well as how it works within the overall concept. Of course, every quilter has their own vision and view of what works and doesn't work and why, but listening to the rationale taught me a lot as a novice quilter.

"I like spontaneity," Rachel explains. "That doesn't mean carelessness, though."

Rachel laughed when she showed me her cupboard of fabrics. "I don't like waste. Pieces that most people would throw out, I keep. There is always an interesting way to use them. Sometimes just a tiny piece appliqued onto a quilt makes it soar from a nice quilt to something extra special. If I run out of fabric, I will seam it and emphasize that with embroidery or interesting ribbon or contrasting piping. These techniques can be planned since a break will lead the viewer to dance around the quilt as opposed to a static viewpoint."

Rachel's approach to art is that it is mainly problem solving.

"I have put away disasters, pulled them out years later and found out what I had to do to complete it." Rachel confesses. "It is sad that some artists are so afraid of creating a failure that they aren't very adventurous."

One technique that finds its way into Rachel's work is that of Shashiko, a traditional Japanese way of using running stitches to create very complex patterns. Usually, white thread was used against indigo dyed cotton but Western culture has interpreted this technique in its own way. The trick is to keep the stitches even.

"I do pay attention to my stitches when I am doing Shashiko," Rachel said. "However I would be bored to death trying do all my quilting 12 stitches to the inch. Often a bigger stitch is more appropriate to the particular fabric or design."

Recently, Rachel participated in several fabric printing workshops. As a result, direct dyeing, resist dying and shibori techniques have found their way into her work.

"The point is to make something highly personal," Rachel believes. "To do that is sometimes difficult. You need a sense of adventure, faith in yourself and the desire to try something that no one else is doing."

Rachel's home, especially her studio, is a world that reflects her artistic talent. Not only do her quilts hang on the walls, but everywhere there is attention to design, colour and texture. Even her fabric supplies, lined on their shelves, make their own statement.

Rachel's garden proved to be yet another extension of her art philosophy. Now a winter garden, it provided texture and shapes that work together to create a very unique, freeform garden.

We caught a glimpse of blue jays at her feeder – moving spots of colour. I looked over and saw a hint of a smile. "Can't you just imagine that as a quilt?" She laughed as we continued sipping our tea.



Rachel Fox models one of her beautiful quilted jackets. It is reversible. The other side uses the Shashiko technique on denim so it can be worn with almost anything.

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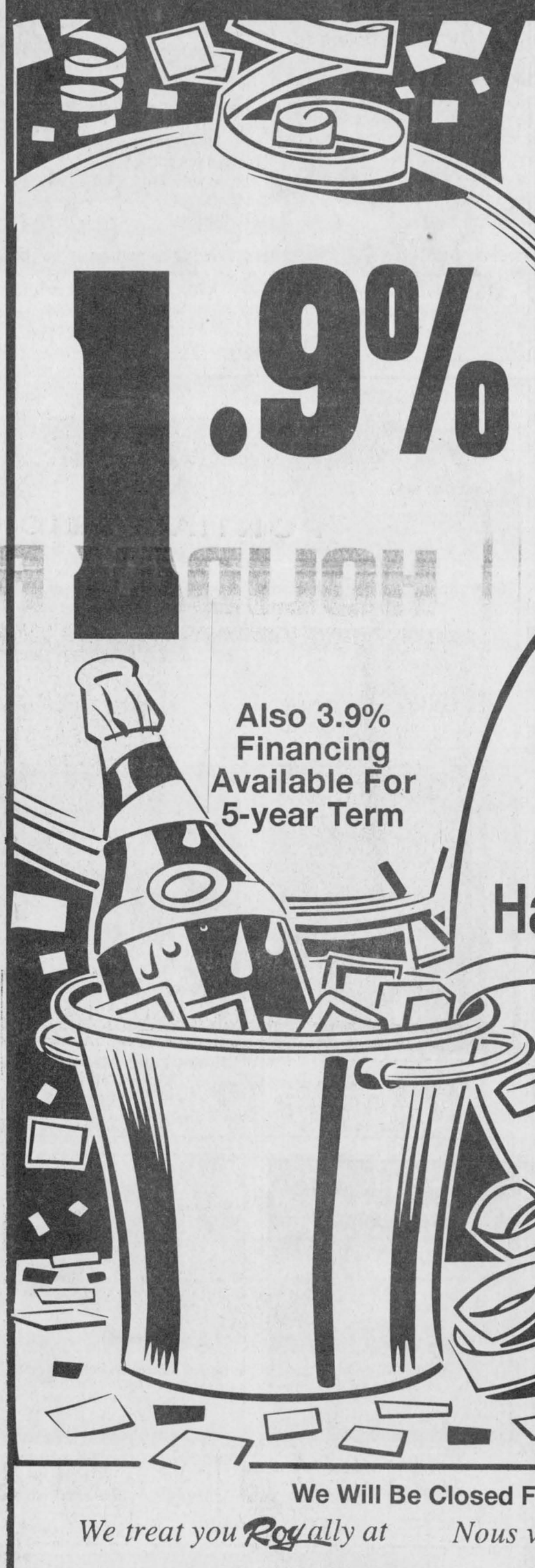

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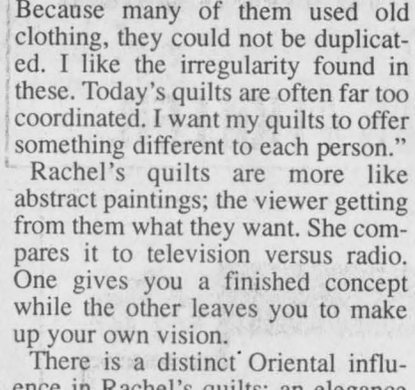

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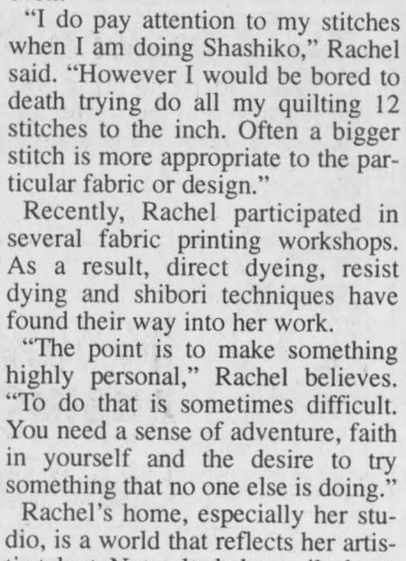

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# Happy New Year to all the folks in Williamstown

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The heavy artillery – garbage truck, snow plow, that sort of thing -- woke me this morning at 5:17 a.m. While it wasn't exactly an epiphanic moment, it did set me thinking that I really ought to say Happy New Year to everyone in Williamstown before the ticking hand moves on.

How best to do this? A mental run-down of the inhabitants in houses within the hamlet's borders is a challenge. First of all, just where does Williamstown begin and where does it end? It seems to me that a long, long time ago, I was told that Williamstown City Limits do not necessarily correspond with Children Being Children signs. There is apparently a jag-out of land near the arena that should be considered rural instead of hamlet.

But what the heck? For the purpose of this greeting, you're all in.

So, with a very apologetic disclaimer to those I am bound to miss (this is a mental exercise after all), Happy New Year to the following households: Geneau, Dupuis, Anderson, McLeod, Lefebvre, Power, Breckenridge, McDonell, Lefebvre (2), Rozon, Larocque, McCoy, McDonell (3), Dean, McDonald, Major, Harrison/Chambre, Cattanach, Rankin, Giroux, Conway, Giroux, Rose, Gordon, Rozon (2), Major (2), Flood, Major (3), Elsey, Ferguson, Sullivan, Bridson, Campbell, Danaher, Chretien, O'Farrell, Larocque (2); McDonell (3), MacDonald, Anderson (2), MacDonald (2), Sloan, MacLennan, MacLachlan, Grant, MacPherson, MacDonald (3) Bridson (2), Marsh, Chafee, Dubeau, Raymond, Hodgson, Larocque (3), McLaren, Smith, Blacker, Murray, McIntosh, MacDougall, McLennan (2 - same family, different spellings), Wood, MacDonald (4), Loney, Lullwitz, Roberts, Lang, Brown, McLeister, MacDonald (5), Paradis, Goodbun, Ferguson (2), Callan, McDonell (4), McDonell (5), Kinnear, Pilon, Caron, MacDonald (6), Villeneuve, McLachlan, Latreille, Sanchez, Daoust, Russell, Lafave, Lafave (2), Pilon, Legault, Dupuis (2) Munro, Munro (2), Major (4), Quenneville, Joubert, Perjul, Beamer, Lafave (3)..... (at this point things get a little murkey – can't remember who is on what side of the sign on William Street, where it becomes Heron Road. In fact, can't remember if there is a sign).

You will also notice that I have jumbled households up a little – on purpose to foil door-to-door con artists.

And while on the topic, how about an-update of "Houses of Williamstown?" A good millenium project for the students of OAC history next year, if teacher, Jane MacMillan, is willing.

A lot has changed since the popular 1984 bicentennial publication spearheaded by Robbie McLachlan. It would be interesting to compare the two.

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Your chance to personally wish your neighbours a Happy New Year, comes tomorrow night at the New Year's Eve Dance at St. Mary's Centre.

There will be a hot and cold buffet and party favours for you to use up close and in revenge against those who have annoyed you during the year. Just kidding.

The Music will be by Leisure Sound, and perhaps you will get to do the Swing.

Yes, the Swing is back, reports Allan Paradis. Perhaps not right in Williamstown yet, but creeping towards us. Debuting tomorrow night?

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Sandra and Rob French send Season's Greetings to all their friends in Williamstown and Lancaster by e-mail from South Korea.

A big "collective" e-mail greeting was sent to Sandra and Rob before Christmas by their friends in the community.

For those who would like to contact them, the Frenchs may be reached at robsan@chollian.net.

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While the rest of us battled with the vagaries of the weather over Christmas, Pat and Tony Durin were basking in the sunshine in Hawaii.

The Durins met up with daughter, Christina, in Hawaii. Christina, who has been studying in Australia during the past year, did a little South Pacific island-hopping on the way to Hawaii.

She will be living and working in Montreal in the new year.

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With the World Jr. hockey championship going on out west, Williamstown's Kent McDonell has been receiving a lot of media coverage.

Those of us who live here know his lineage, but it occurred to me that there might be some readers asking, "Which McDonell is he?"

And as you know, such a question cannot go unanswered in Glengarry.

Kent is the son of Bruce McDonell and Linda (nee Hunter, originally from Cornwall). He is the brother of Carrie, Shane, Kirk, Marty, and Laine McDonell.

Kent is the grandson of Eileen (McDonald) McDonell and of the late Clark McDonell. He is the nephew of Robert and Jane McDonell, Doug and Carolyn McDonell, Pam and Eddie Boyle, and Penny and Garry Atchison.

His Glengarry-raised first cousins include Blake McDonell, Andrea McDonell, Margo (McDonell) Poirier, Trevor Atchison, Shonna Atchison, and Colleen Atchison.

He is the grand-nephew of Andrew and Esther Harkness, (amongst others) and is the second cousin (once removed) of Penny and D.J. McDonald, and, does that make it the third cousin of Sarah, Lachlan and Scott McDonald?

The reason I mention all these local Glengarry names is that you can see the athletic gene running through several generations. Kent's great-grandfather was Tupper McDonald, M.D., a renowned athlete and member of the Glengarry Sports Hall of Fame and of the Queen's University Sports Hall of Fame.

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A few days before Christmas I received a package in the mail. It was from a Mr. George Timson of Anaconda, MT, and was marked clearly, "gift" on the customs label.

Gift? Oh boyo, boyo! At this point I should tell you that I have never heard of George Timson, but the thought that it was unusual that he would be sending me a gift, never entered my mind. (I now know why parcel bombs are so effective.) I torn off the outer wrapper expecting to see some Christmas paper. Instead I was faced with a hand-written letter and an MA thesis.

It seems that George Timson is an American historian, who wrote his thesis in 1940 at Wayne State University. The topic is "Sir John Johnson's administration of the Indian Department (1782-1830)."

Mr. Timson would like to donate a copy (my "gift" copy) of the thesis to the Manor House to be used as a reference for future generations of students.

The author said that he had recently learned from the media, that "over 40 percent of the people living in the English-speaking part of Canada are descendants of the UEL." (I think that figure is a little high, but I can't disapprove it with anything concrete at the moment.)

I haven't had the time to read the whole thesis yet (remember, this column was written way back on Dec. 22), but it looks both readable and interesting and seems to contain some previously unknown things about Sir John.

Will let you know more when I do.

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Sympathy is extended to John R. and Ruth MacDonell on the passing of John R.'s mother, Ruth (Cameron) MacDonell at the age of 97. Mrs. MacDonell, the founder of MacDonell's Inn, died on Dec. 21.

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Among holiday visitors to Williamstown were Wendy Woollven from BC and Jen and David Woollven (and puppy) from London, ON who visited their parents, Nancy and Jay.

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Visiting with David and Barbara Stones were Dominic Stones of Toronto and Tiffany Stones and Ben Shaw of Huston, Texas.

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# Optimists double pleasure

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This is the last day of school, children and teachers and of course bus drivers go on holidays until Jan. 4.

I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all who read this column, to family and friends and a big thank you to *The Glengarry News* and staff for their help all year. For their beautiful Christmas party on Dec. 12, it gives us all a chance to meet other correspondents and the staff. Again thank you.

* * *

On Monday, Dec. 14, the Green Valley Optimist Club held their annual Christmas dinner at Ecole Ste. Marie for all the students and, of course, Santa Claus was there to greet the kids.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the Optimists held their Chrismtas party. They enjoyed a pot luck lunch, played games and Santa stopped in to to greet the children. The club president, Lise F. Prieur, would like to thank everyone who helped organize these two special events.

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Don't forget the Green Valley Knights of Columbus draw on Dec. 24 for a computer. It's an "Intel P11 300 cpu with a value of $3,000.

The winner's name will be printed in this column. Good luck.

* * *

This is my last colum for 1998. See you all in 1999. Give me a call, let me know how your holidays went and about your visotors.

Local news keeps this columnist writing and this column appearing in the paper.

God bless and have the best and safe holidays. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year Rita.




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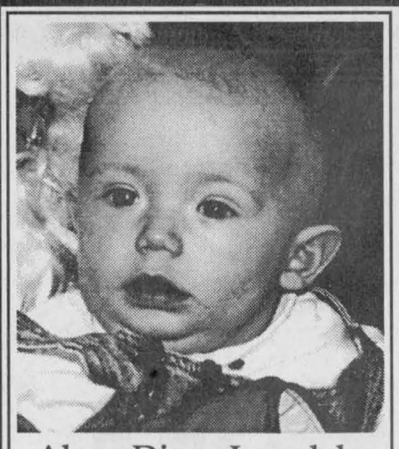
# NEW ARRIVALS FOR 1998



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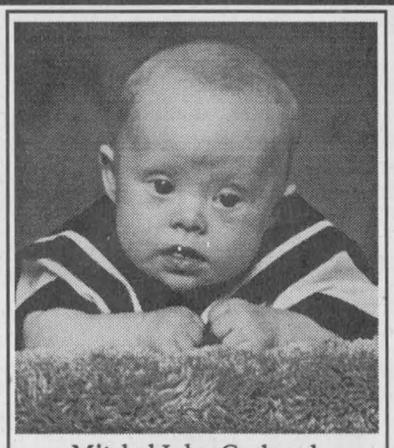
**March 24, 1998**
*Jessica's Precious Niece*



**Meagan McCormick**
**September 2, 1998**
*Proud parents Cary and Marie-Paule*



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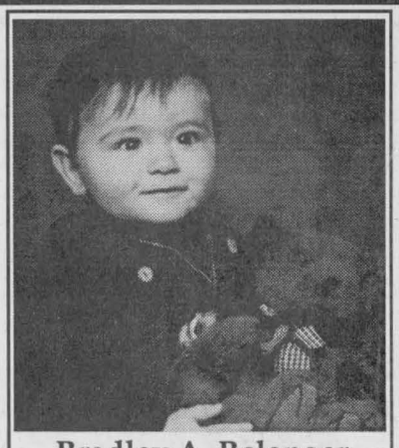
*Son of Diane and John T. Garlough*
**June 21, 1998**
*The Thinker*



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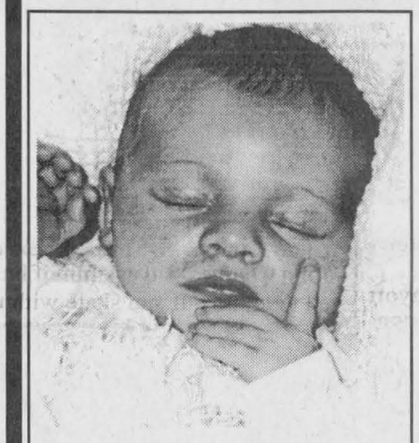
**March 1, 1998**
*Very proud parents Josee and Alain Belanger*



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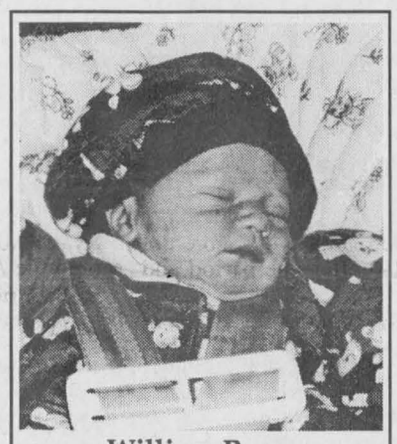
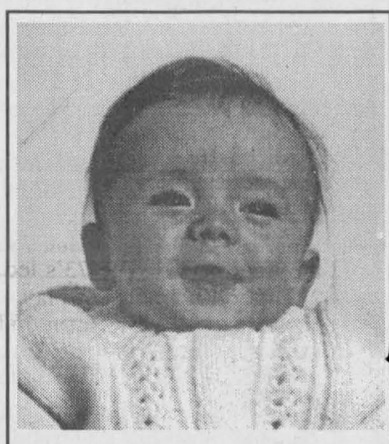
**July 8, 1998**
*Our little angel*



**Samuel Titley**
**August 7, 1998**
*Love Mom and Dad*



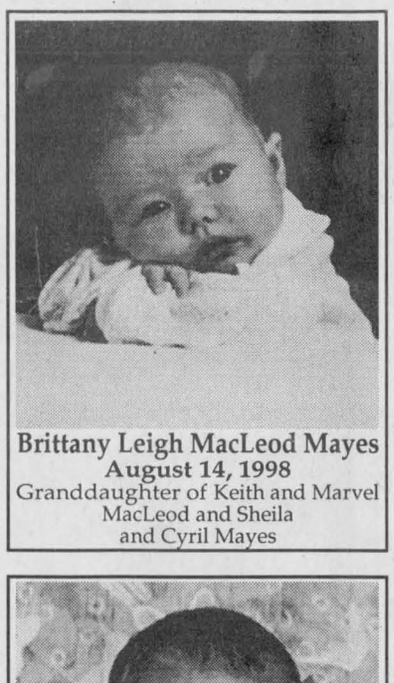
**William Ryan**
**November 22, 1998**
*Merry Christmas to our Grey Cup Baby*
Son of Maureen Morris and Jeff Manley



**Dylan Jarrett**
**June 16, 1998**
*Our Little Miracle*



**Nicolas Smeall**
**August 12, 1998**
*Apple Hill's future firefighter*
*Love Mommy and Daddy*



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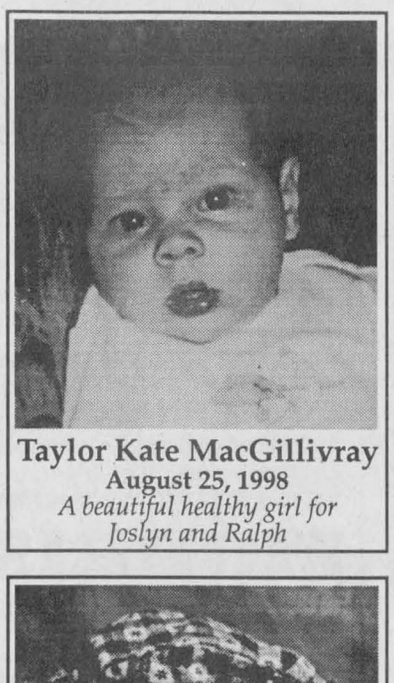
Granddaughter of Keith and Marvel MacLeod and Sheila and Cyril Mayes



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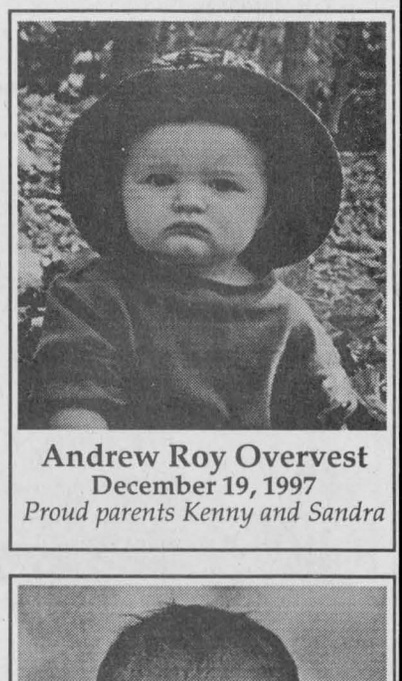
**August 25, 1998**
*A beautiful healthy girl for Joslyn and Ralph*



**Andrew Roy Overvest**
**December 19, 1997**
*Proud parents Kenny and Sandra*



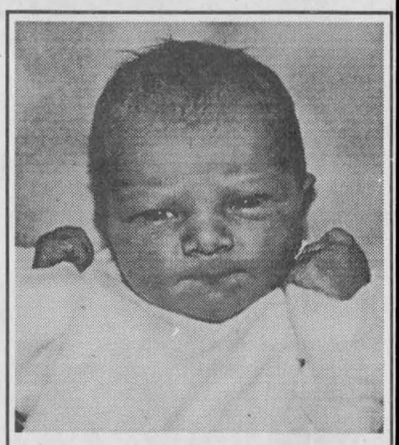
**Dylan Seguin**
**July 19, 1998**
**(Ron and Mary Seguin)**
*Proud grandparents are Lillian and Gary Derouchie and Maurice and Denise Seguin*



**Isabel Jennifer Gantenbein**
**August 8, 1998**
Daughter of Susi and Reto
*We have been truly blessed*



**Jesse Mario Poirier**
**February 7, 1998**
*A bundle of joy for Julie and Jamie*



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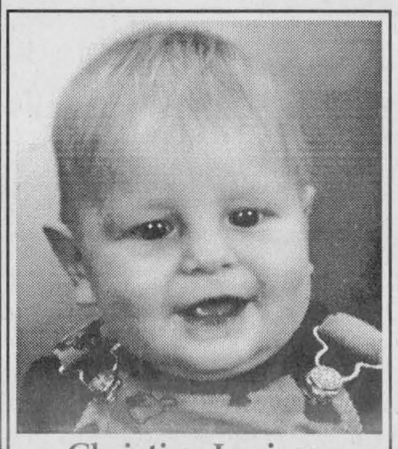
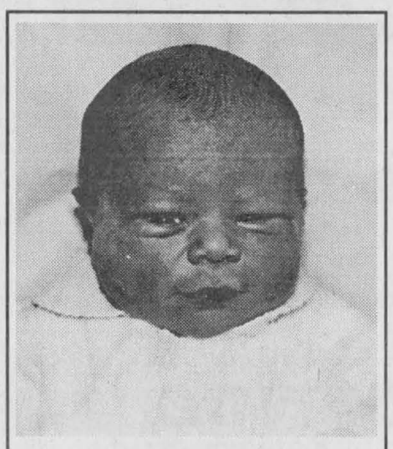
**October 13, 1998**
*A special gift*



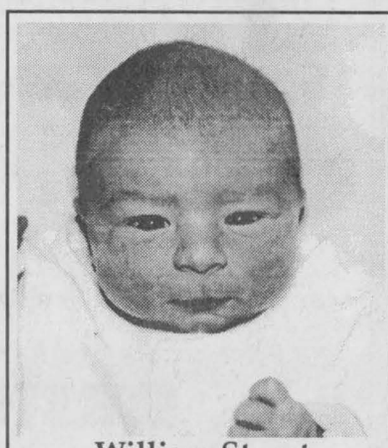
**Christian Lavigne**
**April 8, 1998**
*Love to Mom and Dad (Joel and Ginette) and my sister Stéphanie*



**Conor Daniel Morris**
**January 24, 1998**
*Merry Christmas Baby*
Son of Frank and Jan Morris
*Love Grandmother Gwen Morris*



**Mathieu Blais**
**October 24, 1998**
*Our little angel*



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**November 4, 1998**
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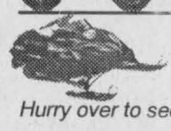
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# Char-Lan Jr. B Rebels back alone in third place

By J.L. Lefebvre
*News* editor

The Char-Lan Rebels won two of three games on the weekend of Dec. 18-20 to recapture second place in the St. Lawrence Division of the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League.

The Rebels won road games in Morrisburg on Dec. 18 and in Athens on Dec. 20, but dropped a 5-2 decision to the Kemptville 73's at the South Glengarry Recreation Centre in Williamstown on Dec. 19.

Heading into Sunday's action, the Rebels had a 12-13-3 record, good for 31 points and a four-point lead over the fourth-place Alexandria Glens.

The Glens have two games in hand on the Rebels as do the Akwesasne Wolves, who are in fifth place, five points behind Char-Lan.

**Lafave, McConnell handle Lions**

Former Brockville Braves defenceman Danny Lafave has added an offensive spark to the Rebels since joining the team a month ago.

Lafave scored twice last Friday night in Morrisburg to lead the Rebels to a 5-1 victory over the listless Lions.

Despite his relative newcomer status, Lafave already leads the Rebels in goals by a defenceman with four.

Ian McConnell produced a three-point night for the Rebels with one goal and two assists.

Rod Wilson and Luc Lapierre also scored for the winners while D.J. Zaluski and Chris Corput each had two assists.

A third-period goal by Shane Lambert was the only blemish on the performance by Rebels netminder Chris Davidson.

**Rebels fall to 73's**

Kemptville netminder Tim Craig was the star as the Kemptville 73's invaded the South Glengarry Rec Centre last Saturday night and claimed a 5-2 victory.

The 73's won the game despite being outshot 37-20 by the Rebels.

The game was a one-goal affair at 3-2 until Dave Ralph and Jason Pickard scored in the final 80 seconds of the third period to give the visitors some breathing room.

In fact, five of the game's seven goals were scored in the final period. The 73's led 1-0 after one period and 2-0 after 40 minutes of play.

Andrew McVey, Jason Valcour and Tyler Kerfoot were the other Kemptville marksmen.

The Rebels got goals from Jean Greggain and Chris Corput.

**Char-Lan rebounds in Athens**

The Rebels didn't get much time to recover from the loss to Kemptville as they were on the road for a game in Athens less than 24 hours later.


Ian McConnell scored three points in Friday's win over Morrisburg.

Char-Lan got back on the winning track as goals by Ian McConnell, Mike Rankin, D.J. Zaluski and Eric Fontaine allowed the Rebels to rebound from a 2-0 deficit and claim a 4-3 victory.

Ryan McFadden, Chris McCann and Bill Palmer scored the Athens goals.

**Rebels notes:** The Rebels have a nine-game layoff between the game in Athens and tomorrow night's contest against the Brockville Tikis. The Rebels kick off the 1999 portion of their schedule on Saturday night by hosting the Westport Rideaus... The Rebels have re-acquired winger **Tim Corput** from the Alexandria Glens. The Bainsville native will play for the Rebels during the Christmas break before returning to college in Toronto.

# From the Martinville shootout to the world jr. championships

By J.L. Lefebvre
*News* editor

Over the next week or so, millions of Canadian hockey fans will see Kent McDonell as one of the 22 young men proudly carrying the flag at the world junior championships in Manitoba.

Folks in the Williamstown area and in the Char-Lan hockey system will come to know McDonell that way too, but they also remember him as the rink rat with the big talent and the character to match.

They may not have foreseen McDonell performing on the world stage, but from an early age many local hockey experts and family friends saw something special in the big kid who lived just a couple of houses away from the arena in Williamstown.

"From an early age, no matter what team he played on, he always did everything a little better than the others," said longtime Char-Lan Jr. B Rebels executive John Chafee.

In addition to possessing all the skills, Chafee points out McDonell also had a passion for the game.

"Other kids may get the opportunity but they don't take advantage of it," said Chafee. "But when Kent got his chance, he took advantage of it. He works hard and he's a very determined individual."

Although he only played part of a season with the junior B club as an affiliated player, McDonell has always had close ties with the Rebels.

"I remember when he was a peewee, he would just hang around our practices to see if we would have enough players," said longtime Char-Lan Jr. B Rebels executive John Chafee. "I'd ask him if he wanted to come out and skate with us and he'd go home, get his equipment, get dressed and be on the ice within five minutes."

His father Bruce once recalled for the *News* just how much the local junior B club meant to his youngest son.

"If you wanted to punish him for something, all you'd have to tell him is that he couldn't go to the Rebels game," Bruce said at the time.

Kent must have been a good kid more often than not because he became a fixture at the Saturday night Rebels games. More often than not, his name would be drawn to take part in the Martinville Shootout where youngsters try to win a hockey stick by shooting a puck through a hole in a piece of plywood. Young McDonell took home more than his fair share of Martinville lumber over the years.

**McDonell leaves an impression**

Although he only played a handful of games for the Rebels during the 1994-95 season – his regular team was the Seaway Valley AA bantams and he appeared with the Rebels as an affiliated player – he made a lasting impression on the junior B brass.

"He's such a gifted player," said Steve Carter, who was an assistant coach for the Rebels at the time. "He was one of our better players when he played for us and he was only a bantam."

It takes Carter several moments to list all the qualities McDonell possesses as a hockey player.

"He's a great all-round player. He can score, he can skate and he's tough. He's got a great attitude and he's a real character kid," said Carter. "He reminds me a lot of (Detroit Red Wings star Brendan) Shanahan. I think it's only a matter of time before we see him in an NHL jersey."

Carter thinks McDonell's playing style will make him a strong asset for the Canadian juniors.

"You can't have all Gretzkys on your team," he said.

"You need guys like Shanahan, or like Kent, to go in the corners and do some banging."

Randy Larocque was the Rebels' GM in 1994-95 and he knows the McDonell family well, having coached Kent's brothers Marty, Kirk and Shane.

"I'm not sure if it was in novice or in a tom that I first saw him, but Kent was always the best player on the ice," said Larocque. "Even though he was the best player, he was still a team player. He used everyone else on the team and he never looked to keep the limelight to himself."

Larocque says it was obvious McDonell would excel as he progressed up the hockey ladder.

"Kent was always a kid who wanted to play. He's got suc good drive. He's the perfect hockey athlete because of that desire. All the great players have that quality."

The leading authority on Kent McDonell the hockey player is Bruce McDonell, who was Kent's coach for seven years. He admits he wasn't completely aware of how far Kent would advance in his hockey career.

"From the days he played novice, I always knew he had the ability to go up another level," said Bruce. "By the time he was in major bantam, we knew he could go to junior B and then to tier II and then to major junior.

"But it never, ever crossed my mind that some day he would play for Canada," said the elder McDonell, emotion creeping into his voice. "That's pretty special."

McDonell says he finds it difficult to put into words the feelings he has experienced since getting word his son would be wearing the Canadian jersey.

"I think it really hit home when I saw him standing with the group when they were taking a team photo. That certainly was special."

It's the second big hockey happening for McDonell in 1998.

In the spring, he had an excellent tournament as the Storm took part in the Memorial Cup championships in Spokane, Wash.

That performance and now his presence on the national team could boost his pro aspirations.

"This should open Carolina's eyes a bit," said Chafee of the team that owns his NHL rights but has yet to sign the Guelph star.

"Every goal he scores (at the world championships) should mean a few more dollars for his contract."

# The sports year in review - Part I

## A look back at the first three months in sports

# 1998

We start our retrospective on the 1998 sports year in Glengarry County this week by highlighting the first three months.

The rest of the year will be covered in future issues.

### January

•The Alexandria Glens and the Char-Lan Rebels resume the junior B season after a two-week layoff forced by the devastating ice storm that hit Eastern Ontario.

Meanwhile, five members of each team are named to the St. Lawrence squad for the Junior B All-star game in Athens.

Nicolas Besner, Yves Ruest, Kurt MacSweyn, Marc Menard and Sebastien Laplante are named to represent the Glens while Tommy Payment, Jean-Sebastien Larocque, Doug Ferguson, Jonah Leroux and Eric Fontaine are the Rebels' all-stars.

The Glens are also to be represented by coaches Marc Sauve and Roch Lajoie, general manager Guy Quesnel and trainer Michel Gauthier. Marc Angrignon becomes the Glens' sixth all-star skater when the defenceman is called to replace an injured player who shows up to play anyway.

Besner, Fontaine and Leroux score to lead the St. Lawrence Division stars to a 6-4 win over the best of the Rideau Division.

•The Char-Lan peewee travelling hockey team captures a third consecutive tournament championship by winning an event in Ernestown.

Char-Lan wins five consecutive games and outscores opponents 20-2 along the way.

The Rebels had previously won tournaments in Williamstown and in Alexandria.

### February

Lori Dupuis of the Williamstown area joins a select group of Glengarry Olympians when she plays for the Canadian women's hockey team in Nagano.

Canada reaches the gold medal game but settles for silver after losing to the United States.

•The Alexandria Glens finish the junior B season as the first place team in the St. Lawrence Division.

The Rebels grab second place.

The local teams also fare well in the post-season awards department.

Doug "Bubba" Ferguson of the Rebels is named MVP of the St. Lawrence Division and also wins the best defenceman award.

Forward Kurt MacSweyn of the Glens is tabbed as the league's best rookie.

•Joan Ryan's Alexandria Curling Club rink, which also includes third Peggy Lafave, second Denise Laperle and lead Helen Macleod, wins the consolation trophy at the Ottawa Ladies' Crystal Pebble bonspiel.

•The Char-Lan junior girls' volleyball team continued a tradition by claiming the United Counties high school title.

The Crusaders sweep the Tagwi Warriors three games to none to win their ninth straight SDG "A" division title.

•The Glengarry juniors also win SDG gold, winning the "AA" crown by defeating General Vanier in the final.

•For the second year in a row, Lochiel powerlifter Gerald Theoret wins his weight class at the Ontario senior championships.

### March

•The Alexandria Glens eliminate the Kemptville 73's in a thrilling first round series that goes the seven-game limit and features four overtime games.

The 73's win twice in double OT while Steven Van den Oetelaar give the Glens a triple-overtime win in Game Five.

The Glens also had to overcome a 2-0 third-period deficit to win Game Seven 4-3.

•Meanwhile, the Rebels rally from a 3-0 deficit in Game Six to beat Winchester 4-3 and eliminate the Hawks four games to two.

•The first round results set up the Battle of Glengarry in Round Two as the Glens face the Rebels for the second consecutive season.

The Glens defeat the Rebels four games to two to win their first St. Lawrence Division playoff championship since 1991.

Alexandria then takes a 2-0 series lead in the Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference championship against the Westport Rideaus but the fatigued Glens then lose four in a row to drop the series four games to two.

•The Alexandria bantams and midgets win regular season championships in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League.

The midget Glens, coached by Norm Jeaurond, would later add the playoff crown to their collection.

•The Char-Lan Crusaders win the Jim Hill Memorial Trophy for the fourth consecutive year when they defeat the Glengarry Gaels 8-5 in the two-game total goal series between the county's two secondary schools.

•Char-Lan locks up the crown with three goals in a 78-second span in the third period of Game Two. Jonah Leroux scores twice, including the series-winner.

•The Alexandria team of skip Sue Derby, Bonnie MacLeod Mayes, Katie MacLeod, Carol MacLeod and Bobbi Jo Macleod wins the McCallum-Filly curling event in Hudson, Que.

•Former Alexandria minor hockey player and junior B Glen Karl Hehn is a member of the Trenton Sting team that wins the Provincial Junior A Eastern Conference championship.

Hehn scores the game-winning goal in the clinching game.


Simon Menard and the Alexandria Glens were St. Lawrence Division playoff champions in 1998.

•Maxville's Glengarry Curling Club continues its dominance of the Glengarry Cup of curling by edging the Alexandria club 92 points to 89 for the 1998 title.

Lancaster finishes third in the tri-club competition with 73 points.

The championship gives Maxville four Glengarry Cup championships in five years and nine in the event's 14-year history.

•The Akwesasne Wolves are admitted as the sixth team in junior B's St. Lawrence Division.


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## Hockey

**Junior B**
**(thru Dec. 13)**
**St. Lawrence Division**

| | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Winchester | 15 | 6 | 6 | 127 | 100 | 38 |
| Kemptville | 16 | 9 | 2 | 145 | 116 | 36 |
| **Char-Lan** | **12** | **13** | **3** | **104** | **99** | **31** |
| **Alexandria** | **12** | **12** | **2** | **103** | **108** | **27** |
| Akwesasne | 10 | 13 | 3 | 114 | 134 | 26 |
| Morrisburg | 4 | 20 | 3 | 108 | 167 | 12 |

**Rideau Division**

| | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Westport | 18 | 8 | 2 | 128 | 84 | 41 |
| Gananoque | 14 | 11 | 4 | 113 | 105 | 35 |
| So. Grenville | 11 | 13 | 3 | 113 | 126 | 28 |
| Athens | 12 | 16 | 0 | 119 | 132 | 26 |
| Brockville | 11 | 14 | 2 | 103 | 108 | 24 |

NB – Teams receive one point for overtime loss and winning shootout after a tie game.

**Results**
**Dec. 16**
Morrisburg 4 Akwesasne 6
**Dec. 18**
Akwesasne 3 **Alexandria** 2
**Char-Lan** 5 Morrisburg 1
Winchester 4 Kemptville 2
**Dec. 19**
Kemptville 5 **Char-Lan** 2
**Alexandria** 2 Winchester 5
**Dec. 20**
**Char-Lan** 4 Athens 3
Morrisburg 3 Westport 7
Winchester 2 Gananoque 4
Kemptville 3 South Grenville 5

**Top scorers**
**(thru Dec. 17)**
**St. Lawrence Division**

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Nichol, Win | 27 | 21 | 48 |
| Andrew McVey, Kempt | 18 | 28 | 46 |
| Josh Dixon, Kempt | 15 | 25 | 40 |
| Mike Hartmann, Kempt | 14 | 26 | 40 |
| Stef Champagne, Mor | 14 | 25 | 39 |
| Jason Pickard, Kempt | 5 | 33 | 38 |
| **Jean Desrochers, Alex** | **16** | **21** | **37** |
| Kelly Winsor, Kempt | 18 | 18 | 36 |
| **Jean Greggain, C-L** | **16** | **20** | **36** |
| Serge Bellavance, Win | 12 | 22 | 34 |

**Rideau Division**

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bill Plamer, Ath | 27 | 31 | 58 |
| Adrian Haird, Gan | 23 | 28 | 51 |
| Robert Coon, West | 12 | 38 | 50 |
| Chris McCann, Ath | 20 | 28 | 48 |
| Steve Sled, West | 14 | 22 | 36 |
| Peter Amo, Gan | 15 | 20 | 35 |

**Team scoring (unofficial)**
**Char-Lan Rebels**

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9-Jean Greggain | 17 | 21 | 38 |
| 18-Eric Fontaine | 18 | 16 | 34 |
| 12-D.J. Zaluski | 5 | 17 | 22 |
| 21-Chris Corpu[illegible] | 5 | 15 | 20 |
| 17-Ian McCon[illegible]nell | 13 | 6 | 19 |
| 14-Nick Dubé | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| 7-Alain Lapi[illegible]erre | 2 | 12 | 14 |
| 15-Stephen [illegible] Alguire | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| 5-Rodney J[illegible] Besner | 1 | 11 | 12 |
| 11-Mike Rankin | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| 16-Chris Malyon | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 20-Graham Charbonneau | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 19-Doug Fergsuon | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 24-Luc Lapierre | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 4-Dan Lafave | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| 6-Patrick Smith | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 25-Rod Wilson | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 22-Joey Sullivan | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 10-Kerry MacDonald | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| 23-Stephane Mainville | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| -Stephane St. Denis | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| -Kevin O'Farrell | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1-Chris Davidson | 0 | 1 | 1 |

**Team scoring (unofficial)**
**Alexandria Glens**

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5-Jean Desrochers | 17 | 23 | 40 |
| 24-Ghislain Valade | 13 | 22 | 35 |
| 27-Tomi Hafner | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| 14-Eric Leroux | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| 15-Tim Van Overbeek | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| 17-Stephane Boisvenue | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| 28-Luc Lanthier | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| 9-Dominic Decoeur | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| 20-Cameron Lajoie | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| 16-Michel Quesnel | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| 19-Joel Quesnel | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 26-Jean Theoret | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| 2-Simon Menard | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| 8-Steven St. Denis | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 6-Philip Blanchard | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| 25-Scott Nielsen | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 4-Jean-Gerard Beriault | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 22-Ryan Nielsen | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| -Pierre Chaumont | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| -Leo Bedard | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| -Pascal Decoeur | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| -Chancey Lajoie | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| -Jason Poirier | 1 | 0 | 1 |

## Indoor soccer

**Glengarry league**
**Women's division**

| | W | L | T | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shepherd Sports | 8 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Northerners | 5 | 2 | 1 | 11 |
| Atlantic Hotel | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| Springers | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| Flyers | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| Pic's Sports | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4 |
| Char-Lan | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 |

**Men's division**

| | W | L | T | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Champions Roadhouse | 8 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| Atlantic Hotel Storm | 7 | 2 | 0 | 14 |
| Atlantic Hotel Express | 6 | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| Fassifern Flames | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| Alexandria Drillers | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Glen Nevis | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 |

**Top goalscorers**
**Women's division**

| | |
|---|---|
| Melissa MacDonald, Shepherd's | 24 |
| Vanessa Van Sleeuwen, Shepherd's | 19 |
| Christine Villeneuve, Northerners | 10 |
| Lee Tuppert, Shepherd's | 7 |
| Melissa McIntosh, Shepherd's | 6 |
| Hannah Papps, Flyers | 5 |
| Sadie St. Denis, Pic's | 4 |
| Diane McDougall, Atlantic | 4 |
| Lori MacMaster, Northerners | 4 |

**Men's division**

| | |
|---|---|
| Brian Cameron, Storm | 23 |
| Ed McCorkell, Express | 14 |
| Dean MacGillivray, Storm | 13 |
| Allan Campbell, Storm | 10 |
| Norm Derepentigny, Flames | 9 |
| Glen Campbell, Express | 9 |

**Char-Lan league**

| | W | L | T | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Glengarry Stars | 7 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Cornwall United | 6 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| Glen Nevis | 4 | 2 | 1 | 13 |
| Rudi Payer Sport | 4 | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| Stidwill Surveying | 3 | 3 | 1 | 10 |
| Williamstown | 2 | 5 | 0 | 6 |
| Hellfish | 1 | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| Wee Ceilidh | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |

**Top goalscorers**

| | |
|---|---|
| Gab Gratton, Cornwall | 10 |
| Tim McCuaig, Stars | 10 |
| Willie Larkin, Rudi's | 10 |
| Dan Menard, Cornwall | 8 |
| Kirk MacMillan, Stars | 7 |
| Kieran Kennedy, Cornwall | 6 |
| Benjamin Pye, Rudi's | 6 |
| Joey Van Loon, Rudi's | 5 |

## OHL Watch

Track the results of the area's Ontario Hockey League players.

**Jonah Leroux**
**Oshawa Generals**
**Williamstown**

•The Generals picked up a win and a tie on the weekend of Dec. 18-20. Oshawa beat Belleville 5-3 and skated to a 2-2 draw with Owen Sound. Leroux did not figure in any of the Generals' scoring.

| | GP | G | A | Pts | PIM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stats | 30 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 17 |

**Kurt MacSweyn**
**Brampton Battalion**
**Pine Grove**

•MacSweyn scored goals in three consecutive games for the Battalion two weekends ago to boost his season total to nine. Brampton lost all three games however, including a 4-3 defeat against the highly-rated Ottawa 67's and an 8-6 setback to North Bay in a game the Battalion led 6-2 in the third period.

| | GP | G | A | Pts | PIM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stats | 33 | 9 | 8 | 17 | 7 |

**Kent McDonell**
**Guelph Storm**
**Williamstown**

•McDonell's OHL stats are in a holding pattern as he represents Canada at the world junior championships in Manitoba.

| | GP | G | A | Pts | PIM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stats | 31 | 19 | 19 | 38 | 78 |

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# Bears snap Cornwall Colts streak

The Smiths Falls Bears ended the Cornwall Colts' 10-game Central Junior Hockey League unbeaten streak with back-to-back wins in a home-and-home series on Dec. 17 and 18.

The streak ended when the Bears edged the Colts 3-2 at the Ed Lumley Arena in Cornwall on Dec. 17.

Smiths Falls took a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Andrew McKay and Trevor Edwards.

Nick Brunet got the Colts to within a goal when he scored with 56 seconds left in the opening frame. Brent Lauzon drew the only assist on Brunet's goal.

The score remained 2-1 through the middle frame and until the fifth minute of the third period as Ryan Poll scored what would prove to be the game-winning goal for the Bears.

Cornwall's Adam Blais closed out the scoring with 7:27 to play in the game.

The Colts lost despite outshooting the Bears 33-24. Smiths Falls netminder Dwight Cormier made 31 stops to earn the game's first star.

Smiths Falls completed a sweep of the home-and-home series with a 3-0 win on home ice on Dec. 18.

Cormier was the story of the game again as he made 40 saves.

Meanwhile, the Bears scored a power play goal in each period.

Ashton Spencer, Yves Potvin and Quinton Taylor were the marksmen as the Bears avenged an earlier loss to the Colts, Smiths Falls' only home ice setback of the year.

Alexandria resident Steven Van den Oetelaar picked up an assist for Smiths Falls.

Colts get back on winning track

Cornwall tried to start a new winning streak on home ice Dec. 20 as the Colts outgunned the Kanata Valley Lasers 9-6.

Tough guy Alain Quenneville assumed a sniper's role for the Colts as he scored four goals.

Derek Wagar, Brent Lauzon, Joel Bergeron, Jeff Legue and Nick Brunet each scored one goal for Cornwall.

Adam Blais and Andreas Haenni each set up three goals.

The Lasers got two goals from Lucas Lawson and single markers from Kyle Shaen, Joel Daniel, Marc Lefebvre and Sean Staal.

The Colts outshot the Lasers 51-37. Cornwall fired 20 shots at Kanata goalie Sebastien Matte in each of the first two periods.

The game was a rugged affair that featured four fights and 228 minutes in penalties, including 122 to the Lasers.




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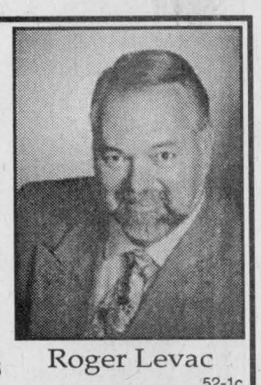

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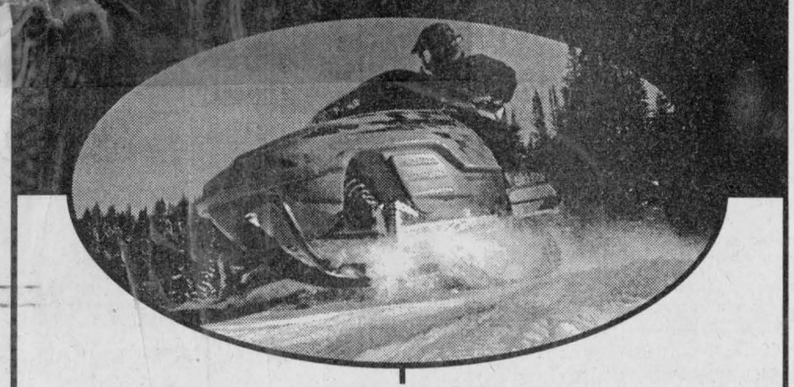

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|---|---|
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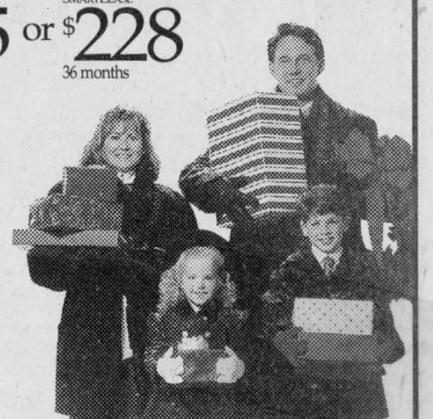

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| | |
|---|---|
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| GAS TAX | NOT APPLICABLE |
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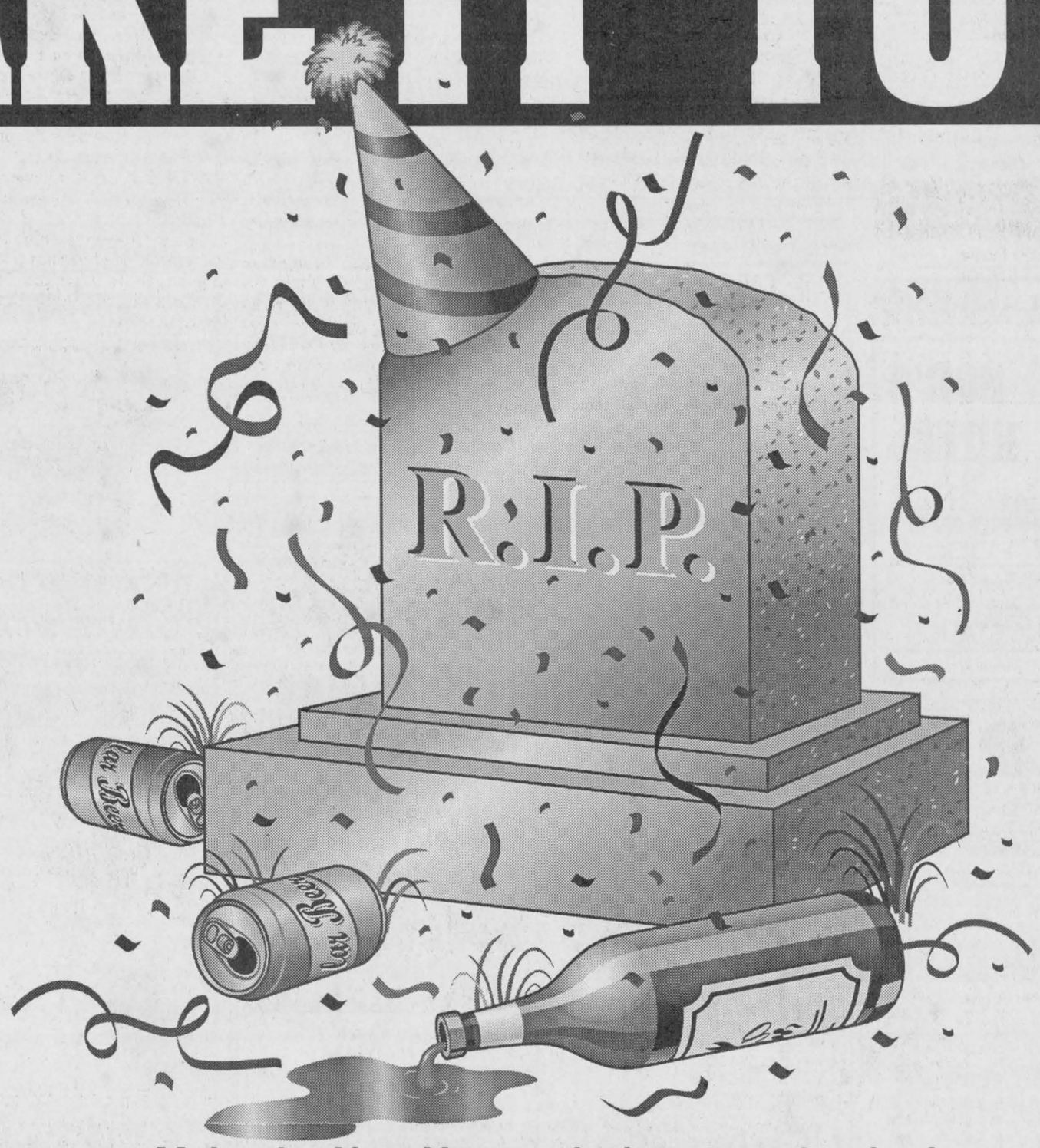


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MELOCHE, Florimond – The family of Florimond, who passed away Dec. 5 at age 85, would like to thank relatives and friends who attended the funeral home in St. Eugene and the funeral on Dec. 8 at St. Paul Church.
– Marcel, Fleurette, Rolland, Mariette, Noel, Andre, Lise, Diane and Marie. 52-1p

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## Deaths

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BORRIS, FLORENCE - Peacefully at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital, Alexandria on Friday, December 18, 1998. Aged 84 yrs. Florence (nee O'Connor) of Alexandria formerly of Glen Robertson and Dalkeith beloved wife of the late Clarence Borris. Dear mother of Rita (Paul Goupils), Morrisburg, Yvon (Nicole Mickel), Terrebonne, Claudette (Bob Cole), Ottawa, Andre (Denise Quesnel), Alexandria, Gerard (Mae Robinson), Embrun and Claude (Johanne Ferguson) Cote-du-Lac. Will be sadly missed by 14 grandchildren and dear sister of Joyce Dugus, Ottawa, Andrew O'Connor, Vancouver, Theresa Lea, Southgate New Zealand, Charmaine Mulikow, Kingston, Simonne Lacroix, Kingston and Joe O'Connor, Toronto. Daughter of the late Salome Quenneville and the late Stephen O'Connor. Relatives and friends called at Munro & Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street South, Alexandria. Mass of Christian burial was held at Eglise Sacre-Coeur, Alexandria on Monday, December 21 at 11:30 a.m. Interment parish cemetery. If so desired donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. 52-1c

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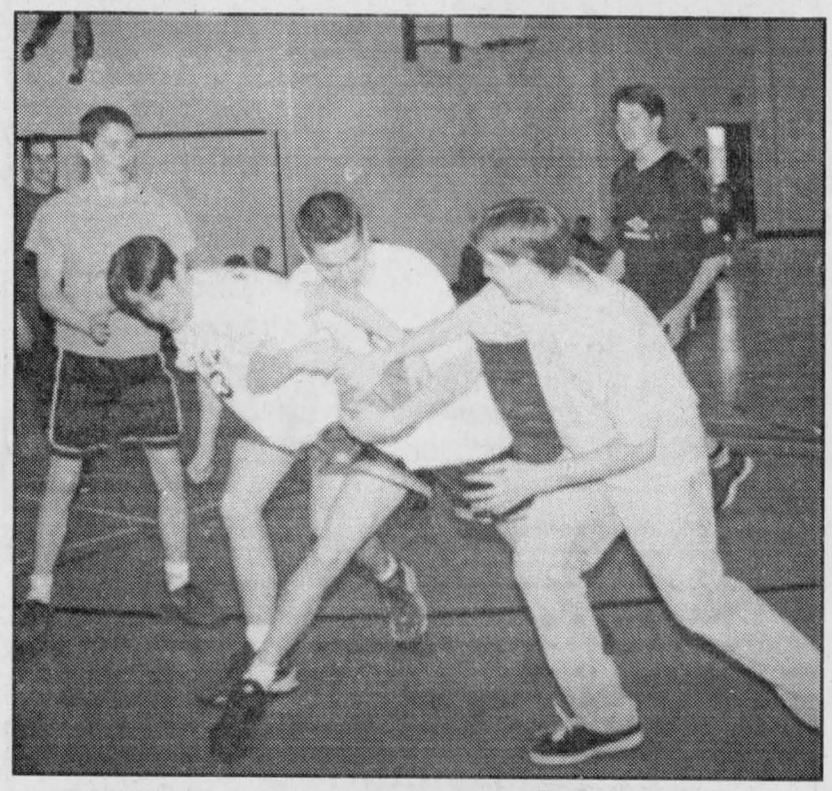

*Dribbling for Heart and Stroke*

Tagwi students participated in a three-on-three basketball tournament on Dec. 17 to raise funds for the Heat and Stroke Foundation.
Staff photo – Sandra Berry

# Glens cool off against Wolves and the Hawks

By J.L. Lefebvre
*News* editor

After a surge that saw the team climb up to third place, the Alexandria Glens are now back in a serious battle to hold on to fourth place and the final playoff position in the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League's St. Lawrence Division.

The Glens had a chance to throw a little dirt on a shallow grave the fifth-place Akwesasne Wolves were occupying on Dec. 18 at the Billy Gebbie Arena in Alexandria, but the visitors from Cornwall Island claimed a 3-2 victory.

Before the weekend was over the expansion Wolves had climbed to within a single point of the Glens for fourth place, setting up an interesting battle for the final two playoff spots in the St. Lawrence - third-place Char-Lan is only four points ahead of the Glens with Alexandria and Akwesasne each holding a pair of games in hand on the Rebels - for the remaining six weeks of the junior B season.

**Ratelle rings up Glens**

It was a historic night for the fledgling Wolves franchise on Dec. 18 as Akwesasne recorded its first ever victory over Alexandria. The Glens had won the first three games of the year against the Wolves.

The victory could not have come at a more timely moment for the Wolves, who are developing into one of the league's most dangerous attacks.

Ryan Ratelle, recently recovered from a shoulder injury, is a large part of the Akwesasne offence.

The former Pembroke Jr. A Lumber Kings skater scored once and assisted on another goal to lead the Wolves to victory.

Patrick Sweeney, a recent addition from the Cornwall Colts who has also added to the Akwesasne offence, scored once as did B.J. Pelkey.

Scott Nielsen scored his first goal of the season for the Glens while Jason Poirier scored in his first game with Alexandria this season.

Poirier is a Glens veteran who is playing college hockey in New York State this season and will skate for the Glens while home for the Christmas break.

**Glens can't ground the Hawks**

The Glens' weekend was a complete washout as Alexandria was a 5-2 loser to the Winchester Hawks at the Winchester Community Centre on Dec. 19.

The game was tied 2-2 until the Hawks erupted for three unanswered goals in the third period.

Winchester broke the game open as Ryan Nichol, Eric Nadeau and Jeff Leonard scored goals in a seven-minute stretch.

Rob Raistrick and Dave Summers were the other Winchester goalscorers. Nadeau and Shane Stroughair each picked up a pair of assists.

The win gives the Hawks a two-point lead over the Kemptville 73's in the St. Lawrence.

The Glens replied with single goals by Jean Desrochers and Dominic Decoeur.

**Glens notes:** The Glens were in action on Sunday afternoon as they hosted the Westport Rideaus in a rematch of last year's Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference championship series... The Glens will play a rare Saturday night home game to open up the 1999 half of the schedule. The Athens Aeros will be the visitors at the Glengarry Sports Palace. The Glens will be in Cardinal on Sunday afternoon to take on the South Grenville Rangers.

# Alexandria defends Challenge Trophy

Gerry Deguire skipped the "A" class winning team at the Turkey Bonspiel event at the Alexandria Curling Club earlier this month.

Deguire's rinkmates were third Ian Fraser, second Colleen Poirier and lead Barb Graham.

The "A" division runners-up were the foursome of skip Bob Govan, third Kirsty MacLeod, second Sherry MacDonell and lead Michel Sabourin.

Dan Peerenboom was the skip of the "B" championship team, which also included third Joan Ryan, second Bruce Kennedy and lead Mary MacLeod.

Skip David Fraser, third Gilles Hurtubise, second Marvel MacLeod and lead Maurice O'Connor were the members of the "B" class runner-up team.

The cream of the "C" class crop was Colin Osborne's rink. Third Charlene Ryan, second Bob Zuban and lead Stan Mann rounded out the foursome.

Scott MacPherson skipped the "C" runners-up, which featured Denise Laperle as vice-skip, David Graham as second and Todd MacDonald as the lead.

Finally, in the "D" class, the winning rink included skip Dougal MacGillivray, third Helen MacGillivray, second Bob Pearson and lead Roy MacDonald while the runner-up team consisted of skip Myles MacMillan, third Donald Norman MacLeod, second Neil McCormick and lead Joan MacMillan.

An interesting sidelight to the tournament is that "D" class champion skip Dougal MacGillivray, 80, was part of a winning team as was daughter Mary MacLeod (lead for the "B" champions) and grand-daughter Kirsty MacLeod (third on the "A" class runner-up rink).

**Noseworthy noses out rivals**

The foursome skipped by Marie-Laure Noseworthy captured the Kaufmann Trophy for supremacy in the senior mixed draw.

Noseworthy's team also included Kent MacSweyn as the third, Bob Pearson as the second and Joanne Brown as the lead.

**Alexandria to defend**

Alexandria will start off the New Year by defending the Quebec Challenge Cup on home ice.

Alexandria will take on the RCMP Curling Club from Ottawa on Saturday, Jan. 2. The match begins at 1 p.m.

A roast beef supper will follow the game.

Call Jim Poulton (347-2564) or Dunc Macdonell (525-3117) for more information.

# Adrian Eykens double up on goals

Adrian Eykens accomplished things in pairs for the McCuaig Plumbing atoms of the Char-Lan Minor Hockey Association house league earlier in the month.

Eykens twice scored two goals to lead his team to victories at the South Glengarry Recreation Centre in Williamstown.

On one occasion, Eykens' two goals were the difference as McCuaig doubled Longevity Acrylics 4-2.

Mandy Rose and Ian McIntosh rounded out the scoring for the winners.

Tyler MacDougall and Brennan Poirier scored for Longevity.

Eykens had two more goals in McCuaig's 4-3 edging of Ray Jans Construction.

Nicholas Marion also notched a pair of goals for McCuaig.

Jans replied with two goals by Kevin Jans and a single marker by Nicole Jones.

Eykens was held off the scoresheet in McCuaig Plumbing's other game, a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Alfann Farms.

David Belanger dented the twine twice for Alfann while Jean-Francois Glaude chipped in with a single marker.

Samuel Bosse scored the only McCuaig goal.

Jean-Francois Glaude scored a natural hat trick to pace Alfann Farms to a 5-2 victory over Ray Jans Construction.

Jamie Vogel and Crystal Jalbert also scored for Alfann.

Nicole Jones and Tyson Girling accounted for the Jans offence.

Jans Construction picked up a victory by downing Longevity Acrylics 7-2.

Nicole Jones led the way with three tallies while Adam Tessier scored a pair of goals, including a shorthanded marker.

Luc St. Pierre and Joshua Gibeault also scored for the winning side.

The Longevity scorers were Brennan Poirier and Tyler MacDougall.

**Novice division**

Cam White led the way again as M.S. mechanical recorded a win in novice division play.

White scored a hat trick to lead M.S. to a 6-1 victory over Denis Rose Jr. Trucking.

The other M.S. scorers were Tyler Martel with two goals and Dan Bougie with a single.

Steve Rose connected for Rose Trucking.

**Peewee division**

Cornwall Aviation used a balanced attack to register a pair of peewee division victories earlier this month.

Three different players - Shawn McDonald, Jonathan Buckle and Matthew Hlusko - scored as Aviation defeated Malyon Excavation 3-1.

Dave Lapierre was responsible for Malyon's only goal.

Aviation also posted a 5-2 triumph over the South Stormont Wolfpack and again the scoring was evenly distributed.

Shawn McDonald, Denis Allaire, Jonathan Buckle, Stefano Zoppas and Matthew Hlusko each scored once.

Raisin River Marina also recorded a couple of wins in the peewee division earlier in December.

The Marina got two goals from Oakley McCoy in a 5-3 victory over Malyon Excavation.

Steve Lucas, Dan Gaucher and David Jans supplemented McCoy's deuce with single markers.

Malyon replied with two goals by Dave Lapierre and one by Chris Smith.

Meanwhile, Lachlan MacDonald, Chad Ladouceur and Oakley McCoy had goals to lead the Marina to 3-2 shading of Munro Agromart.

Shawn Sommers and Craig Loney were the Munro goalscorers.

Munro did record a win, a 2-1 decision over the Balls of Fire from South Stormont.

The Agromart goals came from the sticks of Shawn Sommers and Chris Gauthier.

**Bantam-midget division**

Richard Marketing used three pairs to hang a 6-0 win against Poirier Bus Lines in a bantam-midget division contest.

Marc Pilon, Chris Houle and Sylvain Pilon each scored twice for the winners.

Pat St. Pierre Garage collected three out of a possible four points in games against Poirier and Richard Marketing.

Nick Quenneville netted a pair of goals to lead St. Pierre Garage past Poirier 4-3.

Shawn St. Pierre and Dominic Poirier also scored for the winning side.

Julien Sarda, Philip Hirschman and Mathieu Sarda replied for Poirier.

Corey Robidoux of St. Pierre Garage and Mathieu Proulx of Richard Marketing exchanged goals as those two clubs battled to a 1-1 draw.

# McKay leads novice Rebs to 5-1 victory over Lions

Andrew McKay fired a pair of goal s to lift the Char-Lan novice travelling team to a 5-1 victory over the Morrisburg Lions in an Upper Canada Minor Hockey League game on Dec. 18.

Shawn Ladouceur, Dylan Munro and Noah Desjardins added single markers for the Rebels.

On Dec. 13, John Lang and Stephen Grant shared the shutout as the Rebels blanked the Alexandria Glens 3-0.

Michael Robertson, Jordan Sanchez and Noah Desjardins each contributed a goal to the Char-Lan attack.

The Rebels suffered a 3-1 loss at the hands of the South Stormont Selects on Dec. 11.

Jordan Sanchez set up Michael Robertson for the Rebels goal.

# Storm's Quenneville shuts out Hawkesbury

The Atlantic Storm peewees shut out Hawkesbury II in a Nation house league hockey game on Dec. 20 in Hawkesbury.

Joshua Quenneville recorded the shutout for the Alexandria District Minor Hockey Association team while Storm captain Matthew Lalonde scored both goals in the third period to break a scoreless deadlock.

Corey Major, Jeff MacMillan and Jason Quesnel picked up assists for the Atlantic.

The Storm competed in a tournament in Carleton Place on Dec. 19 and reached the semifinal round before being eliminated.

Kemptville needed overtime to beat the Atlantic 2-1.

Jason Quesnel accounted for the only Alexandria goal.

The Storm had avanced to the second round with a 5-4 overtime victory over a team from Kingston in the opening round.

Mike Depratto netted a pair of goals for the Storm while Cameron Nixon had one goal and one assist.

Mary-Jane O'Shea and Matthew Lalonde rounded out the Alexandria attack.

Pierre-Luc Marleau set up Lalonde for the game-winner in extra time.

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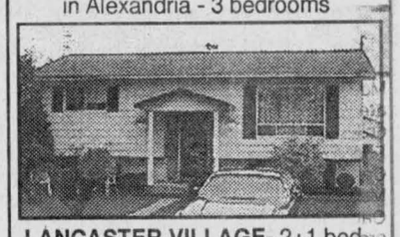

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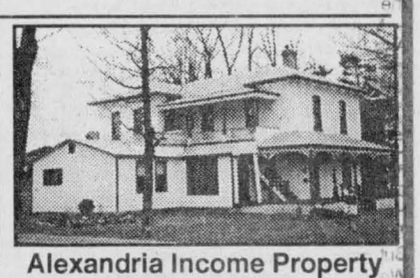

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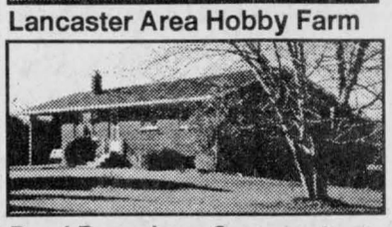

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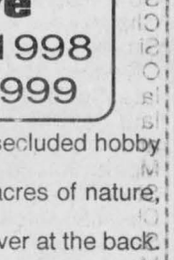

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# Colemans forge family tradition on ice

## MAXVILLE



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This is a very special hockey story concerning the three Coleman brothers – Peter, Scott and Chris, sons of Jeannie and Ivan.

They have set a record, as far as can be determined as the only three brothers playing junior hockey on the same team in the area. They are playing Jr. C hockey for the Embrun-Russell River Rats in Embrun.

Peter (20) and Chris (16) play defence while Scott (18) is a forward who is also used as a utility defenceman. Chris is a Grade 11 student at Tagwi high school, Scott is in a plumbing apprenticeship program and Peter is taking nursing at St. Lawrence College, Cornwall Campus. He also works part time at Maxville Manor as well as pursuing a career in hockey refereeing.

Some day, Peter may be an NHL referee with his nursing career on hold. Last year he became the youngest referee in Ontario to receive his Level IV refereeing certificate. He is presently a linesman at the Jr. A (Cornwall Colts) and Jr. B levels and teaches at instructional clinics for referees in Eastern Ontario.

Last year, he was an official at the Air Canada Cup and again this year, he was invited to a be a linesman for the Ottawa Senators training camp.

Hockey has been in the veins of the Colemans for generations. The boys' late grandfather, Lawrence "Collie" and Howard "Star" Coleman were members of the Maxville Millionaires.

Their father, Ivan, has served as a coach for young teams and their mother, Jeannie, has the reputation for being the most supportive and vocal parent at any of the boys' games.

We wish these three Coleman brothers well as their hockey careers evolve and at the same time give credit to their parents for their dedication.

It doesn't seem right to leave out the name of their grandmother Coleman. She is Edythe, who lives in the Coleman family home, and I am certain she has had a role to play as the boys became more involved in hockey.

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The staff at Maxville Manor held its annual Christmas party at the Glengarry Curling Club on Dec. 12.

Besides the excellent meal and the social time, the recognition of long-time service was a highlight of the evening.

Executive director Craig Munro made presentations to department heads Phyllis Burtenshaw, Bernadine "Dina" Murray MacDonald and Sally Bennett for 10 years of service. While Stephanie Hill-Nicholls has also been at the Manor for 10 years, she is now an employee of the firm responsible for dietary services:

The department heads, in turn, made presentations to members of their staff. Other 10-year employees were Rita Sabourin, Jana Michaud, Nancy Lefebvre and Donna Leroux.

Donald Sabourin, Jean Villeneuve, Lillian Ryner and Diane Cuillerier have given faithful service for 20 years.

Reaching the 25-year mark were Diana Lascelle, June Nixon, Sharon Presley, Pat (Walker) Levesque and Lorraine Tracy.

There are some announcements from Julie Larin for her S.O.S. programs. The Foot Care Clinic is scheduled for Jan. 4. The Diners' Club will meet on Jan. 14 at 12:30 p.m. with the guest speaker being Carol Hall, who will speak on estate planning and related topics. Julie (527-2170, ext. 237) requires reservations by Jan. 11.)

Aerobics for seniors resumes again on Jan. 4 at the Sports' Complex from 11 a.m. to noon. New registrations are to be made with Julie. Tai Chi classes start again on Jan. 5 at 3:30 p.m. and Julie will take registrations. The Men's Coffee Club will meet again on Jan. 6 and the Veterans Club on Jan. 11.

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Changes are happening at the warehouse that used to belong to the grocery store. It has been purchased as a part of the Home Hardware enterprise and will be used as a warehouse, as plans stand now.

The original building was destroyed by fire April 25, 1935. It even served as the grocery store after Bert McDougall's fire in 1940. The present store was built then with Hubert Quart adding a new part some time later.

Farther down the street, I noticed that Brian Wensink has posted a schedule to indicate when his Highland Sport and Trophy Store will be open for business.

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At the 500 Club party on Dec. 14, the ladies with high scores were Cecile Currier, Isabel MacLennan and Lorna Chapman. The top scoring men were Roger Brazeau, Jack McDonell and Norman MacLeod.

Two of the above shared in the 50-50 draw too – Mrs. MacLennan (twice) and Mrs. Brazeau. Other draw winners were John MacMaster, Rodney Nixon and Jessie Renwick. Vina Brown received the door prize.

Since this is being written on Dec. 18 and since it will be read after the party on Dec. 28, there is no use in announcing this party. I trust all its supporters knew in advance.

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The December meeting of the CWL was held at the Manor and was opened with mass in the Chapel.

Members of the Moose Creek CWL were present along with some Manor residents and members of the committee planning the 50th anniversary of the Sisters of Our Lady's Missionaries next year.

A candle light Advent Service was conducted by Joanne Vander Wielen, Nancy Ripley and Mary Ellen Villeneuve.

Mrs. Villeneuve introduced the guest speaker, Sister Mary Gauthier, who grew up in Glengarry, graduated as a nurse and joined the Missionaries in 1956.

She served in the Philippines for 25 years. She credited Fr. Rev. D. R. MacDonald, lovingly know as Father Dan, for founding the order in Alexandria. It was in 1949 when he was 80 years old. The Sisters plan to return to Glengarry for May 7, 1999 when the anniversary will be celebrated.

Present for the meeting were Thelma Colbourne and her sister Helen MacLeod, who had attended high school with Sister Mary. They had a pleasant reunion.

The guest speaker showed slides of the Sisters working in different countries around the world. From their headquarters, which had moved to Toronto in 1969, they have worked in health care, education and community work among the poor, teaching care of the sick, sanitation measures and better nutrition.

Sister Mary indicated, "We are all called to walk different paths which is a culture shock at first. You go thinking you are going to show them a great deal and you soon see they are able to teach you." Rice, fish and vegetables are the staple food of the poor in the Philippines.

Following Sister Mary's presentation, Glenda McDonell, Williamstown and Chairperson of the 50th anniversary celebration summarized plans as follows: 1. raise and rekindle awareness of the work of Our Lady's Missionaries; 2. plan for the mass and dinner reception; 3. raise funds so that the Sisters may continue their good works.

Lunch was then served and all guests enjoyed a social time while the CWL continued their regular meeting. The next meeting will be on Jan. 11 and the installation of officers will take place at the 10:30 mass on Jan. 24.

Following this, the ladies and their spouses will adjourn to the Chieftain Restaurant for brunch.

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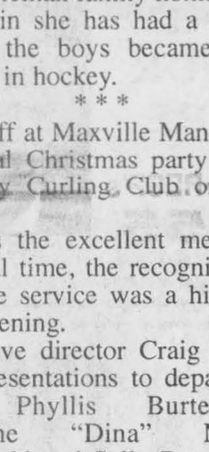
On the back of the Public School's last newsletter was an article, "How Should Parents Help Children With Homework."

When I was teaching and having parent interviews, I was never really satisfied with the usual answer to my questions – "How much time does you daughter, or son, spend on homework? The answer generally was, "I don't know. He, or she, is in his bedroom and should be doing homework."

I may have been old-fashioned with my advice which was to have the homework done around the kitchen table where there should be no distractions from the telephone and TV. I suppose now, computers are in the bedrooms and take up the time that parents think is being spent on homework.

# St. Columba changes service times Jan. 3

## DALKEITH



JEAN MACLENNAN
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As noted last week, St. Columba Presbyterian Church, Kirk Hill changes time of the Sunday services to 11 a.m. beginning Jan. 3.

Be sure to call before Jan. 4 with your visitors and local news for the first paper of 1999.

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The following are the Laggan euchre results of Dec. 17:

Men's, first, Lionel Ouimet; second, Armand Bissonette. Ladies, first, Monique Lefebvre; second, Jessie Renwick. Ladies low, Lucille Faubert. Men's low, Bill MacMillan.

The 50/50 draws were won by Jack McDonell, HZuguette Ranger, Gordon Turnbull (3), Vina Brown, Aline Charlebois (2), Roy MacDonald, Tommy Robinson, Roger Brazeau (2), June Raymond, Keith Beggs, Rene Poirier, Myrtle MacMillan, Diane Giroux, Anna MacMaster, Therese Lortie and Gerald McGillis.

The door prizes, turkeys, were won by Jean MacLennan, Doris MacMaster, Florence Harkin, Therese Lortie, Yvon Derepentigny, Jean Smith, Jacqueline Lavigne and Gordon Sharpe.

The convenors were Catherine Fraser, Karen (Ian) MacLeod, Murielle Poulin and there were 21 tables.

The next euchre will be Feb. 25.

# Rec association holds bonspiel

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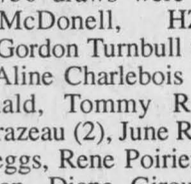

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Dunvegan Recreation Association will hold their curling bonspiel on Jan. 17.

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Braelyn and Graham MacMaster want everyone to know that their grandparents, Rene and Sherrill Trottier, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Dec. 28. Congratulations!

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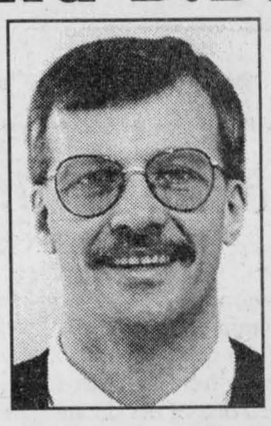

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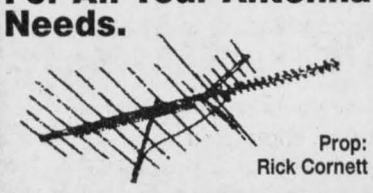

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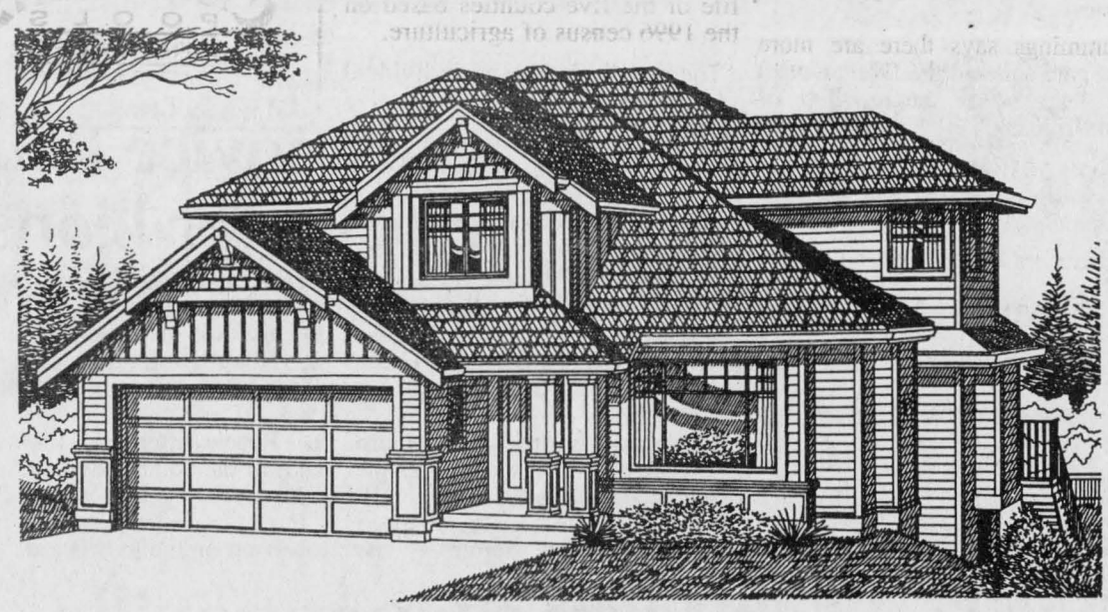

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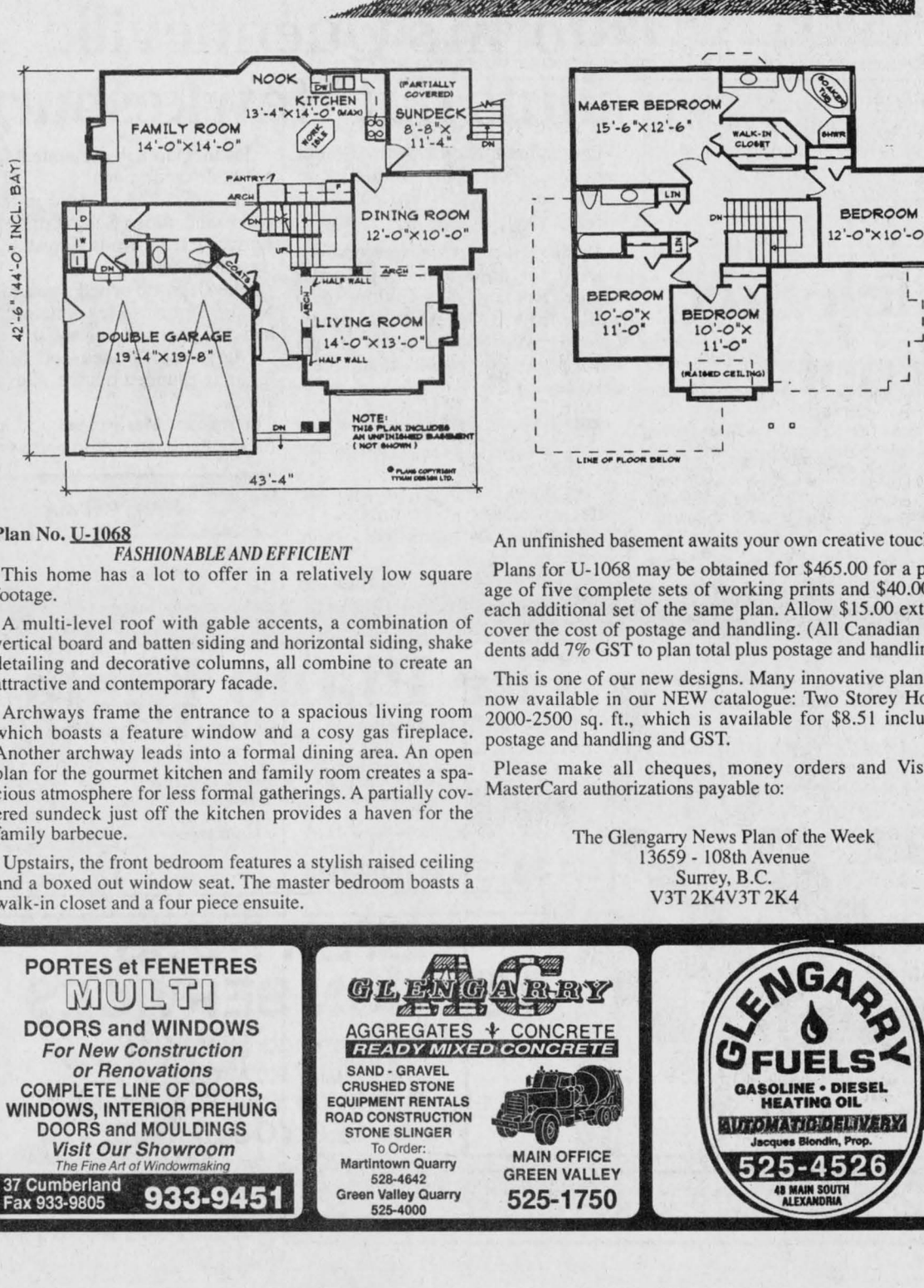


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# In the saddle and riding from sunrise to sunset

## Local competitive and endurance trail rider from Dalkeith rides to national championships

By Sandra Berry
*News* Reporter

When Deborah Henderson brought Phantom Jet, commonly known as Doozer, an arabian gelding, to her Dalkeith farm, she fulfilled one of her dreams. But she did not expect Doozer would eventually win her the grand champion individual rider award at the Canadian Competitive Trail Ride Championship this year in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia.

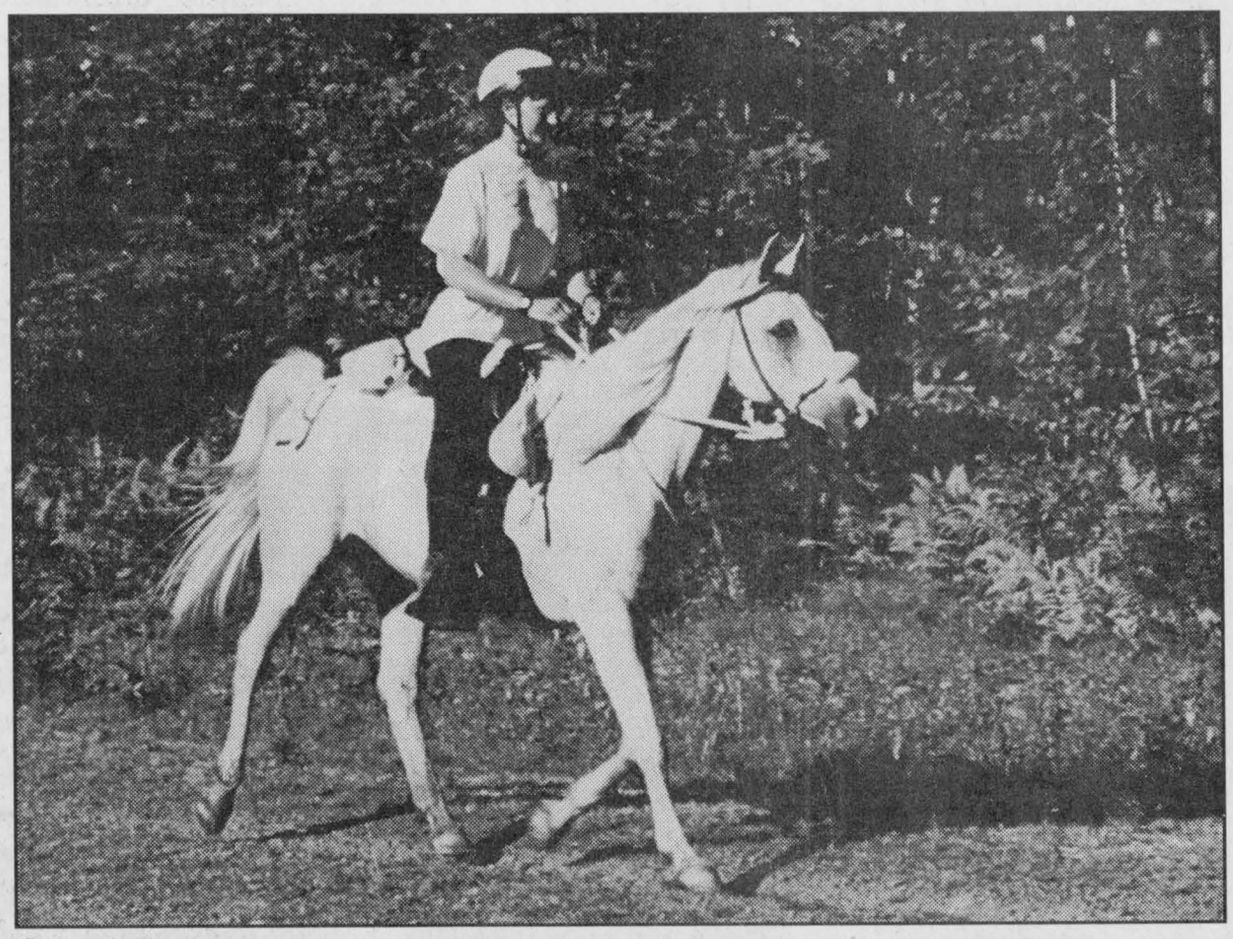
"It was very emotional," says Henderson describing how she felt about driving back to her native province to ride in a national competition.

While the two-day event put butterflies in Henderson's stomach, the manner by which she managed to take part in the Canadian championships is another story.

Because she had not competed in many trail rides this year, she couldn't quality for the Ontario team. But when she found out Quebec hadn't selected a team, she contacted some Quebec riders and they formed a team.

"It was a fluke," smiles Henderson as she thinks over how she managed to take part in the national competitions held in her native province.

Perhaps her presence at the nationals was a fluke but the end result of her performance certainly doesn't give the impression of just another lucky rider.



Deborah Henderson has been riding her Arabian gelding Phantom Jet, commonly known as Doozer, in various competitive and endurance trail rides across Canada and the United States. Her latest competition was in Nova Scotia where was grand champion individual rider.

Submitted photo

Her team won the silver and Henderson's horse scored a total of 299 point out of a perfect 300, winning her the award of grand champion individual rider.

**A test of horsemanship**

The two-day event in which Henderson had to ride a total of 80 miles is not simply of question of completing the course. It's about maintaining your horse in top shape from start to finish.

Although Henderson took some dressage and jumping lessons for two years prior to entering any trail ride competitions, she says this sport demands good horsemanship more than anything else.

She says the rider must not only understand his horse's metabolism and behavior but must make sure the horse is as comfortable as possible throughout the ride.

A preliminary check is performed by the ride veterinarian prior to the ride where the horse is evaluated on metabolic parameters as well as examined for any existing pre-ride limps, bumps or scratches.

About half way through the ride, another vet check is performed to evaluate the fitness level of the horse noting any marks that were not there at the beginning of the ride or any sign of lameness.

A horse judged to be lame or sore may not be allowed to continue at the discretion of the ride vets.

Not only must the rider keep the horse's metabolism in mind but the riding gear has to be as comfortable as possible for the long ride.

"If you have a burr in your sock you can make it to the corner store without a problem but if you have to walk 50 miles it will become a burden."

So Henderson tries to adjust for the horse's comfort. She rides Doozer on an "easy-stop" which eliminates having a bit in his mouth and allows him to drink and eat more comfortably during competitions.

Henderson says she enjoys competitive trail riding because it does not abuse the horse.

"He's like a little boy on the trails. It's all fun to him."

**Close to 24 hours in the saddle**

Henderson and Doozer have been competing in trail rides for close to 10 years. They have ridden in various locations within eastern Canada. It is the endurance trail rides that have brought them to the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, the Adirondacks of New York as well as Pennsylvania, Arizona, Vermont and Michigan.

"Endurance and competitive trail riding have allowed me to see and experience things I would never have seen or experienced otherwise."

While endurance riding requires less precision with regards to the lump and scratches test of the competitive trail rides, it requires a lot more stamina from the horse and determination from the rider.

Nonetheless if the horse shows signs of dehydration or lameness, the team doesn't get to finish the ride. It happened to Henderson when she was competing with the Canada East Team in the North American endurance ride championship in Arizona.

But for the most part, Henderson has completed most of the competitions. The 100-mile endurance rides must be completed in 24 hours or horse and rider do not get a completion.

She and Doozer's longest ride time on a 100-mile ride is 23 hours, arriving at the finish line at 5 a.m., having ridden all night.

But she's not a lonesome cowgirl out there in the trail with her horse. Most of the time there is someone for Doozer to walk with and someone with whom Henderson can chat.

**Everyone is a winner**

"I don't consider myself very competitive", says Henderson as she explains the reason why she chose this sport.

She likes the "to finish is to win" mentality where everyone who makes it to the finish line is a winner.

But what attracted her the most to the competitive and endurance trail riding is the fact that people require a knowledge of their horse.

And she obviously knows her horse quite well as they have been competing together for close to 10 years.

Doozer should be fit to compete for a few more years after which he will retire in Henderson's back field. She has kept a filly, Haley's Comet, another purebred Arabian, which she hopes to ride one day.

# Agriculture study for the Eastern counties to be launched on Jan. 28

The study on the economic impact of agriculture in the five counties of Prescott-Russell, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry will be launched on Jan. 28 at the Casselview Golf and Country Club in Casselman.

Approximately 300 businesses that deal with farms have been surveyed. The results are now being analyzed using the model developed at the School of Rural Planning and Development of the University of Guelph.

Professor Harry Cummings and graduate student Vince Deschamps showed impressive results during a brief update earlier in October.

At the time 77 questionnaires had been completed and the results showed that 625 jobs resulted from these businesses, 427 directly related to agriculture.

These operations generated $174 million of sales of which $143 million were directly related to agriculture.

Cummings says there are more farm gate sales in the five counties that there are in the province of New Brunswick.

"These preliminary results already give an indication of what the final results might be.

"There is a lot of economic activity generated by agriculture and with this kind of study we will have a clear picture in front of us," said Jack Fraser of the Glengarry Federation of Agriculture.

In addition to estimated sales and jobs created by agriculture, the report will also contain a profile of the five counties based on the 1996 census of agriculture.

There will also be an individual county report for each of the five counties.

## Cattlemen's assocation meet on Jan. 13

The Glengarry Cattlemen's Association will be holding its annual meeting on Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Alexandria.

Nancy Noecker, a beef specialist at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs will be speaking.

Elections will be held to send three delegates to the Ontario Cattlemen's Association annual meeting in Toronto.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## CROSSWORD PUZZLER

**ACROSS**

1 Explosive, for short
4 Made angry
8 Poetic fiction
12 Astronaut Grissom
13 Just fair (hyph. wd.)
14 Iowa city
15 Freshwater fish
16 Significant
18 Types of cheese
20 Mental image
21 Between NB and ND
22 Attention-getting word
23 Florida county
27 Enemy
29 Cushion
30 Something that invigorates
31 Running
32 Label
33 Ending with "part"
34 Vowel sequence
35 Part of small intestine
37 Scottish cap
38 African antelope
39 Wildcat
40 Airplane
41 Roman 101
42 Novelist Hunter
44 Baby's attempt to first walk
47 Teach anew
51 Born (Fr.)
52 "The Sun — Rises"
53 Difficulty
54 "— Pan Alley"
55 — America
56 Eye infection
57 Full-house (abbr.)

**DOWN**

1 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
2 Unclothed
3 Sleeping-sickness fly
4 Wife of Osiris
5 CD- —
6 Caught sight of
7 Howdy —
8 Bullfighter
9 — Sumac
10 Decimal base
11 He followed FDR
17 Note of scale
19 Commercial
22 Margaret Hamilton in "The Wizard of Oz"
24 Newley ID
25 Singer Celine —
26 Off-white
27 Aluminum —
28 "For Your Eyes —"
29 Card game
30 Pro —
32 Formal attire
33 — King Cole
36 Printer's measure
37 Occupant
38 NFL team
40 Children's game
41 Reiner ID
43 Deja —
44 Whale
45 Trap fish
46 Late-night host
47 Butt against
48 Yale graduate
49 Kind of curve
50 Plaything

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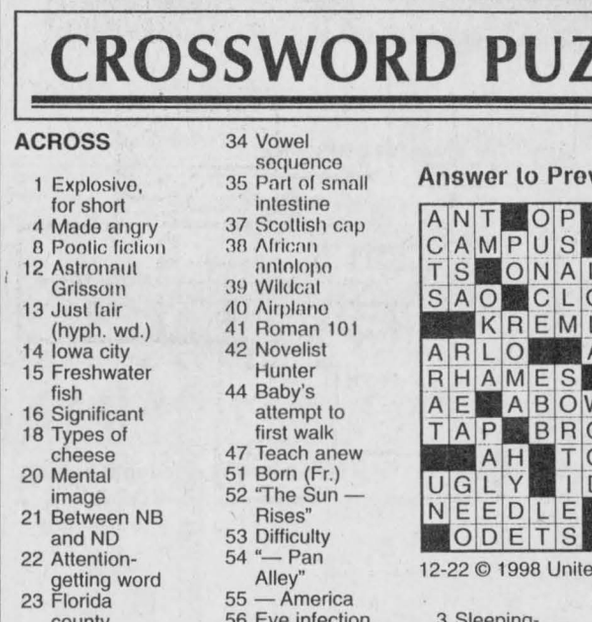

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## Kids' Corner - "Happy 1999"



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# Seniors liven up restaurant with Christmas sing-song

GLEN SANDFIELD



LORNA CHAPMAN
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In a recent column, I mentioned the Choral Festival of Carols but neglected to mention that in 1999 the service will be held in St. Andrew's United Church in Dalhousie Mills (The Round Church.)

The carol service is held in a different church each year. The East Hawkesbury United Church and Glen Sandfield United Church are both too small to house the great number of people that the concert now draws so the Glen Sandfield United Church women have offered to share the lunch and hostess duties with St. Andrew's next year.

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The 39ers Seniors Club members met in Alexandria at a local restaurant on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at noon.

There was a record turnout for the occasion. After everyone had finished eating, Lorna Chapman led a 30-minute sing-song of favourite Christmas carols. The staff wanted the group to continue singing and one patron even suggested that the group come in once a week to entertain.

Another gentleman was delighted with the music and said that now he felt more like Christmas thanks to the singing seniors.

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Christmas Eve visitors at the Chapman house included Bonnie Chapman from Brossard, Richard and Charlotte Hillier, Stephanie Chapman from Brossard, Richard and Charlotte Hillier, Stephanie, Vincent and Allison from St. Lambert, Que.

After the Christmas carol service in Glen Sandfield United Church, everyone adjourned to the home of Nancy and Michel Sabourin, on the First of Kenyon Rd., Alexandria, for a turkey dinner. Other guests were Carl Sabourin and his fiancee Josee from St. Sauveur and Jamie Chapman and Kirstie Maclean from Belleville.

On Christmas Day, we drove to Cornwall to have Christmas dinner with my daughter Wendy and her husband Tom McHarg, Dianne and Steffanie. Other dinner guests were Lorna (Honey) Chapman and Jean Victor Geomi of l'Acadie, Que., Barbara and Tom McHarg Sr. and Bruce McHarg all of Cornwall.

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The Rev. Frank Bailey officiated at the carol service in Glen Sandfield United Church on Christmas Eve.

Much of the singing was accompanied by Bessie MacLennan on the organ. Readers for the service were Keith MacRae, Christina MacLachlan, Ernie MacMillan and Rev. Bailey.

Lorna Chapman and Fiona Fraser each sang a solo, the Baileys sang a duet and there were several choral selections, one of which was written and accompanied on tape, by the composer Fiona Fraser.

The melodious voices of the considerable congregation filled the sanctuary with the joyful sound of familiar carols. The crowd left afterwards amid warm season's greetings.

Many members of the congregation got no farther than the house right next to the church where a warm welcome awaited them. It has long been the custom for Christena MacLachlan and family to hold an open house for their friends and neighbours on Christmas Eve.

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The holidays are a time for joy and celebration but unfortunately not everyone can participate.

The lonely, the bereaved, the destitute, the homeless, the abandoned, the ill, the neglected and abused people are always with us.

These are suffering souls for whom the holiday season is not a time of joy. Not only do we help by contributing to food banks, to clothing depots and shelters, but we must also keep these our brothers and sisters in our prayers.

Many of their situations are not going away today, tomorrow or anytime soon. Perhaps if we would all remember them during our daily prayers, they might come to see a light at the end of the dark tunnel and feel a spark of hope just a wee bit sooner.

When we share our holiday joy, we are extending the hand of friendship and in so doing will gladden our own hearts to see the pleasure we have given to another. Giving is a two-way street and in sharing friendship the warmth will reflect back on you. May you enjoy many such reflections.

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We wish you a New Year filled with happiness, good health and God's blessings. May He watch over you and yours and keep you safe from harm now and always.

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Do remember, I am only a phone call away, please let me hear from you about your holiday festivities.

# Elephant search finally pays off

ST. RAPHAEL'S AND THEREABOUTS



ANNA-MARGARET
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It was just a little black elephant and it came in a package of tea back in the "thirties."

It was quite a prize because we weren't accustomed to receiving bonuses back then.

It came with an accompanying verse. As I recall, it went –

"We three little elephants bring good luck
From an island far over the sea.
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Where they grow Salada tea."

What a come-on that verse was. "Sunny Ceylon" had a mystical ring to it. A place where one would surely want to go some day.

But one needed "three" little elephants for the good luck. Naturally it would be one of the high points in everyone's life to collect the three. Salada certainly created one of life's original great marketing slogans.

As I recall, we did finally did drink enough tea to acquire the three (of them) little black elephants. They were a sideboard decoration in our home for many years. To my younger sister Olive, they were a particular treasure.

We grew up and left home one by one. None of us ever took the little elephants. After all they were at home and isn't home always there to return to with its belongings?

But as time went by it wasn't there any more, and one day Olive realized that somehow the little elephants were gone too.

"If I could just find another like them," she would yearn, over and over. All her family and friends knew about her search. They tired to requite her longing by bringing her elephant gifts wherever they travelled. She would graciously thank them for their thoughtfulness – different sizes and materials and types, enough to amass a varied and enviable collection.

But when the donors left, Olive would still say, "But it isn't my little black elephant."

She called me one day last week. "You won't believe the Christmas present I got," she said in unusual excitement. "My little black elephant."

Her friend Therese had found it at a yard sale of an old gent in Cornwall who was selling his home and his simple possessions.

So after all these years and years of searching, Olive has her treasure.

A little old battered souvenir in itself doesn't mean much. But it stands for many things I suppose. The old house, Mom and Dad and Grandma and all the good memories there. Of Christmas and cookies and turkey stuffing and Christmas trees and stockings filled with an orange, an apple, some hard candy and a doll.

And a friend who loved you enough to never give up the search over all the years.

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Prize winners at the card party held in St. Raphael's Parish Centre on Dec. 13 were: Beatrice Lalonde and Claire Campeau tied, Murielle Bellefeuille, Cecile McKinnon and Lucy Shorey.

Gents: John Hugh Sloan, Maurice Chretien, Rene Poirier and Paul Valade. Leo Thauvette won the door prize.

Draw winners were: Claire Campeau, John MacCulloch, Betty Chisholm, Therese Valade, Lorraine Lanthier, Albertine Ranger, Claire van Putten, Soulanges Glaude.

There were 13 tables of players.

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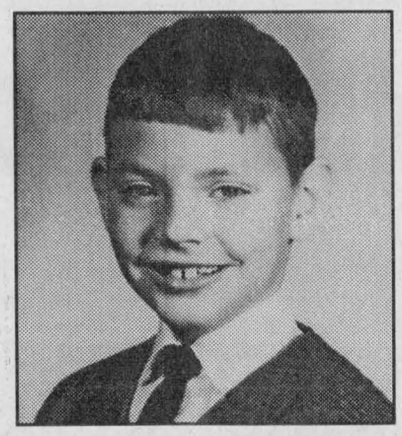
The annual Christmas turkey bingo held in St. Raphael's on Dec. 11 was a big success with a full house of players.

Turkeys winners were: Andre Morber, Danny Williamson twice, Sheila Cuggy, Gisele Flaro, Inez O'Connor, Marcel Glaude, Teresa Belafi, Wasyl Taraszuk and Cindy Flaro.

Fifty-fifty special went to Carol Belleware, Peter Prieur, Betty Chisholm and a split between Teresa McDonald and Maria Lavasoc.

The large turkey was won by Anne Dionne and Bernice MacCulloch won the box of bacon and roasting chicken.

Door prize winner was Linda Rines and draw ticket prizes went to Lorraine MacDonald, Alana Valade, Simone O'Connor, Brian MacDonald, Theo Oetelaar, Teresa Belafi, Bernie MacCulloch, Wilfred Paquette, Angus McDougall and Anne Szeblabi.



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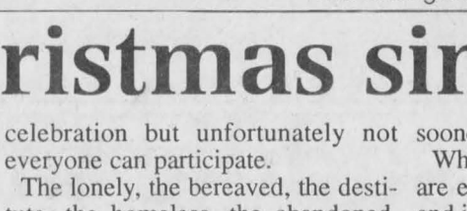

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**NINETY-FIVE YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 18, 1903**

•Maxville is becoming quite a sporting town. Ira G. Marjerison last week purchased in Brockville, the celebrated colt "Carrie Nation", a daughter of Sidney Poynter. Watch the records go.

•While crossing Main Street on Wednesday, Arthur St. John was knocked down by one of A. McMillan's teams and received a bad cut on the thc head.

•The Presbytery of Glengarry met in Moose Creek on Tuesday when Rev.

J.U. Tanner was elected moderator for the next six months.

•The curling rink has gone into retirement.

•A.J. Kennedy of Maxville, has purchased 100 acres of land from William McRae, Eighth Concession, Kenyon.

**EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 19, 1913**

•At an executive meeting of the Highland Society of Glengarry, held here, Saturday, it was decided that in addition to the Gaelic school which has been in existence at Dunvegan for three years, that classes where Gaelic would be taught should be established this winter at McCrimmon, Greenfield, Glen Roy, St. Raphael's or North Lancaster and Alexandria. Donald A. McPhee, Dunvegan, will conduct the classes in North Glengarry and John A. McMillan, Glen Roy, those in the southern sections.

•In the Basilica, Ottawa, tomorrow, His Grace Archbishop Gauthier will raise to the dignity of the priesthood, Rev.Charles Gauthier, son of J.N. Gauthier, Fourth Concession, kenyon.

•Miss Bertha McDonald, daughter of Dr. D.D. and Mrs. McDonald, Alexandria, left Tuesday for Montreal, where she enters the General Hospital as nurse-in-training.

•Racey D. McMillan of Laggan, who spent some months in Saskatoon, Sask., arrived home Monday evening.

**SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 21, 1923**

•Rev. William Fox has been named Chaplain of Nazareth Orphage, Cornwall, and the duties of the parish of Glen Walter have been taken over by Rev. Charles Bishop, late of Lancaster.Rev. Henri Bougie arrived in town last week to serve as assistant to Rev. J.W. Dulin, pastor, Sacred Heart parish.

•Duncan J. Gelineau left this week to spend some months in Chicago, Ill.

•Members of the staff and pupils of AHS entertained Mrs. Duncan A. McDonald, until recently a member of the staff, in Hector's Hall, Wednesday evening. Leslie Simpson read an address and a handsome tea wagon was presented.

•Miss J. Kerr, student, Queen's University, and Archie McPhee, student-at-law, Toronto, are holidaying at their homes here.

**SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 22, 1933**

•Mrs. J. Archie Ross was instantly killed, Sunday evening at Maxville, when she walked into the path of a speeding freight train at the CNR Main Street crossing. Mrs. Ross and her son, Archie, were on their way to attend evening service.

•Norman MacSweyn, Cotton Beaver, has purchased a McCormick-Deering tractor.

•Miss Mabel Beauchamp, daughter of Mrs. P. Beauchamp, Alexandria, left Wednesday to enter the Children's Hospital in St.Laurent, as nurse-in-training.

•Mrs. Alex J. Fraser and little daughters, Marion and Leona of Lochiel, left Saturday to spend the winter in Detroit with Mr. Fraser.

•Fire destroyed the residence of Philip Guindon at Maxville, during Friday's storm. The building was the property of J.D. Villeneuve.

**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 17, 1943**

•Farquhar Alexander McLennan, 59, of Glen Gordon, died of exposure during Friday night's blizzard which marked the start of the cold spell. His body was found on the shoulder of Highway 34 near his home, Saturday morning.

•Nursing Sister Theodora McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.Donald A. McDonald, Derby Street, was another survivor of the troopship torpedoed in the Mediterranean.

•Sergeant Donald G. Stewart, son of Pipe-Major and Mrs. J.A. Stewart, Dunvegan ,has arrived home from overseas. He will take the officers' training course.

•Two Maxville airmen have been promoted to Flying Officer overseas, Edward Hunter and Bernard Villeneuve.

•PO Doue Thauvette and Sergeant Air Bomber Reg Cheney, both of Alexandria, have arrived overseas.

**FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**
**Thursday, December 17, 1953**

•The Post Office at Glen Roy was closed yesterday after more than 90 years of service. It marked the retirement of postmaster R.J. McDonald, Glen Roy merchant, who held the post for 35 years. Area residents will now be served from Green Valley or Apple Hill.

•A former sergeant of Cornwall City Police, Ed Dupuis, 37, will become chief of police here, January 1.

•Six weeks of work have transformed St. Finnan's cemetery. Tons of fill were brought in to level the grounds, tombstones have been lined up and seeding completed for next year's grass. Father McPhail has been in charge of the extensive improvement.

**THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**
**Thursday, December 19, 1963**

•Keith Blair, 36, of RR1, Maxville, was one of two persons killed Sunday afternoon in a head-on collision north of St. Isidore. Mrs. Blair and Betty, 10, are in fair condition, while the other two Blair children are satisfactory. Robert Fardette, 17, of Treadwell, was killed and four other youths in the second car were injured.

•Tom Aitken of Martintown, was elected president of the Glengarry Holstein breeders at their annual meeting. He succeeds Clark McCuaig of Lancaster.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**
**Thursday, December 20, 1973**

•Glengarry Council Knights of Columbus presented a Celtic Cross to St. Raphael's Church which was erected last week on the north wall facing the roadway.

•Murray Howes of Kirk Hill was elected president of the Glengarry Holstein Breeders at the annual meeting held at Green Valley Pavilion on Dec. 12.

•Pte. J.R. Guy Roussin, 22, of Glen Robertson, will spend Christmas with the Canadian peacekeeping force in the Middle East. He was one of 166 soldiers who reached Cairo last Thursday in a big troop carrying aircraft.

•Michel Samson of Alexandria was hired as clerk-treasurer of Lancaster Township replacing A.G. Sloan of Fournier who has accepted a similar post in Lancaster Village.

**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO**
**Wednesday, December 21, 1983**

•Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry remained solidly in the Conservative fold Thursday following a stunning landslide victory for Noble Villeneuve, a Moose Creek farmer and appraiser making his first run at elected office. The 45-year-old father of five replaces Osie Villeneuve, the popular Conservative who held the riding for 29 years until his sudden death in late September.

•For the second time within a week, sleet hit the area last Tuesday night and Wednesday morning causing severe power outages and irreparable damage. There were about 4,000 households out of power on Wednesday morning, estimates Dave Venutti, manager of the Vankleek Hill office. Most heavily hit were Glengarry County and Roxborough Township.

•Ron McRae of Bainsville was presented with the High Yield Award in the Soybean Management Club by the president of the Glengarry Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Weldon MacIntosh. He received the award at the Bonnie Glen on Friday at the annual meeting.

**TEN YEARS AGO**
**Wednesday, December 28, 1988**

•The hamlet of Martintown made a young man's Christmas wish come true with a special gift last week. It was one that 18-year-old paraplegic Robbie Pratt of Martintown was "very grateful' to receive. On Wednesday night (Dec. 21) a rowcycle - a three-wheeled vehicle propelled by rowing action - was presented by a few members of the Martintown Fire Department to an excited Robbie, who said he was thankful that so many people had come to his aid.

•About 100 families received food baskets from the Lions Club this year; an annual project which began about 30 years ago. And the list of recipients continues to grow annually. About 73 baskets of food were distributed last December.

•A number of students recently graduated from the T.R. Leger School of Alternative Studies in Alexandria. Some of the graduates have continued their education at a community college while some have secured employment locally. They are Georgette Lauzon, Odette Lajoie,Brenda Decoste, Diane Lalonde, Manon Robinson, Joanne Pharand, Hugette McIntee, Rhéa Brunet, Carmen Paquette, Geraldine Chatealaine, Nicole MacDougal, Suzanne Poulin, Roxanne Viau, Rita Renaud and Lorraine Levac.

•The MacCulloch Dancers performed at the 12th annual Telethon of Stars recently. The telethon broadcast live from the Claude Robillard Centre in Montreal, raised over $3.5 million in aid of the Ste. Justine and Montreal Childrens' Hospitals.

## Deirdre-of-the-Sorrows

### HIGHLAND PATHS



KEN MCKENNA

These columns are about the Highland people who first settled Greater Glengarry two centuries ago and the Celtic heritage they brought with them. The story of Deirdre-of-the-Sorrows would have been well known to the early settlers. It was a favourite of Gaelic story-tellers in Ireland and Scotland for over a thousand years, perhaps even longer. Some say it pre-dates the birth of Christ. It has now been almost forgotten.

The name Deirdre could be translated as Child of Destiny or Drop of Dew. She was said to have been the most beautiful woman in the world. As in many of these ancient legends, similar stories were shared by other cultures and as Helen of Troy, "the Face that Launched a Thousand Ships" was said to have caused the Trojan War, so Deirdre was said to have caused the fall of the House of Ulster.

There are many variations of Deirdre's story. One of the Scottish versions goes something like this: Deirdre was a Pictish princess contracted as a child to marry King Conchobar (or Cormac) of Ulster, but when she came of marriageable age she ran off with her true love Naoise (pron. *Nesha*), of the rival Royal House of Uisneach. His two brothers Aluinn and Ardan went with them as their protectors, and they lived happily and freely in the Highland hills of Alba for years. Some versions of the tale claim that the relationship between the foursome was completely innocent, which it might well have been.

In any case, King Conchobar was not amused. He sent emissary after emissary to comb the length and breadth of Scotland in search of Deirdre, but to no avail. Finally the king convinced Naoise's friend Fergus, who had discovered the glen where the fugitives were hiding, to tell Deirdre that if she returned to Ireland and honoured her contract to marry him he would pardon Naoise and his brothers.

To save the lives of the three brothers Deirdre returned with them to Ireland, but the night before the wedding she had a terrible dream. She saw three white birds flying from Erin to Alba with honey in their beaks and returning covered with blood. She took this to be an evil omen, and refused to marry the king.

Conchobar flew into a rage and had Naoise, Aluinn and Ardan executed in front of Deirdre and thrown into a pit. She grabbed a dagger from one of Conchobar's men and stabbed herself in the heart. As she fell into the open grave, the three dead bodies moved apart to make room for her. She has been remembered ever since as Deirdre-of-the-Sorrows.

The murders enraged the House of Uisneach and war broke out between the two royal kingdoms. Conchobar and Ulster were crushed, and the prophecy about Deirdre was fulfilled.

The different versions of the beginning and end of Deirdre's tragedy may differ, but they all have one thing in common; the great happiness enjoyed by the four friends during their time of exile in the Highland glens. Dozens of places in Argyll, Breadalbane and Inverness-shire are associated with Deirdre, including my mother's home island of Bute. They are all sites of great beauty and the idyllic life the fugitives lived there so long ago has inspired poets ever since.

In the days before the strangers came into the Highlands and even the birds spoke Gaelic, a traveller was always sure of a warm welcome if he could answer two questions in the affirmative: "Can you tell tales of Fionn?" and "Can you tell tales of Deirdre?"

The recently deceased Cape Breton story-teller Joe Neil MacNeil could tell stories of Fionn, the legendary Irish hero (and Ossian's father), Deirdre-of-the-Sorrows and many more. In *Stories from Dusk to Dawn*, published a few years ago in Gaelic and English, John Shaw, the Gaelic scholar who translated Joe Neil's stories into English, said that he and other experts had compared MacNeil's versions of Gaelic folk-tales with those recorded in Scotland. In many cases, the words were almost identical, although there was no way that Joe Neil, who had never read a book and never been to Scotland, could have known the stories except by hearing them from previous story-tellers in Cape Breton.

In the true bardic tradition, dead for generations now in Scotland, Joe Neil's stories would go on, not only for one night, but for as many as three. New Year's Eve was a favourite time for story-telling.

Happy New Year - Bliadhna mhath ùr.


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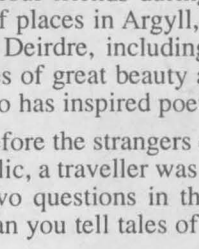

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