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## GLENGARRY IN BRIEF

### Cole sworn in as new SDG warden

Swearing-in ceremonies for SDG's new warden were held Monday at the counties building in Cornwall.

Roger Cole, a representative for North Dundas on counties council, will replace former warden, Archie Byers.

Wardens are elected for a one year term, and their selection is usually done on a rotational basis according to counties. Next year the office will likely go to a representative from Glengarry.

Cole said that the major issues before counties council during 1999 will continue to be the fallout effects of provincial downloading of services.

### Stork Market Report

*March 4 - to Terry and Katherine MacDougall (nee Bell), a boy, Nicholas Terry

*Nov. 28 - to Michael and Louise Rochon (nee Lacombe), a boy, Alexis Simon

*Dec. 6 - to Paul and Louise Michaud (nee DeRepentigny), a girl, Ashley Kayla

Glengarry babies in 1998:
**Boys: 45 Girls: 46**

## Ministry official to advise South on roadwork

By Sue Harrington
*News correspondent*

A representative of the Ministry of Transport (MTO) will talk to members of South Glengarry council on the issue of contracting out roadwork.

Councillor Ian McLeod said that he had been speaking to the MTO employee who was responsible for setting up area maintenance contracts such as the one on Hwy 401, where 100 per cent of the services have been contracted out to a single company.

"I thought it would be useful if someone could come and share his experiences," said McLeod. "He could give us the pros and cons."

But Councillor Janette Abbey admonished McLeod for "going out on a limb" after council had already passed a motion to seek proposals from consultants willing to prepare tender documents for outsourcing.

The proposals were expected to be in council's hands by last Monday's regular meeting.

McLeod and Reeve Charles Sangster had voted against the motion to ask consultants to prepare the proposals. The two thought it would be more prudent to negotiate with just one company in order to come up with estimated figures which could then be compared to the costs of doing the work in-house.

Sangster told the *News* on a previous occasion, that South Glengarry was just one of many townships in the province which was considering outsourcing.

"We may be further ahead than some," said the reeve, "but there are many that are looking at it."

The reeve said that the former Pittsburgh Township (near Kingston) had contracted out its roadwork for several years prior to amalgamation.

# Talks on hold as council fires chief

By J.L. Lefebvre
*News* editor

Only days after an important obstacle was removed in the dispute between North Glengarry township council and the members of the Alexandria fire department, another development has stalled the process to negotiate a settlement and may lead to the end of the fire brigade as it currently exists.

Some positive steps were made at a raucous council meeting attended by over 250 people including the firemen at the Glengarry Sports Palace last Monday night.

The Alexandria firefighters publicly admitted a letter threatening mass resignation unless council accepted a two-year contract proposal was "a hasty" decision made without legal counsel.

"We put our money into buying equipment, not getting legal advice," said firefighter Steven Stewart, who was acting as spokesperson for the department during the meeting.

Stewart said the Alexandria Firefighters Association (AFA) was willing to back off from the demands made in the letter and reopen negotiations if council would agree to rescind a motion made on Dec. 7 to accept the resignation of the department's 22 members.

North Glengarry Reeve Grant Crack and council did not immediately rescind the motion but Crack called Stewart's comments "good news" and hinted the municipality would likely be willing to resume discussions with the firefighters.

Council did rescind the motion at a special meeting two nights later but the council also voted to oust Alexandria fire chief Gerald Charlebois, who had verbally attacked council during the Monday night meeting and who had severely criticized the reeve in the media.

In a release to the press, the AFA called council's firing of Charlebois "an act of bad faith" and said negotiations or even discussions would not begin unless the chief was reinstated by council.

"It's all for one and one for all," the release stated, emphasizing that negotiations must take place with all 22 members, including the chief.

The motion to rescind is conditional on the firefighters acceptance of the terms of a by-law – including pay for firefighters – for the for-

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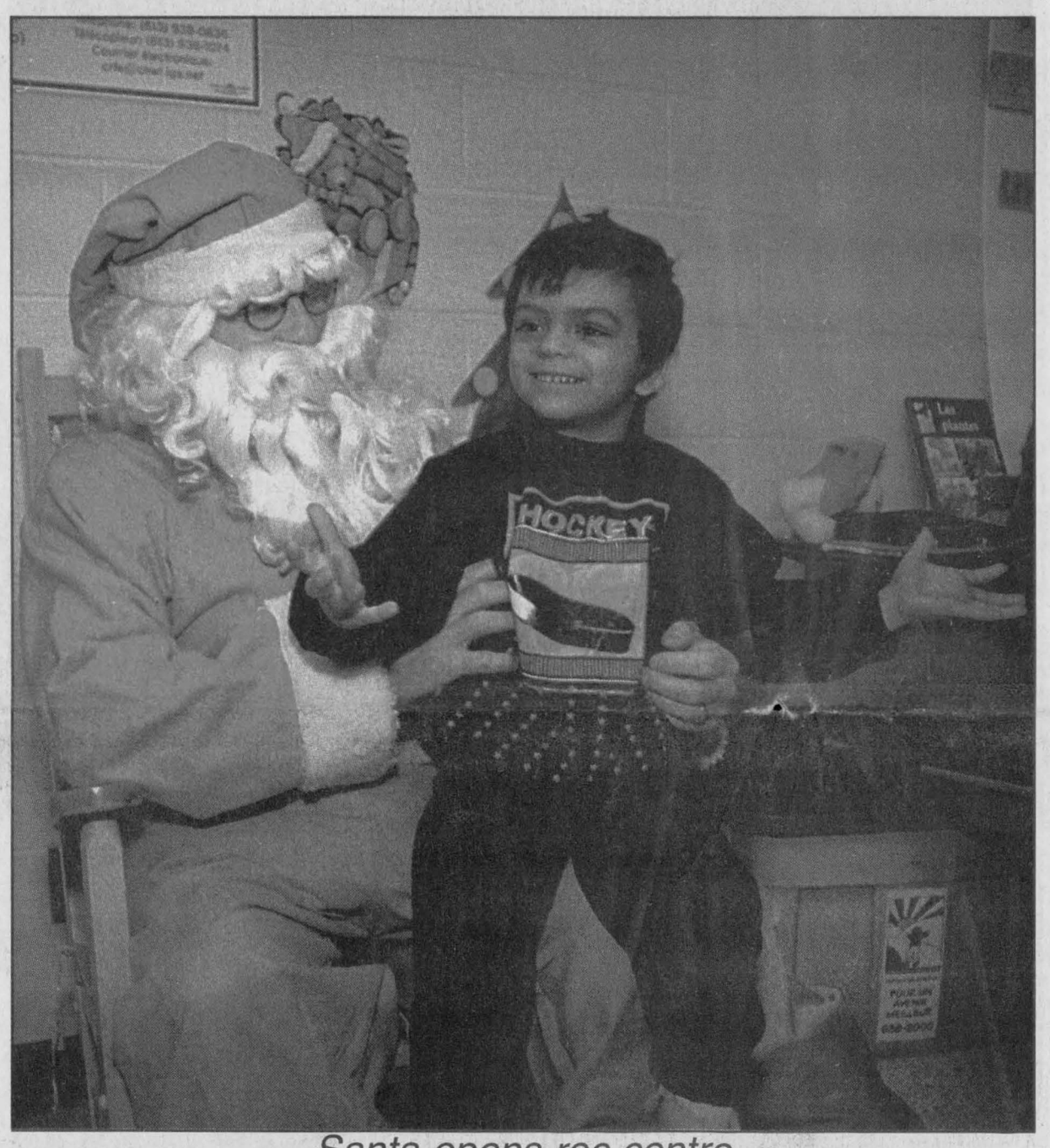

*Santa opens rec centre*

Francois Viau expresses his delight while sitting on Santa's knee during the grand opening of the Family Resource Centre recreation centre at Ecole Elda Rouleau on Dec. 17. The centre is available to parents who must drop off their children early or can only pick them up late after school. The centre is open 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 3:15-5:15 p.m. Call Diane Leveille, program director, at 938-9836 for more information
Staff Photo - Greg Peerenboom

# Alexandria BIA loses its funding

By Sandra Berry
*News* Reporter

The Alexandria BIA came close to disbandment at Monday night's council meeting but a motion was put through to keep the board in place and suspend the business tax levy.

It is the manner by which the BIA's $20,000 operating budget is levied and the legality of the BIA by-law that has council worried.

"It's ineffective and inoperable", said Councillor-at-large Gilles Paradis of the BIA by-law.

Paradis said that not only the manner in which to raise the levy but also the definition of who is a member is unclear according to the present by-law.

He said more than 50 per cent of the levies come from vacant business property, semi-vacant property and industrial property.

Reeve Grant Crack said that many businesses contributing to the BIA budget do not benefit from the association's activities.

Business owners and not business operators are levied a business property tax bases on the assessment of their property. One business property can pay from $50 to $400, depending on the assessed value.

Crack has received letters from business owners questioning the levy and says council may be forced to refund some businesses.

"It's an administrative nightmare. In my opinion, it's (BIA by-law) illegal."

But Alexandria councillor Gary Shepherd backed the BIA's plea to keep the association intact.

"My major concern is that the BIA board will be discouraged if we repeal the by-law."

Shepherd suggested suspending the levy which would leave the board in place with no money.

He was supported by Kenyon ward councillor Bill Franklin and Maxville councillor Johanne Wensink.

Bill Gillsdorf of the North Glengarry Community Economic Development Group warned council not to be hasty on this issue.

He told council that there is something to be learned from the firefighting issue.

"I'm arguing against haste."

And the reason why council is in a hurry to settle the BIA situation is that the board can only be dismantled by December 31 of any year.

The BIA presented council with a print of the Main Street mural to show the group's dedication and work over the past year.

In a presentation to council BIA chair Gail Belair-Abrames invited council to open a line of communication with the group.

"We don't want you to slam the door in our faces."

Crack said he wasn't opposed to the work of the BIA but simply concerned with the legality of the present BIA by-law.

"I'm not questioning the dedication of the people involved in the BIA."

And that's the direction which Claudine Russell, a BIA director, hopes the council will take when deciding on the future budget possibilities for the board.

"I don't see a reason to wait for working on a new formula (for collecting the BIA budget)."

Although the board is still intact, Russell feels the BIA cannot continue its beautification projects without a budget.

"You have to back it up with the bucks."

She hopes the issue will be transferred to the Economic Development Committee to work out a new formula to collect levies.

"We're ready to work with the committee and keep the momentum going."

# Compromise needed for allowing businesses to open on stat holidays

By Greg Peerenboom
*News* Reporter

Opposition appears almost non-existent in North Glengarry to a proposed bylaw that would let businesses open during statutory holidays.

The swell of dissenters expected at the Dec. 14 public meeting did not materialize, even though more than 200 were in attendance for other matters on the agenda.

However, council did not pursue the issue any further.

"They could have voted on the bylaw that night," said clerk-treasurer Leo Poirier.

He said council may well revisit the issue during its next regular meeting on Jan. 11.

One opponent to shopping on statutory holidays wasn't aware of the public meeting.

Afterwards, Rev. Allister Rose of the Alexandria United Church told the *News* he had mixed feelings about the issue.

"Everybody deserves a break on a stat holiday," he said.

Rev. Rose's stance did not influence Alexandria BIA chair Gail Belair-Abrames.

"We're of the opinion that if you don't want to open up, you don't have to, and no one can be forced to work," she said. "It's up to each and every business."

The township's chambers of commerce and community economic development group are also in full support.

Rev. Rose does sympathize with statutory shopping proponents.

"I can see their need."

However, Rev. Rose said a new bylaw should take in everyone's concerns.

"Most of the stat holidays do not have any religious meaning," Rev. Rose said.

"But I am definitely opposed to opening on Good Friday."

As for Christmas Day, Rose said it is more of a non-issue.

"Most people aren't going to shop on Christmas. But there are many who treat Good Friday as just another Friday.

"I think the businesses could live without opening on those two days out of the whole year."

Eliminating Good Friday shopping would have bigger impact than most regular days, Belair-Abrames said.

The BIA has held special promotions for Good Friday to tap into the spending boost that occurs before Easter Sunday, when many families host an elaborate meal and children hunt for candy eggs and other gifts.

"We're happy with the business on Good Friday," she said.

Before they were allowed to open, a substantial amount of business went to Montreal's West Island.

She noted that Alexandria merchants were allowed to open on Good Friday during the early part of the century.

Once council does sit down to settle the issue, Rev. Rose hopes it will consider an allowance for Good Friday and Christmas.

Closing Good Friday would mean repealing a current bylaw that allows businesses to stay open on that day.

The Good Friday issue was hotly contested between church and business representatives a few years ago.

Rev. Rose said the current issue hasn't been much of topic among clergy.

"We haven't met to discuss," he said, adding the time might have come for the clergy to present a united voice.



*Cash contribution*

Ecole Secondaire Le Relais presented the St. Vincent de Paul charity with a cheque for $1,137 on Thursday. On hand for the presentation were (left to right) St. Vincent secretary Claude Brunet, president Hilda Brunet, Le Relais student council co-presidents Roch Lavigne and Melanie Leduc, principal Collin Geoffrion and cultural director Jean-Claude Larocque. The money was raised through a draw with the prizes being won by Francine Lajoie ($100), Genevieve Bourgeois ($50) and Liliane Quesnel ($25).

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# Firefighter knew where to find water

By Greg Peerenboom
*News* Reporter

Move over Adam (*The Water Boy*) Sandler. Make way for the real thing.

Years of tramping through the bush, hunting game, setting trap lines and fishing secluded creeks and ponds enabled Norman Collette to become a most valuable firefighter.

For years, Lancaster's eight fire chiefs (all are still living) relied mostly on Collette to supply firefighters with a most precious commodity - water.

Once the fire truck's alarm sounded or the pager informed him, Collette, who more likely than not would be in the bush, would drop what he was doing and drive off in direction of the fire.

Back when the department did not have tankers, he would quickly size up their location and determine the location for the best water source.

"I wasn't appointed to it, but through the years they always turned to me," Collette told the *News* last week.

On Dec. 12, the fire department honoured Collette with a retirement party.

In special recognition of his life-long devotion to the department and to the outdoors, his colleagues presented a specially-engraved .270 gauge, semi-automatic rifle with a scope. Engraved on it was, Norman Collette 1951-1997, 46 years, Lancaster Fire Department.

"You always got to know what creek or pond had (enough) water," Collette said.

Occasionally, even Collette could not find an adequate water source.

"If there was no water we would have to hit the Beaudette or Delisle Rivers."

His geographical knowledge also helped direct fire truck drivers to the quickest route to the scene.

South Glengarry in the 1950s and 1960s was considerably bushier than now, with fewer good roads. So arriving in time was a more complicated task than it is today.

"He knew which creeks had water and which were dry. He saved valuable time," said Lancaster Fire Chief Gene Picard.

Collette's devotion was also very impressive.

"I could count on my hand how many times he missed a meeting or practice over all those years. He was very dedicated," Picard said.

Collette said it wasn't an inconvenience to volunteer.

"I lived right in (Lancaster), and I was always nearby."

Even when Collette was in the bush tending his trap-line, hunting or fishing, he was ready to respond.

"He kept his gear and brought it in his truck," Picard said.

Although knowledge of water availability is not as important as years gone by, Picard said its assuring to know Collette's role might be filled by Collette's own son, Richard.

The younger Collette is a retired armed forces firefighter.

"And he took after his dad," Picard said. "He loves to go fishing and hunting."

During recent years, the municipalities have increased access to several ponds that run free all-year-round.

Collette said other firefighters have picked up on his knowledge.

"Once in awhile we would go for a ride and check out where the good spots are."

Collette was also honoured by the presence of six of the eight retired fire chiefs. The two that did not attend expressed their regrets.

Letters of recognition were sent by SDG and East Grenville MPP Noble Villeneuve, the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office and the Township of South Glengarry. A letter from Prescott-Russell-Glengarry MP Don Boudria is also expected.

# Prolific white bird blown off course

By Greg Peerenboom
*News* Reporter

As of last week the fields of Glengarry were still a dark brown, pale green or yellow - except for a couple patches covered in white.

And no, it wasn't an isolated, freak snow storm that produced the deviation.

And unlike snow which takes a day or more of warm weather to melt, the whiteness can disappear in seconds. All it takes is a wave of the arms, or more unfortunately, the crack of a shotgun.

In a couple areas of South Glengarry, thousands of the distinctive white, snow geese have dropped in for a brief visit.

While migrating snow geese have been known in the past to make pit stops near the shores of Lake St. Francis, the sheer numbers this December are unusual.

Naturalists and hunters can thank the breath of Mother Nature.

"The high winds we've received this fall might have pushed the flocks off track," said Ministry of Natural Resources biologist Anne Bendig.

The visiting snow geese are part of the Eastern Seaboard group that normally crosses the lower St. Lawrence River and follows Lake Champlain about 150 kilometres to the east on its way south.

The water fowl make their summer homes in the wetlands bordering Hudson's Bay and James Bay, as well as the eastern parts of the Arctic Archipelago and even Greenland.

They fly up to 1,600 kilometres continuously, especially if weather conditions are favourable. Although hardy, bad weather will force the flock to take refuge in an appropriate wetland or field.

After several days, many congregate at Cape Tourmente, about 70 kilometres south of Quebec City.

"It's a major staging area where they rest and forage before continuing," Bendig said.

Once the birds have traversed Lake Champlain, they make for the low coastal areas of the Atlantic Ocean. Once they reach New Jersey, they follow the coast to their final destination: the states of Virginia and North Carolina, where they winter.

Glengarry residents can expect more snow geese sightings in the future.

The North American population of snow geese had tripled since 1968. It is estimated that close to three million snow geese return annually to the Hudson Bay-James Bay nesting grounds.

The average annual population increase of eight per cent has alarmed ecologists, some of whom have called for controlled eradication measures.

Ecologists claim excessive numbers are ruining nesting habitats for other water fowl.

A number of factors have boosted the snow goose population.

For some years now, the geese have taken advantage of new sources of food, grown by farmers, such as wheat, barley and rice.

Forage land has also increased because American Midwest farmers have discontinued tilling which leaves grain-carrying stalks for the birds on which to feed.

Water fowl refuges have also grown. They offer ideal habitat and protection from hunters.

Meanwhile, the number of hunters have decreased, which lowers the adult mortality rate.

Global warming even has a part to play. Shorter winters and longer summers have improved feed supply.

Snow geese are smaller than their dark-coloured cousins, Canada geese, but they are still taller than ducks, measuring about 58-95 centimetres (23-38 inches) in length.

Snow geese are not unlike other geese. They too fly in 'V' formations. The leader is the bird most rested. Once the leader tires, that goose goes to the back of the V and the bird next in line takes over.


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CLUES

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by DAVID OUELLET

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ANSWER NEXT WEEK | Last Week's Answer: Service

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# Scenes of Christmas season







Santa Claus, top photo, pays homage to Baby Jesus in the Manger at Ecole Elda Rouleau. Left photo, an Ecole St. Joseph student performs during the school's Christmas concert. Barry MacDonald, bottom right, from left, Krissi MacDonald, Sandra McCuaig, Mike Bacquie and Luanne Nadeau sing caroles. Other photos, Christmas decorations abound in Alexandria. Staff Photos - Peerenboom, Berry

# The Alexandria firefighters want Charlebois back

*(Continued from page 1)*

mation of a new fire department for the entire township.

The by-law, to be submitted by Jan. 14, would be drawn up by a committee "having no less than three council members" with no more than two representatives from existing departments in Alexandria, Apple Hill and Maxville acting as advisors.

Clause 4 of the motion says that the motion to accept the resignation of AFA members is rescinded "provided that the firefighters association members in Alexandria individually agree to work until January 31, 1999 under the current pay schedule, however, in the event that the individual firefighter does not accept the proviso (of accepting the terms set out by the future by-law), he shall receive no severance package and shall be deemed to have resigned effective January 31, 1999 in the place and stead of December 31, 1998 (the original deadline date given by the AFA in their ultimatum to council)."

Individual firefighters were given until today to accept the proviso. The motion's intention of dealing with firefighters on an individual basis is contrary to the AFA's desire to act en masse.

The AFA also objected to being asked to sign a letter agreeing to terms of a proposal not due until mid-January.

As for the fire chief issue, according to the official motion passed by council on Wednesday, Charlebois was axed because "the fire chief has demonstrated a total lack of respect for and caused embarrassment to the council of North Glengarry."

Council ratified the motion by a six to one margin, with Lochiel councillor Claude Massie issuing the only "no" vote.

Massie, who voted to accept the resignation of the firefighters, did an about-face and spoke in their favour at Monday's meeting.

"I don't think they're overpaid," said Massie after quoting budget figures from the Alexandria, Apple Hill and Maxville fire departments that later would prove inaccurate.

Unless there's a major change in the stance by either side, it seems unlikely the discussions agreed to on Monday will ever take place.

Ironically, Crack says Charlebois was fired to help improve the prospects for negotiation with the firefighters.

"It was felt by council that given the worsening of relations with Mr. Charlebois (an agreement with the firefighters) was no longer possible," said Crack.

Even while the path was being cleared for the resumption of talks on Monday night, Charlebois showed little inclination to negotiate.

"I know the kind of negotiations council engages in," he said during one of several tirades in the evening. He added that he felt his own salary "was not open to negotiation."

"(Charlebois' position) left us with little room to negotiate with the rest of the department," said Crack.

Deputy chief Maurice Brunet has been named as acting chief.

# Glen Walter group opposed to land sale

By Sue Harrington
*News correspondent*

A group of Glen Walter residents is attempting to block the closure and sale of a 40 foot road allowance which leads directly to the St. Lawrence River.

Maurice Rochon gave an impassioned plea to South Glengarry Council last Monday, as he spoke against a by-law which would close the allowance and sell it to the adjacent landowner.

Rochon said that the land in question, which is located south of the intersection of Rae Road and County Road 2, has been used historically by local residents to gain access to, and enjoy, the St. Lawrence.

"This road allowance has provided for and taken care of its residents through some very hard times," he said.

Rochon told council that during a period of drought in the late 60s, farmers in the area used the access to haul water from the river for their crops.

He also said that the road allowed the members of the Glen Walter Fire Department to get water in the case of an emergency.

Another Glen Walter resident, George Valade, presented a 100 name petition to council on behalf of those who were against the closure.

Valade said that a few years ago a chain link fence was erected on the property and trees were planted.

"People were under the impression that the land was sold," he told council.

"The old-time residents felt that they were trespassing."

But Vuk Kovinich, whose mother owns the adjacent land, disputed the fact that the land was even a road allowance. Kovinich said his mother had purchased the land on the east side about 30 years ago and had "recently" purchased the land on the west side.

"It's nonsense to say that the public has used this land. There was a boat house, constructed by Lloyd Gallinger, that used to be there," said Kovinich.

He also said that residents who want public access to the river should use the lands that the township owns near the Olco Gas Bar.

"There is a good view there."

South Glengarry Clerk Michel Samson said the that the matter would be referred to the township solicitor.

# Councils get together in bid to force agreement in high school negotiations

By J.L. Lefebvre
*News* editor

Student and school councils from across the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) are tired of waiting for the board and its teachers to reach an agreement and have taken matters into their own hands in a bid to bring an end to the almost four-month long dispute.

At the invitation of the Glengarry District High School (GDHS) school council, student and parent representatives from 10 schools met in Alexandria last Tuesday to discuss the ramifications of the dispute, which has led to a work-to-rule campaign by teachers.

The group came up with two options for the school board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) local as a result of discussions held during the conference. Those options were spelled out in a release issued to the media in a press conference that followed the meeting of student and parent representatives.

"In view of the fact that the present negotiating teams do not seem to be able to resolve the dilemma, appoint two new teams or go to arbitration," stated the release, which was read by GDHS school council chair Irene Booth.

The board has suggested the possibility of arbitration in the past but the OSSTF refused, saying it could not get a fair hearing.

The united student and school councils will take action if some positive steps towards a settlement aren't taken.

"Unless the school councils and student councils see some decisive action before the end of the calendar year, we are prepared to form a delegation and go, as a united front, to the Ministry of Education and to the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation in Toronto," the group stated in its release.

The group is anxious for an agreement because almost all extracurricular activities have been cancelled under the work-to-rule campaign. The parents and students say school spirit is down and that some students are getting shut out of possible scholarship opportunities because of the lack of extra activities.

The absence of fundraising may also cut into school bursary programs.

The council members aren't sure what impact their letters and lobbying has had on the negotiating teams to this point.

"It's difficult to say (if we've had any influence) because of the limited communication we've had," said David Rawnsley of the Char-Lan District High School council.

As for the potential success of a united front campaign, the group remains optimistic.

"Hope is always there," said Glengarry student council president Pieter Funnekotter.

"There's frustration for sure and sometimes it's hard to be optimistic but I see a lot of people coming together now and I don't think we can be ignored anymore."

GDHS student president Erin MacDonell agrees the strength-in-numbers philosophy will serve the group well.

"We have to be together to get something accomplished," said MacDonell.

"If it's just GD on its own, or R-O on its own, or St. Lawrence on its own, we won't be able to get anything done."

The group wants to pressure the board and the union to negotiate through the holidays.

"We don't want this to sleep over Christmas," said Rawnsley.



On hand for Tuesday's conference were (above) Irene Booth and David Rawnsley of the Glengarry and Char-Lan school councils and (below) Erin MacDonell and Pieter Funnekotter of GDHS student council.



Audrey (Johnson) MacDonald presented Germaine Lalonde (left) of the Canadian Cancer Society with a $1,000 cheque.

# Pickles and knick knacks bring in $1,000 for charity

By Sandra Berry
*News* Reporter

Audrey (Johnson) MacDonald is known for her puppet shows and charity concerts. This year she opted to raise money is a different manner.

The Glen Robertson native began selling crafts, pickles and used clothing to raise funds for the cancer society in September.

"I thought I would be happy with $100."

But friends heard about her idea, brought more items to sell and donations. The next thing she knew, she was at $600 and aiming for a grand.

"Complete strangers came up to me to be part of this worthy cause."

The victim of breast cancer says holding sales was harder than her usual annual concerts. Nonetheless she is grateful for of the outcome.

"It's an event that reminds people how this disease can hit the young, old, rich and poor."

She says it's events like this that prove how much one community can accomplish.

"I simply organized the sale. It's the people who donated."

And MacDonald became one of the donors herself when she robbed her piggy bank to round off the amount to $1,000.

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## Christmas brings out extremes of feelings

Even setting aside the frequent arguments about the commercial and spiritual sides of Christmas, the holiday season is a time of conflicts and contrasts.

While Christmas can be a time of peace and joy and good will towards all men (and women), it's just as frequently a trying and exhausting experience that reduces a person to one huge frazzled nerve.

Many of us have to-do lists longer than our arms and fuses shorter than out little fingernail leading up to the big day (or days) and we can't fully enjoy the season.

***It may be a cliche, but the holiday season is the ideal time to practice the attitudes and behaviour that typify the spirit of Christmas.***

Perhaps it's an unfortunate by-product of growing up, but few adults are able to grasp that magical quality about the Christmas season that came so naturally when we were kids. Some have lost their grip altogether.

It brings to mind a comedy skit that once appeared on television. A man walks into a liquor store, loads up a cart with cases of domestic and imported beer, red and white wine, champagne, brandy, gin, whiskey, rye, vodka, kahlua and creme de menthe. As the clerk packs the bottles into boxes, the customer remarks: "Ah Christmas! We wouldn't do it if it wasn't for the kids."

Still, despite all the hassle that comes in December and the credit card bills that come in January, most of us get at least a small kick out of Christmas or at least good-naturedly put up with it.

For others, however, the holiday season is the cruelest of times.

During this time of year, the general population engages in large-scale consumerism that mocks the poor families in our communities. While Christmas is traditionally a time for friends and families to get together and celebrate, for some people the day is but a vicious reminder of how terribly lonely they are in the world.

Fortunately, anyone who has read these pages in recent weeks knows about the work of service clubs and church groups who do their best to put the "Merry" in "Merry Christmas" for the less fortunate members of our society. Their efforts are the true embodiment of the Christmas spirit.

As individuals, we may think we are incapable of uplifting acts but there is something we can all do to make the season a little brighter. Smile to a stranger on the street. Buy a present for someone you don't know. Hum Christmas carols while waiting in line at the grocery store. Respond to rudeness with a kind act. Yeah sure, it's a major cliche but, corny as those little gestures may be, you just might feel a little better about yourself and you might lift someone else's spirits too.

Oh, one more thing. While we're on the subject of cliches, we just dare you to watch It's a Wonderful Life. It's pretty much impossible to watch that classic Jimmy Stewart movie and not want to start tackling life with zeal and renewed energy.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all our readers.

## Mishaps and accidents a part of the season

Despite the goodwill that this season is supposed to generate, it is still a time that presents special dangers both inside and outside the home.

Each year we read of tragic fires that claim the lives of individuals or families. Such fires are often linked to faulty wiring on Christmas trees and are preventable. Far too many people forget to water their trees to prevent them from drying out.

Too, they often use strings of lights with frayed wiring thinking they will be okay. Often they are not with lethal results.

***Dangers lurk in many corners for the unwary during the holiday season. Please be careful and enjoy this time with family and friends.***

This can also be a time for other types of accidents around the home as decorations are hung indoors and out. Taking simple precautions can prevent falls from ladders or rooftops.

Children too are at more than usual risk especially when playing out of doors. Drivers might not be as attentive as normal because of the parties or stress that accompanies the holiday season.

Another area of concern should be that of pets in the home. Often dogs and cats are relegated to the sidelines as visitors come and go and there is more than the usual activity that can adversely affect them. They might tend to chew electric wiring on Christmas trees or perhaps engage in other activity that could be brought on by stress.

Meanwhile we should all be alert to the dangers of drinking and driving. While some progress has been made in curbing this problem people are still being maimed and killed during the holiday period because someone had too much to drink and decided to drive their vehicle.

Too often we read accounts of people on their way to visit relatives or friends only to become involved in an accident not of their own making.

We would do well to remember that if we know someone is drinking and driving and do not do anything about it, do we not share some of the blame for any ensuing accident?

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*Santa Claus is coming to town*

Mrs. Claus , Santa Claus and their nine reindeer, with Rudolph leading, are brightly displayed in Raymond Trottier's front lawn facing Hwy 34 south of Alexandria. Staff photo – Sandra Berry

## Two guys, a suit and a legend

THAT'S LIFE



BILL McINTYRE

In the pine and birch forests of northeastern Ontario, among the black spruce swamps and expanses of muskeg, roams a creature, humanlike in outline, but different in demeanour.

The length of its body is covered in, coarse black hair broken only by a mane of long, blond unruly tresses that sprout from its head and cascade down its back and hides the creature's face.

It has never been captured, is seldom seen and was last reported by a busload of politicians, tourists and media types in 1967. It seems to be pure coincidence that Canada's Centennial year celebrations were in full bloom. Perhaps the disturbance of its habitat prompted the sightings. Who really knows.

Centennial year was crazy enough in our part of the province and it seemed almost natural that strange things would occur. The media dubbed the creature "The Pre-Cambrian Sheild Man" and left it at that.

In the intervening years the fame and notoriety of the creature spread far and wide, even to be included in a book some 10 years ago about mysteries and ghosts and such in Canada.

The creature was, at the time, being compared to Big Foot in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia and the Yeti of the Himalayas.

As the Centennial summer wore on, there were several more sightings including those reported by a train load of tourists and a bunch of less-than-sober revelers at a community dance.

On two occasions it was spotted clambering around some old mine workings. It was said the thing lived in the miles of underground drifts, stopes and adits long abandoned by silver-hungry miners near the turn of the century.

The locals weren't as impressed with the creature as were some of the high-profile visitors. Some wags dismissed it as a bear with a wig and threatened to shoot it on sight. Scary thought.

After leaving that part of the country for other climes I lost track of the stories. Imagine my surprise when, some 15 years later, I returned to see area reporters still writing about the Pre-Cambrian Sheild Man.

I suppose some folks were using the creature to scare their children into being good. The story had somehow taken on a life of its own and had become ingrained in the region's stock of folklore.

The stories reminded me that events have a way of lingering in the minds of people long after they have passed into history.

Such events take on a significance that is not easily overcome, even by truth and confession.

You see it was my old friend Mike Koshilka and I who gave birth to the pre-Cambrian Sheild

At the time we had just inaugurated the Cobalt Historic Mining Tours and, on the eve of a visit by high ranking federal and provincial politicians accompanied by a gaggle of national reporters including television personality, Paul Soles, decided we needed some excitement.

So was born Mr. Sheilds with the help of a gorilla suit from a Toronto costume dealer, a blonde wig borrowed from my secretary and the wild-eyed enthusiasm of a couple of guys who should have known better.

We took turns wearing the suit and showed up in the most unlikely places. That was until some of the townsfolk started talking about about guns.

Up to that point, however, we had the pleasure of conning many political types. After each appearance we would bundle the suit into a huge prospector's packsack which my partner carried on his back.

No one really took notice since we were dressed up as old time prospectors most of that summer and we would mingle with the crowd listening to accounts of the latest sighting.

But I could never figure out why, after admitting publicly more than 10 years ago, that the stories are still making the rounds.

Perhaps we all have to believe that there are still things loose in the world that can make the hairs on the back of our necks rise just a little.

Maybe that too is life.

## Family, a once in a lifetime opportunity

BERRY PICKINGS



SANDRA BERRY

It's the Christmas Holidays again and for most of us it means family gathering, office parties and little celebrations of all kinds.

While most of us get worked up humming along to Silent Night or Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer, not everyone is in the mood to meet the relatives on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

But as my mother often says: "We'll get to Christmas at the same time as everybody else."

Her statement does hold truth. Whether we like or not Dec. 25 is coming along and the're no way to stop it. And the same goes for choosing our family members, we don't have a choice.

Whether we like or not, we have no say as to who will be our Mom, Dad, bossy brother or wimpy sister. And come to think of it, some families can grow to be a mixture of odd characters.

Take for example my families' holiday gatherings. Mom is too busy to take part in any dinner conversation because she's making sure everyone has enough mashed potatoes and that the gravy is warm enough. So that leaves me with Dad and my two brothers. I can never fit in the dinner conversation very well unless we get talking about my parent's herd of beef cows.

I would like to tell them about EPD's, homozygous traits, phenotypes and genotypes but the men in my family prefer talking about something that most women are ignorant of like mechanics.

So the dinner conversation among the men is usually about diesel engines, alternators and general mechanics. I can seldom particpate in the converstation apart from asking an explanation on jake brakes or making a ridiculous comment.

But luckily my brothers got married and bring two additional women to the holiday gatherings as well as little nieces and nephews. But being the baby of the family, I'm the only one without little kids, meaning that I can take part in only so much talk of baby diets, baby steps, baby burps and baby smiles, baby sleep and so forth.

And there is only so much you can do with the little nephews without getting them all excited and having my Mom tell me to be quiet. Then I normally opt for the family cat, who like myself can cuddle up to a book and purr in peace and quiet.

And I guess my family experience is not unique. After all, none of us get to choose with which family we grow up. Sometimes we feel alienated from our families, like we've grown apart and no longer share common interests.

Look at me. I have a father who has different views on life than I do, a brother who talks about pistons and carburetors in his sleep with the other who prefers to talk about practical things rather than philosophy and a Mom who's idea of a good time is reading the newspaper in solitude.

Some might say "How the heck do you all get along?" To tell you the truth, I don't know. Somehow, we stick together. I know it may sound ridiculous to some, but it's the family ties that keep us together. Mothers, brothers and fathers aren't suppose to be your best friends, they're family.

With a friend, you have to share common interests or common goals. You go on outings with friends. The differences is that friends can come and go. Family doesn't. You are given one family and that's it.

So this Christmas season, why not spend a little more time with the family instead of watching television or drinking ourselves silly. They say Christmas is a time for giving, so let's give back what we've been taking for granted, time with our family.

LETTER

## Water contract issue should be re-opened

**To the editor,**

It has come to our attention that the facts regarding the recently discussed operations contract for the water and sewage facilities in South Glengarry need to be know to the ratepayers:

Fact 1: The Township of South Glengarry awarded a contract to the Thompson Rosemount Group for over $1 million dollars without any written document stating their requirements. Despite the township's claim, this is not a fair process. It was clear that all suppliers who submitted had a different understanding of the township's requirements.

Fact 2: This company has an employee who is a councillor (who declared conflict of interest – but did not step out of the room.)

Fact 3: This company has an employee who is a water/wastewater operator whose brother-in-law is a councillor.

Fact 4: Councillors have admitted that there were problems associated with the process. There were no written documents detailing the township's requirements or rules of the process.

Fact 5: The current agreements with the Ontario Clean Water Agency do not expire until the end of 1999 and 2000, giving the municipality plenty of time to follow a proper competitive process.

Fact 6: During one of the steps in the process, the reeve, arbitrarily, gave a verbal extension to the Thompson Rosemount Group, for their submission to come in late, which was allowed.

Fact 7: The CAO had previously recommended two other firms for carrying out this work.

Fact 8: No councillor could give an example of any complaint or concerns regarding the Ontario Clean Water Agency's level of service over the past several years.

Fact 9: When provided with a price from the Ontario Clean Water Agency of $195,000 beginning in 1999, council was not interested even though the price was cheaper.

Fact 10: The only short deadline imposed by the Ontario Clean Water Agency was a two-week response time in June for an offer that affected 1998 pricing (as we were half way through the year.) There is still plenty of time to use the proper process. If the pricing submitted was genuine, then there would still be plenty of opportunity for savings by using the proper process for everyone involved.

Fact 11: The process of buying services relating to landfill management also seems to have been unique. Two firms were involved with management of the landfill areas before amalgamation. After amalgamation only one firm is managing this for South Glengarry – again it is our understanding that this occurred without a written tendering process.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fire meeting an unsettling experience

**To the editor,**

It is now approximately 9:30 p.m. and I have just arrived home from an open council meeting at the Glengarry Sport Palace.

I was offered a ride home but declined because I was so unsettled over what I had heard and seen. I walked home in an attempt to calm down. I have never seen such overwhelming courage from the people of North Glengarry. I applaud those who stood up and voiced their opinions on the whole North Glengarry firefighter issue.

For the first time, since being a resident of Alexandria, (coming from a bigger city) I witnessed such raw unbridled emotion as never seen before. How can the council dare defend their warped way of thinking when it comes to dealing with human lives? One council member said that it did come to nickles and dimes when you come down to it. My stomach sank inwards when I heard this and I just had the vision of my six-year-old daughter asking just hours before: "But Daddy, who will come to our school if we have a fire?"

What is this world coming to? To top this, when the Alexandria firefighters Association admitted to reacting too soon (handing in a letter of resignation) in making a decision based on the thought of their loved ones' welfare (in the case that they would be injured during an accident while saving some stranger's life or property), the council could not commit to agreeing to re-opening negotiations – pretty open-minded don't you think?

As a wife of a firefighter, I believe that all the firefighters (husbands and dads) made the safe and responsible decision in letting council know that they were not prepared to take the chance of injuring themselves and leaving their loved ones in God only knows what financial condition. Do you know any sane person who would leave their home half-dressed at 3 a.m. in temperatures of -25 degrees and travel on icy roads to get to the scene to help another human? The council sat there with the strangest look on their faces and denied knowing the reason for which the whole ordeal started!

There were well aware of the compensation issue but did not take the time to get the facts so that there was no question about it and still to this hour, nothing in writing has been presented on the issue. Still, my husband will react and go running out our door to risk his life in an emergency. This now gets me thinking, "I think he's the crazy one." Still he, and all his fellow firefighters, will be out there – doing the ethical thing, still unaware of the consequences in the case they do get hurt.

As for the chief, yes I will agree that this is a crude man, but I have never seen someone fight with his whole soul for what he believes in. That is what one truly calls a man with a mission. You don't see many men like that - like Al Pacino in the movie, "Justice for All" – fighting for what is right and risking all he has in doing so. At least he had the grit to stand and speak his mind, unlike some members of council who could not give any straight answers. I must make an exception for Mr. Massie. It was truly a pleasure to hear him speak his mind and know that not all members think alike.

I truly hope that the people's voices were heard and dread to think about the consequences if the council chooses to ignore what we, the people choose. I dare not be the one to tell the parent of a dead child that his or her son or daughter was the victim of no negotiation, a phrase used over and over by council. I don't know about the others present tonight, but the message seemed to come loud and clear (even after the firefighters repeatedly asked to re-open talks) that it was the council who seemed to not want to bend, not the other way around. I understand that amalgamation has taken its toll on everyone) I can relate to that personally but it is no reason to put anyone's life in danger for even a second and this would be the case if council ignores the pleas of its residents. I pray that they put their personal issues aside and listen to what was asked tonight.

Hoping to set my six-year-old daughter's mind at ease,

**Donna Chabot**
**The wife of a proud firefighter,**
**Alexandria**

## Bishop's annual message

**To the editor,**

Christmas 1998 is within the year dedicated to the Father in preparation for the great Jubilee of the Year 2000, which will begin at Christmas next year.

Jesus has told us that the reason for his coming as man was to reconcile us all with the Father, his Father through eternal generation, ours, by adoption.

God, the living One, source of all life, cannot die; but God made man, Emmanuel, can take on the consequences of sin – suffering and death – to redeem the whole human race, from Adam and Eve to the last person born before his second coming.

In the saving blood of the Messiah, Christ the Lord, we are reconciled to the Father through the ever-present power of the Holy Spirit, at work in us and in our world.

What a grace it is for each of us, prodigal children that we are, to come to our senses and to return to our Father's house! Many have taken their inheritance and children of God and squandered it in riotous living; many are reduced to a hopeless existence, a meaningless life.

Through me, his unworthy servant, Jesus invites us all to open our lives to his coming at this holy time of year. Especially do I invite my brothers and sisters of the Catholic faith to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation – to make our Confession to a priest who in the person of Jesus will say over us: "I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Come back to the Father, be reconciled with Him and with your brothers and sisters because of the Blood of Christ and in the loving power of the Spirit!

May Mary, mother of Jesus and of all believers, the most perfect disciple of her Son, "pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."

A Holy and Blessed Christmas to everyone and a New Year 1999 full of the loving providence of Our Father!

**†Eugene P. LaRocque**
**Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall**



60 years of marriage was celebrated by Jean Edouard and Fernande (nee Chopin) Bélair of Alexandria on Dec. 19/98

## Water contract issue should be re-opened

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The firm awarded this work was Thompson Rosemount Group.

Fact 12: Late in 1998, the township resolved to go to a written tender if the Ontario Clean Water Agency agreed to adjust our prices for 1998 and 1999 (these terms are from our current agreements, fully agreed to by previous councils) to meet the lowest price received in an unknown tender (plus 5 per cent), by any bidder, for an unknown scope of work. There was no guarantee that the services provided would be the same as those currently provided. We do not believe that this was a fair offer.

This is not a case of sour grapes! The taxpayers of South Glengarry deserve a fair and open process to get the best value for their money. The business community of South Glengarry deserves a fair and open process to compete for work for the municipality. The Ontario Clean Water Agency is committed to providing the residents of South Glengarry with the highest level of service at the best price. Given the opportunity to respond to written terms of reference evaluated by a knowledgeable neutral third party, we have demonstrated throughout the province that we will provide the best value to the ratepayers.

The Ontario Clean Water Agency and the other firm interested in this work have publicly stated that there is still time to submit a proposal based on written terms of reference and third party evaluation. We urge the council of South Glengarry to open this issue up and use the proper process for their evaluation.

**John Kingsbury,**
**Client Services Representative**
**Ontario Clean Water Agency**

**CORRECTION NOTICE**

*We wish to draw your attention to the following in our current "WRAP IT UP NOW" Flyer*

**Page 6 -** Great big double easel, 50-1951-0. The paper, chalk and eraser are not included with this easel, as stated in the flyer.

**Page 12 -** Assorted aroma crystals, 43-9341-2. Copy reads: pkg. of 4. Should read: pkg. of 1.

**Page 22 -** Item #1, 30" hugger-style ceiling fan, 52-4327-6. This ceiling fan does not have a double light as stated in the flyer.

Heavy-duty outdoor extension cord, 52-2430X. This product is 'medium-duty', not 'heavy-duty' as stated in the flyer.

*We wish to draw your attention to the following in our current "LAST-MINUTE GIFT SALE" Flyer*

**Page 10 -** 100 pc bit set, 54-3673-2. The safety glasses do not come with the bit set as illustrated in the flyer.

**Page 11 -** 3 1/4 planer, 54-6624-2. The planer does not come with a guide as illustrated in the flyer.

*We sincerely regret any inconvenience we may have caused you.*

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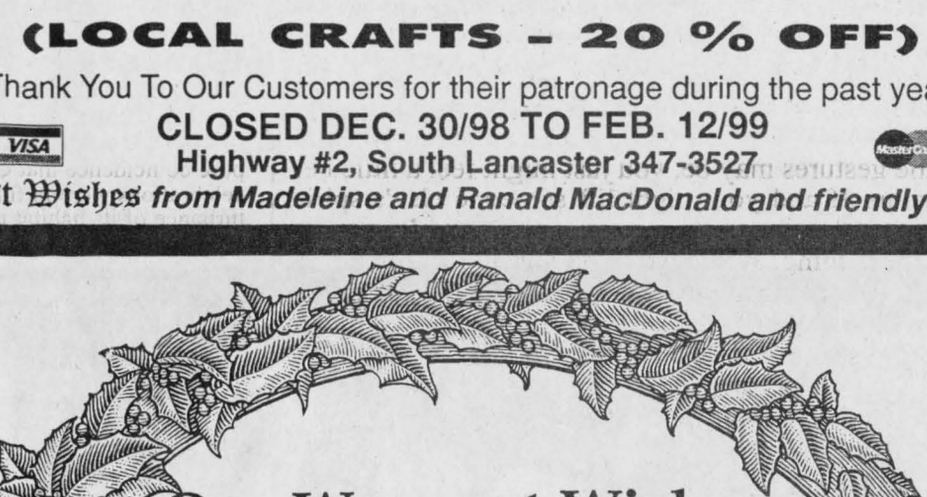

*From left; Josée, Jo-Ann, Sharon, Gerry, Rosanne, Bridget, Diane and Adam*

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# Guessing own sobriety is not an exact science

When you're out celebrating the holidays, counting the number of drinks you consume might actually mislead you to believe you are legally able to drive.

"There are a lot of factors that makes your blood-alcohol content not consistent," said Const. Joel Doiron, of the OPP District Headquarters in Long Sault.

Doiron said a breathalyzer technician course taught him not to rely strictly on the number of alcoholic beverages to determine a level of alcohol.

He said type of sex, body size and weight, amount of food and sleep during the past 24 hours, and alcohol tolerance are all factors.

"It's not enough to say I could handle two or three drinks and be OK," Doiron said.

He cautions everyone not to use a weight-to-alcohol ratio chart to determine alcohol content.

A much heavier person, who does not normally drink, will be effected more readily than a smaller person, who drinks regularly.

As for trying to absorb alcohol by eating, drinking coffee, urinating or simply waiting it out, he said none of the above have little or no effect.

"Eating slows down the elimination process. Urinating doesn't let out a lot (of alcohol) - only two per cent is let out through urinating and sweating."

Waiting is the most effective, but be prepared for the long haul.

"Alcohol reduces at a rate of 15 milligrams per hour," he said, adding that alcohol content reaches its maximum one hour after drinking ceases.

The best policy is to plan ahead.

That means to pick a designated driver, keep extra money for a taxi or organize a busing shuttle.

"All it takes is one small fatal error and you could kill an innocent family - the consequences are deadly."

## Many tools stolen from workshop

Crime Stoppers wants your help in solving a break and enter.

On Dec. 4, suspects entered an unlocked workshop on the 8th Concession of South Glengarry and removed various hand-held power tools. The tools taken were: Makita four-inch pad sander, serial number 1631911E, Makita 24-inch belt sander, Makita half inch hammer drill, Delta 16-inch scroll saw, Skil plunge router, four freud router bits, Makita battery powered jig saw, Black and Decker electric jig saw, Black and Decker five-inch sander, Makita 9.6 volts cordless drill, Makita six-inch hand grinder, Black and Decker four-inch V grinder, Ryobi detail sander. Total value of the goods taken was $1,805.

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

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# Parish participates in concert

GLEN ROBERTSON



COLETTE SAUVÉ
874-2076

**Basic Needs**

The dépanneur Larocque has changed hands since Dec. 11 and the new owner is Hélène Lefebvre.

It will be called Basic Needs.

After a few renovations, more stock at regular prices will be on hand as well as a wider selection of movies.

The 6/49 machine has been taken out and if people in the Glen really want to have it back, please voice your opinion by phoning M.P.P. Noble Villeneuve so he can intervene for us.

Good luck with your new business, Hélène!

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St. Martin of Tours parish was very well represented at the ecumenical Christmas concert on Dec. 9 at Kirk Hill.

The French choir sang "Voici la Fête" and the English choir "What Child is This."

The only junior choir sang "Little Drummer Boy" to the delight of the large audience.

Anita Hagen and mom, Rita Hurtubise have just returned from a lovely trip to Myrtle Beach.

They enjoyed nice weather as high as 70 degrees from Nov. 28 to Dec. 6. Anita would like to thank her mom for giving her the opportunity tc experience such a vacation.

Speedy recovery wishes go out to Gregory Hagen who underwent unexpected surgery at the Hotel Dieu recently. Get well wishes from the Hagen family!

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Some friends of ours got a very unpleasant surprise on Friday night, Dec. 11.

Theives broke into the car, which was parked at the Glengarry Sports Palace, and stole wallets and were bold enough to make a withdrawl with their card. The car was damaged too.

Please don't leave your wallet or any other valuables in your car. It seems that recently thieves have been working overtime. Be on the lookout and if you see anything suspicious, please forward your police emergency calls to 525-5555 or O.P.P. at 1-888-310-1122.

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Organized by Club 65, over 115 people enjoyed a delicious supper and danced to the music of Jean Lajoie and Uncle George for their Chirstmas celebration on Dec. 1 at the Social Centre.

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On Dec. 15, my daughter Nicole and I had the pleasure of welcoming my daughter Manon and son-in-law Stéphane Leroux of the Armed Forces at Mirabel airport along with three-year-old Stéphanie and baby, Vincent who will be five months shortly.

What a great joy!

Stationed in Belgium, they have two more years to live there and I just can't wait to have them a little bit closer. On Dec. 20, Vincent was baptized in St. Martin of Tours by Father Eric Robichaud.

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Baskets for the less fortunate of the community will be deilvered this week.

Since I don't have all the names of the many generous organizations who donated, I will let you know later.

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At this time, I would like to thank all the people who contributed to this column by supplying me with some news.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all *The Glengarry News* staff and to all my column readers. Open your heart and fill it with joy, peace and love! See you in 1999!

## *Thank You / Merci*

**La Montée d'Elle,** Centre de ressources en violence familiale et leurs clientes, désirent remercier les commanditaires suivants pour leur soutien et générosité. Grâce à vous, cette fête de Noël a été une réussite extraordinaire. Mille fois merci et que la Joie et l'Eclat de Noël soient toujours dans vos coeurs!

**La Montée d'Elle,** Centre de ressources en violence familiale and their clients wish to express their gratitude to the following sponsors for their support and generosity. Because of you, another wonderful Christmas party was made possible. Our hearfelt thanks and we wish you all the Joys of the Christmas Season!

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***An Open Letter to the Constituents of Mr. Noble Villeneuve:***

*On September 17, when the Victorian Order of Nurses first locked out its community nurses in four Eastern Ontario branches, those nurses turned to local MPP Noble Villeneuve for assistance. The meeting with Mr. Villeneuve resulted in many promises for patients and nurses.*

*But now, days before Christmas, patients and nurses are asking, what has Mr. Villeneuve brought our community for Christmas??*

*The good MPP promised to talk to his colleagues at Queen's Park and do what he could to help the VON, which is being driven out of business by the competitive bidding process that his government set up. That system is forcing the VON and other nonprofit agencies to compete with for-profit corporations for contracts to provide care.*

*Shortly after that talk, the Brockville/Leeds/Grenville branch of the VON decided to discontinue its visiting nursing program, essentially closing its door to community nursing.*

*Nurses tried to set up a meeting with Mr. Villeneuve in Toronto and were told that he was too busy to meet with them until the new year.*

*So the nurses decided to meet with him at his constituency office in Moose Creek. Once again, Mr. Villeneuve was courteous and promised he would do what he could by talking to his colleagues at Queen's Park.*

*Shortly after that, another VON branch, this time in Lanark, went under and closed its doors to community nursing.*

*Alarmed for their patients, the nurses called Mr. Villeneuve, who said that everything was being done behind the scenes,*

*Then another VON branch, Renfrew County, closed its doors to community nursing.*

*So, now that it's Christmas time, will Mr. Villeneuve leave a lump of coal for the patients and nurses of the Eastern Counties branch of the VON? Stay tuned. We'll be sure and let you know what kind of Christmas Mr. Villeneuve and Premier Harris gave to our community.*

*In the meantime, please help us with our fight to preserve quality non-profit home care in this community. Any phone calls you can make or letters you can send to Mr. Villeneuve, expressing concern at his government's harmful competitive bidding process and his lack of action in this matter would be greatly appreciated. He can be reached at his Moose Creek constituency office at: Labrosse St., Box 238, Moose Creek, Ontario. K0C 1W0. Tel: (613) 538-2408. Fax: (613) 538-2617.*

*We thank you in advance for your support and wish you and your family the very best for the holiday season.*

*With your help, we hope to make it a very happy New Year for the Eastern Counties!*

*Sincerely,*

*The registered nurses of their Eastern Counties VON*

# Splendid crowd attends Ken Roach's and Voices of Glengarry Christmas concert

GLEN SANDFIELD



LORNA CHAPMAN
874-2408

On Dec. 24 at 8 p.m., there will be a service of readings and carols in Glen Sandfield United Church that same evening.

Everyone is most welcome to attend either service.

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A splendid crowd attended the Christmas concert at St. Finnan's Cathedral in Alexandria on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13 for the second of two Christmas concerts Ken Roach has presented with his Voices of Glengarry Choir.

The church was filled with the thrilling sound of many joyous voices as the large congregation joined in the singing of familiar Christmas carols. It was quite evident that the choir, led by Rita McDonald of St. Joseph's in Lancaster, really enjoyed participating in this delightful musical celebration of the season.

Several new carols were sung by the choir, along with some old favourites, many with a new interpretation by Mr. Roach. One portion of the program was sung to his own taped accompaniment and this part was very well received. The congregation got involved by clapping along to the lively calypso rhythms and everyone readily became involved in the excitement of the music.

The sweet bell tones of the steel drum are seldom heard here and it is a special treat to hear Jason Roach render White Christmas as no one else does during the course of the program.

Ken Roach's solos are sung in his rich, mellow voice and are enhanced by the wonderful acoustics of the cathedral. That the crowd enjoyed the afternoon was plain to see from the tumultuous applause and standing ovation with which they favoured the singers.

The free will offering was in aid of the renovations at St. Finnan's Cathedral and the Canadian Diabetes Association.

**Santa's problem**

Poor Santa's got a problem 'cause his elves have gone on strike.
They're complaining 'bout conditions and they want a wage hike.
They just can't take the pressure of the coming holiday day
So they'd like a month's vacation – they just have to get away!
They're talking cancellation and they want to have their say,
They can't meet the deadlines that come with Christmas day.
If Santa cancels Christmas just only for this year,
They could catch up on the presents without the stress they fear.
They would sit back just a little and enjoy some time for fun;
Instead of rushing madly to get thru' ere they're done.
So Santa has this problem that he's trying hard to solve.
But with current cuts occurring here's what it would involve.
No presents Christmas morning for kiddies far and near.
And a bunch of loafing workers not shifting into gear.
Well Santa's put his foot down, he's made his offer plain,
He'd never cancel Christmas, for some petty, selfish gain.
If he has to fire his workers and seek some other source,
Of willing Christmas helpers then there's simply no recourse.
When his wee elves get to thinking that they've had it not too bad, what with room and board; and Christmas the only rush they've had.
He just hopes they'll reconsider and forget about more pay,
'Cause the world will be the loser if they cancelled Christmas day.
No happy children gathered around their Christmas trees
The stores could all go bankrupt with their sales gone like a breeze.
Depressed candy-cane makers, would have to hold their stock
'Til Halloween, or sometime, they'd be reeling with the shock.
The gift wrap folks would panic; the pastry bakers swear,
No plum puddings for the tables, gosh! No parties anywhere.
Of course the world's believers in another Christmas Day,
Would take it all quite calmly and breathe a soft hurray.
They'd thank their heavenly father that the flash and hype were gone.
And get back to celebrating the birth of Mary's son.
So Santa, don't dump Christmas (as though you ever could)
"Cause as long as there are people, some will keep it as they should.
Mary, her babe, the angels and a star that led the way,
Are the first and only reasons for our blessed Christmas day.

By Lorna Chapman - December 1998.

# Maturity, adulthood or age? These are the questions

TEENS TALK

ANGELA BROWN
347-7510

The law states:

At 16, we are legally allowed to hold or obtain a driver's permit.

Question: Are we considered mature or an adult?

At 17, we are permitted to donate blood.

Question: Are we considered mature or an adult?

At 18, we are of legal age to vote.

Question: Are we considered mature or an adult?

At 19, we are legally enabled to purchase alcohol or tobacco.

Question: Are we considered mature or an adult?

Each age gives us more privileges, but are we ready for it?

Is everyone the same at a certain age?

Is maturity an individual trait?

To me, maturity is when you are responsible enough to take on these privileges and know the difference between right and wrong.

Maturity should not be considered by age but yet it seems to be this way.

If we are all mature enough at 16 to drive, why are there still car accidents that could be avoided? Not only by new drives but also experienced drivers.

Which brings up another question.

Does being mature make us adults or does being adult make us mature?

Frankly, I don't think maturity should be declared by a person's age.

If the law says that they are giving us these privileges and thinking we are mature enough to handle them then why does most of society think teenagers can not be considered adults?

I know 15-year-olds who are more mature than some "adults."

We all have a child inside of us. Those who know how to control it are mature but some let the child inside of them run their life, which then makes them look immature.

It all depends on you and how you choose to act in situations or in general.

All I'm asking is "do maturity and adulthood go hand in hand?"

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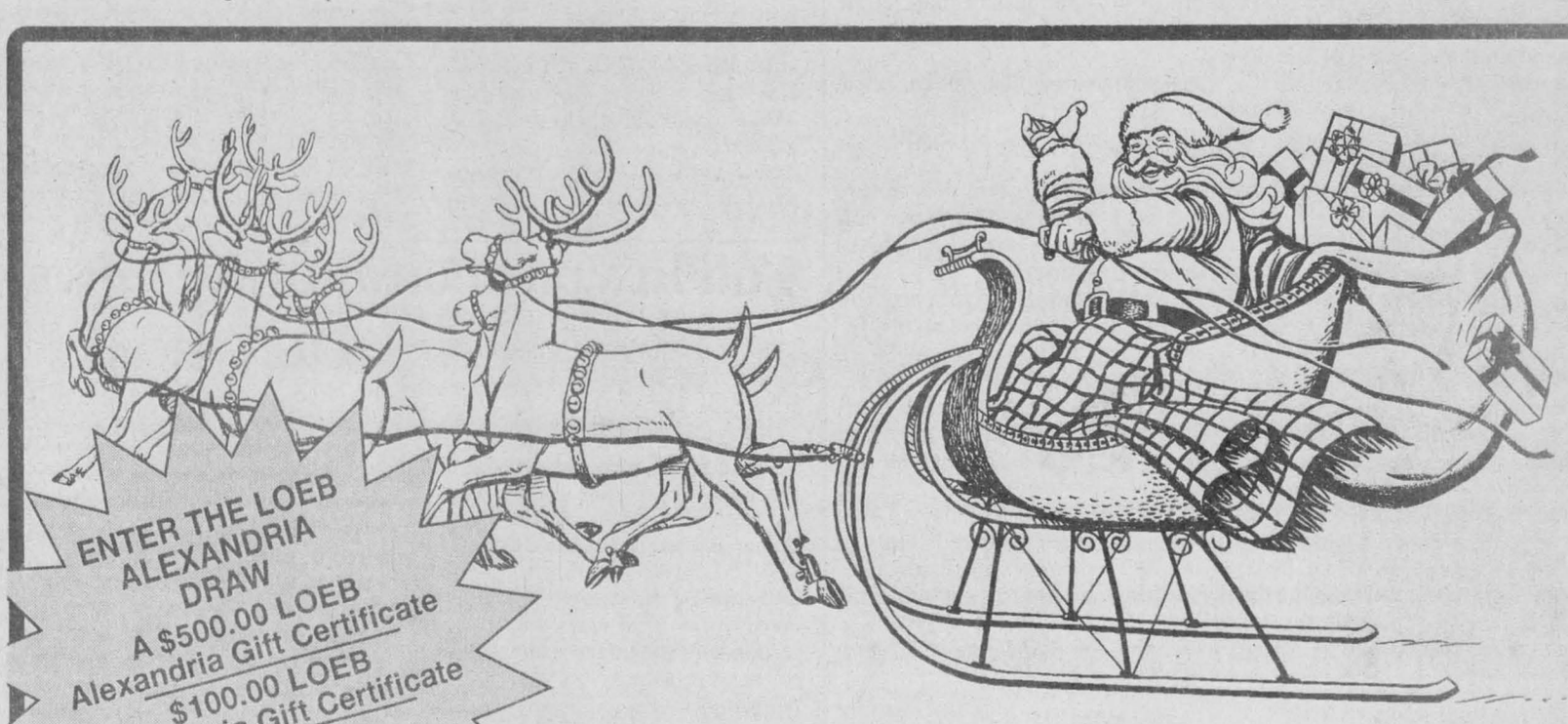

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Dec. 22, Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dec. 23, Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dec. 24, Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 25, CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSED
Dec. 26, BOXING DAY CLOSED

New Year's Hours

Dec. 27, Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 28, Monday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 29, Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dec. 30, Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Dec. 31, Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSED
Jan. 2, Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 3, Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## *Thank You*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of North Glengarry who attended Monday night's December 14th public meeting held in Alexandria. We truly appreciate your support and sincerely wish to continue providing the same service we have always loved rendering in the past.

***Maurice Lauzon, President***
***Alexandria Firefighters Association***

## *Merci*

Un merci du fond du coeur est envoyé à tous les résidents de Glengarry Nord pour avoir participé à la réunion publique de 14 décembre à Alexandria. Nous vous remercions tout particulièrement pour votre appui et encouragement. Nous réaffirmons notre engagement et notre désir de maintenir le même service offert depuis plusieurs dizaines d'années.

***Maurice Lauzon, président***
***Association des pompiers d'Alexandria***

# RAISIN RIVER COUNTRY

## Looking for input on column content

WILLIAMSTOWN



SUE HARRINGTON
347-2279

I've got a little space to fill here today, readers, and I would love it if you could help me out.

As you know, I have been writing this column for more than 13 years, but it wasn't until just the other day that it occurred to me that maybe the Williamstown News is not all that it could be.

The realization struck me when a reader informed me that she "never reads the bridge or horticulture news" in this column.

"I like hearing things about children," she said.

Gulp. Since moving beyond the playpen, tree-climbing, and Santa Claus parade stages in my own family, I am, indeed, guilty of the sin of child omission writing. I pledge to be more conscientious in this regard in the future.

But this still leaves me in a bit of a conundrum, especially with the bridge and euchre scores. You see, there are people who have told me they will cancel their subscriptions to this paper if the bridge scores are left out. (The euchre types tend to be less vociferous).

So what to do? Why don't you tell me, readers? I will accept any suggestions. If you would like to see more of this, and less of that, let me know. If there is some part of the community whose happenings I have left out all these years, please do tell.

I can be reached by telephone, e-mail at sharring@glen-net.ca, fax at 347-1325, or at Box 53, Williamstown, KOC 2JO.

The news is what you make it. I'm just the messenger. So shoot!

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One thing in favour of retaining the bridge scores is that they ensure there will always be at least one entry a week in the Williamstown column. Sometimes it is comforting to know that one is not facing a totally newsless day when column writing time rolls around.

The bridge players are true die-hards. The Wednesday night gang will be continuing to play throughout the holidays, so if you have an bridge-addicted guest, you might want to point him in the direction of St. Mary's Centre around 7 p.m.

Results from last week were: 1. Jim Campbell and Elizabeth Marjerrison; 2. Audrey Blair and Homer Grant; 3. Joanne Berger and Hanz Schulz.

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There's a pretty sparkly young lady in Williamstown these days. Lydia Bryan, daughter of Esther and Gary Bryan became engaged recently to Robert McGaughey, son of Jack and Joyce McGaughey of Cornwall.

Robert proposed to Lydia during a special dinner out to mark the occasion of their first anniversary of seeing each other.

The couple is planning an August 21 wedding at St. Matthew's Church in Cornwall.

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Esther Bryan has more than one reason to be happy these days. The Museum of Civilization in Hull has recently accepted "Counting Stitches, Counting Time," her textile art piece, for inclusion in its public collection.

Esther, longtime water colourist, has been experimenting more and more with textile art since returning from a visit to her father's native home in Slovakia several years ago.

Look for some very exciting news about Esther's work in the new year!

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Several Char-Lan students have had their entries in The Royal Canadian Legion Youth Education literary competitions advance to the Zone and District levels.

Congratulations to Sarah Evans (black and white poster); Lisa Campeau and Angela Van Sleeuwen (poems) and Aimee Holla, Christine Sandilands and Janet Higginson (essays), all of whom advanced to the Zone level.

Winners at the Zone level, who have now advanced to the District Level, include Jamie Lee Esdale (poems); Christine Sandilands (essay); Sonia Daniele (black and white poster), and Lindsay Wickware (coloured poster).

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It was good to talk to Gillian Horgan the other day at the library. She and husband, Martin, always have such interesting news of their bird-watching and other adventures.

Gillian and Martin's latest trek in search of birds took them off to India, where they were able to add to their list of species seen.

Martin has been busy working in Belgium on a new play which he has been translating.

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The last time I saw Gail Fowler she was up to her elbows in flour and said she was making pies in her sleep. Gail and Norm, proprietors of Denise's Country Kitchen in Lancaster, have been supplying much of Glengarry and the West Island with Christmas baking, particularly pies.

Gail also gave me a butter tart count which was so phenomenally high that I've forgotten it. Twenty million is the figure that sticks in my mind, but perhaps I'm exaggerating a little....

The Fowlers are also supplying the food for the tea room which has opened at Rob McIntosh's in South Lancaster.

And by the way, if you've never had one of Gail's butter tarts, you're missing out on a true Canadian culinary treat!

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Get well wishes are sent to Isobel Larocque who has had a recent stay in hospital. You've been missed, Isobel!

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With Christmas falling the way it does this year, on a Friday, Williamstowners will not have to adjust their schedules too much.

The post office will be open until 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve in case you want to send off any last minute cards, I guess. It will then be closed until Tuesday, Dec. 29.

The Williamstown Library will be open on Dec. 22 and 23 and on Dec. 29 and 30, during the holidays.

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The students of Williamstown Public School participated in a special program this year called Operation Christmas Child.

Each class was provided with a shoe box and children were asked to bring in little gifts -- practical or pleasurable -- to fill the box, having first chosen a child (boy or girl) and the age category of the recipient.

The boxes were sent to countries where there has been suffering -- through war or other disasters, and where children do not have the sort of Christmas that most Canadian children take for granted.

Individual families were also able to prepare boxes and send them off to children.

This idea is a very simple one and yet is very appealing to both the donors and the recipients.

Congratulations to the school for particpating in this Christian outreach program!

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Williamstown Public School held its annual Christmas dinner for students and staff at the Charlottenburgh Recreation Centre on Thursday.

Mary Anderson Marouf and her band of parent volunteers ensured that the meal was a pleasant one for all. In other words, there were NO PEAS on the menu!

The students concluded the day with a skating party at the arena.

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The tree decorated with red ribbons outside Char-Lan High School is a reminder by members of the school's OSAID committee (Ontario students against impaired driving) to do your part to make sure the holiday is a safe one for all.

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Your Christmas cards are still lying in their boxes. In the store. Doesn't look as though they'll be let out for good behaviour this year.

Merry Christmas everyone!

## Residents enjoy celebrations

MARTINTOWN

DIANE VON BORNHOFT
528-4305, Fax 528-4948

It seems that when I faxed through my column last week, page two must have gone missing, as it never made it into print, So I'll begin with these items.

On Friday, Dec. 4, the members of the Martintown Fire Department met together for dinner at Johnny Mac's. They would like to express their appreciation to the chef and the staff for a delicious feast.

Martintown Public School students and staff, who were all treated to a wonderful Christmas dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 2, wish to convey their thanks to the parents, volunteers and members of the community, whose financial support made this 15th annual turkey dinner possible.

It was a wonderful day and the children had a great time!

The Martintown Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

St. Andrews United Church will have their Christmas Even service together with the Williamstown church, in Williamstown, at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Martintown Mill hasty notes are still available at KC's, Shawn's Gas Bar, Jessie's and Johnny Mac's. These would make a nice Christmas present.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, my husband and I had the pleasure of being invited to the *The Glengarry News* Christmas dinner. The warm hospitality extended to us, as well as the delicious meal, was most appreciated.

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, the students of Martintown Public School performed their Christmas concert before a full house. From Kindergarten to Grade 7/8, the enthusiastic youngsters entertained their families and friends with a variety of songs, poems and skits.

Raffle tickets were sold and the winner was Mike Boyd. The students also raised more than $200 through donations given lieu of Christmas gifts to teachers. This money will be given to a relief agency working in Central America.

My first year as Martintown correspondent is drawing to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who have given me your support and encouragement, as well as The News, during this time. Martintown is a wonderful community of which my family and I are happy to be a part of.

From my house to yours, a Merry Christmas and happy and healthy 1999!

## Call in your community news

DUNVEGAN



PEGGI CALDER, 527-5293

Everyone is invited out to the Kenyon Presbyterian Church carol service on Christmas Eve starting at 7:30 p.m.

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Hail, hail the gang was all there at *The Glengarry News* Christmas party on Dec. 12 for an excellent buffet dinner and an evening of merriment.

Bill McIntyre and Kevin Macdonald once again stressed the importance of the local news that the correspondents include in their columns. So be sure to pass on your holiday happenings.

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Merry Christmas and holiday happiness to each and every one of our readers.




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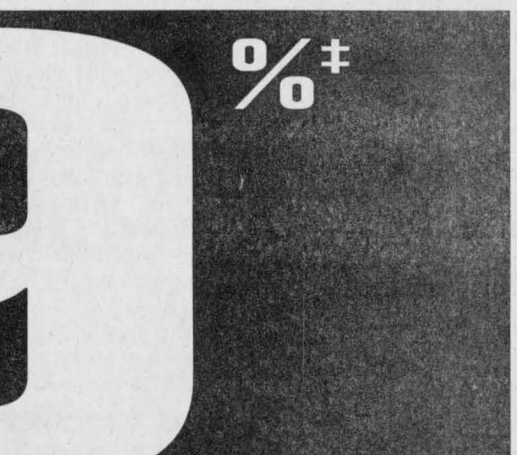

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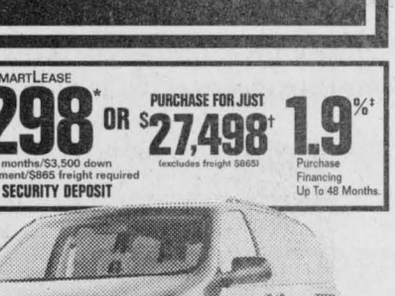

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# Christmas spirit revealed in song and dance

## North Lancaster

Bev Poirier
347-3989

Last week, Jean and Lise Major hosted the Major Feed Mill party for staff, family and friends. After enjoying a delicious meal that had been catered in, the group told stories and sang songs in the gaily decorated room, that leant a festive air to the party. A special presentation was made to Andre Decoeur for his 25 years of service. Later, the party moved into full swing with dancing, games and the presentation of gifts to the employees from Jean and Lise. The employees would like to thank them both for a wonderful evening!

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At Ste-Therese, the hallways have been decorated by Mme Michelle Larocque for the Christmas season, putting staff and students alike in the holiday spirit!

The students organized a "crazy hair day," and Mme Lise informs me that there were some pretty wild-looking hairdos to be seen that day!

In the afternoon of Dec. 17, the students and invited guests were treated to a Christmas lunch, courtesy of school council.

The school concert was held in the evening of the 17th in the school gym (this column will be submitted prior to that day, so I'll tell you more next time).

Corrine Desautels told me all about her class' visit to St. Joseph's Oratory, where they saw a huge display of mangers from around the world. Some were large and quite elaborate, while others were no bigger than a nutshell!

It was a remarkable sight, and the kids had a wonderful time!

One last note of thanks to Mme Dora Gaucher, who has seen to the keeping of accounts for the chocolate bar drive, each and every day at school.

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Last week, S.J. McLeod held their Christmas concert, performing as usual to a packed house - twice!

The school band led off with Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer, Little Drummer Boy and I'll be Home for Christmas.

Junior and senior Kindergarten sang songs, but in truth, they need only stand up on stage and grin to entertain the crowd! Four musicians; Katie Munro, Katie Gallagher, Alysson Orwell and Sabrina Borsellino performed "The Pink Panther" dressed in sinister black trench coats, hats and shades.

The Grade 8 play warned us of the consequences of being naughty, with Santa deciding to spend the holidays in Hawaii! So you had better not fight, kick scratch or bite, or Santa just might take flight!

The Grade 1 class entertained us with two songs, as did the Grade 4s, but their song was a comical rendition of Alouette in French (with Russian overtones!) The two soloists for the evening were Marc Wilson-Miller and Billy Dupuis, who sang (beautifully) Jingle Bells and Jingle Bell Rock respectively.

A mutli-talented group of singers, dancers and musicians performed "At the Hop," they were; Nazish, Janjua, Michael Coleman, B.J. Coleman, Daryll Bray, Sara Thaw and Christian Gunn.

The Grade 2 and 3 classes combined to bring us a play (with song and dance), called "Teddy Bear's Christmas." What a sight to behold, 30 plus kids, all sporting bear ears and little black noses! Next, a group of Grade 7 - 8 girls performed "We Go Together" from the movie "Grease," complete with jitter-bugging and gym and gymnastic tumbling passes. The girls have since been invited to perform their song and dance routine in Cornwall and Williamstown.

The Grade 5 play re-enacted what surely must have been the origin of "the baker's dozen' (it came about after some poor baker was cursed/blackmailed into providing 13 cookies for the price of 12 – what a way to make a living!)

The Grade 7 class sang an adapted version of the 12 days of Christmas, complete with ogling turtles, smelly socks (requiring a gas mask) and other oddities.

In closing, the Grade 6 class performed "Christmas around the World," a combination of song and recitation of Merry Christmas and/or Happy New Year in several languages. It was a wonderful way to end an excellent concert.

Merry Christmas to all!

## Arts and Entertainment

# Cherishing craftsmanship is motivation for column

## Arts Scene



LORNA FOREMAN, 347-1338

It has been almost a year since I sent my first column in to *The Glengarry News*.

I was extremely anxious for I had absolutely no idea how it would be received. It has been an exciting year of discovery for me and hopefully, also one for the readers. My list of artists and artisans never seems to get smaller as readers call or write to let me know about someone they know who I may be interested in calling. And I do. This is very welcome so please keep your eyes open for a new discovery.

This particular column does not highlight any one person. The Chirstmas season is upon us and not only are artists and artisans desperately finishing up commissions and gifts, I really wanted to take this opportunity to wish the readers and all the many artists I have interviewed a happy holiday season.

Meeting all the talented and interesting people has had quite an impact on my life. Inevitably, my own art work has been positively influenced as I discovered a different appraoch to painting and a philosophy that opened my eyes to a new way of looking. But best of all, some of my interviewees have become friends.

There is a deeper purpose to writing my weekly column about artists. That is based on my attitude to individuality. I have hoped to encourage people to value the handmade versus the production line items. One handmade pottery vase or bowl, or whatever, knowing who the artist is, has so much more meaning and intrinsic beauty that any mass produced item.

As the world opens up, more and more large conglomerates are formed to produce consumer goods at a cheaper price. That's why I try even harder to buy handmade items. I know I am not alone because craft classes, sewing classes and art classes are filled and it is not just to save money.

Thinking locally, it also provides a living for an artist or artisan, and in an uncertain economy, that alone would be a good reason.

From the artist's point of view, there has not been one person I've interviewed that has not felt that they just had to work at their medium. Despite how they came to their particular expertise, or at what stage of skill, passion for their craft is the overwhelming motivation.

I certainly understand that, and in moments of despair I have tried giving up what I, at the moment, perceived as a losing enterprise to find that my head constanly was filled with new ideas that just had to be produced. So we're still hooked and what a wonderful addiction to have. Enjoy the holidays and let's hope you find a special handmade gift under your tree.

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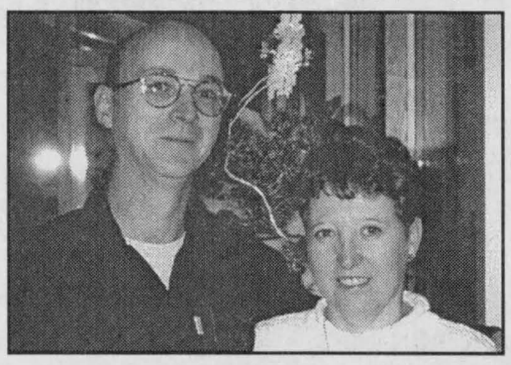

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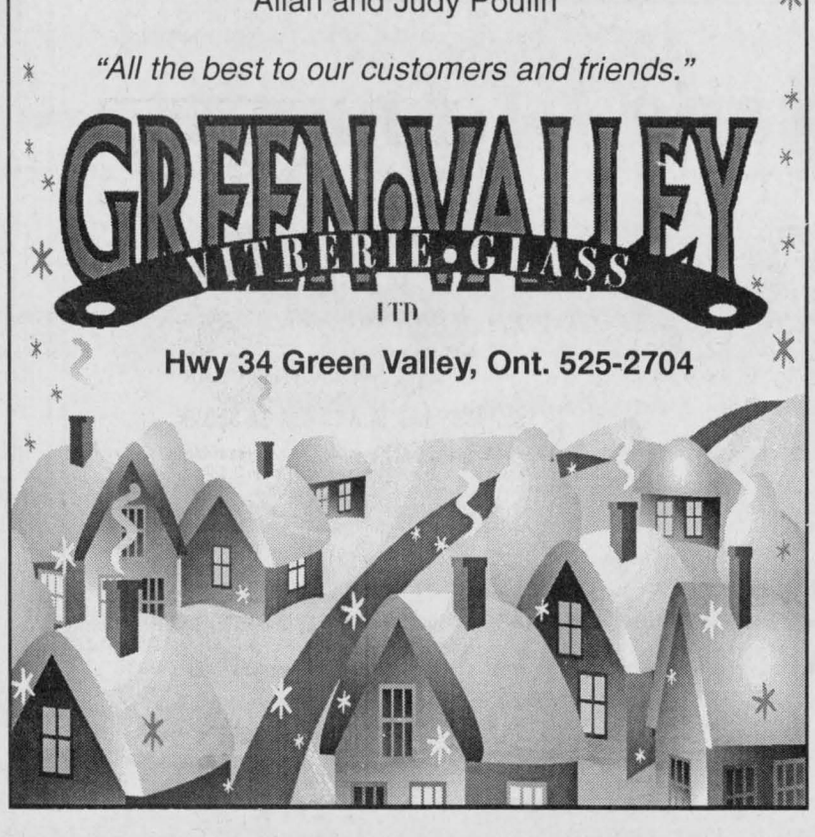

# Public school Christmas concert a real treat

I haven't been to a school concert for a long time and attending the one at the Public School last Wednesday afternoon proved to be a real treat. The children were well prepared but what impressed me most was the good time they were having on the stage. There were lots of genuine and, I would judge, sincere smiles and they sang with their bodies swaying and their arms gesturing.

The Junior Kindergarten class of Mrs. Steiche sang "Santa's Helpers" wearing bright red caps trimmed with silver tinsel. They had sticks and bells for added sound effects.

The Senior Kindergarten class was not out because it was not its day to be in school.

Grades 1 to 3 had quite a long play entitled Cookin' Up Christmas. The ones who played individual parts wore costumes. The teachers responsible for these grades are Mrs. McNeil, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Allen, Ms. Doan and Mrs. MacKay.

The chorus sang well and there were two casts, one for the afternoon performance and another for the evening.

In the afternoon, the elves were Red Archer, Justin Papp, Kyle Cumming, Rebecca Watson and Cameron Phillips. Julius was John Haig Chapman, Jordan Coleman was Santa and Shelby Rigby, Mrs. Claus.

In the evening, the elves were Ryan Guindon, Danny Mills, Julian Maynard, Stephanie Allen and Devin Massia, Garrett Bradley was Julius, Bradley Lafave, Santa and Charlotte Bradley, Mrs. Claus.

After a short intermission, when classes changed and the stage was set up, the Grades 4 to 8 presented a holiday revue entitled 'Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas." The different classes sang their songs while the main characters remained on stage. Special mention must be made of the beautiful solo work performed by Dana Munroe and Charlene MacPherson with her equally beautiful smile.

Those taking individual parts in the afternoon were Robyn Brown, Ben Flipsen, Justin Simpson, Shelby Ewing, Kyle McIntosh, Peter Thomson, Kate McRae, Amber Franklin, Dana Munroe, Corey Mathieson, Laura McKay, Shawna Haystead, Matthew Martineau, Emily MacLellan, Rhianon Cowley-Owen, Zachary Sabourin and Marianna Rankin.

For the evening performance, Erin Veltheim, Ashley McIntyre, Adrienne Jack, Kiel Greer and Nicole Beaudette substituted for some afternoon performers.

Head Girl, Jenna Munroe and Head Boy, Mitchell Jackson introduced the presentations and welcomed all to them.

Judy Neville was thanked for creating the props and preparing the set design and Michael Cowley-Owen for providing the lighting.

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Stella (Mrs. James N.) Fitzgerald died at the Manor on Dec. 16 at the age of 96. She had been a resident of the village for 52 years and had been an active member of the community as long as her health permitted. Her late husband operated a general store and served as village reeve and SD and G counties warden. Our sympathy goes out to her children, Velma Franklin, St. Elmo East, Barry and Sadie of Summerland, B.C. and Sheila and Harvey Leroy, St. Eugene and to their families.

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The Maxville and Apple Hill Knights of Columbus are holding a special breakfast on December 28 in the Apple Hill church basement.

The proceeds from this event will go to Patti Villeneuve Fund.

## MAXVILLE



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Donna Munro and Tom Hanafin enjoyed a week in Calgary along with a side trip to Banff. Donna paid a special visit to her grand aunt, Muriel Fowle, nee Cameron, who grew up west of Dominionville.

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The news came out in the *Globe and Mail* on Saturday, Dec. 12 that Don Boudria, MP, had earned his BA in History by correspondence from the University of Waterloo over a period of several years. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Boudria on this achievement while so busy with his parliamentary duties.

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Post Mistress Doreen Crites announced last week that she had been notified that Peter Rankin, St. Elmo, will be delivering the mail on RR1 in the new year. This appointment became necessary when Bruce Blaney resigned and indicated he was to be married in January and would be moving to the USA.

On behalf of all those who received his excellent service for the last 10 years. I extend thanks to Bruce.

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I asked Mrs. Crites about the volume of mail this Christmastime. She has been in the post office for 18 years and has seen the changes. She feels that the fine weather this year was the reason why Christmas cards were not being mailed as early. She also realizes that with card and stamp prices up, that there aren't as many cards sent. She also asked me to indicate that there are several children in the village who collect stamps and who would appreciate receiving those brought in by post office customers.

Mrs. Crites also has connections with Santa Claus and has told me that 81 letters have been addressed to Santa after letters to Santa were mailed at the post office.

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Bruce Blaney has been mentioned above and now it is time for his mother's name. Connie Blaney has served as secretary of the Glengarry Highland Games for 16 years and at the recent annual meeting announced her retirement from that office for two years, Mrs. Blaney also served as president as well as secretary. Along with being an accomplished piper, Mrs. Blaney has acquired a great deal of knowledge concerning the Highland Games and will be offering support to her successors, Betty and Neil McCormick, Loch Garry. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. McCormick to this responsible position which we know they can responsibly fill.

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Where's Eddie? This question has been asked in several seniors groups. Unfortunately, Eddie Ukrainetz has been experiencing health problems, was in the Montfort Hospital and expected to be moved to the Civic for surgery. We wish him the very best.

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The Maxville and District Chamber of Commerce sponsored its annual tree lighting festivity at the tree next to the post office on Dec. 12. Carols were sung and hot chocolate enjoyed by those who attended.

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The Veterans' Club will meet as usual at the Manor on Dec. 28 and the Community Euchre party will be in the Town Square on Dec. 30 at 1:30 .

Thanks to convenor, Barbara Lariviere, there was an excellent turn-out for the Bridge club's party on the 12th. The cafe served up an excellent dinner to 21 players and then bridge was enjoyed at six tables (a few players came later.) Top scores were held by Barbara Surtees, Gladys Roulston and Jacqueline Emberg. Along with prizes for those ladies, Mrs. Lariviere also awarded three prizes for bottom scores. Your correspondent had to promise not to publish those names.

The west wing of the Manor, unused since the renovation project and damaged as a result of the ice storm, is in the process of having its interior salvaged. Later, it will be coming down.

The two new signs for the Manor are up at the foot of each driveway. They are attractive and were needed. Motorists driving to the Manor from east must ensure that they use the "in" driveway, the second one that is reached.

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The weather is still a main topic of conversation. I saw two flocks of Canada geese on Dec. 17. This brings up a point concerning migrating birds. While the shortening days automatically alert them to the coming bad weather, it is the lack of food that induces them to fly south. Years ago, I can only remember blue jays, chickadees and house (English) sparrows here all winter.

A few starlings visited us one day last week but they haven't come back. There are more gold finches at our niger feeder now and Agnes Campbell still has her pileated woodpecker.

A motorist driving in the village from north saw a ground hog along the road. This is certainly late for it to be out.

Several people are mentioning buds on shrubs and trees swelling. This is most unusual for this time of year. They should be alright but if they are damaged, there are usually dormant buds that will open if the early ones are damaged.

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Garbage and the recyclables pick-ups will be on Thursday over the holidays; that is on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

# Councillor resents being left in the dark on issues

By Sue Harrington
*News correspondent*

South Glengarry Councillor Janette Abbey rapped Reeve Charles Sangster and other members of council for leaving her in the dark about some of their actions.

"I really feel I'm being discriminated against," said Abbey. "There are five members of council here, you know."

Abbey was referring in particular to a recent decision made by the reeve about where to dump some fill.

"I have been inundated with calls," said Abbey. "Where did that fill go?"

Under questioning from Abbey, Sangster admitted that he had made the decision about the four or five locations where the fill was taken.

"I guess I told them where to dump it," said Sangster, who defended the decision to give the fill to several local residents, including his brother. "The closer you can dump it, the cheaper it is."

Abbey also took umbrage with quotes in the newspaper which referred to "council" when she had not been apprised of the situation.

"I just had to get all this off my chest," said Abbey, after her tongue-lashing.


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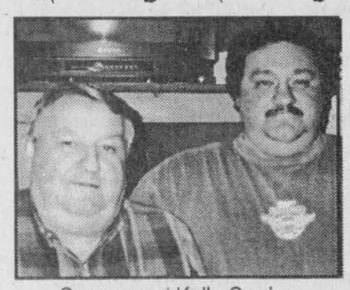

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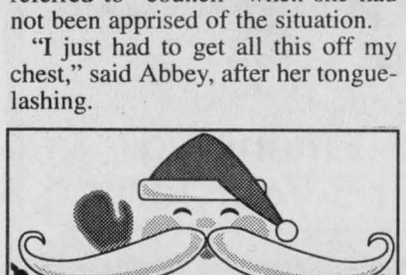


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# School book makes a great Christmas gift

Merry Christmas to staff of *The Glengarry News*, all the readers near and far.

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Marie McCann was off to Calgary where she attended the wedding of her grandson, Kevin Jorgensen and Darla Dixon on Dec. 6.

She was away about two weeks and enjoyed the holiday with a sleigh ride, and a trip to see all the Christmas lights in the Lake Louise area, as well as visiting with family there.

There are still some copies of the Schools of the Glens available at the reduced price of $25.

Billie Nixon at 525-2843 will take your order. Great Christmas gift!

Father Gerald Poirier, Glen Walter, had lunch with his cousin, Rolland Levac and Helen during last week.

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On Saturday, Dec. 12, the

## Fraternite have Christmas dinner, dance

### ALEXANDRIA NEWS

A total of 152 members of Fraternite attended the annual Christmas dinner and dance on Sunday.

The event also marked the last activity of the organization's 25th anniversary year.

A laminated parchment was presented to the couple Therese Charlebois and Mathieu Charlebois in appreciation for their exceptional service rendered to Club Fraternite. The parchment was presented by Gerard Roy and Ilma Legault on behalf of all the members.

All activities have ceased at the hall for the Christmas holidays. Regular bingos will resume on Friday, Jan. 15.

The membership for year 1999 has now reached 388 members. Special activities are being planned for the International Year of Seniors during 1999.

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The Alexandria Bridge Club results for Tuesday, Dec. 15 were as follows:

Using the Howell System; the top teams were Jim Campbell and Elizabeth Marjerrison, in first, Sheila Pickett and Frances Conolly in second and Lorne Norman and Doris Lambert in third.

### DALKEITH



JEAN MACLENNAN
874-2385

Glengarry Advisory Board of the CNIB enjoyed the annual Christmas dinner for the clients and friends of the CNIB.

This year, the dinner was served at the Sacred Heart hall in Alexandria, by members of the parish with about 60 enjoying a delicious meal.

Karen, Ian and Ashley MacLeod, Lindsay Howes and Amy Crooks entertained with violin, piano, and a special dance routine by the three girls.

John MacDonald, accompanied by Karen, led in a few Christmas carols.

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As they have done for a number of years, the Richelieu Club, Alexandria, picks up the tab for the clients, friends and entertainers.

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The Diner's Club at Glen Robertson on Dec. 10 had a treat in store.

Audrey Sarrazin entertained with violins, viola and cello.

Aren't we fortunate to have such talent in the area and that the talented are so generous with their time?

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At St. Paul's Catholic church in Dalkeith the Christmas Eve Mass will be at 10 p.m. on Dec. 24, and at 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

On Dec. 27 and on Jan. 3, the masses will be at 11:15 a.m. All these masses will be bilingual.

St. Columba will have a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 8 p.m. with the Rev. Morton leading.

St. Columba services will be changing to 11 a.m. on Jan. 3 for a few months. Mark your new calendar.

Kirk Hill United Church will have a Christmas Eve Service at 8 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Breadalbane Baptist Church has a Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.

**Optimist News**

The monthly zone meeting of the Optimists took place in our hall on Dec. 9.

About 30 members from Cornwall, Green Valley, Alexandria, Glen Robertson, North Lancaster and Dalkeith were present. Our lieutenant - governor Richard Leger presided at the meeting.

The Optimists had their last brunch for this year on Dec. 13. Thanks to all who came. Our two children who won the $10 are Anik Guay from Glen Robertson and Kevin Perkins from St. Eugene.

Our brunches will resume Jan 17. The Optimists wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a good New Year, filled with good health and happiness.

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The annual Laggan Christmas concert was held last Wednesday, Dec. 16, and by all responses, it was another huge success.

All of the hard work by students and staff paid off with a beautiful evening of entertainment which was so well attended by family and friends. This year we had the pleasure of accompanist, Audrey Sarrazin, and her string group. In addition, former caretaker, Hugh Allen MacMillan was part of the Grade 8 performance.

The classes resume on Monday, Jan. 4, following a two-week Christmas break. Following the break, the Grade 6 students will begin preparing for their Ecole de neige three-day excursion to the Centre Touristique de la Petite-Rouge in St. Emile de Suffolk, Quebec.

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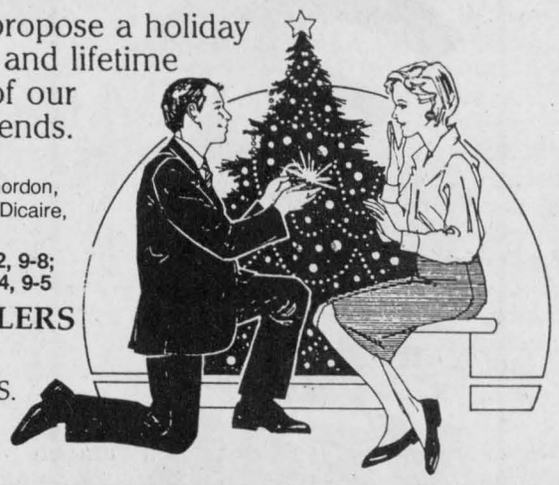

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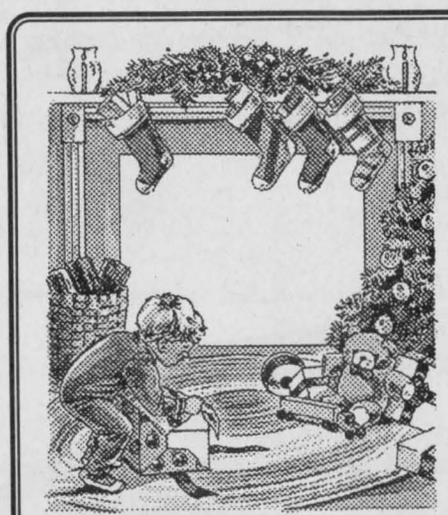

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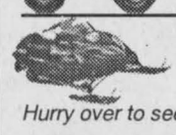
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## Atom Glens split weekend contests

The Alexandria Seaway Express Atom Glens had a win and a loss in Upper Canada Minor Hockey League action last weekend.

On Dec. 13 at the Billy Gebbie Arena in Alexandria, the Glens dropped a 3-1 decision to Potsdam.

Marc-André Demers and Corey Poulin set up team captain Adam St. Denis for a power-play goal that gave Alexandria a 1-0 first-period lead but Potsdam tied the game in the second period and scored two unanswered goals in the third frame to seal the win.

The Glens entered the Potsdam game having come off a 4-0 victory in Vankleek Hill the previous day.

After a scoreless first period, the Glens took control of the game by scoring three times in the middle frame.

Jean-François Menard, who scored one of the second-period goals, added a second goal in the final stanza to clinch the win for the Glens.

Francis Latulippe and Julien Chenier also scored while Jean-François M. Menard had two assists.

**Novice Glens done in by Demons and Rebels**

The Alexandria Novice Glens suffered back-to-back losses on Dec. 13 and 14.

On Dec. 13 in Alexandria, the Glens were shut out 3-0 by the Char-Lan Rebels.

Jordan Sanchez, Noah Desjardins and Michael Robertson were the Char-Lan goalscorers.

The following night in Winchester, the Glens were beaten 8-2 by the North Dundas Demons.

Pat Hurtubise and Julien Demers netted the Alexandria goals while Shane Kitchen picked up an assist.

**Bantams win pair of games**

The Alexandria bantams outscored opponents 10-1 in winning a pair of home games earlier this month.

Pierre-Paul Decoeur and Kevin Libbos each scored two goals in a 7-1 win over Akwesasne.

Alain Bellefeuille, Blair McMillan and Jonathan McDonald added single markers. Ghyslain Laferriere had four assists.

McMillan, Decoeur and Luc Vachon scored goals to give Alexandria a 3-0 victory over North Dundas.

## Goalies grab glory in Glengarry indoor

All three women's division games in the Glengarry Indoor Soccer League last week resulted in a shutout.

Sherry Duval of Shepherd Sports, Vivian Franklin of the Northerners and Valerie Bertrand of the Flyers all turned in flawless performances between the pipes to lead their respective teams to victory.

The Northerners posted their second consecutive 1-0 win as they downed the Springers last Monday at the Alexandria high school gymnasium.

Lori MacMaster was the only goalscorer.

The Northerners move two points ahead of the idle Atlantic Hotel and into sole possession of second place in the division.

**Is eight enough for Shepherd's?**

Shepherd Sports easily made it eight wins in a row by dumping Pic's Sports 7-0 on Tuesday.

Lee Tuppert, Melissa MacDonald and Vanessa Van Sleeuwen each scored twice for the winners. Melissa McIntosh added a single goal.

The Flyers (3-5) were last week's other shutout winner as they defeated Char-Lan 3-0.

Jasmine Leduc netted a pair with a single marker going to Hannah Papps.

The GISL will take a two-week break before resuming regular-season action on Jan. 4.

## Glen Nevis still looking for first win after letting 3-0 lead get away

Glen Nevis missed out on a golden opportunity to pick up its first win of the Glengarry Indoor Soccer League men's division season last week in Alexandria.

Glen Nevis was up 3-0 against the Atlantic Hotel Express but an untimely five-minute penalty allowed the Express to score four power-play goals and record a 6-3 comeback victory.

Ed McCorkell did most of the offensive damage for the Express as he scored four times.

Rory McLeod and Lloyd Thomas added single goals for the winners.

Glen Nevis, now 0-9 for the season, got two goals from Greg McGinnis and Mike MacKinnon.

**Storm outscores Drillers**

The Atlantic Hotel Storm and the Alexandria Drillers played a wild game last week with the end result being a 9-5 Storm victory.

The Storm had a 4-1 lead before the Drillers rallied for four consecutive goals to take a 5-4 lead.

The Storm bounced right back with five straight goals to claim their seventh win in nine games this year.

Alain Decoste, Glen MacLeod and Dean MacGillivray each scored twice.

Single goals went to to Allan Campbell, Chris McPherson and Brian Cameron.

The Drillers replied with two-goal efforts by Martin Stadelmann and Mattias Mader and a single by Andy Szelid.

**Champs win again**

Champions Roadhouse improved to 8-1 with a 4-0 blanking of the Fassifern Flames.

Jamie Ladouceur picked up the shutout while Eric MacSweyn paced the offence with two goals.

Kirk MacMillan and Jonathan Hamelin also scored.

# Glens put trust in Gus

## Valade shows no signs of sophomore jinx

By J.L. Lefebvre
*News* editor

There are several valid reasons for thinking Alexandria Jr. B Glens centreman Ghislain Valade was not going to be as productive this season as he was last year, when he produced 14 goals and 31 assists for 45 points.

A doubter could easily point to the departure of Kurt MacSweyn and Nicolas Besner, Valade's linemates for virtually the entire 1997-98 campaign.

It was instant chemistry when Alexandria coach Marc Sauvé threw Valade, MacSweyn and Besner together at the start of what would be a championship season for the Glens. The partnership came to an end this season as MacSweyn joined the Brampton Battalion of the Ontario Hockey League and Besner spent some time with the Pembroke Jr. A Lumber Kings before heading to sunny Florida to pursue a hockey opportunity there.

Another factor against the player known as Gus – Valade says the nickname goes back to elementary school and claims not to know its significance – was his educational status. The 18-year-old Glen Norman resident is studying at Cité Collegiale in Ottawa and the balancing act between books and pucks has taken its toll on many student-athletes in the past.

With the athlete usually unavailable for mid-week practices and students often on the road for games on the weekend, it's not uncommon for both aspects of the player's life to suffer from the heavy load.

Yet another potential problem for Valade was the extra attention he was bound to receive from opponents after his stellar rookie season. The junior B hockey community is a small one and it doesn't take long for word to get around about which players on which teams are most likely to cause damage.

As if that's not enough, you can throw in superstition as a reason Valade would not be the same player in 1998-99 as he was in 1997-98.

It may be a cliche, but many people in the sports world believe in the dreaded "sophomore jinx," that unexplainable phenomenon that turns fantastic first-year players into so-so second-year performers.

But for all the arguments against Valade's continued success, one simple fact works in the centreman's favour – he's a darn good hockey player.

Valade's coach, for one, never feared the possibility of a fall-off in production despite all the factors working against him.

"I thought he'd have a solid season," said Sauvé. "He's got good skills and he works hard. It's his hard work that brings him success."

Prior to weekend action, Valade had 13 goals and 20 assists for 33 points, good for second spot in Glens scoring behind Jean Desrochers. He needs only one more goal to match his rookie season total and he's on a pace to easily eclipse the 45 points he recorded last season.

The only statistic not dramatically improved from last year is the number in the assists column. Perhaps it is Valade's playmaking that suffers the most from the absence of his former linemates.

"(Last year) when I gave the puck to Kurt or Nicolas, you knew they were going to score. That's a point right there," said Valade. "But I can't say anything bad about the wingers I've been playing with this year."

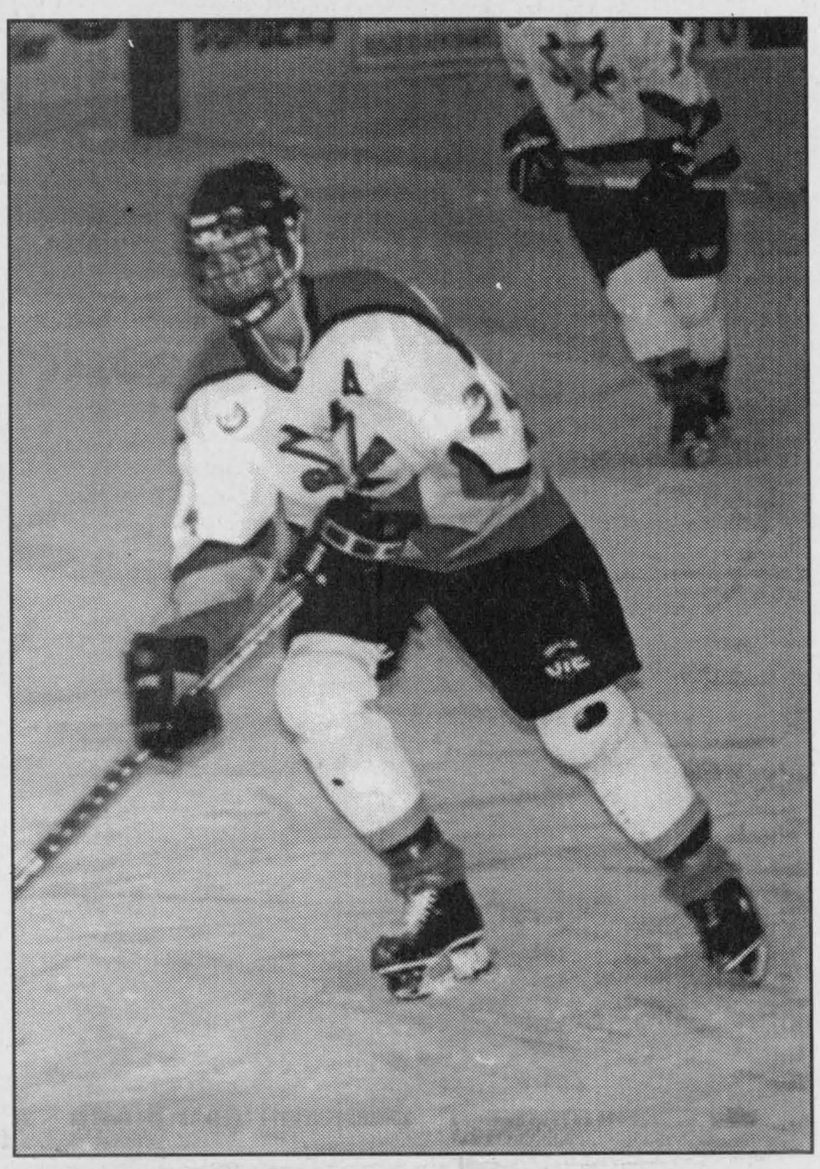
The problem may not be the quality of Valade's linemates, but the quantity. Injuries and an uncertain line-up has forced Sauvé to juggle his lines from game to game and sometimes even period to period.

"That's where you see the character in him," said Sauvé. "He doesn't care who he plays with, he still does his job."

**Valade makes an impact**

Valade is an easy player to overlook if you're the opposition.

His tall, gangly build creates the impression of a player who doesn't possess much speed or strength. As the old cliche goes though, appearances can be deceiving.


Second-year centreman and assistant captain Ghislain Valade is on a pace to surpass all the offensive totals he produced in his rookie season for the Alexandria Glens.
Staff photo – J.L. Lefebvre

"He's a tough kid and he's solid," said Sauvé. "He doesn't complain about anything.

"He's the most under-rated player in the league if you ask me. He's not flashy, but he's there every single game and he gets his points."

As one of the few veterans on the team, Valade also has an increased leadership role on the team and wears an "A" on his chest as an assistant captain.

"I have to show the example," replied Valade when asked about his new role.

So far in his junior B career, the example shown by Valade has been an excellent one for other players to follow.

## A Merry Christmas, county sports style

GLENGARRY SPORTS WEEK


J.L. LEFEBVRE

Santa Claus may be the MVP for little kids at this time of year, but a hockey coach would expect more from the man in the red suit than just the ability to travel the world and deliver presents to all of humanity in one night.

That's right, St. Nick would have to show the willingness to go into the corners, the ability to kill penalties and the toughness to keep the opponents honest to make the average coach happy.

And what about Dasher, Dancer, Vixen, Comet and Co.? Did any of those infamous reindeer games include indoor soccer or sponge puck?

Another question: Is Rudolph "Red-nosed" Reindeer related to André "Red Light" Racicot?

Even if there's no connection between Santa's No. 1 reindeer and the piece of Swiss cheese that once tended goal for the Montreal Canadiens, Christmas occupies an important part in the world of sports.

After all, the Kemptville Jr. B 73's defence demonstrates the spirit of giving every weekend.

And "Making a list and checking it twice" is not only Santa's standard operating procedure before distributing gifts, it's also strongly recommended for junior B coaches filling out their line-ups. You've heard of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*, right? Well one slip-up by a coach and – Presto! – Bill Wammes of the Hawks becomes *The GM Who Stole a Playoff Spot*.

Yes, things are a little bit different in the sports world during the holiday season.

Most hockey fans have seen those pre-game discussions involving the referee, the linesmen and the captains of each team.

Normally, these little sessions are the ref's opportunity to lay down the law and warn the teams about what infractions he plans to crack down on but *The Glengarry News* has it on excellent authority that, come December, the guys use the confab as an opportunity to swap stuffing recipes.

Speaking of festive characteristics in the world of sports, Christmas is the time – the only time – Glengarry Sportsweek misses the Glens' red-and-green uniforms.

To celebrate the union of the Yuletide season and sports in Glengarry County, here's a little twist on a classic Christmas poem:

'Twas the game before Christmas,
when all through the Glen
Not a creature was stirring, not even Pye (Ben);
The Glens were wondering : "Contender or not?",
And hoping St. Nick Besner soon could be got;

The fans were nestled all snug in the bleachers,
While visions of championships could be seen in their features;
And mamma in her sweatshirt, and I in my cap,
Wondered when the referee would wake from his nap,

When out on the ice there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my seat to see what was the matter.
It wasn't too long before I would know,
It was D.J. Zaluski who had mashed another foe.

And at Glengarry gym a custom of sorts,
yet another big win for Team Shepherd Sports,
A look at the standings and what should appear,
But two wins for Pic's Sports, now a unit to fear!

And what of our warriors, now in the "O"
Jonah L., Kurt and Kent, three names you should know,
In news from the pros, by word of mouth,
Marty's hurting in Philly, Joel's Grrrowling down south;

Though there's a chill in the weather, one thing's not cool,
That's the lack of sports at your local high school,
No championships won, no games in the day
We should stand up and shout: "Just come back and play!"

But in the arenas, is quite another story,
Young warriors on ice, searching for glory,
Against biggets odds, you can't keep them down
Their attention is fixed, on claiming the crown

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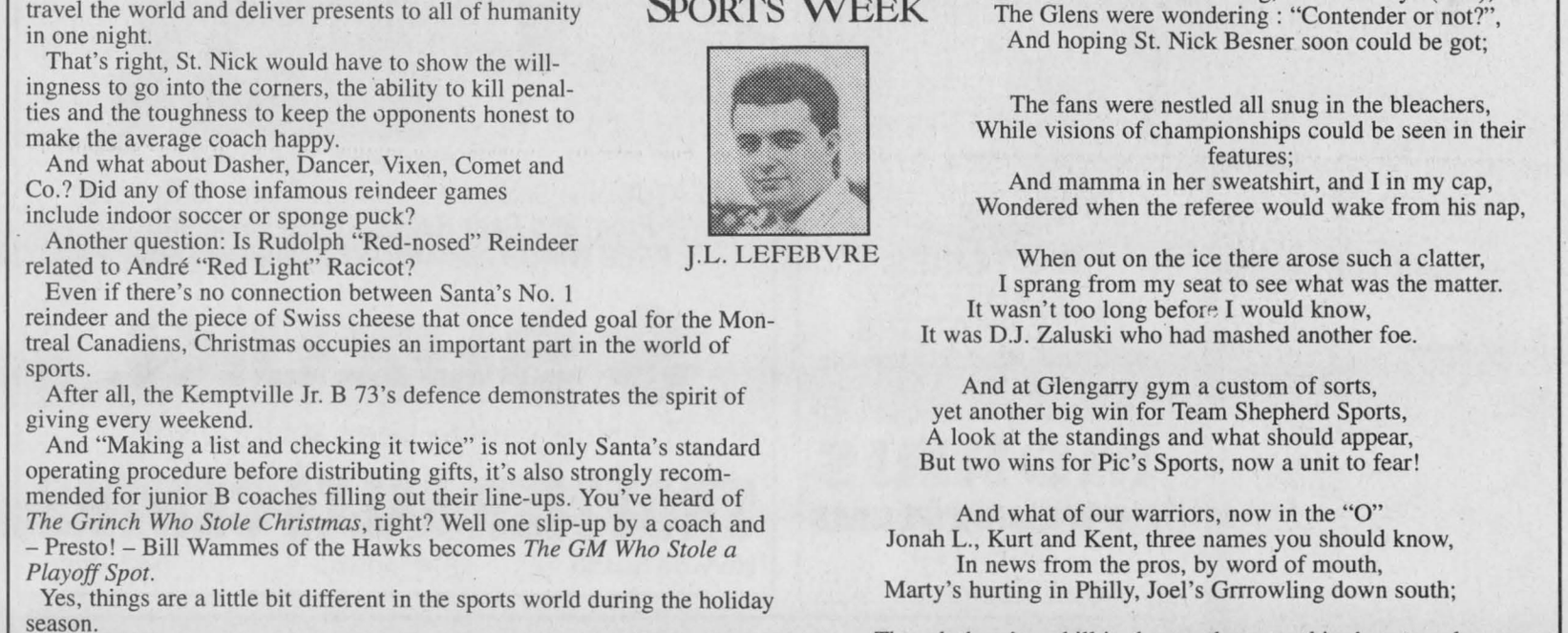



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# 'Twas the game before Christmas

(Continued from page 13)

With a crafty young pilot, not at all in the dark,
I knew in a moment it must be Coach Marc.
More rapid than eagles, his skaters they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, Simon! now, Ghislain! now, Tomi and Steven!
On, Stephane! on VanO! on, Trevor and Nielsen!
To the top of the standings! And please don't get stuck!
Now dash away! dash away! and then shoot the puck"

And let's not forget, the No. 5 elf,
He fakes and he dekes and then puts it top shelf;
A wink of the eye and a twist of his head,
And all of the goalies, have plenty to dread;

And down in Char-Lan, the Rebels at play,
Greeting a foe; on each Saturday,
When it comes to success, none could be keener,
Then Bubba and Big Al, Fonty and Jeanner;

On Monday night, the Stars usually shine,
Perhaps on their way, to crown No. 9?
Rudi's and Cornwall, will have their say,
A battle to the end, that is the only way;

And now comes the end, it is now time,
To put the wraps on this meandering rhyme.
One last thing to type, before dousing the flame,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good game."

# Alexandria bowling results for Dec. 6 to 12

**Monkland 10-pin**
**HS:** Marc Massia (224)
**HT:** Marc Massia (538)

**Peewee-bantam**
**HS:** Samantha Chabot (165), Joel Carriere (144)
**HD:** Samanta Chabot (288), Patrick Joanette (259)

**Peewee**
**HS:** Stephanie Delorme (166), Julien Nadeau (131)
**HD:** Stephanie Delorme (313), Brandon Massia (214)

**YBC Seniors**
**HS:** Anik Menard (271), Maurice Bellefeuille (259)
**HD:** Anik Menard (713), Maurice Bellefeuille (625)

**Smurfs**
**HS:** Ashley Wood (89), Erik Delorme (114)

**Sunday Mixed 10-pin**
**HS:** Ray Bellefeuille (148), Lucien Roy (201)
**HT:** Ray Bellefeuille (383), Lucien Roy (511)

**Sunday Mixed 5-pin**
**HS:** Denise Lacombe (252), Rob Juhasz (328)
**HT:** Denise Lacombe (677), Gerard Carriere (767)

**Thursday 10-pin**
**HS:** Joanne Nadeau (211), Mario Nadeau (202)
**HT:** Chantal Menard (512), Mario Nadeau (561)

**Tuesday Juniors**
**HS:** Jennifer Massia (227), Ricky Latulippe (172)
**HT:** Jennifer Massia (572), Matthew Thomas (443)

**Wednesday Mixed 10-pin**
**HS:** Liz Perralte (222), Robert Charlebois (190)
**HD:** Liz Perralte (489), Robert Charlebois (494)

**Wednesday Mixed**
**HS:** Anik Samson (326), Lionel Dorie (316)
**HT:** Anik Samson (746), Lionel Dorie (800)

**Apple Hill**
**High single:** Jennifer Ropchan (266), Gilbert Dorie (261)
**High double :** Jennifer Ropchan (460), Gilbert Dorie (497)

**Bantam**
**HS:** Krystal Delage (189), Alain Carriere (212)
**HD:** Krystal Delage (329), Alain Carriere (309)

**Tuesday Country**
**HS:** Beverly MacPherson (262), Lee Robinson (296)
**High triple:** Beverly MacPherson (601), Lee Robinson (760)

**Golden Age - Thursday**
**HS:** Eileen Van Blankers (221), Lionel Dorie (265)
**HT:** Lucille Faubert (517), Lionel Dorie (613)

**Golden Age - Tuesday**
**HS:** Anita Picard (241), John Zsar (274)
**HT:** Anita Picard (563), Hubert Dubois (669)

**Golden Age - Wednesday**
**HS:** Catherine Harris (224), Maurice Arsenault (243)
**HT:** Catherine Harris (595), Maurice Arsenault (687)

**Golden Age - Monday**
**HS:** Lenore Corey (243), Mathieu Charlebois (259)
**HT:** Lenore Corey (579), Raymond Charlebois (599)

**Saturday Juniors**
**HS:** Leanne Duval (229), James Cunningham (198)
**HT:** Leanne Duval (603), Keke Cardinal (493)

**Ladies' Commercial**
**HS:** Sylvie Quesnel (267)
**HT:** Jeannine Lalonde (665)

**Men's Commercial**
**HS:** Maurice Leduc (368)
**HT:** Rejean Menard (913)

**Men's 10-pin**
**HS:** Marcel Cardinal (227)
**HT:** Serge Vaillancourt (539)

# Good things come in threes

Hat tricks were plentiful in the Char-Lan Indoor Soccer League last Monday night in Williamstown.

No fewer that five three-goal players were recorded by league players, including Benjamin Pye and Willie Larkin of Rudi Payer Sport, Kirk MacMillan and Tim McCuaig of the Glengarry Stars and Danny Menard of Cornwall United.

Not surprisingly, all the teams that benefitted from the hat tricks recorded victories.

Cornwall was the biggest winner as the defending playoff champions pounded Wee Ceilidh 10-1.

In addition to Menard's hat trick, Cornwall got two goals by Shawn Montroy, Gab Gratton and Kieran Kennedy and a single by Dimitrious Tagianis.

Chris Armstrong's goal robbed Cornwall goalie Jason St. Denis of a shutout.

Stars get lucky No. 7

The hat tricks by MacMillan and McCuaig led the first-place Stars to a seventh consecutive victory, a 7-2 defeat of the Hellfish.

Craig MacSweyn rounded out the Stars scoring.

Dominic Thauvette and Jesse Winkiewicz scored goals for the Hellfish.

Rudi Payer Sport is the league's other hot team that won a 7-2 game last week.

Rudi's won a fourth consecutive game last week by defeating Stidwill Surveying.

Besides the three goals by Pye and Larkin, Joey Van Loon also hit the back of the net for Rudi's.

Jason Flaro was responsible for both Stidwill goals.

Glen Nevis victorious

Glen Nevis upped its season record to 4-2-1 with a 3-1 victory over Williamstown.

Fred Oliveira, Andy Szelid and Greg McGinnis were the Glen Nevis marksmen.

Mattias Mader scored in a losing cause.

# Minor bantam Rapids pick up win, tie, defeat

It was a mixed bag of results for the Seaway Valley minor bantam "AA" hockey team recently.

The Rapids played three times and posted one win, one tie and one defeat.

Michael Lauzon, Luc Langlois, Col in Lazare, Peter Barnett, Patrick Turcotte and Nathan Beausoleil each sco red a goal in the Rapids' 6-3 win over the Ottawa West Golden Knights.

Nick Dasneves and Turcotte each had two assists.

The tie was a 3-3 final against Kingston. Shayne Perry, Dylan Gravely and Nicolas Dasneves were the Seaway scorers.

The Rapids were defeated 2-0 by the Gloucester Rangers.


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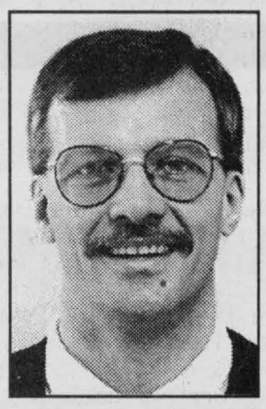

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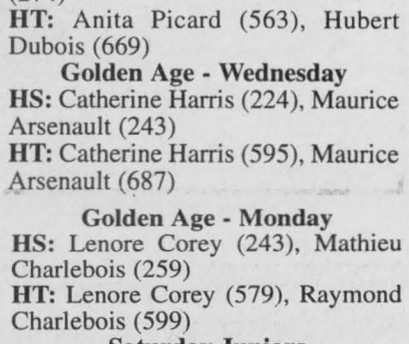
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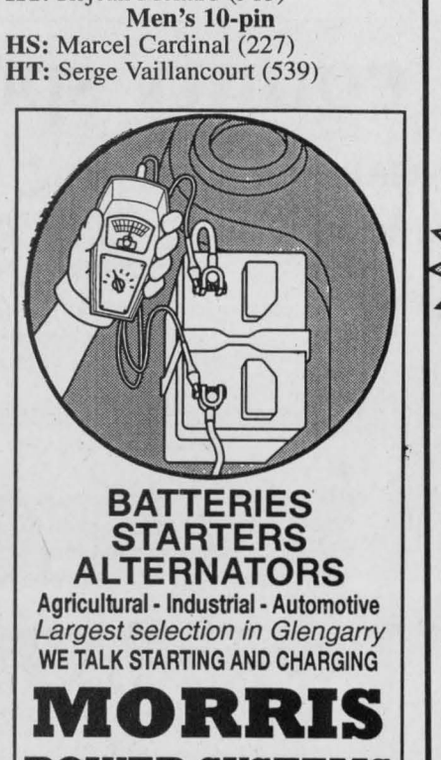
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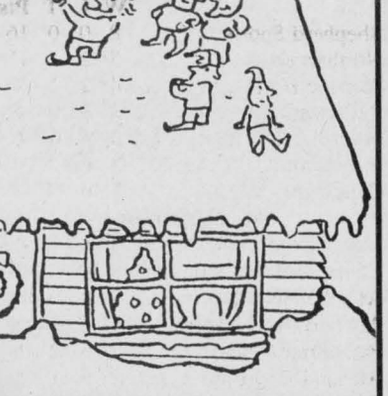
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**ACROSS**
1 Pismire
4 — art
6 More secure
11 University grounds
13 Having no feet
15 Selleck ID
16 — — fours: crawling
18 A flicker of the eyelids
19 — Paulo
21 Coagulate
22 Baseball position, for short
23 Russian citadel
26 "Mad About —"
29 Mr. Guthrie
31 Fish sauce
33 Redgrave ID
34 Actor Ving —
37 Naval petty officer
39 Diphthong
40 Take — — (accept applause)
42 On — and needles
43 Spigot
45 Chicken
48 Expression of relief
50 Fee
51 Still
54 Unsightly
56 Standard of perfection
58 Bromine symbol
59 Sewing implement
61 Shadows
63 Playwright Clifford —
64 Mother
65 Those holding office

**DOWN**
1 Play parts
2 Space agcy.
3 Symbol for thulium
4 Small weight
5 Religious poem
6 In risque manner
7 Pacino ID
8 Poultry
9 Teach
10 Competed in a footrace
12 Italian river
14 Kravitz ID
17 Girl of song
20 South of Kans.
24 TV's Downey
25 Born (Fr.)
27 Pearl Buck heroine
28 Vases
29 "I smell — —"
30 American ostrich
32 Attempt to overcome problems
35 Recede
36 Quick raids
38 Like a swamp
41 Tree bark
44 Blanched
46 Part of small intestine
47 Andes beast
49 Dr. Jekyll's other self
52 Israeli leader
53 Follow dos
54 N.Y.C. landmark
55 Earth (comb. form)
57 Bernstein ID
60 Army off.
62 Providence's St.

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| V | O | L | T | | M | R | E | D | | T | I | L |
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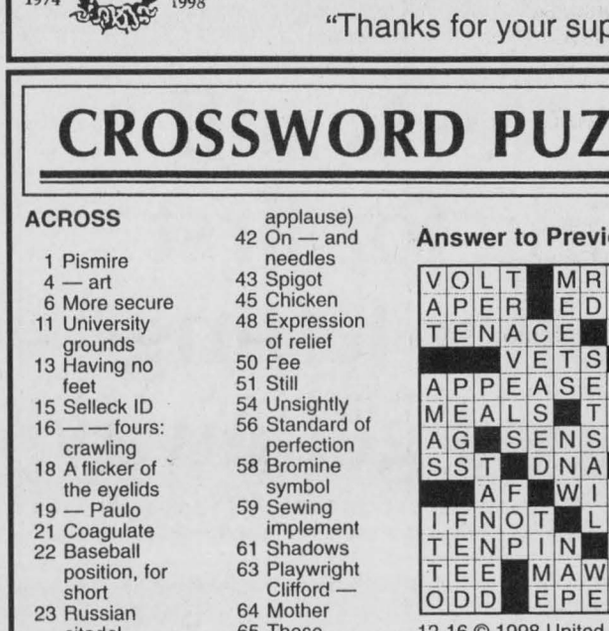

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# COUNTY SCOREBOARD

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

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9-Jean Greggain | 16 | 20 | 36 |
| 18-Eric Fontaine | 17 | 14 | 31 |
| 14-Nick Dubé | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| 12-D.J. Zaluski | 4 | 14 | 18 |
| 21-Chris Corput | 4 | 13 | 17 |
| 17-Ian McConnell | 11 | 4 | 15 |
| 7-Alain Lapierre | 2 | 11 | 13 |
| 15-Stephen Alguire | 4 | 8 | 12 |
| 5-Rodney Besner | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| 11-Mike Rankin | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| 20-Graham Charbonneau | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 19-Doug Fergsuon | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 16-Chris Malyon | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| 24-Luc Lapierre | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| 6-Patrick Smith | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 22-Joey Sullivan | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 25-Rod Wilson | 1 | 4 | 5 |

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

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5-Jean Desrochers | 16 | 22 | 38 |
| 24-Ghislain Valade | 13 | 20 | 33 |
| 27-Tomi Hafner | 12 | 11 | 23 |
| 14-Eric Leroux | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| 15-Tim Van Overbeek | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| 17-Stephane Boisvenue | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| 28-Luc Lanthier | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| 20-Cameron Lajoie | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| 9-Dominic Decoeur | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| 19-Joel Quesnel | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 26-Jean Theoret | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| 16-Michel Quesnel | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| 2-Simon Menard | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| 8-Steven St. Denis | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 6-Philip Blanchard | 2 | 5 | 7 |

## Hockey

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

| | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kemptville | 15 | 7 | 2 | 135 | 105 | 34 |
| Winchester | 13 | 5 | 6 | 116 | 92 | 34 |
| **Alexandria** | **12** | **10** | **2** | **99** | **100** | **27** |
| **Char-Lan** | **10** | **12** | **3** | **93** | **90** | **27** |
| Akwesasne | 8 | 13 | 3 | 105 | 128 | 22 |
| Morrisburg | 4 | 17 | 3 | 100 | 149 | 12 |

**Rideau Division**

| | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Westport | 16 | 7 | 2 | 114 | 75 | 37 |
| Gananoque | 12 | 10 | 4 | 99 | 96 | 30 |
| So. Grenville | 10 | 11 | 3 | 103 | 109 | 26 |
| Brockville | 10 | 13 | 2 | 97 | 102 | 22 |
| Athens | 10 | 15 | 0 | 108 | 123 | 22 |

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

**Top scorers**
**(thru Dec. 10)**

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan Nichol, Win | 24 | 20 | 44 |
| Andrew McVey, Kempt | 17 | 26 | 43 |
| Josh Dixon, Kempt | 15 | 25 | 40 |
| Mike Hartmann, Kempt | 13 | 25 | 38 |
| Stef Champagne, Mor | 13 | 24 | 37 |
| Kelly Winsor, Kempt | 18 | 18 | 36 |
| Jason Pickard, Kempt | 5 | 31 | 36 |
| **Jean Greggain, C-L** | **16** | **18** | **34** |
| **Jean Desrochers, Alex** | **12** | **20** | **32** |
| Serge Bellavance, Win | 11 | 21 | 32 |
| **Ghislain Valade, Alex** | **12** | **19** | **31** |

## OHL Watch

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

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

•Leroux was scoreless as the Generals split four games last week. Both losses were against Peterborough.

| | GP | G | A | Pts | PIM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stats | 28 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 17 |

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

•The Battalion lost 6-3 to Owen Sound on Dec. 13 and 7-1 to London on Dec. 11. MacSweyn was held off the scoresheet in both games.

| | GP | G | A | Pts | PIM |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stats | 30 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 7 |

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

•McDonell played a little over two minutes on Dec. 11 before being ejected for a check from behind. By Dec. 13, he was on his way to Winnipeg for the start of the national junior team try-outs for the world championships.

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

## Sponge puck

**Alexandria ladies' league**

| | G | W | L | T | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pic's Sports | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Tapis Richard | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Art Benton | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 6 |

**Results**
**Nov. 18**
Art Benton 2 Pic's Sports 1
**Nov. 25**
Tapis Richard 5 Art Benton 1
**Dec. 2**
Tapis Richard 0 Pic's Sports 0
**Dec. 9**
Art Benton 3 Pic's Sports 0

**Top scorers**

| | G | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kathy Kennedy, Pic's | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Barb Benton, Art Benton | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Julie Flaro, Pic's | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Mary MacPherson, Tapis | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Darlene Novosad, Pic's | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Joan Benton, Art Benton | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Ann McMillan, Tapis | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Sue Stewart, Tapis | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Tanya MacDonald, Tapis | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Gino Lalonde, Art Benton | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Glenda Lauzon, Art Benton | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Karen MacDonald, AB | 0 | 2 | 2 |

## Indoor soccer

**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 |

**Results**
Cornwall 11 Wee Ceilidh 1
Stars 7 Hellfish 2
Rudi Payer Sport 7 Stidwill Surveying 2
Glen Nevis 3 Williamstown 1

**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 |

**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 |

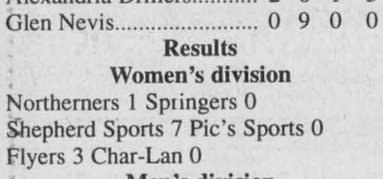
**Results**
**Women's division**
Northerners 1 Springers 0
Shepherd Sports 7 Pic's Sports 0
Flyers 3 Char-Lan 0
**Men's division**
Storm 9 Drillers 5
Champions 4 Fassifern 0
Express 6 Glen Nevis 3

**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 |
| Alain Decoste, Storm | 8 |
| Tim Van Overbeek, Champions | 7 |
| Kirk MacMillan, Champions | 7 |
| Rory McLeod, Express | 7 |



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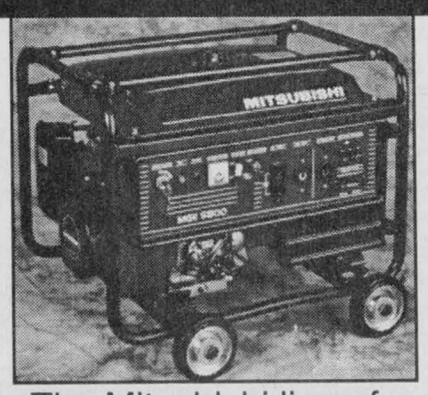


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# Proulx pair leads Marketing to win

Matt Proulx accounted for the game's only goals as Richard Marketing shut out Poirier Bus Lines 2-0 in a recent Char-Lan house league hockey bantam-midget division game.

Richard Marketing also recorded a 3-2 win over St. Pierre Garage on goals by Sylvain Pilon, Marc Pilon and Brock Munro.

The other bantam-midget game had St. Pierre Garage downing Poirier Bus Lines 5-2.

Willie Larkin scored twice for the winners with single goals going to Neil Thompson, Shaun St. Pierre and Matthew Quenneville.

J.P. Dupuis and Chad Guay replied for Poirier.

**Peewee division**

Cornwall Aviation and Raisin River Marina of the peewee division skated to a 2-2 draw.

Corey Lalonde and Stefano Zoppas scored for Aviation while Chad Ladouceur and Steve Jodoin were the Marina goalscorers.

Ryan Zurkowsky scored twice to lift Malyon Excavation to a 4-1 victory over Munro Agromart.

Also scoring for Malyon were Rory Sandilands and Jim Vander Burg.

Shawn Sommers replied for Munro.

Sommers scored twice against Raisin River Marina but Munro still lost a 3-2 decision.

Lachlan McDonald, Oakley McCoy and Steve Febrille scored for the winners.

A pair of goals by Pascal Delaquis carried Malyon Excavation to a 3-2 edging of the South Stormont Predators.

Jim Vander Burg also scored.

**Atom division**

Longevity Acrylics claimed a pair of victories over Alfann Farms in atom division competition.

One of Longevity's victories was a 2-1 squeaker.

Jeremy MacDonald and Kyle Laframboise scored for the winners while Kevin Anderson scored the lone Alfann goal.

MacDonald scored a whopping five goals as Longevity cruised to a 6-3 win over Alfann.

Kelsey Thompson chipped in with a single marker.

Alfann replied with goals by Matthew Lefebvre, Jean-Francois Glaude and Drew Hart.

The other recent atom division winner was Ray Jans Construction, which dumped Alfann Farms 5-2.

Nicole Jones and Luc St. Pierre led Jans with two goals apiece while Adam Tessier rounded out the attack with a single.

Crystal Jalbert and David Belanger were the Alfann scorers.

**Novice division**

The Denis Rose Jr. Trucking novice team saw life on both sides of blowout scores recently.

David Barton and Steven Rose netted two goals apiece and Adam Munro and B. Boyd added singles as Rose Trucking downed South Stormont-Grumpy's 6-1.

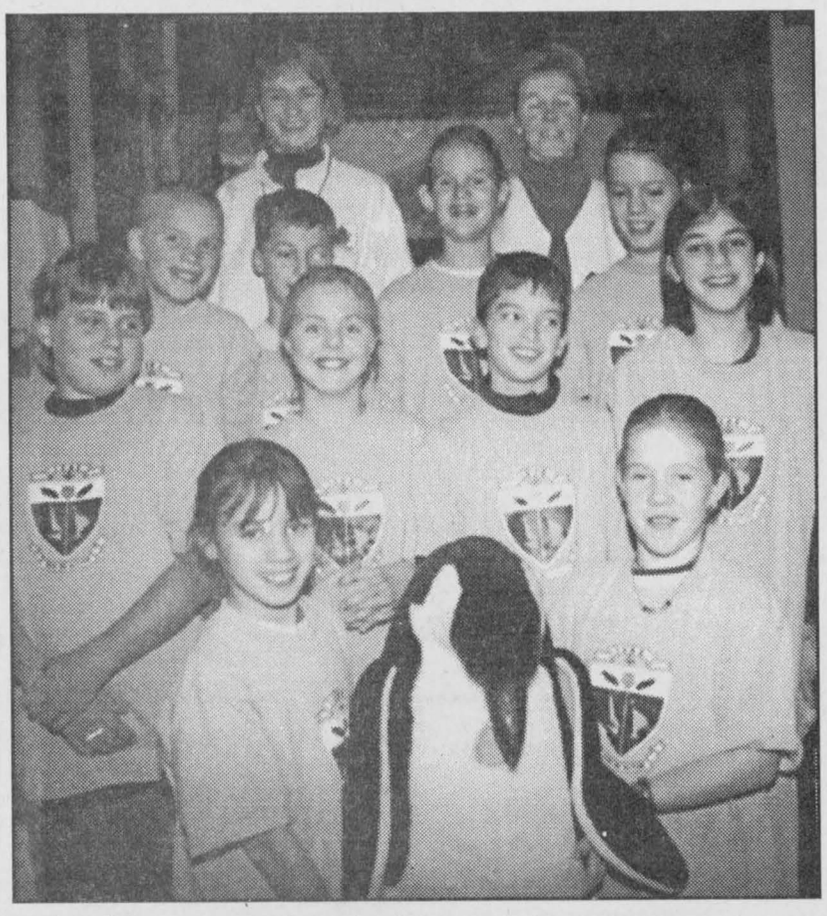
On the other, more negative side of the scoreboard, Joey MacDougall and Shane Laframboise victimized Rose for two goals apiece as Laplante Welding claimed a 5-1 victory.

Joel Lefebvre also scored for the winners while Andre Gaucher lit the lamp for Rose.

The other novice division contest had M and S Mechanical defeating Laplante Welding 5-1.

The M and S scorers were Cam White with two goals and Nicholas Menard, Leslie McLeod and Michel Lapierre with one goal apiece.

Joey MacDougall accounted for Laplante Welding's goal.



## *Newcomb players win tourney*

Iona school students won the Newcomb ball tournament on Friday Nov. 27 in St. Raphael's. Pictured, from left to right, are Sapphire Padron, Connie Sloan in first row, Leo Lebrun, Chelsea McDonell, Jordon Sauvé, Alexa Winkiewicz in second row, Brent Van Loon, Matthew Abraham, Victoria Lefebvre, Sarah Abraham in third row, Anne Tuppert and Mary-Lynne Sauvé in back row.

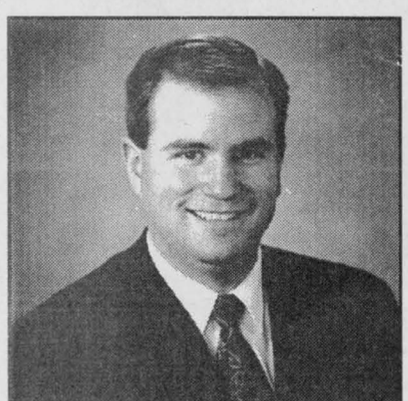
# Late goal gives Bruins 5-4 victory

The Alexandria Bruins slipped by St. Clet 5-4 in a Ligue de Hockey Soulanges game earlier this month.

The Bruins roared out to a 3-0 lead but then had to get a late goal to break a 4-4 tie and claim the victory.

Captain Stephane Pilon, Marc Menard and Daniel Methot combined on the play that led to the game-winning goal.

Guillaume Archambault scored twice for the first-place Bruins while Jean-Yves Goudreau netted his 16th goal of the season.

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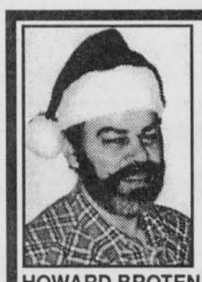

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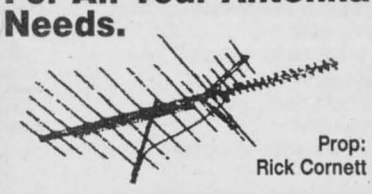

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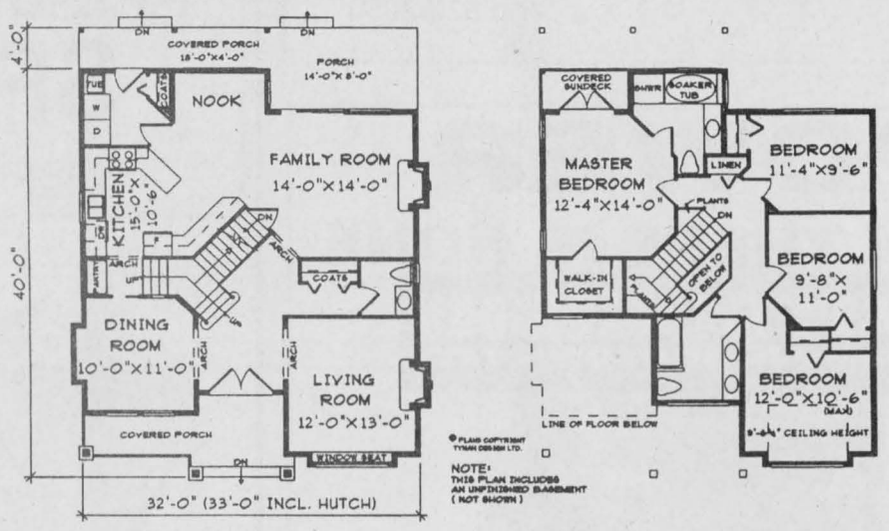


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# Macnabs lead Caisse Populaire

## Brothers score hat tricks in win

Led by hat tricks by brothers Bobby Macnab and Brent Macnab, Alexandria Caisse Populaire recorded a 9-2 victory over Cornwall in an atom house league hockey exhibition game on Dec. 12.

Billy Dupuis, Patrick Roy and Jason Doucet added single goals for Alexandria.

In Nation League regular season play on Dec. 6, gols by Matt Lapensee, Bobby Macnab, Jason Doucet, Brent Macnab and Patrick Roy weren't enough as Caisse Pop suffered its first loss, a 5-4 setback to St. Isidore.

Alexandria scored four times on Dec. 5 in a 7-2 victory over Cornwall Trucking.

Bobby Macnab, Jason Doucet and Jordan Sauve also connected.

In another game from earlier in the month, Caisse Populaire tied Embrun II 3-3.

Bobby Macnab scored twice and Jason Doucet added a solo marker.

On Dec. 13, Bobby Macnab had three goals and Jason Doucet and Roddy MacDonald netted singles as Alexandria dumped North Glengarry Stormont 5-2.

•Alexandria I let 2-0 lead slip away and lost a 3-2 decision to Rockland III on Dec. 13.

Mathieu Lalonde and Matthew MacKay scored in a losing cause.

•Scott Cameron and Brett Boisvenue each netted two goals to lift the Glengarry Windows and Doors atoms to a 7-5 victory over the Cornwall Typhoons girls' team in an exhibition contest on Dec. 13.

Marc-Andre Carriere, Julien Delorme and Patrick Delorme rounded out the Alexandria attack.

On the same day, Windows and Doors tied Casselman I 5-5 in a league game.

Scott Cameron bagged three goals for Alexandria with singles going to Julien Delorme and Marc-Andre Carriere.

On Dec. 12, goals by Julien Delorme and Patrick Delorme gave Windows and Doors a 2-1 triumph over Rockland I.

**Peewee division**

Alexandria II (Lalonde Pronto Store) defeated Alexandria I (Alexandria Ford) in a battle of peewee teams on Dec. 12.

Kevin MacPherson and Robert Decoste each netted a pair of goals for the winners.

Richard Bellefeuille, Corey Cameron and Zacharie St. Denis had single markers.

Ford replied with goals by Sebastien Cholette, Jason McDonald and Chris Massie.

•Pierre-Luc Marleau and Jason Quesnel each scored once to lead the Atlantic Storm peewees to a 2-1 win over Hawkesbury on Dec. 12 at the Billy Gebbie Arena in Alexandria.

Novice division

A pair of goals by Joshua Lapierre helped the Alexandria III novices down Hawkesbury 3-1 on Dec. 12.

Kyle Lalonde was the other Alexandria scorer.

At a tournament on Dec. 5 in Finch, Alexandria recorded wins over teams from Cornwall, Char-Lan and Hawkesbury to capture top honours.

Of the 16 goals scored in the tourney, six were authored by Joshua Lapierre and four came from the stick of Curtis Lapierre.

Ryan Seguin and Cody Gallant each scored twice and Kevin Hartwick added a single marker.



*Trophy keepers*

Skip Larry Hay, top left, counter-clockwise, will lead his team of third Rodney Fraser, second Ian Fraser and lead Allan Cameron in defence of the Quebec Challenge Trophy early in the new year. Hay, and a rink skipped by Gord Lafave, won the trophy two weeks ago.

Staff Photo - Greg Peerenboom

# Vankleek Hill is early leader

The first Senior Men's Inter-club was played last Wednesday at the Lancaster and District Curling Club.

Vankleek Hill won both matches agsint Maxville while host Lancaster split its games with Alexandria.

Total points were Vankleek Hill with 15, Alexandria and Lancaster with 14 apiece and Maxville with nine.

The next Inter-club will be hosted by Maxville on Jan. 13.

# Two out of three ain't bad for Char-Lan Bantam Rebels

The Char-Lan bantam travelling team won twice in a recent stretch of three games in the Upper Canada Minor Hockey League.

The lone defeat came by a score of 4-1 against the North Glengarry Stormont Braves.

Meanwhile, Ryan Lalonde scored twice in the Rebels' 5-4 shading of the South Stormont Selects.

Justin Lalonde, Robert Grant and Jordan Reasbeck chipped in with single goals.

Char-Lan's other victory was a 2-1 triumph against the North Dundas Demons. Robb Schaefer and Leo Dignard were the goalscorers.

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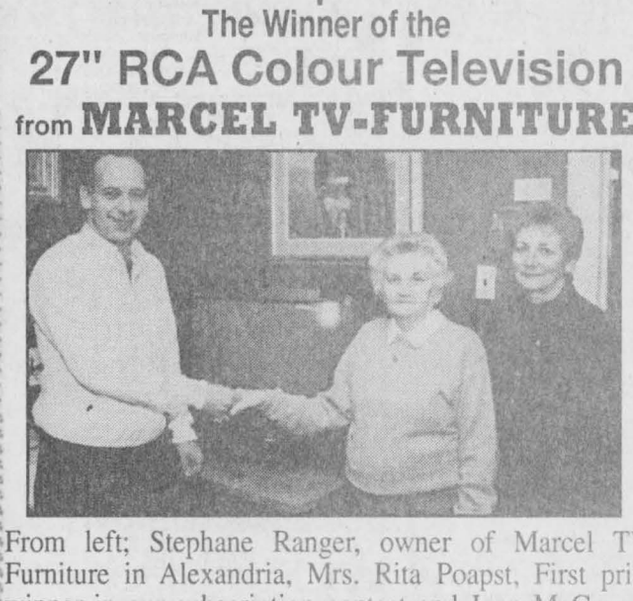

From left; Stephane Ranger, owner of Marcel TV-Furniture in Alexandria, Mrs. Rita Poapst, First prize winner in our subscription contest and Joan McGregor, circulation clerk at The Glengarry News.

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MICHAUD – Louise (nee DeRepentigny) and Paul, Ryan and Corey would like to announce the safe arrival of their baby sister, Ashley Kayla, on December 6, 1998 at 1:53 p.m. weighing 5 lbs. 11 oz. at Hotel Dieu. Proud grandmothers are Leota DeRepentigney and Sheila Michaud.

MacDOUGALL – Terry and Katherine (Bell) are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Nicholas Terry on March 4, 1998 at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Cornwall.

## Card of Thanks

PAQUETTE – We would like to express our sincere thanks to relatives and friends for messages of sympathy, mass cards, floral tributes and different donations, during our recent loss of a dear mother and grandmother, Emillie Paquette. Special thanks to Father Luc Bouchard, Rev. Larouche, Rev. Cameron and the other priests for their kind words. Dr. Govan and staff of Glengarry Memorial Hospital, also to Maria Goretti Residence for their patience and good care. Also thanks to Munro and Morris Funeral Home for their attentive care show to us all. Thanks to G. Roy for the "Fraternité" hall and M. Lanthier and staff for serving the lunch. These acts of kindness were deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.
– The Paquette family. 51-1p

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MacLACHLAN, Alexander Donald – Passed away at Lakeshore Hospital, Pointe Claire, Que. on Monday, Dec. 14, 1998. Son of John A. and Laura (MacKeracher) MacLachlan. Born Dec. 4, 1915. Retired from aircraft electronics. The first of a family of 8 to be taken. 51-1p

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He is survived by his wife Johanna, who continues to reside in the village of Lancaster, his children, Ineke (Montreal), John (Cornwall), Martien (Lancaster), Henk (Vancouver), Mary (Ottawa) and Marcel (Kingston). Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Wed. Dec. 9, 1998. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the people of Glengarry for the warm reception and acceptance into their society and country. As an expression of sympathy memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Fund would be welcome. 50-1c

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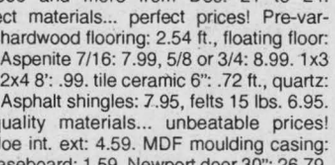

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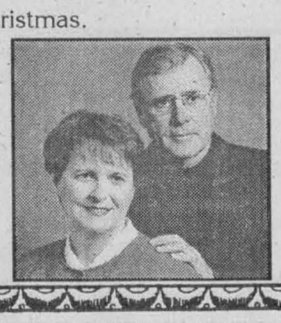



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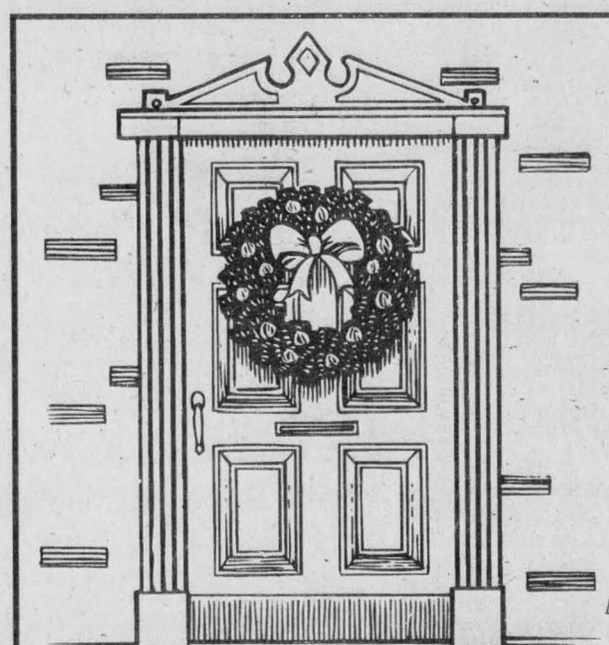

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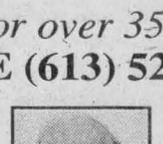
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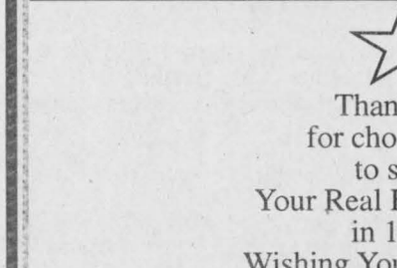

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY
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NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAW
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Dated at the Township of South Glengarry this 23rd day of December 1998.
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Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee 51-1c

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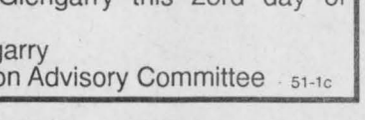
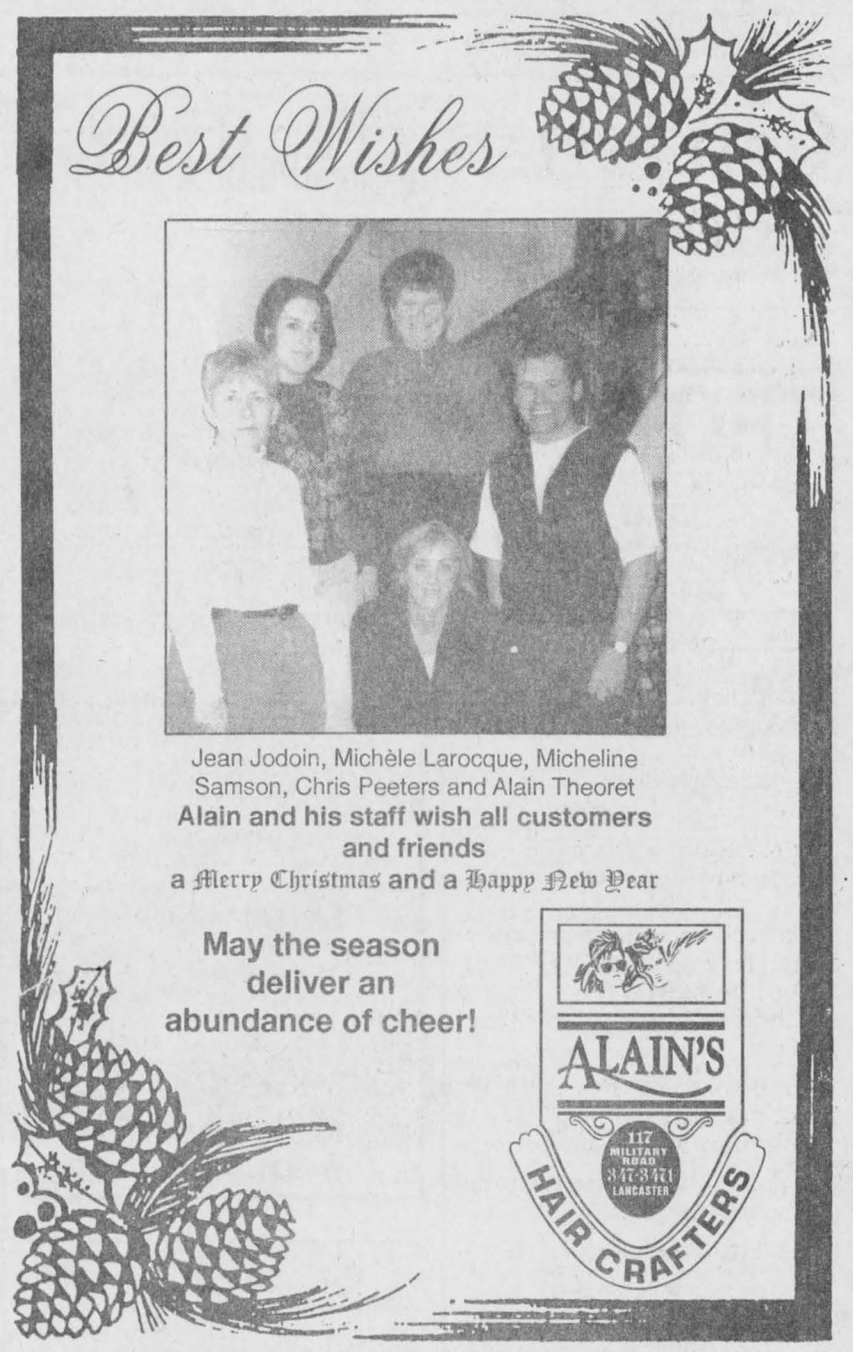


## Help Wanted

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

# Christmas is time to harvest the first traditional crop

## The Decoste family of Alexandria is chopping down the evergreens after 10 years of preparation

By Sandra Berry
*News* Reporter

When Gerry and Patsy Decoste bought a 100-acre property on which to build their dream home, Gerry took one look at the fields and decided cash cropping wasn't an option.

"I said to myself 'You're never ploughing through all those rock fences'."

So he opted to reforest part of the land with pine and spruce. Over the years, he planted 24,000 trees with the help of his wife and son, who co-own the family farm with Gerry.

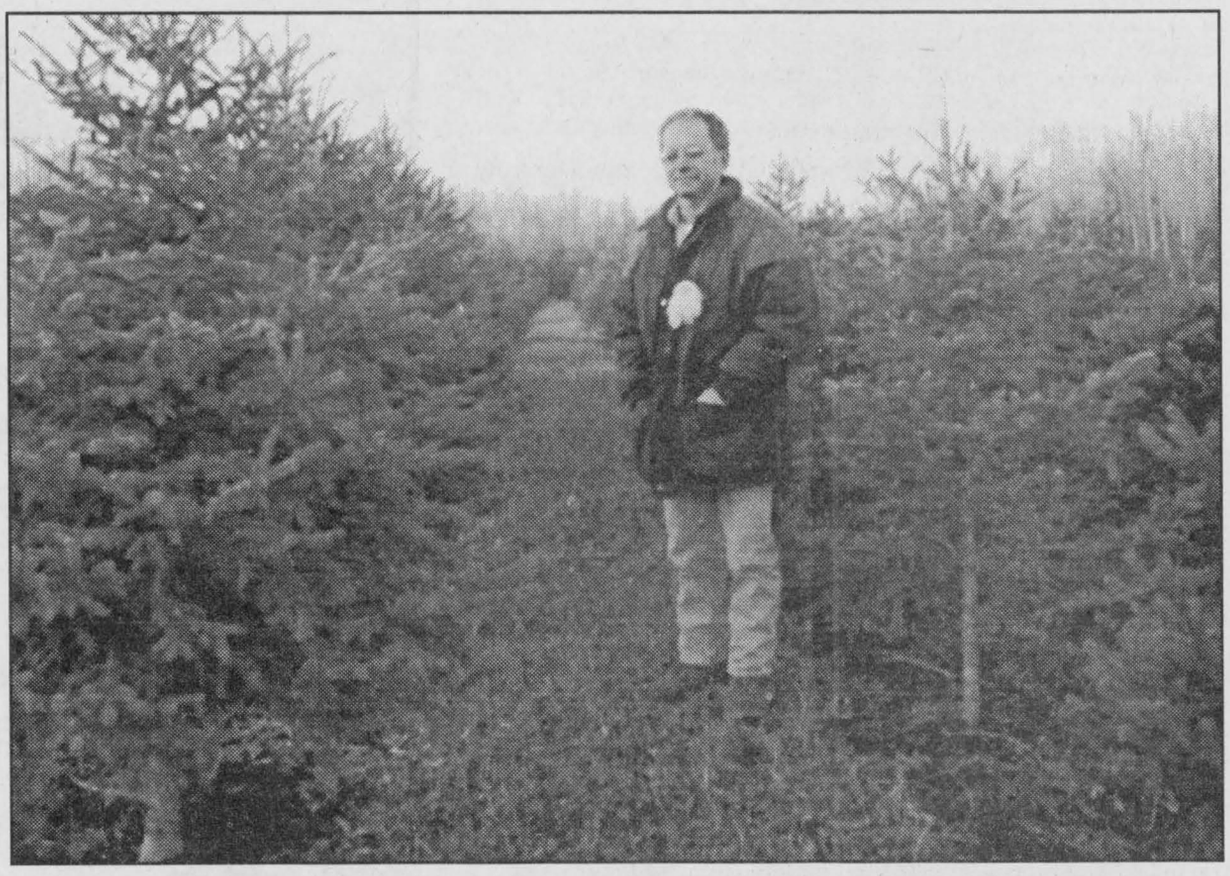
"We normally plant around 4,000 trees in a 12-hour shift."

He planted a different field each year to have a perpetual crop of trees.

The trees were planted seven feet apart leaving him with two options; to harvest the evergreens as Christmas trees or to reforest the land.

But this is the Decostes' first Christmas tree harvest and they are not planning to abandon the trees.

"I've been working at these trees for the past 10 years."



Gerry Decoste of Geropa Farms stands beside some of the evergreen trees that will be ready for harvest in a few years. This is the first year the family farm is opened for the Christmas tree harvest.
Staff photo – Sandra Berry

### Getting to know the tree

Contrary to common belief, there's more to growing the holiday trees than planting it and watching it grow.

It might be the case for the first two years where the tree is growing among the tall grass. But once the head of the tree emerges from the grass, it's time to mold it into the perfect Christmas tree.

They begin by clipping the trees in the spring. On average the trees will grow from 18 inches to two feet every year.

To keep the tree dense and conical, they have to trim the growth to about seven inches long. Gerry also has to keep the grass low between the trees.

"It allows the trees to have more nutrients and humidity."

Patsy says it's hard work to trim the trees but she enjoys watching them grow.

"They have a lot of character."

She says it's easy to distinguish a tree that will perform well from one that won't.

"We can care for them all we want but Mother Nature still plays her role", says Gerry.

And the way nature works is that not all the trees are at the same maturity.

In the field from which the trees are presently harvested, some trees are at eight feet while others are at four.

Gerry says he will keep the field open for four years.

"If the trees haven't grown to an optimal height by then, it means they never will."

Once the harvest is complete, the Decostes will replant the field and start the process over.

Gerry says it's environmentally beneficial to buy from tree farms because the evergreen are repopulated.

"These trees provide clean air for many of us", says Gerry. In fact, according to the Christmas Tree Farmers of Ontario, one acre of evergreens provides oxygen for 18 people per year.

"And it adds wildlife on our farm", says Patsy.

In addition to the many birds and small mammals which the trees attract, it also provides for windbreaks, noise reduction and provides more privacy.

### Keeping with tradition

Cutting down the evergreen and bringing it home is an old tradition that goes back to the ancient Egyptians, the early Romans and the Druids.

While we don't bring home the Yule log to let it burn in the family fireplace for the 12 days of Christmas anymore, the evergreen has remained a symbol of a festive season.

And that's the theme the Decostes have adopted on their farm. They have moved an old shed close to the house to serve as a welcoming shelter. Visitors pick up their bow saws from Santa's Cabin and walk to the field to cut down their tree.

Upon their return they are treated to hot chocolate, the warmth of a wood stove and Christmas music.

"This business is enjoyable because everyone is jolly when they come to get the Christmas tree", says Patsy.

Customers can also purchase some buckwheat flour grown on the some of the farm's remaining fields.

rry says he doesn't use any fertilizer nor herbicides to grow the crop as it's an herbicide of its own.

Santa's shop also hosts an array of hand-made wooden buckets. Gerry says he might have a few more holiday commodities for sale but he'd rather focus on improving the festive theme of the farm.

So who knows what will be added next year. If there's already Santa's ship, the elves and the reindeers must not be far away.

# Preparing for agri-tourism

By Sandra Berry
*News* Reporter

An agricultural tourist brochure project proposed by Carole Larocque of the Centre Culturel Les Trois P'tits Points in Alexandria has been awarded a grant of $34,799 by the Rural Job Strategy Fund.

The project will employ two summer students to work on the brochure and provide an information booth as well as an area for farmers to sell their products.

The proposed bilingual brochure is to be combined with the historical survey of Glengarry being prepared by the North Glengarry Community Economic Development Group.

The total cost of the project is $50,000, of which 70 per cent is covered by the grant. The local sponsors providing the 30 per cent share are the Glengarry Federation of Agriculture, Centre Culturel Les Trois P'tits Points, Richelieu Club, Optimist Club, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Caisse Populaire Alexandria Ltd.

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# Legion Branch 544 elects new executive

For all that the commercials have been blasting out about Christmas since Halloween, it always hits me about now that I d better get serious and do my shopping, and finish cards, and think about turkey.

I could say that this is my way of maintaining independence from the marketing guys who want us to buy, buy and then some. However, since my earliest years it has been a tradition to shop only very close to The Day.

I look upon this season as a time to give, a time to enjoy the kindness and thoughtfulness of others and a time to celebrate. It brings out the best in me. Through the years, many things change, but the true meaning of Christmas, and all of the fun stuff as well, remains constant.

For this 1998 Christmas I wish you a very good holiday season. May Christmas be all that you want it to be.

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Our local Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has been struggling, as many organizations do from time to time.

It is nice to hear that things are turning around and going in a better direction.

An election to replace some recent vacancies was held on Dec. 13 at the Lancaster Legion, Branch 544. Many thanks go to Commander Elburn Duffy and Deputy Zone Commander, Peter Desrosiers for coming out to help.

The new executive: President, John Mousseau. First V.P., Betsy Robinson. second V.P. Brian MacDonald, third V.P., Kay Warden. Treasurer, Pierre Vialette. Secretary, Doris Beard. Executive members are Kate McDougall, Janice Lalonde, Gary McArthur, Don Kannon, Ray Daoust and Frank Gropler. Congratulations to all.

A very successful brunch was held prior to this meeting. Thanks go to volunteers Helen Terrence and Lucille Durrant, the chefs and to all those who helped.

The Lancaster Legion members are proud that Branch 544 is now out of debt. They have great expectations of showing a good profit soon with the good attitude and help of members.

The next general meeting will be on Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. Brunch will be served from 11 a.m. prior to the meeting. So, mark your calendar. Everyone is welcome to attend the brunch.

## LANCASTER



MARG MILLETT
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Alain Cholette, Chairman of the 1998 Guignole for the Knights of Columbus, Council 8715 in Lancaster would like to thank those who donated food and money for the Christmas baskets.

These will go to less fortunate families during the holiday season.

A special thanks to the following, who helped make this project a very successful one: Robert Bedard Sr. & Jr., Michel Bourdeau, Jean-Denis Campeau, Michel and Caroline Cholette, Laurent Decoeur, Guy Dubeau, Pat and Jordan Dussault, Jacques Elie, Gerald Gauthier, Ron Lefebvre, Bernard Menard, Lucien Menard, Daniel Moise, Richard, Robert and Sylvain Pilon, Jean Pierre Poirier, John Rummens and Michael Sommers.

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Dusk had arrived as the old beaver swam, straight past the dock and past our two Chow Chows who raced up and down with excitement.

The mop dog peeled and wheeled and in general mirrored the actions of the big dogs but I am sure he did not see the huge beaver moving swiftly by. It could be that the beaver was hard of hearing, but this old guy swam directly toward the bank and the dogs.

For a moment, I had some concern that he might give the dogs a run for their money. But silently he arched and slipped underneath the brown waters. No tail smack for this old creature. Minutes passed but there was no evidence of where he went. Su-Lin turns her head in puzzlement. She scrambles to the river bank in search of this creature and cocks her head again.

Actually, there has been a lot of activity on the river and about in these unusually warm days. The next morning, there was a thin layer of ice on the river. Again the dogs were really excited as a young otter scampered in a most un- otter like manner down the river trying to find a hole or escape route.

Unlike, the old beaver he wasn't too thrilled to hear barking. My concern this time was that my silly dogs might try to cross over the ice. Wouldn't get too far of course.

Later in the day, as the dogs were focused on the far bank. There, a small duck seemed to be stuck as well. Fortunately the air warmed that evening and the ice melted. No sign of anything stuck as the daylight returned. I really didn't want to put my paddle boat in the frigid water in a rescue effort.

Finally, this morning on our way from looking at the new house in Bainsville a sight took our breath away. Amidst swirling light snow and with a metallic sun glimmering through grayness, a large flock of snow geese broke ranks directly in front of us. With a flapping of wings they changed direction and in an instant reformed and flew towards the river. Very beautiful.

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Winnie is a very special person. She teaches art, specifically oil painting, to those who wish to learn.

She gives her time and talent freely and I mean that literally as well. A very nice group gathers every week, at S.J. McLeod P.S. I call our group the painters and really enjoy Winnie's very positive encouragement as I work at this hobby.

On Tuesday, some of us didn't paint much during this class but we had a small party to say thank you to a very giving person. Merry Christmas, Winnie!

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Enjoy your holidays and don't sweat the small stuff!





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**ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 23, 1898**

•There will be contests in Lochiel and Charlottenburgh as a result of nominations held Monday in Glengarry municipalities. Jas. Clark and A. D. McRae received acclamations in Kenyon, as did John P. Snider and Capt. J. A. McDougall in Lancaster. Wm. MacPherson, Col. D. B. Maclennan and John M. McCallum will seek election in Charlottenburgh, while Lochiel nominees include: D. A. McArthur, D. A. Macdonald, W. E. McKillican, A. R. McDougall and R. F. McRae.

•Mrs. Eliza McDonald, Kenyon Street and Angus McDonald, insurance agent, have had the electric light put in their residences this week, while Dr. D. D. McDonald has had a telephone installed in his office.

•The following students are home for the holidays at McGill, Montreal; Miss Annie L. McCrimmon, Queen's University, of Kingston.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 25, 1908**

•The new chapel in connection with St. Finnan's Cathedral here, was used for the first time on Monday.

•Among college students home for the Christmas holidays are: Donald and Fraser MacDonald and Bergin McPhee, from Loyola College, of Montreal; Cadet Donald J. MacDonald, of the Royal Military College, Kingston; Charles Gauthier, of Ottawa University.

•John A. McMillan, son of Mrs. D. B. McMillan, Elgin Street, is being congratulated on having secured first-class honors in the recent junior examinations of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, Toronto.

•Among graduates of the Provincial Model Schools who have been awarded teacher's limited third class certificates are the following: Violet Baker, Margaret McDougall, Alexandria; Hannah A. Begg, Tayside; Annie Campbell and Georgina Campbell, Williamstown; Irene S. McGregor, Athol; Clara McGillivray, Lochiel, and Bertha McGregor, Martintown.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 27, 1918**

•Almost daily, men of the overseas forces are being welcomed home and among others who were privileged to participate in the usual family reunion at Christmas were: Lance-Corporal Hubert S. Macdonald, son of Col. and Mrs. A. G. F. Macdonald; Ptes. Geo. M. Sabourin, Alexandria; Alex R. Gray and Alex Grant, Dunvegan; H. Plunkett, North Lancaster, and H. McDonald, 4-2nd Kenyon.

•Mrs. Henry Miller of Brasher Falls, N.Y., formerly of Alexandria, has received official notification that her son, Spr. Percy W. Miller, Canadian Engineers, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry on the field.

•Walter and Arthur Crewson and M. Markson of McGill, Montreal, are at their respective homes, here, for the holidays.

•At the closing exercises of Alexandria Public School Friday afternoon, presentation of a gold wrist watch, suitably engraved, was made to Miss Dorothy Hope, daughter of J. T. Hope, MD, and Mrs. Hope, in recognition of her leading all competitors in the Entrance examinations last summer.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 21, 1928**

•J. D. Grant of Laggan, and E. W. Mooney of Vankleek Hill, left Monday on an extended motor tour through the Southern and Pacific States which will last through the winter months.

•Peaceful possession of Dundonald Cottage, recently purchased by John R. McCulloch, was taken by a number of friends and neighbors of the 6th Kenyon, Friday evening, December 7. Wilfred Cadieux was chairman for the evening and Alex R. McDonald read an address expressing the regret at losing one of the pioneer families of that section. John Archie McCormick then presented Mr. McCulloch with a handsome chair, and his mother, Mrs. McCulloch, with a case of flat silver.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 23, 1938**

•Curlers will open their season Monday, when a week-long opening bonspiel starts. At the annual banquet meeting, Dr. R. J. McCallum was re-elected president.

•A. Gordon Macdonald, an Alexandrian, has been appointed postmaster at Kirkland Lake.

•J. W. McRae of Lochiel, is in Cornwall hospital for treatment of a badly infected finger.

•Neil A. MacLeod, Dalkeith, is having his home wired for electric lights. J. A. McIntosh is doing the work.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**
**Friday, December 24, 1948**

•Valentine G. Chisholm, township clerk in Lochiel for the past 51 years, retires from that post at the close of this year. His successor will in all probability be Archibald McDonald of Glen Sandfield, who this year filled the post of assistant clerk.

•Harness racing on the Mill Pond is to be revived. R. W. Lemire, Alcide Roussin, Amedee Seguin, Aime Carriere and J. A. Roussin are among horsemen mentioned as interested.

•Ernest Reeves will spend Christmas in hospital at Blind River after injuring a leg while on logging operations.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**
**Thursday, December 25, 1958**

•Veteran clerk-treasurer of Lochiel for 51 years until his retirement a decade ago, Valentine G. Chisholm died Tuesday in his 94th year.

•Green Valley's new street lights were turned on Saturday night.

•Badly burned about his body in late November, Real Geneau of Glen Robertson, is undergoing a series of skin grafting operations in Hotel Dieu, Cornwall. Another Glen Robertson area resident seriously burned by gasoline, Mrs. Claver Dubuc is now home from hospital.

•A resident of the Apple Hill area, Russell Sage Kippen, 67, was found dead of a heart attack in his home last Thursday.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**
**Monday, December 23, 1968**

•A fire at the home of Donald Farlinger, near Martintown, Friday morning, took the life of eight-year-old Robbie Pratt. The boy's mother Mrs. Doris Pratt, 48, is reported to have suffered severe burns to her body. A brother George, 10, is in serious condition with severe burns from the waist up, while Randy Pratt, 9, escaped with burns to both ears.

•The stationery and book store of the late Wilfred McLeister will close its doors Christmas Eve.

•The Glengarry Memorial Hospital Auxiliary now has candy stripers. Ten teenage girls have been accepted by the executive for volunteer service.

•MacNaughton Cumming of Lancaster was re-elected president of the Glengarry Ayrshire Breeders Club at the annual meeting held Thursday.

•Recount of the votes for councillor in Lancaster Township will be held Monday, Dec. 30.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**
**Wednesday, December 20, 1978**

•Poor road conditions due to freezing rain and wet snow caused minor accidents last Wednesday. A resident of the Ninth of Lancaster, Pierre LeGros suffered a severe leg fracture when hit by a motorist as he was walking on the road near his home. The motorist had swerved to avoid a parked car on the side of the road.

•The Glengarry Pipe Band and the MacCulloch Dancers were special entertainers at the Liberal ball at Confederation Hall, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa.

**TEN YEARS AGO**
**Wednesday, December 20, 1988**

•Two Glengarry families are facing a bleak Christmas in the wake of fires which destroyed their homes last week. The home of Andrée Turgeon and Richard Laing on Kenyon Township's 8th concession was levelled by a blaze in about an hour on Thursday. On Saturday, Lancaster Village firefighters responded to a fire at the home of Mark and Evelyne McDonell on Lot 10, conc. 6. Three rooms in the house were gutted, said Fire Chief Gene Picard, adding that he suspects the fire started in the chimney. The remainder of the house sustained irreparable extensive smoke and water damage.

•Armed Forces Major Ken Armstrong returned from a United Nations peacekeeping tour to Iraq last week; the perfect Christmas gift for wife Laurie Mack, daughter Jeannie Armstrong and grandson Bradley.

•Roxanne Lauzon, receptionist at Wilfrid Major Ltd. was the lucky winner of $10,000 last Saturday, Dec. 10 of the Richelieu Club draw held in Alexandria.

•An Alexandria man remains in intensive care at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Cornwall after the snowmobile Yvon Ranger of 32 Main Street, Alexandria was driving skidded into a building Thursday afternoon.

## Beautiful outdoor decorations make village very festive

GREENFIELD



MARY COUTURE
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It seems everyone is in the Christmas spirit this year with the many beautiful outdoor decorations in the village and the surrounding countryside. We are just missing the snow to top the decorations.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at the St. Catherine of Sienna parish, mass will be celebrated at 9:30 p.m. by Rev. Kelvin Maloney.

Nice to have seen Father Rory MacDonald on television Tuesday night sending his Christmas greeting to all Glengarrians from Bosnia.

Season's Greetings to everyone.

## A letter from John Bethune

### HIGHLAND PATHS



KEN MCKENNA

Hugh P. MacMillan's *Glengarry Historical Notes* in the May 6, 1971 edition of The Glengarry News contains a rare letter from the Reverend John Bethune of Williamstown, the progenitor of a large and notable family including Dr. Norman Bethune, "the Hero of Red China." Bethune was also the friend of Alexander Macdonell "The Big Bishop," who lived nearby at St Raphael's. Hugh P. writes:

"Descriptive letters relating specifically to Glengarry in the early part of the 19th century are extremely hard to come by.... The latest find is a letter written in 1814 by Glengarry's first Presbyterian Minister the Rev. John Bethune 1750-1815. His description of the war period in 1814 is worth reprinting as he wrote it. He gives a graphic account to his friend James Reid of St. Amand, Lower Canada, of life in the settlement.

"Born in the Isle of Skye he came to America as a chaplain for the Royal Militia in North Carolina.... He was made prisoner soon after the start of the American Revolution. After being freed in an exchange of prisoners he got to Nova Scotia where he helped organise the 84th Regiment and became its chaplain.

"Following service during the war he turned up in Montreal to help found St Gabriel [Street] Presbyterian Church in 1786. The next year he was in Glengarry.... Here he founded the first Presbyterian Church in Upper Canada at Williamstown. Later, he founded congregations at Lancaster, Summerstown, Cornwall and, as this letter bears out, at Martintown [then known as McMartin's Mills].

" ' Williamstown, 20th April, 1814.

Dear Sir, Your last letter respecting the payment of the meeting house at McMartin's Mills was, without loss of time laid before the Trustees; and on your account, as well as on that of the Congregation I am happy to inform you, that the money is now in a fair way of being speedily paid.... Have you been a sufferer by the incursions of the enemy into your part of the country? I know so little of the geography of the new settlements on and about Messissquoi [sic] Bay that I can have no correct idea of the situation of St Amand. You may well suppose that [American commander] General Wilkinson's expedition of last Fall created much confusion and consternation in this District. On his march during the day, little mischief was done; but whenever he encamped there was great destruction of cattle, grain, fences and every species of property within reach. His last encampment on this side extended from David Wright's Farm (nearly 3 miles above the town of Cornwall) down to Old Mr. Pescod's, whom they deprived of every animal he had except (I think) one young heifer and one pig that were not in the way.

" 'The weather was cold; and as they were not well provided with camp equipage, and still worse with clothes, they fell upon an easy expedient of keeping themselves warm at night, that of setting fire to the [cedar] fences as they stood, and lying down by them: So that in the absence of the sun, the sky was so illuminated, as if the whole country was in a blaze... A few officers and some stragglers came into town, and under pretence of searching for arms, rummaged houses, broke open trunks, and committed considerable depredation on clothing, dry goods and groceries, ladies great coats and even children's flannels did not escape. Such as had [silver] plate of course hid it. In the action of Chrysler's Farm, those boasting invaders.... were shamefully defeated by a handful of 800 men under Col. Morrison of the 89th Bn. and had they remained twenty four hours longer in the vicinity of Cornwall one-half of their troops would not have seen Salmon River. As it was they left 100 horses behind... In every probability, there will be warm work to the westward this summer, perhaps at York [Toronto], but certainly at Niagara. I hope Bonaparte is on his last legs, and that before the expiration of this year, that Scourge and his dynasty will have gone the way of all flesh.' "

A letter from one of the greats of Glengarry, recording the exciting history that Bethune witnessed, and reminding us of the worries, anxieties and real dangers that threatened his adopted country during the War of 1812, and his further concern for the peace of Europe the year before Waterloo. There are many places in the world today where the word "peace" has no meaning. How lucky we are in this wonderful country. We have to go back 114 years to remember a time when our land was invaded!

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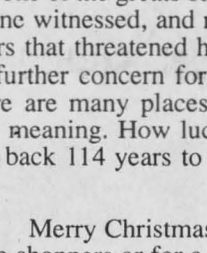

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1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup evaporated milk, undiluted
1 cup drained red maraschino cherries
1 cup drained green maraschino cherries
Icing sugar

Beat butter, sugar, eggs, almond and vanilla in large bowl on low speed until blended, then on high speed five minutes until light and fluffy. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add dry ingredients alternatively with evaporated milk to creamed mixture, mixing lightly after each addition.

Fold in cherries. Turn batter into greased three-litre bundt pan. Bake at 350F for 75 to 85 minutes. Cover with foil for last 10 minutes, Remove from pan; cool completely. Dust with icing sugar before serving. Serves 15.

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Note: A white icing drizzle is a pretty alternative. Gradually add milk drops to icing sugar and stir until you can drizzle on cake. Maybe add a dash of vanilla.

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These mashed potatoes can be made two days ahead.

My sister, Barb, passed this recipe on to me and I now pass it on to you. Talk about "comfort food!"

It will surpass my Hashbrown Potato Casserole that became so popular. Those of you who made it will know what I mean. Now, try this one!

**Chèvre Mashed Potatoes**

10 med. Yukon Gold Potatoes
2 tbsp. butter
1 large onion, finely chopped
140g Goat's cheese or 125g cream cheese at room temperature
1 cup light sour cream or plain yogurt (not low-fat)
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Boil potatoes until very tender 20 - 30 minutes). Melt butter in frying pan over medium heat, stir in onion until soft and golden.

Remove from heat and stir in goat's cheese, sour cream, salt and pepper. Drain potatoes and mash. Stir in cheese mixture until well blended. Spoon into a buttered two-quart deep casserole dish.

Smooth top and sprinkle with parmesan cheese. If making ahead, cover and refrigerate at this point for up to two days or freeze.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake uncovered in centre of oven until hot golden, about 40-50 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley if desired. Serves 8 to 10.

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Notes:

A chilled casserole will require 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 hours baking time.

We use the cream cheese. It's excellent. "Chèvre," means goat's cheese.

When baked thoroughly, the top of the potato casserole becomes golden and crusty!

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This is my own style for deviled eggs. At any gathering; as an appetizer or as a part of a buffet table meal, these are always a hit!

**Carol's Deviled Eggs**

Hard boil eggs for at least 12 minutes, Let cool. Cut in half lengthwise. Place all yolks in a bowl. Add to bowl (amounts at your discretion) a bit of onion, celery, chopped very fine.

Then, add a few dashes of Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper, garlic powder and a bit of mayonnaise. Blend all together with fork until well mixed and moist (use enough mayonnaise to achieve this). Spoon mixture back into hollow egg whites. Garnish with paprika. For Christmastime, top with bits of red and green peppers. Enjoy!

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Prepare for your guests this beautiful drink served in a champagne or martini glass. Garnish with a mint leaf or slice of lime on rim. It will remain clear if you stir and don't shake it.

**Mintini**

2 oz. vodka
1 oz green crème de menthe

Stir vodka and crème de menthe with ice and strain into glass. Garnish.

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Try this divine laced hot coffee:

**Grand Marnier Café**

Hot coffee
1 oz. Grand Marnier
Top with whipped cream

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Leftover Christmas Turkey? Here are a couple of ideas:

•Christmas Dreams: Remove crusts from bread and cut in half. Top with thin slices of turkey. Cover with slice of mozzarella and sprinkle with chopped red and green peppers.

•Mini Appetizers: Cover little rounds of buttered bread with sliced turkey. Top with crab blended with sour cream. Sprinkle with chopped green onion or fresh basil.

•Cranberry Fingers: Blend cream cheese with a little cranberry sauce. Spread over dark bread. Sandwich sliced turkey between bread; slice into fingers.

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Tips and hints of the week:

•If you decorate your home with sprigs of evergreen or cedar, tape ends with scotch tape or glue. It helps to keep them from drying out and dropping needles.

•Cut out lovely pictures from old Christmas cards and use them as stickers on parcels. Just add glue to backs.

•When family and friends are together awaiting turkey supper, have each person light their own hand-held candle, in turn, and tell their story of a previous Christmas memory!

•Take tiny cocktail wieners, fry lightly in spray "Pam." Run a pretzel through, then dip into mustard for a quick appetizer!

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Happy Holidays, happy cooking.


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