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GLENGARRY IN BRIEF

HOPE campaign now in its 5th year

For the fifth consecutive year, HOPE (Helping Other People Everyday) is serving up dinner for the needy and for those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day.

Through its fundraising campaign, HOPE also provides a rescue fund for the remainder of the year.

For more information, contact André Lefebvre at 525-3260.

News columnist launches new book

Glengarry News columnist Ken McKenna's book *Highland Paths – Tales of Glengarry* was launched on Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Royal Canadian Legion hall in Alexandria.

Over 100 people attended the real Glengarry gathering to meet the author, have their books signed, enjoy music and renew friendships.

Kenneth MacKenzie and Alan Jones from Montreal played the "small pipes" and brought along Alex Orbegoso to play the "big pipes."

Donald Joseph MacPhee, Duncan J. MacDonald and Alan MacPhail, members of the Strathspey and Reel Society, played Scottish airs. Violinists Darrel MacLeod, his son Rory and his nephew Kenton McBean, with Clara MacLeod on keyboard, played throughout the afternoon and for the step-dancing of Anna MacLeod and Jamie McRae.

Stork Market Report

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Glengarry babies in 1998:
Boys: 43 Girls: 45

AFA, township fuming in fire flap

By J.L. Lefebvre
News editor

The members of North Glengarry township council and the firefighters from the municipality's Alexandria station are locked in a bitter dispute that has created serious concern among town residents as well as inhabitants of the Lochiel ward, the area protected by the Alexandria brigade.

Unless the two sides make peace in the next 10 days, North Glengarry will be forced to form a new fire department for Alexandria. The process to hire new firefighters has already begun with an advertising campaign.

In a 6-1 vote – Alexandria councillor Gary Shepherd was the lone dissenter – township council officially accepted the resignation of all 22 members of the Alexandria fire station last Monday night.

The Alexandria firefighters had threatened to resign in a letter sent to council on Nov. 28 along with a demand for a two-year contract.

The letter states: "This agreement must be signed and delivered by December 31, 1998. If you fail to ratify this contract by this time, you should consider this our letter of resignation."

The letter is signed by all 22 members of the Alexandria fire department, including Chief Gerry Charlebois and AFA president Maurice Lauzon.

The township responded to the ultimatum early last week by sending letters through the office of Alan MacKinnon, the township's legal counsel, accepting each firefighter's resignation and issuing an invitation to reapply for a position when a new fire department is established.

North Glengarry politicians say council's decision was a difficult one.

"I have many friends on the fire department," said Reeve Grant Crack. "This was not an easy decision to make. It was very, very difficult."

"They gave us no room to negotiate," said councillor Bill Franklin, who is also chair of the fire protection committee. "We had no choice but to accept their resignation."

Franklin says council acted properly

"We made a good decision. We made the right decision and to top it off, it was the only decision we could make under the circumstances (of the ultimatum issued by the AFA)."

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Fowls play

Hundreds of southbound snow geese make a pit stop at a Lancaster area corn field. These migratory waterfowl are a rare sight in Glengarry.

Outreach director resigns

By Sue Harrington
News correspondent

The program director for Glengarry Outreach Services has resigned, Advisory Board Chair Jim McDonell told about 40 volunteers and seniors who attended a meeting on Wednesday at the Lan-Char Centre.

McDonell said that Rosemary Cameron had resigned for "health and personal reasons." The advisory board voted to accept the resignation.

Despite repeated questions from the floor, McDonell refused to indicate whether or not Cameron will receive a settlement from Outreach, which is now administered by the VON.

"I can't give out that information," said McDonell, who indicated he had sought legal advice on the matter. "I can't tell you that."

Jean Courville, the VON's executive director, said that until a replacement for Cameron is found, the centres — Lan-Char in Lancaster, and Rendez-Vous in Alexandria — will be staffed by VON employees from other centres.

Courville said she was pleased at the turnout at the meeting and acknowledged that the VON was depending on the volunteers.

"We really appreciate you. We can't change the past, but we can

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Fire insurance not affected in the short term

One of the immediate fears of the fire protection crisis in Alexandria and Lochiel (see related stories) was the impact the issue would have on insurance rates.

In the short term, the answer is not much.

"Coverage will not be affected," said Brian Fisher of Glengarry Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Alexandria. "We've received word through official channels that arrangements have been made for fire protection."

"It's something that's out of our policy holders' hands," he explained. "We're certainly going to support (the Alexandria firefighters) but this won't affect our policy holders. At least it won't from an insurance standpoint although it might from a protection standpoint.

"If the situation dragged on, then we'd have to have a look at things but (township officials) have told us that fire protection will be in place and we have to take their word for it."

In the long term, policy holders in Alexandria could expect to pay higher insurance premiums only in the unlikely event that North Glengarry decided not to establish a new department in the Alexandria station. That would place Alexandria in a different — and more expensive — insurance category.

Alexandria BIA at crossroads

By Greg Peerenboom
News Reporter

The Alexandria BIA board of directors was expected to fight for its survival at Monday's North Glengarry council meeting.

Business Improvement Association chair Gail Belair-Abrames said the board unanimously agreed to oppose Reeve Grant Crack's bylaw to eliminate the BIA.

Last week, Crack said the current bylaw governing the BIA was flawed.

He said many town businesses do not receive BIA benefits although each one must pay into a special levy that supports the BIA financially. In addition, businesses outside Alexandria are at a disadvantage to those in town.

Not only did Belair-Abrames counter Crack's views, she took exception to the reeve's method of handling the issue.

Belair-Abrames said the BIA could have been disbanded at last week's special council meeting.

"If it wasn't for (Kenyon ward Councillor Bill Franklin) speaking up," she said, the BIA might not have been afforded the opportunity to make its stand.

Although Crack claims the draft bylaw was presented only for council's information, Alexandria ward councillor Gary Shepherd said a vote might have been a possibility.

"It may well have come to a vote, (although) it wasn't proposed as a motion." Shepherd said.

Belair-Abrames lambasted the route Crack took.

"To a lot of the members it was like a slap in the face.

"This is a group of volunteers that donate time 12 months of the year, which means it's not great for their own businesses."

Instead of Crack's proposed bylaw, Belair-Abrames, a former council colleague, said a meeting should have been held between councillors and the BIA board.

As for Crack's arguments for dissolving the BIA, she refuted them.

She said businesses outside of town do have indirect representation with the BIA through the two chambers of commerce and the North Glengarry Community Economic Development Group.

"We meet with them bi-monthly to discuss what plans or promotions we have that are coming."

Efforts are made to ensure each project gives maximum benefit to all parts of North Glengarry, she said.

As for the funding formula, which extracts up to $450 from various industries (Alexandria Moulding pays $1,466 because it has four locations), she said it is fair because it makes their factory locations in town more attractive.

Much of the BIA budget is used to beautify the town and plan events suitable for families.

"If Alexandria becomes dilapidated and ghetto-like, you tell me people are going to visit, work and settle here?

"Beautifying the town increases community pride. It makes it more attractive to raise a family.

"There's a trickle down effect."

Shepherd for one was willing to back the BIA.

"I would be very disappointed to see it disappear. It's too bad, it's a good thing, a good idea," he said.

Shepherd is also opposed to Crack's alternative, a township-wide BIA-type organization..

"It's not the way to go. The merchants in town are concerned with Alexandria."

Councillor-at-Large Gilles Paradis sides with Crack's view that the current BIA bylaw is no longer valid.

However, unlike Crack he wants to see a future town BIA become smaller and serve only certain sections, such as the downtown core.

As for writing a new bylaw, Paradis wants it to spell out who is a member and how to calculate the BIA levy.

(The *News* will provide the details from last Monday's regular council meeting in next week's issue, as the deadline for this week's edition was moved one day earlier.).

Alexandria gas stations at war

By Sandra Berry
News Reporter

Gas prices in Alexandria are on a downward spiral. They have dropped by almost 10 cents in the past two weeks and are continuing to decline.

Although world prices for crude oil haven't been this low in the past 12 years, the situation in Alexandria is more a reflection of fierce competition than a direct result of the global economy.

Once one service station brings down the price, the others follow suit.

"Prices can change from three to four times a day ," says the manager of Pioneer Gas Bar, Joanne Ladouceur.

Because it is Pioneer's policy to keep the lowest gas prices in town, their immediate reaction to the competitors' lower prices is a further decrease in gas prices.

But it seems that the competitors' intent is the opposite, to get the gas prices level across town.

J.P. Levert of Levert Service Station says Pioneer carried its policy too far.

"They used to keep their prices lower by .1 cent but it was getting to the point where the difference was one penny."

Levert says he's taking advantage of low world prices to get the message across that gas prices should be uniform in town.

RJ's Service Centre, who is also taking part in the competition, declined to comment.

While Levert can afford to sell his gas at a low price, other gas stations are hurt by this aggressive competition.

Roger Claude of Garage Claude says this war is affecting his profit margin. He did bring down his price but cannot compete as strongly because he's only breaking even.

He says his price should be up by two to three cents in order for his business to profit.

"At the end of the day, we're not even making money."

He's facing a catch-22. If he lowers his prices more he'll get more business but will operate at a loss. If he operates to make a profit, he'll lose his clientele.

"The others (gas stations) are supplied by companies who will back them up in these gas wars, mine doesn't."

So he's keeping the prices where he can get by and keep customers.

The other Alexandra service station falling behind the war is North End Garage. Jean-Marie Ouimet says the business is in the same situation, the supplier won't support the war.

"If we try to compete, we'll lose money."

And many other gas stations in smaller hamlets in proximity to Alexandria, such as MacEwen Petroleum distributors, are affected by the war.

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Meeting the artistic challenge

Painter Susan Daigle takes on big task with Alexandria mural

By J.L. Lefebvre
News editor

It's a wall that tells two stories.

In one sense, the huge mural painted on the plywood covering the empty lot between Christine's Restaurant and the Dollar World on Main Street in Alexandria is a history lesson.

The mural is artistic representation of Simon's General Store, the turn of the century business owned by George Simon, a former mayor of Alexandria.

Simon is the man sweeping the steps in the mural.

The artwork also tells another story, about a painter from McCrimmon Corners taking the first project of this magnitude in her budding career.

Working only from a faded photograph Susan Daigle created a 25 by 30 foot work of art full of complex and extensively researched detail.

Daigle worked on the project for two full months and completed the work on weekends in September after she started her job as an art teacher at a school in Perth.

It's a task that impressed fellow mural painter Odile Têtu, the artist for the "Alexandria Senate" mural in the Mill Square as well as many of the murals in Vankleek Hill.

"When I took this job, Odile told me: 'You're a brave girl,'" said Daigle, who has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Concordia University in Montreal.

Not only is Daigle brave, she is also generous. She painted the mural on a voluntary basis as part of the Alexandria BIA's downtown beautification project and was not paid for her work.

"I wasn't concerned about the financial part of it," she said. "I think it's great that they're trying to spruce up the town. I hope what I did added to Main Street."

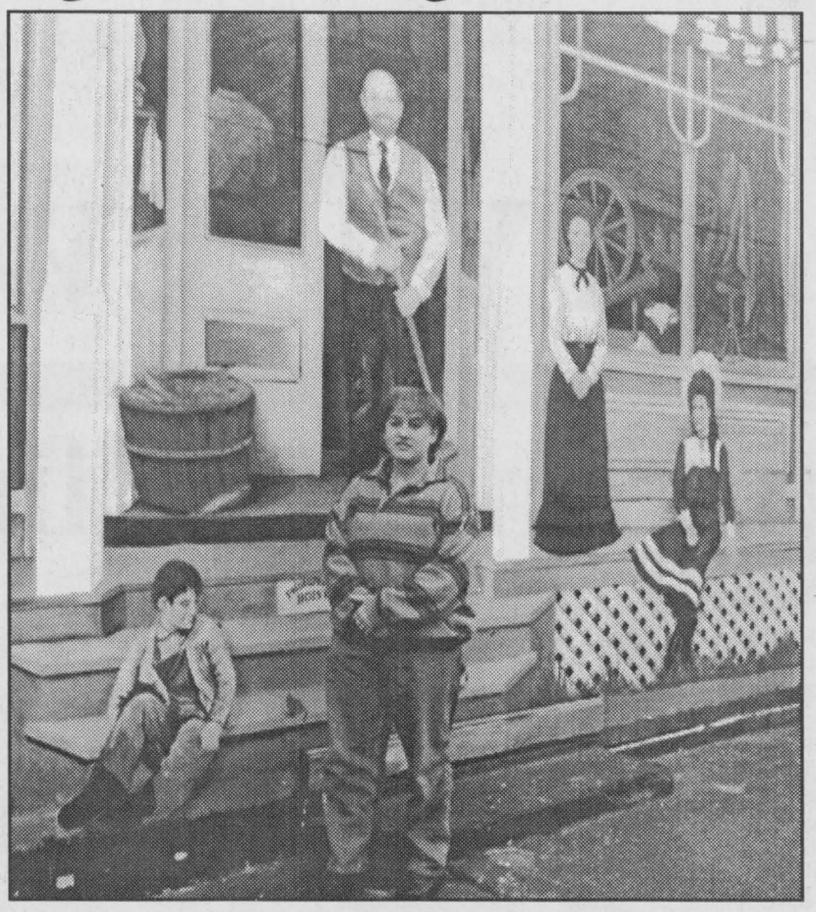
Indeed, the results are impressive but the project may have set a dangerous precedent.

"I've already had a few calls from Cornwall to do some private murals," said Daigle. "The problem is the people don't want to pay for it."

Perseverance pays off

Although the Simon's Store mural was primarily a solo project, Daigle did get a little help.

Glengarry District High School art teacher Gary Harris gave Daigle on a few pointers on mural work and friend and colleague Wendy Hamilton helped her plan the project and also provided some welcome advice as the work progressed.



Susan Daigle, artist and former McCrimmon resident, stands amidst the characters she's created in her Main Street mural. The larger-than-life sized painting depicts Simon's General Store, a turn of the century business owned by former town mayor, George Simon.
Staff photo - J.L. Lefebvre

"It's always good to have another artist's opinion," commented Daigle.

The Alexandria business community also lent a hand as Boisvenue Paints provided – what else? – the paint and also some scaffolding, as did North Glengarry councillor and businessman Gary Shepherd.

"I also want to thank all the people who passed by while I was working and gave me some support," she said. "There were times I really needed the encouragement."

A few people paid the artist the ultimate compliment for her realistic work.

"There was one guy, no, actually there were half a dozen people who asked me when the store was going to be open and what the store was going to sell," she laughs. "It's kind of flattering I suppose."

The casual observer was probably fooled by the amount of intricate detail in the painting.

The store's sign has been painstakingly recreated and the general structure of the store in the mural mirrors the original building on the corner of Main and Kenyon Streets, which now houses Ouellette Water Conditioning.

Seven people appear in the painting, including the owner, the owner's daughter, a woman pushing a baby stroller, another woman, two men sitting on the bench and Daigle's personal favourite, a little boy sitting on the store steps.

"I like him because he turned out the best," she says.

Painting the windows was a three-stage process. First, Daigle painted the items such as women's hats, men's shirt and ties, a spinning wheel, a bolt of Glengarry tartan and rows of shelves stocked with various goods. Then Daigle applied a thin coat of paint to create the illusion of a window and then she painted in the reflections of light that would appear in real glass.

The most difficult part of the work came very early for Daigle.

"Making the first marks was the hardest thing," she recalls. "I can't even explain how I felt as I was staring at this huge white wall. Then you realize that, if you make a mistake, you can just paint over it."

Once Daigle got th ball rolling, or at least the paintbrush stroking, motivation was the hardest part.

"There were some days I didn't feel like doing it," she admitted, before adding, "But I never really thought of giving up on it."

Daigle signed the mural in late September and the work was officially unveiled by the BIA earlier this month.

A print of the mural has been made and artist-signed copies are available for $20 at Paddy's and the Mill Square Company in Alexandria.

"It makes a great Christmas gift," hints Daigle.

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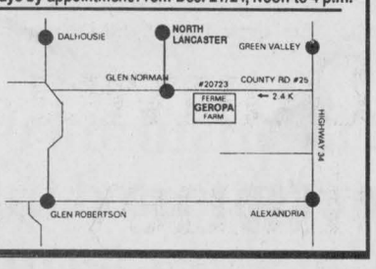

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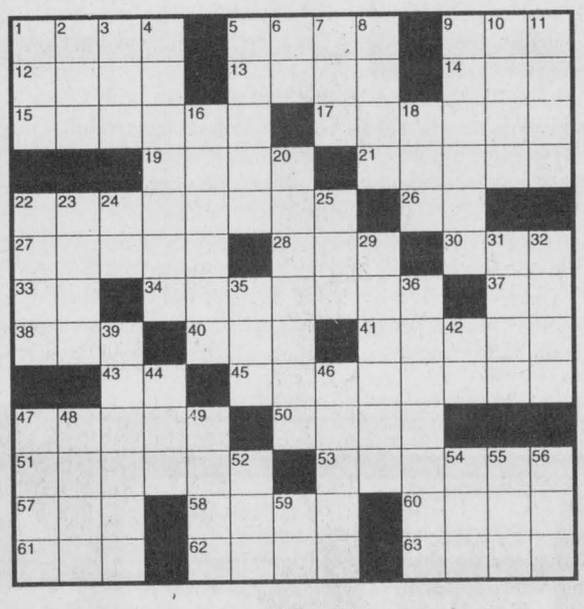

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GLENGARRY SCENE

Dispute flares up in Alexandria

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Franklin says that as the Alexandria department re-organizes itself, stations in Champlain, Nation and South Glengarry will supplement North Glengarry stations in Apple Hill and Maxville in protecting the township.

Franklin also says the Cornwall fire department is willing to send full-time firefighters to Alexandria on a temporary basis if needed. He says the idea is only preliminary and that the cost of such a plan, if implemented, has not been determined.

The current members of the Alexandria station, who between them have 311 years of firefighting experience, have vowed to stay on the job until Dec. 31 but several Alexandria firefighters say they don't expect any of their members to accept the township's offer to join a new Alexandria department.

The reeve isn't so sure.

"The position of chief is open and so is the position of deputy chief," said Crack. "I'm sure somebody will be interested in those jobs."

Even if the firefighters don't re-enlist, council members say they know there are local residents with fire fighting experience who are ready to join.

Money is key issue

The Alexandria firefighters were looking to maintain the terms they had in a handshake agreement with the former Town of Alexandria in its contract proposal.

North Glengarry politicians counter that wages and benefits for the Alexandria fire department had to be brought in line with fire units in Maxville and Apple Hill as part of the amalgamation process.

Crack says the pay to Alexandria firefighters had to be scaled back.

"It would have cost the township over $100,000 to bring the other two departments up to the level (of the Alexandria station," said the reeve.

Councillor-at-large Gilles Paradis says Alexandria firefighters receive a benefits package comparable to what a full-time fireman would receive.

"They get all free prescriptions, family coverage, eyeglasses, all with no deductible," said Paradis.

The council members also presented a chart showing that Alexandria firefighters were paid at a much higher rate than members of neighbouring departments.

An Alexandria firefighter with over five years of experience currently receives $35.50 for the first hour on a fire call and $20 for each additional hour.

Maxville firefighters get paid at an hourly rate of $17.82 while the pay is $9.75 per hour in Maxville. South Glengarry firefighters get $12 per hour.

The AFA argues that the figures cannot be compared because Alexandria handles more calls per year (over 100 last year compared to a dozen for Maxville and nine for Apple Hill) and the presence of industries in Alexandria forces their men to deal with more complex and dangerous fires.

The AFA also says that its aggressive fundraising efforts distinguish the Alexandria department from others. According to figures provided by the association, the AFA has raised over $325,000 for the purchase of fire equipment in the last five years. The AFA says the municipality has not bought the Alexandria station any equipment in that five-year period.

In the meantime, the firefighters have been paid $279,000, which the AFA argues translates into a savings of almost $47,000 for taxpayers. (The AFA's full position can be seen in an advertisement on page 5).

"We're not in this to make a fortune," said Charlebois. "We're in it because we love it and we want to serve the community. We don't want to make money but at least we should break even."

Charlie Giroux, a member of the Alexandria department but also a full-time firefighter in Gloucester says he makes more money in one year in Gloucester than all 21 Alexandria firefighters.

"And I take just as many risks in Alexandria as I do in Gloucester," said Giroux.

Ironically, the association says the decision to issue an ultimatum to council did not involve wages but rather came as a result of an issue that will apparently be solved at the provincial level.

The AFA wanted assurances from the municipality that a compensation package would be in place in the event a firefighter was seriously injured while on a call.

A bill recently proposed at Queen's Park in Toronto will likely settle that issue.

"If it wasn't for compensation, this never would have come up and that letter would never have been sent," said firefighter Steven Stewart.

A large crowd was expected at the Glengarry Sports Palace last night as the firefighters were on the agenda to address the current situation during a township council meeting.

Fire department dispute gets nasty

Accusations were flying last week as the fire department and township council waged a verbal battle over who was to play for the fiasco that could cost Alexandria its veteran fire department.

The AFA accused the politicians of not treating the firefighters with respect.

"They've been in office since January and we hadn't heard from them once until last month," said Alexandria Chief Gerry Charlebois, a member of the fire department for over 42 years. "Oh, we did hear from the during the ice storm. They needed us then."

Charlebois says the township's hard line is part of a play for power by township reeve Grant Crack.

"Mr. Crack doesn't like the fire department because he wants to have control but I'm the chief and I'm the one who has control of the fire department," said Charlebois, who called the North Glengarry council "Mr. Crack's little dictatorship."

For his part, Crack says the AFA is responsible for its own fate because of the ultimatum letter. Crack says the township had no option but to accept the mass resignation.

"It was signed by every member of the fire department, including the chief. They said it was our way or no way. We were willing to negotiate but they gave us no option."

The time for negotiation has apparently passed. Along with accepting the resignation of fire members, council passed a motion listing the renumeration for all fire departments in North Glengarry, effective Jan. 1.

Chiefs will receive $1,500 annually, deputy chiefs $500 and captains and lieutenants $300 and $200 respectively. Firefighters will be paid $20 for the first hour on a call and $15 for each additional hour.

There is also financial compensation for attendance at practices, meetings, on-calls and for preparing fire reports.

With the municipality at odds with its firefighters in Alexandria, Crack is concerned about actions that could potentially endanger local residents.

Crack and councillor Gilles Paradis say firefighters have threatened to remove equipment bought by the AFA from the fire hall.

"It's unreal," said Crack. "It's something we're taking very, very seriously. We're prepared to call in the police and lay charges if that takes place."

Alexandria firefighters angrily deny Crack's claim.

"We would never do anything like that," said Steven Stewart. "That equipment was bought to protect the people of the municipality. They're the ones who would be placed in jeopardy (by such a tactic)."

The leading voice of conciliation in the debate has been councillor Gary Shepherd, who was the only council member to vote against the resolution to accept the resignation of the firefighters.

"I was in favour of talking to them," said Shepherd, who admits he was initially put off by the take-it-or-leave-it tone of the AFA's letter.

Shepherd says the AFA's approach angered council members.

Still, Shepherd says the department is too good to let dissolve.

"Protection is the big concern," he said. "It would be years before we could get another department that could match this one. Anybody who thinks that we're just going to get another (high-quality) department overnight is dreaming in technicolor.

"I know how good a department they are and maybe I'm the only one on council (who knows) because I've had experience with them. I would say they're one of the top volunteer departments in Ontario without any hesitation."

Dunvegan resident raising money for a friend in need

A Dunvegan woman is on a crusade to try to save the life of her friend.

Carolynn Deneault is spearheading a campaign to raise funds to help Patti Villeneuve of Moose Creek get the medical treatment that could potentially save her life.

Villeneuve, 39, suffers from a rare disorder called primary pulmonary hypertension and is dire need of a double lung transplant. A mother of two children — 12-year-old Marc and nine-year-old Nicole, who herself suffers from spina bifida — Villeneuve is on oxygen 24 hours a day and is also afflicted by mitral stenosis and her health is so poor that she may also need a heart transplant in addition to new lungs.

"Without the operation, she has no hope of survival," said Deneault who has known Villeneuve for a decade.

Even with surgery, Villeneuve will be battling for her life.

Deneault is trying to raise money to allow her friend to move to Toronto, where the lung transplant would be performed. Time is of the essence in lung transplant cases and the patient must be available at a moment's notice if and when organs become available.

Deneault estimates $2,500 per month will be needed for living expenses in Toronto, with no guarantee of when the precious organs will be available for transplant. Without surgery, Deneault says her friend will die with a year to 18 months.

Deneault admits it was difficult to convince her friend to become the cause of a fundraising drive.

"I really had to encourage her at first," she said. "Finally, because of her family, she realized she had to depend on this to get the money. She told me: 'I'm desperate. Do what you have to do.'"

The Dunvegan resident feels the anguish of watching Patti, her husband Gerald and their two children suffer through the medical ordeal.

"Some days are better than others," she confesses. "I tell you one thing though. When I start feeling sorry for myself, I think about Patti and that changes my thinking around in a hurry. It makes me thankful for what I have."

Donations to the Help Patti Fund can be made at the Bank of Nova Scotia. The trust account number is 80622 0045985. For more information, contact Deneault at 527-3091 or e-mail her at deneault@cnwl.igs.net

Cameron steps down from Glengarry Outreach

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change things in the future," said Courville. "We want to do what you want."

"What the people here want is Tony and Kathy Koggel," shot back Joan Readman, acting as a spokesperson for the volunteers who have been demanding the re-instatement of their popular cooks.

The Koggels were laid off after they refused to sign contracts which the VON offered them in October. The VON said the Koggels and one other employee had declined to join the organization as permanent employees. The employees say they were never offered the opportunity.

McDonell also distributed copies of a financial statement for the corporation, from the period of Mar. 31 until the VON takeover on Aug. 31, prepared by the accounting firm of Craig Gareau Keen Despatie and Markell.

McDonell said a final audit will not be released until "resolution has been reached with all personnel," and the corporation's books can be closed.

The financial statement shows that the operating budget for the five month period was $22,963 in the red, but was offset by a $9504 transfer from the reserve fund and by "deficit funding to be received from the Ministry of Community Health Support Services ($7,498) and the United Counties of SDG ($1,875)," as well as by a $4806 surplus from the beginning of the period.

The Outreach volunteers have petitioned the provincial government to look into the management of the corporation. According to Readman, a letter has been received from MPP John Cleary, saying the petition was presented to the Health Minister on Dec. 2.

"We're not going to let this go," said Readman, when asked if further action was pending.

Meanwhile, Kathy and Tony Koggel are putting on a special Christmas dinner this Friday evening at St. Joseph's in Lancaster to show their gratitude for the support they have received from the community.

Correction

The price of children's videos at Alexandria's newest video outlet, Action Video, is 99 cents, not 9 cents as incorrectly published in a page 2 article of the Dec. 9 edition of the *News*, which apologizes for any inconvenience this might have caused.

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Fire issue is hot topic with an easy solution

In many ways, the current debate between the Township of North Glengarry and the Alexandria Firefighters Association (AFA) is a complicated matter.

The main issue is the politics and economics of amalgamation but there is also a strong undercurrent of the history of the Alexandria fire department and its handshake relationship with the municipality that was the Town of Alexandria. Throw in the clash of some of the strong personalities involved on both sides of the debate and the results are unmistakably volatile.

We all know what the outcome must be in the present debate between township council and the fire department. Let's just get it done.

At the same time, no matter how complicated the issue might be, the solution is surprisingly simple.

Every participant in this issue, whether it be township council, the firefighters or the residents served by the Alexandria station, should want the exact same thing – the best fire protection available. That means retaining the current department.

A new deal between the township and the AFA could have been achieved painlessly with a few quiet discussions, but that ship has sailed out of port and it's too late to call it back. After last week's events, there's no way negotiations can even begin without some pride-swallowing from both sides.

Our advice to both sides – swallow the pride. Forget the standard finger-pointing and just get a deal done.

North Glengarry should take the lead of councillor Gary Shepherd. The Alexandria ward councillor was initially upset with the fire association's tactics in issuing an ultimatum to the township but, realizing how critical the issue is, he still wanted to offer the firefighters a chance to sit down and talk, even though Shepherd's colleagues believed the AFA's stance did not allow any room for negotiation.

To help convince the other council members, the Alexandria department must show the same ability to douse a political fire that it possesses to put out the real thing.

There seems to be a growing awareness within the AFA that the contentious letter sent to council was a rash gesture. As difficult as it may be for them, the firefighters have to face council members and admit they made a mistake.

If and when that admission is made, the politicians have to give up their game of hardball and forgive the firefighters for their lack of political savvy. No one has yet disputed the claim that Alexandria boasts a terrific fire department. There's nothing wrong with council telling the Alexandria firefighters: "We think you're great and we want you back."

It is imperative for the safety of the community that a deal be hammered out that makes economic sense but also shows the respect due to the fire department and its members.

To those who say backing off a hard line and giving the firefighters another chance at the negotiation table is bad politics or bad business, we say: "Too bad." The next time a life-and-death issue like fire protection is at stake, township council should feel free to follow its conscience and do the right thing instead of practicing politics by the book.

Despite funding issue BIA has a role to play

Admittedly the province's revised municipal tax structure has created a dilemma for North Glengarry Township council in funding the activities of the Business Improvement Area (BIA).

By eliminating the commercial tax designation, businesses that got no benefit from paying the levy were suddenly involved.

Too, we can see some argument for a single organization in the amalgamated municipality or a grouping of smaller organizations to help develop the other population centres in the area.

Before we move ahead and eliminate the BIA, efforts should be made to find an alternative that will satisfy budgets and amalgamation

And we can also see some argument for both the BIA and Chamber of Commerce to more closely examine the roles each play in the community.

While a variety of scenarios can be argued from both the municipal and the BIA points of view, the one thing that is clear is that the BIA is sorely needed in our community.

A bylaw introduced to council by Reeve Grant Crack to disband the existing organization is moving too quickly without having an alternative in place.

The BIA has been led by some highly motivated and dedicated people, including former Alexandria councillor Gail Belair-Abrames. In considering this bylaw, the paramount question should be how to continue the work of the BIA?

Like it or not, the BIA spearheaded the drive to improve the downtown core of Alexandria. It is a much better looking community than a year ago.

The communities which have strong organizations promoting them are reaping the economic benefits of making their towns and villages more attractive places in which to live and shop for both their residents and visitors.

Other nearby communities are competing for the business of North Glengarry residents. If our community does not respond in kind, we will all pay a heavy price down the road.

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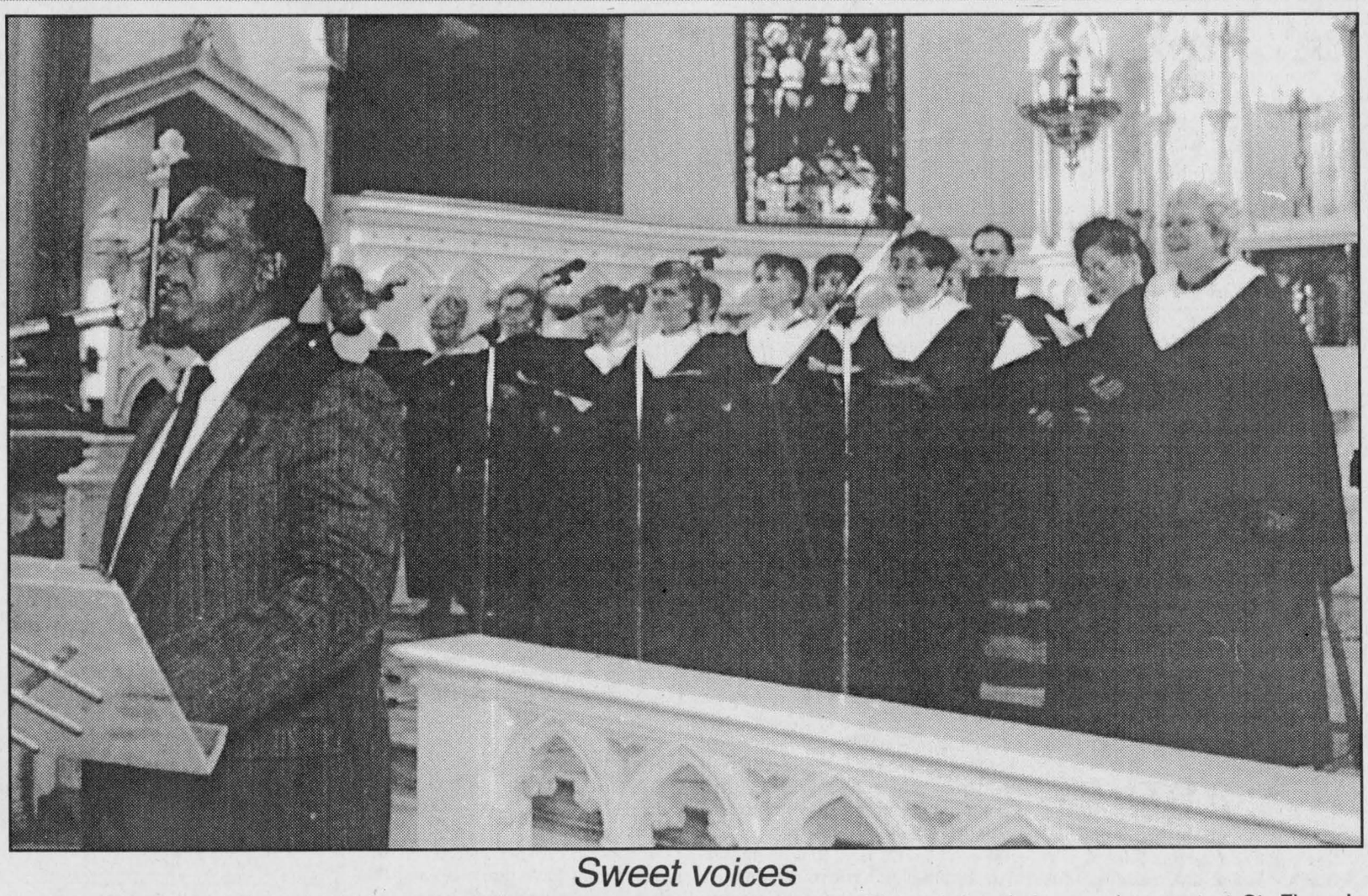

Sweet voices

Ken Roach and the Voices of Glengarry warmed a good crowd with Christmas renditions during their annual concert at St. Finnan's Cathedral.
Staff photo - Greg Peerenboom

Why so many confrontations?

THAT'S LIFE



BILL McINTYRE

Confrontation. Anger. Tension. Ultimatums. Distrust.

Such words place events in a negative context or mood. They are are usually associated with strikes, border wars and police states.

They are seldom used in situations that are harmonious, co-operative or conducive to compromise.

Yet such words are being used to describe life in North Glengarry Township as yet another crisis develops between township council and some of its citizens.

When amalgamation came about on Jan. 1 this year, we all knew there would be adjustments to be made, changes to go through and problems to solve. And there were.

The year got off to a rancorous start as we watched the new council ease into its mandate. A new budget had to be struck, municipal offices mothballed, staffing numbers to be pared down.

None of this came without pain and controversy. A lot of feelings have been hurt and many toes trod upon. The order of things has changed and most people seemed to take it in their stride.

And yet the period of change has not come to an end. It is not likely to do so in the near future.

But something else has crept into the equation and I cannot for the life of me understand the dynamics at work in the township.

It seems to me we are fighting not only amongst ourselves but with just about everyone else too.

For example, we have had a running battle with the United Counties ever since it took over responsibility for policing.

There might have been some thorny issues in advance of that, but policing seems to have been the catalyst that has had North Glengarry representatives pitted against their counterparts from the other municipalities.

That antagonism has reached a level where the North wants to separate from the counties and go it alone. There has been some talk of merging with South Glengarry but that would have to be a shotgun marriage.

Meanwhile the ill feelings flowing from North Glengarry appears to have reached such depths that will make repairs extremely difficult.

Then there's the BIA issue which has taken a new turn with the sudden introduction of a bylaw to disband the organization. I must admit to being bias in favour of the BIA since I believe the community needs it. Mind you I have been in the bad books of both sides for comments made in recent columns.

Still, I must add it to the list of issues that are dividing the community and poisoning the atmosphere.

Now there's the matter of the volunteer fire department. This issue has escalated the situation to new heights and I'm not certain where it will lead.

The entire issue seems to have developed spontaneously with nothing obviously leading up to it.

I do know, however, that issuing ultimatums is not the way to go into negotiations. Neither government nor private business would ever negotiate with a gun to their heads.

The letter and contract submitted to council by the firefighters clearly said "this contract is not open to negotiations."

Under those circumstances council had no other choice than to accept the resignations. The firefighters may well have taken a calculated risk in approaching the situation in that manner.

If that is the case then the strategy has clearly backfired leaving virtually no room for negotiation and that is too bad.

What is also frustrating is the high esteem in which the Alexandria department is held by both residents and council members.

I have heard no derogatory remarks directed toward the firefighters. They are viewed as highly motivated, well trained and dedicated.

Given that, I wonder how we have become entangled in such an intractable mess.

I shudder to think where all this is heading if we don't get off this merry-go-round and start healing some of these self-inflicted wounds.

We need something to get worked up about

THE POINT AFTER



J. L. LEFEBVRE

Gary Larson, the great cartoonist responsible for the *Far Side* strip, is well known for his off-the-wall but on-the-mark insights into the human psyche.

The cartoons may be about a cow, a fly or a buffalo but it's pretty obvious that Larson is making a point about people and their seemingly endless array of idiosyncrasies in his work.

One of the strips I like the best was the four-panel effort which described what Larson considered to be the four basic personality types.

Each panel featured a person looking at a glass of water with the liquid going to the midway point of the glass. The first person asserts: "The glass is half full," the second says: "The glass is half empty," the third hems and haws undecidedly about the first two possibilities and the fourth, with hands on hips, indignantly shouts: "Hey, I ordered a cheeseburger."

I suspect most people are the cheeseburger type.

The true optimists are few and far between. A true optimist is a person who understands the situation and, no matter how negative that situation might be, sees the bright side of things. Most of the people who are mistakenly tabbed as optimists are only terminally happy because they don't know any better. Ignorance is bliss, as the old saying goes.

Similarly, a true pessimist is someone who understands a situation and dwells only the negative aspects.

While there are informed critics in our midst, most of us verbally attack big business, politicians, labour unions, the media, Canada Post, the Montreal Canadiens coaching staff, Revenue Canada, the Americans, banks, insurance companies, weather people, lawyers, telemarketers, every other driver, neighbours, bosses, accountants, civil servants, feminists, the separatist movement, Japanese electronics manufacturers, the Marx Brothers or whatever without always knowing the fine details about what we're complaining about.

The point is that it's just human nature to moan about something, anything, whether it's relevant to the topic at hand or not. When the Bank of Canada announces that the loonie has dropped two cents, someone might comment on the inconvenience of 10-to-4 bankers' hours. When the majority of Quebec voters reject a referendum question, the rich and "ethnics" get the blame. When a hockey team is on a six-game losing streak, the callers on radio talk shows howl about the star centre who pockets $6 million per season. When a glass of water is placed on the table, someone starts wondering where their cheeseburger is.

One half of the cause-and-complaint equation has nothing to do with the other, but it's fun to moan and groan anyway.

Therein lies the reason why we'll always have grumpy old men, cranky old women, cantankerous middle aged folks, unhappy young adults, brooding teenagers, dissatisfied customers and disgruntled employees. We gain some joy, satisfaction and relief by venting our frustration and it's certainly much better than the alternative, which usually involves climbing to the top of a very tall building with a high-powered rifle.

So go ahead and whine and moan and gripe and belly-ache and beef. Chances are the other person isn't listening anyway or is just waiting for a chance to jump in and rattle off their list of complaints.

In the meantime, I'll have my cheeseburger with extra pickles.

Reeve should leave BIA and Chambers alone

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS



BLAIR WILLIAMS

The Reeve of North Glengarry has caused a bit of a dust-up in the township over the last couple of weeks.

First, by questioning the need for more than one organization to promote the interests of North Glengarry, Mr. Crack has cast some doubt on the future of local groups such as the Maxville and Alexandria Chambers of Commerce. Second, the reeve has sponsored a by-law that would effectively abolish the current BIA (Business Improvement Area) in Alexandria. On both counts, he deserves to be challenged.

The reeve's views on the first point are well known. He believes there should be one comprehensive group that reflects the interests of all of North Glengarry and this group should be the single channel that reports to municipal council. He thinks this would be good because it would eliminate "overlap" between groups and it would strengthen North Glengarry by reducing people's allegiance to smaller communities.

The problem with this, as was set out by Maryanne Kampouris in last week's *Glengarry News*, is that the reeve is creating a problem where none currently exists. There are at present four organizations that are actively trying to serve the interests of North Glengarry. They are the Maxville and District Chamber of Commerce, the Alexandria and District Chamber of Commerce, the Alexandria BIA and the North Glengarry Community Economic Development Group.

All of these groups are dedicated to the advancement of this region and the building of a stronger sense of community. Moreover, as Ms. Kampouris said in her letter, all of these groups are working in harmony and, as a result, significant strides are being made in North Glengarry.

It is true that much remains to be done but to interfere with the current groups for the sake of some neat central organization would be a significant step backward, not forward.

The situation with respect to the Alexandria BIA is a bit more complicated. Unlike the Chambers and the CED group, the BIA has traditionally drawn its funding from a special levy applied equally to all Alexandria businesses. Now the rules have changed somewhat and the BIA has been obliged to carry on with a budget from the township that is financed through commercial property taxes in the town of Alexandria.

Here again, the reeve's attitude toward the BIA is well known. He has argued against a BIA structure that uses "tax dollars" to advance commercial interests in Alexandria, even though those "tax dollars" are drawn exclusively from Alexandria businesses and commercial property owners.

In what seems to be a new twist, Mr. Crack is now claiming that the BIA is a problem because it doesn't represent business interests outside of Alexandria. And the funding of the BIA from Alexandria commercial property taxes is unfair because huge businesses with large assessments

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former victim of blaze knows the value of a prompt response from the local fire department

To the editor,

A delay of any kind when calling the fire department is disastrous.

I'm not talking through my hat but from experience.

In 1958 we had a fire on Dominion Street and the firemen were delayed by a faulty battery in the fire truck. The firemen worked hard to push the fire truck downhill in order to start it.

As they had been expecting a new fire truck, the old one had perhaps not been checked.

Today, the fire trucks and other equipment are checked daily by a well-trained crew.

Years of practice and experience have enriched our firemen's knowledge and know-how.

This is why it is important to keep them all and support them.

I, for one, don't want to wait for North Lancaster or Maxville or Apple Hill to protect my properties when help is available five minutes from here and I don't want my insurance rates to skyrocket as I'm sure they will if help is so far away.

People of Alexandria, share your concern with the North Glengarry council.

A very concerned citizen,
Edna Lalonde,
Alexandria

Pork producers cannot survive current price crisis

To the editor,

Attention all government officials, grocers, butcher counters, retailers and the public.

Why?

This is the question we ask. We are receiving less than 30 cents a pound for our hogs when shipped, yet in the stores the price of pork varies from between $1.99 a pound to outrageous prices of $4.99 a pound for better cuts.

Who is profitting at the expense of the pork producers? Pork producers are struggling to stay afloat with the low, low prices they are receiving, yet why haven't prices come down in the local stores? The export market has fallen and it doesn't look like this market will increase anytime soon.

Why haven't the prices in our stores come down? By lowering prices , it would help increase the local sales and in turn help prices at the bottom of the line. It's simple supply and demand.

There are 6,000 pork producers in Ontario which contribute $668 million directly into the provincial economy each year. Where is our provincial support when we need it? Quebec, New Brunswick and Alberta governments have come forward to help, why cant you?

To the public, Ontario Pork industry accounts for 42,300 jobs and $4.5 billion in economic activity. None of us can sustain these jobs much longer, this is hurting badly. Please rally behind us by putting the pressure on to bring down the price of pork in our stores and by pressuring the government to help pork producers out of this financial crisis.

On the average it costs producers $108 per hog, yet we are receiving $51 a hog. We, as pork producers, cannot survive!

Sincerely yours,
Hog Wild Farms,
Elizabeth and Danny Koggel
Bainsville

In praise of the music department at local schools

To the editor,

I consider myself one of the many lucky parents who saw their children introduced, disciplined, rewarded and overwhelmed by the numerous goals and guidelines received in the music department.

I cannot begin to enumerate all the emotions of self-esteem, confidence, "joie de vivre," friendship and the list goes on for as long as you care to lend an ear to all these devoted youngsters who derive such pride and interior praise for the fine art of playing music.

Numerous are the kids who hang in there, keep going, give the best of themselves, all because there is a safe place to demonstrate emotion and share a very unique release of energy through their love of music.

Thank you to all responsible for contributing to a brighter part of life.

Gloria Poirier,
Green Valley

Landmarks are living memories

To the editor,

Does anyone care these days about our landmarks?

The baseball diamond at Island Park had been there for years. Generations of families played ball there and kids would go there and watch games hoping one day to be there themselves.

How can someone destroy decades of memories without any type of warning or discussion of any type with the public?

Landmarks are more than just an expense, they are memories that live forever.

Gabriel Ouimet
North Lancaster

BIA and chambers should be left alone

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will have to pay more than small enterprises. Neither of these arguments holds water. With the vocal support of the councillor-at-large, Gilles Paradis, the reeve seems to be engaged in little more than a thinly veiled attempt to get rid of the current BIA.

Most thoughtful people in North Glengarry understand a few things about the situation in Alexandria. They understand that the future of this area is closely tied to the development of a thriving market town in Alexandria. They understand that their interests are being served when a prosperous and progressive business environment is being encouraged in the town. And they understand that there is a good deal of pettiness and personal animosity underlying the current attempts to change the status of the BIA.

The fact is that the BIA, whatever its faults, has been demonstrating real leadership in Alexandria. There is in the BIA a core group of business-oriented people who are trying to do positive things in the town. They are not perfect. For one thing they need to think of better ways of involving the reeve and other councillors in their affairs and in public events. But overall, they are a dedicated group of volunteers doing their best for the community.

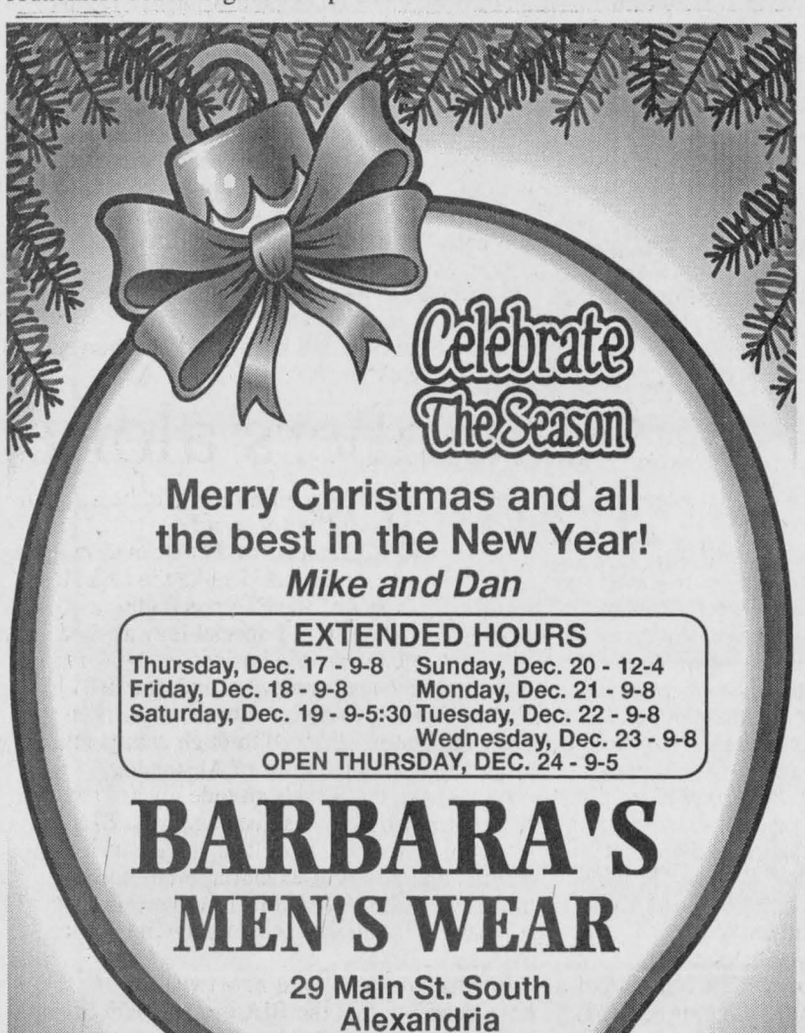
If the funding of the BIA is a problem then council should come up with a new formula that addresses the problem rather than trying to create a wholly new organization that is more to their liking. If the reeve and individual councillors don't agree with BIA priorities, they should attend their meetings and put new ideas forward rather than try to torpedo the organization from outside.

The inaugural meeting of the BIA in 1998 was attended by 40 to 50 local business people. None of the current critics in council attended. If they had attended it is clear they would have been welcomed and their views would have been listened to. If attending a BIA meeting is too much to ask, concerned councillors could organize a special open session with the BIA board to talk about common issues and plans for the future.

In many respects the council in North Glengarry is doing a good job. For example, council has created a Ways and Means Committee to root out inefficiency and ensure that taxpayers are getting value for money. However, the last thing in the world they need to do (or ought to do) is take a chainsaw to volunteer organizations that are also doing a good job.

Newly created townships have their hands full dealing with problems such as downloading, taxes and amalgamated police and fire services. The best way to meet these challenges is for everyone, councillors and citizens alike, to pull together. Council could send a strong signal in this regard by showing more appreciation for the work being done by volunteer groups. Rather than trying to undermine the BIA, council should be saying thank you for a job well done.





Alexandria Fire Department

GERALD CHARLEBOIS, Fire Chief

This letter is being written to clarify the issues surrounding the dilemma that the members of the Alexandria firefighters association have found themselves in over the past couple of weeks.

Near the end of November 1998, after eleven months of waiting for a protection to persons committee to be formed, the association was asked if we had a written contract with the former Town of Alexandria outlining our wage and benefit package. To this question we responded no. Over the past fifty or so years we have felt no need to have anything written and therefore relied on a year to year verbal agreement. After receiving this disturbing phone call we decided that maybe it would be a good idea to have in writing what we had verbally agreed upon with the former council of the Town of Alexandria. We therefore submitted a written contract to the council of North Glengarry outlining our present package. We asked the members of council to accept this written contract to the council of North Glengarry outlining our present package. We asked the members of council to accept this written contract which would maintain the status quo for this department for the next two years and allow us to go about our duties as firefighters without having to deal with monetary issues.

The council called an emergency meeting and debated the issues of the written contract. After the debate the council decided not to accept our present package and thereby forced all the firefighters of the Alexandria station to resign as of December 31/98. The town accepted all of our resignations and each member of the firefighters association were handed a letter thanking us for our years of dedicated service.

Now you know what happened. What you don't know is why it happened. Well, we will give you our opinion and some facts and let you judge for yourself. .

Council's mandate, however vague it may seem to the majority of constituents, is to cut costs wherever they feel they can to prove the amalgamation process a success. In this case their plans are to cut the Alexandria station firefighters salaries in half. It became very clear to the Alexandria firefighters that the council did not believe our efforts were worth the small amount of money we were being paid while endangering our lives and the well being of our families.

Here are some facts: the total budget for the salaries of the Alexandria station firefighters, excluding the chief, is $45,000.00 per year. This pays for 21 men who are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This works out to an average of 25 cents per hour, per man. What does the taxpayer get for this 25 cent/hour? The taxpayer gets 21 dedicated, well-trained firefighters, for less that the price of <u>one</u> full time firefighter in Hawkesbury or Cornwall.

The North Glengarry council, with its lack of experience in the firefighting field, seems to believe that the Alexandria firefighters should be treated in the same manner or grouped with the other fire departments in the three untied counties. We feel that this is a mistake. Please understand that we do not feel that we are necessarily better than the other departments, but we do feel that we are different. What other department can boast that between the years of 1992 and 1997, the total money raised by the Alexandria firefighters association was $325,974.34 This money was reinvested into equipment for the department. We bought a state of the art water tanker to make sure that we could cover the rural areas with a sufficient supply of water where no hydrants were available. We also bought a brand new rescue vehicle costing over $100,000.00 to make sure that we could handle any rescue call in the most efficient and professional manner. We also purchased 6 S.C.B.A. (air masks) which cost almost $20,000.00 as well as a set of jaws of life tools, nozzles, hoses and the list goes on and on. All of this equipment was bought by the Alexandria Firefighters Association in an effort to maintain the highest level of protection in its coverage area. Not one penny of these expenditures was taken from the taxpayers' pocket. This is not the type of information that the council would make readily available to the public. They would rather take credit for having one of the best part-time firefighting stations in Ontario without giving the credit where the credit is due.

Another fact is that during those five years the total salary for the Alexandria firefighters, excluding the chief, was $279,234.41. Therefore, if you subtract the amount of money raised and reinvested by our association from the total amount of our salaries, you will find that the net cost of our salaries for that 5-year period was a negative value of $46,739.93. In other words, during that 5-year-period, the Alexandria Firefighters Association actually saved the taxpayers $46,739.93.

For these reasons and others not mentioned in this letter, we do feel that we are unique amongst area fire stations and we believe that we should be afforded more consideration than is being given us by the present council.

Under the new boundaries structure being implemented this year, the Alexandria station covers approx. 7,000 constituents. The council expects to save approx. $30,000.00 with its cuts to our salaries. This works out to be approx. $4.30 per constituent that we cover per year. In order to save this money, the council is willing to completely disregard what amounts to 311 combined years of experience in firefighting at the present Alexandria station. As far as we are concerned as firefighters and taxpayers, this logic does not add up and we question the motives and lack of insight on the part of our elected officials. All of the long hours taken to pre-plan the buildings inside our territory will be lost and these hours of preparation are invaluable when precious moments count.

We are the members of the Alexandria Firefighters Association. We are extremely proud of the department that we have built over the past 40 years. We are not asking for anything more than we presently have and feel entitled to. If this council has their way, those constituents presently covered by the Alexandria fire station will lose the most experienced firefighters in the area and that will be a tragic loss.

The Alexandria Firefighters Association

16-year-old faces charges after fleeing OPP and QPP

POLICE BRIEFS

A Cornwall Island youth was arrested after being chased by OPP and Surete du Quebec through much of Glengarry and southwestern Quebec.

Const. Hugh McClements said the pursuit began when Const. Gary St. Louis came across a suspicious 1979 Chev pick-up driving eastbound on County Road 18 near St. Raphael's.

Although Const. St. Louis had activated the cruiser's siren and overhead lights, the pick-up did not stop and proceeded along 18 and into Quebec.

Surete du Quebec were called, but the driver continued to ignore efforts to pull the truck over.

Surete du Quebec then laid down a spike belt on Hwy 20 and the truck was brought to a stop.

A 16-year-old youth was charged by OPP with failing to stop and driving without a licence, Const. McClements said.

Surete du Quebec are investigating for criminal charges, as 60 cases of alcohol was discovered in the truck. RCMP Valleyfield was called.

Dogs find no drugs

No illegal drugs were found Dec. 11 in student lockers at the Alexandria high school.

The drug sweep by the OPP used a canine unit of three dogs, one from the OPP and two from Canada Customs, said Const. McClements.

Customs officers assisted the OPP with their dogs.

Three taken to hospital

A driver and two passengers were taken to Glengarry Memorial Hospital Dec. 9 with minor injuries following a rollover on County Road 34, just north of Alexandria.

Const. McClements said a northbound 1993 Aerostar, driven by Richard Cates, 29, of Alexandria, spun out of control and into the ditch after he braked to avoid a car ahead of him.

His passengers included a 28-year-old woman and a three-year-old girl.

The Aerostar was demolished with about $8,000 in damages. There were no charges.

Road rage ends in arrest

A Kitchener, Ont. man was charged Dec. 8 after truck drivers on Hwy 401 complained of a driver with road rage.

"A car was cutting off trucks," Const. McClements said.

He said Const. Dan Loney was dispatched and tracked down a red Lumina, which was pulled over.

Upon investigation, Loney suspected the driver had been smoking marijuana, and 15 grams of marijuana was found in the vehicle.

Serigo A. Bonassin, 22, was charged with possession of a narcotic.

Restaurant broken into

OPP Const. Gaston Thibodeau is investigating a burglary at a Lancaster restaurant.

The break and enter occurred between 11:30 p.m., Dec. 9 and 10 a.m., Dec. 10.

"After entering, the thieves ransacked the place and eventually found $750 in cash and took a quantity of liquor and cigarettes," Const. McClements said.

"There are no suspects."

If anyone spotted anything suspicious during the night of Dec. 9, please contact Const. Thibodeau at 347-2447.

Wheel breaks loose

Charges are pending against a Woodbridge, Ont. tractor-trailer driver after a wheel broke away from a trailer on Hwy 401.

Michael Senisi, 32, was westbound just east of Cornwall in his 1989 Volvo tractor when he heard a loud sound.

A left tire had broken away from the trailer and headed south across the median and onto the eastbound lanes where it eventually stopped in the ditch.

"The tire travelled approximately 400 metres," Const. McClements said. "Miraculously no one was hurt."

Ministry of Transport mechanical investigators were called to determine the safety of the trailer.

OPP occurrences (Dec. 7 - Dec. 13)

Motor Vehicle Accidents:	
Property damage	11
Personal injury	1
Traffic calls	17
General complaints	36
Provincial charges	50
Criminal investigations	9
Criminal Code charges	4
RIDE	8
12-hour suspensions	3
Impaired charges	2

Businesses could open up during statutory holidays

North Glengarry council faces a divisive issue as it considers a bid to allow businesses to remain open on statutory holidays.

A public meeting was called Monday to examine a proposed bylaw, brought forward by the North Glengarry Community Economic Development Group.

The group wants the opportunity for businesses to open so they could take full advantage of the tourism trade. By the same token, tourists would have another incentive to visit the township and support local merchants, said chair Bill Gilsdorf.

Councillor-at-Large Gilles Paradis is wary of the issue's potential explosiveness. A few years ago, Alexandria council decided to allow businesses to open on Good Friday.

"When we did have a meeting, all the opponents were there, but those in favour left it up to council to fight while they sat on their hands," Paradis said.

Gilsdorf expects church leaders among those who want businesses to respect statutory holidays, especially those with religious affiliations, such as Christmas and to a lesser extent, Thanksgiving.

Gilsdorf notes that some holidays are less appealing for shoppers, such as New Year's Day and Christmas and might not be on the list.

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St. Raphael's CWL well entertained

Two of Glengarry's promising young violinists were stars at the St. Raphael's CWL annual Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Fourteen-year-old Ashley McLeod, daughter of Ian and Karen of Dalkeith, was one of four showcase artists chosen from across Canada to play in the 18 and under competition Grand Masters Fiddling Group held at Centerpointe Theatre last summer.

Nine-year-old Kelsey McDonell of North Lancaster, daughter of Kenny and Sandra, took first prize at the Central Canada fiddling and Step-dancing Competition held in Perth this last spring. She competed in the eight-and-under category.

The girls are first cousins and are both instructed by Ian. He accompanied them on the piano and the audiences were duly impressed with their budding talents.

Another star was Tara Rines, teenager daughter of Carl and Linda who sang "Breath of Heaven." She sings with St. Joseph's High School choir and has a beautiful voice.

Senior stars who entertained with several line dances were the Seaway Golden Girls of Cornwall.

Pat Cunningham is the personable leader of the group of dancers: Aline Fleury, Aline Roy, Jean Malyon, Doris Hurrell, Joan Forgie, Janette Lapointe, Alice Targett and Clarice Cowhey. They were a most enjoyable group to watch.

Lucille Malo acted as emcee for the program.

President Inez O'Connor welcomed new member Joanne den Otter and presided at donation handouts.

These included gifts of $100 each to Julie, Patricia and Paul Lamarche, who are studying for the religious life; $200 to the Parish Hall Committee; $350 to the Coady Institute and $600 towards th Youth Group Conference which will be held in St.

ST. RAPHAEL'S AND THEREABOUTS



ANNA-MARGARET MacDONALD, 525-1174

Raphael's next summer. Msgr. McDougald was also given a gift of the parish house.

Instead of an exchange of gifts, the ladies bring gifts of baby clothes to give to Birthright for needy newborns. This resulted in a stacked table of various clothing donations.

Door prizes went to myself, Martha Taraschuk, Elizabeth Lencinski, Beatrice MacDonald, Betty Mcdonald, Tara Rines, Kelsey McDonell and Bernice Lamarche. A fern and wooden stand was won by Lillian St. Onge.

An out-of-town guest was Mrs. Rines, an 86-year-old lady from Kingston who was visiting with her son Carl and family. She has been a CWL member for 70 years, having joined St. Mary's Parish Council when she was a young Girl Guide leader.

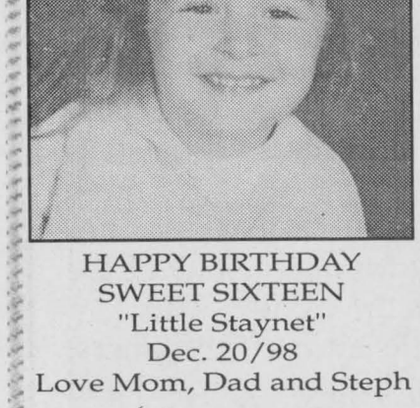
She has been active in all positions throughout her lifetime. In addition to this, she raised a family of six sons and three daughters, helped found the CWL in St. John's Parish, worked as a volunteer at Providence Manor, Hotel Dieu auxiliary and her parish council. She also was active in her local PTA and is still active in her community. A remarkable woman indeed!

Bereaved again

Our condolences to Grant Cameron whose brother Clifford died at Woodlawn Seniors Home in Long Sault on Dec. 2.

Ninety-two years old, he had resided for many years in Williamsburg and the funeral was held in his native Huntingdon, Que. on Dec. 7.

Another brother Douglass Cameron had died on Sept. 24 at the age of 84.



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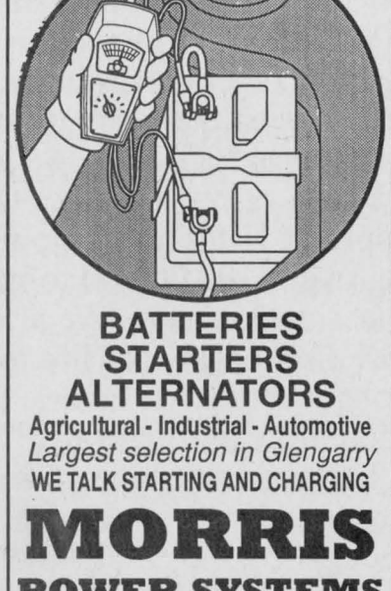
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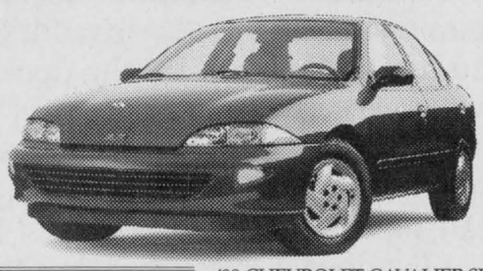

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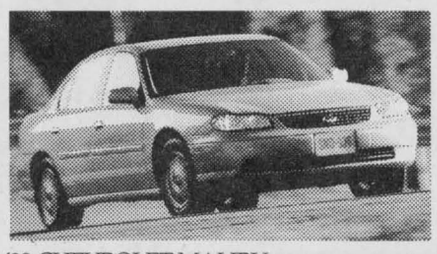

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GAS TAX	$75
PRE-DELIVERY INSPECTION	NO EXTRA CHARGE
PST/GST (Incl. Tax on Payment)	$453
SECURITY DEPOSIT	WAIVED (O.A.C.)
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE ON DELIVERY	$3,476

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Ontario

Request for Public Opinion on the Proposed Nursing Home Annual Licence Renewal of

Community Nursing Home, Alexandria

In accordance with the Nursing Homes Act, public opinion is being requested prior to a final decision being made on the above.

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(416) 327-7345, by **January 18, 1999**

Please include the name of the nursing home and quote Project #**199-99** on all written submissions.

The Director will consider all submissions before making a final decision.

Sweet potatoes for the holidays

COUNTRY COOKING CORNER



CAROL KLOOS

This is a great Christmas time casserole that blends veggies, a hint of citrus and a delicious crumb topping.

It can be made ahead and frozen for up to two weeks or refrigerated up to one day. If frozen, allow 24 hours to thaw in fridge. Reheat at 375°F for 30 minutes.

Sweet Potato and Parsnip Casserole

3 cups sliced, peeled parsnips
6 cups sliced, peeled sweet potatoes or yams
1 cup orange juice
2 tbsp soya sauce, low sodium
1 tbsp brown sugar
2 tsp gingerroot, minced (or 1 tsp dry)
Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 cup fresh bread crumbs

In large saucepan of boiling salted water, cook the parsnips for three minutes or until tender-crisp. Remove with slotted spoon and refresh under cold water.

In same water, cook sweet potatoes for three minutes or until tender-crisp. Drain and refresh under cold water.

Combine juice, soya sauce, sugar and ginger. In a 11"x7" (2L) greased baking dish, layer half of the sweet potatoes, salt and pepper to taste, one third of juice mixture, the parsnips, one third of juice mixture and salt and pepper, top with remaining sweet potatoes, juice mixture and salt and pepper.

Dot with 2 tablespoons of butter. In skillet, melt remaining butter, sauté bread crumbs one minute. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake one hour at 375°F, basting occasionally. Makes 8 servings.

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Here is another idea with sweet potatoes that includes ham (maybe leftover ham slices.) It's easy and satisfying with a great sauce.

Glazed Ham and Sweet Potatoes

1/2 cup apricot or peach jam
1/3 cup corn syrup
2 tbsp cider vinegar
1 tsp minced gingerroot (or 1/2 tsp dry)
1/4 cup dried cranberries or raisins
4 slices of cooked ham, thick
2 sweet potatoes, (or yams) peeled and cut in 1" cubes.

For sauce, combine jam, corn syrup, vinegar, gingerroot and cranberries (or raisins). Place ham slices in a 13"x9" baking pan; place sweet potatoes around ham, pour sauce over all. Bake, uncovered, at 350°F for 55 to 60 minutes, basting with pan juices occasionally, until potatoes are tender. Makes 4 servings.

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Note: To save time, partially cook sweet potatoes in microwave for about six minutes, then, proceed with recipe and bake for 35 minutes in oven.

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Here are a few more creamy and dreamy appetizers that are sure to be a "disappearing" hit!

Oyster Tidbits

1 can smoked oysters, drained
2 tbsp mayonnaise, low-fat
1 tbsp ketchup
3 drops tobasco sauce

Mix all ingredients together well and serve on crackers. Excellent!

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Cheese Spread with Sherry

16 oz old cheddar cheese, grated
1 pkg (125 g) cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup Heinz chili sauce
2 tbsp dry sherry (or to taste)
1/2 tsp dry mustard

Blend all ingredients until smooth. Pack into a small crock serving dish. chill several hours. May be stored in fridge up to a week. Serve with crackers, bread rounds or on apple slices. Makes 1-3/4 cups.

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Make your coffee a little special for the holidays that is redolent of cinnamon

Chocolate Cinnamon Coffee

1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup chocolate syrup
2 tsp sugar
1/4 tsp cinnamon
3 cups hot coffee

In a saucepan, warm the milk over low heat, do not boil! Combine warm milk with chocolate syrup, sugar and cinnamon. Stir until sugar has dissolved. Add the coffee and stir to combine. Makes 4 servings.

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Leftover Christmas turkey?

Here are a couple of ideas:

•Curried salad: Blend mayonnaise with curry powder, add a touch of cayenne to taste. Add finely chopped cooked turkey, green grapes and toasted, chopped almonds. Hollow out small rolls, fill with salad mixture.

•Hot smoky: Cover brown bread with sliced turkey. To with chopped green onion and slices of smoked cheese. Grill.

•Creamy croissant: Spread a split croissant with herb or chive cream cheese. Add sliced turkey and thin slices of avocado.

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Santa Jell-o Jigglers

4 pkg (4-serving size) of Jell-o gelatin, red and green
2-1/2 cups boiling water or fruit juice

Dissolve gelatin completely in boiling water in a bowl. Pour into 8 or 9 inch square pan. Chill until firm, about four hours. cut with 6" gingerbread cookie cutter and decorate with silver candy balls to form eyes, mouth and buttons.

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Tips and hints of the week:

•My sister, Dona, came up with this idea. Wrap up a small gift, inside empty toilet paper rolls, with bright Christmas wrap. Place at each guest's setting at Christmas meal. Impressive!

•For parties, careful advanced planning calms nerves and lets you be a guest – not a waitress! Remember also, you are a host, not a go-fer!

•At home parties, ask for help. Have family and friends pitch in! Maybe a potluck Christmas? Less stress and more relaxation! Delegate parts of the meal to others.

•Keep list of presents you give in a notepad to eliminate danger of repeating gifts. Also list of card senders.

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Happy holidays and happy cooking!

WI celebrates

DUNVEGAN



PEGGI CALDER, 527-5293

Seven members and two guests gathered at President Eunice Nixon's home for the Dunvegan Women's Institute Christmas party last Thursday evening.

Eunice was shooed out of her kitchen as her two daughters Donna and Lois capably served the turkey dinner, cleared the table, passed desserts and then washed dishes. Enough to make any mother proud!

A brief business meeting followed during which prize money was once again donated to the Maxville Fair for handwriting by a resident of a senior's home and two-yarn mitts by a senior.

Motions were also made for donations to Patti Villeneuve and Carley Arkinstall.

Plans were made for the January birthday party at the Maxville Manor that the WI will be hosting.

The program included a number of entertaining readings (you'll have to ask Flora Chisholm for her Christmas cake recipe) and a baking ingredients contest in which you had to guess at the contents in small plastic bags. Do you realize how similar flour, baking powder, baking soda and icing sugar are?

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Does anyone else have house mosquitoes?

We seem to have a rather voracious lot here - two weeks before Christmas is a funny time to be scratching mosquito bites!

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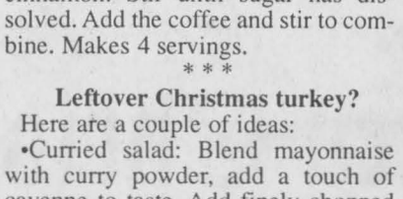

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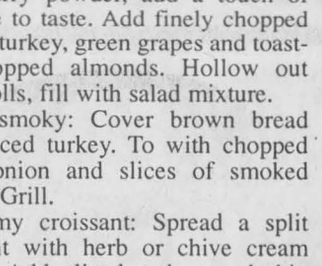

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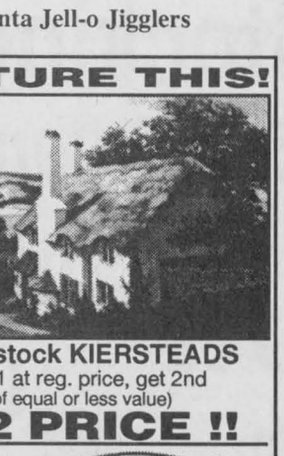

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Someone told me that Shi Tzus are really inside dogs but Gus doesn't know that.

He and the Chows are outdoors a lot. Gus has a fur coat that is much bigger than himself and he seems to peek out at the world as he stands inside. Today was a new experience outside. Snow! His first snow.

Exhilaration is an understatement to describe his delightful reaction. What is it about pups and newly fallen snow?

Back inside Gus streaked about the house, upstairs and down, with an unrestrained joy, sliding and bumping into walls and dragging his toys. Su-Lin looks askance as if to say Silly pup!

Shadow is already dozing. It occurred to me that this childish joy that young animals and young humans have is often lost with age. Too bad.

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The Women's Institute of Bainsville recently held their Annual Christmas Party at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and it was a Merry Night indeed.

The hall was beautifully decorated by Guelda MacRae, Aggie Petrie and Shirley Walsh.

Thirty-four members, four members of the Dunvegan Branch and four guests indulged in a feast of turkey, ham, meat pies, salads, vegetables and desserts.

A brief business meeting was conducted by President Allison Main. Aggie Petrie volunteered to deliver the annual contribution of cookies to Baldwin House.

Cards and gifts of flowers were arranged to be sent to shut-ins. The first run of the book Bainsville, People and Places, compiled by Ruth Fourney and published by Diane Bowles has been sold out and another 50 copies have been printed.

The evening's entertainment was organized by Sue Robertson. It began with Sheila Urquhart leading the gathering in singing Christmas carols.

Aggie Petrie read two Christmas inspired stories. One, A Christmas Greeting and the second, Has Anything Changed? This story recounted memories of the Great Ice Storm of 42 and brought back some recent memories of our storm last winter.

Then a jaunty little choir filed into the hall and settled around the Christmas tree. Sheila, Allison, Guelda, Jennifer and Faith dressed in choir gowns and Santa hats sang the opening song of the skit Cookin Up Christmas.

Santa's elves paraded into the hall. There was Fran Gordon, Gaby Gropler, Joanne Stevenson, Diane Bowles and Ruth Fourney, decked out in red and green elf suits and shoes with bright red noses.

Sue Robertson, as Mrs. Santa, broke the news that Santa was down with the 'flu. However, Santa was soon ready for his annual sleigh ride to deliver all the toys. Santa was played by Audrey Mitchell, affectionately known as Aunt Audrey.

All of this clowning around and merry making was accompanied on the piano by Liette Butrym. The evening closed with an exchange of gifts among the members and guests.

The Bainsville W. I. wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas!

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Speaking of memories, Wendy Pizio, who works at Lancaster Freshmart, and I were laughing at the memories of a long past Christmas Concert at the Lancaster Township P.S. (now S.J. McLeod).

Wendy, who was Wendy Stacey then, and Charmaine, my daughter, were in a Christmas concert with a group of girls in a Rock and Roll dance Rock Around the Clock." The band was a fledgling group of the impressive school band still led by Walter Nowicky. This band has evolved to immense proportions over time and is now in great demand.

In fact, one of the great desires of many primary students is to be a part of the band.

How life goes on. Wendy's little boy Andrew was in the 1998 Christmas Concert held at S.J. McLeod last night. As part of Mrs. Lafave's Grade 1 class, Andrew sang two songs.

Now as a parent, with her parents, and relatives, they cherish the memories that these wonderful school concerts provide.

The S.J. McLeod Band has a busy schedule for December. On the 2nd they performed in the evening for the St. Raphael's Seniors Group and for the Jolly 50's on the 8th.

On the 14th, they will visit Chateau Gardens, on the 16th, Rose des Vents School in Cornwall, and on the 17th they will perform at Williamstown P.S. Of course the junior and senior bands were a major part of the school concert on the 10th.

Students had a great time when jolly old Santa Claus came to visit Junior kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 on Dec. 7 and 8.

Many thanks to all who supported S.J. McLeod's very successful citrus drive.

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One concert is over and another to come.

Ecole St. Joseph in Lancaster is probably working very hard right now to get ready for their concert to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

It will be held in St. Joseph's Church.

St. Joseph principal Alain Dumont and the staff would like to thank the students and their parents who participated in the Lancaster Christmas Parade. It certainly was a group effort and you may remember that they won first place as a walking group.

Special thanks to Madame Constant for her beautiful decorations in the school entrance hallway.

To all of the students and their families, the staff of Ecole St. Joseph sends wishes of a very Merry Christmas.

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Lancaster and District Chamber of Commerce presidnet Roger Menard assures me that the judging for Christmas Decorations, home and business, will go on as usual.

Seems to me that the decorations get better every year. The whole area is alight and worth a good drive at night to view.

If you re bored and the only thing on your list is the boob tube, take a drive around. It will certainly get you in the Christmas mood.

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Sunday, Dec. 20 is the date for the next Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast in Lancaster.

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As much as I am missing my friends, the Frasers, it was great to get some e-mail today.

Thanks to Ross, the computer arrived with the air shipment at 12:30 p.m. and was up and running by 1:15 p.m. My e-mail is timed 1:57 p.m.

It said it was from Bonnie somebody. I examined it closer and realized that it was from Bonnie Scotland!

Life is going well in Ayr. Imagine getting mail delivery, not once, but twice daily... right to your doorstep! Better still, a letter mailed to them from Aberdeen arrived the very next day.

Ross and Lorna told their mom that she's talking funny already but Fiona says but ach, they re aye blethering!

Finally, some things never change. Fiona was off, walking that is, to the library for a stash of books.

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Dear readers, Please note that deadlines for any notices and such are really early for the holiday season. I cannot accept notices any later than Thursday, Dec. 17 for anything happening this year.

In the meantime, enjoy your holiday season and have a super week!

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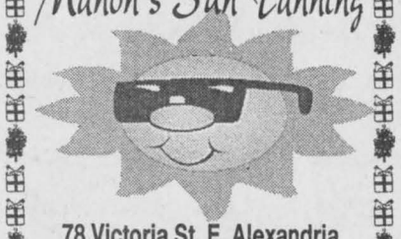

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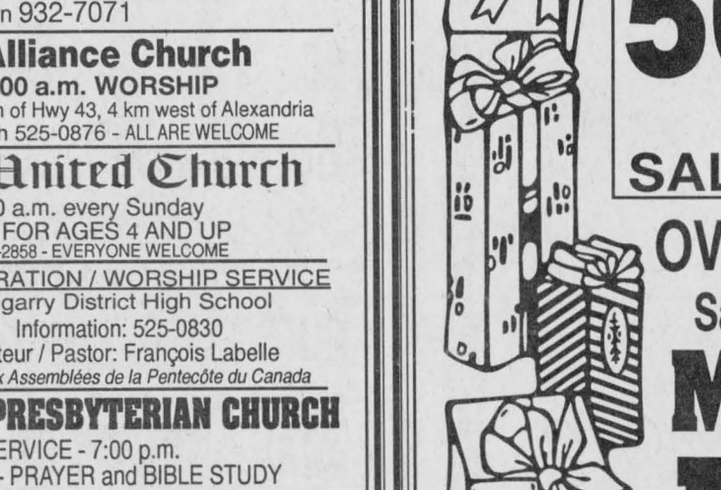

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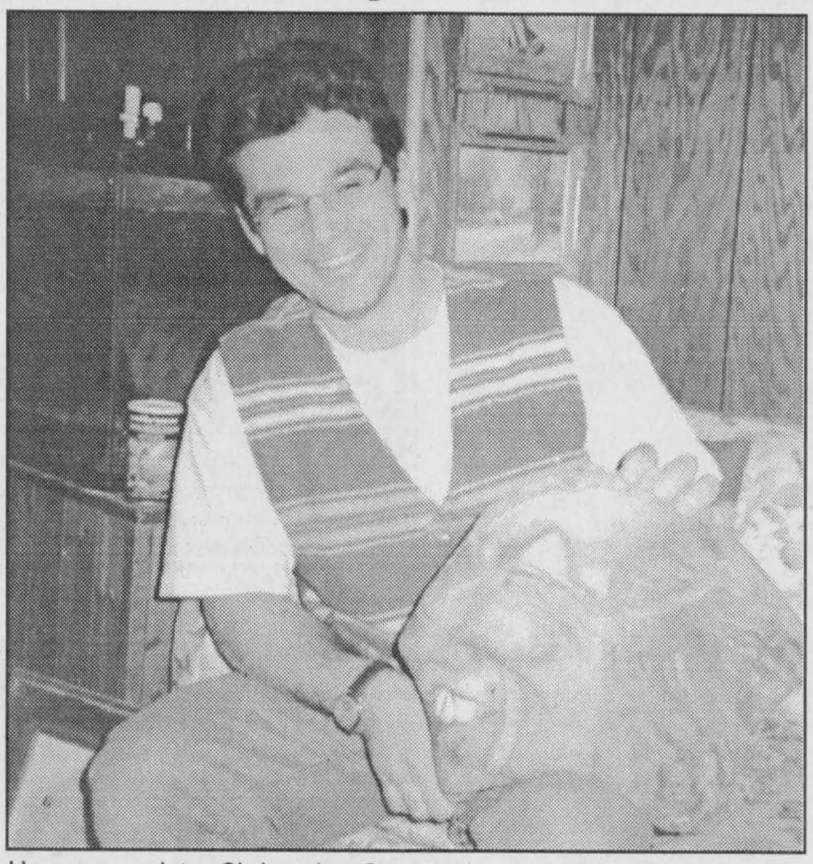

How appropriate. Christopher Stones shows an earlier work entitled P.E.T. Rock.

A relative newcomer to our area, sculptor Christopher Stones has settled happily into South Lancaster while working on a project at the Nor'Westers and Loyalist Museum in Williamstown.

Born in Thunder Bay, he received an Honours BFA from Lakehead University.

I saw Christopher's work before I met the artist. He was an entrant and now participant in the annual juried show currently at the Cornwall Regional Art Gallery until Dec. 31. His sculptures intrigued me. They are extremely powerful and he uses many objects found in nature, which he juxtaposes with elements he sculpts.

"Some of my sculptures are what I call amenable objects," said Christopher. "Looking at them, they could conceivably have a use. I use found objects because I could never carve anything as perfect."

Most of Christopher's work is large yet I have no difficulty imagining a piece in my house. Size is a vital part of his work but while they may be large, they are never intrusive. I hope you enjoy the following very funny story about his show for his masters degree.

"My professor told me that despite my work being generally on a large scale, it would never fill the university gallery," Christopher said. "My thesis was based on my theory of transition in geographical location. I used materials I found in nature since I could never duplicate them as well and to complete my show, I decided that I would install a huge 50-foot beech tree in the gallery. It was already dead and I cut it into sections, numbered them for easy reassembly and installed it. It was winter and the tree was frozen. When it thawed I discovered that it had been infested with ants which took over the gallery and adjoining offices. I ended up having to pay for a fumigator."

I guess Christopher couldn't convince them that this was all part of art.

Even an artist's life isn't one-dimensional. Christopher is an avid kayaker and plays underwater hockey.

"I intend to build my own kayak some day," Christopher told me. "I have the plans already and some ideas for modifications. I have done a lot of kayaking, in fact I have written a book on paddling the coastal waters of Lake Superior from Pukaskwa to Michipicoten Island. I hope to kayak Great Slave Lake as well."

Now that is serious kayaking. I'm interested in the sport myself and hopefully I will soon become the proud owner of a handmade, cedar strip kayak by the spring. Although I think I might stick to less unpredictable waters for my first adventure.

Recently attaining his Masters in Fine Arts from the University of Waterloo, Christopher accepted a contract to be involved in redesigning the exhibition area and displays at the Williamstown museum. He is not new to this end of exhibitions, having done display work at the art gallery in Thunder Bay. When his contract finishes, where Christopher ends up from here is still uncertain.

"I really like Newfoundland," Christopher said. "I saw a bit of that province when I had a show at the Eastern Edge Gallery in St. John's. The geography is exciting and I liked the people, but it all depends on where a job turns up."

Hopefully, Christopher will be able to stay in our area. In the meantime, take a moment to see his work at the Cornwall Gallery.

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Mark the date. It's mid-December, and a rose bush that Diane Paradis won over at the centre this summer is still bearing blossoms. Coral. Five or six. Outside.

I also saw a little yellow pansy yesterday, sole survivor of its family, looking pitifully fragile/amazingly tough. I'm wondering if she'll make it to the new year.

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If she does, will she come to the New Year's Eve Party at St. Mary's? In somebody's hair? On someone's lapel?

Yes, the local party is on again this year and everyone is invited -- pansy toting or not.

The music will be by Leisure Sound; there will be party favours, and a hot and cold buffet.

Tickets at $12.50 each are available at Ernie's or Alex's.

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"Has the 'swing' craze hit Williamstown yet?" someone was asking me just the other day.

"Define swing," I replied, whereupon the enquirer proceeded to describe a dance form that sounded like something we used to do before Chubby Checker turned us into gyrating swivel sticks.

"Not sure," I said, promising to check it out and let her know.

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Your chance to dust off your bopping shoes and jive the night away comes this Saturday (Dec. 19) at the Rebels Christmas Dance being held after the hockey game against Kemptville.

Game time is 7.45 p.m., with the dance getting started upstairs after the last buzzer goes. (Note buzzer, not buzzard -- could take awhile if organizers waited for the latter.)

Everyone is welcome and the music provider is none other than new Williamstown resident DJ, Styx.

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Styx will be able to walk home after the dance. Otherwise known as Stephane Lefebvre, he and his wife Terry (Major) and their five year-old daughter, Pastelle, have moved into the former Pilon house just down the road.

Welcome to the neighbourhood!

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It was, by their accounts, a wonderful party. All the "mouses" in Williamstown attended a 30th birthday bash for one of their own in Palo Alto, California last week.

It wasn't Mickey (he's too old); or Minnie (she's not telling); or any garden variety field mouse who was feted. It was.....the computer mouse!

Yup, that little sliding devil that sends middle-aged women into frenzies, has turned 30. In 1968, Doug Engelbart was paid $10,000 for creating the first mouse. It was made out of a block of wood and was known as an "XY position indicator for a display system."

And you think WE'VE come a long way, babies!

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The Manor House party on Sunday excluded mice from the guest list. Not even those masquerading as pre-midnight coachmen (footmen?) were able to slip through the rigorous security at the door, the window sills, the basement crevices.

The attendance at the event would not exactly qualify for inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records, but then again, maybe it might.... (The pleasant weather had you all out gardening, I guess.)

Still, those who did turn out seemed to relax in the warmth and cosiness of the Manor where the conversation flowed as easily as spilled milk when the cat's outside.

Providing Christmas background music during the afternoon event were the Williamstown Gospel Singers.

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The name on the winning ticket just said, "Isabel." For a moment there was a run-through of likely last names, before it was decided by the Manor House gang that it must be "Isabel Archie."

And it was! Isabel MacDonell was the winner of the basket of bounty, and should be all set for Christmas now.

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Next Sunday's service at St. Andrew's United Church will be a Cantata, presented by members of the choir. Called "Angels of Christmas," the service of music gets underway at 9.30 a.m.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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Bridge score results from Wednesday night are as follows: N/S -- 1. Audrey Blair and Evelyn McPhail; 2. Jim Campbell and Elizabeth Marjerrison; Garnet MacDougall and Hanz Schulz (tied).

E/W – 1. Bob and Francoise Govan; 2. Margaret Kennedy and Estelle Brazeau; 3. David and Nelsa Kalil.

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The two local bridge clubs (Williamstown Duplicate and Audrey's Friday night supper) joined together and were served a lovely meal by St. Mary's Centre last Wednesday.

Special guests for the occasion were Emily MacDonald, who has played bridge for a lengthy (but unspecified) number of years, and Marion McCuaig, who came from Stittsville for the occasion.

The Friday night club will take a break from now until early in January, but the Wednesday night club plays again this coming week.

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Debbie Fortier, the co-ordinator of Baldwin House, spoke to members of the Picnic Grove WI at a recent meeting held at the Manor House.

Without going into the gory details, Fortier spoke about how Baldwin House ministers to women and children who find themselves in difficulties in their relationships.

She spoke about the workings of the house, how it is helped, and how it helps the women to learn to help themselves.

WI members brought "useful" Christmas gifts for the women of Baldwin House, instead of having a Christmas gift exchange among themselves.

Said one member, "It was a different Christmas meeting, but well worth it."

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The Friendly Neighbours ate Christmas dinner a little earlier than usual this year – way back in November. Attendance was up from last year and the setting, in St. Mary's Centre's newly decorated room, was very festive indeed.

Viola and Roger Pilon acted as hosts on behalf of the club and welcomed members and their guests.

Winners of the 50/50 draw after the meal included Dorothy Seguin, Rita Poirier, Father Villeneuve, Maurice Chretien, Emily MacDonald, Gilberte Marsh, Carol Dubeau, and Cecile Leblanc.

Alda Major was the winner of the turkey raffle, while door prizes went to Eleanor Gibson, Johanna Oetelaar, and Laura Seguin.

Annette Chretien made a little Christmas tree for the draw. And the winner was... Annette Chretien. In the true spirit of Christmas, Annettee ceded her gift to Henrica Wetering.

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Friendly Neighbours Club winners from the last open euchre included Henrica Wetering, Viola Pilon, Margaret McMath, Maurice Chretien, Rene Poirier, Delard Dubeau and Tony Wetering.

The club's next open euchre will be held this Thursday (Dec. 17) at St. Mary's Centre at 1.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Former Williamstown resident, John Urquhart of Ottawa, has moved to the Chateau Gardens in Lancaster, where he will be nearer his brother, Eric, and other family members.

John would love to see any of his old friends and classmates from the area to talk over old times.

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A reminder: all news for next week's paper, coming out on Dec. 21, must be in to me by this Thursday evening. Thanks for your co-operation!

Kenny family enters top float

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I had mentioned in my last column about how the Santa Claus Parade on Dec. 6 has been quite a success.

I now have further details to share with you concerning this event.

The participants included Johnny Mac's, Cindy Lefebvre, Martintown Public School, Shriners Girl Guides, South Glengarry Pipe Band, Kenny family, Williamstown Fire Department, Glen Walter Fire Department, Norm Laflamme, Knights of Columbus, Optimist Club and, of course, Santa.

Congratulations to the winners who were first, the Kenny family; second, Optimist Club and third, Cindy Lefebvre.

Thanks to K-Cee's and B and R Renovations for donating the candy and to Shawn's Gas Bar for donating the Christmas stocking, which was won by Liliane and Timmy James.

The Martintown Fire Department has also asked me to thank Marlin Maloney for "going to fetch Santa."

More than 185 children visited with Santa at the fire hall. Last, but not least, I believe the whole community will join me in saying a special thank you to our fire department for organizing and orchestrating the parade.

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Annual Christmas Candlelight service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church next Sunday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. There will be special music and a coffee fellowship following the service.

GDHS council issues invitation

The council for Glengarry District High School (GDHS) believes there is strength in numbers.

The GDHS council has invited student and school council leaders from the Upper Canada District School Board's 22 secondary schools to a press conference at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Alexandria high school.

"(We are) planning to hold a press conference to express our exasperation at how long it is taking the board and the (teachers') federation to come to an agreement and to (discuss) the disastrous effects the delay is having on our students," said GDHS school council chair Irene Booth in a press release.

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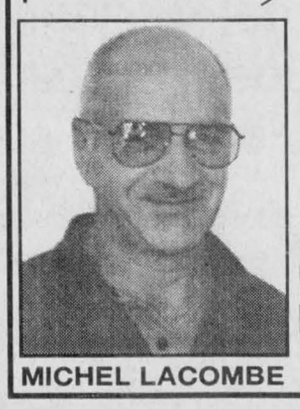

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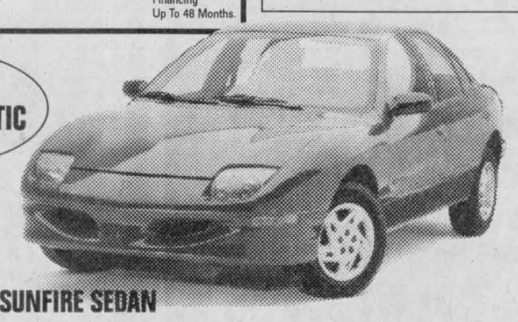

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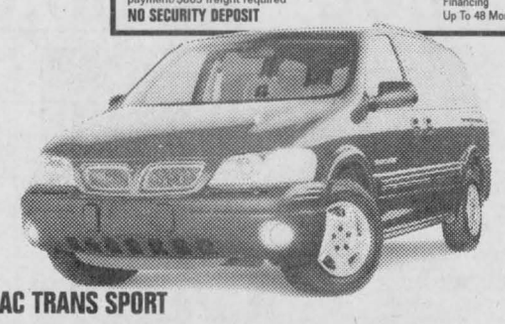

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The Kirk Hill Choral Festival of Carols keeps getting better

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Sunday morning worship services on Dec. 20 will be held at 10 a.m. in Glen Sandfield United Church and at 11:15 a.m. in East Hawkesbury United Church.

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Over 200 people were in attendance for the Choral Festival of Carols at Kirk Hill United Church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9.

Eleven area churches took part and each of their choirs sang a musical selection. Actually, there were 13 choirs because St. Martin of Tours Church in Glen Robertson has an English choir, a French choir and a junior choir. Some carols were in English, others in French and one in Gaelic. While the Glengarry Gaelic Choir is not a church choir, it is composed of many local people who belong to local churches.

Many people remarked upon the quality of the singing, which has really improved since the concerts began 12 years ago. Then the choirs of the local churches were not accustomed to performing in front of so many people. Through time, the choral singing has become more polished as the choir members became accustomed to singing before a large crowd.

There is much local talent and this evening was a demonstration of some of the excellent voices we are fortunate to have here in this area. Many of the choir members feel that the holiday season starts with the choral concert each December.

From the enthusiastic singing in the congregation that evening and from the festive luncheon table set by the church women for the huge gathering after the concert the holiday season has well and truly begun.

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The friends and former neighbours of Denise and Maurice Legault were saddened to learn of his recent tragic death.

They used to have a farm at the corner of Dalkeith Road and Brodie Road but have lived some years in Alexandria. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife Denise and their family.

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The Glen Sandfield United Church Women met for their Christmas luncheon meeting on Dec. 7 at the home of Gail Kronwald with 13 members and guests present.

Frank Bailey and Mrs. Felicia Bailey, Margo MacRae's mother, Velva Smith from Alberta, and Doris Spencer were their honoured guests.

After the delicious meal, Margo MacRae led a candle-lighting service in which the participants each lit a candle and gave one reason for being thankful to God for his many blessings. Everyone contributed toiletry items for Montee d'Elle, the hostel for abused women in Alexandria which the leader will deliver.

The singing of carols and Christmas readings followed the service.

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School planning multicultural Christmas show

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Sympathy is extended to Jennifer (Prince) Whitmore whose husband Michel (Mike) died so suddenly on Dec. 2.

Jennifer's parents Sheila and Wally Prince spent some days with her in Ottawa.

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Now with the paper coming out on Tuesday I can encourage the tots to go to the library on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. to meet with Jean Bush and hear about the "moon."

Holiday hours for the library will be open Tuesday and Wednesdays as usual in those two weeks but closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26, dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2.

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Pastor Bruce MacCallum reminds you that there is a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Breadalbane Baptist Church on Dec. 24 at 8 p.m.

There will be a lot of carol singing and everyone is most welcome.

Please note our holiday deadlines: Thursday a.m. on Dec. 17 for publication on Dec. 21 and Friday a.m. Dec. 18 for publication Dec. 30. Be sure to call early!

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Also call for your reservation on the Seniors Bus Tour to view the Christmas lights.

The trip is Dec. 22 leaving Big Beaver School at 6:45 p.m.

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There will be a special euchre on Thursday, Dec. 17 at Laggan School. There will be daws and prizes such as turkeys, hams and fruit cakes.

Laggan Public School

The Laggan Public School Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

This year's concert is titled "Santa's On-Line Adventure."

This is an around-the-world multicultural experience. Students research winter celebrations by visiting the home pages of Denmark, Germany, Italy, Mexico, China, Israel and Scotland.

All are welcome to come and experience this production which has the children learning songs, customs and dances from the different lands.

Students have one more week to bring in canned goods or non-perishable food items for the food drive which assists the Lions Club. Also good, used toys are being collected for the toy drive.

The toys are set up in a line against the wall which we hope will end up circling the entire school.

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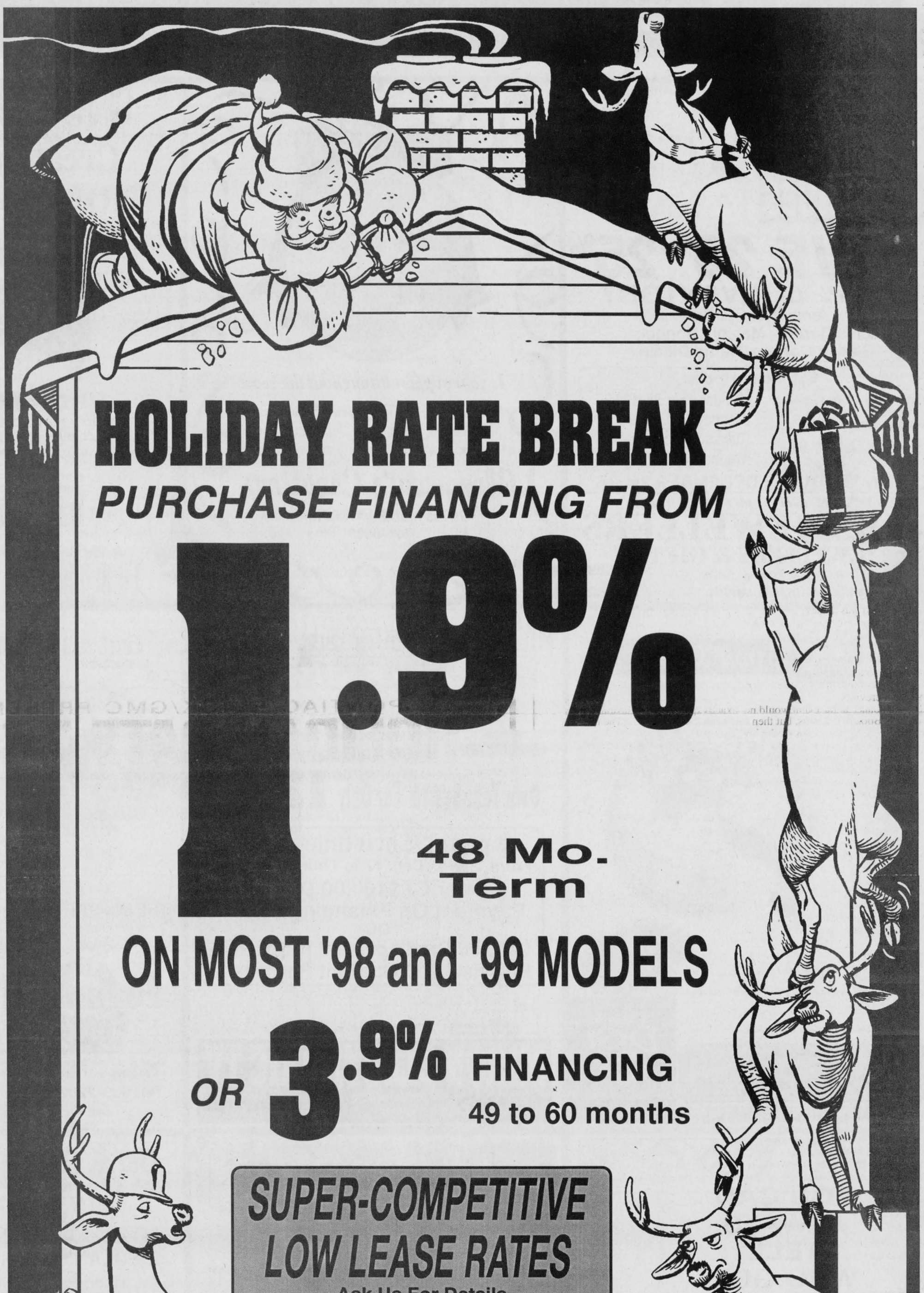

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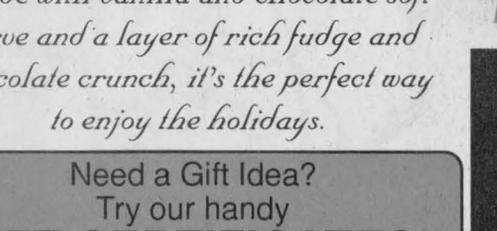

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Northerners join Atlantic in second place

Shepherd Sports is leaving all other teams in its wake in the race for the regular season championship in the Glengarry Indoor Soccer League women's division, but there's a serious battle going on for second place.

The Northerners pulled into a second-place tie with the Atlantic Hotel for the runner-up spot in the division by edging the Atlantic 1-0 on Wednesday at the Alexandria high school gymnasium.

Lori MacMaster's third goal of the season accounted for the game's only offence while Vivian Franklin was in nets for the shutout.

Both teams have records of 4-2-1 for a total of nine points.

Shepherd's strikes lucky seven

Unbeaten and untied Shepherd Sports won its seventh game in a row last Tuesday by downing the Flyers 8-3.

Unlike recent games in which Melissa MacDonald and Vanessa Van Sleeuwen handled all the scoring for Shepherd's, the dangerous duo got some offensive help from a trio of teammates.

Melissa McIntosh and Lee Tuppert each scored twice while Mandy Duval netted a single goal.

The big guns rounded out the Shepherd attack as Van Sleeuwen netted her 16th and 17th goals of the year while MacDonald bagged her 22nd.

The Flyers replied with two goals by Hannah Papps and one by Jasmine Leduc.

Pic's picks up second win

Pic's Sports collected its second win of the season last Monday by shading the Springers 2-1.

Janice Munro and Andrea Roebuck each scored their first goals of the season to lead Pic's to the victory, which moves the team up one notch in the standings. Pic's is now tied with the Flyers for fifth place with a record of 2-5.

Kamy Calvank scored for the Springers, who fall to 3-4.

Glens pass ultimate test

By J.L. Lefebvre
News editor

It's official. The Alexandria Glens are hot.

Winning six of seven games through Friday was a good clue as to just how well the junior B hockey team has been playing in the last month, but the ultimate test of Alexandria's turnaround came Sunday night in Kemptville.

The Glens strolled into the normally hostile Kemptville Arena on Sunday and cruised to an 8-3 victory.

In any given year, a game in Kemptville is the junior B hockey equivalent of a visit to the dentist for root canal work. The 73's are a notoriously difficult bunch to play in their barn on a Sunday and that's especially true this year with Kemptville sitting in first place.

It looked like it was going to be another long night in Kemptville for the Glens during this latest trip as the 73's opened the scoring 17 seconds into the game.

A month ago, such an early strike would have devastated what was then a fragile team, but things have changed in Glensland.

Alexandria needed only 10 ticks of the clock to get back on even terms as Jean Desrochers – who is playing MVP-calibre hockey the last few weeks – scored the first of three goals on the night.

The scoring went back and forth for the remainder of the first period, with the Glens up 3-2 after the opening 20 minutes of play.

Alexandria broke the game open in the second period, outscoring the 73's 4-1. The Glens scored the only goal in the third period to lock up their third win in four games against Kemptville this season.

Buzz Line produces goals

Somebody should come up with a catchy nickname for the Glens' line of 16-year-old rookies – Joel Quesnel, Dominic Decoeur and Luc Lanthier.

"Buzz Line" might be a good fit for the way the trio swarms around the enemy zone, but they were the "Red Light Line" on Sunday in Kemptville as each member of the unit scored a goal. Lanthier added three assists for a season-high four points and the line members combined for eight points.


Luc Lanthier, seen here in action against Morrisburg on Friday, had a season high four points in Kemptville on Sunday.
Staff photo - J.L. Lefebvre

Ghislain Valade and Stephane Boisvenue also scored for the Glens.

Steven St. Denis picked up four assists.

Mike Hartmann, Andrew McVey and Dave Ralph scored for the 73's.

With the victory, the Glens move into a share of third place with the Char-Lan Rebels. Both teams have 27 points but the Glens hold one game in hand.

Glens handle Lions

The only loss in the last four weeks for the Glens came two weeks ago in Morrisburg. Alexandria atoned for that defeat with a 3-1 victory over the Morrisburg Lions on Friday night

The game turned in the Glens' favour in a 78-second span towards the end of the second period as defencemen Steven St. Denis and Philip Blanchard scored to give Alexandria a 3-1 lead after Jean Desrochers and Wayne Garlough had traded goals earlier in the frame..

The goals came during a stretch of the game that had the Lions hollering at referee Marc Lafontaine and his linesmen over a series of calls that went against Morrisburg.

"I lost focus for a few minutes and the players lost focus," said Lions coach Rob Casselman who, ironically, worked as a junior B linesman before stepping behind the Lions bench. "(The Glens) scored a couple of quick goals and that was the game."

The Lions had a golden opportunity to get back in the game late in the second period as Ghislain Valade took a double-minor for spearing and then a cross-checking penalty to Simon Menard gave Morrisburg a five-on-three for two full minutes.

The Lions failed to score during the man-advantage and struggled to even maintain control of the puck.

"We were moving the puck around great when it was five-on-four but when it got to five-on-three, it's like we panicked or we suddenly thought it was going to be easier," said Casselman.

"That was the turning point in the game," said Glens coach Marc Sauvé of the penalty kill.

"If they scored one there, they're right back in the game and, if we stop them we've got the momentum back."

In addition to strong penalty killing, the Glens flashed the solid defensive play which has recently become their trademark again on Friday.

"The guys are starting to adapt to a closer-checking style," said Sauvé. "And our goaltenders are playing really well."

Trevor Cunning got the call on Friday and earned first star honours, although he deflected some of the credit to his teammates.

"The defence played really well in front of me," said the rookie goalie from Vankleek Hill.

When asked about the Glens remarkable turnaround in fortunes, Cunning points to the trade a month ago that brought in goaltender Patrice Vaillancourt in exchange for Leo Bedard and prompted the release of puck-blocker Samuel Sirois.

"The trade scared the room for sure," he said. "I think everybody was a little bit too relaxed before that."

Glens notes: The Glens were without **Ryan Nielsen** (bruised sternum), **Tim Van Overbeek** (knee injury), **Scott Nielsen** (flu) and assistant coach **Roch Lajoie** (flu) on Friday... The Glens host Akwesasne on Friday and play in Winchester on Saturday.

Fassifern Flames hold Express to tie

The Fassifern Flames were fit to be tied for the second consecutive week of men's division play in the Glengarry Indoor Soccer League.

The Flames battled to a 4-4 draw with the powerful Atlantic Hotel Express last Monday night in Alexandria.

Norm Derepentigny scored his eighth and ninth goals of the season to lead Fassifern (2-4-2) while Nelson MacPherson and D.A. MacMillan netted singles.

The Express (5-2-1) replied with a hat trick by Glen Campbell and a solo marker by Jeff St. Denis.

Storm streaks into second

The Atlantic Hotel Storm capitalized on the Express' loss to take over sole possession of second place.

A four-goal performance by Alain Decoste lifted the Storm to a 9-3 win over Glen Nevis on Wednesday.

With the win., the Storm's record improves to 6-2, good for 12 points and a one-point lead over the Express.

Brian Cameron scored three more goals for the winners while Allan Campbell booted in a pair.

Joe Sugden, Mike MacKinnon and Nick Quenneville scored for Glen Nevis.

Champions downs Drillers

A hat trick by Murray MacLeod lifted division leaders Champions Roadhouse to a 5-3 triumph over the Alexandria Drillers last Tuesday.

Jonathan Hamelin and Tim Van Overbeek chipped in with single goals for Champions (7-1).

Ricardo Davis scored twice for the Drillers (2-5-1). Jeremy MacCulloch also scored.

Larkin fills the net for red-hot Rudi's

It has been an eventful first six weeks of the Char-Lan Indoor Soccer League season for Rudi Payer Sport.

Traditionally one of the top teams in the league, Rudi's got the 1998-99 campaign off to a horrible start by losing its first three games.

Rudi's has rediscovered its winning ways in recent weeks, however, and is now riding a three-game winning streak and sporting a .500 record (3-3).

The most recent win came by a score of 5-1 against the Hellfish last Monday night at Char-Lan high school in Williamstown.

Willie Larkin accounted for most of Rudi's offence as he scorched the Hellfish defence for four goals.

Joey Van Loon rounded out the RPS attack with his fifth goal of the season.

Ron Papps was the only Hellfish player to get a shot past Rudi's netminder Mark Novosad.

The Hellfish's record drops to 1-5 with the loss.

Stars win again

Willie Larkin wasn't the only player to turn in a big offensive performance last week.

Tim McCuaig of the first-place Glengarry Stars scored all the goals in the Stars' 4-0 blanking of Stidwill Surveying.

McCuaig, who now has seven goals for the season, moves into a second-place tie with Larkin in the league's individual scoring race.

The Stars (6-0) push their winning streak to six games and maintain their three point lead over Cornwall United. Stidwill falls to 3-2-1.

The referee was kept busy during the game as he handed out red cards to Allan Campbell of the Stars and John McNaughton of Stidwill and yellow cards to Glengarry's Robb Starkauskas and Jonathan Hamelin.

Cornwall takes the fifth

Three different players contributed goals as Cornwall United won for the fifth time in six tries last week, defeating Williamstown 3-1.

Gab Gratton netted his league-leading eighth marker of the year while Dan Menard and Kieran Kennedy each scored their fourth goals.

Martin Stadelmann booted his third of the year for Williamstown, whose record falls to 2-4.

Glen Nevis is over .500

Wee Ceilidh hasn't won a game in six attempts this season and doesn't score many goals (only four to date this season) but the team managed to give Glen Nevis a stiff challenge last week.

The game was scoreless until the final 10 minutes of play when Philip Legroulx and Robin Basara each hit the back of the net to give Glen Nevis a 2-0 victory.

Alain Joanette was in nets for the shutout as Glen Nevis gets over the .500 mark at 3-2-1.

It's a landmark year for several local sports groups

GLENGARRY SPORTS WEEK


J.L. LEFEBVRE

For some reason, society cherishes birthdays and/or anniversaries that end with a "0" or a "5."

There are several sports organizations in Glengarry that are in the middle of celebrating milestone anniversaries or are diligently preparing to do so.

The Alexandria Curling Club is one such group.

The strength of any organization comes from the dedication and hard work of its members and that is probably especially true in curling, the ultimate social sport.

In conducting interviews and researching for articles that will run in conjunction with some of the curling club's special centennial events later in the year, it quickly becomes apparent how laden with history the Alexandria club is. Much of it is living history – there are many active members whose active involvement with Alexandria curling goes back decades.

The Alexandria curlers have brought honour and many awards to the club and the town over the past 100 years – rinks skipped by Larry Hay and Gord Lafave recaptured the Quebec Challenge earlier this month, just for example – but the true accomplishments of the Alexandria Curling have been in the friendships forged on the ice and in the lounge while hoisting a few after the game is over.

Curling is one of those rare idyllic sports where casual conversation, kibitzing and clowning are not only acceptable, but actually welcome. Golf is also touted as a great sport to renew acquaintances and make new friends but curling is less stressful and you never have to look for your stone in the bush.

Another Alexandria winter institution celebrating a birthday this year is the the junior B Glens hockey team.

The Glens aren't nearly as old as the curling club – junior B hockey came to Alexandria only 30 years ago in 1968 – but there have been a lot of great moments over the years at the Glengarry Sports Palace and the old Glengarry Gardens.

From Moose McCormick to Beaver Menard, from Michel Boisvenue to Michel Quesnel, from Robert Boisvenue to Stephane Boisvenue, from Robert Lajoie to Trevor Cunning, from Gerry Simpson to Marc Sauvé, through a plethora of coaches, managers and presidents, a handful of colour scheme changes and a procession of members of the Seguin and MacDonald families, the Glens have been Alexandria's team, usually with Leo Poirier serving in some capacity and superfan Ernest Bellefeuille cheering on from the stands.

The Glens are wearing a gold-numbered "30" patch on their chests this year. It's a symbol of the club's inception 30 years ago but also of their ability to survive through some tough times when money was low or volunteers to run the team were scarce.

The team got through those crises and the organization today seems as strong as ever.

Speaking of strong, let's segue to the Glengarry Soccer League, which has been planning next year's 75th anniversary for 72 years, or so it seems.

The crown jewel of the GSL's celebrations will be the release of a much anticipated book that will chronicle the history of the league and the individual associations that have competed in the GSL since 1924.

How big is the GSL's blue diamond anniversary? Many retired players who had sworn to never again lace up the cleats and step back onto the field are planning to come back for a curtain call in 1999.

Soccer fans can only imagine how motivated the old-timers will be in 2024 when the GSL has its centennial season.

Brain cramp leads to sports oddity

Here's a riddle: How can two players get shutouts in an 8-3 indoor soccer game?

The answer, of course, is that they can't no matter what last week's Glengarry Indoor Soccer League report in this newspaper might have said.

What Brian Cameron and Allan Campbell of the Atlantic Hotel Storm actually recorded were hat tricks, not shutouts.

We're happy to report that the reporter responsible for the glaring mistake has changed his brand of prescription medication and is feeling much better now.

Tough times at the Keg

These are wonderful days for the legions of hockey fans who are Canadiens haters.

Things have gotten so bad in Montreal that fans are now referring to the Mario Tremblay Coaching Era as "The Good Old Days."

The Habs have had a long list of injuries this year, but they have an even longer list of players who are either emotionally fragile, physically brittle, chronic underachievers, incessant whiners, malingerers or, in some cases (Vladimir Malakhov) all of the above.

While fans of the Chicago Blackhawks might find it hard to have sympathy for a team that has collected two handfuls of Stanley Cup rings since their team last won hockey's great prize in 1961, Montreal fans and the French tabloid media are in a frenzy.



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Lauzon walks softly but carries a big stick

Williamstown native leads Colts back after disastrous start

By J.L. Lefebvre
News editor

Walk softly and carry a big stick.

That was the credo of former U.S. president Theodore Roosevelt, who forcefully encouraged Americans to wield their influence on world affairs.

Although it is a political philosophy, it could just as easily apply to Cornwall Colts veteran winger Brent Lauzon.

The Williamstown native isn't the most noticeable player on the ice or the most audible voice in the dressing room but he makes his impact in both areas.

As for carrying a big stick, Lauzon has shown a proficiency to use the lumber to direct the puck into the net (he's one of the team's leaders with 13 goals) or to occasionally jab or whack an enemy player (also one of the team's leader in penalty minutes with 84).

More importantly, the first-year captain has drawn on his experience as a former member of a Central Junior "A" Hockey League championship team in Cornwall to lead the Colts back from a disastrous start to the season (0-7) to unquestionable contender status.

Since that oh-for-seven start, the Colts have gotten the corral in order with a 14-2-1 record in their last 17 games. The Colts' turnaround has been a team effort from goaltender Maxime Gauvin on out, but the line of Lauzon, Joel Bergeron and Nick Brunet has been a constant this season.

No trio has produced more goals than the Lauzon-Bergeron-Brunet (Brunet leads the team with 21 markers) and the line members occupy the top three spots in the Colts' plus-minus leaders, showing that they also know where their own end of the ice is located.

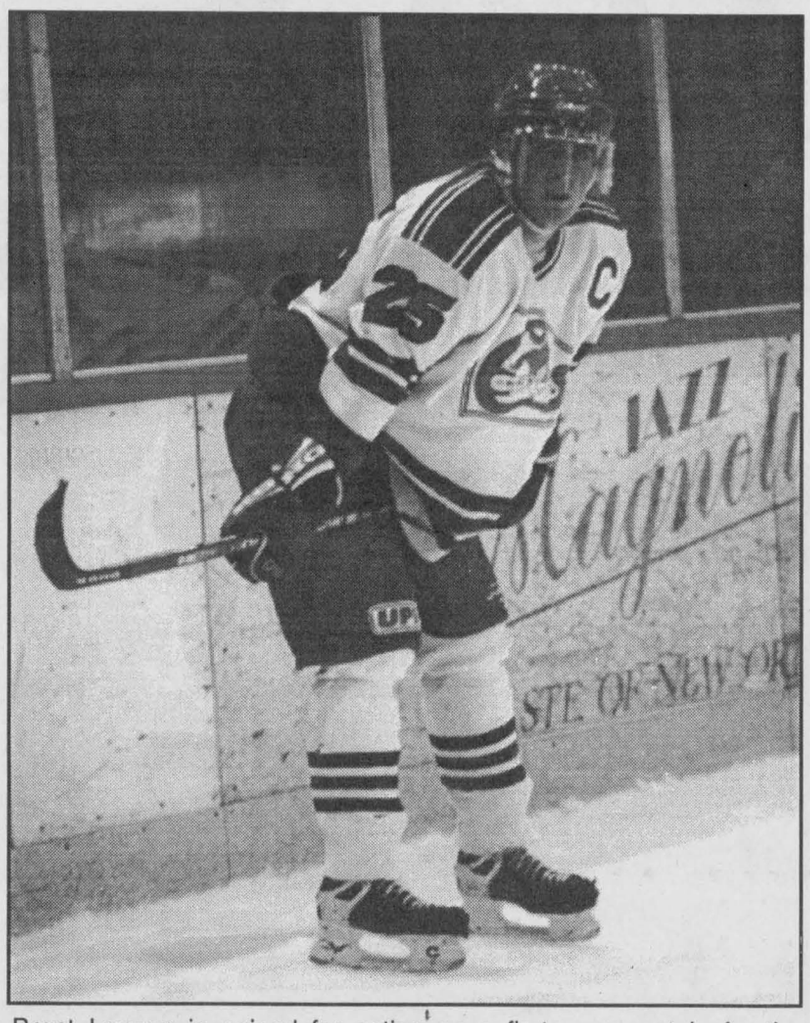
Despite the impressive offensive numbers, Lauzon says the explanation for the line's success is very simple.

"We're all hard workers," he observes.

Lauzon's stats are excellent with 13 goals and 16 assists for 29 points in 24 games, but the fourth-year CJHL veteran is the first to admit he's not a flashy offensive player.

"Offensively, I have to be patient," said the Char-Lan minor hockey and junior B product. "I just go to the front of the net and wait to pick up the garbage."

While the team got off to a lousy start, Lauzon was flying right from the opening face-off of the season as he scored three times in the Colts' curtain-raiser against Brockville.



Brent Lauzon is poised for action as a first year captain for the Cornwall Colts.

With the leadership and understanding of the team concept you'd expect from a 20-year-old vet, Lauzon says he's happier doing his scoring when Cornwall is winning.

"I want to win each game and try to get back to wherever the Fred Page Cup (the Eastern Canada junior A championship) is this year," said Lauzon.

"I've been there before and it was a great experience. I was there with a great bunch of guys and we had a lot of fun."

Leading by example

When head coach Allan Wagar appointed Lauzon as captain at the start of the 1998-99 season, he said it was because Lauzon was a player who led by example.

Although he has a reputation for being quiet, soft-spoken is perhaps a better term to describe the big winger. Either way, he doesn't subscribe to rah-rah philosophy of leadership.

"I don't go around to talk to every one in the room to try and get them going," he admits.

Lauzon figures he's got plenty of support when it comes to filling the leadership role on the club.

"Chris Mann and Adam Blais are assistant (captains) and they help me a lot," he said. "As for being vocal, there's guys Dave McNally, Nick Brunet and Lindsay Campbell that can handle that part. You don't have to say too much when they're around."

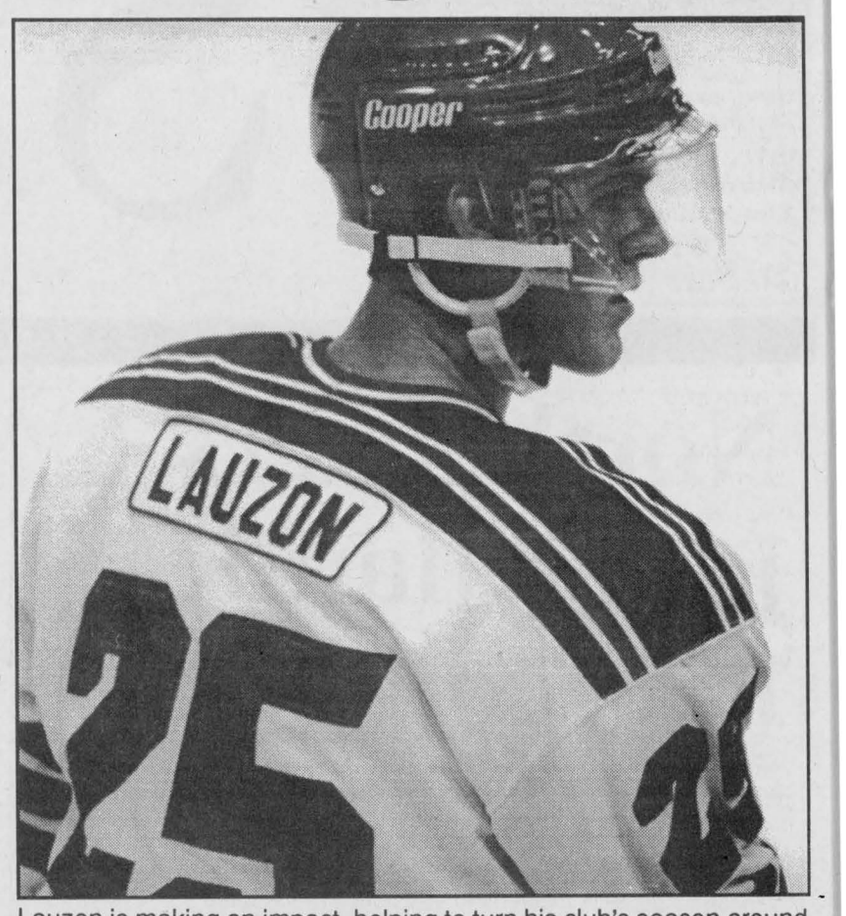
Besides, Lauzon and the Colts have been doing their most effective talking on the ice and on the scoreboard in the last six weeks as Cornwall has zoomed up the CJHL standings.

Career winding down

Lauzon – who completes his junior A eligibility this season – says he isn't sure what's in store for him hockey-wise or life-wise next year.

He played a game with the Char-Lan Rebels earlier this season to maintain his eligibility as a junior B overager, but Lauzon is also looking at college.

"I've talked to (recruiters) from Plattsburgh and Oswego State," he said. "I'm just going to wait and see (what offers) come by and take it from there. I don't want to commit to anything right now."



Lauzon is making an impact, helping to turn his club's season around
Staff photo - J.L. Lefebvre

Alexandria Curling Club rinks compete against top area teams

By Greg Peerenboom
News Reporter

The Alexandria Curling Club was well represented for its 100th anniversary at the first qualifying bonspiel for the Labatt Brier.

Both rinks, skipped by Larry Hay and Will Klages, finished with one win and two losses each in the double-knockout format known as the Nokia Cup for zone 1 of the regionals.

"This is the first time we have gone in this competition," said Hay's lead Allan Cameron.

Hay's squad, which also includes third Colin Osborne and second Bruce McCuaig, has played together competitively for three years, gearing up for another event in particular.

"We go in the provincial farmers (bonspiel) in January."

Cameron said the zone playdowns was educational.

"We picked up a few pointers from those (other teams) who have played for quite a few years."

The zone playdowns attract the best curling teams in Eastern Ontario, including the two winning squads, skipped by Dave Van Dine and Rich Moffatt of Ottawa, who are regular cash circuit competitors.

With Klages were third Rodney Fraser, second Ian Fraser and lead Dan Peerenboom.

Both teams opened with victories on Friday, but two consecutive losses on Saturday eliminated them from further action.

Nick Brunet buries Rangers

Sizzling Colts extend CJHL undefeated streak to 10 games

The beat goes on for the Cornwall Colts.

The Colts confirmed their status as the hottest team in the Central Junior Hockey League with an 8-4 romp over the Gloucester Rangers on Friday night in Gloucester.

The win extends the Colts' winning streak to eight games and their unbeaten streak to 10. Cornwall, which was once seven games under the .500 mark is now five over the break-even level at 14-9-1.

The Colts were led to victory on Friday by former Char-Lan Jr. b Rebels forward Nick Brunet, who potted four goals.

Brunet is proving to be a Ranger nemesis this season with seven goals against Gloucester in two games.

The big night allows Brunet to pass the 20-goal milestone for the season. One-third of Brunet's 21 goals have come against the Rangers.

Although the final margin of victory was comfortable, the Colts had their hands full with the Robinson Division cellar-dwellers.

Cornwall needed a late second-period goals by Andreas Haenni and ex-Rebel Dave McNally and third-period markers by Brunet and Tylor Copeland to bust open what had been a 4-4 affair.

Jeff Legue, another former Char-Lan skater, was the other Cornwall goalscorer.

Joel Bergeron set up three goals for Cornwall while Williamstown area natives Brent Lauzon and Derek Wagar each had two assists.

Jarrett Gibbons had a big night in a losing cause for the Rangers as he scored three times against Casey Torres, who was getting a rare start in place of No. 1 netminder Maxime Gauvin.

Martin Dubé rounded out the Gloucester offence.

The offensive-minded affair featured 119 shots on goal; 63 by Cornwall and 56 by the Rangers.

Colts shade Grads

The seventh consecutive win during the Colts current hot streak came on Thursday night at the Ed Lumley Arena in Cornwall.

A second period goal by team captain Brent Lauzon proved to be the winner as the Colts eked out a 2-1 victory over the usually high-scoring Cumberland Grads.

Lauzon's game-winning tally came with 1:37 left to play in the middle stanza.

Nick Brunet and Joel Bergeron set up Lauzon for the winner.

Bergeron also drew an assist, along with Chris Mann, on a first-period power play goal by Nick Grady.

Joel Clement's power play goal in the first period was the only Grads shot to get past Colts goaltender Maxime Gauvin.

Colts notes: Cornwall's hot streak is continuing in spite of a rash of injuries. Char-Lan minor hockey product Lindsay Campbell is on the shelf with a knee injury but is expected to return soon. Also on the disabled list are Sylvain Moreau (broken nose) and Adam Blais (whiplash). To help fill the holes, the Colts called in reinforcements from the junior B level including Char-Lan Rebels defenceman Kerry MacDonald and B.J. Pelkey and Patrick Sweeney of the Akwesasne Wolves... The Colts play a home-and-home series with Smiths Falls this week. The Bears come to Cornwall on Thursday and the Colts return the visit on Friday. The Colts play in Kanata on Sunday.

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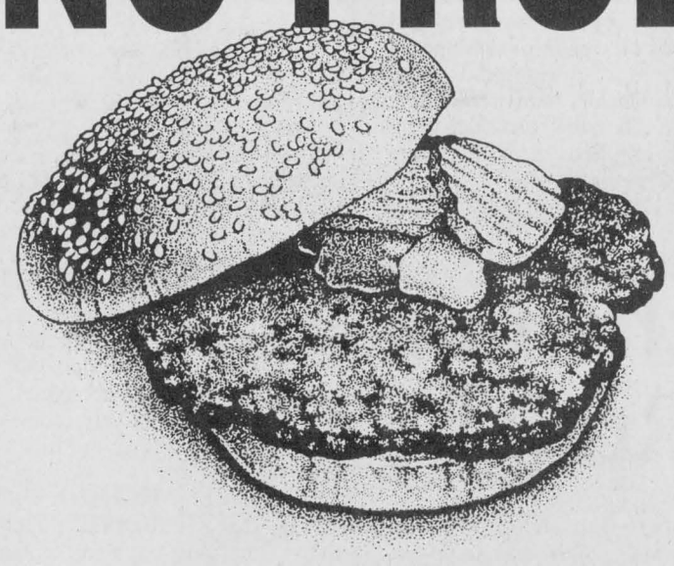
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St. Lawrence Division

	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.

Results
Dec. 9
Akwesasne 5 Kemptville 4 (SO)
Dec. 11
Morrisburg 1 **Alexandria** 3
Akwesasne 5 Winchester 4 (SO)
Dec. 12
Winchester 4 **Char-Lan** 5 (SO)
Dec. 13
Char-Lan 4 Akwesasne 6
Alexandria 8 Kemptville 3

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**

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
4-Jean-Gerard Beriault	2	1	3
22-Ryan Nielsen	1	2	3
-Pierre Chaumont	0	3	3
25-Scott Nielsen	0	3	3
-Leo Bedard	0	2	2
-Pascal Decoeur	1	0	1
-Chancey Lajoie	1	0	1

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
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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
4-Dan Lafave	2	2	4
10-Kerry MacDonald	0	3	3
23-Stephane Mainville	0	2	2
-Stephane St. Denis	1	0	1
-Kevin O'Farrell	0	1	1
1-Chris Davidson	0	1	1



Meet the Iona champions

Iona students won the Glengarry assocation senior girls north division volleyball tournament Nov. 26 at Iona school. Pictured from left to right are Krista Cleary, Justine Paquette in first row, Stephanie Hagen, Kristie Hlusko, Roxanne Sommer in second row, Celine Champagne, Marion McDonell, Cindy Van Delift in third row, Shannon Donkers in fourth row, Anne Tuppert and Mary-Lynne Sauvé in back row.

Char-Lan meets South Stormont

The Char-Lan Minor Hockey peewee house league program expanded recently when an agreement was reached to play games with teams from the South Stormont association.

Char-Lan has the early edge on South Stormont in interlocking play with two wins and one tie in four games.

Dan Gaucher registered the shutout as Raisin River Marina doused the Balls of Fire 3-0.

Steven Febrille, Oakley McCoy and Lachlan MacDonald were the goalscorers.

The other win by a Char-Lan team against South Stormont opposition was Cornwall Aviation's 6-4 victory over the Predators.

Shawn MacDonald scored twice for the winners with singles going to Matthew Hlusko, Denis Allaire, Peter Eykens and Corey Lalonde.

Malyon Excavation and the South Stormont Wolfpack battled to a 3-3 tie.

Pascal Delaquis scored twice for Malyon while Dave Lapierre added a single.

The Thunder was the only South Stormont to claim a victory as they defeated Munro Agromart 4-1.

Steve Lafrance was the lone scorer for Steve Lafrance.

•Malyon Excavation tied Cornwall Aviation 5-5 in a head-to-head battle of Char-Lan peewee teams.

Pascal Delaquis and Jim Vander Burg each scored twice for Malyon with a single going to Ryan Zurkowsky.

Aviation replied with two goals by Stefano Zoppas and one each by Peter Eykens, Jonathan Buckle and Corey Lalonde.

•Goals by Lachlan MacDonald and Steve Lucas gave Raisin River Marina a 2-1 victory over Malyon Excavation.

Dave Lapierre scored in a losing cause.

•A pair of goals by Dominic Dubé lifted Cornwall Aviation to a 4-1 win against Munro Agromart.

Corey Lalonde and Matthew Hlusko also connected for Aviation while Shawn Sommers scored for Munro.

Bantam-midget division

Pat St. Pierre Garage shut out Richard Marketing 3-0 in a bantm-midget division game.

Nick Quenneville, Roch Brunet and Willie Larkin each scored once.

•Eight different players scored as Poirier Bus Lines and Richard Marketing played to a 4-4 tie.

Chad Guay, Mathieu Sarda, Julien Sarda and Philip Hirschman scored for Poirier while Chris Houle, Sylvain Pilon, David Pilon and Kris Lunan dented the twine for Richard.

Novice division

Hat tricks by Max Ming and Justin Laneville and a shutout by André Gaucher gave the Denis Rose Jr. Trucking novice team an 8-0 win over Mac's Marina.

Steve Rose and Ryan MacDonald rounded out the Rose attack.

Atom division

Justin Sabourin was flawless between the pipes in leading the McCuaig Plumbing atoms to a 6-0 victory over Ray Jans Construction.

The goal list included a pair of markers by Alex deWit and Brendan Baxter and singles by Steven Sommers and Nicholas Marion.

•Drew Hart scored a hat trick as Alfann Farms downed Longevity Acrylics 5-2.

Jean-François Glaude and David Belanger also scored for Alfann while Brennan Poirier and Jeremy MacDonald replied for Longevity.

•Ian McIntosh, Brendan Baxter and Adrian Eykens each scored once as McCuaig Plumbing edged Ray Jans Construction 3-2.

Nicole Jones and Luc St. Pierre scored in a losing cause.

Rebels lose ground to Glens, Wolves

The Char-Lan Rebels picked up two points on the weekend thanks to a tie and shootout victory against the Winchester Hawks in Williamstown on Saturday but that didn't stop two pursuers from getting a little closer.

The Alexandria Glens won twice on the weekend and have now caught up to the Rebels for third place in the St. Lawrence Division of the Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League while the Akwesasne Wolves picked up six points last week to move to within five points of the third-place clubs.

The Wolves took care of business themselves on Sunday afternoon in Akwesasne, beating the Rebels 6-4.

Six different players found the range for Akwesasne – Sylvain Routhier, Ryan Ratelle, Matic Kralj, Pat Sweeney, Josh Jacobs and Dean Vandervort.

Playing without leading scorer Jean Greggain, who was studying for an exam, the Rebels did get a hat trick by Eric Fontaine and a single marker from Dan Lafave. Joey Sullivan had two assists.

Davidson comes back strong

Precisely a week after getting injured in a scary incident at the South Glengarry Recreation Centre, Chris Davidson was back between the pipes on Saturday and led the Rebels to a 5-4 shootout victory over Winchester.

For the third time this season, Davidson blanked the opposition during the penalty shootout to determine the winner of the bonus point after the teams had skated to a 4-4 tie through 65 minutes.

The Rebels got shootout goals from Dan Lafave, Nick Dubé and Jean Greggain.

Dubé scored twice in regulation time while Lafave and Eric Fontaine had single markers. Greggain and D.J. Zaluski each set up a pair of goals.

Serge Bellavance, Adam Beehler, Shane Stroughair and Ryan Nichol lit the lamp for the Hawks.

Nichol's goal with 1:15 to play in regulation time tied the score at 4-4.

Rebels notes: The "Meet the Rebels" dance will be held at the Rec Centre on Saturday, Dec. 19 following the game against the Kemptville 73's. The band Styx will be performing. Admission to the dance is free with the purchase of a game ticket... It's a busy weekend for the Rebels, who also play in Morrisburg on Friday night and in Athens on Sunday.

Tapis Richard blasts Benton

Ann McMillan scored twice to lead Tapis Richard Ranger to a 5-1 victory over Art Benton in Ladies' Sponge Puck League action on Nov. 25 at Alexandria's Billy Gebbie Arena.

Three other Tapis players had a goal and an assist apiece – Sue Stewart, Mary MacPherson and Tanya MacDonald.

Josée Hagen also had an assist for the winners.

Barb Benton set up Joan Benton for the only Benton goal against Tapis netminder Carmelle Hagen.

Benton had better luck against Pic's Sports on Nov. 18 and again last Wednesday, pulling out 2-1 and 3-0 victories.

Barb Benton and Jackie Gaines scored goals in the 2-1 win while Glenda Lauzon and Karen MacDonald had assists.

Kathy Kennedy scored for Pic's on an assist from Johanne Flaro.

In the most recent Benton win, Barb Benton, Lynda Brunet and Glenda Lauzon each scored once while Sylvie Cuerrier was in nets for the shutout.

Pic's and Tapis played to a scoreless tie on Dec. 2 as Sylvette Decoste and Carmelle Hagen recorded shutouts.

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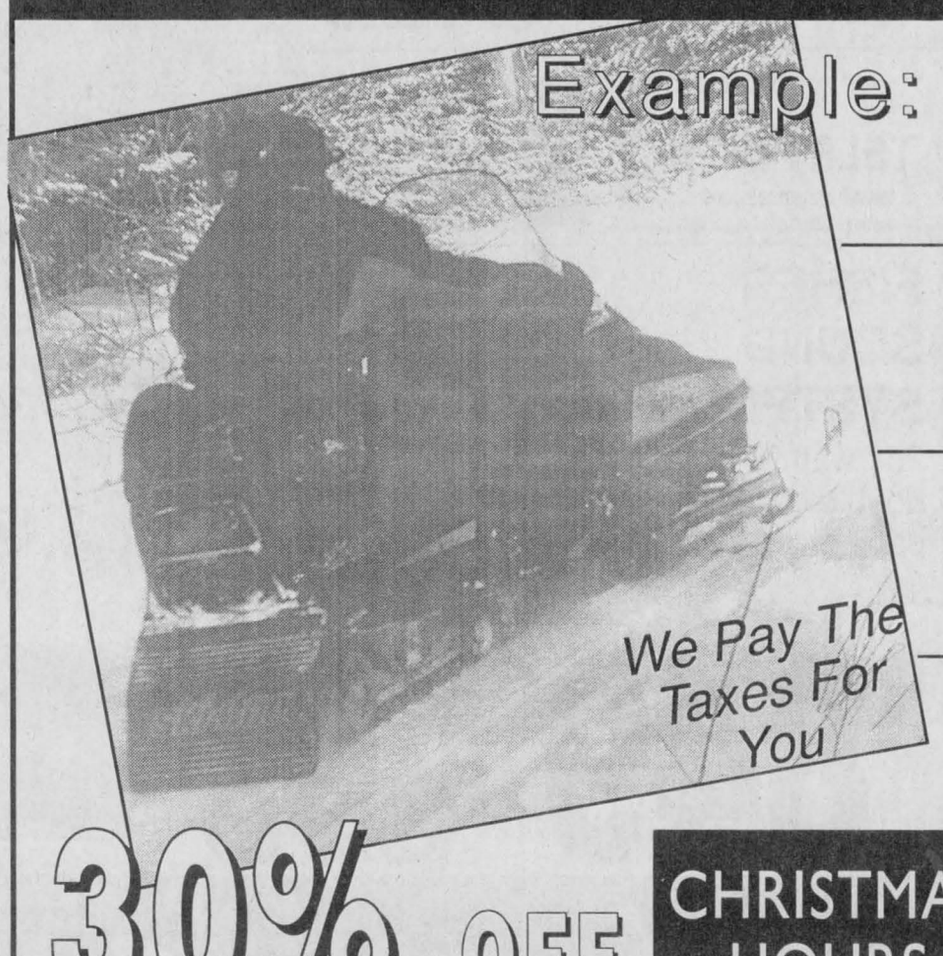

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This is where some unwanted pets wind up

By Sandra Berry
News Reporter

"He grew bigger than we thought", "he's too small" or "he sheds" are the reasons Nicole Joncas hears most often when people call up and say, "I want to get rid of my pet".

The Glen Robertson resident has been working with Miaouf, a Ste. Justine-based animal shelter for cats and dogs, for the past 10 years.

"They (the cats and dogs) have no voice. They have no choice," says Joncas.

When an owner decides pooch has to go, there's no argument because the pet has no way of voicing his needs. And that's why she volunteers at Miaouf.

"They (the cats and dogs) need me. No one else will look after them."

Joncas' work of "looking after them" involves rescuing neglected pets, holding adoption clinics and following-up on the adoptions.

"We emphasize that these animals go to a good home."

She's presently handling purebred adoptions and working with the purebred rescue clubs to find them homes.

"It's easier for the purebreds."

But she is continuously trying to hold clinics so Miaouf's mutts can find a good home.



Nicole Joncas thought her German Shepherd Heidi would be her only pet but soon adopted six dogs as well as 13 cats.

Over 200 cats and dogs

Unlike other animal shelters, Miaouf has a "no-kill" policy. Cats and dogs who are brought to the shelter will live out their lives for as long as they can.

Joncas says it's not fair to give an animal only three days to be adopted.

"We don't believe in putting down an animal just because he's older."

One three-legged cat stayed at Miaouf seven years until he was adopted.

The only guideline that Miaouf strictly adheres to is that all animals be sterilized to prevent the births of unwanted puppies.

Since its founding 20 years ago, Miaouf has managed to find homes for many pets.

Miaouf president Louise Gagnon says the shelter is able to find homes for about half the animals that come in.

"This year, 175 dogs and 30 cats were adopted."

But approximately another 175 dogs and 40 cats are left in cages waiting for homes.

The shelter moved to Ste. Justine-de-Newton from St. Hialire last year and they are working to promote the shelter in this area.

"It will take some time before people know us," says Gagnon.

The animals are presently housed in a former laboratory which performed animal-testing. But today the animals are appreciated for what they are, pets who need some loving-tender care.

"We want to take them all but we can't," says Joncas.

Joncas bought a German Shepherd thinking Heidi would be her best friend but has adopted many little and big friends over the years. She now has an array of more than 20 pets to take on a picnic.

From horror stories to success

All the animals at Joncas' have a story. Bear, an Akita-Chow mix, was thrown out of a car when he was a few weeks old.

"The driver following the car thought it was a child's teddy bear at first," says Joncas.

He sits comfortably under Joncas' desk as she tells his story.

Ben is a Great Dane-Boxer cross who was left in a car with his five six-week-old sibblings without food, water or heat for three days. The owner, a drug addict, cut their tails with scissors in order to sell them as Boxer pups. They arrived at the shelter full of parasites and only Ben and his brother survived.

Cézanne was left in a box at the end of Miaouf's driveway on Christmas Eve. He came to Joncas's home with his brother Voltaire who passed away last year. Now eight years old, Cézanne remains the most charismatic of the pack. Laura Secord, a chocolate lab mix, is her most recent adopted canine.

Rodin, her affectionate feline, lay for over 12 hours on a Montreal street with broken bones until Joncas was called to rescue him

There are also five handicapped cats in the house. Chaton shows symptons of cerebral palsy but has been eating, drinking and sleeping comfortably for the past eight years.

Goliath's back leg joints are inverted and Treasure's and Butterfly's front paws are turned in but they can get around quite well. There is also Symba who shows a deformity at the level of the shoulder blades.

In addtion, there are the other felines, Catrine, Mrs. Dionne, Bonnie, Clyde, Symba, Molly Barn Cat, Tom, Dick and Harry.

"I didn't want so many cats," laughs Joncas "it was they who needed me."

While not everyone who becomes involved with Miaouf gets to adopt as many pets, Joncas doesn't regret a minute of it and has started writing a book about her experiences with animals.

In dire need of much

The animals at Miaouf don't get as much of the special affection as Joncas' but they are each known by their names and each reflect a story of neglect.

Caring for one dog is a full-time responsibility, so providing for a large number is time-consuming as well as costly. Although Miaouf has over 2,000 members, they need volunteers , financial contributions, foster homes and people to help out in many ways.

The shelter requires dog and cat food, cat litter and monetary donations to cover vet bills. But most of all, they need people. Fence posts have to be installed to keep the dogs on the property. Dog houses must be built to provide shelter. They're also looking for a furnace to keep the shelter warm during winter months.

Because the shelter accommodates such a large number of cats and dogs, they are often looking for foster homes to care for the "special ones".

Not all animals come to the shelter in tip-top shape. Some were hit by cars, others had to overcome serious infections, all results of neglect.

"We need foster homes to care for the recovering animals," says Joncas.

For example, they are looking for a quiet home where Cream can recuperate from a broken limb. The four-month-old collie-mix was hit by a car and needs a gentle temporary home.

A temporary home is also needed for Trucker, a mix lab, who is recovering from parvo. Mix dalmation sibbling puppies are also waiting for an affectionate owner to play with.

Anyone interested in helping out the shelter can contact Joncas at 874-1074.


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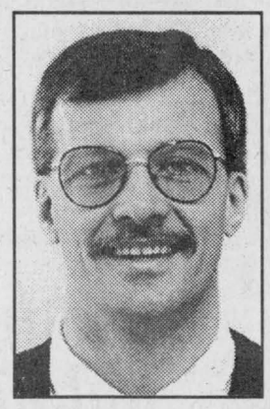
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AGRICULTURE

The pigs are not bringing home the bacon anymore

By Sandra Berry
News Reporter

Danny and Beth Koggel won't be able to buy their four daughters as many Christmas gifts this year because there's no money coming in.

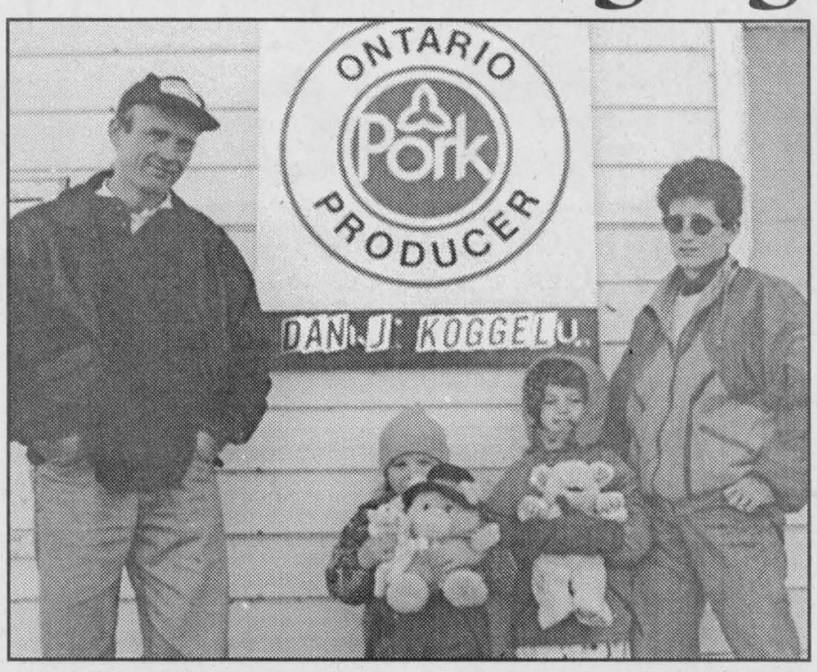
"This is the worst it's ever been", says Danny who ships a yearly average of 1,200 finished pigs from his farrow to finish operation in Bainsville.

Although the price for pork is known to fluctuate, it hit rock-bottom at the end of November, dropping by 60 per cent. While the Koggels managed the farm with the price cycle in mind, this drop in price is too big for the couple to absorb without detrimental effects.

"You can never plan for a loss as big as this", says Beth.

Danny says the farm is losing $800 a week because of the drop in price.

"It costs us $108 to produce a pig and we only get $58 for it."



The Koggels don't know how long they'll be able to keep the farrow to finish operation going with hogs selling at less than 30 cents a pound.

Staff photo – Sandra Berry

Struggling to keep the farm

With a net loss at the end of the week, the family of six has no choice but to cut down on expenses to keep their livelihood going.

They use the least amount of electricity they can which means no drier and no lights at night.

"We had no choice but to let them know we'd have to make sacrifices."

While Ashley, Kalica, Hayleigh and Desiree still get their three meals a day, they don't take part in extra curricular activities as they're used to.

And Danny has cut down on expenses in the barn as well. He only feeds his sows once a day.

"We can't cut expenses any more. The next step maybe to close the doors."

And many would have already done so. Some have simply abandoned the animals, like a Perth County farmer who left more than 300 pigs to starve to death. Others gas or drown piglets after they are born. But the Koggels are dedicated to both the pig industry and the animals.

"With animals, you can't just shut the doors and walk away. It's not their fault", says Beth who was raised on a swine operation a few concessions away.

She says the farm has allowed them to spend more time with their children and doesn't want to see her husband forced to take a nine to five job.

"This is our way of life. We can't just walk away."

It's a livelihood they've spent many years together to build up and selling out now would not rake in much money.

"With prices the way they are, we'd get next to nothing for our inventory."

Because they are a smaller operation, they've relied on genetics to improve their index, litter size and growth rate.

"If we sell now, we have to start climbing the ladder again," says Beth.

It's out of the question for them to liquidate the barn and wait to repopulate when the price is better. It's a choice between struggling through or selling out.

They've decided to struggle but wonder how long they can keep it up.

"Something has to happen. This is ridiculous," says Danny.

No control over prices

On top of dealing with varying prices, Koggel has no choice but to sell his hogs at the current market price. He can't hold on to his product like a cash cropper would.

"When they're ready (for slaughter), they have to go."

Danny says that if he holds on to his finished pigs for an extra week, he loses money because they'll be over the index weight and has to feed them when a higher price is not guaranteed.

"It's like playing in the stock market."

So this year's prices are out of the ordinary, the lowest pork price since 1972, when last year was one of the Koggels' best years in the business.

Although they set aside some funds to prepare for upcoming cyclic low prices, they couldn't invest as much as they wanted.

Danny says there are no special programs for them to invest money in case of emergencies. Instead of paying a lot of taxes, they invested in improvements for the barn.

"It's better than handing it all over to the government," says Danny.

And now that the times have changed and the money is short they're left out in the cold.

Every day that goes by adds to the long-term overhead the family will have to carry over to the next year.

"The hole is dug ," says Beth.

And the hole might be dug deeper if the Quebec packer with whom the Koggels deal ends the contract.

They will not only lose the $5-per-hog incentive but will have to truck the animals to Toronto which will increase the cost of production.

For the time being they have Beth's bus run bringing home the bacon. While it doesn't amount to what they're loosing a month, it keeps their faith that something will happen to get the farm operation profitable again.

Pork producers setting up new stabilization program

By Sandra Berry
News Reporter

Pork producers in Glengarry are definitely not hogging the profits lately. The prices have dropped and there's no safety net for them to rely on. While they're waiting for government financial assistance, they're also preparing for another crisis.

Over 20 pork producers gathered in Alexandria on Wednesday night to hear about a new stabilization program for Ontario pork producers.

Robert Perras, a hog producer from Fournier, presented a program similar to what is used in Quebec.

"They (the Quebec producers) are shielded to go through this crisis and we're not," said Perras.

He explained that the new program would differ from the previous pork stabilization program, tripartite.

The safety-net program would be based on a cost of production basis and not rely on income averages.

Compared to income averages, cost of production is constant and not subject to the cyclic prices of pork.

"We know 95 per cent of a lousy average is pretty lousy", said Perras describing the previous program.

Based on an income level, it was not beneficial for farmers in the long run. Hence the tripartite program was dropped and pork producers have been without a stabilization program for a few years.

Cliff Howe, director of the Ontario Pork Producers Marketing Board, said the present crisis was an incentive for producers to join in.

"It's a golden opportunity for producer to work together."

At the present time, there are 6,000 pork farmers across Ontario, with less then a dozen in Glengarry, who are loosing money every day due to the drop in prices.

Perras reminded producers that a safety net similar to the Quebec program would not only provide a nincome stability but would encourage players in the hog industry to work together.

"Look at Quebec, they are getting $72 for a hog, when we're only getting $56."

In need of immediate assistance

While all producers present were in agreement with the long-safety net program, many were seeking an answer as to when the government would set up funds the help them in the present situation.

The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Noble Villeneuve announced on Wednesday a new $40-million program, "Ontario Whole Farm Relief Program" to help farmers suffering sharp income declines.

There will be up to $30 million available until a national whole farm disaster program is established and $10 million once it's up and running.

Although the program is not targeted to hog producers only, they should be easily eligible for this assistance. Given their sizeable income losses, they will meet the criteria of 1998 gross margins below 70 per cent of the three to five year average.

It is anticipated that payments could start to flow by early February. Because the producers' 1998 income will not be known, the farms' estimated gross margin will be compared to the tax records for the past three to five years to estimate interim payments. Once the program benefits are determined later in 1999, interim payments will be reconciled.

The federal government also announced it would invest up to $900 million over the next two years. It is still unclear as to when farmers will begin receiving some of these funds.

Producers wanting more information on the program may call 1-877-838-5144 or visit the Internet site at www.gov.on.ca/omafra.

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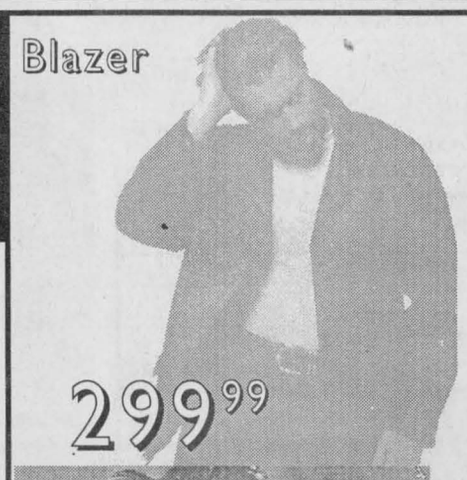

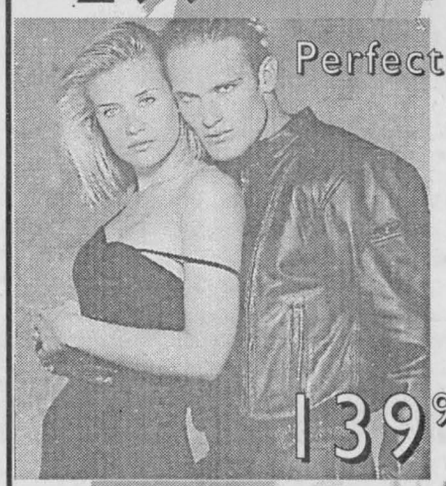



AGRICULTURE

Awards for good farm management

By Sandra Berry
News Reporter

The Annual Meeting of the Glengarry Soil and Crop Improvement Association was a day for farmers to recap on this year's crop and plan for better management practices for the next growing season.

Safety on the road

Constable Hugh McClements and senior officer Andy Tait of the Ontario Provincial Police informed the members about the importance of sharing the road using proper equipment on farm machinery.

"Farmers have a legal right to use roads but must share half of the roadway."

And they are also responsible to use the proper equipment when travelling the roads.

McClements said other drivers must be signaled when a tractor with a large load is turning.

While tractor drivers can hand signal during the day, it is not always distinguishable by drivers.

"With large loads, drivers cannot always see hand signals during the day."

McClements said farmers driving unsafe implements of husbandry can be fined. They can also be held responsible to pay damages to victims if an accident should occur.

He said some insurance policies have special clauses where they won't cover a farmer if they are proven to be responsible of neglect.

"We encourage farmers to sit down with their insurance agent and talk over these details."

Year-round bean market

Jean Major of the Tri-County Protein Corporation talked about a year-round market for small and large soy bean producers.

The North Lancaster native said the Winchester soybean crushing plant is an appropriate market for local growers. The plant will accept loads of four to five tons of beans at a time or larger volumes.



The Glengarry Soil and Crop Improvement Association award winners this year were (from left to right) Jack Fraser, Robert Massie, Scott Fourney and Martin Lang. Staff photo – Sandra Berry

"Being a small plant, we're very flexible."

And they could extend this flexibility to other commodities. Major told producers about biotechnological research that could bring genetically altered seeds such as canola, sunflower and hemp into Eastern Ontario.

These crops would be grown to produce high quantities of special proteins from which the crushing plant could extract the required proteins.

Up in the air

Meteorologist Nick Nickerson of Environment Canada predicts normal temperature and precipitation for next year's growing season. He predicts that temperatures for the winter will be below average with normal precipitation.

He warns farmers to be wary of these predictions because of the unique setting of the Ottawa Valley.

He said it's one of the hardest areas to predict the weather because of the many variables surrounding the valley such as large bodies of water.

Awarded for good practices

The association presented four awards to Glengarry farmers. Jack Fraser was presented with the Award of Merit, Robert Massie with the Edgar Fourney Memorial Award for corn production, Scott Fourney with the Soil and Water Conservation Award and Martin Lang with the Glen Slater Memorial Award for soybean production.

The association reported it had received close to $700 from the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association Ice Storm Relief Fund. It topped off the amount to make a $100 donation to each of the eight volunteer fire departments in the county.

How to get a better price for your farm commodities

Marketin., It's part of everyone's livelihood, whether it be trying to get a job or selling the hay off your fields.

As André Pommainville of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs puts it: "Marketing is everyone's job".

Pommainville says although producers rarely think of marketing, it's almost impossible to run an operation without looking at marketing as an integral part of the business.

"It's the promotion of the right product, at the right price, at the right place."

He says there are four components to marketing ; product, people, price and place.

While products are easy to identify on the farm, the other three p's are more difficult to analyze.

"For most small businesses, few decisions are as important and as neglected as price setting."

Pommainville says the price of a product is not necessarily a reflection of the costs associated with its production.

"Does corn at $115 a ton reflect the cost of producing it?"

It's the producer who must decide if $115 per ton is adequate for the enterprise.

Another misconception is that most dairy and poultry producers' marketing decisions are made by provincial and federal agencies.

"For dairy producers, there are a lot more marketing decisions to make than the price for milk."

Pommainville says producers must decide where to send culled animals, where to market bull calves and how to sell extra hay or grain.

Because people and places affect marketing, he suggests learning about the general global situation to obtain a better price for products.

"Knowing future prices and price trends gives you the opportunity to improve cash pricing your commodity."

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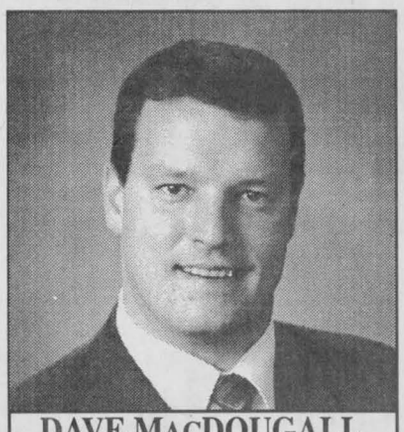

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Take safety precautions to ensure a safe, fire-free
HOLIDAY SEASON!

Don't Let Your Christmas Go Up In Smoke !!

HAVE A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY - Trees, lights, ornaments and fireplaces produce extra hazards in our homes at a time when the busy season may distract us from good fire safety practices. We want you to enjoy a safe holiday season, so we offer the following advice:

1 - Always make sure you buy a freshly cut tree. A dry tree may create a serious fire hazard. If the needles are shedding, or break when bent, choose another one. Keep the tree outside with the trunk in a snowbank or in water until you can decorate it. When you bring it indoors, cut two or three inches diagonally and place it in a sturdy tree stand. Make sure the tree stand has a good reservoir and keep it filled with water until you take the tree down.

2 - Place your tree away from any heat source and out of the exit ways. Discard all lighting sets that are frayed or damaged. Keep electrical bulbs away from curtains or combustible materials and never use candles on or near a tree. Keep all Christmas presents away from electrical bulbs.

3 - No more than 3 sets of lights should be used on an extension cord. Overloading cords can start a fire. Keep connections away from the water in the stand and make sure that all extension cords are CSA approved.

4 - Use weatherproof OUTDOOR lights and cords for exterior decorations. These sets are not intended for prolonged exposure, so take them down as soon as the season is over.

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Births

SEGUIN-FAUBERT – To Richard Séguin and Lisa Faubert, a girl, May 18, 1998, Sonia Cindy.

Deaths

MUNRO & MORRIS
Funeral Homes Inc.

ALEXANDRIA BRANCH
WILSON, SABINA (Bea) - Suddenly at her residence RR #2, Green Valley on Monday, December 7, 1998. Aged 72 yrs. Beloved spouse of Redvers R. Crawford. Dear mother of Cheryl Snow and Marilyn Robbins. Will be sadly missed by her four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and many friends. Rested at Munro & Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street South, Alexandria from 12:30 on Friday, December 11, 1998 to the time of funeral service in the chapel at 2 p.m. As expressions of sympathy, flowers or donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated. 50-1c

ALEXANDRIA BRANCH
LAROCQUE, JACQUES at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital, Alexandria on Friday, December 11, 1998. Age 61 years. Jacques Larocque of RR #2, Alexandria. Beloved husband of Brenda (nee Duplantis). Dear father of Serge (Nicole), Sylvain (Cecile) and Linda. Survived by 4 grandchildren. Dear brother of Andree (Gilbert), Louis-Marie, Michel (Suzanne) and Benoit Larocque. Predeceased by one sister Pierrette. Son of the late Marie-Paule Michaud and the late Louis Adonial Larocque.
Relatives and friends called at Munro & Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street South, Alexandria. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Eglise Sacre-Coeur, Alexandria on Monday, December 14, 1998 at 2 p.m. followed by cremation. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. 50-1c

Courses

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Announcements



Séguin - Leeman
Mr. and Mrs. Réjean and Denise Séguin of North Lancaster are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Natalie Séguin of North Lancaster, to Bryan Leeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William and Dorothy Leeman of Kingston, Ont. The marriage will take place Nov. 20th, 1999 at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Glen Nevis. 50-1p

In Memoriam

McINTEE, Isabelle – In loving memory of a dear mother who passed away Dec. 16, 1967.
Some day I hope to meet with you
Someday I know not when,
We shall meet in a better land,
And never part again.
– Loved and missed by your daughter, Rita (McIntee) Hurtubise. 50-1p

MacLEOD – In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Grace, who passed away Dec. 17, 1990.
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
– Always dearly loved and remembered by all the family. 50-1p

Card of Thanks

McDONALD – I would like to sincerely thank relatives and friends who visited me during my stay at Glengarry Memorial Hospital. Also for cards and calls. Special thanks to Dr. Govan and staff for their excellent care. These acts of kindness will always be remembered.
– Angus. 50-1p

JAECK, Len – SurpriseD to say the least. I'd like to say thank you to all the family and friends who attended my surprise 75th birthday party held at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 423. A very special thank you to all the wonderful musicians who entertained everyone throughout the evening. Topping the evening was the beautiful lunch that was served. From the bottom of my heart a great big thank you.
– Len 50-1p

Coming Events

THE annual service by candlelight will be held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Maxville, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Special guests will be Gospel music by Matilda Trio and Company. Free will offering will go to the Central American hurricane relief. 49-2c

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and
David Clements
from Canberra Australia
at the Atlantic Hotel
TUESDAY, DEC. 22
at 8 p.m.
Best Wishes Only! 49-2p

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in honour of
SHERRILLE LYN LAMB
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ANTON LUDWIG HEINZLE
SATURDAY, DEC. 19
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9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Music by
INTERNATIONALS
Lunch Served
Everyone Welcome 49-2p

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BINGO
THURSDAY, DEC. 17
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Admission $20
10 games at $50
8 games at $75
5 Specials at $100
1 game at $1,000
1 BONANZA 60/40 50-1c

In Memoriam



LADOUCEUR, WILLIAM J.
In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away December 15, 1992.
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But in my heart you will always stay.
Wife Elizabeth 50-1p

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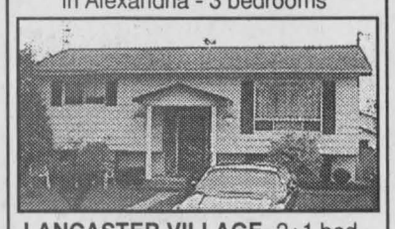

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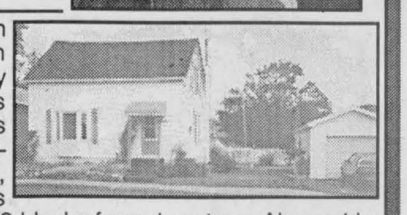

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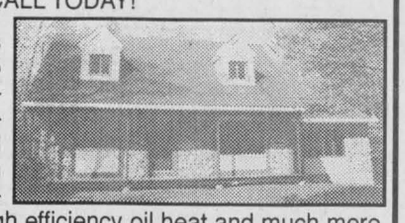

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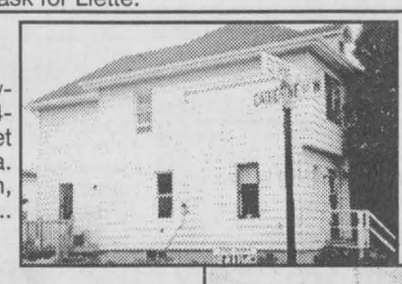



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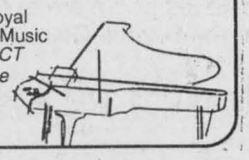

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Auctions/Notices

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY
South Glengarry

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

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Township of South Glengarry
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Lancaster, Ontario K0C 1N0
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Auctions/Notices

Township of North Glengarry
Kenyon Ward North and Maxville Ward
Garbage and Recycling Collection
Christmas Holiday Schedule

Take notice that the collection of garbage and recycling which would normally take place on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1998 and FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1999 has been rescheduled to THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24,1998 and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1998.

Leo Poirier, Clerk Treasurer

Canton de Glengarry nord
Quartiers Kenyon nord et Maxville
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Horaire pour le temps des Fêtes

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TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Closing of Municipal Office for Christmas Holiday

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Friday, December 25 ALL DAY
Monday, December 28 ALL DAY
Thursday, December 31 from 12 p.m. (noon)
Friday, January 1,1999 ALL DAY
Monday, January 4,1999 ALL DAY
Leo Poirier, Clerk Treasurer

CANTON DE GLENGARRY NORD
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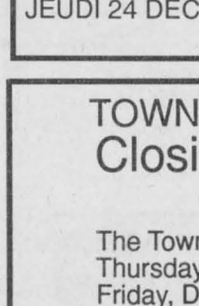

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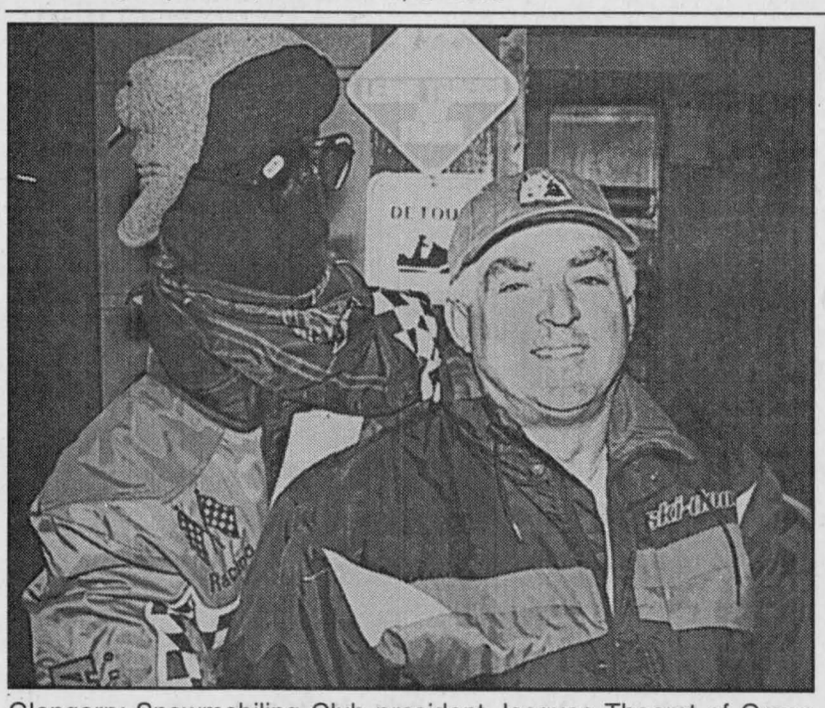

Glengarry Snowmobiling Club president Jacques Theoret of Green Valley gets up close and personal with some of the latest in snowmobiles and attire at the club's 2nd annual trade show, held recently at the Bonnie Glen. Staff Photo - Greg Peerenboom

Glengarry snowmobile club is raring to go

By Greg Peerenboom
News Reporter

Despite a doubling in popularity, the number of deaths resulting from snowmobiling has remained about the same.

Increasing safety is something the Glengarry Snowmobiling Club is proud of as it kicked off the winter season with a recent trade show and dance at the Bonnie Glen.

Registration for Ministry of Transportation safety courses and trail passes was strong throughout the day, said club vice-president Remi Sauve, of Green Valley.

He expects membership to equal or slightly surpass last year's 214.

Sauve said safety and education are of paramount importance to the club. Recent figures indicate there are about 800,000 snowmobilers in Canada, up from 400,000 in 1992.

"We had about 40 deaths relating to snowmobiling accidents then, and we had about 40 last year," he said.

The club can rest assured that much of its time will be spent improving safety, as trail expansion has slowed down significantly.

"We can't go much more (in Glengarry). We have 240 kilometres of trails," Sauve said.

With less money being spent on trail system expansion, more funds can be used to improve existing trails with better signage and grooming.

Sauve said the snowmobilers industry should also be credited for improving safety.

Today's snowmobiles have better suspension and skis which offer enhanced steering. Other updated components include stronger headlights and the implementation of hydraulic brakes.

Improved safety has also helped to transform snowmobiling into a recreation pursuit for the whole family, Sauve noted.

"And it's not as expensive as you would think."

On average, new snowmobile costs around $5,000 and should last for about 10 years. Other expenses include personal attire such as helmets, boots and snowsuits, which should also be good for many years.

The only yearly expenses are the trail permits; $100 before Dec. 1, $130 after, gas and some routine maintenance.

The most convenient aspect of snowmobiling is that it can be enjoyed just about any time of the week, unlike downhill skiing, which is usually relegated to the weekends.

After All These Years

Veteran duo releases 1st CD

By Greg Peerenboom
News Reporter

One of Glengarry's most popular duos ever has set down their favourite Celtic songs for their fans.

Bob and Ducky have recorded a 12-track compilation and are holding a CD releasing party at the Wee Ceilidh in Lancaster this Saturday.

"We've played a lot of music over the years, just about every weekend we could," said Bob Burnie. "A lot of people have asked us if we had a CD and we didn't.

"Finally, our wives gave us a big push. They told us we should do it for our kids, and have it as a keepsake."

Burnie and partner 'Ducky' (aka Gary McDonald) -- "most people don't know his real name," Burnie said -- have been together as a duo for about five years.

But their musical involvement goes back to another era and another music form.

"We played together in high school. We were in a rock and roll band," Burnie said.

Appropriately, the CD's title is After All These Years, named after one of the CD's songs, originally written by the Cape Breton duo, Foster and Allen.

"It's the only new song we have on it," Burnie said.

Burnie and McDonald reunited after many years apart playing with other bands.

After high school, Burnie joined the famous Brigadoons, while McDonald played with the Lancers, a favourite country-rock group.

To mark their long-standing friendship, they used a photograph of themselves as 17-year-olds when they were with Love Incorporated and used on their CD.

As a Brigadoon alumni, Burnie accepted an invitation to play on that band's 25th anniversary recording, released last spring.

"I personally had a ball," he said.

With that positive recording experience behind him, Burnie was more than willing to get just himself and 'Ducky' back into Bobby Lalonde's Bolab studio.

"He really did a great job. Some friends remarked on the clear quality of the sound."

Lalonde's recent experience with the Brigadoons was no doubt a boon for Bob and Ducky, whose music is closely related to the Brigadoons -- traditional Celtic.

The duo produced 500 copies each of CDs and cassettes. They hope to sell them at their various gigs and by calling Burnie's at 933-1014.

From the Netherlands to prosperity in Maxville

The story of a family who managed to establish one of Maxville's largest farms

By Gordon Winter
News Correspondent

Anton Vander Wielen met Joanna Duyghuisen at, what we would call, a Junior Farmers' meeting. Their friendship grew and it wasn't too long until Anton began to court Joanna.

His bicycle was his means of transportation and distance did not discourage the young farmer. Almost every week for six and half years he pedaled one hour to her home and another, homeward.

The couple started to dream of a life together in Canada. There were good farms to be bought and the two believed the future for them here would be a bright one.

I have visited with Mrs. Vander Wielen twice, have heard the love story and how hopes for the future have evolved.

On April 13, 1955, Anton and Joanna were married and one week later, they flew to Canada. There wasn't money yet for the farm they hoped for but through the Dutch grapevine, they learned that there was employment to be had around Brooklin, east of Whitby. Anton worked on construction for a year and then in a flour and feed mill for eight years. Carefully managing finances, the couple watched as their next egg grew.

As well, the family started to grow with the first five of their children being born in Brooklin. Adrian came first and he was followed by Hubert, Diana, Marian and Frank.

Christine and Gerald Jans had moved to a farm at Athol and they were able to advise the Vander Wielens that there was a farm for sale on the Dyer Road, west of Maxville. Included in the sale was a fine herd of Holstein cattle and a full complement of machinery. It was the farm that Hugh Blair had bought in 1907 from the David Munro family and that was passed on to his son Keith. Keith had been killed tragically in a motor accident on Dec. 15, 1963.

The Vander Wielens took over the farm on May 1, 1964. Linda was born that year and was followed by Paul and Anthony a few years later.

The business of farming went well for the young family. The mortgage was paid off and soon their enterprise consisted of four adjoining farms on the north side of the road.

Dutch was spoken at home and they gradually became fluent in English. Mrs. Vander Wielen related how Adrian had a particularly difficult time. He started school in Brooklin and knew no English. Then after the move to this area, he started to attend St. Bernard school, as did all his siblings, and he knew no French.

By 1950, it became apparent that Hubert and Frank were going to be farmers. Therefore, a company was formed with Anton and Joanna, Hubert and Frank as shareholders.

As well, the children were to be offered opportunities for higher education. All graduated from Tagwi High School except Paul and Anthony who attended Glengarry District High School.

Adrian, the oldest, made the first move and attended the Ontario Agricultural College at the University of Guelph and graduated with a Master's degree. Diana attended St. Lawrence College, Marian Niagara College in Horticulture, Frank and Paul Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology and Linda and Anthony, the University of Ottawa. All graduated successfully.

Over the next few years, farms on the south side of the Dyer Road were acquired. Now there are eight farms with some of the best land in Eastern Ontario in the family name.

New families were started too: Adrian worked first at the Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology for four years and then became fieldman, one of three in Ontario, for the Holstein Association of Canada. He and his wife Megan live in Lindsay with their children Tina, Hannah, Ben and Darian.

Hubert married Linda Van Overbeek from Lancaster and they have David and Erika.

Frank married Chantal Cuerrier, a neighbour and their sons are Steven, Ryan and Derik.

Paul decided to set up on his own and a farm south-west of Moose Creek was purchased. He and Peggy Campbell from Laggan were married and their two young sons are Campbell and Kyle. Paul first considered pig farming but he has switched to dairying and has a Holstein herd and sufficient of the expensive quota.

Anthony is still single and lives with his parents. This fall, it was amicably decided to dissolve the company and to have Hubert, Frank and Anthony running their own operations.

Some of the farms were already in their names and the others came from the company.The high producing Holstein herd consisting of 115 milk cows has been divided as equitably as possible in three ways.

As well, the milk quota has been divided but the large inventory of machinery will be shared. All that remains to be done is to divide the young cattle.

Hubert and his family continue to live on the same farm but Frank and his family have traded homes with his parents who now live in the bungalow built in 1959. Anthony's herd will be housed on the Brabant farm west of the bungalow.

The three daughters have all remained in the area. Diana married a prominent Holstein farmer, Alain Legault of Tayside and they have three daughters Anika, Kaitlyn and Tanya. Marian has combined a career with MacDonell's Garden Centre, Landscape Division, with that of a wife and mother and part time farmer. Her husband is Rob MacLellan, who works for MacEwen Petroleum Inc. and their children are Marie, Kevin, Jason and Victoria.

The couple owns a farm wedged in between the brothers' and 6,000 trees have been planted on part of it. Corn and soy beans are grown on the remaining fields.

Linda made a name for herself at track and field meets, has earned many first prizes at the provincial level and has competed successfully at Canada-wide events.

She and her husband, Bernard Lynch, live near St. Andrews West from where he commutes to his work at Nestle in Chesterville. Their two young children are Jillian and Myles.

Linda has been a member of the staff at St. Joseph's High School but because of a health problem that Myles has, she is on a leave of absence from the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario.

Who would have even suspected back in 1955 when young Anton and Joanna came to Canada that such a successful story could be told? The Maxville community too, is happy that they chose to settle here on their first farm on the Dyer Road.

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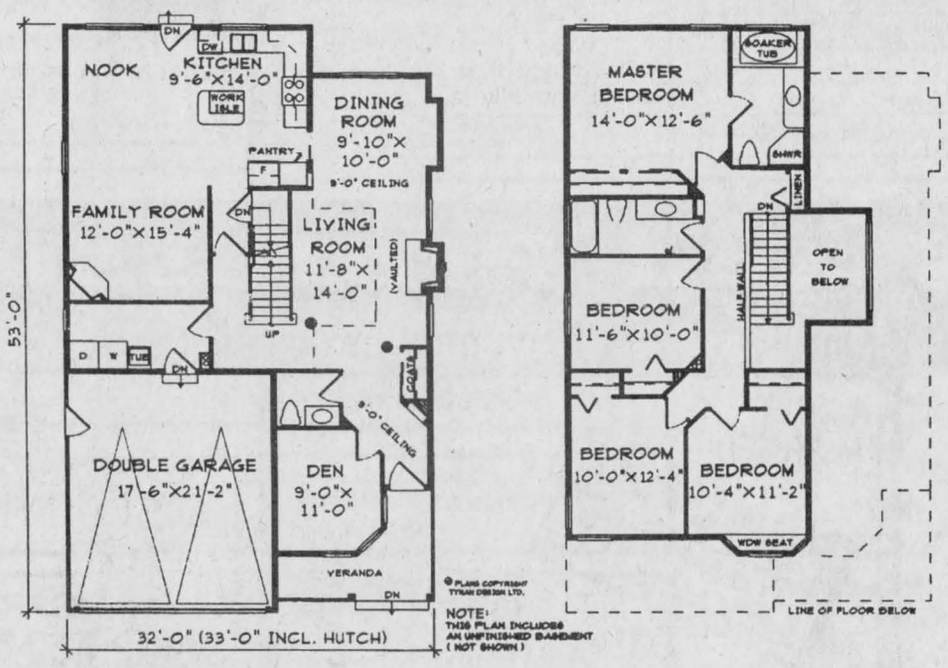

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MAXVILLE



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Samantha Flipsen, daughter of Sue and Frank is a Grade 7 student at our Public School. Scholastic Canada sponsored a Titanic Contest entitled, "If I could change the ending" and Samantha won out of over 1,000 entries. Her prize was a Super Titanic Pack Extravangaza and we heartily congratulate her on this achievement. Perhaps I should note that Sue was a student of mine at CCVS but I try not to make comparisons.

On Dec. 7, the Junior and Senior Choirs from the Public School delighted the residents at the Manor with their excellent performances. We must not only give credit to the students but also to their teachers, Kathy Roy and John Howard Marjerrison who directed them through the Christmas songs. And it is always rewarding to all to have individuals featured.

The students from our town primary schools who belong to the Manor's Intergenerational Program (Adopt a Grandparent) will be treated to a Christmas Party on Dec. 17

The Public School now has a Singing Club and Maryanne Kampouris has volunteered to coach students in singing techniques.

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Retired teachers used to belong to an organization known as the Superannuated Teachers of Ontario and its French equivalent. This year, it was decided to change the name "superannuated" to a more realistic one "retired." The French version did not change so now we are members of RTO/ERO.

District 25 held its annual Christmas dinner and meeting at the Best Western Motel in Cornwall last Tuesday. His former students in Maxville High School and later in Tagwi High School will be interested in learning that Charles Graham has now retired, looked very well at the dinner and indicated that retirement was agreeing with him.

Sister Brunelle, a science teacher at Tagwi, has been retired for several years and has carried out several assignments for her order. Now she is in charge of a home in Cornwall where 16 retired nuns live happily together.

Jean MacCuaig has been promoted with a step up from serving as a director for Glengarry to the district's treasurer.

Others from here who attended this event were Claire and Bruno Besner and Lorna and Gordon Winter.

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If you possibly can, you should walk or drive around the village to view the beautiful house decorations. A very festive mood is stimulated when one sees so many homes so tastefully adorned along with the trees in front. The snow which came early last Friday provided an additional enhancement but at the time of writing, I can't predict if it will stay.

The Horticultural Society used to sponsor a contest for Christmas decorations, both in the village and country. Perhaps it is time for this contest to be established once again. Anyway we congratulate and thank all those who have been able to decorate.

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The Diner's Club under the S.O.S. program at the Manor enjoyed its Christmas dinner at the Manor last Thursday evening. Forty-six seniors sat down in Town Square to a delicious meal which included the choice of roast lamb or the traditional turkey. The service was excellent and the fellowship friendly.

Afterwards, a group contest was conducted which brought out much laughter and fun.

Julie Larin and her staff, as well as those of the dietary staff who assisted, are to be congratulated and thanked for an excellent evening.

Additional members in this Club will always be welcomed, the membership is free but you should be a senior. But at what age does one become a senior today?

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Two staff nurses at the Manor were missed recently when I listed long time employees. Both Florence Claire O'Donohue and Gwen Arkinstall were missed because their names were on another list. They have each served 26 years.

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In last week's *Glengarry News*, there was an article explaining that youths had been hired to promote tourism in Glengarry. One project mentioned was "to prepare materials... for the water problems in Maxville." I hope this isn't meant to infer that Maxville has unsafe water. With our sewage system, there is no way that our wells can become polluted.

I am aware that certain households may have poor wells with inadequate water supplies. However, these wells constitute individual problems and should not be used to label the entire village.

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On Dec. 8 in the *Ottawa Citizen* appeared a photograph of a lady, Gladys Cameron, who has family connections here on both sides of her family. Miss Cameron heads one of four groups of workers who provide weekly dinners at Knox Presbyterian Church in Ottawa for the homeless and mentally disordered.

Her late father, Dan, was a brother of Ernie, Edie, Bella, John Angus, and Edaline. Mrs. Alex MacGregor. Her mother, Christie Jane, is a sister of the late John Alex Urquhart and according to our Centennial Book is 97 years old.

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The Maxville and District Lions Club has resumed the sale of Cash Calendars for 1999 as a fund raiser for community projects. They are available for $20 at Kelly's Sports Bar, Maxville Home Hardware, A.J.K. Video at the corner of Highland Road and Highway 43, from Alex McConnell (527-5767) and Glen Campbell (527-5364). Names for prizes are drawn every week day during the year and the Lions are promoting them as an excellent Christmas gift.

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Julie Larin, S.O.S. coordinator at the Manor has the following announcements: The Foot C Clinic is cancelled for Decem but will be held on Monday, Jar

There will be no Men's Co Club on Dec. 23 and no bri Club on Dec. 26.

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The snow on Friday may h persuaded the Canada geese finally leave for the south. Up u then, flocks have been flying ov feeding in the grain fields and fi ing bodies of water.

A reader phoned last week report seeing a beautiful rin necked pheasant on Nine M Road. It would be great if the birds could survive the winter a reproduce in the the spring to si nificant numbers. In other word please do not shoot them and fe them if the opportunity arises.

WONDERWORD

HOW TO PLAY: First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions — vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell the Wonderword.

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TRUCK STOPS Solution: 7 letters

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12/13 ANSWER NEXT WEEK Last Week's Answer: Polymer



HOW THEY SAY IT IN...

ENGLISH:	PARTY
SPANISH:	FIESTA
ITALIAN:	FÈSTA
FRENCH:	RÉCEPTION
GERMAN:	PARTY
LATIN:	CONVIVIUM

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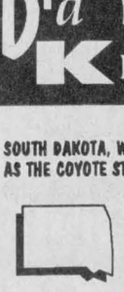

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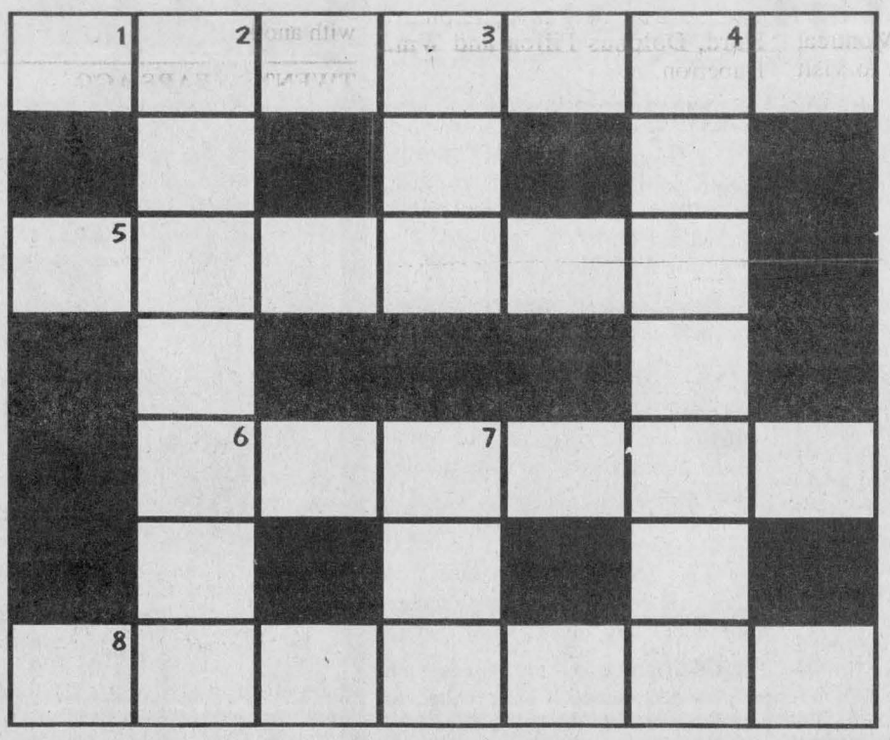

CLUES ACROSS
1. Christmas or New Year's Day
5. Perfect place
6. Musical instrument
8. Word formed by re-arranging the letters of another word

CLUES DOWN
2. Eight-sided polygon
3. Mischievous child
4. State in the southeastern United States
7. Suffix used to form the present participle of verbs

Answers Across 1. Holiday 5. Utopia 6. Guitar 8. Anagram
Down 2. Octagon 3. Imp 4. Alabama 7. Ing

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO
Friday, December 15, 1898

•Miss Flora Corbett and Jos. McLennan, who had been students at the cornwall Model School, returned home this week.

•The butter factory belonging to H. and P. Grant at St. Elmo, was burned one evening last week. The fire was supposed to be incendiary. That same evening two shots were fired through the house of Graham Bros., and also considerable damage was done on the inside of the school house.

•Dan Dewar of Kirk Hill, who had been a resident of South Dakota for the past three years, arrived home on a visit last week.

•At the regular meeting of council held yesterday, it was decided that from this date the electric lights will be run from 5:30 to 7:15 every morning as well as at night.

•Glen Sandfield's latest acquisition is a tinsmith shop which will be opened in a few weeks.

NINETY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 18, 1908

•An interesting and solemn ceremony will take place in St. James Cathedral, Montreal, at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning, when Rev. Alex L. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan J. McDonald, 14-3rd Lochiel, will be ordained priest by Mons. Racicot.

•On Monday D. K. McDonald, caretaker of the post office here, delivered to Capt. Gillies the keys for the local armoury, which is now complete in every particular.

•W. C. Summers, teller in the Union Bank, has been ordered to Hastings, where he will fill the position of accountant. Robert Proctor moves up to the teller's box, while John James McPhee, son of Duncan D. McPhee, 2nd Lochiel, joins the staff as junior.

•John McMillan of the college of Pharmacy, Toronto, arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. D. B. McMillan, Elgin Street.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 20, 1918

•Lieut-col. Donald John MacDonald, MC, DSO and two bars, Officer Commanding the Strathcona Hose, has arrived in Montreal on leave and is expected to visit Alexandria before the close of the week.

•The semi-annual report of the Medical Health Officer, J. T. Hope, MD, contains the information that approximately 60% of the population of Alexandria was affected by the epidemic of influenza. Twenty-one deaths resulted or about one per cent of the population.

•Corp. D. H. MacMillan, fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus A. MacMillan, McCrimmon, who has been with the CEF in France for four years, arrived home Thursday, December 11.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 21, 1928

•One of the most widely known residents of Glengarry passed away Wednesday, December 12, in the person of James MacPhee of Alexandria. At the time of his death Mr. MacPhee was the oldest born resident of Alexandria, he having been born on the 10th day of October, 1844, in a small house situated on the south side of the Garry.

•The Barred Rock pen of Angus Urquhart, Greenfield, retained the lead in the second week of the Canadian Egg Laying Contest at Ottawa, its score being 82.5 points for 89 eggs.

•D. A. Campbell, Athol, has installed a Delco lighting plant and under the able workmanship of Leslie Kippen will soon be enjoying the benefits of electricity.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 16, 1938

•Three Apple Hill youths were drowned early Sunday evening and three escaped when their car plunged into the Soulanges Canal near Coteau du Lac. Dead are Albert Leger, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilaire Leger; Stollan O'Shea, 24, son of Mrs. P. W. O'Shea, and George Chevrier, 18, a native of Cedars, Que. Wilfred Villeneuve, 20, his brother, Ernest, 15, and Lawrence St. John, 19, were able to escape.

•Attended by many friends, the funeral of the late E. Leo Laurin, publisher of the Morrisburg Leader, was held to St. Finnan's cemetery, Thursday morning.

•Miss Phyllis Gormley is being extensively entertained prior to her approaching marriage.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 17l, 1948

•William A. MacEwen was elected reeve of Maxville in Monday voting. Serving with him in 1949 will be Dan Ferguson, Leonard Hurd, Dolphus Filion and Wm. Duperron.

•Victim of a heart attack while working on Main St., Wednesday afternoon, Archie B. McDonald, 68, died almost immediately.

•Attractive windbreakers were presented to members of the Marroons Lacrosse Club, Friday. Recipients were: Gabe Poirier, Ian, Lee, Cameron and Ronnie McCormick, Lloyd Kennedy, Jim Weir, Ernest Brunet, Cameron Mcdonald, Francis Periard, Alex DaPrato, manager; and David Dale, trainer.

FORTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 18, 1958

•Mrs. Damien Quenneville, 85, was fatally injured Sunday evening when struck by a car on Main St. South. Her death marked the first traffic fatality on Alexandria streets in four and a half years.

•Two Bainsville area farmers had a close brush with death Friday when their truck was struck by a speeding train near their homes. Harry Lahnemann, 31, jumped to safety but the driver Hugh J. McCuaig remained in the cab and suffered only minor cuts as the truck was sliced in half.

•Jean Guy Sabourin, 19, of Alexandria, a driver for Glengarry Transport, lay unconscious for three hours in sub-zero weather near Gananoque but escaped with minor bruises when his transport plunged off Highway 2 onto the frozen St. Lawrence.

•Wm. MacLaurin, 71, of Dalkeith, died Tuesday afternoon of a heart attack while shovelling snow.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 19, 1968

•The Alexandria Sash and Door factory is planning an 8,800 square foot addition to their plant. Roland Cholette, proprietor, learned this week the Ontario Development Corporation had approved a forgivable loan of $73,000 to help finance the addition.

•The tuberculosis wing of St. Lawrence Sanitorium will close at the end of this year. All patients will be transferred to other institutions by January 1.

•Wilfrid Menard of Green Valley will represent Lancaster and Lochiel Townships and Lancaster Village on the Regional Separate School Board according to unofficial results of the recount held last week by Judge Brennan.

•James Allan Alguire, 20, of Gananoque, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin R. (Bud) Alguire of Williamstown, was fatally injured Monday night near Kingston when his car was in a head-on collision with another.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Wednesday, December 13, 1978

•Representing Glengarry at the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's recent convention in Hamilton were: Gerard Massie, Stuart Buchan, Donald Thomson, Edgar Fourney and Herve Wathier.

•A mobile home in the Second concession of Kenyon and belonging to Rene Ladouceur was almost completely destroyed by fire last week. Pierre Delorme and his family who occupied the 40x14 mobile home were in Alexandria at the time of the fire.

•Wayne Crack heads the new executive at the Glengarry Golf and Country Club. Other members of the executive are: Richard Bellefeuille, captain; Roman Amelotte, vice-president; Gilles Houde, assistant captain; Sandra Macdonald, social event organizer; Stanley Fraser, junior program director and Bruce Marr, greens chairman.

TEN YEARS AGO
Wednesday, December 14, 1988

•Alexandria Moulding officials are looking into the possibility of opening a wood moulding plant in the United States, Controller John MacDonald told *The News* Monday. A representative of the company visited the Idaho-Washington area about three weeks ago to scout for available land. "If free trade is passed and the U.S. market opens up, we need to supply that market... we will continue to operate the shop here too," he said.

•The children of Precious Blood School in Glen Walter paid tribute to a good friend Sunday afternoon, when they bid farewell to retiring janitor Arnold Burgess. Almost 140 students and 200 or so parents and friends crowded into the Precious Blood Church hall to participate in or watch the school's Christmas pageant. Unknown to Mr. a Burgess, the event was to evolve into a tribute to his retirement after 18 years as janitor and friend at the school.

•The new officers and directors of The Glengarry Holstein Club were chosen during the club's annual meeting at Kirk Hill United Church hall Thursday afternoon. They are Robert McDonell, second vice-president, Glen Smith, secretary/treasurer, Neil Fraser, president and Jack Fraser, third vice-president.

Bridge results

ALEXANDRIA NEWS

The Alexandria Bridge Club results for Tuesday, Dec. 8 area as follow.

N/S: 1. Jim Campbell and Elizabeth Marjerrison; 2. Pat Graham and Danielle Martineau; 3. Jean Campbell and Isobel Quail.

E/W: 1. John Plaskon and Joseph Friedberg; 2. Rene Belanger and Michel Duplantie; 3. Bill and Barbara Cunning.

Simon Fraser

HIGHLAND PATHS



KEN MCKENNA

John McDonald of Garth, the subject of two previous columns, has descendants in this area, among them Grant Campbell, QC and his brother Atholl Breadalbane Campbell, as well as their sister Mrs. Lorna Pierce of Kingston and their families. As noted previously, Garth and Simon Fraser met for the last time in 1859 and composed a short memo of their years of friendship and adventure.

To most Canadians, Simon Fraser is connected only with the river that bears his name. Few know that he lived in Glengarry and lies buried in St Andrew's West churchyard.

Here's how Hugh MacLennan in *Rivers of Canada* describes the 800-mile Fraser River: *This is the most exciting country in Canada, and I don't see how anyone could visit any part of it without longing to return. Its beauty makes you catch your breath. But it was a westerner, Bruce Hutchison, who remarked that the beauty of the most spectacular parts of the Fraser River is that of a nightmare. This is the savagest of all the major rivers of America. It is probably the savagest in the world.*

This is the river that Simon Fraser, John Stuart and their Nor'Westers, voyageurs and Indians navigated for 36 days in birch-bark canoes in 1808, thinking that it was the Columbia and that it would provide a safe route to the Pacific. They quickly realized that they had made a terrible mistake, but there was no way to stop. For hundreds of miles, the river has few real banks, the rushing water swirling between sheer cliffs a thousand feet high.

Fraser recorded the terrible fear that they would not survive *the tremendous gulfs and whirlpools... ready at every moment to swallow a canoe with all its contents.*

When they finally passed through the last of the terrible rapids now fittingly known as Hell's Gate and reached calmer water, they abandoned their canoes and bought dugouts from a friendly tribe. Finally, they concluded that their expedition was a failure. They returned to their beached canoes, and retraced their way back up the river!

This journey was even worse. They were running out of food and the Indians had become hostile, raining rocks on them from the cliffs. But they made it.

Bill McIntyre, publisher of *The Glengarry News*, is the only man I have ever met who has followed Fraser's exploit down this fearsome river. He tells me that the large inflatable raft that held him and his companions was tossed about so wildly that they sometimes found themselves completely turned around and carried up against the current. Sometimes the raft dropped suddenly and they found themselves staring up at a wall of water towering over their heads. But at least they knew that others had survived this terrifying ride and that they would eventually reach calmer water and safety. Simon Fraser and his companions in their fragile birch-bark canoes had no such consolation.

Fraser was not born in Scotland but in Bennington, Vermont, the son of Highland settlers who had come to what was then British North America. When the American Revolution began, Simon Fraser's father, an army officer, was captured by rebel forces and thrown into prison. He eventually died there and Simon and his mother Isabella, née Grant, fled to Canada and settled in Glengarry.

There is a strange sidelight to Fraser's family history which involves Alexander Macdonell of St Raphael's, the man who became the legendary Big Bishop, and the mystery of the origins of James MacPherson's 18th century publications of what he said were translations of the pre-Christian Gaelic poems of Ossian. The most popular of MacPherson's Ossianic verses was the epic *Fingal*. It became a best-seller; it was Napoleon's favourite reading and he carried it on his campaigns.

MacPherson always claimed that he had (or had seen) the Gaelic originals, but never revealed them. Cynics claimed that he was a fraud. The controversy has never been resolved. But some clues may (or may not) be found in the following possibilities.

Simon Fraser's father was reputed to have brought with him to Vermont what might have been some of the original Gaelic verses that had inspired MacPherson. They were destroyed when the Fraser home was burned by the American rebels.

Bishop Macdonell in his memoirs claimed that as a boy in Glen Urquhart, he often visited an aunt who would let him read an ancient leather-bound collection of Gaelic poems, said to have been studied by MacPherson. She was a Fraser of Culbockie, and the collection was later alleged to have been taken to America by a relative. That relative may have been Simon Fraser's father.

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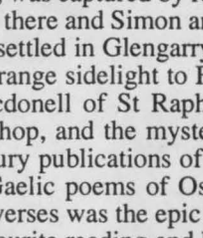

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