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JUST RESTING: Hundreds of migrating birds appear frozen in the ice of the St. Lawrence River, but according to a biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources the birds are just resting and sleeping on the ice. The white birds are snow geese, while the darker ones are Canada geese. The biologist also notes the presence of some common goldeneye ducks swimming in the frigid water beyond the ice. The ice developed quickly on the lake following plunging overnight temperatures. This photo was taken 2kms east of South Lancaster near Glengarry Park last Thursday and features the Adirondack Mountains in the background. SEAN BRAY PHOTO

Large 'frozen' fowl flock on river becoming a more common sight – MNR

By Sean Bray
News Staff

An area biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources says the thousands of birds observed recently on the ice of the St. Lawrence River are not frozen into the ice, but in fact are resting or sleeping.

Scott Smithers identifies the birds as snow and Canada geese and indicates they are likely simply taking a break from their migration patterns by gathering on the ice forming on the river.

Seen east of South Lancaster, the birds thought to be "frozen into the ice" were a concern to an a local resident who contacted the *News*.

The plethora of fowl made quite the visual spectacle as largely motionless birds were on the ice as far as the eye could see both up and downstream.

And the cacophony of sound the geese were making provided quite the natural concert.

Mr. Smithers notes that "up until quite recently, the last 10 years or so, we didn't see very many snow geese this far east. As their population has grown, it appears their fall migration has expanded as well."

The Ministry of Natural Resources reminds people that "under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, the only people who may care for sick, injured, or young game, or specially protected wildlife, are veterinarians or authorized wildlife custodians for rehabilitation."

The act also states "a person cannot keep wildlife without approval."

Murder casts a pall over community

By Steven Warburton
and Peter Kovessy

Christmas will have something of a darker tinge for the residents of Nadeau's Point this year.

While the main ingredients for the festive season are there – the thick blanket of snow and a few Christmas decorations – many of the residents of this tiny South Glengarry community are still reeling from the news that one of their own will not be celebrating with them this year.

Robert Nicholson, who lived in this little community just east of Lancaster, was found dead in a ditch along Old Highway 2 last week.

The police are treating the 47-year-old man's death as a murder (see accompanying story) and that's news that's hardly welcome any time, especially during the season of good tidings of comfort and joy.

Not surprisingly, many of Nadeau's Point residents are not willing to talk to the media, and those who did, declined to reveal their names, but did say that Mr. Nicholson was a gentle man who enjoyed spending time in his garden.

Outside of Nadeau's Point, people seem more willing to open up.

Laurie Laframboise, who works at Sangster's General Store in Bainsville, says that Mr. Nicholson was always "polite, friendly, and harmless" despite his problems.

"He was a good gardener. The store used to have a giant pumpkin on our porch and I'm sure it was a pumpkin that he grew."

Later, Mrs. Laframboise speculated on the suspicious nature of Mr. Nicholson's death.

"It's scary to think that there's someone out there that's capable of that and that it is so close to home," she says.

Yvon Duval, a resident of Alexandria, says he didn't know dead man very well but he admired how hard Mr. Nicholson was willing

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MARTINTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE: Santa and his many Martintown helpers roll through the wet snow falling on the village on Sunday afternoon. Toy soldiers Tammy Kenny (left) and Barb Hope of the Martintown Fire Department stand at attention while their younger helpers sample candy canes. For more photos see Page B1 PETER KOVESSY PHOTO

COMRIF happy tidings in short supply

By Pete Bock
News Reporter

COMRIF funding won't be coming before Christmas, and it most likely won't be coming at all for many area municipalities when it is announced shortly after New Year's.

According to information recently released by local MPP Jean-Marc Lalonde, the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) is bulging with requests from 338 municipalities, looking for more than $1.1 billion worth of federal and provincial assistance.

Mr. Lalonde cautions that the demand greatly exceeds the $298 million made available by both governments for this second stage of COMRIF. One additional application intake is planned for the end of the spring of 2006.

"Municipalities in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell alone have requested about 15 per cent of available funds for this round, while representing less than 1 per cent of Ontario's total population," Mr. Lalonde stated.

The Nation and Russell Township are looking for the biggest New Year's presents. Nation wants two-thirds help with its $11.7 million project to establish a new ground water source and new transmission lines, while Russell is looking for assistance with its $11.3 million water feedermain construction in Greely.

North Glengarry follows with its wetland treatment system listed at a total cost of $6.8 million. South Glengarry has the third least expensive project listed, having submitted $1.7 million worth of bridge projects for two-thirds funding consideration.

"There will be a lot of disappointment, it is pretty obvious," Mathew Mault, an assistant in the MPP's office, told *The News* last week. "I think seven of eight municipalities have requested funding and not all are going to be successful."

During the previous intake, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell received $11.3 million with South Glengarry getting two-thirds help for its $1.6 million Tyotown Road project.

Chipstand legal issue turns into grease fire

By Pete Bock
News Reporter

With Gaetan's Chip Stand owner Terry Sauvé heating up his deep fryers, and a number of North Glengarry councillors stepping right up to the counter, much more sizzle has been added to a dispute heard, but not settled, in an Ontario Superior Court less than two weeks ago.

Where Mr. Sauvé 's $8.5-million wrongful-termination lawsuit is headed is anybody's guess, but gone for the moment are the legal gowns and the deep analytical thinking.

On one side, a peeved Mr. Sauvé, frustrated with the township's handling of the current settlement process, is claiming his offers aren't being shown to North Glengarry council members.

Fending off his remarks as unfounded, on the other side, is Kenyon ward representative Julie Akkermans, who adds the chipstand owner's latest strategy, of attempting to approach individual councillors about his concerns, is an attempt to undermine council's authority. Fellow councillor Wendy MacPherson scoffs at the timing of Mr. Sauvé's latest attempt to negotiate.

It was Mr. Sauvé who put the issue on the front burner just one working day after the Friday Dec. 2 injunction hearing, when he started contacting the press and individual North Glengarry council members about his fears that his settlement offers to the township weren't being heard by all necessary parties.

At the time, he also painted a picture as to where the two parties stood in the matter. (See separate story on his initial verbal interpretations and documents.)

What burns Mr. Sauvé is that he believes he had a verbal deal sealed on the Wednesday evening, two days before the hearing. And then hours after his actual written offer went in to township lawyer Bob Tolhurst on the Thursday, it was shot down as unacceptable.

Mr. Sauvé decided to look into the matter by contacting Deputy-Mayor William Hagen, along with councillors Chris McDonell, Gary Shepherd, and George Currier. And he says they confirmed they hadn't seen his written offer submitted to the township defence team Dec. 1.

Over the last week, *The News* contacted each council member about the situation.

Both Mayor Bill Franklin and Deputy-Mayor William Hagen were tight-lipped.

"I don't think any councillor, including myself should be commenting on any offers that were given to (Mr. Sauvé) or (any that

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Stork Market

- Joanne (née Enright) and Donald Russell, a girl, Quinn Mae, Oct. 24.
- Tina (née Theoret) and Steven Rolland, a boy, Nicholas Steven Lloyd, Dec. 2.
- Michelle (née Dewar) and Allan Kennedy, a girl, Keira, Dec. 2.

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Local fiddling school launches debut CD

By Peter Kovessy
Special to *The News*

The MacLeod School of Fiddling released its first CD on the weekend by hosting an afternoon of dancing, fiddling, and bagpipe performances at a jam-packed Bonnie Glen Pavilion.

"Look at this crowd," beamed Karen MacLeod, whose husband Ian runs the music school. "They are interested in the music and supporting the kids in their endeavours," she added.

"Ceilidh Time" – the Scottish word for "party" – contains lively and inspiring songs performed by the 10 young fiddlers, whose average age is 14. 1,000 CDs were pressed, with the cover booklet containing brief biographies of each of the young fiddlers.

"Not only are they fabulous musicians, but they are top scholars and athletes who perform charity work in their communities as well," said Mrs. MacLeod.

She added that over the past five years, more and more young people have expressed interest in the Celtic music lessons at her school. And with all the children in attendance on Sunday afternoon at the Bonnie Glen, watching their peers perform, she is confident that the next generation of Glengarrians will keep the heritage alive.

The proceeds from the CD sales will go towards the cost of the fiddlers' trip to the Scottish and Irish Music Festival and Fair in Valley Forge, just outside Philadelphia, in February. It will be the third consecutive year the group has been invited to the festival.

Organizer Bill Reid, who made the trip up from Pennsylvania for the CD release party, said the MacLeod fiddlers represent "the best traditional Celtic music coming out of Canada."

Mr. Reid added that they have an "exciting" modern sound that mixes Irish, Scottish, and youthful influences. Canadian fiddlers also stand out by playing with quick, short strokes, as opposed to the traditional long bow strokes, Mr. Reid said.



CD PREMIERE: Alisha Giroux of Glen Sandfield autographs the first CD released by the MacLeod Fiddlers at the record's launch at the Bonnie Glen Pavilion last Sunday. PETER KOVESSY PHOTO

While 200 people were expected to attend the CD release party, organizers estimated that the actual figure was closer to 350. Almost every seat at the Bonnie Glen Pavilion was filled, with guests from in and around Glengarry and Western Quebec. Some had been fans of the MacLeod fiddlers for many years.

"They really love their music - they are doing a great job," said Dalkeith resident Dougal MacLeod, a neighbour of Ian MacLeod. "I really enjoy listening to them and like to see them progress each year," he added.

After finishing their set, the young musicians took turns reading from the "Fiddler's Prayer," thanking their teacher for showing them that fiddling is fun, not work. In closing, the troupe noted that "because of men [like Ian] the Glengarry fiddle will never die."

SG mayor sworn in as new warden

By Sue Harrington
Glengarry News Correspondent

The new warden of the United Counties of SDG brought some Glengarry tradition to his inauguration ceremony on Friday. Jim McDonell, the mayor of South Glengarry, was piped into council chambers, wearing his kilt, and promising to uphold the examples set by his father and grandfather, both of whom were members of Counties Council.

"My father took his role seriously and always tried to make a difference. I strive to follow his example," he said.

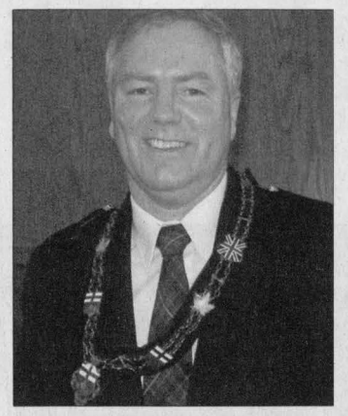
Warden McDonell, a Glengarry native, told the standing-room only crowd of family members, friends, municipal councils, and staff, that after heading off to university, he made his way home to Glengarry.

"I came back here because I love our way of life and the life it affords us," he said.

But making others see the benefits of rural life in SDG isn't always easy, the warden admitted.

"There's an old saying that Ontario ends at Oshawa, and sometimes when you deal with the Ontario government, you need to bring a map," he said. "Our voice of 60,000 residents does not always receive the attention it deserves."

Still, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, formed a few years ago is attempting to make a difference at Queen's Park and Warden McDonell said he is committed to working with other wardens from the region to continue to lobby effectively on behalf of the forgotten end of the province.



JIM MCDONELL

He paid tribute to the excellent lobbying of his predecessor, former Warden Alvin Runnalls, who, along with other wardens, was able to force the province to live up to funding commitments made during the downloading of services. The caucus also was effective in bringing about changes to "harsh water regulations," which would have penalized the rural way of life, according to Warden McDonell.

Making a difference by acting on initiatives instead of just talking about them is also on the new warden's agenda.

He cited the many job losses in the area in recent months and said that Counties Council had to work as a non-partisan body in concert with the upper levels of government to ensure residents have the quality of life they want and deserve.

Mayor Phil Poirier, who brought greetings to Warden McDonell from the City of Cornwall, also urged the two municipalities to work together in the face of recent plant closures and layoffs that affect not only city workers, but many from SDG as well.

Other dignitaries who brought words of encouragement and advice, included MP Guy Lauzon, MPP Jim Brownell and his counterpart at Queen's Park, MPP Jean Marc Lalonde. Honorary-Colonel of the SDG Highlanders, Bill Shearing, also had a congratulatory message and said he hoped that the previous bond between the counties and the Highlanders could be re-established.

Warden McDonell, who was unopposed in his election bid, was escorted to the warden's chair by his two sponsors, John Whitteker, County Council representative from South Dundas, and Frank Prevost, Deputy-Mayor of South Glengarry. Bill Smirle, the Deputy-Mayor of North Dundas, explained the history behind the warden's chain of office.

Warden McDonell introduced his wife, Margie, daughters Marion and Chelsea, both of whom are students at Queen's University, and his son, Bernie, who attends Char-Lan High School; his mother, Bessie McDonell, and his many brothers and sisters who were in attendance.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held at Quinn's Inn in St. Andrew's.

Local men charged with Glen Robertson burglary

Police Report

Three Glengarry males have been arrested in connection with a recent break-in at a Glen Robertson residence. Around 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 11, SDG OPP officers had the occasion to stop a 1993 Chevy Cavalier on Kincardine Street in Alexandria.

The stop revealed a quantity of stolen property, including a cement saw and a battery charger, valued at $1,300.

- Paul Fournier, 39, of Glen Robertson, was arrested and faces a criminal charge of Possession of Stolen Property.
- Corey Lee Lebrun, 18, of Glen Robertson was arrested and faces criminal charges of Possession of Stolen Property, Break and Enter and Theft, Possession of Break-in Instruments, Breach of Probation and Failing to Comply with Conditions of Release (seven counts.)
- Steve Seymour, 19, of Alexandria, was arrested and faces criminal charges of Possession of Stolen Property, Break and Enter and Theft, and Breach of Probation.

Stolen Vehicles Recovered

A check of a 2000 Chevy pickup pulling a trailer on SDG 45 revealed it had been reported stolen from the Valleyfield, Que., area in October 2005.

A 41-year old male from Ste-Justine de Newton, Que., appears in Alexandria court on Jan. 11 to face a criminal charge of Possession of Stolen Property.

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A 1997 black Mercury vehicle stolen from a residence on Ouellette Road, North Lancaster on Dec. 6 turned up in Laval, Que., the next day. Laval Police officers arrested a 21-year-old male from North Lancaster, who will face charges in Quebec courts.

Charges Laid

A Cornwall male turned himself into police after breaking into his ex-girlfriend's residence on SDG 2 around 2:15 a.m. on Dec. 6.

The 21-year-old faces charges of Assault, Uttering Threats, Break and Enter, and Criminal Harassment.

R.I.D.E. Charges

A South Glengarry man, who was in possession of marijuana, was arrested after the 2003 Chevy Cavalier he was driving was stopped at a RIDE checkpoint on SDG 18 in North Lancaster.

An investigation revealed that his driver's license was suspended and the car had been taken without the owner's consent.

The 40-year-old male from Concession Five faces criminal charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Taking a Motor Vehicle Without Owner's Consent, Driving While Disqualified and Breach of Probation (unrelated incident). He appears in Alexandria court on Jan. 11.

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Both the numbers of impaired drivers charged and checked vehicles at RIDE stops are up from last year over the course of the first two weeks of the holiday campaign.

The first week (Nov. 25 to Dec. 4) of the SDG OPP's "Festive RIDE" campaign led to two Impaired Driving (over 80 / Criminal Code) charges, two 12-hour suspensions and 11 other traffic related charges.

A total of 1,796 vehicles were checked between Nov. 25 and Dec. 4, up from 787 vehicles checked during the same period last year.

Week two (Dec. 5 to Dec. 11) resulted in 1203 vehicles being checked (up from 1083 last year) with 7 12-hour suspensions (up from 5) and three Impaired / Over 80 Criminal Code Charges (up from one.)

Calls for service Dec. 5-11

Traffic incidents	27
General calls	36
Criminal investigations	19
Traffic charges	94
Criminal Code charges	29
Motor vehicle accidents:	
Personal injury	0
Property damage	18
Fatals	0
12-hour suspensions	3
Impaired drivers	1
False alarms	18

Holiday Deadlines

The *Glengarry News* would like to remind advertisers and correspondents of the early newspaper deadlines this holiday season. The next edition of *The News* will come out on Tuesday, Dec. 20. As such, the deadline for classified ads is 1 p.m. on Friday Dec. 16. The deadline for displays ads is 3 p.m.

Columnists are asked to submit their copy no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16.

A 1 p.m. deadline is in place on Tuesday Dec. 20 for classified and display ads for the Dec. 28 edition.

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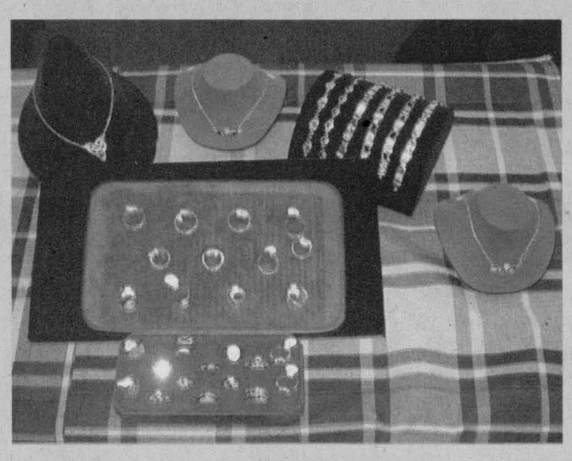

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Trees going down in South Glengarry despite opposition

By Sue Harrington
Glengarry News Correspondent

Safety won out over beauty at Monday night's council meeting in South Glengarry. Despite a last-minute plea by residents to save 17 maple trees growing on the Glen Roy Road allowance, council stuck to its stand.

The trees, which are estimated to be more than 100 years old, are to be felled by Cruickshank Construction. Cruickshank was awarded the tender, Monday, for the removal of more than 50 trees in the township, at a total cost of $48,490.13 (including taxes), or $839.22 per tree.

Luc Legroulx, the resident most affected by the loss of the trees which line the road in front of his property, presented a hastily-gathered petition to council. Mr. Legroulx explained that the trees were only marked for removal on Thursday, not leaving enough time for residents to mobilize adequately, nor to be able to be put on council's agenda as a delegation.

Nevertheless, council agreed to hear comments from the group in relation to its discussion on awarding the tender.

"I am concerned about the way this was done," said Mr. Legroulx. "None of us was consulted."

Although several of the residents in attendance said they did not know about the proposed felling until the trees were marked with "X"s, *The Glengarry News* carried at least three reports of the action to be taken, including a story Nov. 23, which specifically mentioned the Glen Roy trees.

In answer to a question from the audience, Public Works Director, Ewen MacDonald, explained the process of selection of the trees to be cut. Mr. MacDonald said he had been directed by council members to make an inventory of all trees growing on road allowances in the township.

"There was a desire from council to have a three metre clear zone," he said.

The trees to come down were identified using several different criteria. Considered were the health of the trees, the speed of traffic on the road, and the traffic count. Mr. MacDonald said that 1500 trees made the inventory list, of which about 50 were selected for felling this year.

The work is to be completed by June of 2006.

Councillor Ian McLeod summed up council's position in response to the audience's protests.

"Trees, although they are a thing of beauty, are also a thing of destruction.

"The township has lost many citizens because of trees. First and foremost, it's an issue of safety."

The removal of the trees along the Glen Roy Road had become a priority because of the safety issues at the intersection of the road with SDG 25. Residents had complained to both South Glengarry Council and the United Counties Council that something had to be done to make the intersection safer.

But the residents said Monday that the trees did not contribute to sightline problems at the corner. Mr. Legroulx also refuted the idea that cars had hit the maples over the years.

"I've lived there all my life. I don't ever recall a tree being hit. Hydro poles, maybe, but not trees," he said.

"There's absolutely no reason to cut down those trees.".

He said that Jim Hendry of the SDG Stewardship Council would like to look at the trees to make a proper assessment of their health. Mr. Legroulx welcomes some tree doctoring – cutting limbs and trimming – tasks he himself has undertaken over the years.

"Those trees will live for another 200 years if they're cared for," he told council.

South Glengarry Mayor Jim McDonell said he went to look at the trees to see what, if anything could be done to save them.

"It's a lot of trees and it will affect the area," he said. "I really thought I could do something, but it's worse than I remember."

Mr. McDonell suggested, that with council's blessing, the trees could be replaced with 10 foot high trees planted on the private property behind the existing maples. Residents would be given money for the replacement trees, but would have to be responsible for their planting, because they would be located on private property.

Mr. Legroulx also asked why the usual practice of allowing property owners to claim the wood after the trees had been cut down was not being followed in this case. The winning contractor will get the wood, which Mr. Legroulx estimates, from the Glen Roy maples alone, would be worth about $9,000.

"I would take it in a heartbeat," he said.

The mayor said it would be difficult with so many trees coming down throughout the township to assess who got what wood. He also said the township would have to pay the contractor more to remove the trees if the wood was not included in the tender.

Cruickshank was the second lowest of four bidders considered for the tender. The lowest, at $42,757.20 was passed over after the township's evaluation process deemed Cruickshank to have the higher score in the evaluation matrix.

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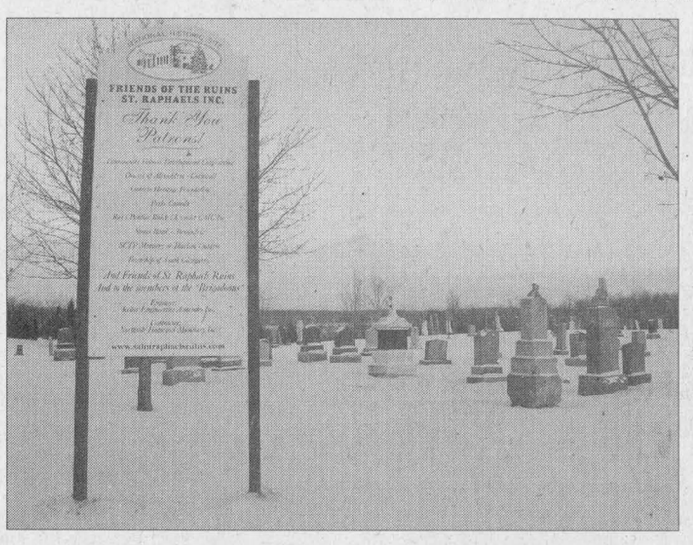
Mr. Legroulx contacted *The Glengarry News* Tuesday morning to say that he had been out measuring the trees to determine whether or not they were located in the three-metre clear zone.

While he found two that were obviously within three metres, the others he measured were located outside of the zone at varying distances over three metres.

He has left a message for the mayor to relay this information to council.



SIGN GOES UP: This newly erected sign, which was set up by the Friends of the Ruins of St. Raphael's, pays tribute to the many donors who assisted in the organization's past restorative work.
STEVEN WARBURTON PHOTO

Restoration campaign hits the $500,000 mark

By Steven Warburton
News Editor

The walls of St. Raphael's will remain standing for a very long time now that the Friends of the St. Raphael's Ruins have reached its fundraising goal.

To mark their progress, the Friends have erected a fundraising thermometer outside of the church, which stands on the south side of SDG 18. Although it shows the campaign as being just shy of $500,000, Friends' representatives say it will be updated very soon.

Last summer, the Friends finished restoration work on the exterior of the St. Raphael's landmark. This work included regrouting and pressure washing the giant stone walls of the South Glengarry edifice which was built in the 1800s and destroyed by fire in 1970.

Colleen Kennedy, President of the Friends, says that the bulk of the money came from donations. She singled out one fundraiser in particular.

"Donald and Judy Cameron of Florida gave us $35,000 and that sparked our campaign to match funds," says Mrs. Kennedy. "They really put the fire under us and now we've finished restoring the Ruins. The job has been completed."

She added that Mr. Cameron is a former parishioner of St. Raphael's.

As a gesture of gratitude, the Friends have erected another sign near the Ruins that thanks its many patrons for their generosity.

Those recognized include the Community Futures Development Corporation, South Glengarry Township, the Alexandria-Cornwall diocese, Ontario Heritage Foundation, Parks Canada, Scotiabank Alexandria, Roy's Pontiac Buick Chevrolet GMC Inc., and SCTP Ministry of Tourism Ontario.

The sign also acknowledges the ongoing work of the Friends and the "Brigadoons."

Mrs. Kennedy says that the Friends still need to raise money for ongoing expenses such as taxes, hydro, and insurance.

They also need to pay off a $91,000 loan they took out in 1999 when an earlier project to restore the inside of the church wound up going over budget.

Drive for community centre takes first steps in Glen Walter

By Steven Warburton
News Editor

If Glen Walter wants a new community centre, it's going to take a concerted effort from the area's residents.

That's the message voiced last Tuesday evening at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Purcell Road, where some 40 people attended a meeting to discuss the village's long-term and short-term recreational needs.

Actually, the Knights of Columbus hall is the de facto venue for almost any event taking place in Glen Walter. So earlier this year, when the Knights announced they were considering selling the building, it spurred the community into action.

One of the meeting's organizers, Frank Prevost, said that the news had a heavy impact on him.

"I was frightened that the building would sell and Glen Walter would be left with nothing," said Mr. Prevost, who stressed that he organized the meeting in his role as a Glen Walter resident, not as deputy mayor of South Glengarry.

He noted that the Knights are no longer planning to sell the building as they have opted for a five-year plan to increase its viability instead.

He added that if the village decided to open up a new community centre, the Knights would sell their building and donate some of the money to offset the new centre's building costs.

South Glengarry township has jumped on board, providing $15,000 for the year to help keep the Knights' hall running, which Mr. Prevost says should spur the community into action.

"I'm concerned that if we don't move forward and there's no commitment from the people, there's no incentive for the township to finance this hall," he said.

As it stands now, the Knights' hall serves a variety of purposes.

Rick Fontaine, a member of the Knights of Columbus, says that it's a popular venue for weddings, dances, stags and even served as a shelter during the ice storm.

What he'd like to know is what other uses could it serve.

"What we want is for people to come to us and ask if they can use the hall," he says.

"It's a great place for Highland dancing lessons and country line dancing."

Other suggestions bandied around included card parties, dart tournaments, and political meetings.

Some of the meeting's attendees had a broader scope to their visions.

Foreseeing a larger community centre, they discussed establishing a library, daycare centre, and better recreational facilities such as an arena and places for indoor sports like volleyball, basketball, and boxing, and even Judo.

Certainly, no one doubted that Glen Walter is a hot spot for recreation.

"I can remember when the Glen Walter park was initiated and people were asking why there was going to be a park in a community this size," says Vera Smith, a Glen Walter resident.

"But it's a very well-used park... anyone who's lived here for the past 10 years knows that this community is growing."

Marc Gagnon, a member of Glen Walter's sports committee, agrees. He said that baseball and soccer continue to gain popularity in the park and that there's even a shortage of parking spaces when these activities are in flight.

"We're running out of real estate in the park and we may need a bulldozer to expand it," he says.

Others pointed out that Glen Walter's Chamber of Commerce is well known for its Canada Day fireworks display and its annual Winter Carnival.

Glen Walter's Chris Bourgon ended the meeting by issuing a challenge to his fellow residents.

"There's only a handful of people who have a burning to turn this community into a place like Williamstown," he said, looking around at the empty chairs in the hall. "There's not many people here. Where is everybody else? We need a burning under people's butts.

"We need to get something going in this community.

"We don't deserve a community centre if more people don't show up."

The meeting's organizers provided surveys, asking for the village's input on what they'd like to see in their centre.

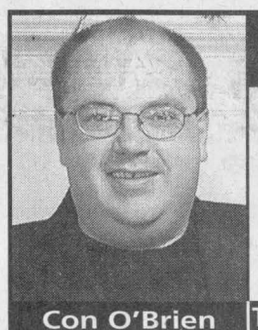
All in all, Mr. Prevost says the meeting was a success.

"I think there's more understanding as to where we should go as a committee," he said.

"In the future, we'll see more recommendations as to what the community wants."

Mr. Prevost says that he and the rest of the committee – which also includes Mr. Fontaine, Dan Brunet and Rick Roy of the Glen Walter Chamber of Commerce, and Dan Auger of the Knights of Columbus – will sift through the recommendations in the near future.

They hope to have some sort of diagram available for a follow-up public meeting which has been slated for Jan. 24.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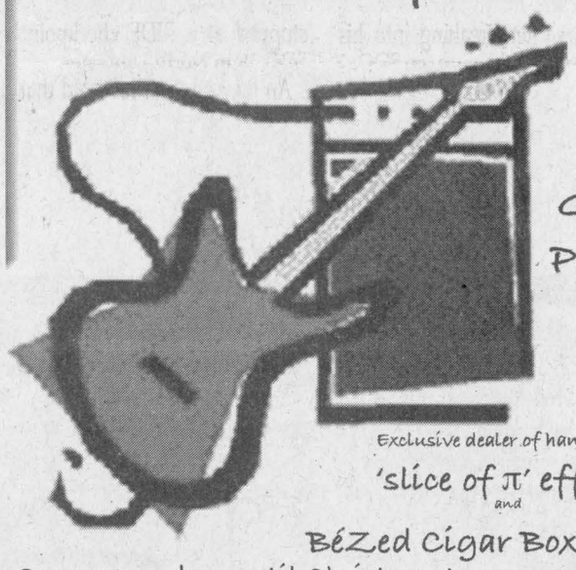
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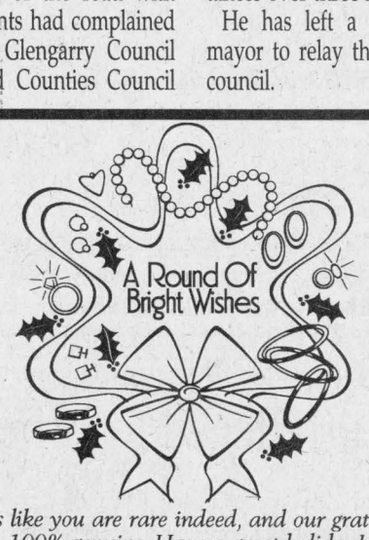

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SHARING YOUR FUTURE ... REMEMBERING YOUR PAST

Perception of Glengarry landscape changes with experiences

GUEST COLUMN



MARGARET CALDBICK

There is a ridge a quarter mile north the tiny hamlet of Lochiel, at Quigley's Corners, where my husband John and I live in a 1921 mansard-roofed shingle house which once served as the Glengarry Telephone Company Central. On top of this ridge some of Glengarry's earliest settlers built their log homes on very early Crown grant land. Local lore has it that the derelict log house in back of St. Alexander's church was built in 1787 by Donald Macdonell on land granted him for military service during the American Revolution.

The pioneers who settled on this ridge enjoyed a sweeping view of the land below them that gradually falls away to the flatlands hedging the St. Lawrence River. Folks on the hill acquired nicknames like John on-the-hill Macmillan who died in 1881, aged 85 years, and is buried in a old cemetery marked by a historical plaque at the foot of the ridge on the north side of Lochiel Road.

Further north on Old Military Road, after a dip down through a long, wide unpeopled valley fringed by deep woods and tended fields, is another rise, Danny Paul's Hill, named for D.P. Macmillan who farmed up here. It was, and is still called by oldtimers, Spooky Hill.

But it was on the first ridge, on a lane east of my neighbours the Macphersons, that I had a one of those brief fleeting encounters with nature that I especially enjoy. There, close at eye level, I spied a family of turkey vultures, their wings nearly flat as they rode the air currents up in wide soaring circles. Through my binoculars I could clearly see the naked heads and distinctive fingered wing tips of these large and graceful flyers.

This ridge also features in an experience my husband John had one bright breezy October day, with the continual call of Canada geese overhead. Shortly after we moved here, he was filling our little log barn to the rafters with the coming winter's firewood. Suddenly he heard the sound of a lone piper coming from the ridge. He remembers "the sound of the geese, the wind, and the pipes blended into one wild poetic melody, and I had my first perfect Glengarry moment: I thought, I've died and gone to Brigadoon."

Since then we have heard our neighbor Tom Macpherson practising many times, always unexpected, always with a little shiver of pleasure. When the geese aren't here, he's accompanied by singing dogs. We've also seen him in highland dress with the Quigley Highlanders, arrayed in a circle on a neighbour's lawn, at a church, at the games.

I bring up these experiences with "our ridge" as a way to explain how my perception of Glengarry landscape has changed since moving here in 1999. Growing up in the Eastern Townships of Quebec where our farm was located in the valley between Pine and Spruce Mountains, my emotional bias for beauty in landscape was for high hills and deep valleys. When I first travelled in Glengarry in the 70s all I saw was flat land.

Ethan Gilsdorf in his absorbing piece on Glengarry, reprinted from the *Boston Globe*, which appeared in this space several weeks ago, made much of how flat the county is. He's right. The Soil Map of Glengarry describes the region as one of low relief, rising from 150 feet above sea level along the banks of the St. Lawrence to a maximum elevation of 375 feet, near Maxville at the western edge of the county. Nonetheless, north of the village, the hill at St. Elmo is steep enough to cause my 20-year old Toyota to slow down in order to creep over the crest of the hill.

Now everywhere I travel in Glengarry I see gently rolling landscape broken by occasional dramatic rises in the topography, affording views of an undulating patchwork of croplands, lines and patches of trees and cattle grazing in meadows, the blue silhouette of the Adirondacs visible far to the south. I have become like the many who have settled in Glengarry before me – a connoisseur of the beauty of our region, of the curves in the land, the surprising wildness of our second-growth forests and marshes, of our languid meandering streams and our few but beautiful lakes and ponds.

Stuart McCormick (1905-1992) was and remains Glengarry's most outstanding regional painter. It's estimated that he produced over 3,000 paintings and sketches of our area in his lifetime which today command high prices when they do come on the market. His paintings reveal his deep love of the landscape, of its buildings, and above all its sweeping skies.

They also reveal a his finely developed artist's eye for what makes Glengarry beautiful. There's a fascinating chapter in Mario Livio's book, The Golden Ratio, a history of the remarkable number pi. It's an analysis of why artists recognize the beauty of logarithmic spirals. Leonardo for instance, used the spiral everywhere in his art – in the gentle curves in clouds, water, rolling hills, the line of a woman's cheek. We learn that these spirals are repeated everywhere in nature, from sunflowers to seashells to giant spiral galaxies. In landscape we can also see them in our own rolling topography.

For the farmer and the first settlers of Glengarry the land here, once it was cleared with backbreaking effort and drained for cultivation, became familiar, harmonious, pleasing. In her St. Andrew's Day service, the Reverend Elisabeth Bachem of the United Church in Kirkhill described the experience of the ancestors of many in the congregation, uprooted Highlanders who landed in Glengarry. She asked us to imagine how they must have missed their homeland, the mountains, the lakes, their homes. But she continued, reminding us that these pioneers soon grew attached to their new home, the beauty of its landscape and its promise of a new beginning.

If my words have verged on being sentimental, please forgive me. We're all aware of the challenges facing our community and our farmers in particular. There will always be problems with crime, weather, bad neighbours, unemployment – this list could continue ad infinitum. But we do live in a place that inspired Stuart McCormick to paint serene scenery with dazzling expansive skies. We don't have big mountains to ruin our sunsets, or ski hills, condominium projects or big lakes to drive our property values through the roof. But we do live in a special place, a refuge from the bland incoherence of strip malls, big box stores and tract housing that has swallowed up so many places I've seen, which once had a life of their own.

Thorns & Thistles



THISTLE – Judge sticking to the facts.

There's little doubt that public sentiment has sided strongly with Gaetan's Chip Stand in the ongoing soap opera over North Glengarry's decision to try and terminate the lease for this Alexandria institution.

Still, courts are bound by law not sentiment and Judge Robert Smith, a self-confessed patron, on occasion, of the chipstand was being more than judicious in advising the chipstand's counsel that any attempt to introduce public outcry into the legal process would be poorly received.

How the legal issues will play out in this, the preliminary round of the case involving only Gaetan's bid for an injunction remains to be seen.

Nonetheless, the time for public sentiment to become involved is less than a year away when the next municipal election is held.

At that point, depending upon which of the major players stand for election, the public will have its opportunity to pass judgment and it won't be bound by legal niceties.



THISTLE – Maxville milk in the clear.

It's been a long struggle for local dairy producers Donald and Janice Blaney since that fateful day back in May when they learned their milk production was not suitable for human consumption.

And even though the couple were compensated for their efforts during the ensuing months while the Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) declined to ship their milk, there must have been a sense of dread hanging over their heads as officials from the DFO and the provincial ministry of environment (MOE) conducted extensive tests of the milk and attempted to determine the source of the problem.

Interestingly, the MOE has yet to link the problem with the Blaney's milk to the train derailment in Maxville on May 2, in which 80,000 litres of ethanol were spilled, even though the problems on the Maxville-area farm occurred shortly thereafter.

Nonetheless, at some point someone's going to have pay for what amounts to five months of spilt milk and it seems somewhat unlikely that it will be the Blaneys, much less the Dairy Farmers of Ontario.



THORN – SDG leftovers.

It's good to hear that there was some laughter around the North Glengarry Township council table of late, even if it's about something that's anything but a laughing matter.

In this case, the subject is whether the township should be forced to take over the upkeep of "leftover" road from the county's controversial SDG 45 reconstruction project, which is still not completed – but that's another story.

Nonetheless, the leftovers involve the portion of Kenyon Dam Road which extends southward from the original junction of SDG 45 and was part of SDG 45 before the Counties constructed the sweeping curve that takes vehicles in an easterly direction to link up with SDG 34.

Aside from whether there is any precedent about the Counties handing leftovers back to lower-tier municipalities, this particular situation could have been avoided if SD&G had not taken the route it did, which involved expropriation of local land. The Counties created the mess and should at least put the road back in reasonable condition before abandoning it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Straight facts

Before Ms. Collard goes on a rant accusing the GLA of being misleading in our representation of the facts, maybe she should get her own facts straight.

When we present figures showing North Glengarry as having the highest taxes in Eastern Ontario, the information comes from neighbouring municipal offices as well as our own, not from a five year old SD&G website showing numbers from wards which existed prior to amalgamation.

Here are the correct figures again for scrutiny. South Glengarry, $1,657; North Dundas, $1,601; North Stormont, $1,574; Nation, $1,451; South Stormont, $1,429; Alfred-Plantagenet, $1,385; East Hawkesbury, $1,363; Vankleek Hill, $1,297; Longueuil, $1,271; L'Orignal, $1,220; West Hawkesbury, $1,218; North Glengarry, $1,726.

These are taxes on a $100,000 home.

With regards to the development fee, it may be true that the GLA doesn't know what the final figure would be.

But, in the presentation made to council in late September 2005 by Calvin Pol, North Dundas was used as an example to help justify a development fee here.

The development fee which in North Dundas is $2,800, approximately twice the taxes on a $100,000 house in that jurisdiction.

Now, given that North Glengarry council has never worried about high taxes and their effect on ratepayers, it's not much of a stretch to imagine them following North Dundas's lead.

Instead of attacking the GLA and our efforts to get taxes under control by reigning in municipal spending, Ms. Collard may want to ponder why North Glengarry township is in the landlord business with our property on Main Street, purchasing and upgrading it to the tune of $100,000 and counting.

Please tell us why this council voted to purchase a new pick-up truck for the drainage inspector after he submitted an astronomical mileage claim.

The GLA isn't in the habit of distorting facts to suit our purposes.

We'll leave that to the North Glengarry politicians and their apologists in the public at large.

Ms. Collard, we never claimed to speak for everyone, just the 500 North Glengarrians who have had enough of high taxes, high municipal spending and this council's hig- handed ways.

With regard to the sign you find so offensive, we would rather be up front and tell people the truth, so it will remain, although we are considering moving it in the near future to a new location closer to the downtown core.

We hear the township wants to come on board and provide lighting, at least for the upcoming festive season.

Jim Picken / Glengarry Landowners' Association

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Charlottenburgh trails

The recent article in *The News* about the Charlottenburgh trails made me wonder if the township shouldn't just take over the daily operation of this park instead of charging volunteers for doing the work of the recreation department.

I use the term park loosely as the area is actually the buffer zone for the dump and as such may well one day end up under many metres of garbage but until then it's a great place for technical riding, without the environment and wildlife issues associated with a provincial or federal park.

Prior to the trails and stunts at "the 'burgh", the forest was the exclusive playground for deer hunters, people target-practising or partying in the pit area or a place for rogue ATVers to poach rides on the snowmobile trail.

I assumed that people gliding silently through the forest on bicycles would be a welcome change but some still insist that cyclists are to blame for all the problems.

Then again I can't speak for all the riders, especially the growing numbers coming from all parts of North America and even Europe, who come to the 'burgh to ride the great trails and stunts.

Many thanks to Gateway Riders and especially John Bolton for his enormous contribution of time and energy to build this ride venue in the first place and proving that a need exists for such a park.

Now local riders don't have to drive a hour to Brockville, Kanata or Gatineau Park to enjoy this sport because Glengarry has just as much to offer, regardless if it's cross country, BMX or technical stunt riding.

Gateway Riders set up the ride events to raise thousands of dollars for various charities and regularly supplied trail workers with water and food donated by various businesses.

By the way, there is no resident landowner adjacent to the park, only the late Mr. DeRonde lived next door and he was more than happy to allow trails on his property.

Gateway Riders at the insistence South Glengarry's Marcel Laprierre, did pay large amounts for insurance only to find out that it wasn't really needed in the first place.

I doubt a refund is an option.

At a recent council meeting, Mr Lapierre said there was concern that bikes would have an effect on the wildlife in the area and I can only assume that he's talking about the rats and seagulls from the dump itself.

I don't believe a person on a bike can impact wildlife as much as someone on an ATV or a hunter with a gun!

Single-track bike trails are less than a metre wide and built by hand with strict zero impact guidelines but the snowmobile trail through the swamp is a 6-7 metres wide corridor cleared by an excavator.

Mr Lapierre's concern about insurance for riders doesn't make sense when hunters are still allowed to target practise in the pit and hunt from tree stands while there are riders in the forest and people at the dump.

There is something blatantly wrong with charging volunteers for rent or redundant insurance premiums when they're doing a job that maybe the recreation department should be doing instead of cutting grass at unused ball diamonds.

The 'burgh was built by volunteers at no cost to the township or the recreation department and has been well received by everyone in the cycling community, worldwide.

Unfortunately there will always be a bully on the beach ready to kick over someone else's sandcastle.

Fortunately there are still many other places to ride locally where the only harassment is from the mosquitoes and deer flies.

John vanBaal / Williamstown

Privileged information

Why don't people listen when they are told something instead of misinterpreting a conversation to satisfy themselves.

I am talking about a phone conversation that took place between myself and a client representative with a company in Alexandria several weeks ago.

False information was given out that involved me in a sense and consequently put me in a vulnerable situation with another person.

The point I'm trying to make here is: had anything been said on any subject it would have been privileged information between client and representative.

In repeating any personal conversation and in this case, wrongly interpreted, constitutes the breach of client confidentiality, maligning a client's reputation and a breach of the privacy act that is so important these days in a lot of businesses.

This is a place of business and not a place for gossip.

With people like that serving the public it tends to make a person very uncomfortable and one has to wonder just how seriously they take your patronage.

Lily Bissonnette / Greenfield

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tactics of deception, distraction

If it weren't so disgusting it might be ludicrous. The "new-look" Liberals under Paul Martin again pull out their old political tactics of deception and distraction. Will voters again display their gullibility?

In appointing Judge Gomery to exonerate him Martin attempts to distract the public from the real issue of wide-spread Liberal corruption and old tired " pork barrel" politics.

This corruption goes far beyond the Quebec Sponsorship thing. When the whistle blower, Allan Cutler, first reacted in November, 1995 it was the concern about Paul Martin's finance department awarding Earnscliff, an Ottawa-based Public Relations firm, a $250,000 contract for no discernible work. This was well before the Sponsrship ad program was set up. Earnscliff, was swarming with Maetin's cronies – Scott Reid, David Herle, Terrie O'Leary, Michael Robinson, Elly Alboim, and Francis Fox, all of whom have since gone on to join the prime minister's staff. Fox was even made a Senator in August.

Obviously the Sponsorship Scandal was only one small example among many indiscretions like the billion-dollar disappearance from the Human Resources department, billions of dollars overrun in the gun control, the ill-advised helicopter cancellation (for which we paid needless penalties), and more .....I could go on and on.

This mode of operation is on-going: Witness Martin's patronage appointments. An interesting example is his appointment of the Winnepeg Liberal to the Senate so he could put Glen Murray in the riding.

When Murray failed to win the seat, Martin appointed him to the Canadian Economic and Environmental Commission, the members of which met with Murray and rejected him as unsuitable. Martin overruled them and insisted on Murray's placement .

Some might question the integrity and objectiveness of Gomery's findings. As Martin ordered, he could only deal with Chapters 3 and 4 of the auditor general's report (which dealt with the Quebec Sponsorship program) but not to look at Chapter 5 which concerned Earnscliff.

Curiously suspicious! He also seemed to ignore testimony from senior insiders who implicated Martin, himself. There was Alain Renault. Warren Kinsella offered to table copies of letters he had written to the Finance Department about the indiscretions. Gomery, however, seems to aid the ploy of diversion and suggests some scapegoats.

Despite his indication of finding no direct evidence he suggests that Jean Chretien bears responsibilty but goes to extraordinary lengths to exonerate Mr. Martin. I would much doubt Chretien's innocence on the matter but his lawyers will probably have no difficulty in pointing out such bias. And all of this has been at a cost of $32 million? To give the appearance that these are the "good guy" "mad as hell" Liberals a la Paul Martin .....Some say that the Martin/Chretien government managed to eliminate the deficit. Considering the context we might see that this had less to do with Liberal acumen than with the favourable financial circumstances they inherited.

As the outgoing Conservative government's tenure was coming to a close in 1992-93 much money was starting to flow into Ottawa. The Mulroney administration had negotiated the Free Trade Agreement with the Americans. Also the Mulroney government instituted the Goods and Services Tax in 1991 for which they paid a huge political price.

Both of these measures were opposed by the Liberals who vowed to scrap them when elected. When the Liberals came to power in 1993 they found it profitable to renege on both these promises. There was just too much money coming in. Easy to balance the budget now. Besides, Liberals in office have quite a history of abandoned promises.

The American economy was booming large surpluses during the Clinton era. The turnaround of the Ontario and Alberta economies and also showered Ottawa's coffers. Martin used excessive employment insurance premium surpluses and cut back all sorts of programs. One of Jack Layton's recent pledges is to restore $4 billion that the Liberals cut from post secondary education. The Liberal record of corruption, patronage appointments, cronyism and attitude of entitlement is clear. It is unconscionable and irresponsible to condone this kind of lack of integrity by allowing them anything close to re-election.

Richard Bleile / Green Valley

Best Christmas present

I wish to send a heartfelt vote of thanks to our local MP Guy Lauzon (Conservative) and his hardworking assistant Claire Lavallee for their help in obtaining my original birth certificate. I had been trying since 1986, the year I applied for my first passport, to have the date corrected.

I was born in Quebec and the ministry there used my baptismal certificate as proof of my birthdate. Unfortunately, the date on this document was incorrect but had been signed by both my parents and godparents. My social insurance card, Canada Pension and soon my Old Age Security all had the incorrect date. It seemed as though I would go to my grave with this mistake until I contacted Mr. Lauzon. This is the best Christmas present I have ever received.

Janice Montreuil / RR1, Lancaster

The same old gang

Have you ever observed a more chipper enthusiastic gang of happy squanderers cluttering up your TV screen than the Martin-Chretien Liberals? Chretien is gone, you say? Oh, but his apprentices still walk the floors of Parliament and sit in places of power.

The gang hasn't changed. It's the same worn-out unimaginative crew, that are now attempting to bribe you with your own money. The money that they can now waste because they overtaxed you in the first place.

Promises, promises – anything to get elected and keep their place at the trough. More boondoggles, corruption and patronage are awaiting on the horizon unless the electorate of Ontario suddenly awakens and realizes that this kind of thing could possibly be wrong.

Do you really want your daycare system run with the same ineptitude that was shown in the gun registry? Do you really think that these guys should be in charge of toilet-training your children? You don't want your kids running around wearing Pampers when they are eighteen, do you?

Truthful Dalton McGuinty came out in support of his federal accomplices last week. Doesn't that just put the icing on the cake? I'd believe anything that Dalton says, just like I would believe Jack the Ripper saying that he only used that knife of his to butter his toast.

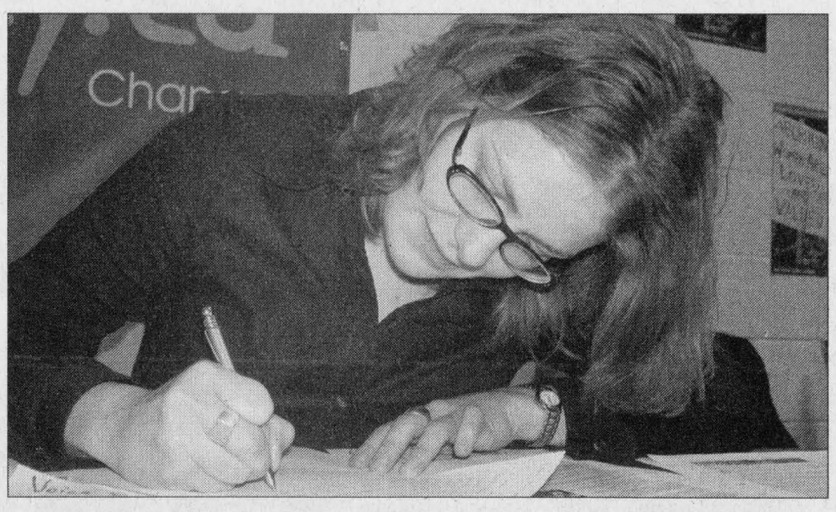
Dale Dawson / Vankleek Hill

Mailbox bashing a concern

I would like to bring up the subject of mailbox bashing of several boxes and other damage in the mobile home park and up the 1st of Kenyon recently. This is just not funny. This is vandalism punishable by the law. My box was one of them, the second time this year.

Therefore, I would like these people to know that a pinhole camera will be installed near my mailbox and a picture will be taken of anybody damaging my mailbox in the future. They will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and their parents will be charged for the cost of all repairs. It seems to me that parents should know where and what their children are doing when they go out after dark.

Winnifred Williams / Alexandria



AIDAN BURGESS WRITES A LETTER FOR AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty collects 307 letters

As Christmas approaches, some Glengarrians are unwilling to allow those less fortunate to make it through the holiday season without some kind of encouragement.

They proved this at Glengarry District High School last Friday by participating in a letter-writing campaign for Amnesty International's Human Rights Day.

Amnesty volunteer Bill Gilsdorf reports that 307 letters were produced, eclipsing last year's total of about 250.

"Last year there were just a lot of signed cards," he says. "But this year there were more kids doing signed letters."

Mr. Gilsdorf says that many of the school's students wrote letters to both prisoners of conscience and political leaders. He added that members of the general public also dropped by to do their part.

One such person is Aidan Burgess, who graduated from GDHS in 1997 when she lived in North Lancaster.

"I came back just to do this (write a letter)," says Ms. Burgess, who is waiting to be called to the bar after studying law at Queen's University. "I think it's important to write letters and create awareness."

Ms. Burgess wrote to Dr. Marcio Thomas Bastos, Brazil's Minister of Justice, asking him to protect his citizens from police brutality and violence.

– Steven Warburton

Residents assisting SG council in trimming child care budget

BY SUE HARRINGTON
Glengarry News Correspondent

A delegation from the South Glengarry Child Care Centre appeared before the township's regular meeting Monday, to give an update on the facility and to present council with a cheque for $1,000.

The money was raised by volunteers and staff of the centre through sales of Krispy Kreme donuts at last summer's Williamstown Fair.

Delegation spokesperson, Andy Rorabeck, told council that the group was taking council's instructions for belt-tightening seriously. Last year South Glengarry Council considered closing the facility for cost-cutting reasons and because some members of council objected to what they saw as subsidized day care for parents who could afford to pay more.

Supporters of the child care centre, which was formerly the Charlottenburgh Nursery School, promised to investigate ways and means to cut down on council's contribution.

Parents are now paying more to have their children attend the facility.

Mr. Rorabeck also said that Nevada tickets were going to be sold at Henderson's store in the new year and other fundraisers would be instigated.

Jane Grant, supervisor of the centre, was reported to be looking into the Best Start initiative with a local school, whereby some of the funding which the province has given to school boards can be accessed.

Councillor Ian McLeod asked Mr. Rorabeck about federal funding programs which didn't materialize last year.

"Is there anything there this year?'

Mr. Rorabeck replied that area representatives had been contacted, but that the forthcoming election was standing in the way of action.

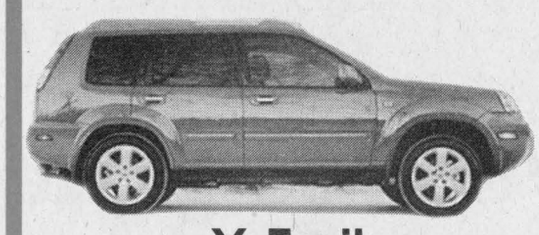
"With the advent of the federal election, we are getting more promises than anything at the moment," he told council.

Mayor Jim McDonell praised the staff and volunteers for what he called "a lot of containment in expenses," and said the child care centre issue would be discussed again during budget deliberations in April.

One of the original founders of the facility 33 years ago, spoke of the time and effort required at that time to convince the council of the day that the nursery school was a benefit to the youngsters of the municipality. Saying she was speaking "from the heart," Carol Edwards said that "child care" meant education.

"As a mother, grandmother and teacher, I cannot emphasize enough the value of childhood education," she said.

"You do not have a mediocre facility. This is a gem that your community must never, ever, cut back on."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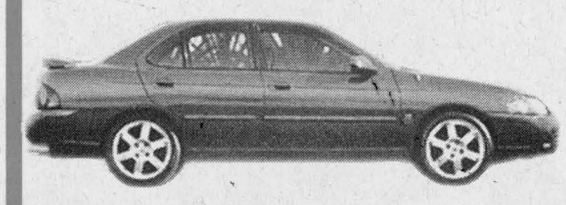
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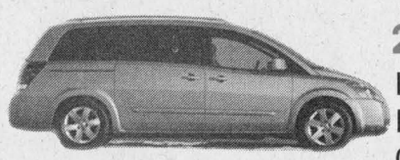
One Left 
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Recreation tops list in Ottawa-train study

By Pete Bock
News Reporter

Ottawa is a destination for recreation and travel, rather than a place for work, according to feedback offered by a small band of area residents participating in a commuter train focus group in Alexandria last week.

Yet the thought of a stress-free 40-minute train ride into the city sounds very appealing to National Capital Commission (NCC) employee, Mark Burleton, who lives minutes outside of Alexandria.

"Not having to drive in winter would be brilliant," Mr. Burleton told consultants with RailTrust, who are conducting a study to see whether a rail transit system is viable for the Highway 417 corridor to Ottawa.

But as a commuter, he was in the minority of those attending the meeting held at the Island Park building Thursday night. And it was funny that his elementary school age son Josh, who tagged along for the evening, was more indicative of the voices heard. Josh talked about how, on occasion, it would be nice to get out of the country and into the malls for some shopping.

Excursions for evening shows, trips to seek medical and professional services, along with recreational activities, seemed to top the list of desired outings sounded by the focus group of just under 10 participants.

Skating on the Rideau Canal and biking in the Gatineau hills is what catches Apple Hill resident Doreen Hutton's imagination.

"Montreal already has a solid commuter base to Alexandria, and I think Ottawa is the sleeper in this, because both Ottawa and Alexandria are called on to develop mightily."

– HARRY GOW –

"My husband and I would like to be able to throw our bikes onto the train," Ms. Hutton said.

Although RailTrust director Harry Gow thinks there are a significant number of Ottawa commuters in the region, the comments addressing outings to the city didn't go unnoticed.

"It is quite obvious Alexandria is a place where people will benefit by having greater, faster access to Ottawa recreation and shopping opportunities," Mr. Gow said in a follow-up interview. "We think the immediate market may be in that line, but we think with development of the town, through the new water and sewer infrastructure, you'll see a rising demand for commuting.

"Montreal already has a solid commuter base to Alexandria, and I think Ottawa is the sleeper in this, because both Ottawa and Alexandria are called on to develop mightily."

At this point though, most of the group shared memories of using the train to head to Montreal. Retired 40-year CN employee Peter Bellware of Alexandria talked about the wonderful social aspect of train travel and his club of friends from train 3037.

"Today there is so much talk of road rage," Mr. Bellware said, "on the train you get to work in good humour."

Alexandria's excellent train access to Montreal should be exploited by the municipality, according to Ms. Hutton.

"Had we known more about it, we might have moved out here earlier," said the former Montreal-area resident.

This is a thought North Glengarry planning manager and clerk Terry Hart picked up on. He suggested the municipality may use the benefit in its future plans to lure residents from Montreal's West Island to the region.

As a follow-up to the Thursday evening discussion, the RailTrust consultants talked to business people in Maxville Tuesday morning about the Ottawa commuter train proposal. They are also soliciting more public input through a questionnaire that will be posted on North Glengarry's website shortly.

According to Mr. Gow, a next step in the process is discussing operating options with VIA Rail and the 417 Bus Lines. He also cautions that his group's work is simply a prefeasibility study.

"We are only, at the end of the day, saying it looks like something that could be done, or it looks like the obstacles are too daunting," Mr. Gow said. "We are not there yet, but that will be the result of this first report."



SANTA ON ICE: Alexandria's Sara Hay, 5, (left) and Mackenzie van Loon, 7, go skating with Santa at the Glengarry Sports Palace last weekend. The public skate was part of a fundraising raffle hosted by St. Finnan's Catholic School to help purchase new playground equipment. PETER KOVESSY PHOTO

South Glengarry Notebook

Lights at medical centre disrupting residents' sleep

James O'Leary, who resides at Glen Cairn Lodge in Lancaster, asked council to shade a light located on the township-owned Lan-Char Medical Centre property. The light shines directly into his bedroom, disrupting his sleep.

Mr. O'Leary, who insisted he was only asking for the light to be deflected from his window and who even offered to make some sort of shielding device himself, said he had been asking Lan-Char tenants and township staff for a solution to the problem for 18 months to no avail.

"So I decided to take it to a higher body," he told council.

Mayor Jim McDonell said he had not heard about the problem previously, but would take a look at the light to see what could be done.

Clerk-treasurer, Michel Samson, said that the light served to illuminate the whole parking lot and if it were to be partly shielded, half of the lot would be in shade.

Brazen robbers caught

OPP Sgt. Brian Eadie reported that 36 charges have been laid against three adult males, believed responsible for a string of 12 break and enters in South Glengarry over a short time frame in the last few weeks.

Sgt. Eadie also said that some of the stolen property had been recovered and that the OPP would be contacting affected homeowners for them to identify their belongings.

RIDE program in full swing

Holiday merrymakers run the risk of being stopped in the OPP's RIDE program.

Sgt. Eadie reported that officers had checked 3000 vehicles over the last two weeks. Nine drivers were given 12 hour suspension and five were charged with impaired driving.

A quantity of marijuana was also seized during one routine check.

Lots of parades

South Glengarrians love a parade: Lancaster, Martintown and now Glen Walter. The latter's Christmas parade takes place this Sunday at 11 a.m. starting from the Glen Walter Firehall and ending at the RRCA building at Grey's Creek.

The Blue Anchor Restaurant in Glen Walter will be a smoke-free zone for the day so that children and parents have a place to go to get warm.

Beaudette River

Final reading was given to bylaw 35-05 allowing the township to proceed with maintenance on the Beaudette River. The $200,000 project will be charged to affected property owners, likely over a two year period, but possibly over three years, Clerk-treasurer, Mike Samson told council.

Work will start at Glen Nevis and will end about two miles west of SDG 34. The portion of the river where the work will take place is a municipal drain.

COMRIF agreement

South Glengarry has signed an agreement with the province under Intake 1 of the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF). Earlier this year, council had received confirmation of the approval of its submission for the reconstruction of Tyotown Road.

The award was based on an eligible cost of $1.65 million, with each of the three levels of government contributing $550,000.

Support for FarmGate5

Council passed a resolution backing FarmGate5, a group of supporters of Ontario's dairy and poultry farmers who believe that Canada must continue to work to support a balanced trade position at the World Trade Organization.

Despite FarmGate5's spokesperson not showing up to make a presentation at the meeting as scheduled, council was unanimous in its support.

"All the countries in the world seem to support their agriculture more than we do," said Mayor McDonell.

Another road for ATV'ers

South Glengarry tacked another road on to the list of those where four-wheelers may travel under the township's seasonal bylaw.

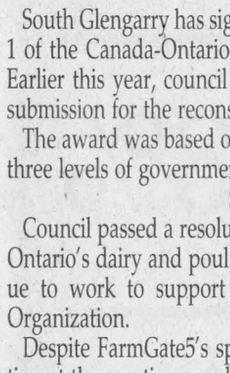
Purcell Road, from the 401 to Laura Street, was added to the bylaw after it was found to have been accidentally omitted earlier.

House moving costs

Work on the Tyotown Road may involve moving a residence back a stretch from the road.

Staff was instructed to look into the costs associated with such a move by contacting a local house-moving firm.

– Sue Harrington



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Landowners throw support behind Conservatives

The **Glengarry Landowners' Association** (GLA) is backing Conservative candidates Pierre Lemieux and Guy Lauzon in the Jan. 23 federal election.

The decision came following a joint meeting between Landowner Association directors from Glengarry and Prescott and Russell on Dec. 6.

According to GLA Director Jamie MacMaster, the decision is based on "the Conservative Party's commitment to enshrine property rights in Canada's Constitution – the very principle that gave birth to the Landowner movement."

Mr. MacMaster says that this will "limit the ability of the government to intrude on to people's property and into their wallets.

"The fastest growing industry in government is regulations and regulations invariably involves some form of intrusion."

Pierre Lemieux is running for the Conservatives in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell while **Guy Lauzon** is running in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry.

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Liberal candidate **René Berthiaume** opened his Alexandria office at 1 Main St. S last week with the help of several prominent supporters.

Current MP Don Boudria assured the roughly 20 supporters and campaign workers that they would be "in good hands" with Mr. Berthiaume while North Glengarry deputy-mayor William Hagen said the township is looking forward to a productive relationship with Glengarry-Prescott-Russell's next member of Parliament.

Mr. Berthiaume's Alexandria headquarters features a flat-screen TV situated in the front window playing a looped promotional video. The interior of the office remains sparse with campaign signs covering the walls and (Liberal) red poinsettias on the tables.

Mr. Berthiaume, who first started working in the riding in 1978, said his campaign will focus on economic development and agriculture.

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Cornwall's **Elaine MacDonald** returns to the political arena for a rematch with Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry's incumbent, Guy Lauzon.

Ms. MacDonald, a teacher at St. Lawrence Intermediate School and President of the Cornwall and District Labour Council, ran for the NDP in the June, 2004 election, where she garnered 5,387 votes.

Meanwhile, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell held its nomination meeting Tuesday night. The results were not available as of press deadline.

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Tom Manley was hitting the campaign trail pretty hard last week in South Glengarry.

The riding's Liberal candidate spent all day last Wednesday touring areas like Glen Walter, Williamstown, Lancaster, Green Valley, and St. Raphael's.

For the most part, the former deputy leader of the Green Party says he's getting a positive reception and is pleasantly surprised that there's little anger over the forthcoming winter election.

"People are taking it in stride," he says.

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The Marijuana Party is running a candidate in Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.

Ghana-born **Angelina K. Abbew**, 30, says she's running for the party because she has an interest in politics and wants to address issues such as unemployment and affordable housing.

Ms. Abbew, who lives in Champlain, also promises to "express your rights to use the herb and not be treated as a common criminal."

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The Christian Heritage Party is fielding a candidate in Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry. St. Andrew's resident **Carson Chisholm** says he will run for the party. More on the party's platform can be seen at its Internet website: www. chp.ca

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Reducing our dependence on oil by developing alternative energy sources and improving food quality are two priorities of South Glengarry Green Party candidate **Doug Beards**.

Mr. Beards argues that if cheap alternative energy sources – such as ethanol, solar and wind power – were available, industries such as Domtar could remain viable.

Additionally, he says the research and development of alternative energy sources would spur job growth in the region.

Mr. Beards, who grows his own vegetables and produces his own beef and poultry on his North Dundas farm, would like small-scale farming to become more viable by having more locally-grown produce available in the marketplace.

Glengarry-Prescott-Russell has also fielded a Green Party candidate, **Bonnie Jean-Louis** of Hawkesbury.

ELECTION NOTEBOOK

Pageant presented at White Gift Sunday



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This Sunday, Dec. 18, is White Gift Sunday at St. Andrew's United Church. Donations of non-perishable food will be collected for the less fortunate. You are asked to please bring your contributions in white plastic bags, rather than wrapping them in white paper. Apparently, gifts wrapped in paper – especially white computer paper – take volunteers helping with the distribution forever to unwrap.

The children of the Sunday School will be presenting a pageant on Sunday as well. Church time in Williamstown is 9:30 a.m.

And a note to all of you ladies out there who might be wanting to attend services, but don't feel like going on your own. There are many others in the same situation who are present each week and who will welcome you!

Warden sworn in

It was a fine moment for Williamstown on Friday, when Jim McDonell, aka the Mayor of South Glengarry, was sworn in as Warden of the United Counties of SDG for 2006. After all, wardens from South Glengarry only come along every six years and from Williamstown itself, definitely less frequently. In the pre-amalgamation days of old, a Williamstown warden (not to be confused with a Warden from Williamstown), was an even rarer beast. In fact, I think the last warden prior to Jim who called Williamstown home might have been Archibald MacDonell, and he was in office in 1967! Still there have been others from the Williamstown "environs" who have held the lofty title, most recently Tyotown's Frank Prevost in 2000, and prior to that, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, who at the time lived in Glen Walter.

On Friday the council chambers at the counties' building in Cornwall were full to overflowing with spectators who had come to watch the ceremony. Jim's family was out in force: his wife, Margie, and their daughters Marion and Chelsea, both of whom had travelled home from Queen's University in Kingston for the big event, despite exam time being right around the nail-biting corner, and their son Bernie, whose absence from Char-Lan High School could be termed to be for "educational," rather than recreational purposes. (Besides, Aunt Sharon could always vouch for his presence!)

Jim's proud mother, Bessie McDonell was there, and his uncle, Dr. Allan McLeod, who was credited with bringing most of the family into the world. Then there were the siblings: Chris (and Yvonne), Harold, Shannon, Colleen (and Frank), Barbara, Randy (and Sharon), Kathy (and Morris) and David (and Lise).

Among the well-wishers was a contingent from Williamstown, many of them from the St. Bridget's Amateur Theatre Guild (or Group, or whatever it is). Perhaps we'll see a little good-natured political ribbing worked into the next Irish production?

Christmas parties

Christmas parties have had us romping and stomping for the past few weeks. Know how to tell a constant partyer? Count the rings under his eyes!

Word has it there is a wonderful new venue for holiday get-togethers right here in Williamstown. Jack's Pub now has a beautiful dining room at the back of the building, with its own separate entrance, and is a perfect spot for parties. In fact, feed-back from one local group that did its holiday feasting there, was that the food was fantastic and plentiful. Members were also surprised at the dining room's capacity – much bigger, apparently, than it looks from the outside.

Schnitzel chef, Dennis, is continuing to make a name for himself at Jack's. One of these days I'll get there and do a review in the style of those snotty restaurant critics in big city papers.

"My guest had the Barbotte grilled in California Maple leaves and smothered in Raisin River house sauce,...delectable, except for the whisker which remained on the fish face. It was a trifle tough."

Seriously, though, it's great to know we now have a good place to dine right here in the village. Bravo, Norma and Ken and restaurant staff!

Manor House

One of last week's parties took place at the Sir John Johnson Manor House on Friday evening as committee members gathered for a short business meeting, followed by a lovely meal and lots of socializing.

Committee chairperson Wendy Wert kept the meeting zipping along and then nipped into the kitchen to do double duty as caterer along with members of the group's social committee: Soni Sandilands, Maureen Stephens, Joyce Lewis and Carol Edwards.

Well done, ladies! Lots of laughs under the frosted windows. "Much more" than ever before, you might say, thanks to the misfortunes of a certain miller.

Twenty years

Well, well, well, "your correspondent" has been toiling away at this weekly column for 20 years now. Put in other terms, that's more than 1000 columns, and more than 1000 reports of Williamstown Bridge Club scores! That's 20 different ways of letting you know about the annual events which roll around with each new calendar – a challenge for sure. It's also about 500 birth announcements and even more of the sadder kind. It's weddings and anniversaries; moves and retirements; coming events and events which have gone. It's church news and school news; election news and mobilization news for issues which threaten the landscape which is Williamstown. It's dates, dates, dates and variations of name-spellings which drive you to drink old bottles of cologne. But you know what else? It's fun!

On Saturday night, long-standing employees at *The Glengarry News* – the lifers – were honoured for their many years of service to the paper. It was a nice gesture, appreciated by us all. Thanks to Kevin Macdonald, JT Grossmith, *News* staff, and you, the people of Williamstown, for making

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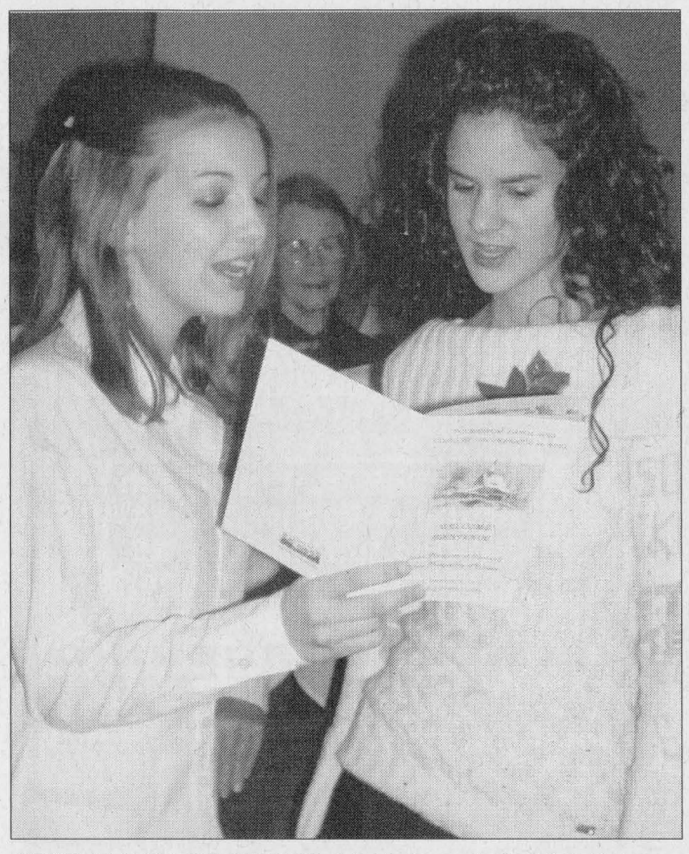

SOUNDS LIKE CHRISTMAS: North Lancaster's Sylvie Samson, left, and Emilie Beriault of Green Valley were two of the almost 200 people singing at St. Margaret of Scotland Church last Friday. Eleven choirs from in and around Glengarry took part in the musical evening hosted by the Glen Nevis parish. Each year a different parish takes a turn hosting the annual event, a tradition that has taken place for more than 10 years. PETER KOVESSY PHOTO

Christmas comes to Bainsville Park



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A committed group from Bainsville has worked hard to create Jack Danaher Park, a sports facility and gathering place for families of the community.

The park is the site of a variety of celebrations throughout the year for village residents and those from the surrounding rural area. During the long winter months, the committee ensures that the rink and its buildings are in use as much as possible. Their latest coup is to book the red guy himself for the third annual Christmas in the Park celebration, slated for this Sunday, Dec. 18. The fun begins at 12 noon and continues until 6 p.m. Santa Claus will come by between 1 and 3 p.m. to take Christmas requests from the children.

Bring your skates! The ice is in; with luck the weather will hold and everyone can take a turn on the blades throughout the afternoon. Please consider this your personal invitation to join your neighbours for an afternoon of outdoor fun. Ho ho ho!

Christmas concert

The Ecumenical Choir Concert last Friday night at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Glen Nevis was a resounding success. The number of vehicles in the car park indicated the large crowd. Inside, soft candlelight and the glow from white minilights illuminated the altar area where each of the 11 choirs performed their hymns in turn.

The concert was dedicated to the late Theresa Sullivan, a member of St. Margaret's choir whose long and courageous battle with cancer ended this summer. Her family members handed out the programs for the evening. The assembly sang four carols together, a joyful noise bringing the spirit of Christmas into every heart. Performers and guests lingered for a post-performance luncheon and visit. Thanks to all members of the fine choirs for a wonderful program! Special thanks is extended to those who came to listen, and to all who donated treats for the lunch.

Amaryllis concert

What a pleasure to attend the Amaryllis Women's Choir concert at St. Margaret of Scotland Church last Sunday. The repertoire, a multi-lingual mix of old and new carols and hymns interspersed with four singalong selections was a delight for the large crowd. The Amaryllis women work hard under the direction of Vankleek Hill's Carol and Richard Hague, and their efforts produce top-notch entertainment. Congratulations!

This was the last of the three "Music in the Glen" concerts at St. Margaret of Scotland Church for 2005. Donna Gillespie of Festivals on the St. Lawrence, producer of the series, paid tribute to the efforts of Dr. Bruce Wheatcroft of The Abbey for the Arts. His tireless energy both on stage and off contributed hugely to the success of "Music in the Glen". Bruce was presented with a collage of the tickets and programs from the concerts in recognition of his good work.

Many lovely door prizes were drawn. They include a painting by Cynthia Gatien of South Lancaster, a lino of a piper by Gerry Swift, and a poinsettia donated by Mitchell's Flower Market. Mallory Franklin Inc donated four t-shirts specially printed for the series.

Festivals on the St. Lawrence sponsored two days of music education programs as part of Music in the Glen. S.J. McLeod Public School and Martintown Public School attended the first, titled "Sing, Sing, Sing", in October. Kerry-Anne Kutz, Dr. Wheatcroft and Michael Cartile were the feature performers. Iona Academy joined their peers from SJM and MPS for the second, a version of "God Bless the Gargoyles" with Dr. Wheatcroft, Myrna Hollomby-Guy, and Richard Hague.

For the latter, a draw was held among the 400-plus students from the three schools. The ballots were beautifully coloured and duly entered, but since the power was out the night of the public performance, the presentation of the prize was deferred until the Amaryllis concert. Deborah Kerr, donated a painting of a gargoyle. This she presented to draw-winner Susan Rattray, a Grade four student at S.J. McLeod Public School. Congratulations, Susan!

The post-performance reception at The Abbey was a fine way to end the season, with upwards of a hundred people enjoying the wonderful food, warm ambience and festive decorations in the heritage building.

The walls were beautifully ornamented with canvases painted by Cynthia Gatien. A nurse by profession, she is also a talented artist whose charming, brightly coloured acrylics of floral arrangements and still lifes bring a breath of sunshine and summer light to the spaces they occupy. Cynthia was the guest artist for the reception, and her work will stay at the Abbey over Christmas. If your event is booked there, you will enjoy this added feature! If not, it should be, as the venue is second to none.

Social notes

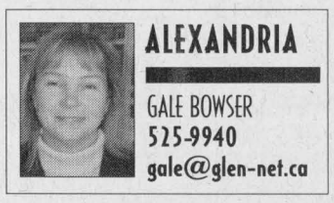
We six Franklins travelled to Walt Disney World in Florida for the last week of November. What a trip! The warm weather was wonderful, but the highlight was the six days we spent touring the four Disney theme parks.

Our Ross spent his 12th birthday there, and he can boast that he celebrated it with a world tour, as we spent the afternoon visiting Epcot's international pavilions.

Our very excellent guides were South Lancaster residents Marie-France Manibal and Ed Nawiesniak, veteran Disney visitors, to whom we owe our most affectionate thanks for facilitating the trip of a lifetime.

Mallory and I enjoyed a lovely evening as guests at *The Glengarry News* annual Christmas party. We extend sincere thanks to our hosts for a great meal and fun evening!

Dance studio wows church with festive concert program



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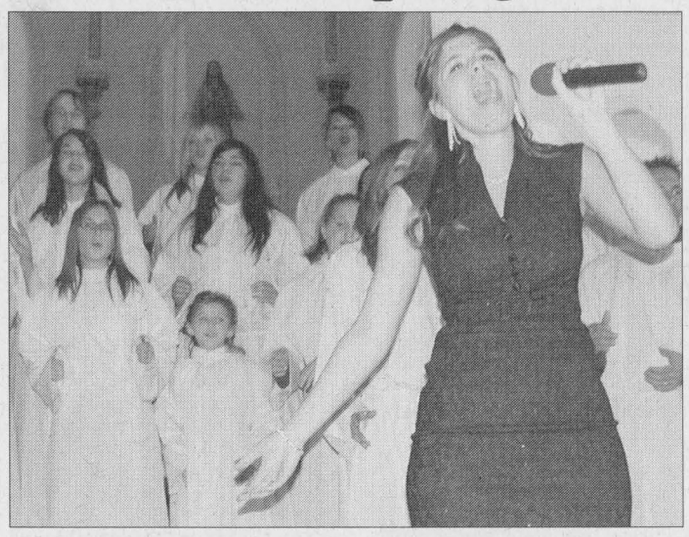
Those who attended Sacré Coeur parish on Sunday afternoon were treated to a musical presentation that highlighted the magic of the upcoming Christmas season.

Put on by Double Création Dance Studio in partnership with le centre culturel les trois p'tits points... the show, *Un Noël Enchanté*, featured 23 carols – mostly in French – performed by a number of Glengarry and area residents.

The show also featured a multimedia element.

A giant screen had been erected at the back of the church and still photographs of the singers celebrating past Christmases, which added a further touching dimension to the show.



SINGING AWAY: Alexandria's Martine Menard, 15, sings La plus belle nuit du monde with backup from the rest of the Double Creation chorus at Sacré Coeur Parish on Sunday afternoon. STEVEN WARBURTON PHOTO

Bridge results

Alexandria Bridge Results for Dec . 6:

N-S: 1. E. Marjerrison and Jim Campbell. 2. Viviane Campbell and Les Atkinson. 3. Danielle Martineau and Pat Graham.

E-W: 1. Madeleine Theoret and Collette Lanthier. 2. Francoise and Bob Govan. 3. Jean Campbell and Madeleine Laporte.

Sandbag results

Highest Square-Women: Claudette Jeaurond 1360, Marthe Chenier 1130. Men: Guy Perreault 1120, P Emile Charbonneau 1070.

Highest Simple- Women: Mary Perreault 4060, Claudette Jeaurond 3810. Men: Raymond Lefebvre 3840, Marcel Alain 3700.

Highest Double-Women: Mary Perreault 7890, Claudette Jeaurond 7020. Men: Raymond Lefebvre 6790, Arcade Menard 6400.

Toastmasters

The Glengarry Toastmasters Club will meet this Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. at the Priest's Mill for their annual Christmas dinner.

Following the meal, the program will include a guest speaker and presentation by several of the club members.

There will be only silent evaluations for the club speakers at this meeting.

Odds and ends

I am assuming that by the amount of news I received this week that everyone must be busy elsewhere! Perhaps they are trying to finish up the Christmas shopping before the last minute.

I hope you are all remembering to get those Chamber cards stamped so that your name is entered in to win the Chamber dollars!

I spoke to a woman last week who had won $200 and she was just thrilled, so it really does work.

You just have to make sure you have your name and number on them.

Oh what a spectacular Santa Parade we enjoyed, the weather cooperated and everyone seemed to be in a festive mood.

Lots of glitz and glamour for sure, I enjoyed watching the dancers from Double Creation doing their bit.

As I looked around, many were tapping their toes along with the dancers, and who would not be thrilled to see the big man himself, ho-ho-hoing as he passed along the way.

A big thank you to the organizers for their many hours of volunteer time that it takes to put on something of this size!



RED HAT SOCIAL: An honorary chapter of the Red Hat Society was opened last Thursday at the Community Nursing Home in Alexandria. Pictured in the back row, from left, are members of the Glengarry Gal Pals chapter Susan MacPherson and Pat Lunny, and resident Georgette Hebert. In the front row is honorary queen Maria Julien (neé McLeister) and Wendy MacDonald. PETER KOVESSY PHOTO

Christmas brunch this Sunday



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The Optimists are organizing a Christmas brunch this coming Sunday, Dec. 18 at the parish hall from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Admission is $6 for adults and for the children up to grade eight, it's free. All the children have to be accompanied by a parent and, if possible, bring one can of non-perishable food for the less fortunate of the community. You will be entertained by singers and dancers from Double Creation Dance Studio, who recently released a CD. Santa will also make an appearance. Welcome and bienvenue a tous.

Penitential services

Advent penitential services will be this Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Glen and on Dec. 21 at St. Finnan's, also at 7:30 p.m.

On Dec. 16, all the students at Laurier-Carrière will head toward l'Ange Gardien School to attend a Christmas concert organized by Le Relais in the morning. A dance will take place from 7-10:30 p.m. for grade 5 to 8 students.

Club 65

Many people enjoyed a delicious supper on Dec. 5 at the centre. The winners of the prizes were George Bertrand, Maurice Montpetit, Elyse Cholette, Rollande Decoeur, Emilien Proulx, Muriel Bellefeuille, Raymond Brisebois, Beatrice Lalonde, Rolland Paquette, Huguette Seguin and Maurice Bellefeuille. The lucky 50/50 winner was Juliette Robertson. Many people danced while others played cards or just enjoyed friendly conversations. Santa showed up with a few gifts and president of Club 65, Lucie Massie, interviewed him and Santa seemed confused as he inquired about the route to go to Glen Sandfield.

Since Christmas is fast approaching, I thought that the 10 commandments for harmonious human rela-

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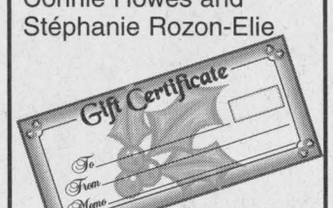

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Parade, concert usher in Martintown Christmas

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Old-fashioned street lights on the front wall and large holly leaves and stylized poinsettias adorned the other walls of the gym of Martintown Public School for the school Christmas concert held on Mon., Dec. 12.

Principal Roxane McDonell welcomed the full house audience and then grade 8 student Brent Patterson took over as MC.

First on was the school band energetically performing three pieces under the direction of, and accompanied at the keyboard by, Mr. Walter Nowickjy. The students who have been studying trumpet, trombone and saxophone had the opportunity to show off their skills.

Special mention needs to be made of the drumming talent of Kevin Hooker who kept the beat just as solidly as someone who has been playing for years.

The Kindergarten class then lined up on stage and sang C'est l'hiver dressed in hats, scarves and mitts. They then dressed down to reveal garlands, and put on antlers and their red noses really shone for the singing of Rudolph. They ended with Reindeer Hokey-pokey, a lot of shaking necessitated one young fellow to hold on to his trousers!

A big group of grades one and two students filed in with cowboy hats on and mostly dressed in red shirts and they did a waltz routine to Silver Bells, and then sang Old toy trains. The grades three and fours wore Santa hats and were also dressed, mostly in reds, with a bit of white here and there. They sang three songs accompanied by Mr. Nowickjy: *He'll be coming down the chimney, Christmas don't be late*, and *There was a little baby*. The grade five/six class were decked out in Santa hats and black shirts for their dance routine to Sleigh ride. The seven/eight class performed a play called *Too wrapped up for Christmas*.

In the play, students were providing a wrapping service in a mall to raise funds for charity despite the antagonism of the Grinch-like mall manager. Mr. Nicholas passes through, leaving a roll of magic wrapping paper and dispensing words of wisdom, and from then on, all goes well, and generosity of spirit takes over. It doesn't take them long to realize that their Mr. Nicholas just might have been Santa Claus. Interspersed during the evening were saxophone performances from band members and some vocal performances. Most notable for me was Jessie Murray singing that favourite from my childhood *All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth*, and then a duo with Franny Body as they sang *Santa Claus is coming to town*. Somehow they just captured the innocence and enthusiasm of Christmas! All in all it was a fun evening with lots of music and the whole school is to be congratulated for all their efforts and hard work. The craft tables were laden with lots of great items, though in my rush to get to the concert and rush home to do my homework, I couldn't take the time to really appreciate the great variety of items on offer.

Santa Parade

Sunday couldn't have been a more perfect day for the Santa Claus parade in Martintown. The temperature hovered just below freezing and there were gentle flakes of snow falling as the parade entries walked or drove the length of Dundas Street.

I will probably have a more detailed list of participants next week, but here is what I remember for now. The members of the Martintown Fire Department, the organizers of the event, were very visible with one truck leading, and an emergency vehicle also in the parade. The South Glengarry pipe band was there in strength and there were wonderful doggies doing choreographed routines with their owners. The Warden business was represented, the Flaro family was on foot, Shaltek was in evidence with a family float, the Canada Post vehicle was there and there was even a float from the Williamstown Fair.

There were politicians shaking hands and at least one clown, and finally Santa on a horse-drawn wagon driven by Dave Parette, his beautiful Belgian horses adorned with bells. It was lots of fun and the volunteer firefighters did a great job and deserve a big thank you.

Tree lighting

Later on in the pleasantly mild evening of Dec. 11 a large crowd assembled in the gently falling snow near the bridge in Martintown to watch as Santa flicked the switch to light up the majestic Christmas tree on the lawn on the McPhadden house on the banks of the river.

The wreath on the Martintown Mill was lit up as well, and it adds a very festive touch to our village's main feature. The Martintown Fire Department did the work of putting up the lights.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Martintown, invite the community to their annual Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Carols, lessons and special music by candlelight will make for a memorable evening. Guest musicians include organist and pianist, Anne Kanz, soloist, Lacie Petrynka, and guitarists Sue and Cater Kingston. The offering will be given to the Salvation Army.

From our kitchen to yours

A steady stream of traffic made stops at KCees and Wes Glen on Saturday when the Martintown Women's Institute and the Martintown and District Horticultural Society held their 'From Our Kitchen to Yours' bake and gift sale. Organizers were amazed to see the wonderful selection of delicious homemade cookies, shortbread, fruit cakes and other cakes, breads, fudge, doughnuts, pies, jams, jellies and pickles, local maple syrup and honey, assorted gift baskets and crafts for gift giving. There is nothing like homemade to warm the heart and the amount of donations was over-the-top heart-warming!

One helper figured that a person could have done a lot of Christmas shopping right in one spot, and I'm sure many did. The Avonmore Branch of Scotia Bank has pledged to match the money raised and it was a treat to have Dale Lafave and Jackie Benton, our two Martintown branch employees and village residents, work at the sale for the day. What didn't sell on Saturday was sold at the Martintown Community Centre after the Santa Claus Parade on Sunday and at the end of the day coordinators Alison Murray of the Women's Institute and Sylvia Thomson of the Horticultural Society were pleased to announce that $3400. was raised.

This money will go a long way to pay for new signs for the village and anyone who was at the community centre on Sunday was able to see one of the new signs depicting the mill. The sign was admired by everyone and received nothing but compliments. We are all patiently waiting to see them installed. 'From Our Kitchen to Yours' was an outstanding community effort and the organizers thank all the women who baked and donated and participated and especially appreciate those who made purchases.

To quote Noreen Richer, "It is wonderful to see such great teamwork in our village". To that I add, aren't we lucky to have such an amazing group of civic-minded individuals who take on projects especially at this extremely busy time of the year? They have the true spirit of giving and are an inspiration to all of us.

Student report

This a report by Martintown Public School student Brent Patterson. 'This week was another busy week at the school, and students were also busy preparing for the Christmas Concert. On Monday, Dec. 5, the school had Deck the Halls day. Throughout the morning, students traveled to different classrooms and made crafts. The crafts were used to decorate the school's hallways. On Wednesday, Dec. 7, and Thursday, Dec. 8, the school had its annual Christmas shop. Students were able to purchase Christmas gifts at affordable prices.

Also on Thursday, the school's cheese orders arrived. The fundraiser was a great success. The school would like to thank all of the prize donors, parents, and anyone who purchased cheese.

Next week will also be very busy, but I hope it won't be too busy. See you next week!'

As a footnote, Santa Claus has scheduled a visit with students in grades Kindergarten, 1 and 2 on Wed., Dec. 21. and everyone is very grateful that Santa is taking the time to visit during this very busy season.

St. William's Parish

There will be a Mass celebrated on Christmas Eve at St. William's Parish in Martintown at 8 p.m. on Dec. 24. No Mass will be held in Martintown on Christmas Day or New Year's Eve, but there will be a Mass at 9 a.m. on New Year's Day. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas morning and at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Williamstown.

Women's Institute

The Christmas meeting for the Martintown Women's Institute took place at 1:30 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 8, at The Cottage, the home of Marjorie and Marilyn Blackwood and Rita O'Reilly. The members were very happy that the state of health allowed the meeting to be held in the pleasant surroundings of the lovely historic home, as opposed to being relocated to the community centre. The 20 members and three guests present responded to the roll call 'a Christmas tradition I would like to continue'.

Members were reminded in advance of the bake sale that was held on Dec. 10 and were asked to contribute. Before members were allowed to open gifts from their secret pal, they enjoyed a skit on the topic of God talking to Noah about building an ark in 2005. The complications Noah encountered involved government, environmental groups, etc.

A game of Christmas Jeopardy was played, and then Mary Murray led in a reading entitled 'It couldn't hurt' with audience participation, stressing kindness and thoughtfulness not only at Christmas but all year long. Everyone enjoyed a most delicious buffet prepared by hostesses Marilyn and Marjorie Blackwood and Rita O'Reilly, and a great time was had by all. Rita offered to transport gifts to Baldwin House in Cornwall before Christmas.

The next meeting of the Martintown W.I. will be Jan. 19, at the Martintown Community Centre at 10 a.m. All women in the area are welcome to join for the muffin morning that day, and it is hoped that members of the Bainsville W.I. will be able to attend.

Concert on Sunday

Chorus Novus, of which a couple of us in Martintown are members, is performing a Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten, along with other Christmas music, at St. Columban's Church on Fourth St. in Cornwall next Sunday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

Diners' club

There will be a Diners' Club Christmas turkey dinner for seniors at the Martintown Community Centre on Wed., Dec. 21, at 12 noon. As added incentives there will be door prizes and live entertainment is being planned instead of the usual bingo. Call Glengarry Outreach at 347-1175 by Dec. 19 to reserve and the cost is a mere $6.

Duplicate bridge

The results of the Martintown Goodtimers Bridge held on Tues., Dec. 6, were as follows: North/South, 1/2. Jean and Jim Campbell, 1/2. Lorna and Homer Grant, 3. Gerrie Tibbals and Bill Tadgell. East/West, 1. Del Roulston and Estelle Brazeau, 2. Jane Troop and Judy Bradacs, 3. Audrey Blair and John Roulston.

Party bridge

The winners of Party Bridge held at the Martintown Community Centre on Monday, Dec. 12, were Rudi Mertl, Jim Morris and Marjorie Mertl. Party Bridge resumes on Jan 9, 2006.

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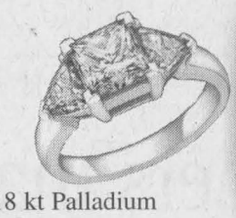

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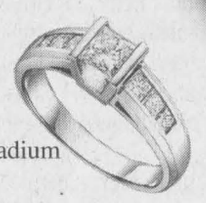

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Sincere sympathy is extended to the McDonald family after the recent death of their mother, Jeanine McDonald.

There was a good turnout for the Stonecroft Bible study group when they met at the home of Florie MacLennan in Vankleek Hill on Friday, Nov. 25. There will be no meetings in December.

The community was distressed to learn that Robert MacMillan, who lived out west, has had a heart attack. He has been released from hospital in Alberta but is on oxygen. The hope is that there could be a lung transplant in the near future.

Robert is 49 years old, married and has two sons. He is the son of Gordon and Grace MacMillan, former residents of Glen Sandfield.

I was delighted that my daughter, Bonnie, was free to accompany me to *The Glengarry News* Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 10 again this year. She spent Sunday with her sister Nancy and her brother in-law Michel Sabourin in Creg Quay.

The party was held on Dec. 10 at the Alexandria Curling Club. Dinner included turkey with all the trimmings, door prizes and dancing. The correspondents from around the area attended, each with a guest, as did many of the members of the staff. The evening proceeded with games and with Steve Warburton, who usually masquerades as editor, and his amazing magic show. The games, which are organized by the office staff, are always lots of fun and, of course, there are prizes for the winners.

It has become a very pleasant way to get to know the other dedicated people, whom we never see, who put out *The News* each week.

Engraved plaques were presented to those who have been with *The News* for more than 20 years. I am sure that everyone had a wonderful time and the organizers did a really great job again this year.

Thanks to all who made the event possible.

Glen

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tions would be appropriate (taken from Glengarry Outreach Seniors newsletter for November.)

1. Talk to people
2. Smile at people (72 muscles go into action when you're mad and when you're smiling, only 14.)
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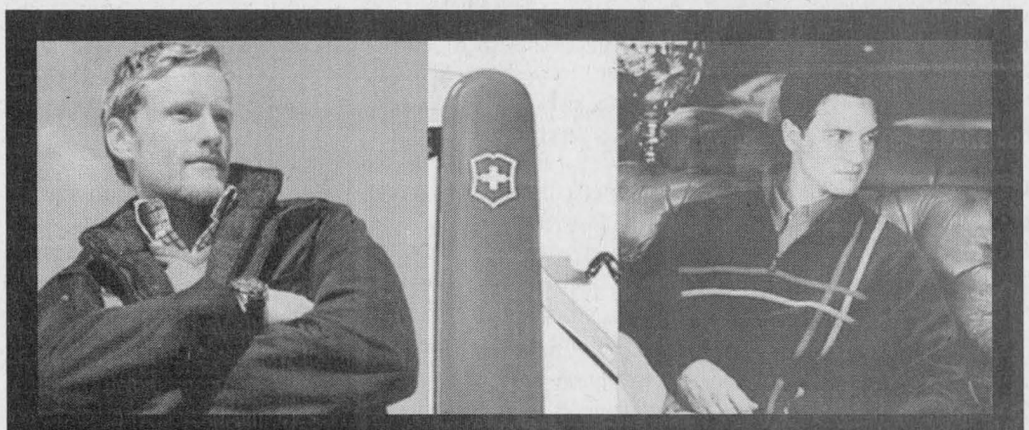

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Political hopefuls square off over agricultural issues

By Peter Kovessy
Special to *The News*

There was more agreement than debate when four candidates vying for the federal seat of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry faced off on Monday at the Winchester Arena to discuss agricultural issues.

While all the candidates promised to preserve supply management programs and spoke of reworking trade agreements, they differed on how to resolve current disputes, such as levying countervailing duties on corn, and the merits of crop and income support programs.

The Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) program was a target for all the candidates. The program has been criticized for basing compensation on a farm's historical average income, which producers argue has been depressed over the past few years. This means farmers are only compensated when their income falls below what they consider to be inadequate levels.

"CAIS is a total joke," said Conservative MP Guy Lauzon. He added that a Conservative government would eliminate the program "as quickly as we're going to scrap the gun registry," which generated the loudest applause of the afternoon from the roughly 100 people in attendance.

Similarly, NDP candidate Elaine MacDonald invited the audience to "just watch us" quickly scrap CAIS.

While Liberal candidate Tom Manley agreed that CAIS has serious shortcomings – namely its complexity and inability to compensate for trade distortions – he remained committed to whole-farm income support programs over commodity-specific supports, such as the Risk Management Program proposed by the Ontario Grain and Oilseed Producers.

He said that commodity-based compensation programs mask market signals to farmers indicated which crops are most viable.

The Green Party's Doug Beards argued that the Liberal government has demonstrated its unwillingness to consider new ideas originating from within the party and suggested the impetus for change must come from outside the ruling party.

Mr. Beards was referring not only to himself – if elected he would be, at best, one of only a few Green MPs – but also his philosophy of developing policy in consultation with producer groups.

"I think our farm organizations contain the people with the answers," Mr. Beards said. "Our government needs only the will to listen and the backbone to act."

The idea of replacing CAIS with a commodity-specific risk management program was framed as an alternative to placing countervailing duties on imported corn from the United States.

Just as in Glengarry, the candidates were divided on the issue of placing duties on American corn. While the move would help corn producers, it would hurt those reliant on corn for feed. The area's largest corn processor, CASCO, has also threatened to close if duties are levied.



AG DEBATE: Conservative Guy Lauzon, the Green Party's Doug Beards, NDP Elaine MacDonald, and Liberal Tom Manley met for an all-candidates debate Monday afternoon in Winchester.

PETER KOVESSY PHOTO

Mr. Manley said he favours countervailing duties, whereas Ms. MacDonald says she is opposed. Mr. Beards said he has no objections if it is supported by the industry, whereas Mr. Lauzon said he would leave the decision up to members of the Conservative caucus who are more well-versed on the issue.

The hardships facing farmers was often blamed on unfair trade practices by other countries as the candidates promised to take a tough stance in trade negotiations.

"We've played by the rules," said Mr. Manley, adding that "it turns out most other countries don't like those rules...the United States decided to cancel free trade, but forgot to tell the rest of us."

Mr. Manley went on to say that the Liberal government would consider letting certain commodity sectors opt out of trade agreements.

Mr. Beards argued that Canada should not be bound by agreements when its trading partners are not acting in good faith. The Green candidate said Canada needs solid negotiating teams backed by strong political will to work towards eliminating international subsidies and tariffs.

"Our farmers should not have to compete against dissimilar agricultural and labour practices – our food, farmers and rural communities are just too important for that," Mr. Beards said, suggesting bad agreements be "renegotiated or rescinded."

The NDP's Ms. MacDonald also said trade deals need to be re-examined, but noted that the United States will remain Canada's main trading partner. She was critical of the Liberals for using anti-American election rhetoric while caving in to American pressure during trade negotiations.

"We have to be tough, as well as talk tough," Ms. MacDonald said, adding that it was "no coincidence" that the U.S. recently reduced duties on softwood lumber around the same time as NDP leader Jack Layton talked of taxing energy exports.

Mr. Lauzon said the difficulties stem from a lack of credibility on the world stage.

"One of the problems is that non-agricultural people are doing your negotiating for you," the Conservative MP said. "They don't realize when they give up a little bit what the effects are."

Mr. Lauzon added that the Conservative caucus, with many members with farming backgrounds, would not negotiate away agricultural stability.

Mr. Manley tried to deflate this argument by pointing out that these Conservatives are from Western Canada "who are opposed to supply management."

This comment sparked the sharpest exchange of the afternoon, with Mr. Lauzon retorting that it was "the western members of Parliament that led the charge to protect supply management" and that he takes "great exception" to anyone who suggests the Conservatives do not support the program.

Supply management was one of the most popular – and non-contentious – topics of discussion, with each candidate arguing their party would work the hardest to preserve the quota-based system.

While the candidates spoke of the agricultural sector becoming less reliant on trade, the most specific solution came from a question posed by a member of the Dundas Cattlemen's Association who asked where the parties stand on opening a federally inspected abattoir in Eastern Ontario.

All of the candidates supported the plan to increase Canadian slaughter capacity. The NDP see it as a way of breaking up the meat-packing monopoly while the Greens see it as a way of supporting small and medium-sized farmers and food processors.

Mr. Manley said the Liberals recognize the importance of increasing Canadian processing capacity and compared sending live cattle across the border to exporting jobs.

Mr. Lauzon also supported the proposal while blaming the lack of current processing capacity on excessive government regulation.

Noting the Conservatives stand for less regulation, Mr. Lauzon argued that a farmer's largest asset is their land.

"I don't think the government has to tell you how to manage your biggest asset," he said.

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Dutch farmers making their mark here

By Ian Cumming
Special to *The News*

The open house at Frans and Kelly Cornelissen's farm on Saturday to display their new free stall dairy barn, which emerged from their devastating fire earlier this year, is testament to that family's spirit and resolve. And also skill as dairy producers.

The date of their open house near Williamstown conflicted with a planned trip to the U.K. so I was unable to attend. However like most in the community, my family and I wish to extend the best of luck as they forge into the future.

Frans's parents, Francis and Maria, are typical of a number of Dutch farming couples who immigrated to Canada and Glengarry after the war. Starting as farm labourers, they were soon owning and running the most prosperous farms in the county.

Francis had come to Canada first, followed by Maria after he got settled. Apparently my grandfather embarrassed this young bride when he told her she was moving into a big house and asked if she was going to fill it? Actually she did, of which Frans is the youngest.

The Van Loons were the first Dutch family to immigrate to Glengarry; they lived in a little rented house near Williamstown. Betty, the oldest daughter, worked at our home farm for 13 years as did some of her brothers, who ended up at other farms. One farmer recalls one of the brothers filling the front rim of his bicycle wheel with tape for the whole summer because he didn't want to splurge on a tire.

Drive near Martintown, Finch, Greenfield, Casselman and up into western Ontario and those state of the art farms are owned by the Van Loons or their descendants. Betty's son is a leading professor at Guelph University, which hearkens a lot of pride with my parents who remember Betty taking correspondence courses at night when she was dead tired from a day's work.

Probably the instinctive, deep respect that my siblings and I gained for Dutch people started with Betty, learning when we got "that look" to toe the line. The fact that she had taken a board and beaten a Nazi soldier who tried to climb into her cart during the Occupation, pretty well sums up Betty. She had her limits of tolerance.

Married and living in western Ontario for years, she is now widowed. Never shy to express her opinion on any subject – family trait – she was away from home visiting one weekend and went to Mass where a former priest of hers was in charge of the parish.

On the way out of church, Betty informed him that she was only visiting and hadn't moved into his parish. "I know the Lord," replied the priest, "wouldn't be that cruel to me."

If you drive up the Second Concession – the intellectuals at the Township have given it some other damn name – where I was raised, a number of those prosperous dairy farms are owned or were built by Dutch families. The Nystens, Hensens, Krols, VanSluweens, Van Baals and Flipsens, all with their own humble starts as immigrants, and then building those farms along with others in the community.

Down through Bainsville way the VanderBurgs, Smits, Dirvens, Sommers, Peeters, Peters and Corputs are only some who contributed and are contributing to agriculture and the business structure of Glengarry. Many of these families came to Glengarry and bought farms after immigrating and working in the mines at Sudbury.

A local banker at the time was fearful of these aggressive immigrants wanting to borrow and probably being somewhat bigoted told one of them, "why should I lend money to a Dutchman to buy cows?"

The person that did lend that Dutch farmer the money told him to "look over the fence and you'll be all right." It was my father's farm "over the fence" but make no mistake we also looked over the line, on either side of the farm. We saw that bank crawling back years later for the Dutch farmer's business.

Dutch people are the best farmers, not only in Glengarry, but throughout the continent and the world. They are always the ones to take agriculture to the next level, seeing the future better than anyone else. Why, I have no idea. Why is Gretzky a better hockey player than you and I?

Perhaps it is time, as my dad as so politely suggested to those running the Glengarry Agriculture Wall of Fame, that we honour some of our new Canadians.

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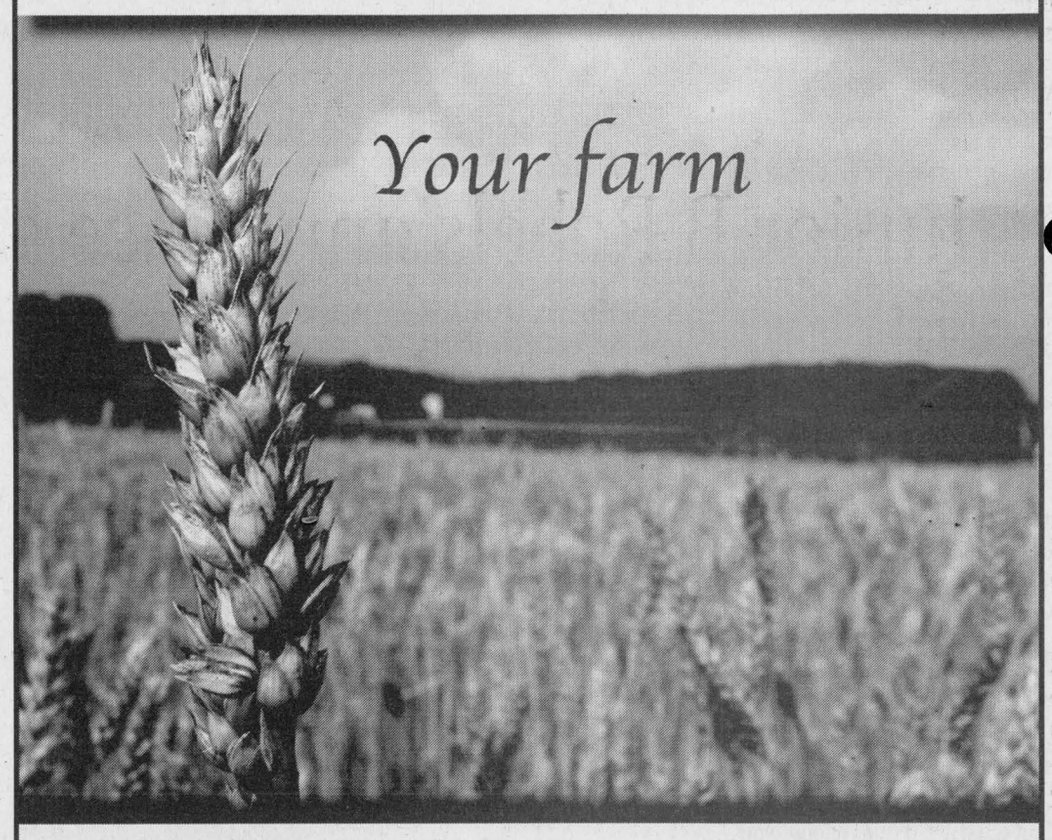



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Bridge scores

The Williamstown Bridge Club met for at least the 1040th time on Dec. 7. Winners included the following: N/S - 1. Vince Semenovicus and Hanz Schulz; 2. Isobel Quail and Jean Campbell; 3. Evelyn McPhail and Kay Colbran.

E/W - 1. Jacquie Thibert and Del Roulston; 2. Audrey Pasco and Homer Grant; 3. Grace Leroux and Marion Lemieux.

New baby

Angela (Dyck) and Glen Wallace are the proud parents of their first child, a son, Kilian. Angela and Glen are living in Dunsville, near Niagara Falls.

Kilian is a grandson for Connie Dyck and the late Gordon Dyck, formerly of Williamstown and for Georgina and Stuart Wallace of Lancaster.

Condolences

The Christmas period is an especially difficult time to lose a loved one. Our sympathy is sent to the Beaupre family which was bereaved recently by the death of Rolland. Special condolences to his wife, Rita, to Denis and Nora, Jocelyne and Bruce Overbury, and Alain and Suzanne, all of Williamstown, and to the rest of the family, which includes 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Raphael's Catholic Church tomorrow (Thursday) at 11 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy are also sent at this time to the Poirier families – Ray and Claudette and Reg and Nancy – on the passing of their brother, Ron Poirier of Lunenburg. Ron passed away Dec. 6 and funeral services were held on Saturday in St. Andrew's West.

Ron was married to an old childhood friend of mine, Heather Turcotte, to whom special condolences are sent.

Write on

During the summer, *The News* did a feature article on aspiring young writer, Michael Baker. At the time, Michael was hoping to find a publisher for his work. I'm happy to report that recently Michael entered a contest with the Ottawa Independent Writers and was successful in having two of his stories – *The Diamond Lion* and *The Sword of Solomon* – selected for publication in *The Treasure Chest of Stories by Young Writers*.

Michael and other talented young writers from all over Eastern Ontario were honoured at an event held at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa, where they received certificates and were treated to refreshments.

Proofs of the book were ready at the time for perusal.

Thank You!
Merci!

The Richelieu Club would like to thank everyone who participated in the Alexandria Santa Claus Parade. The numerous "Christmas in Lights" floats were a reflection of your countless hours of hard work making this parade a huge success!

Congratulations to our winners:
First Price - Double Creations Dance Studio
Second Place - Glengarry Memorial Hospital
Third Place - Le Relais High School

See you next year!

Le Club Richelieu remercie tous et chacun qui ont participé au défilé du Père Noël à Alexandria. Les nombreux chars allégoriques, sous le thème « Noël en lumières », réflétaient les heures innombrables passées à leur préparation. Résultat: un immense succès!

Félicitations à nos gagnants :
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2e place - Hôpital Glengarry Memorial
3e place - École secondaire Le Relais

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Sports in the Glens

Glens hang on to first place tie in standings

By Sean Bray
Sports Editor

Despite allowing leads to slip away in two games with Morrisburg, the Alexandria Glens Junior B hockey team managed to hang on to a first place tie in the standings as they split their weekend contests.

At home Friday, the Glens scored the first goal but "quit skating" according to Coach Ray Lavergne and fell to the Lions 5-2 to mark the fourth home loss in the last five at the Sports Palace.

Looking for redemption Sunday in Morrisburg, the Glens held three-goal leads twice, only to find themselves squeak by with a 6-5 win.

The key period in Friday night's game was the second as Alexandria surrendered four goals to give Morrisburg a 4-1 lead.

Though the boys played disciplined hockey throughout the match – they were assessed just eight minutes in penalties – the makeshift roster struggled with their defensive play, particularly in that second frame.

After the teams traded goals in the third, the physical play picked up, but despite grumblings from the crowd, the referee let the boys play. There was no further scoring, however.

Again on Sunday the coach struggled to put together a roster, as he was missing a number of players due to injury and other commitments, relying on three affiliates to fill the void. In the end he dressed 14 skaters for the second straight game.

And once again, the Glens got the early lead. Three minutes after Chris VanOverbeek scored, the Lions countered to tie the match.

However, Alexandria would pour in three more first-period goals to take a 4-1 lead at the buzzer. Goal scorers were Jean-François Fournier, Alain Michaud, and Scott Cameron.

At times Morrisburg was "playing desperate hockey," particularly in the second and third frames as they tried to mount the comeback, Glens' Assistant Coach Dominic Menard told the *News*. "Their penalities hurt them" he went on to say. It should be noted that the Lions are one of the top three teams in penalty minutes having 400 more minutes than Alexandria.

However, it was Morrisburg that capitalized on the powerplay in the second period scoring two goals against the Glens netminder to get within one of Alexandria.

Clinging to a 4-3 lead at the start of the third period, the Glens opened up the game with two goals of their own as Michaud completed his hat trick.

The 6-3 lead did not last long though, as the determined Lions bit back with two to again bring the game within one.

Menard says the final 10 minutes were "exciting" with "back-and-forth action," but neither team scored again, and Alexandria was able to claim the one-goal victory.

With the results from the two games, the Glens and Lions each earned two points in the standings to remain tied, now at 36 points, five up on Kemptville.

Goaltending

Michel Bouchard continues to provide reliable backstopping for the Glens. The 18-year-old has played by far the most minutes of any goalie in the division, amassing 1445 minutes between the pipes and a solid 3.70 goals-against-average.

Bouchard sits second in goaltender standings just behind Morrisburg backup Andre Pearson.

Despite the steady play Michel provides, Coach Lavergne reiterates his team "needs a backup goalie to help out." A new netminder was invited to a recent practice and may join the Glens in the near future, but currently he is exploring an opportunity to play at the Junior A level in Toronto.

Suspended for spearing

Réjean Leduc was suspended following a game against Winchester in which he received a spearing penalty. The three-game suspension had him miss the two weekend games against the Lions, and will have him miss Wednesday's road game as well. Leduc is expected to come off his suspension and play Friday at home.

Injury update

Th injury bug continues to plague Alexandria. Pat Brunet, Jason MacDonald, Pierre-Paul Decoeur will be out for some time.

Jami Jean-Louis is expected back soon. After having tried to go in a recent game, the defenceman has realized he needed some more time before returning to play full-time.

Pat Boudria has been battling injury, but returned to the lineup for Sunday's game. While he is not 100%, he is expected to play in upcoming games.

Notes

The Glens will be sending five players to the veterans all-star game in Kemptville Jan. 7. Defencement Jami Jean-Louis and Mathieu Hebert will be joined by forwards Nick Adam and Marc-André Fournier.

Netminder Michel Bouchard has also been invited. Pat Brunet is listed as an alternate.

To the prospects all-star game Alexandria will send Réjean Leduc and Jean-François Fournier. Eric Morter is listed as an alternate.

With no 16-year-old players on the team roster, Menard feels their "veteran squad should bode well for the playoffs."

Upcoming games

Alexandria travels to Brockville for a game Wednesday, before hosting two games this weekend.

Friday night the Glens take on the Gananoque Islanders who have a .426 winning percentage, and then on Sunday they tangle with Rideau Division powerhouse Westport who bring their .846 record to town.

They close out the pre-Christmas play with a match at home Dec. 23 when they host the struggling Athens Aeros, and then see action at the Boxing Day Tournament.



JUGGLING ACT: Glens goalie Michel Bouchard concentrates intently on a juggled puck fired from the stick of a Morrisburg Lion during Friday night's game in Alexandria. The Glens again struggled on home ice again, falling to the surging Lions 5-2. SEAN BRAY PHOTO

Junior B Rebels announce all-stars

By Sean Bray
Sports Editor

The Char-Lan Junior B Rebels are sending six players to the league's all-star game in Kemptville Jan. 7.

Rebels' General Manager John Chafee told the *News* that three senior members of the team will play in the veteran all-star game, and three of the younger players will join the roster of the prospects game.

The team's top scoring tandem of Steve Jarvo and Pat Turcotte will play in the veterans' game, joined by reliable defenceman Cody Legue. With 57 points as of Dec. 11, Jarvo leads the St. Lawrence Division in scoring, while Turcotte sits in third spot at 56 points.

Three of the team's younger players will be participating in the prospects all-star game. Steady netminder Leroy Swamp will be joined by two other rookies, solid defenceman Sam Rodrigue and energetic right-winger Michael Robertson.

Rodrigue has counted 64 penalty minutes and 10 points, while Robertson's energy on the ice this season has paid off with three recent goals. Swamp has played in more than half of the Rebels' games this season, amassing 799 minutes of playing time and a 4.88 goals-against average.

Coach Eric Fontaine says these players deserve the all-star nod. He calls Robertson a "spark plug for the team" who "makes things happen." The coach calls him "one of the hardest working members of the team. Rodrigue, he notes, for a 16-year-old, is "not shy of the rough stuff" and lately has been playing "mean" and "with confidence." Fontaine says both rookies play with a lot of heart, always willing to listen and learn.

Swamp "looked good at camp" according to the coach, but they have been really impressed as he has seen the bulk of game action. Fontaine adds, Swamp "got a couple of wins himself" based on his stellar work between the pipes.

The all-star day will include three games between players representing the St. Larence and Rideau divisions. Play will get underway with the veterans' game for 19, 20, and 21-year-old players at 2pm. At 4:30, the league's younger players – those 16, 17, or 18 – will take to the ice for the prospects all-star game. And the day concludes with an alumni game beginning at 7pm.



STEVE JARVO: On the strength of his strong 57-point season, Steve Jarvo has been invited to participate in the veterans all-star game in Kemptville. SEAN BRAY PHOTO

Back-to-back losses

The weekend saw the Rebels face-off against the Winchester Hawks – the team Char-Lan is looking up at in the standings – in back-to-back games. The boys had the opportunity for four all-important points to move up, but fell short earning just one on an overtime loss.

The coach had talked all week about this as "the biggest weekend of the year" and the fact that the games represented a potential eight-point swing.

Had the Rebels won both, they would have found themselves trailing the Hawks by just two points, but instead they gave up three points in the standings marking a seven-point swing.

Playing in Winchester Friday night, the visiting Rebels showed "no discipline in the first period" according to the team's GM. Fontaine says with the number of penalties they had "no chance to win" handing the victory to the Hawks 8-4.

Chafee says starting goalie Chris Pakatar – playing for Swamp who was away due to high school commitments – had a solid first period. Due to the slew of penalties, his team was badly outplayed, however. On 24 shots, Pakatar allowed just three goals.

The Rebels allowed three more goals in the second, while just managing one themselves, and then counted three in the third, while allowing two to the host team.

Char-Lan scored all their goals – four in total – after making a goaltender change 5:03 into the second, in what Chafee describes as an effort to "change the momentum" of the game.

After playing in the smaller Winchester rink that the Rebels' general manager says "favours the home team" due to its "tight defensive zone" the Char-Lan was looking for better results on their home ice, and got a bit lucky in claiming a single point on the overtime 4-3 loss.

The coach expected his team would play with desperation, as he says they have "got to beat this team in head-to-head" action.

The boys did score the first goal six minutes into the game, but then feel behind 3-1 before mounting a comeback on two third-period goals – the last with just three seconds remaining as Tim Owens found the Winchester net.

After getting a scoring chance in overtime themselves, the Rebels surrendered the OT winner at the 3:26 mark giving the 4-1 win to the visiting Hawks.

Swamp, who played in goal for this match, faced 25 shots in total. The team was able to dramatically cut their penalty count, but still fell short on special teams as they were "not able to capitalize" when given powerplay chances notes the coach.

The team really missed Turcotte from both games says Fontaine, particularly in the Saturday contest when the team had powerplay opportunities. The 21-year-old forward was away due to school commitments.

Also missing from game action was defenceman Josh Legue.

Slide in the standings

After weekend results, Char-Lan has slid nine points behind Winchester for the final playoff position in the division.

The GM points out his team will need to play "disciplined the rest of the way" as they have a "big climb" ahead of them.

The coach notes the team stands in about the same place as it did last year at this time, but they must make some headway in the remaining games in 2005.

Penalty troubles continue

The team continues to be plagued by a rash of penalties that typically occur in bunches. Chafee notes his team needs to "play more disciplined hockey" and "stay on the ice." Otherwise, he adds, "the odds are against you."

The Rebels have the second most penalty minutes in total this season at 1230 minutes, 128 minutes less than the leader in this category, Winchester.

At an average of 49.2 minutes in penalties per game, the boys are having to heavily rely on their senior players and special teams.

To put the numbers in perspective, the Rebels have 142 more penalty minutes than division-leading Morrisburg, and almost double the count of their northern county rivals in Alexandria.

Injuries

The injury bug has been kind to Char-Lan of late as just Marc Bourbonnais finds himself missing from the roster, though he did try to go in last Friday's game.

A number of other skaters have minor ailments typical of many players across the league at this point in the season with the regular grind of junior B hockey, but continue to play as long as there is no risk of exacerbating the injury.

Upcoming action

Char-Lan hosts Gananoque, the fourth-place team from the Rideau Division, Saturday night at 7:45pm.

On Sunday the boys head to Athens to take on the Aeros who find themselves in last place with just 11 points on the season.

Dec. 20 the Rebels host a special Tuesday night tilt, as the Kemptville 73s are in town.

And to close out play before Christmas, the game originally scheduled to be played in Brockville Dec. 21 has been moved to Friday, Dec. 23. Game time against the Tikis in Brockville is 7:45.



SWEEP: Lancaster's Les Wert concentrates on the rock he has just thrown during play of the Senior Mens 4-Club Bonspiel as his teammates, Bob Scott, left, and John Chafee, sweep earnestly. The team's fourth member, Tony Wettering, awaits the rock in the house. This event Dec. 8 at the Lancaster Curling Club was the first bonspiel in the four-bonspiel tour this season. SEAN BRAY PHOTO

Seniors win 2 in Lancaster

Two Lancaster senior men's teams found their scoring touch with two wins Dec. 8 in the first bonspiel of four this season held at the Lancaster & District Curling Club.

When club president Les Wert was asked how they did, he replied, "very well, if you're from Lancaster."

Lancaster teams skipped by Bill Ostap and Tony Wettering notched the two victories for the host club.

Mr. Wert also noted that something unusual happened in the first draw. There were six four-point ends between the two games. The Maxville-Alexandria game saw four of them, two to each side, while the Vankleek Hill-Lancaster match had two, both to the host team.

To determine the standings, which are cumulative between the four bonspiels, ten points are awarded for a win, while four are assessed for a loss. The standings after the first seniors bonspiel are as follows:

Lancaster 20 points
Maxville 14 points
Vankleek Hill 14 points
Alexandria 8 points

The event had one team from each of the Lancaster, Alexandria, Maxville, and Vankleek Hill clubs playing in a morning draw, while a second team from each club played in the afternoon draw.

This pattern will be repeated at the three remaining bonspiels this season Jan. 9 in Maxville, Feb. 2 in Alexandria, and March 2 in Vankleek Hill.

Maxville over-70s bonspiel

The "Ultra Super Senior Bonspiel" was held at the Glengarry Curling Club in Maxville Dec. 13, as teams of over-70 seniors decended on the town from clubs across Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec.

The three-draw bonspiel was convened by Elwyn McDonell of the Maxville club.

Watch for coverage and results in next week's *News*.

Sports Shorts

Perfect games

Perfect games of 40 points in Alexandria Pool League play last week were scored by Jacques Sauve, of the Crazy Eights; Pierre Lauzon, Tequila Crows; Richard Leduc, Braves; Claude Lecompte, Lupinos; and Peter Kolada, Lupinos.

The league takes a break now for the holidays and will resume the week of Jan. 9.

Ladies broomball

Top Notch keeps playing well to lead the Ladies Broomball standings by 10 points.

On Sunday, Top Notch was on their toes with another win against Ray-Co Sports 3-0. Goals for Top Notch were scored by Pam Norman, who had two, and Barb Benton. Assists were awarded to to Shannon Laplante, Mary MacDonald, and Patti Lalonde. Congratulations to Anne Desrosiers on another shutout.

In the second game of the day, La Maison was able to find the win column by blanking Laframboise 2-0. Goals for La Maison came from Beth Koggel and Celine Daoust. Assisting were Kate Hope, Tammy Lapierre, and Jen Stadlermann. It was a terrific shutout for La Maison goalie Guylaine Laflamme.

League standings since play began in September are as follows: Top Notch 25 points, Ray-Co Sport 15 points, La Maison 7 points, and Laframboise 5 points.

Top scores for Top Notch: Barb Benton and Colette Lemire.

Ray-Co Sports: Glenda Villeneuve and Sheryl Fontaine.

La Maison: Celine Daoust, Marlene Urquhart, and Kate Hope.

Laframboise: Carol Hubert.

Soccer coaching

Those looking to coach the Hearts or Blazers travel teams will require certification for the upcoming season, and coaching clinics are being offered by the Glengarry Soccer League in the new year.

The child/youth clinic will be held Jan. 7 and 8, while the senior clinic will be held Feb. 4 and 5.

Space is limited, and registrations are being accepted on a first come, first served basis. E-mail Shirley Hay at gsl@personainternet.com for more information and to register.

Sports Calendar

Wed., Dec. 14

High school boys basketball at GDHS (games start at 1pm)

7:30pm: Jr. C Maxville Mustangs host VKH Roadrunners

Fri., Dec. 16

High school boys hockey at Char-Lan arena (9am-3pm)

8:15pm: Jr. B Alexandria Glens host Kemptville 73s

Sat., Dec. 17

Char-Lan atom hockey tournament (9am-7pm)

7:30pm: Jr. C Maxville Mustangs host Rockland Nationals

7:45pm: Jr. B Char-Lan Rebels host Gananoque Islanders

Sun., Dec. 18

1:30pm: Jr. B Alexandria Glens host Westport Rideaus

Tues., Dec. 20

High school girls hockey at Char-Lan arena (7am-5pm)

8:15pm: Jr. B Char-Lan Rebels host Kemptville

Fri., Dec. 23

8:15pm: Jr. B Alexandria Glens host Athens Aeros

E-mail events for listing on the "Glengarry Sports Calendar" to gnewssports@yahoo.ca

Deadlines

Please note upcoming deadlines for sports submissions.

For Dec. 21st edition (to be published as a special edition Dec. 20)
Deadline: Sat., Dec. 17 noon

For Dec. 28th edition
Deadline: Wed., Dec. 21 noon

For Jan. 4th edition
Deadline: Mon., Jan. 2 noon

Ice Chips

Hockey tourney looking for men's teams

The North Lancaster Volunteer Fire Deptartment Annual Hockey Tournament is looking for a few recreational men's teams to fill the "Open Division." The tournament takes place on Jan. 13 and 14 in Alexandria at the Glengarry Sports Palace. Participating teams are guaranteed three games, and the entry fee is $450.00.

Funds raised from past tournaments have been contributed to various local charitable causes. This year, funds will be donated to the hospital.

To register or for more information, please contact Geoffrey McNaughton at geoffrey@glen-net.ca or 613-347-2255.

Peewee Rebels even record

The Ming & Associates Char-Lan Peewee B Rebels have evened their record at 7-7-1 on two wins and four losses in recent contests.

Playing at home, the Rebels suffered a 3-2 loss at the hands of the Alexandria Glens. Justin McFarlane picked up the pair of goals, while Jack Glasgow was strong in net.

Again at home, the Rebels fell to South Dundas 7-4. McFarlane hit the scoresheet first early in the first period unassisted, then in the second period Jason Rose put one in also unassisted. Third-period markers were netted by Rose and Justin Lapierre.

Char-Lan then went on the road to Long Sault looking for better results. The boys picked up their play to claim a 7-4 win over the Selects. Goal scorers: Evan Smits, McFarlane with three, Stephan Smith-Dionne, Brandon Laplante, and Rose.

Playing in Winchester the Rebels were pounded by the North Dundas Demons 7-1. The lone Char-Lan goal came off the stick of McFarlane, assisted by Duncan MacDonald. Goalies Jordan Taylor and Glasgow split duties.

Back at home the Rebels earned a close win over Akwesasne 4-3. Smits started things off in the first period, assisted by McFarlane and James MacLachlan. Later McFarlane scored two markers, and in the second Nelson Cecereu counted one, assisted by Mark Laroche.

Back in Winchester the Rebels suffered a major loss to the Demons as Char-Lan was shut out 11-0. Goaltenders Taylor and Glasgow both played in the match facing a lot of rubber from start to finish.

Char-Lan doubles up on the Rangers

The Munro Agromart Major Midget B Rebels doubled up on the South Grenville Rangers 6-3 at home last week.

The boys came out strong in the first scoring three quick goals. Shawn Ladouceur got the first two, with assists from Shawn Fontaine and Jymie Jasper, and then Bailey MacDonald bulged the twine, also assisted by Fontaine. After S. Grenville hit the scoresheet with one, Adam Barton got a beautiful one from the top of the circle unassisted to make the lead 4-1.

In the second frame, the Rangers closed the gap holding the Rebels scoreless, but in the third Dave Belanger, who had earlier found himself in penalty trouble, got two goals including an empty-netter to make the score 6-3. Andrew Cattanach and Barton picked up assists.

The team would like to thank affiliates Cattanach and Ryan Delorme for suiting up for the Midgets in this contest.

Alexandria atoms ride into second spot

The Alexandria Auto Glass Atom B team continues to play solid hockey this season. On the strength of their recent play, the team now sits in second place in the standings, behind Long Sault.

In a Nov. 22 game, the Glens and Rebels tied 1-1. Char-Lan got a goal from Lawson MacDougall, while Alexandria countered with a marker from Alexis Roy unassisted.

Playing in Long Sault Nov. 25, the Glens came out on the losing end of a 5-2 score. Remi Elie and Roy score the Alexandria goals.

Nov. 27 with four goals from R. Elie, the Glens doubled NGS 4-2. Assists for Alexandria went to Ben Poirier, Tristan Elie, Andre Boyer, and Roy. NGS goal scorers were Sean Anderegg and Patrick Moran.

In play last weekend, the Alexandria atoms scored a tie and a close loss. Taking on the Morrisburg Lions Saturday, the Glens managed a 3-3 tie. T. Elie got one from Yale Chadsey, and then score again off a pass from his brother Remi. Later Brandon Barillaro hit the scoresheet, from Brennen Filion, to knot the affair at 3-3.

On Sunday, Alexandria hosted Char-Lan falling to their South Glengarry rivals by a goal on a 3-2 score. The Rebels got goals from Reid Payette, assisted by Brett Lapointe, Andrew Ming, unassisted, and Liam Vipond from Lawson MacDougall. Alexandria countered with a goal from Barillaro, with assists from Brandon Guay and Filion. R. Elie got the other Alexandria goal from from Ben Poirier.

Novice Rebels claim tourney title

The Freedom Montessori School Novice B Char-Lan Rebels were crowned Stan Fisher Memorial Tournament champions recently at a 10-team event held in Kingston.

The Rebels went undefeated in preliminary round action. Finishing first in their group, Char-Lan moved on to the semifinals and came out strong beating the Metcalfe Jets. In the final game, the young Rebels knocked off the host team 9 -3 to claim the tournament title.

Peewee #2 scores two more wins

The peewee #2s continued their terrific season with wins on Dec. 3 and 10. In the first game, the peewees came away with a 10-2 score against the Selects of Long Sault. Alexandre Levert scored a hat trick, while Mitchell MacDonald provided 2 goals and 1 assist. Sean Devine had two goals, and Joe Boucher and Stephane Deguire each added a goal. Sheldon Lancaster contributed one goal and two assists, while Jerome Thevenot had an assist.

On Dec. 10 the Peewees defeated Long Sault #1 on a 5-3 score. Devine and Lancaster each had two markers, while the other goal came from Nigel Cholette. Mitchell MacDonald and Ellen McKay each provided an assist.

Demons shut out Bantam Rep Glens

The Roy's Bantam B Glens were held pointless Sunday as they hosted the North Dundas Demons. The Alexandria boys fell 5-0 after giving up three first-period goals to the visitors. Four of the five Demon goals were scored on special teams.

Atom #2 Glens win two weekend games

The Atom #2 C Glens captured two wins in weekend contests by defeating Long Sault #2 on a 7-2 score and Char-Lan 8-1

Goal scorers in the Long Sault match were Kevin Poirier and Cameron MacPherson, who each had two, and Tyler Stewart, Vincent Montpetit, and Nicholas Besner. In Char-Lan Sunday, Poirier netted a hat trick, while Montpetit and Stewart each had two. Rounding out the scoring was Laughlin Franklin. Goalies Mathieu Ricard and Jordan Becker each played a strong game, allowing a combined three goals in weekend action.

Midget House Glens win 2, tie 1

Starting Dec. 5, an Alexandria Midget House team has been on a roll with a tie and then two successive victories. The tie came at the hands of South Stormont, as the Glens tied the match 2-2. Glens goals came from Charles Cholette and Wesley Pidgeon.

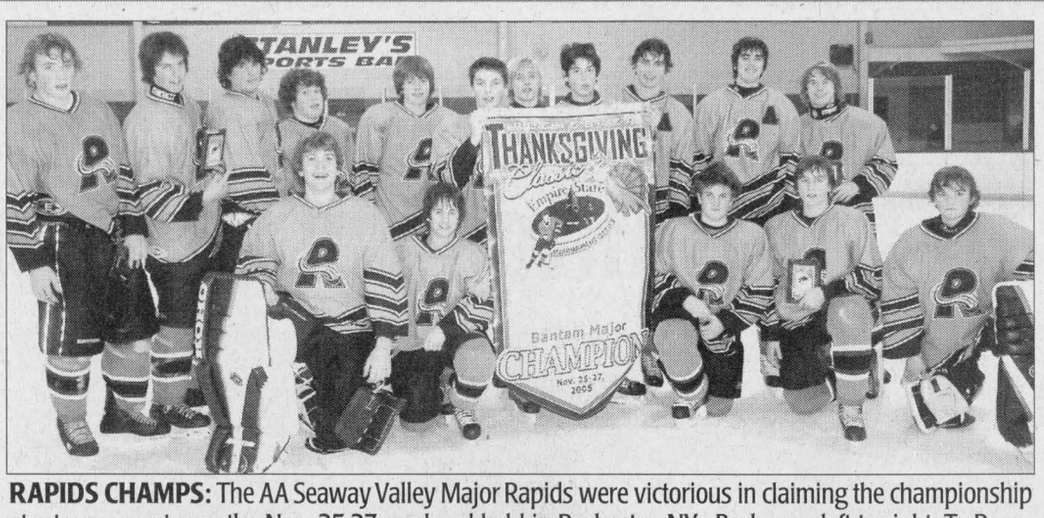
The boys then scored a win Dec. 7 by clipping North Dundas 4-3. Alexandria goal scorers: Tristan Geroux, Justin St. Amour, and two from Pat Pilon. In Sunday's game, the Glens pounded the visitors from South Dundas 6-2. Alexandria's markers came from St. Amour with two, Patrick Hamelin with two, Pidgeon, and Justin Gareau.

Alexandria novices fall short

In two recent games, the Alexandria Novice C1 team banked a 6-6 tie with NGS C2 and a 6-2 loss to Long Sault #3.

Cameron McPherson had a hat trick in the NGS game, while Nicholas Hansen had two and Jordan Lunny one.

In the Long Sault match-up, Alexandria's Lunny scored again. Adam Hurtubise had the other marker.



RAPIDS CHAMPS: The AA Seaway Valley Major Rapids were victorious in claiming the championship at a tournament over the Nov. 25-27 weekend held in Rochester, NY. Back row, left to right: Ty Perry, Jonathan Fitzpatrick, Adam Wensink, Kody Dupuis, Danny Hincks, Rod Archer, Thomas Lang, Tyler Legue, Alex Bosse, Mathieu Denis, and Tyler Barnhart. Front row: Taylor Servais, Joey Porporo, Justin Theriault, Ty Kinstler, and Stone McCauley. SUBMITTED PHOTO

AA Major Bantams capture NY tourney

The Seaway Valley AA Major Bantam Rapids travelled to Rochester, NY, to compete in the Empire State Thanksgiving Classic and came home Tournament Champions.

Goalies Stone McCauley and Taylor Servais were phenomenal in the crease allowing only three goals between them for the entire tournament, while defencemen Rod Archer and Mathieu Denis guarded the blue line masterfully as the Rapids won each of their five games.

The first game was a 2-1 win over the Rochester Admirals, with goals from Alex Bosse and Ty Perry. Assists were awarded to Justin Theriault with two and Danny Hincks.

Game two against the Oshawa Generals was a 4-1 victory for the Rapids on goals from Tyler Barnhart, Adam Wensink with two, and Thomas Lang. Assists: Wensink, Perry 2, Barnhart, Joey Porporo, and Jonathan Fitzpatrick.

The final round-robin game would see the Rapids earn a 2-1 victory over the Whitby Wildcats with the scoring handled by Kody Dupuis and Porporo. Assisting on the goals were Theriault and Lang.

The Rapids then moved on to the semifinal against the Admirals piling up a 5-0 shutout on markers from Perry, Barnhart, Lang, Bosse, and Ty Kinstler. Assists in the game: Tyler Legue 2, Wensink 2, Kinstler, Porporo, Theriault, and Dupuis.

The win in the final game came against the Generals on a 2-0 prize for the Rapids.

It was all Lang and Porporo in points as the boys netted one goal and one assist each to bring the championship title back to Cornwall.

The team effort in the tournament must include mention of the guidance and inspiration from the bench.

Kudos go out to head coach Steve Archer and assistant coaches Louis Denis, Dave Wensink and Ryan Villeneuve, along with trainer Greg Barnhart for looking after the players' welfare.

Manager Blair Fitzpatrick did an excellent job of taking care of things behind-the-scenes.



NOVICE CHAMPS: The Freedom Montessori School Novice B Char-Lan Rebels were crowned Stan Fisher Memorial tournament champions recently in Kingston. Back row, left to right: Coaches Pat Devine, Mike Mulhearn, John Vipond, and Benoit Veilleux. Middle row: Keegan Mulhearn, Kieran Devine, Jackson Thompson, Aaron MacCulloch, and Brendan Vipond. Front row: Jeremy MacFarlane, Owen Hughes, Mackenzie Petrie, Phillip Veilleux, Tyler Akins, and Thomas Small. Missing from picture are Jacob MacDougall and manager Dave Thompson. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Alex. Bantams churn out goals

Over their last five games, the Alexandria Bantam #2 House team has lit up the goal light with frequency as they put on an offensive showcase in recent contests earning two wins – one of them a shutout – and two ties, along with a lone loss.

In their most recent game, the boys scored a solid 7-0 shutout against the Alexandria #4 team. Goalies Sébastien Langlois and Mikaël Giroux shared the shutout win, as the team got a hat trick from #88 Nicholas Obermoser and pairs of goals from #11 Derek MacSweyn and #66 Cullen Boisvenue.

The dominating victory came on the heels of their previous game which was a loss to a team from Char-Lan. Alexandria's D. MacSweyn and Boisvenue each scored a goal, but it was not enough against five from Char-Lan.

Goal scorers for Char-Lan were Jesse Tieman two, Parker Payette, Nicolas Glaude, and J. Phoenix.

Other recent contests include a Nov. 27 win over Char-Lan #2 with a 7-1 score, and two 4-4 ties.

For the Nov. 27 match-up, Langlois played the entire game allowing just one goal, as his teammates counted seven the other way. Boisvenue had a hat trick, while Obermoser had a pair. Singles came from B. MacSweyn and D. MacSweyn. The lone Char-Lan marker was netted by Mat Quenneville.

The bantam's first tie came to Char-Lan #4. Alexandria scorers: Obermoser, Kynan Cappuccino, Jacob Nadeau, and B. MacSweyn. Char-Lan scorers: a hat trick from Simon DiTomasso and a single from Raven Pierce.

The second 4-4 tie came Dec. 4 against Alexandria #1. Scorers for the #2 bantams were Boisvenue, Obermoser, and D. MacSweyn with two. Alexandria's #1 bantams got markers from Rémi Bériault, Nathaniel MacMillan, and two from Jérémie Poirier.

– *Sean Bray*

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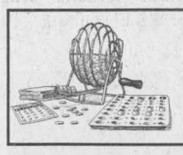

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SCORED: Tara Sinfield of the CCVS Lady Raiders skates past the net of Gaels' goalie Didi Chollet after scoring to take a 1-0 lead over GDHS. Chollet looks back into the net with disappointment as the puck eluded her on the shot Sinfield took on net after breaking into the zone untouched. The Gaels went on to fall in the contest to CC by a 2-1 margin. **See more high school sports coverage on page A14.**

SEAN BRAY PHOTO

Kid footballer shines in Quebec

By Sean Bray
Sports Editor

Parents Danielle and Mark Hutchinson proudly talk of their son's athletic accomplishments on the football field, including an MVP award – not bad for a boy who just turned eight.

Jonathan, one of the smaller players on his team at 60 pounds and 4 feet tall, was a defensive force playing safety and cornerback for his atom St. Lazare Stallions football team this season, helping the boys to a 8-2 record.

Unfortunately the Stallions were knocked out of the playoffs losing a tough quarter-final match, but not before Jonathan had made enough of an impact to be awarded the MVP for best defensive player on his team.

This is the first year that the Alexandria boy has played football. His mother says "the natural athlete" expressed an interest in football after seeing pictures of the sport. But it took some doing for Danielle to find an outlet for this interest, as football is not played locally.

She talks glowingly of their experience with the St. Lazare team – its discipline and organization. The season started back in April with tryouts, continued with play through the summer, and wrapped up in late October with playoffs.



MVP FOOTBALLER: Jonathan Hutchinson, 8, of Alexandria, recently won the MVP award for best defensive player on his St. Lazare atom football team in his first year of playing football.

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The boys were expected to attend two 2-hour practices each week, that Danielle describes as a "non-stop workout" in addition to scheduled games.

"Football is a great sport for the kids," she says, since the league supplies all of the equipment. Considering this and the physical training the boys get, there is a huge cost advantage for parents.

However, Jonathan also plays hockey. He played a spring season with a AAA novice team in Ottawa earlier this year, and has been invited back next season.

In addition, the boy "who never stops" played U8 soccer for the Alexandria Strikers this past summer, where he won an award for top scorer.

Jonathan must have athletics in his genes, as his older sisters excel in sports as well. For example, in October his sister, Kelly Ann, was part of the Le Relais junior girls championship soccer team.

Danielle Hutchinson is quick to note her son does well in school too. She feels this is the most important thing.

She says Jonathan "loves any sport" and is "willing to try anything," but she does hope he chooses just one to concentrate on at some point. At only eight years old though, there are still plenty of other sports for the youngster to experience so it may be some time before he settles into his favourite.

Hosers struggle to douse opponents

By Sean Bray
Sports Editor

November was a busy month for North Lancaster's Hosers hockey team as they tackled seven games facing opponents' offences that were on fire.

Unable to consistently quell the blazing shots fired their way, the Hosers struggled to hit the win column as they were burned for four losses on the month.

On Nov. 2 the Red Necks from Williamstown were in town in full force, cruising to a 11-6 win. Sharpshooters Brent Lauzon and Ryan Major kept the North Lancaster goalie busy all evening.

On the 9th, the newly organized Quinn's Inn team from St. Andrew's visited and left with a 8-6 win. The lead passed back and forth all game, but two quick goals by Denis St. Jean in the finally two minutes of the game snuffed out any chance for the Hosers.

The next evening the North Lancaster boys visited the Williamstown Wings and the winless streak continued. The Wings skated to a 10-7 win, but it has been reported that the game was closer than the score might suggest.

With a few days off, the re-energized Hosers found their scoring touch reignited when they faced off against the Laggan Devils netting a 12-8 victory. Both Guy Gendreau and Jason Cholette of North Lancaster fired hat tricks against the Devils.

The following Tuesday night the Maxville Flames played host to the Hosers. The game was chippy, and the lead seesawed back and forth all evening. Gendreau tapped the 7-7 tying goal into the Flames' net just as the final buzzer went off.

The following evening the Cornwall Avalanche took a road trip to Alexandria and claimed a 13-8 victory. The relatively young team from Cornwall will return in mid-March, and the Hosers are looking to rescue a win.

The final game of November saw the Hosers make a goaltending change. The North Lancaster boys suited up "Big Red" Ronnie Lefebvre to try to tame the mighty St. Andrew's Fire Department team.

With St. Andrew's arriving short a few players, the generous Hosers loaned them their fleet-footed forward, Luc Lanthier, a former Junior B Glens' captain.

Red Ronnie had his work cut out as Lanthier fired six goals past him, making some beautiful moves on the rookie goaltender.

When the final whistle was blown, the Hosers had managed to nip the visitors 10-9.

With the win the Hosers had a record of two wins, four losses, and a tie on the month.

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The defensive players of the month were Guy Gendreau and Pat Smith.

Guy lives in Bainsville and works for the Montreal Jewish Hospital as a computer programmer.

Pat resides at Curry Hill, is a landscaper, and in his spare time referees both minor and Junior A hockey games. He played his junior hockey with the Rebels.

Pat also laced up the skates in a few games for the Cornwall Comets last fall.

The offensive line for November was Patrick Carriere, Jason Cholette, Thomas St. Pierre, and Gilles Dubeau.

The North Lancaster Hosers Hockey Team would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

– with notes from Geoffrey McNaughton

Mustangs gallop past Roadrunners

By Sean Bray
Sports Editor

Maxville won a second straight game as they stomped Vankleek Hill 6-2 last Saturday.

On the heels of their upset win over Rockland the previous weekend, the Mustangs had high hopes going into the Roadrunners' home rink.

They started strong as Jeff Caya got the first goal of the game for the Mustangs, from Alex Gray and Alex McDougall.

The Roadrunners countered to knot the affair in what General Manager Ian Henderson notes was one of "only a few breakdowns in the game."

Maxville recovered to get two more markers in the period to take a 3-1 lead. Jacob Benton found the net, assisted by Andrew Michaud and Steven Stewart, and then defenceman Miguel Dicaire potted one from Michaud and Cory Poulin.

In the second, Maxville continued to build their lead, even though, Henderson notes, the Roadrunners "came at them," but the Stangs were able "to weather them."

Michaud got one goal from Stewart and Benton, while the other marker was scored by Benton from Michaud and Stewart.

Before the period ended, Vankleek Hill got one back to make the score 5-2.

The lone third-period goal was netted by Adam Larivierre, unassisted, as Maxville goalie Jacob Rodrigue blanked the host team in the frame en route to the 6-2 win.

Michaud and Stewart saw stars again as the boys were picked as the game's stars for the second game in a row, this time joined by linemate Benton. The line counted for 10 points with three goals and seven assists.

The victory for Maxville sees the losing streak continue for Vankleek Hill stretching it to six games.

With the two points for the win, the Mustangs open a three-point lead on the Roadrunners in the standings.

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The Mustangs' roster was bolstered in recent weeks by the signing of players released from Junior B clubs.

The most recent acquisition is Scott Cameron, who had been released by the Glens. Henderson signed the forward, but Alexandria has affiliated him to allow him to also play some games there when available.

The team's general manager doesn't expect any more changes at least in the short term, as his team seems to be moving in the right direction with its recent play.

Upcoming games

Maxville plays a rare Wednesday night tilt at home Dec. 14 as they host the Roadrunners.

The Dec. 17 home game against Rockland is "NGS Night" as the Mustangs have planned a special evening with giveaways, music, and other fun stuff. Anyone wearing an NGS jersey or jacket will be admitted to the game for just $2.

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Lorraine Goulet 161, 300
Gerard Goulet 218, 385
Corinne Bonin 300
Golden Age Tuesday
Marcella Dorie 245, 662
John Vanblankers 257, 655
Monday Golden Age League
Marie-Claire Nadeau 253, 544
Roland Contant 253, 610
Golden Age Thursday
Marcella Dorie 272, 721
John Vanblankers 290, 708
Golden Age Wednesday
Estelle Charlebois 226, 597
Donat Wissell 255, 670
Ladies Commercial League
Maureen Lavigne 312, 774
Mens 5-Pin League
Michel Boisvenue 338
Patrick Menard 776
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Francoise Lavigne 213
Mario Nadeau 554
Monday Mens 10-Pin
Michel Menard 203
Donald Dashney 571
Sunday Mixed 10-Pin
Betty Soulliere 142, 403
Claude Campeau 204, 493
Sunday 5-Pin Mixed League
Joan Nieman 209, 519
Ian Gregory 249
Dave Nieman 614
Thursday 10-Pin Mixed
Rachel Cholette 200, 490
Don Boismenu 218
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Jeannine Lalonde 260, 618
Richard Picard 345, 700
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Seigbert Kloss 453
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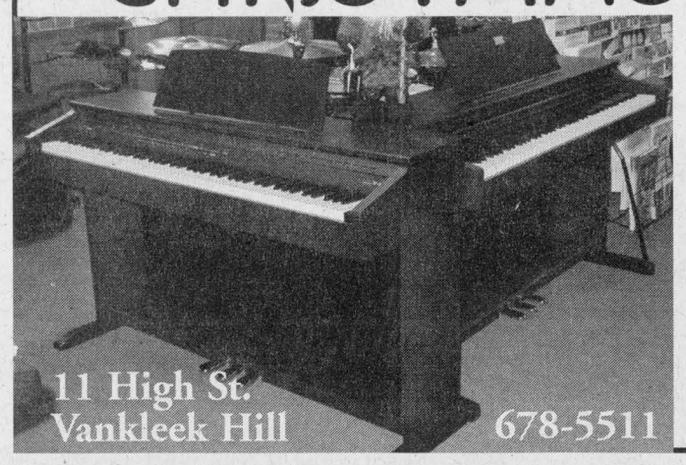
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Boys tangle in basketball 'Battle of Glengarry'

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Last Thursday Char-Lan DHS played host to the junior and senior boys basketball teams from GDHS.

High school's version of the Battle of Glengarry saw each school claim a victory, as the senior Crusaders dominated in their contest, and the junior Gaels prevailed in their matchup.

The senior game marked the second of the season for both teams as they had both lost previously.

The Crusaders controlled the game from the outset scoring the first three baskets, two off steals.

With Char-Lan up by eight points, GD Coach Trish Brown called a timeout to get her troops organized, but the return to play was no different as the Crusaders continued the pressure to extend their lead to 15-0.

It took five and a half minutes for the Gaels to get their first points off a rebound under the rim, but they would close out the quarter trailing 23-2.

With the commanding lead, the Crusaders started to work on plays, settling the game down to a slower pace as they implemented set plays from the bench.

At halftime, Char-Lan was up 35-6, and they continued their controlled play in the second half to win the contest 56-21 over the struggling Gaels.

Crusaders Coach Rory Blackadders notes his boys wer asked to "focus on dictating the pace of the game." He was able to rotate all his players into action, which made the boys happy.

Brown says her team needs "to be more aggressive on defence." She adds they have plenty of "stuff to practise."

In the junior game, the disciplined Gaels took the play to the young and inexperience Crusaders to claim a 35-22 win.

Char-Lan's team, made mostly of grade 9s, struggled out of the gate as GD opened up a 10-3 lead. With strong passing, the Gaels maintained their lead, though in the third quarter the Crusaders crept within three points.

The Gaels were aggressive to the ball, however, maintaining their focus to the end to claim the 13-point victory.

Bruce MacCallum, junior Gaels coach, says "The best thing about our game yesterday against Char-Lan was the effectiveness of our press, which created many turnovers. The forwards also did a good job boxing out under the net and thus controlled the majority of the rebounds despite being up against a taller team."

He went on to add, that as a negative "our defensive play in our zone was sloppy."

Char-Lan coach Jennifer MacLachlan points out her boys are very young. Many of them have no previous basketball experience and have come out to learn the game. She says they have a "long way to go" but is hopeful the boys will "come together" as the season progresses.

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In other action, the Gaels juniors hosted North Dundas Dec. 6, getting past the Devils 43-38.

ND opened strong jumping out to a 10-2 lead. They carried the play for the first half and were up solidly at halftime.

The Gaels started finding their confidence in the second half. Defensive pressure by Gae's guards Sam Burleton and Stone McCauley led to many turnovers. Kojo Odapagyan, Justin Maloney, and Bradley Lafave gained the upper hand on rebounds.

The comeback was completed with Sam Burleton nailing a three-pointer in the fourth quarter and Kojo creating a turnover for an easy layup with less than 30 seconds to go.

Leading scorers for the Gaels were Odapagyan and Burleton.

To close out a busy week, the Junior Gaels played two at Seaway DHS Dec. 9. In matches against the Spartans and Russell Timberwolves, the GD junior boys fell short to even their record at 2-2.

Coach MacCallum notes the team didn't win a game last year, so the two early wins were a big boost to the boys' confidence this season.

– with notes from Bruce MacCallum / coach

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The senior boys Crusaders played at Holy Trinity Monday. Despite starting flat, as their coach describes it, the team managed a "fairly convincing win."

At halftime, the Falcons actually led the game 26-21, but midway through the third quarter Chad Petepiece sparked a 10-0 run notching 8 of his career-high 25 points in the game.

With strong defensive efforts from Michael Robertson, Steve Johnston, and Jordan Wurah, the Crusaders improved their record to 2-1 on the 52-36 win over the Falcons.

Blackadder notes his team is undefeated against single A teams this year, and has only been beaten once in the last two years by an SD&G single A team. Their one loss this season came to the St. Joe's team, who are ranked AA.

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The senior Gaels were in action on home court Dec. 6, falling to the ND Devils 37-25 in what their coach called a "good game" where the team was still in "pre-season form."

The game was the team's first of the season, and the jitters showed.

Top scorer with 11 points, including a three-pointer, was John Magoon.

Girls hockey

The Char-Lan Crusaders girls hockey team defeated the strong AAA-rated CCVS Raiders in a game Dec. 6 in Alexandria by a score of 3-2.

The game was the first of the day for both teams and proved to be very exciting as teams traded goals in an evenly played contest.

The first goal of the match was scored by Char-Lan's Kayla Fontaine to give the Crusaders a 1-0 lead after the first period. Char-Lan was playing very strong offensively, while the Raiders were holding their own on the defensive side of things.

CCVS opened up the second period taking over on offence, as a Raiders player roofed a wrist shot into the top corner to tie the game.

Char-Lan then caught a lucky break as Kelsey Thomson would score a nice goal five-hole to again take the lead, this time 2-1.

While both teams were taking turns having great scoring chances, the goaltenders were keeping their respective teams in the game and giving them the chance to win. But the goaltenders could only do so much.

CCVS tied the game up once again on a shot from the hash mark with just seven minutes remaining in the game.

A minute later, Char-Lan again took the lead – this time for good – on a goal by Chantal Gaucher in which the Crusaders had great pressure in front of the CCVS net.

The final result was a 3-2 win for Char-Lan.

In a later matchup, the Crusaders faced off against La Citadelle battling to a 5-5 draw.

Char-Lan coach Lyle Ferguson described it as "a great game" where the teams traded goals and had few penalties. Char-Lan had to work hard in the dying seconds to earn the tie, though.

Christina Julien scored a hat trick, and Thomson had two including the last-second tying goal.

The coach notes he is very lucky that every girl on his team this year plays organized hockey elsewhere. This is a first for the team, which makes a "big difference behind the bench."

Ferguson went on to say his girls "played well" as they were able to put forth an aggressive effort against stronger teams.

Emily McIntosh was strong in net for the Crusaders.

– notes from Nathan Lajoie / student

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After earlier earning a loss and a tie, the GDHS girls took on the Raiders to close out the day's tourney.

It was a tight game from start to finish, but as the game wore on the girls clearly looked tired after being at the rink since 7am.

CC only had two players on the bench to rotate into the game, while the Gaels had six, but the shorthanded Raiders claimed the win on a two-goal effort.

The Raiders were first to net a goal five minutes into the first period.

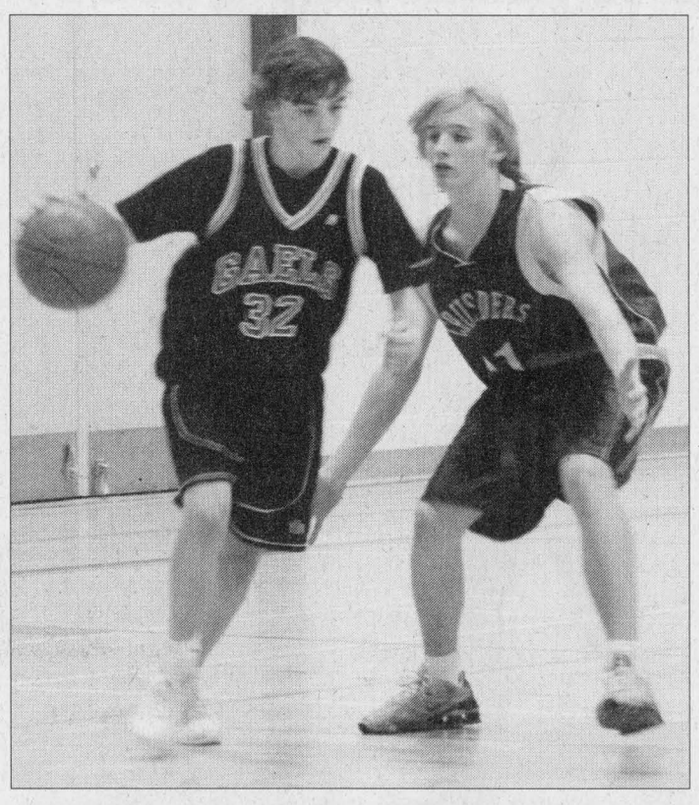
The pace of the game gradually became slower and passes were not quite as sharp, but CC was able to score another marker five minutes into the second shorthanded.

With four minutes left in the frame, GD finally got one back as Shauna Cameron got one past the Raider keeper on her third attempt.

With CCVS leading 2-1, the third period saw the Gaels goalie having to work hard to keep her team in it. Play included a Raider shot off the goalpost and a Glengarry goal that was called back.

The Gaels were not able to sustain pressure on two powerplay opportunities, though as the game wound down they did get some action in the CC zone, but the Raiders held them from scoring to get the 2-1 win.

GDHS coach Dwayne Lowe said "it was a good game" after "a long day."



GAEL FORCE: The junior Gaels took the play to their hosts from Char-Lan, as the disciplined visitors worked hard for a 35-22 victory, their second straight to open the season. The young and inexperienced Crusaders struggled to find a consistent game as GD led from the outset. Here GD's Stone Mcauley controls the ball in front of Crusader Thomas Lang. SEAN BRAY PHOTO

In their first game of the day, the Gaels fell to Tagwi 5-4. Glengarry goal scorers were Lindsay Boisvenue, Katherine Leroux, Quinn MacKinnon, and Cameron.

Their other contest saw the Gaels earn a 2-2 tie to General Vanier. Kayla Theoret and Leroux got the two GD markers.

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Other results included Holy Trinity falling 7-0 to CCVS, the rebounding 4-0 over VCI. Tagwi's other match saw them blank VCI.

After two tournaments, the standings are as follows:

St. Joseph's 4GP, 4W, 0L, 0T, 8pts
Char-Lan 5GP, 3W, 1L, 1T, 7pts
CCVS 5GP, 3W, 2L, 0T, 6pts
GDHS 5GP, 2W, 2L, 1T, 5pts
La Citadelle 4GP, 2W, 1L, 1T, 5pts
Tagwi 4GP, 2W, 2L, 0T, 4pts
GV 4GP, 1W, 2L, 1T, 3pts
Holy Trinity 4GP, 1W, 3L, 0T, 2pts
VCI 5GP, 0W, 5L, 0T, 0pts

Girls volleyball

The Glengarry Gaels senior girls volleyball team found themselves up against strong competitors from La Citadelle in a game Dec. 8 at GD.

The Gaels fought hard in three exciting sets which resulted in a win and two losses to the strong-serving La Citadelle team.

The first set began with the visiting team showcasing their great serving skills which led to La Citadelle holding the lead for most of the set. Glengarry soon began to pick it up halfway through, but it was too late. The visiting team took the set 25-12.

The Gaels continued to improve during the second set with great team communication, hard serving, and good spikes. The opposing team was beginning to catch up before Glengarry finished things off and took the set 25-20.

The third and final set resulted in a second La Citadelle victory. While both teams played well, Les Patriotes claimed the win 25-17.

"I was really impressed with how well the team played, especially taking into consideration that it was our first game of the season," said Head Coach Brad Westgate after the game. He then added, "I was also very pleased with the play of the junior players that we called up for the game. We were missing a few players, and they played well in their absence."

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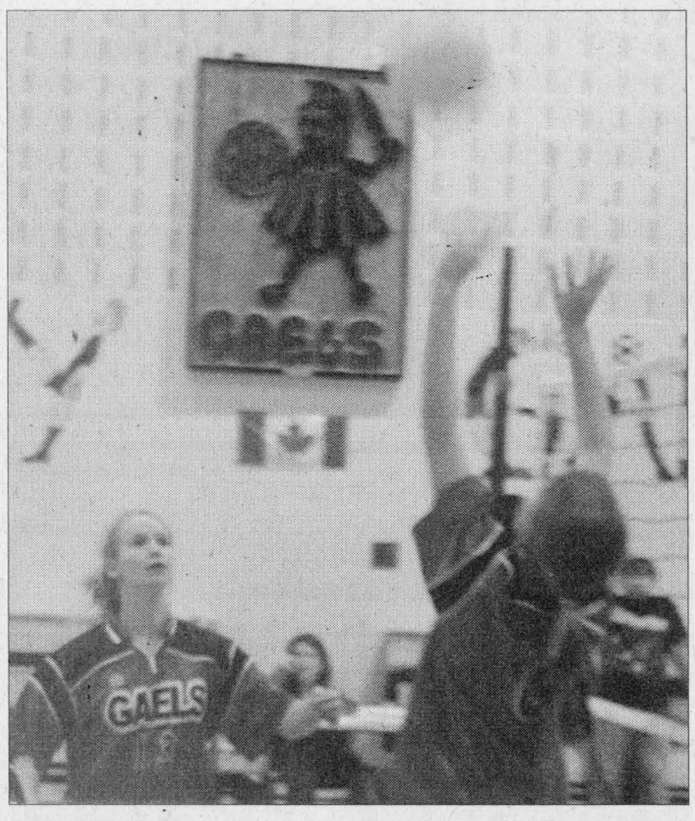
In junior girls action, Glengarry took on La Citadelle and St. Lawerence in games played at GD.

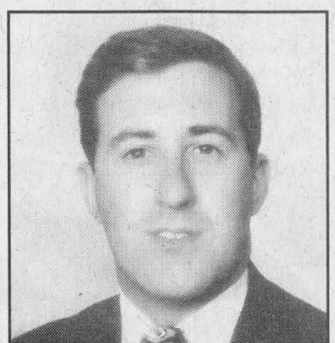
The Gaels lost all three sets to the strong La Citadelle team by scores of 25-16, 25-19, and 25-14.

They later rebounded by defeating St. Lawrence in all three sets by scores of 25-17, 25-7, and 25-14.

– Nathan Lajoie / student



THE SETUP: Glengarry's Laura MacGillivary sets up teammate Hannah Magoon in junior girls volleyball action last Thursday at GDHS. The Gaels were swept in three straight sets by La Citadelle. PETER KOVESSY PHOTO



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JR. B HOCKEY STANDINGS

St. Lawrence Division as of Dec. 12

Teams	GP	W	L	T	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	STRK
Morrisburg Lions	26	18	8	0	0	164	107	36	L10
Alexandria Glens	26	17	7	2	0	130	97	36	W1
Kemptville 73's	24	15	8	0	1	135	118	31	L2
Winchester Hawks	27	12	12	3	0	106	125	27	W2
Char-Lan Rebels	25	7	7	2	2	112	142	18	L2
Akwesasne Wolves	24	1	1	1	0	75	182	3	L11

JR. C HOCKEY RESULTS

Games Dec. 9-11

Rockland 3 at E. Ottawa 4
St. Isidore 3 at Casselman 4
Vankleek Hill 5 at Embrun 6
Maxville 6 at Vankleek Hill 2
Embrun 2 at Rockland 3
E. Ottawa 2 at St. Isidore 7

ALEXANDRIA POOL LEAGUE

Standings to Dec. 7

Top 10 Players	GP	Pts	Avg
Jacques Sauve, Crazy Eights	40	374	9.4
Carl Campbell, Braves	44	398	9.0
Jason Fredette, Crazy Eights	40	357	8.9
Jeremy Dubeau, Crazy Eights	44	392	8.9
Bob Austin, Braves	44	375	8.5
Claude Lecompte, Lupinos	44	375	8.5
Andre Theoret, Sprinters	32	272	8.5
Bruno Depratto, Squires	44	373	8.5
Gaetan Levert, Strikers	44	373	8.5
Peter Kolada, Lupinos	44	372	8.5

Standings to Dec. 7

Teams	GP	Pts	W	L	T
Crazy Eights Atlantic Hotel	44	1563	11	0	0
Braves K. of C. Club	44	1478	10	1	0
Lupinos K. of C. Club	44	1430	8	3	0
Squires K. of C. Club	44	1390	6	5	0
La Rock Machine Alex. Lanes	44	1362	5	6	0
Strikers Alexandria Lanes	44	1362	6	5	0
Tequila Crows K. of C. Club	44	1348	5	6	0
Sprinters Frenchie's Place	44	1335	6	5	0
Legion Lushes	44	1321	5	5	1
Shooters Frenchie's Place	44	1174	2	8	1
Legionnaires	44	1161	1	10	0
Boozers Atlantic Hotel	44	1158	0	11	0

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Winter carnival set for end of January



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On Saturday evening, the Dalkeith Recreation Association hired a bus and a good crowd journeyed to Upper Canada Village to view the lights and report a spectacular display. Speaking of the "Rec"- they have chosen the dates for the Annual Carnival. It will be Jan. 27-29, 2006. Watch for further details but holiday time is a good time to plan for floats!

Keira Abigail Kennedy was born on Dec. 2 to happy parents Michelle (Dewar) and Allan Kennedy and sister Alyssia. Grandparents are Lynda Kennedy, Bruce Kennedy, Mariette and Ralph Dewar.

Congratulations and best wishes to all.

Recently a baby shower was held at the Dalkeith Hall with relatives and friends bringing gifts, gift certificates and money.

Games were played, followed by lunch.

Keira is off to a good start with so many gifts.

The CD release ceilidh of the MacLeod Fiddlers was a huge success on Sunday at the Bonnie Glen.

We are so fortunate in this area to have such talented people who are willing to share with the community and further afield too.

Laggan Public

On Friday, Dec. 9, 2005 the Junior and Senior Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams participated in tournaments at Tagwi, Roxmore and North Stormont schools.

All teams played with heart, demonstrating good sportsmanship.

Congratulations to all participants and thanks to the coaches Miss Chambers, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Decoste, Mrs. MacCallum and Mrs. Gibbs for volunteering their time to work with our students.

On Thursday Dec. 22, Laggan school students are in for a treat! Dancers from the Couperus Academy of Irish Dance will perform for us.

The community looks forward to this demonstration of local talent, including the opportunity to see some of its own students.

This is the last week to support research on behalf of the Kidney Foundation for which our principal, Miss MacEwen 'went to jail.'

Thanks to all who offered donations to the Foundation in order to secure her release! She was returned to us after a short absence and the local campaign was very successful!

Library news

Don't forget the Christmas party at 10 am at the Library on Dec. 17.

It promises to be fun decorating the Christmas tree and the library room.

The library will be closed both Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Otherwise, holiday hours are on the usual schedule.

Also, this Saturday, some of Ian MacLeod's students will perform at the Dalkeith General Store from 11 am to 1 pm.

Christmas lunch will be available and, of course, the newly released CD "Ceilidh Time" will also be available.



CHRISTMAS CREATURE: Glen Sandfield's Kristen MacRae, 3, says hello to this sika deer at the Scherer Gardening and Deer Farm last Saturday.
PETER KOVESSY PHOTO

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OPP decides it's murder

By Peter Kovessy
Special to *The News*

Nadeau's Point resident Robert Nicholson was murdered, OPP investigators confirmed earlier this week.

The 47-year-old man's body was found in a ditch off South Service Road in South Glengarry, about a kilometre east of SDG 34, on Dec. 5.

"It was not a sudden death or an accident," says OPP Const. Joël Doiron. "It is being treated as a homicide, as foul play."

The conclusion comes from preliminary post mortem results., however, full details of the autopsy are not being released because the investigation is ongoing, Const. Doiron says, adding that it is not unusual for police to withhold autopsy results.

He says he expects the cause of death and other details to become public once an arrest is made or when the evidence is presented in court.

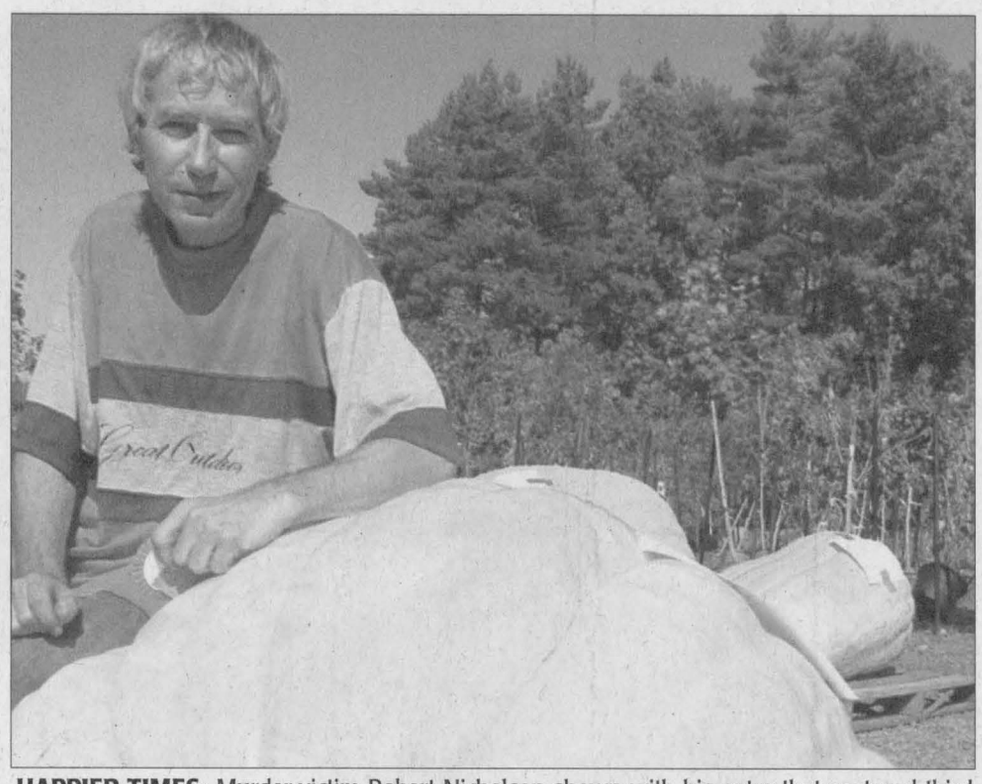
The investigation is continuing to look at Mr. Nicholson's 1999 Chevrolet pickup truck, found roughly 1.5 kilometres east of where the body was located.

According to Const. Doiron, it was left a few hundred metres south of South Service Road, partially in the west ditch off a laneway.

While Mr. Nicholson's body was initially spotted the morning of Dec. 5, the OPP were not contacted until after 5 p.m. that evening. Const. Doiron says that this is not surprising given the tall grass growing in the area.

"You can drive past something and not know what it is until you walk right up to it," he says.

Finding the sequence of events that led up to Mr. Nicholson's death is the priority of the investigation, Const. Doiron says. Police have ruled out any connection between the murder of Mr. Nicholson and the 1988 bludgeoning death of his father. (See accompanying story).



HAPPIER TIMES: Murder victim Robert Nicholson shown with his entry that captured third prize in a South Glengarry pumpkin-growing contest earlier this fall. STAFF PHOTO

Murder

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to work to help people achieve their goals of sobriety.

"No matter what their problems were or their stations in life, Little Bob had a way of making people feel comfortable and welcome," he says. "My last memory of him was that he was very involved in helping out."

Mr. Duval says that Mr. Nicholson used to work at a detox centre in Cornwall and that he was an incredible listener.

"He used to drive from Lancaster up to MacCrimmon's Corners to pick someone up for a meeting," he recalls. "Then he would drive that person down to Lancaster, drive him home at the end of the meeting, and then go back to work in Cornwall."

The discovery of Mr. Nicholson's body marked the second time his family has had to deal with a shocking loss of life.

On May 28, 1988, the body of Mr. Nicholson's father, Graham, was found in his Nadeau's Point home by neighbours and one of his sons. He had died from severe blows to the head.

His killer, Leslie Kovacs, had been in a relationship with Graham Nicholson's ex-wife and was arrested hiding in her home.

Former OPP officer Chris McDonell, who investigated the 1988 murder, said it was a "domestic" incident. He said Robert handled his father's murder by "keeping his head down and keeping to himself." Mr. McDonell remembers Robert as "a nice timid young man who liked his garden."

OPP officers have ruled out any connection between the deaths.

A *Glengarry News* reporter had the opportunity to meet Robert Nicholson in early October when he placed third at the Great Glengarry Pumpkin Weigh-Off, hosted by Marlin Orchards.

Dressed in baggy jeans and a loose t-shirt and sitting by himself at the back of the tent where the competition was taking place, Mr. Nicholson eagerly agreed to have his picture taken.

While the other photographed winners stood rigidly next to their pumpkins, Mr. Nicholson playfully draped himself over his 563-pound gourd.

As the photographer snapped away, Mr. Nicholson joked that his pumpkin would make a great Halloween ornament.

When asked what his secret was, Mr. Nicholson did not credit himself, arguing his success was due to good seeds and soil instead.

GLENGARRY Scene

Cool school fools

Drama students at Char-Lan District High School have their own unique shirts that advertise their love for theatre.

"It's cool to be fool," say these shirts, which also bear the logo of the school.

"The shirts mean that we can hack around and act foolish in drama class," says student Mike Boileau.

A McGarrigle Christmas

Alexandria resident Anna McGarrigle has released a new CD with her sister, Kate, entitled "The McGarrigle Christmas Hour."

This is the pair's first major-label release since the early 1990s. It features several Christmas classics alongside original songs by the sisters and their families, such as "Wise Men" and "Port Starboard Sox."

The project started in 2001 when the duo performed on a Christmas radio show on CBC.

They recently returned from a promotional tour in New York and will return to the Big Apple to play at Carnegie Hall later in December.

Mrs. McGarrigle and her family moved to their farm just south of Alexandria in the 1980s.

Winter pictures of their Glengarry property adorn the CD sleeve and booklet.

Tartan tribute

Glengarry artist Deborah Kerr sported a MacKenzie tartan at the St. Andrew's Ball in Maxville last month.

The Alexandria artist said she wore it as a tribute to the late JT MacKenzie, who introduced her to the annual Scottish event almost 20 years ago.

Notes and numbers

To many Glengarrians, Ashley MacLeod is nothing short of a musical genius. The Dalkeith fiddler and stepdancer has played at Carnegie Hall and has accompanied such luminary groups as the Brigadoons, Hadrian's Wall, and the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band.

Perhaps that's why some people are a little surprised to hear that the petite blonde intends to study math, not music, at Carleton University this January.

"Notes and numbers are my forte," says Ashley.

Ho ho humour

Jolly St. Nick gave Glengarry-Prescott-Russell's federal Liberal candidate, René Berthiaume, a gentle ribbing at the recent Maxville Santa Claus parade.

Mr. Berthiaume, who participated in the parade, was driving a white car with several inflatable snowmen riding on the back.

Santa Claus noted that these snowmen were wearing blue, which is the colour that designates the Conservative Party of Canada in the House of Commons, and asked Mr. Berthiaume's if this was a subconscious statement that the Liberals are in for another minority government.

"I'm not sure about that," Mr. Berthiaume later told *The News*. "I think we're going to have a majority government but who knows? Santa Claus may be right."

Treading through a minefield

By Pete Bock
News Reporter

Reporting on legal settlement offers is not unlike walking through a minefield – one slight misstep can set off a series of explosions.

Even though chipstand owner Terry Sauvé and some council members have shared some knowledge of the proceedings, the true players, the lawyers, remain bound by law not to divulge settlement negotiation information to the public.

"Offers to settle are done under the rules of civil procedure," North Glengarry township lawyer Bob Tolhurst told *The News* on Monday. "It is rule 49, and my practice is, and I think it is proper, not to disclose any terms of offers to settle because that is part of the court rules. We are suppose to keep those terms private."

Nonetheless, written documentation provided by Mr. Sauvé and commentary from council members indicate there has been movement on the issue by both sides.

And it appears as though the first settlement offer was made by the township on Oct. 18.

The key points call for Gaetan's to:

1) agree to a 5-year commercial lease;
2) move stand to back or middle of municipal lot;
3) pay for hydro to new space;
4) hang name on a new municipal sign, but pay share of cost;
5) receive $5,000 for legal costs if issue settled prior to Oct. 31;
6) pay legal costs after that date to the township as may be agreed or assessed;
7) execute a release of claims;
8) recognize that the offer is open until one minute after start of lawsuit trial.

Following this township offer, Gaetan's submitted a counter-offer Nov. 4. It was rejected by council during its in-camera meeting Nov. 14.

Highlights of the counter-offer included that Gaetan's:

1) agrees to scale back its lease term date from 2017 to 2011, as part of the current lease, rather than entering into a new commercial agreement;
2) agrees to move to middle of the municipal lot;
3) believes township should pay for hydro to new space;
4) agrees to sign idea, and will pay sign share but not installation;
5) wants township to pay about $14,000 of its legal costs;
6) will dismiss action upon payment of costs and delivery of a schedule to existing lease.

Discrepancies in Mr. Sauvé's Dec. 1 offer became apparent when he produced the actual written document. In last week's edition he said:

1) Gaetan's will move to the middle of the lot;
2) Gaetan's will split the cost of moving the hydro with the township;
3) Gaetan's will pay $3,000/year for the rest of its 13-year lease for the beautification of the parking lot, including providing things like flowers, trees etc. desired by municipality;
4) That the township pay about $15,000 of Gaetan's $23,000 in legal bills.

But there are issues with items two and three. And this may be because they were Mr. Sauvé's intentions rather than his written offer.

Highlights of the Dec. 1 written offer, from the chipstand to the township, included that Gaetan's:

1) wants its current lease to remain in effect with a new end date of 2011;
2) will contribute a maximum of $1,000 for the hydro hook-up;
3) would like a space in front of chipstand for client safety;
4) be permitted to place its sign on any new municipal parking signage;
5) agrees to pay for cost of its sign;
6) be permitted to post another sign advertising its new location on space opposite the municipal lot for six months;
7) should receive reimbursement from the township for legal costs on a partial indemnity scale totalling $14,203.19, inclusive of GST;
8) will dismiss its action against the township upon payment of its cost and delivery of a schedule to the existing lease;
9) offer is good until one minute after commencement of trial.

Although Mr. Sauvé thought he had a deal worked out Wednesday Nov. 30, he says the township turned down his offer on Dec. 1 at about noon, because of three major reasons.

One, it would only pay as much as $7,500 worth of his legal bills. Two, it insisted that Gaetan's pay for the full hydro installation to his new space on the municipal lot, and three, that he had to agree to move his chipstand truck to the middle of the lot immediately.

"I wasn't going to move back when I didn't have any hydro," Mr. Sauvé said. "Everybody (knows)...you can't run a business when you don't have hydro."

Issue

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were received)," Deputy-Mayor Hagen said. "It is in the hands of our lawyers." While acknowledging contact from Mr. Sauvé, the deputy-mayor said the chipstand owner received the same response.

Councillors McDonell, Currier and Shepherd all acknowledged being contacted by Mr. Sauvé, and also said they have not seen the written offer. Mr. Shepherd said it bothered him a little that he hadn't seen the offer, while the other two councillors reserved judgment and said they expected to hear something about the matter, possibly as soon as last night's council meeting.

Councillors Akkermans and MacPherson spoke most strongly on the matter, acknowledging that they have had direct contact with the mayor about the situation.

Mrs. Akkermans explained there were very good reasons council members, including herself, didn't see the actual written offer, explaining that it was due to the mayor seeing the settlement proposal at such a late hour.

According to Mrs. Akkermans, Mr. Sauvé's offer came into the mayor at about 4 p.m. on the Thursday, before the Friday court hearing. For his part, Mr. Sauvé wonders how that can be when he says his offer was turned down by noon on Thursday.

Both Mrs. Akkermans and Councillor MacPherson said for the mayor to call a special session of council, under procedural rules, he has to give members 24 hours notice. Doing so in this case would have derailed the court process.

"If (the mayor) calls a meeting, he can't do it until Monday," Mrs. Akkermans said. "That means the court date has come and gone and (Mr. Sauvé) can be there for at least another month, until there is another court date...If we had looked at the offer we would have had to delay the court date."

The Kenyon ward representative believes it is Mr. Sauvé who is manipulating the process, and that the township has already made a reasonable offer to settle (see related story). The chipstand owner's new approach to resolving the dispute irks her.

"I think if you are dealing with us on a legitimate basis, you are not trying to play politics, you are not trying to play one member of council against another," Mrs, Akkermans said. "The fair way to do it is to call your lawyer, arrange a meeting and let's all sit down together...and negotiate, but that is not what is happening.

"It is not the way I would do business, it is not the way I would like people doing business with me."

For her part, Councillor Wendy MacPherson said she heard details of the offer on Friday Dec. 1, when she called the mayor to see whether there were any updates on the court proceedings.

Considering the time constraints put on the mayor, Mrs. MacPherson also doesn't believe it was unreasonable that council members didn't see the latest offer.

She doesn't think the conditions of the counter-offer are very serious, and finds it baffling that it is only now that the chipstand owner is offering solutions – even though council offered to renegotiate Mr. Sauvé's lease before he launched the $8.5 million lawsuit.

"(It makes) me think is it is coming down to the wire (for him)," Mrs. MacPherson said. "And he is realizing, 'I may not have a very good option...I better negotiate.' "

But not, she adds, before dragging council "through the mud."

Meanwhile, Mr. Sauvé compared his negotiations with North Glengarry to those that fired township clerk Léo Poirier had with the the municipality over his dismissal earlier this year.

"Léo thought he was at the bargaining table talking settlement and it ends up that the council members hadn't even approved anything," Mr. Sauvé said.

The chipstand owner believes that the same situation unfolded for him in the days leading up to the Dec. 2 injunction hearing.

He thought he had a deal signed and it ended up that it got thrown off the table at the very last minute.

Straight TALK

What is your favourite Christmas television special?



Matt Leblanc, Glen Robertson: "Rudolph the cartoon. I always watched it when I was younger and still watch it now. It tells a story and gets you in the Christmas spirit."



Chris Levac, Alexandria: "A Charlie Brown Christmas. It is a classic and I grew up watching it every year."



Kenneth Ladouceur, Martintown: "The movie Miracle on 44th Street. It is comical and lively. It is also a seasonal tradition to watch it."



Ralph Dewar, Dalkeith: "I like Christmas musicals, like Anne Murray's Christmas special. It is Canadian and from my era."

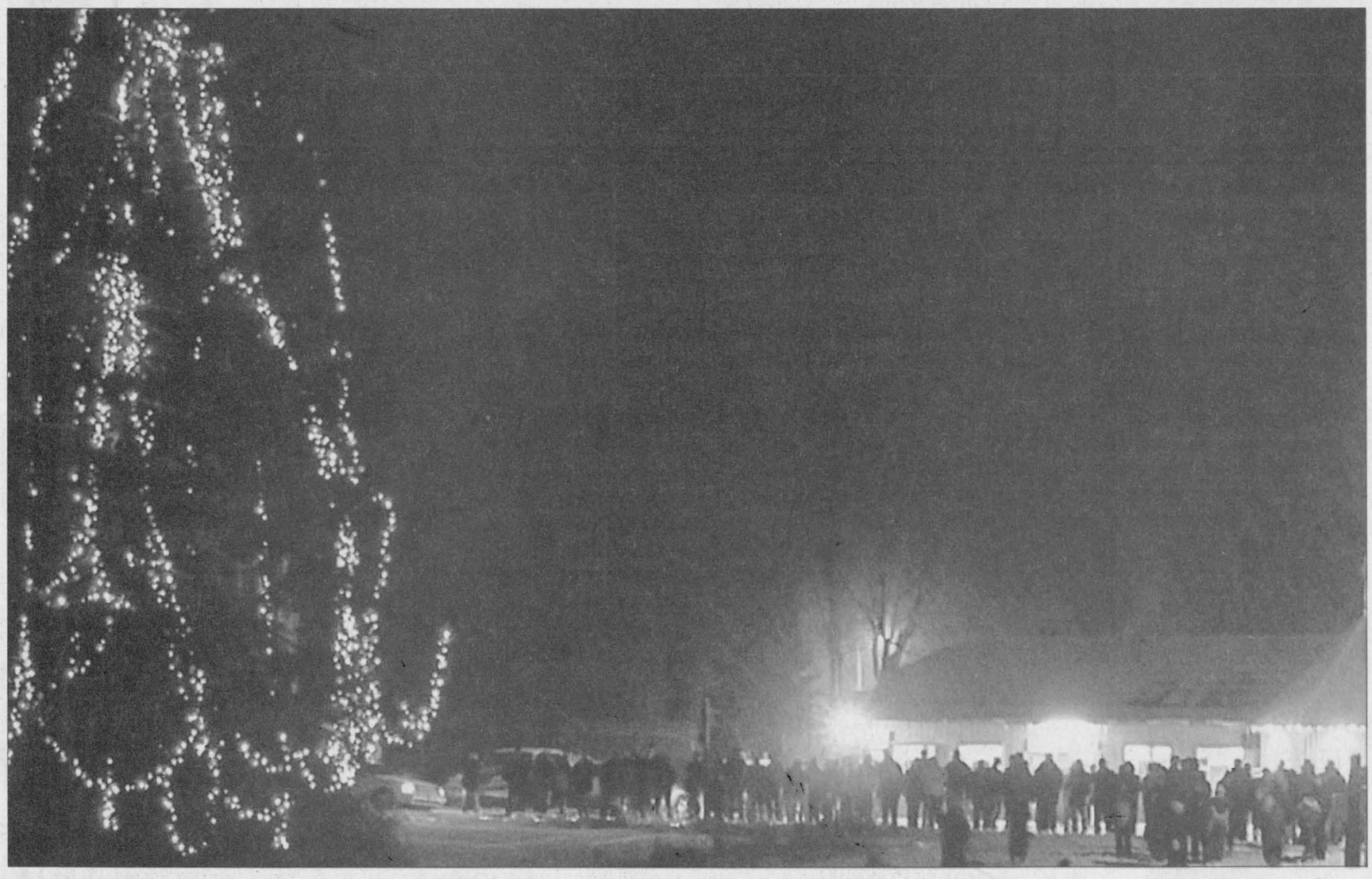


Lynn Bergeron, Hamilton Island: "Rita MacNeil's Christmas specials. She incorporates not just her talents, but a variety of age groups, other stars, and community people."



Vera Smith, Glen Walter: "The Grinch is my favourite. It has such a happy ending and it's been a favourite since childhood."

The festive spirit in Martintown







SANTA COMES TO MARTINTOWN: Last weekend was Martintown's turn to host the Santa Claus parade and it wound up being an all-day affair. Clockwise from top, in the evening about 100 people came out to see the lighting of the 60-foot Christmas tree, complete with 4200 light bulbs, on the bank of the Raisin River; during the parade, the streets were crowded with Martintown residents braving the wet falling snow, including several residents who shared the event with their dogs. Above right is Catherine McDonell and Ruby, and bottom right, Catherine Gagnon and Bailey, who pulled this wagon full of presents; below, Jada Pierce, left, and Teresa Shallow waved to onlookers from their perch on a holiday sleigh; at left, Gwen Benton, Elizabeth Peters, and May Thompson, watched the parade go by from the bridge atop the Raisin River. PETER KOVESSY PHOTOS





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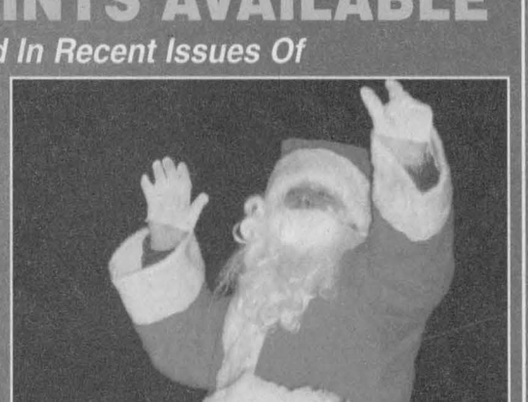



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Births

RUSSELL–Joanne (nee Enright) and Donald are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Quinn Mae on Monday, October 24, 2005 at Ottawa Civic Hospital weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. A sister for Shannon, Meghan and Sydney. Proud grandparents are Desmond and Deanne Enright of Cobden and Donald and Liette Russell of Apple Hill. 50nc

ROLLAND–Tina (nee Theoret) and Steven are pleased to announce the safe arrival of the first Rolland boy, their second child, Nicholas Steven Lloyd on Friday, December 2, 2005 at the Ottawa Civic Hospital weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. A baby brother for Cassandra. Proud grandparents are Robert and Lucy Rolland, Maxville and Rod and Suzanny Theoret, Casselman. 50nc

KENNEDY–Michelle (nee Dewar) and Allan are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Keira on Friday, December 2, 2005 at the Ottawa Civic Hospital weighing 7 lbs. 10oz. A baby sister to a very proud Alyssia. Proud grandparents are Mariette and Ralph Dewar, Dalkeith, and Lynda Kennedy, Ottawa and Bruce Kennedy, Dalkeith. Proud great-grandparents are Rita and T.P. Crawford, Ottawa. 50nc

Card of Thanks

DUROCHER-RAYMOND–I would like to express my sincere thanks to all my friends and family for their prayers, cards, visits, flowers and support during this long period at the hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Hill, his staff in the O.R., the nurses and staff in the ICU for special care for 13 days, to Sister Janet Peter and Father Jeffrey Hubbard for their prayers at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake, N.Y., to Dr. Kim from O.C.H. nurses of ICU, Dr. Moussa and nurses in ICU at the CCH McConnell site, Dr. Nadkarni at GMH. Special thanks to Bob and Gaby Daly who came from Florida to be with my wife, and Father Maloney and Dr. Nadkarni for their special visits. 50-1p

MacLEOD–We wish to express our sincere thanks for floral arrangements, cards, phone calls and memorial donations at the time of my brother Ralph's death.
–Sincerely, Lorna, Bill and family. 50nc

Death Notice

SALONS FUNÉRAIRES Munro & Morris FUNERAL HOMES LTD.
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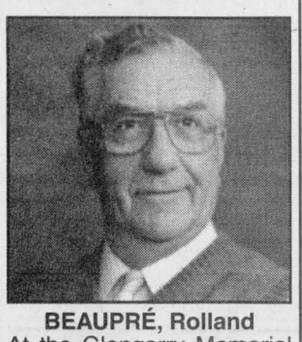

BEAUPRÉ, Rolland
At the Glengarry Memorial Hospital on Saturday, December 10, 2005. Rolland Beaupré of Williamstown; age 77 years. Beloved husband of Rita Beaupré (nee Théoret). Loving father of Denis Beaupré (Nora) and Jocelyne Overbury (Bruce) both of Williamstown, Lyse Pichie (Clarence) of Cornwall, Lyne Hebbard-Langille (Ken) of Barrie, Alain Beaupré (Suzanne) of Williamstown, and Claire Ménard (Bob) of Alexandria. Predeceased by one brother Lionel Beaupré and by two step-brothers Fernand and Gérard Latreille. Beloved son of the late Arthur Beaupré and Emilia St-Germain and beloved stepson of the late Albert Latreille. Dear grandfather of Donald, Valérie, Véronique, Jennifer, David, Jason, Kyle, Sylvie, Curtis, Renée, Andrée, Claûde, Chad, and Maxime, and great-grandfather of Jonathan and Sébastien. Relatives and friends may call at the **Munro & Morris Funeral Homes Ltd., 114 Main St. Alexandria (525-2772)** on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 from 2 - 4 pm and 7 - 9 pm and on Thursday from 9:30 am until 10:30 am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Raphael's Catholic Church on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 11 am. Interment will follow in the Parish Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. *As a Memorial to Rolland a tree will be planted in Memory Woods. A tree grows - memories live.*
Condolences may be made online at www.munromorris.com

Card of Thanks

KENNEDY–Michelle and Allan would like to thank everyone who attended their wedding reception and helped make the event a very memorable one. Special thanks to our parents Mariette and Ralph Dewar, Lynda and Bruce Kennedy, Colleen Poirier, Bobby Dewar (photographer), Father MacDougald, Chris McPherson (piper), Tiffany Smith (soloist), Julia Graham (wedding cake and more), Quigley's Pipe Band, our wedding party, family and friends.

GOLDEN JUBILEE



We, Marie-Marthe and Raymond wish to express our gratitude towards everyone who surprised us by making Monday, September 5, 2005, a very special and exceptional day with music, laughter and love. Many thanks go to Father Gerald Sareault, who celebrates a special Mass each year in St. Lazare for the youngest and eldest couples... still believers in marriage. We also thank the people of the choir, they sang like angels! We can't forget Ti-Luc's (nickname) in spite of their overloaded occupations they still take time for the essential... to be together in joy or sorrow.
– Love you all, we'll remember you, Marie-Marthe Lacombe and Raymond Latulippe. 50-1p

Death Notice

SALONS FUNÉRAIRES Munro & Morris FUNERAL HOMES LTD.
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MacLEOD, Bruce Roderick
Suddenly at his home in Cornwall. Bruce Roderick MacLeod of Cornwall; age 46 years. Dear brother of Kenneth (Maria), Randy (Bonnie), Heather Theoret (Pierre) and Sandra MacLeod (Dean Murrin) all of Ottawa. Survived by his nieces and nephews, Ian and Neil MacLeod, Ross and Jane MacLeod and Amy and Wesley Theoret. His many aunts, uncles and cousins will miss him dearly. Predeceased by his parents, Ranald MacLeod and Shirley Macdonell. Relatives and friends may call at the **Munro & Morris Funeral Homes Ltd., 114 Main St. Alexandria (613-525-2772)** on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 from 2 - 4 pm and 7 - 9 pm and on Thursday from 9:30 am until 10:30 am. Funeral Service will be held at St. Andrew's United Church (Round Church) Dalhousie Mills on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 11 am. Interment of cremated remains will follow in St. Andrew's United Church Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation would be appreciated by the family. *As a Memorial to Bruce a tree will be planted in Memory Woods. A tree grows - memories live.*
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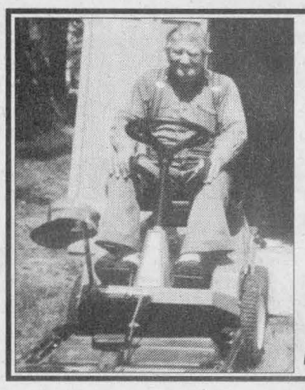
In Memoriam



William J. LADOUCEUR
In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away December 15, 1992.
13 years have passed since you were called away but in my heart you will always stay. 50-1p
Ever remembered by wife Elizabeth

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Wed. 21- Community Dart League, 7:30 pm
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In Memoriam

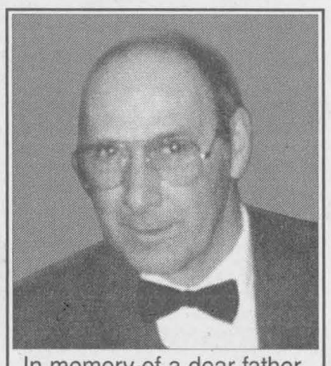
CADIEUX, Michael–In loving memory of a dear son and brother Michael who passed away December 10, 1982.
Deep in our hearts there's a picture
More precious than silver or gold
Tis a picture of a dear son and brother
Whose memory will never grow old.
–Always remembered by Mom, Dad, Sandra, Susie and Amanda. 50-1p

MacKINNON–In loving memory of Elsie MacKinnon who passed away December 4, 2004 and Alex who passed away May 29, 2002.
Though the changes of life divide us
And they no more we see,
There is a spot within our hearts
Where they will always be.
–Memories forever live, Allan and Muriel McCaskill and family. 50-1p

HALL, Lorne E.–In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who left us December 19, 2004.
His weary hours and days of pain
His troubled nights are past,
And in our aching hearts we know
He has found sweet rest at last.
–Sadly missed, Mamie and family. 50-1p

HALL, Lorne E.–In loving memory of a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather who left us December 19, 2004.
The angel sang Amazing Grace
The Lord came down and touched his face,
He held his hand and whispered low
"Come with me, it's time to go."
The gates of Heaven opened wide
The angels lined up side by side.
A special gift was on its way
The day God took our Dad away.
–"Forever in our hearts." Sadly missed by Larry, Karen, Heather and families. 50-1p

MacLEOD–In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Grace who passed away December 17, 1990.
–Always dearly loved and remembered by all the family. 50-1p



In memory of a dear father, JEAN-GUY GOULET, who passed away December 17 2004.
In a quiet country graveyard
Where the gentle breezes blow
Lies the one we love so dearly
Whom we lost one year ago.
Your resting place we visit
And put flowers there with care
While no one knows the heartache
When we turn and leave you there
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God bless you, DAD, we love you so.
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FRIDAY
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BUFFET - from 5:00 pm
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* * *
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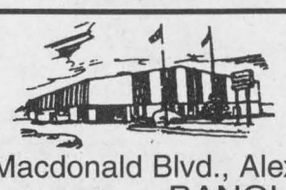

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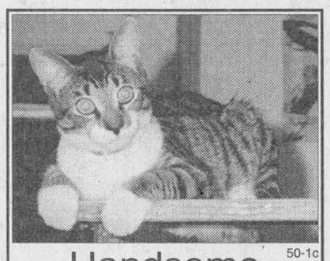

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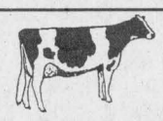

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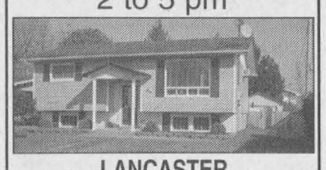

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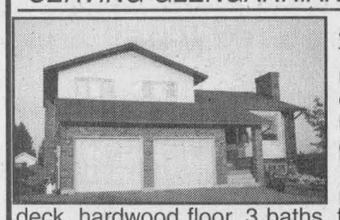

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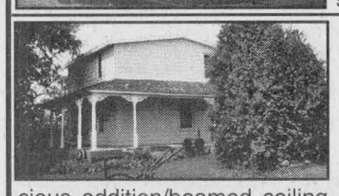

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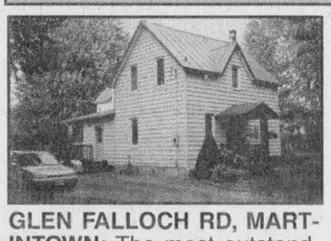

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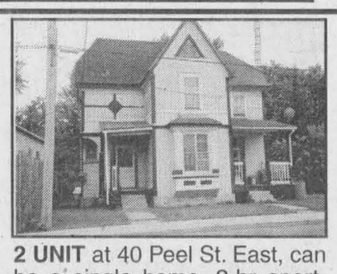

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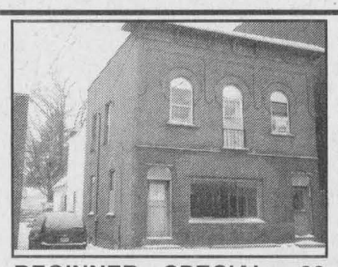
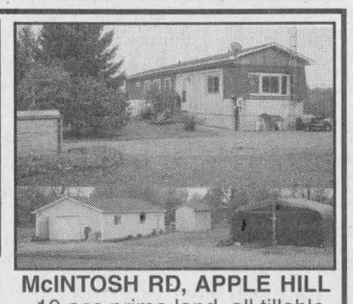
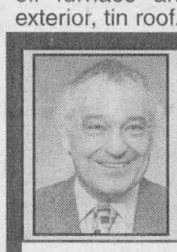


BEGINNER SPECIAL: 28 Main St. N., Alexandria. **$59,000.** Spacious 2-br upstairs, ensuite 1 br apartment downstairs at back. You can have your office downstairs.



McINTOSH RD, APPLE HILL - 10 acs prime land, all tillable. Totally renovated mobile home, new peaked roof in 1991, all new windows. Fantastic insulated shop 25x35 built in 1998, electricity and water, thick cement floor. Steel framed and tarped shed 20x35. Beautiful landscaping and trees in front of home. **$108,800.**



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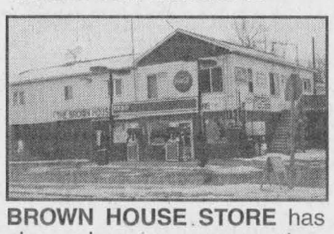
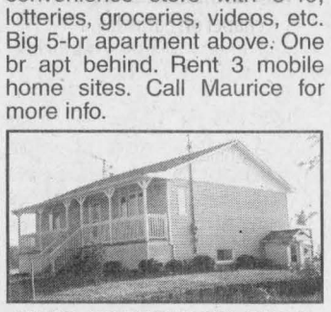


BROWN HOUSE STORE has always been a success story for all past owners. High traffic corner from 4 sides at corner of Hwy. 34 and County Road 18. Self-serve Esso gas. Spacious convenience store with 6-49, lotteries, groceries, videos, etc. Big 5-br apartment above. One br apt behind. Rent 3 mobile home sites. Call Maurice for more info.



GLEN ROBERTSON ROAD: Excellent rural bungalow on acre lot. Built 2001 and 1,000sf for a retired couple. Big living room of 18x17 as well as kitchen 14x11.5 and dining room 11x10. Back sunroom attached. Finished basement. **$149,000.**



IDEAL HOBBY FARM: Magnificently renovated bungalow, brand new maple kitchen cupboards, exceptional new bathroom with jacuzzi. Wood floors, new furnace, roof 2001, pool, barns, 25 acres backing onto Beaudette River. **$262,000.**



BONVILLE: 12 acres, brand new 1530sf home, fantastic kitchen and room layout, varnished wood floors, full basement, verandah. Huge garage shop 32x62 insulated, heated floor, high doors for trucks. **$248,000.**



GORGEOUS: 6-acre hobby farm on southwest edge of Apple Hill. Attractive brick home, all wood flrs, 3 brs, new propane furnace, roof 1996, front and back verandah. Big barn with shop. **$168,800.**



RAISIN RIVER SPECIAL: 3.1 acres on navigable part of river, you can boat, canoe and fish all the way to the St. Lawrence River. 259' shoreline. Impressive spacious family home, gas fireplace in den, 3 brs, natural gas forced air furnace, front verandah, back deck with fantastic view of river. Insulated garage, shop 24x44 plus 16x16. Apple orchard and evergreen plantation. **$144,000.**



GORGEOUS PROPERTY - Hidden in trees, circular driveway, 1800sf bungalow built 1979 with stone front, balance brick. Full finished bsmt. Located on Little Fifth Road near Brown House. Attached garage. Also attached is a big shed 23x32. Treed lot, 2 acres with trails. **$298,000.**



ST. ALBERT: On Payne River, halfway between Ottawa and Cornwall (or Alexandria). Beautiful quiet location. Stylish 1800sf home built in 1999. Huge kitchen and very large living room facing river. **$209,800.**



ON MIDDLE LAKE with 270' lake frontage, 3-br bungalow. Attached shop 23x20 with woodstove. Attached garage. New metal roof in 1995. Nicely landscaped lot. Small quiet lake, fishing, canoeing. ~~$169,900.~~ **$159,800.**



SECLUDED PRIVATE BACKYARD: Very nice interior, large kitchen and dining room (combined) leading to back deck with French doors. 2 bthrms, 2 brs, half of basement is 8' high and can be finished. Terrific backyard, big red maples, cedar hedge all around. Garage. At 189 Dominion St. South. 65x132' lot. **$98,800.**



ALEXANDRIA: Deluxe, spacious century home at 215 Dominion St. N., corner of Maple St. Recent windows, hdwd flrs, new natural gas furnace, new 200 amp breakers. Steel roof 20 years old. Back family room has gas fireplace stove. Magnificent landscaping and several trees. **$144,800.**



FANTASTIC COUNTRY HOME: 2 minutes south of Alexandria on 3 acres, professionally landscaped, scenic rock garden, mature trees, 2900sf bungalow, all quality and distinction, ultimate comfort. Fabulous back sunroom built in 1996 with gas fireplace stove. Magnificent stone fireplace in DR/LR. Also finished bsmt. Double insulated garage. Separate shop. **$389,000.**



MAXVILLE, RARE FIND: Raised split level built 1987, 3 brs in lower level. Big living room of 18x13 upstairs. Patio door from dining are to back deck. Very nice and comfortable, all in great shape. **$128,800.**



VANKLEEK HILL RURAL: Spacious renovated mobile home, very beautiful interior, addition is family rom, kitchen and living room is large open area. New peaked roof. Landscaped lot. **$48,800.**



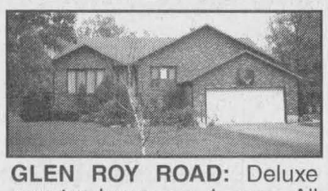
ALEXANDRIA: Beginner home, **$48,800.** Perfect for a young couple. Corner lot at 116 Dominion South, at corner of Derby St. Many features. New red tin roof, oil furnace 1993 and new oil tank 2002. 100 amp breakers. Also big 2-storey shed. Nice yard. **$48,800.**



105 AC FARM: On Highland Rd, south of Maxville, 2 road frontages, 80 acres workable, several fields, 25 acres bush. Attractive large century home in excellent condition. All reinsulated, new oil furnace and tank, many kitchen cupboards. Big old barns! What a location. **$189,800.**



CARPENTER'S DREAM: Beautiful bungalow, terrific 24x36 insulated shop with loft above, detached garage. A wonderfully landscaped treed lot, many mature trees, gardens. You'll love the kitchen. Come and see it. **$163,800.** Near Alexandria.



GLEN ROY ROAD: Deluxe country home on 1 acre. All brick 1800sf bungalow, attached brick garage. Very stylish. Large LR, DR and eating area and kitchen. 3 fireplaces, wood flrs, 3 bthrms. Finished basement. **$238,800.**



HOBBY FARM, north of Ingleside: 50 acres, century home needing renovations, sturdy old barn, located on east edge of Gallingertown **$88,800.**



RENTAL OF BUNGALOW at 111 St. George St. W., Alexandria. Rent the best, modern 3-br bungalow. New kitchen, finished bsmt with recreation room. **$900 per month.**



McCRIMMON CORNERS: Elegant, impressive, spacious home built in 1918. Big rooms, country kitchen. New windows throughout. Front and side verandahs. Beautifully landscaped. **$119,800.**

LOTS AND LAND

GLEN ROBERTSON on Florence Street, beautiful treed lot 200x211', private and secluded. **$18,900.**
DORNIE ROAD - 180x617. **$22,800.**
APPLE HILL AREA - 2 acres. **$14,800.**
HWY. 34 - 18 acres just north of Fassifern, west side. **$45,800.**
MacDONALD RD: Off 1st Kenyon, terrific lot 200x300, treed. **$19,900.**
HIGHWAY 43: Hilltop lot, 12 kms west of Alexandria, 150x250. **$14,800.**
DORNEY: 4 acres, **$29,800.**
FIRST KENYON: 180x348. **$19,800.**
COMMERCIAL on HWY 34: Just south 1 km of Alexandria, 200x370.
DIVERSION ROAD, 140x411, just west of Vallance Rd, **$17,400.**
LAKESHORE ROAD, 170 x 303, also frontage on Hwy 43, corner lot, **$19,800.**
ROAD 10, 8 km east of Alexandria, fantastic wooded 215 x 430, **$32,000.**
GLEN NEVIS, 2 wooded lots, 312 x 1300 each, scenic, very nice **$34,800 each.**
ROAD 45, walk to Alexandria, west of O.P.P. station, 200 x 600 **$27,800.**
SOUTH OF ALEXANDRIA ON 9TH, 100x290, **$15,800.**
ROAD 18, EAST OF NORTH LANCASTER, 150x367, **$16,800.**
MARCOUX RD: 157x300 **$19,000.**
GLEN NEVIS: 105x415, **$13,800.**
DELISLE RIVER at Dalhousie Mills, 650' wide on river. **$28,000.**
FIRST OF KENYON near Hwy. 34, 105x215. **$17,800.**

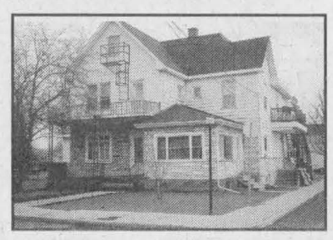
NEEDED - Hobby farms of all prices - Homes in Alexandria - Rural homes, all prices



HORSE FARM: Bainsville area, indoor riding arena 60x130, viewing rm, tack rm. horse stable with 28 box stalls. good 2-storey home. Separate mobile home 12x60. Secluded with long laneway. **$209,000.**



ALEXANDRIA, HUGE LOT: Huge lot of 120x120 on Main St. between high school and curling rink. 1500sf brick bungalow and finished basement. Gas brick fireplace in rec room. Fantastic side yard with inground swimming pool and whirlpool, magnificent trees and landscaping, must be seen. All for **$175,000.**



REVENUE 5-UNIT: Elegant looking 5-plex adjacent St. Finnan's Church and seniors' residence. Large lot of 75x143 which has Garry River at back boundary. Owner can enjoy living in this scenic location and still collect rent. **$169,800.**



100 ACRE FARM - 4 mins northwest of Alexandria, good older home, 2 brs, tin roof, vinyl siding, hilltop, far from road for privacy and quietness, raised laneway. sound log frame barn. **$134,800.**

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CONC. RD. 8, ALEXANDRIA: Ideal recreational property! 61 acres of hay fields, pond, plantation, lots of wildlife. Cozy quality home built in 1999. Detached garage/barn, private but not secluded, plus much more!

ST. JAMES ST., ALEXANDRIA: Think of the possibilities! Extra income from the apt will help pay the mortgage. Ideal southend location for walking to main amenities. Detached building converted to a 2-br apt. **$112,000.**

169th AVE, BAINSVILLE: Close to Quebec border with St. Lawrence River access: Hi-eff forced air oil furnace, exterior bsmt entrance, 3 season sunroom with pine walls and thermo windows, full semi-finished bsmt, large lot. **$134,800.**

ONE OF KIND! Classic Victorian home. Hardwood flrs, wide mouldings, antique staircase, 3 brs plus upper level studio with balcony and high ceilings. Gas furnace and gas dryer. House is very well maintained and immediate possession available. **$154,900.**

CTY RD 25, DUNVEGAN: Older home in very good condition with formal dining rm, 3 brs with landing, patio doors off kitchen leading to spacious fenced yard with garage and outbldg. **$79,900.**

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ST. RAPHAEL'S (west of Brown House Corner) **$82,500:** Cozy 3-br home, dining room and living room, open concept, basement consists of a family room and laundry room.

GREEN VALLEY! $174,000: Land, building and restaurant equipment. Second floor consists of a 2-br apt. First floor is rented on a m/m basis and used as commercial space.

MAXVILLE, $89,900: Century home /addition, 1 + 2 bedroom, one 4-pce and one 2-pce bath. For ad info and showing call Liette Ricard, broker.

GREEN VALLEY: Att'n Investors! Great potential! Country property! 2 buildings, 7 apts, 3 acres, within a few mins of village! Centrally located! **$174,900.**

NORTH LANCASTER, $53,900: So cute! Spotless 2-br home on 1/2 acre lot irr. shape. Why rent? Call today!

WILLIAMSTOWN AREA, $129,900: Looking for privacy? 2.8 acres, park-like setting! Spotless 2-br bungalow w/garage and shed.

- LAND FOR SALE -

$10,900	Greenfield, 1.72 acres m/l.
$53,900	Martintown, 39 acres, mostly all wooded.
$74,900	Apple Hill, 85 acres.
$89,500	Conc. 9 and 2nd Line Rd, 48.2 acres, good fertile soil of which 27 acs tile drained.

Notices / Tenders

NOTICE
TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

The Council of the Township is looking for volunteers to participate on various committees for the year 2006. This is a prime opportunity for interested parties to become involved in their community and have input at the grass roots level.

- **AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- **COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

(To consider request of relief from zoning regulations)

- **CORNWALL REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION INC.**
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
- **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
- **FENCE VIEWERS**
- **GLENGARRY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**
- **GLENGARRY SPORTS PALACE BOARD**
- **HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- **LIVESTOCK EVALUATOR**
- **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
- **PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

(To adjudicate on appeals on Orders to Comply with Township bylaws)

- **RECREATION, PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTRES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Residents wishing to submit their names for any committee may do so in writing (clearly stating the Committee of their choice, qualifications, complete mailing address, and telephone number) before:

December 27, 2005

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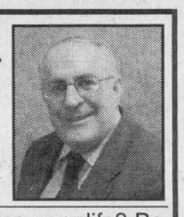

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VANKLEEK HILL, east on McNaughton Rd. 246 acs of vacant land. Approximately 155 acs workable, tile drained of beautiful flat land. Balance bush and cleared land. Asking **$285,000.**

STE. ANNE DE PRESCOTT, Gibbs Rd, 150 acres of real nice rolling, land, 30 acs tile drained. Some hardwood bush and a mature cedar bush. Streams through the property with a permanent year-round clear running spring. Asking **$275,000.**

PENDELTON, west on dead end road. Two 50-ac parcels of land. Stream running through property.

Auctions/Notices

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Serial #		
SFT 2006-601	CLEANING OF VACANT UNITS	Various Projects
SFT 2006-602	GARBAGE REMOVAL / CONTAINER SERVICE	Various Projects
SFT 2006-603	SUPPLY OF PAGERS and ANSWERING / PAGING SERVICES	Various Projects
PT 2006-001	FLOOR TILE REPLACEMENT STANDING CONTRACT	Various Projects

Tenders will be received for the above until **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2005 AT 2:00 pm** by the Cornwall and Area Housing Corporation at 1916 Pitt Street, Unit 11, Cornwall, Ontario, K6J 5H3, c/o the Manager, Capital Works and Maintenance, John Robinson from whom details and specifications may be obtained or telephone 613-938-7717, quoting the serial number as above. *The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.*

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TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Notice is herby given that no vehicle will be permitted to park on highways or part of a highway in the following areas of the Township, between the hours of **3:00 am of one day and 8:00 am of the same day** during the period commencing:

November 15, 2005 and ending April 15, 2006.

TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA
VILLAGES OF APPLE HILL,
GLEN ROBERTSON and MAXVILLE
HAMLETS OF DALKEITH, DUNVEGAN and GREENFIELD

Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is, upon conviction, guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding $1,000.00 exclusive of costs. Where a person has received a parking infraction notice alleging the parking provisions of the bylaw have been contravened, that person may within five days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays, present the parking infraction notice at the office of the Township of North Glengarry and make a voluntary payment of $75.00 in which case the parking infraction will be deemed paid in full.

By order of Council
Terry Hart, Planning Manager / Clerk

CANTON DE GLENGARRY NORD RESTRICTIONS RELATIVES AU STATIONNEMENT D'HIVER

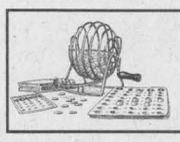
Avis est donné qu'il est interdit de stationner tout véhicule sur les voies publiques ou une partie de celles-ci entre les **3 heures (03:00) du matin et 8 heures (08:00) du matin de la même journée**, pour la période du:

15 novembre 2005 au 15 avril 2006, aux endroits suivants

VILLE D'ALEXANDRIA
VILLAGES DE APPLE HILL,
GLEN ROBERTSON et MAXVILLE
HAMEAUX DE DALKEITH, DUNVEGAN et GREENFIELD

Chaque personne qui va à l'encontre de ce règlement municipal est, après conviction, coupable de cette offense. Cette personne est passible d'une amende n'excédant pas 1 000$ sans compter les frais.
La personne qui reçoit une contravention pour stationnement illégal, d'après le règlement municipal, peut dans les cinq jours suivants (excluant samedi, dimanche et jour férié) présenter la contravention au bureau municipal du canton de Glengarry nord. Un paiement volontaire de soixante quinze dollars (75$) peut-être acquitté et dans ce cas, la contravention de stationnement sera considérée payée.

Conforme au règlement municipal
Terry Hart, Administrateur en planification / greffier 49-2c



Treat yourself to an evening out - come
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Daughters of Isabella enjoy Christmas dinner

The Daughters of Isabella held their Christmas supper and meeting at Maggie's restaurant last Wednesday evening. Over 30 members attended and enjoyed the meal and games that were played. Gift were exchanged and many won door prizes.

We were also entertained by music played by Rosaire, Marie Andree and Stephane. At the end of the evening everyone returned home with Christmas wishes exchanged among all. A great evening was had by everyone.

Another Christmas party this past weekend was the Glen-Rox Social Club, that was held at the Knights of Columbus hall in Alexandria.

The Glengarry bus drivers enjoyed the meal, the music and everyone went home with a gift and some even won a door prize. A great evening was had by all. A big thank you to Daryl McRae and his wife who also attended.



GREEN VALLEY
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Condolences

Deepest sympathies going out to the family of Rolland Beaupre who passed away this past weekend; he was 77 years old.

He leaves his wife Rita (Theoret), and his children Jocelyne Overbury (David), Alain (Suzanne), Denis (Nora), Lise Piche (Clarence), Lyne Hebbard (Ken), Claire Menard (Bob) and several grandchildren. I do not have the funeral arrangements at this time.

Losing a family member, especially around the holidays, is very hard. It's not easy losing someone we know and love.

Brown House Circle

On Friday evening, Dec. 7, a room filled with members and guests of the Brown House Circle were treated to a superb traditional Christmas turkey dinner prepared by Theresa MacDonald and her able, attentive staff aided in the kitchen by Father Dan himself.

After the meal, all present danced to the music of Jean Lajoie, with a sing-a-long followed by dancing. Nine lucky winners went home with valuable door prizes.

It was an evening of good cheer and friendship and all members send best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all.

Auctions/Notices

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY NOTICE

The Municipal Office will be closed
Monday, December 26 to **Tuesday, Jan 3, 2006.**
Robert Boisvenue
Deputy Clerk

CANTON DE GLENGARRY NORD AVIS

Le bureau municipal sera fermé à partir du
lundi 26 décembre, 2005, jusqu'au **mardi 3 janvier, 2006.**
Robert Boisvenue
Greffier adjoint

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY NOTICE

ONTARIO REGULATION 244/02
FEES AND CHARGES - SECTION 12

Please note that at the regular public meeting of the Municipal Council, scheduled for **Monday, January 16, 2006**, Council proposes to establish the new North Glengarry water and sanitary sewer rates for the consumers in the Town of Alexandria, Village of Maxville and Hamlet of Glen Robertson by amending **Bylaw No. 50-2005** (User Fees and Charges).

An information package regarding the proposed water and sanitary rates may be obtained at the Municipal office from **Monday to Friday, between 8:00 am to 4 pm.**

Robert Boisvenue
Deputy Clerk

CANTON DE GLENGARRY NORD AVIS

LES RÈGLEMENTS DE LA LOI 244/02
FRAIS AUX CONSOMMATEURS - SECTION 12

Veuillez noter qu'à la réunion publique du Conseil municipal du **lundi, 16 janvier, 2006,** le Conseil propose d'établir les nouveaux taux pour les consommateurs d'eau et égouts sanitaires pour la ville d'Alexandria, le village de Maxville et le hameau de Glen Robertson, par un amendement au **Règlement municipal 50-2005** (Frais aux consommateurs).

Une copie des renseignements détaillant les nouveaux taux d'eau et égouts peut être obtenue au bureau municipal du **lundi au vendredi entre 8h00 et 16h00.**

Robert Boisvenue
Greffier adjoint

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OBITUARIES

Evans MacGillivray

Alexander Evans MacGillivray, lifelong resident of Kirk Hill, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005 at the Hawkesbury and District General Hospital. He was 98.

Mr. MacGillivray was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Mora. He is survived by sons Ronald (Bonnie) of Vankleek Hill and Hugh (Anne) of Ottawa.

He is also survived by his brother Bill (the late Janet), Kirk Hill, brother-in-law Dougal MacGillivray (the late Christena), Alexandria and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Archie and Eileen MacGillivray, Kirk Hill, as well as many nieces and nephews and their families.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Muriel (the late Pat) and Ruth (the late Don). He was the son of Donald John MacGillivray and Sarah MacLeod.

Visitation was held at the Munro & Morris Funeral Home in Alexandria on Friday, Nov. 11 with the funeral serviced held in the chapel on Saturday, Nov. 12. Rev. Robert Martin conducted the service. Interment was at St. Columba Church, Kirk Hill. Pallbearers were Dean MacGillivray, Emerson MacGillivray, Keith MacGillivray, Ralph MacGillivray, Donnie MacLeod and Carlyle MacMillan.

Ralph Cadieux

Ralph Cadieux of Edmonton passed away on Monday, Nov. 7, 2005 at the age of 66.

Mr. Cadieux was born Sept. 9, 1939 in Greenfield, Ontario, a son of the late Malgoire Cadieux of Alexandria and Alexina MacDonald of Edmonton, Alberta.

In his early years, Mr. Cadieux lived in Brodie and Lochiel, and attended the schools in the local areas. Ralph was a Gunner in the Second Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery from 1958 to 1963 (SC 138061). He worked at Square C Textile, Alexandria and later as a miner in the nickel mines in Sudbury, Ontario where he was a welder by trade.

Mr. Cadieux married Julie Brouwer on May 16, 1970 in Port Credit, Ontario and later moved to Edmonton. He is survived by his widow, the former Julie Brouwer; one son and one daughter: Ian Cadieux (Bonnie) of Edmonton, Alberta, and Cindy Orsten (David) of Edmonton.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Paige Cadieux, and Jayden and Kyler Orsten; three brothers, Clifford (Viola), St. Michael's, Alberta, Carmen (Carmen) Sherwood Park, Alberta, Garney of Calgary, and five sisters Helena (Walter) Murdock, Milton, Ontario, Edna (John) Whyte, Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Bernice of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Lorna (Bill) MacLeod, Dalkeith, Ontario, Carolyn (Mike) Galarneau, Edmonton, Alberta. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. The memorial service was held Nov. 14 in Edmonton.

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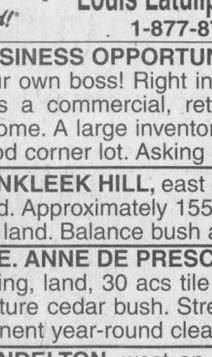
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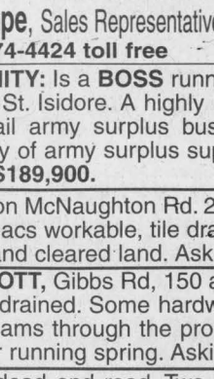
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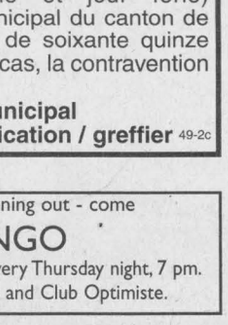
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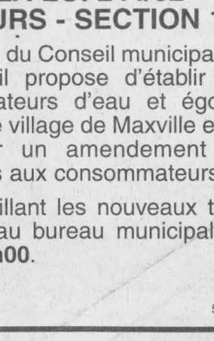
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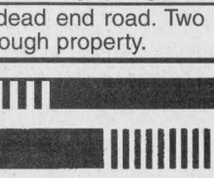
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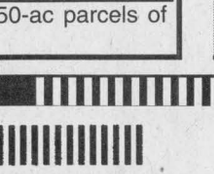
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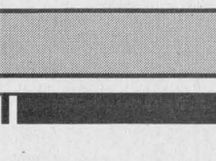
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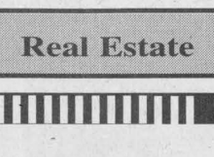
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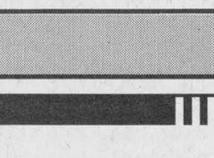
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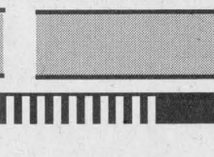
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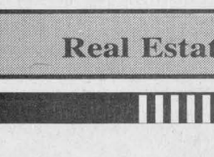
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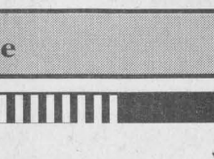
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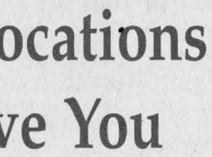
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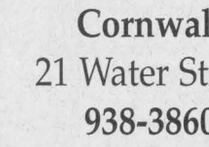
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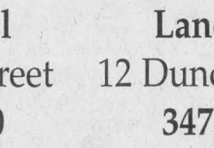
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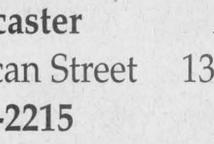
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Church to hold Christmas Eve celebration



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The Christmas Eve Mass (birth of Jesus) celebration at St. Catherine of Sienna on Dec. 24 will be at 8 p.m. by Rev. Kelvin Maloney. There will also be confessions on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Finnan's parish.

The winner of the 50/50 draw for the month of November at St. Catherines was Ivan McDonell.

Charles and Diana McKinnon (Conc. 6) have enjoyed a three week vacation visiting in Hong Kong, Bangkok and Bali. They said the temperatures were in the high 90s all the time. Beautiful countries to see and they had a great time.

Everyone who attended *The Glengarry News* Christmas party on Saturday night at the curling club had a superb time. A delicious supper was catered, great prizes were won and all enjoyed music for dancing. Also, magician Steve entertained everyone with his card tricks.

Glengarry Gatherings

Glen Walter's **Santa Claus Parade** takes place this Sunday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m.

The event begins at the fire hall and finishes at the Blue Anchor, where Santa Claus will meet the children.

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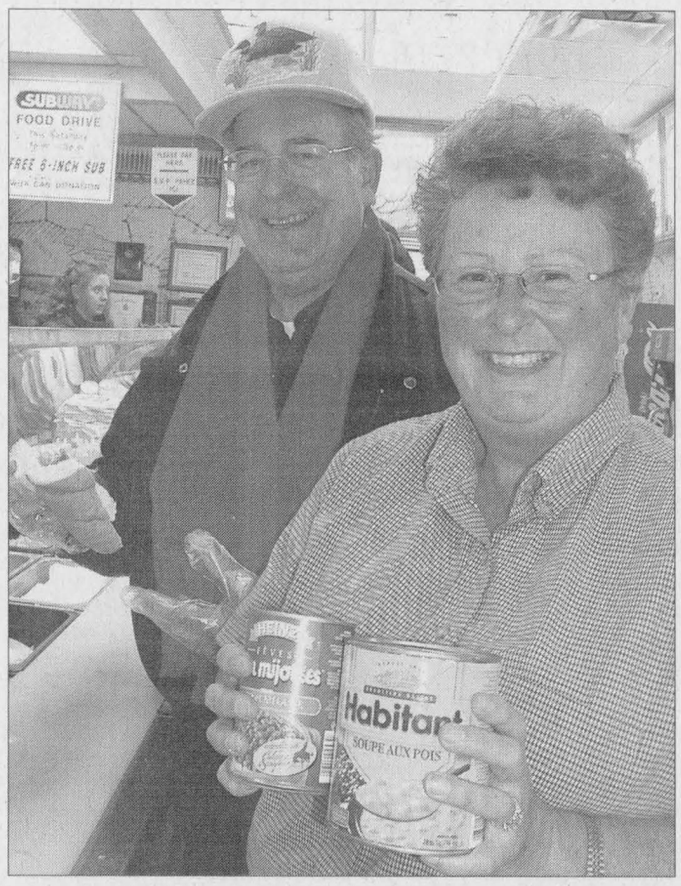
The dogs of Glengarry will be featured in a dog fashion show tomorrow, Dec. 15, at the Alexandria United Church on Kincardine Street East.

The event is called **Puttin on the Ritz**, admission to the show is $3.



HOLIDAY GENEROSITY: (Above) St. Vincent de Paul president Claude Brunet tries his hand at sub making while Alexandria Subway owner Anita Allinotte displays two of the more than 600 food items donated Saturday afternoon. Over 250 six-inch subs were given to customers who donated to the food bank, while Subway staff donated their time to help prepare the sandwiches. (Below) Lisa St. Denis, coordinator for the North Glengarry Youth Centre, accepts a cheque for $2000 from Jacques Massie of the Alexandria and District Chamber of Commerce. The money comes from the proceeds of the summer's Canada Day festivities where members of the youth centre volunteered. The funds will be used for program materials at the youth centre to help keep its doors open.

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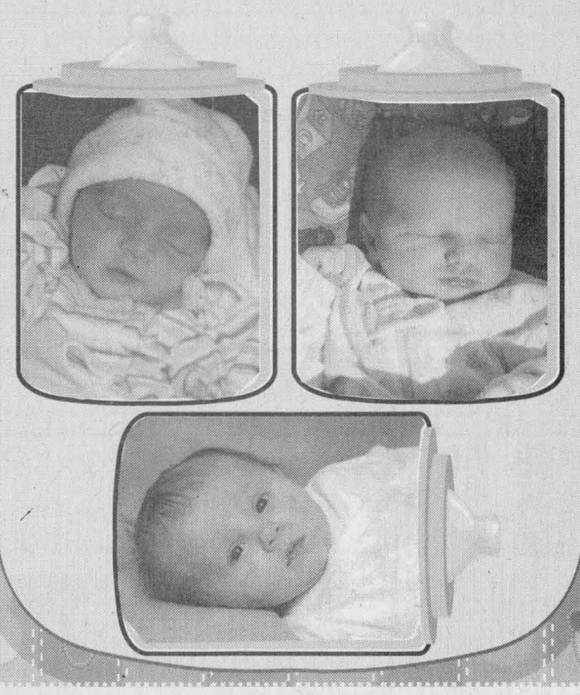

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Skating rink gets big boost from Lions



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BIG DONORS: Jerome Andre of the Maxville and District lions club presents a $2,000 donation to Gary Martin and Tom Clarke of the Maxville Recreation Committee for their outdoor ice rink and sports facility. The Scotiabank in Maxville is matching all donations up to $5,000 until this Friday.

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Our local Lions Club gave a big boost to the fundraising project of the Recreation Committee when a $2,000 donation was added to the donations' jar at Scotiabank. This automatically meant that our local bank will donate an additional $2,000 to the funds raised for the outdoor skating rink and summer facility at the Sports Complex.

Earlier, the bank had agreed to match funds raised for the project up to $5,000 until the end of this week. The raffle tickets for the Ottawa Senators-Toronto Maple Leafs hockey game are still on sale at the bank until Friday of this week and the draw will be made on Monday by bank manager, Debbie Carroll.

Your financial assistance will be very much appreciated by the recreation committee members and other volunteers who have been working very faithfully to see this project for the young people of the community reach fruition.

New baby

Our best wishes and congratulations go to Karen and James Ault, Catherine Street, on the birth of their third child, a boy who has been named Noah. Liam and Mara are the baby's siblings. Karen is a staff member of our local Public School and of course is on maternity leave for some time now.

Condolences

Murray Mooney died at the Manor on Sunday evening. From the Vankleek Hill area, he and his late wife had been residents of Glen Garden Village for some years, before Mr. Mooney moved to the Manor.

Tower changes

Something is happening at the very high tower in Murray McEwen's field at the southeast corner of the village. The tower has been there for at least 50 years and was used to pick up microwaves, magnify their strength and pass them on to the next tower. Most likely, while the tower has been changed with an addition to the top and additional concave discs, its use has most likely changed and perhaps become obsolete.

Last week, the eight discs came down and readers will have to wait until next Wednesday to learn of more changes this week.

The tower has been a landmark for our grandchildren as they drive towards the village from south. When they see the tower, they know they are getting close to our home.

Bowlers' lunch

The members of the bowling teams, sponsored by the Seniors' Outreach Services at the Manor met at the Manor last Thursday for a noontime dinner. There were 19 present and all enjoyed the delicious meal and fellowship.

The bowlers meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9.30 a.m. for a fun time with the bowling score very secondary. Additional team members will be warmly welcomed for either day. It would be best to phone Margaret Lobb at 527-2170, ext 237, if you would like to join this activity.

Carol service

On a typical snowy December evening, the congregation of St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church hosted its traditional Nine Lessons and Carols service last Sunday. Terrie Chedore, student minister at the United Church gave the opening prayer and the Rev. Pat Martin of the host church gave the closing prayer and blessing.

The music for the evening featured Ken Jones on the organ with the choir of the St. John the Evangelist Church in Lancaster, the March Quartette with Ken Johns, Elizabeth Funnekotter, Rene Cuhot and Lynn Palen on clarinets, guitar and vocals led by Clive Bebbington, Eva Bodo, Kathy Lucking, Di Jaggassar, Peter Labelle, and Barbara and Gary Newman. A beautiful rendition of "O Holy Night" was sung by Maryanne Kampouris.

The readings were given by Ruth Stanton, Erwin Shields, Hugh Grice, Trevor Stanton, Virginia Winn, Marena Bray, Roseanne Carr, Gary Newman and Di Jaggassar.

Afterwards, a reception followed when Christmas cookies were on sale. Close to $400 was raised in support of the Rev. Carolyn Langford who is going to Africa in January on a three year teaching mission.

Calendar draw

We have the names of the winners in the Lions Club calendar draw for the last four weeks.

Starting on Nov. 14, they were Nancy Lefebvre, Glen Robertson, $40., Chantelle Lefbevre, Maxville, $20., Earl MacLennan, Maxville, $20., Rene Aubin, Dyer, $50., and Dale Munro, Maxville, $20.

The following week the lucky ones were Gerald Aubin, Mississauga, $40., Eddie Lacroix Jr. Apple Hill, $20., Sylvie Landry, Cornwall, $20., Yves Lortie, St. Bernardin, $50., and Jacques Marleau, Moose Creek, $40.

Starting on Nov. 28, the names drawn were those of Donald Racine, Alexandria, $20., Kathryn Blair, Martintowm $40., Romeo Aubin, Dyer, $40., Leah Villeneuve, Dyer, $20. and Irene Dore, Moose Creek, $40.

Last week, the names reported were Tom McCrory, Calgary, $30., Brian Macleod, Dunvegan, $40., Roger Seguin, Maxville, $20., Jesse Villeneuve, Dyer, $30., and Glen Campbell, Athol, $40.

Candlelight service

Be certain to remember to attend the candlelight service in St. Andrew's Church this Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

Dinner and movie

The Recreation Committee will host its last dinner and movie this Friday at the complex. The feature movie will be the animated *Valiant*. Admission to the movie is free while the hotdog, pop and chips are $2. The movie will be given away afterwards along with some additional door prizes.

A Christmas party youth dance will follow for ages nine years and up. Admission is $3 and a number of extra door prizes will be awarded.

The activities start at 6 p.m. and all proceeds from the evening will go towards the fundraising for the outdoor sports' facility.

Upper Canada trip

On Dec. 21, Margaret Lobb has a trip planned for those who make use of the activities she plans under the Seniors Outreach Services program. It is to Upper Canada Village for dinner at the Harvest Barn there and for the viewing of the beautiful lighting schemes in the village.

Those wishing to go are asked to assemble at the Manor at 4 p.m. The cost for this most interesting outing will be around $25, depending on the number going. All those interested in going are asked to phone Margaret at 527-2170, ext. 237.

Bird news

Here is something for the real serious bird watchers to try. It is called pishing and yes, the spell check on the computer is indicating that this is a misspelling. It is defined as a method to call in the birds and my reference is the Fall 2005 edition of Bird Watch Canada.

The art of pishing dates back to the tenth century and it involves saying the words "pish pish pish pish" in rapid succession followed by "chattering" where the observer quickly says "chit chit chit chit chit chit chit". Apparently, when birders make these pishing noises, they often find themselves quickly surrounded by a flock of little birds.

The article goes on the advise that a raspy, drawn out "pish-h-h-h-h" repeated three or four times, followed by a quick chattering does seem to work best, but just about anyone can successfully pish-in birds.

Who will be the first to report that it works?

An excited caller from the 4th Con. Kenyon reported a noisy pileated woodpecker at a branch on their tree. As well, the couple has a cardinal at a feeder but it may be the same one reported last week at a neighbour's feeder.

Another caller from way east of St. Elmo has reported a large flock of evening grosbeaks. Perhaps we are going to be seeing more of these raucous yet colourful birds this winter. I have come to the conclusion that the birds prefer feeding at round feeders. We have a silo type with black sunflower seeds and a round wire type for a fat mixture, and I believe that more birds use them than others we have with the same food supply. My understanding is that the birds can watch for danger better when they are able to have a wider range of view.

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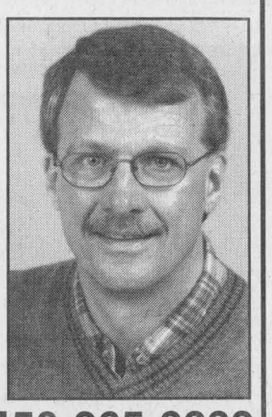

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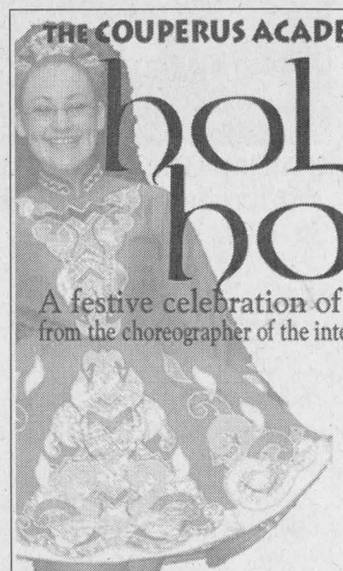

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New business owner "signs" on

By Peter Kovessy
Special to *The News*

Not every business owner can independently announce their grand opening.

However, designing and producing her own "Open" sign was the first job for Corrina Paulenco DaPrato, the new owner of Significo!, the sign and lettering store formerly known as JRL Lettering.

Ms. DaPrato recently purchased the building and business, located on Alexandria's Main Street, from its previous owners, Kate and Roli Muri. She says she was looking for a business opportunity in Alexandria that would allow her to apply her artistic abilities.

"Until you get in your car and drive around, you don't really realize how much signage there is," says Ms. DaPrato, referring to the ads, billboards and decals that dot the township's landscape.

Ms. DaPrato is the third consecutive woman to own the store, a fact she highlights as being a sign of the times.



SIGNIFICO!: New owner Corrina Paulenco DaPrato stands next to the rolls of vinyl used to make lettering for signs. Significo!, formerly JRL Lettering, opened on Main Street, Alexandria, last week.

PETER KOVESSY PHOTO

"Lots of business owners in town are women," Ms. DaPrato says. "It is nice to see that they want to make a mark," she adds, suggesting the local ladies are becoming more independent and confident.

While the store's previous owners will continue working at Significo! for the next two months to ensure a smooth transition, Ms. DaPrato says she expects to hire an additional employee in the future.

In the short run, Ms. DaPrato says it is her goal to keep her customers happy with high quality signs so she can be as successful as the store's previous owners.

"There is great satisfaction in driving by and seeing something appealing that I created," Ms. DePrato says.

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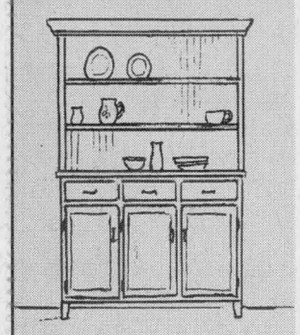

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Warden's inauguration a family affair



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CHARBROILED: Lancaster's Madison Robert, 2, tries to extinguish her marshmallow at the Cooper Marsh tree lighting evening last Friday. PETER KOVESSY PHOTO

On Friday Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. over 100 of Jim McDonells family, friends, township and council co-workers joined together at the Cornwall Courthouse on Pitt Street to witness his inauguration as Warden of the S.D&G Counties.

Mike Waddell, Chief Administrator of the Counties, welcomed and introduced members in attendance of each of the six township councils.

Outgoing Warden Alvin Runnals also made an address to Jim and had some heartwarming advice #1 take your vitamins and sleep when you can, #2 watch out for "Those guys" when playing golf, making a reference to the 12 members of S.D &G township councils.

During the ceremony a representative from the S.D&G Highlanders welcomed Jim to his new position and expressed wishes of a reborn relationship between the Counties and the Highlanders.

Jim is the third member of his family to have held the position of Warden of the Counties, following in the footsteps of his dad and granddad.

Jim currently is the Mayor of South Glengarry, a full time employee of Bell, husband to Margie and dad to Marian, Chelsea and Bernie.

When the kids were asked who is the most likely to follow the footsteps of dad, after the laughs the kids all agreed that Marian was too shy, Chelsea, not a chance, so probably Bernie.

Christmas in the Park

Families are invited to the Jack Danaher Park in Bainsville on Sunday Dec. 18 from noon until 6 p.m. for a Christmas celebration.

Santa will visit from 1-3 p.m. It's a perfect afternoon to visit with neighbours, take in some skating, and get into the spirit of the season. Hot dogs and drinks are available. All are welcome, don't forget your spirit and your skates.

Hendersons Bakery

If you haven't had time yet to do your Christmas baking, go see the Hendersons at their bakery and they can help you out with that! While you are there, take a guess at how many cookies can fit in the cookie jar and you may win a prize. The Hendersons would like to say Merry Christmas to all their customers and a thank you for your patience as they are working steadily to get the store open by early New Year.

Community breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly breakfast on Sunday Dec. 18 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. A full breakfast menu will be served. Adults $4.50, children $3.75, family rate is available.

Social notes

A big thank you to JT Grossmith, for the wonderfull meal and great time at *The Glengarry News* party on Saturday evening.

Our son was a little upset with us because we told him we would pick him up early to take him home to watch the hockey game, so when we showed up at his aunt's the next morning, there was some explaining to do and it went like this:

"There were door prizes and you had to be there to win. The good news is the prizes were four tickets to an Ottawa Senators game and another draw of four tickets to a Montreal Canadiens game!", as he is getting excited and picturing himself at a game and forgetting that we just picked him up 12 hours late, I say "The bad news is we didn't win but the people that did win were really happy."

He did not find me all that witty!

To the Glengarry boys and girls who used to make the weekend trek to Dalhousie, your favourite barman, Bobby D, is doing well and sends a hello to you and also to his sister, Doris Welcher, Merry Christmas.

You can find Bobby behind the bar at the Alexandria Curling Club. It may be some years since Bobby has seen many of you but give him a few minutes and he'll get your name, it took a few minutes but he got that Davis boy's name right!!

Sympathies are sent to Alain Beaupre and family on the passing of his dad Sunday morning.

A merry WI Christmas

Local members of the Women's Institute jingled their bells and decked the halls at Bainsville's Christmas meeting on Dec. 7.

A star was born as Daisy O'Dare, also known as President Liz Legge, strutted her stuff, winning the W.Idol contest.

Good sports were fellow contestants country singing Diane Bowles, Joan Burchill Dale, Heather Basler as a confused, exercising Jane Fonder, our favourite little Dutch girl, Reina Troost and Elsa Hore, a last-minute surprise.

Ruth Fourney and Joanne Stevenson as Paula and Simon, together with the audience, judged the entries. Other activities included a gift exchange, a "re-gifting" draw fundraiser, donations for Baldwin House, Christmas carols as well as a fine turkey dinner.

Guests frrom the Picnic Grove branch thanked Bainsville for an enjoyable evening. The festivities ended fittingly with a moving solo of "O Holy Night" by Brenda Parent, Elsa's daughter.

The next meeting will take place Jan. 4, 2006 at 7:30 at Glen Cairn Lodge.

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95 YEARS AGO
Friday, December 8, 1910

•Work on the interior of the new Sacred Heart Church is proceeding apace and it is expected the church will be open to the faithful for the first time at midnight mass on Christmas eve.

•There are several cases of smallpox in the village of Moose Creek.

•A native Glengarrian, Donald MacMaster, MP, has been returned unopposed as Unionist candidate in Chertsey, England, in the recent elections.

•A.K. McDonald, deputy reeve of Kenyon township spent several hours in town on Wednesday.

•Those who are fortunate enough to have a limited supply of fresh eggs are shipping them direct to Montreal, receiving in return from 40 to 50 cents per dozen.

90 YEARS AGO
Friday, December 10, 1915

•The Militia Department has approved the organization of a battalion for overseas service from Glengarry, Stormont and Dundas. Although full details are not yet available, it is expected the two senior officers will be chosen from Glengarry and one from Stormont.

•Mrs. A.D. Macdonald yesterday received a cable dated 8th announcing the safe arrival in England of her son, Pte. A. Gordon Macdonald.

•A former manager of the local branch, Union Bank, W.J. Dawson of Hamilton, suffered the loss of a leg by amputation recently after a fall while curling.

•Mr. and Mrs. G. Duval and family have moved into their new residence on Elgin Street.

•The following ladies are opening a Tea Room in aid of the Red Cross in the Red Cross Rooms: Mrs. W.L. Chalmers, Mrs. R.H. Cowan, Mrs. T.J. Gormley, Mrs. D. MacKay, Mrs. D.R. McDonald, Mrs. J.A. McMillan.

•The members of our Fire Department have recently honoured two members of the brigade: sub-chief William Kemp and fireman George Lalonde. Gold watches were presented.

•Harold Ostrom of the Union Bank, Le Pas, Man., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I.B. Ostrom.

•J.A. McCosham of Glen Norman, yesterday sold his 100-acre farm, lot 18-9th Lancaster to L. Brosseau.

80 YEARS AGO
Friday, December 11, 1925

•Prior to their departure for Orillia, J.A. Cuthbert, until his recent resignation manager of the Royal Bank branch here, and Mrs. Cuthbert were honoured by Alexandria friends.

•Miss Maggie MacGregor, Martintown, left Wednesday to spend the winter with her brother, William MacGregor, Minneapolis, Minn.

•In Monday's election for councillors at Maxville, the following were elected: Robert MacKay, Ben Villeneuve, T.W. Munro and H.J. Fraser. E.S. Winter is reeve.

•Dr. and Mrs. W.D. McMillan and children left Lochiel, December 1st for Melfort, Saskatchewan.

•Mr. and Mrs. Dan Irvine of Breadalbane have retired from farming to live in Vankleek Hill.

•M.D. Morrison of Vancouver, after an absence of 15 years, arrived recently to visit his father, Mr. Neil Morrison, Glen Norman.

70 YEARS AGO
Friday, December 6, 1935

•Alan Van Every, Albert Dale, Alex Lauzon, George Taillefer, Arthur Lauzon and Angus Cameron were elected members of the Alexandria town council in Monday's voting. Both Mayor Laurin and Reeve MacGillivray received acclamations.

•At the annual convention of the Ontario Cheesemakers' Association, held at Brockville, the Connell trophy, for highest percentage first grade cheese in the Alexandria district, was won by C.W. Goodman, RR2 Greenfield; E. Cardinal, Glen Robertson; M. Legault, Williamstown; L.J. Goodman, RR1 Greenfield.

•Mrs. J.P. McNaughton of Maxville, left Friday for Saskatoon, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Munro and Mr. Munro.

60 YEARS AGO
Friday, December 7, 1945

•Mayor Romeo Rouleau was re-elected in Monday's three-way contest here.

In Kenyon, Archie McKinnon was elected reeve and successful for council were John A. McLean, D.D. MacKinnon and Malcolm N. Grant. Wm. Blyth had an acclamation as deputy-reeve.

Reeve J.W. MacLeod was re-elected in Lochiel and councillors will be J.K. MacLeod, Gordon MacGillis and Ovila Massie.

•Many repats are expected in the next few days, among them Capt. Bruce S. Irvine, Pte. J.A. Bedard, Alexandria; Pte. T.E. Miller, L/Bdr. o.J. Lalonde, Sgt. Francis A. Fyke, S/Sgt. Hector R. Villeneuve, Pte. L.S. Lavigne, Maxville; Cfn. G.J. Legault, Glen Robertson; Cfn. J.B. Munro, Apple Hill; Pte. A.D. Dishau, Martintown; Cfn. A. MacLeod, Pte. L. MacPhee, LAC A.C. MacLeod, Dunvegan; LAC N.G. Copas, Lancaster.

•Mrs. Wm. A. Dewar of Montreal suffered a broken right leg in a fall on the city streets Sunday.

•Murdie Arkinstall, Dunvegan, secured a 15 cwt. Army truck at the sale in Kingston last week.

•Flt. Lt. John L. MacLeod has been awarded the DFC; the second son of Mr. and Mrs. D.A. MacLeod to be so honoured.

50 YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 8, 1955

•Rolland Menard, 36, McCormick Road, suffered a fractured leg and two cracked ribs recently when a tree fell on him during wood cutting operations on his farm.

•J. Dougald McMaster, widely known Laggan farmer, broke his right wrist and hurt his back in a fall in his barn recently.

•Gerard Lefebvre was elected president of the local Richelieu Club, Tuesday night.

•P.E. Goupil, formerly with the Limoilu, Que., branch of the Royal Bank has been transferred here as assistant accountant.

40 YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 9, 1965

•Albert Faubert was elected reeve of Kenyon in Monday's voting. Reeve Archibald C. MacDonell was returned in Charlottenburgh and Reeve Lloyd Fawthrop in Lancaster Village.

•Police are investigating theft of $2,000 in cash and cheques from the Atlantic Hotel, here, Friday.

•Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McDonald of Campbellford, have taken up residence in Alexandria.

30 YEARS AGO
Thursday, Dec. 11, 1975

•The $100 prize-winning name for the new Alexandria arena will be Palais des Sports Glengarry Sports Palace and that name was submitted by Murray MacGillis of Lochiel.

•Miss Doris McRae, Dunvegan, was successful recently in obtaining her Registered Nurse degree.

•The new 70-bed nursing home in Alexandria will be accepting patients early in the new year.

•Rosita Shoe Co. of Montreal opened a new branch plant in part of the Lucky Legs plant here.

•Five young ladies from Lancaster district will be competing for carnival queen of that village. They are Susan Andre, Carol Derrig, Betty Ann Kenny, Manon Labelle and Margaret MacDonald.

20 YEARS AGO
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1985

•A 25-year old Lancaster woman who helped free a man from the flaming wreckage of his truck minutes before it exploded will receive an OPP Bravery Award. Margaret MacDonald of Pine Street learned of the award last month in a letter from OPP Commissioner Archie Ferguson.

•Construction of a large department store for Alexandria could begin in the spring of 1986.

Marc Lalonde, owner of the Main Street South commercial property which now includes the Alexandria IGA and the Top Valu gas bar, confirmed Monday that three department store chains were interested in opening a new store on the site.

•A 27 year old Bridge End farmer was hospitalized over the weekend when he fell off a corn bin and badly fractured his wrist.

Leighton McDonell, son of Raymond and Catherine McDonell, had climbed up a ladder on the side of the corn bin, on his parents' farm, Saturday morning.

10 YEARS AGO
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1995

•Starting April 1, Lancaster township residents will have to pay anywhere from $10 to $300 to dump non-household garbage in the landfill site.

Fees will apply to dumping items such as tires, furniture and anything else that isn't considered household garbage.

•Alexandria businesses and industries joined Alexandria homeowners today in the recycling movement with their first blue box recycling pick-up this morning.

•Alexandria council has suspended its committee system, a move which could save up to $30,000 annually and give councillors more say on town issues.

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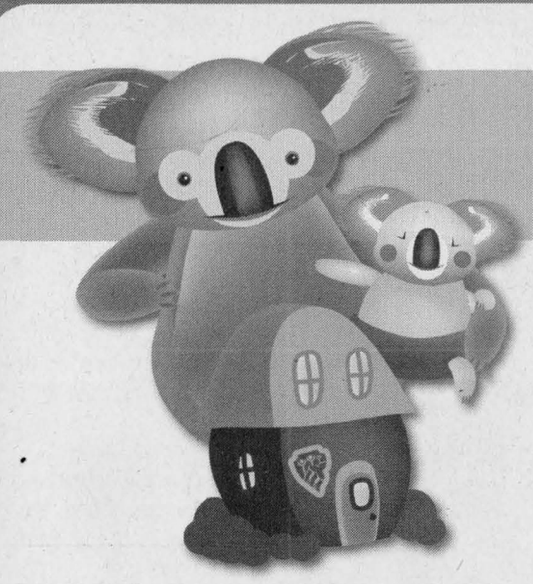

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- **Stairs** – Install safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs. Keep stairs and landings clear of toys and clutter.
- **Floor surfaces** – Tape loose rugs to the floor. Slip-resistant mats in the tub and on the washroom floor will prevent slipping.
- **At play** – Keep toddlers off playground equipment designed for older kids. If a child needs help to climb onto a piece of equipment, he or she should not be on it.

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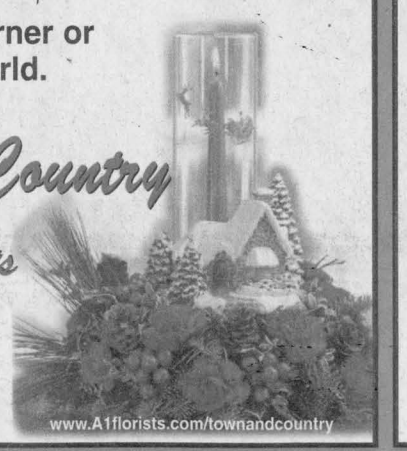

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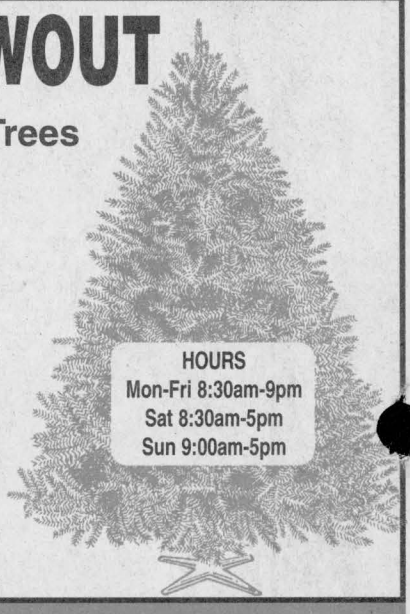

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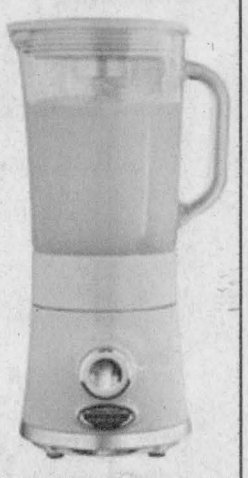

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