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Brrrr...

Leona Brunet, 46, of Alexandria, braves the cold during a trek to the town post office. Glengarrians were forced to brave the coldest temperatures of the season during a cold snap which saw temperatures drop around the -30C mark when combined with the wind chill factor.

Amalgamation to be the issue of 1996, say local politicians

By Greg Kielec
***News* editor**

According to many Glengarry County reeves, 1996 will be the year of amalgamation.

As local politicians look ahead to 1996, they do so knowing that it may be the last year that their municipalities will exist.

The provincial government wants municipalities to amalgamate to cut costs, meaning all of Glengarry county could become one super municipality as its seven municipal governments merge into one.

Lancaster township Reeve Charlie Sangster is optimistic the provincial government's goal can be achieved, provided everyone works together.

"We just have to pay our bills, whether it be the federal government, provincial government or municipal government," Sangster said.

Merging may be the only way for municipalities to survive in the face of a 47 per cent funding cut by the provincial government over the next two years, politicians concede.

Sangster said had the government been more careful with its spending 15 to 20 years ago, the drastic measures now being taken may not have been necessary. But that is all water under the bridge now.

"It's gone by now. There's no use complaining," he said.

Alexandria Mayor Grant Crack does not have such an optimistic outlook on the coming changes.

"It might be a nightmare. It's going to be very time consuming," he said of the workload that will be saddled on a new super government.

But it is necessary for the change to take place, he said.

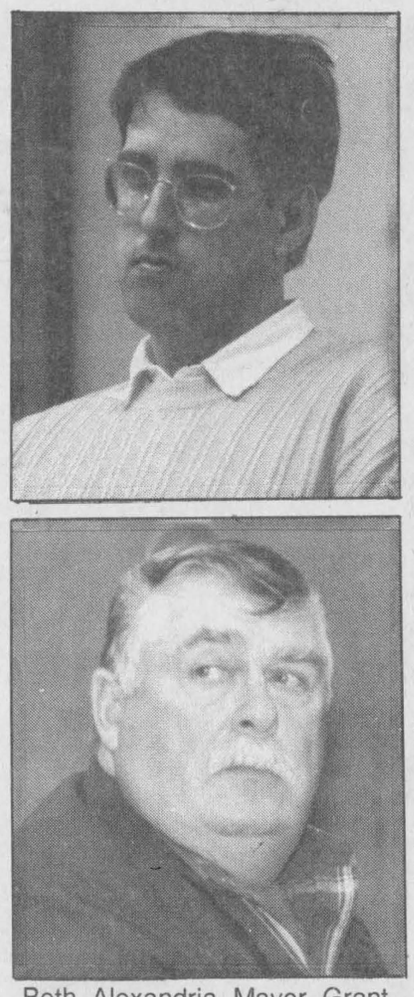
"Think of our ratepayers instead of ourselves. It has to happen, there's no question about it."

And he said it is better that local politicians work together to come up with a "common sense" solution than to have change imposed on them by the provincial government.

Maxville Reeve George Cuerrier sees amalgamation as the premier issue for his and surrounding municipalities.

"I guess that is going to be the number one issue on the plate," Cuerrier said.

Cuerrier, who attended a recent meeting of North Glengarry municipalities, to discuss amalgamation, envisions all of Glengarry becoming one municipality.



Both Alexandria Mayor Grant Crack, top, and Lochiel Reeve Ron MacDonell have concerns about political amalgamation.

But he thinks county municipalities are as large as the government should get. Anything bigger than a county municipality will be problematic, Cuerrier believes.

He had thought that Roxborough township might also join in with Glengarry. "We'd certainly welcome Roxborough in with the Glengarry bunch," Cuerrier said.

But it appears now that Roxborough, a township just west of Maxville in the northeast corner of Stormont, will remain with the Stormont municipalities.

Cuerrier believes that amalgamation is a good move. "I think it's time," he said.

Years down the road, it will be difficult for small municipalities to provide the services it must on its own. "It only makes sense to me (to amalgamate)," he said.

Leslie O'Shaughnessy, reeve of Charlottenburgh township, is not completely convinced that amaigamation is the best route.

"The end objective is to help the taxpayers. It's not to build empires. It's not to amalgamate for the sake of amalgamating."

O'Shaughnessy believes the funding cuts will not be that bad. While the government is cutting back on funding, it is also cutting back on requirements. That will save municipalities money in administration.

"Administration costs money and usually that's the biggest cost to any municipality," O'Shaughnessy said.

Kenyon Reeve Gwen Morris said there have been many positive changes in Kenyon township. "But now we have to meet the new challenges."

Morris said it is time for Glengarry municipalities to work together.

"We have to forget our differences, if any. We're minor league right now. We're going up to the pros."

"It's going to require a lot of unselfishness, I think."

Amalgamation is right down Morris's alley. She has been pushing the past couple years for Glengarry municipalities to share more facilities and services.

But she said there must be a study done to determine if amalgamating county municipalities will be more cost effective.

Janette Abbey, reeve of Lancaster village, said municipalities must "get at it" and come up with a solution that causes "the least pain" to ratepayers.

But that won't happen until county municipalities get more direction from the provincial government, she said.

"I don't know how we're going to amalgamate. They (government officials) haven't given us too many policies or guidelines," she said.

Abbey does see the need for change, in light of the provincial debt. "We can't go on with the provincial debt the way it's been."

And whatever plan local politicians come up with will have to be brought to county ratepayers for approval, she said.

"I don't think five or six or a dozen people can go ahead to the taxpayers and say this is what we're going to do."

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Heavy snow means big Christmas sales

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* reporter**

Christmas sales were up this year and heavy snowfall was the greatest inspiration for shoppers.

Across town, people snatched up hats, boots and snow shovels to arm themselves against the winter elements.

"People had to buy more necessity items (for Christmas)" Giant Tiger owner Ron Poissant said.

The store is selling more mitts, gloves and boots than they did during last year's late winter that saw little snow.

"The snow got things started very early in the season," Canadian Tire Manager Gilles Secours said.

"Early in November things got going really fast," Secours said.

Snow blowers, snow shovels and anything else related to snow were the big sellers this Christmas while other lines of stock fell to average out the year at the store.

Gary Shepherd, owner of Shepherd Motors, is having a hard time to keep snowmobiles in stock.

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Handling the challenges of Parenthood

Parenting guide helps families to anticipate teen troubles before it's too late

By Lynn McCuaig
***News* reporter**

With increasing pressures on teens in the 1990s comes a new guidebook for parents wondering where to turn.

The Strategic Parenting Manual, written by Glen Roy resident Bill Begin is geared at dealing with issues specific to 12 to 19 year-olds.

Begin will also teach a parenting course based on the manual at St. Lawrence College starting Jan. 23.

Begin's philosophy focuses on anticipating teen behavior and recognizing crisis situations.

In the manual, parents are told how to read their child's behaviors and are given strategies to deal with child and parent issues.

"The main focus is that communication is important," he said.

Instead of waiting for a teen to fall into real trouble, Begin said communication has to be there before problems start.

Waiting for government social services to come in with councillors after a crime has been committed or a suicide attempt is made is often too late.

"There's not enough to do in a preventative nature," Begin said.

After the fact "there's not a lot that can be done."

Begin wrote his manual based on research, his 18 years experience at Batshaw Youth and Family Services centre in Montreal. He has a degree in sociology from St. Francis Xavier, a correctional officer certificate and a diploma in crisis intervention from Cornell University.

So far the book has sold 48 copies printed on Begin's own laser printer at home.

He hasn't sent his work to a publisher yet, but is planning to look for a publishing company.

Begin said he was first moved to write his book after coming face to face with teen suicide in February of 1995.

He and others had managed to revive a young girl who had hanged herself in the washroom at a locked facility in the Laurentians.

"That's when I finally decided I have to do something here," he said.

Begin said in his experience, suicide is becoming more and more common in teens reaching out for attention.

"The word suicide is very much in vogue," Begin explained.

"Kids will go to that word a lot more that they would years ago."

To help teens alone, Begin plans to write another manual for them and offer at-home counselling to families.



Bill Begin shows off his parenting manual he complete in August. Begin is selling his book and will be teaching a course at St. Lawrence college at the end of the month.

Rather than removing a troubled child from the family, Begin tries to bring together all those in the family to "work within their reality."

"I believe the whole package has to be addressed."

For those looking for preventative parenting techniques, Begin's course will run for three hours a week for five weeks. He is planning teaching from the manual and leaving an hour for discussion at the end of each class.

Begin is also hoping to speak to parents' groups at local high schools to help narrow the gap between parents and teens.

"There's nothing going on to bridge that gap," he said.

It was a routine year for most, tumultuous one for Alexandria

By Greg Kielec
***News* editor**

What was a fairly routine year for most of Glengarry's municipalities was anything but for the town at the hub of the county.

While surrounding municipalities followed out strategic plans, socked money in the bank and embarked on the mundane task of road building and maintenance, Alexandria took centre stage.

With the long, drawn-out process to bring Ontario Provincial Police service to Alexandria, its battle with the Public Utilities Commission, and its environmental headaches — including backlash from a consultant it dismissed from its sewage upgrade project — Alexandria councillors were kept hopping.

"It's certainly been a very interesting year. Certainly a lot of very important issues have arisen at the same time," said Mayor Grant Crack of the first full year of the new council.

Crack felt the biggest issue tackled by the town this year was the role of the PUC and its dealings with the town.

The town had threatened to take over water operations from the utility after unsuccessful attempts to get the PUC to address the problem of water over-consumption.

The mayor also locked horns with PUC Commissioner Claude Ouellette for remaining on the PUC board while vying for the job of PUC general manager, a job which came open with the retirement of Laurent Poirier.

The PUC eventually hired Luc Poirier, the son of Laurent, who had been operating the utility's water plant and had been groomed as Laurent's natural successor.

"It's was obvious he was the best choice, based on the good things now coming out of the commission," Crack said.

And the mayor battled with Commissioner Raymond Theoret and Chairman Aurele Chenier for accepting pay for work they had done for the PUC without declaring their interest and without tendering the work publicly.

"I think it was tough," Crack said of the battles. "But I think it was important for the town."

Crack makes no excuses for the length of time spent debating whether to disband town police in favor of OPP service.

"It certainly needed careful consideration and does need careful consideration," Crack said.

But Crack said the light is now visible at the end of the tunnel. "It's going to come to an end very shortly, in the new year, one way or another."

The town's sewage system repairs also were time-consuming for council members. Councillors gained "many years experience" in a few weeks of council meetings, Crack said.

Other notable accomplishments include the completion of job descriptions for town staff and the

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Alexandria Copy Cup

Weather report

More than double the average snowfall for December fell last month.

Snow fell 19 times for a total of 111 cm (44") as compared to a normal snowfall of 49 cm (19").

Since December came in 3C (5F) colder than normal high, the November snowfall of 66 cm (26") along with December's total is still on the ground.

The temperature only reached the melting point once on the first day of the month with a trace of rain.

Last year, there was a total rain and snowfall water equivalent of 48" for 1995, 12 inches more than the yearly average of 36".

Average temperature for the whole year was normal.

Holiday visitors

Ivan MacMillan and friend Kazue Ito from North Vancouver B.C. have been staying with Raymond Lacombe for several weeks visiting his mother Doreen MacMillan who is a patient at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital.

Holiday visitors with Doreen and Raymond included her daughter Pat Blyth of Verdun Quebec, Stanley MacMillan, her son from Kitchener, Ontario and son James MacMillan and family from Kemptville, Ontario.

Also, Raymond's daughter Darlene Lacombe, son Jason and friend Gilles Faille from Valleyfield, Quebec visited.

Alexandria bridge club

The Dec. 19 winners of the north-south division of the Alexandria bridge club are: 1- Jim Campbell and Elizabeth Marjerrison, 2-Les Kimbell and Helene Leduc, 3-Don Crawford and David Graham.

East-west winners are 1- Joseph Friedberg and Dawson Pratt, 2- Grace Leroux and Norah Ruth and 3- Jean Pierre and Claire Claude.

Fairweather group

The Fairweather group made gingerbread houses during December and on the 19th joined the Sunshine group in Lancaster for a splendid turkey dinner, carol-sing and a visit from Santa Claus.

Routine year for most, tumultuous for Alexandria

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abolishment of council meetings in an effort to cut costs and streamline council.

"I think it was a good year...I think the community is finally coming together again to work together," he said.

It was pretty much stay the course for Charlottenburgh in 1995.

"In Charlottenburgh, we weren't hit with any surprises as far as 1995 goes," said Reeve Leslie O'Shaughnessy.

Everything the township undertook was planned for in its annual budget. And while the huge snowfall has put a crimp in that budget, it has just ensured there won't be much of a snow budget surplus this year, or possibly a slight deficit.

"The township will be able to manage quite well without any reduction in the existing services," O'Shaughnessy said.

The reeve credits large reserves accumulated by the municipality for the strong financial position it is in, due to an administrative downsizing four years ago.

"You have to go back to four years ago. We have now reached the objective or goals of four years ago."

It has been a fun year for Gwen Morris, reeve of Kenyon township.

"I've enjoyed it immensely. We have a great team working in Kenyon township," she said.

The contribution of the community to the township really made 1995 a memorable year for the reeve.

Township residents took part in a township newsletter and also were involved in committees for township roads, property standards and waste management.

"They (the volunteers) were so willing and did so much to help," Morris said.

The township has managed to keep going without taking more dollars from the pockets of taxpayers. "We've kept the taxes down, if that's the important part," Morris said.

But the municipality was not in complete control of its destiny, being forced to react to the economic climate of the times. "The economy dictated a lot of what we did," said Morris.

The township found itself a new clerk, but had to trim its road department by two people in the name of efficiency.

"We drew up our vision and our mission and tried to follow what we put together," Morris said.

Ron MacDonell, Lochiel township reeve, cited the waste management plan fallout as the biggest issue in the township this year.

"That was a pretty big issue," he said.

All in all, the reeve is happy with the year that was. "(It was) a pretty fair year, I would say."

The township accomplished much road work, but could be caught short, like many other municipalities, in the snow removal department.

Janette Abbey, Lancaster village reeve, said the municipality is in good shape going into 1996.

"We've always been in a good financial situation," Abbey said.

The reeve said there has been plenty of new building in the village, so much so that there are not very many building lots left.

"The way the town has progressed over the year is tremendous," she said.

Capital projects topped the list of accomplishments in Maxville over the past year.

"We've had a fairly busy year with the infrastructure program," Reeve George Cuerrier said.

The town constructed a new sidewalk on Fair Street, from Main Street east to the sports complex, and the town also purchased a new fire truck and built a new medical centre.

"Everything else in the village seems to be in very good shape," Cuerrier said.

The reeve said council will do its best to hold taxes at last year's level.

"As far as I'm concerned, we'll be able to do it too," he said.

Lancaster township Reeve Charlie Sangster is also happy with the year that was.

"The year has been an interesting one. I think it's gone very well in 1995 with our new fire department and everything."

The reeve said things got "a little noisy" concerning the township landfill site in 1995 — a group of residents fought council for a citizens committee to delve into waste issues — but it worked out for the best.

Future of Raisin River canoe race is in jeopardy

The Raisin River Canoe Race could be in jeopardy unless other people and organizations step forward to take over the event, it was decided at the Raisin River Conservation Authority Dec. 21 meeting.

Meetings with interested groups will be held in the new year to gauge their interest in taking over the event, Michel Lalonde, authority general manager, said.

A similar event, the Winter Fun Days in February was cancelled but the event will be open if someone else wants to pick it up.

Snow spells success for local merchants

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So far, he's sold 30 new machines and 15 to 20 used ones.

But the real increase in business came in parts and repairs services which have doubled since last year.

"It's the best year in a long time," Shepherd said. "It's great, I hope January stays the same," he added.

So far, this winter's snowfall is way above normal.

George Hambleton of Atmospheric Environment Services measured November's snowfall at 66.2 cm (26"). Normal snowfall for November is 16cm (6.4").

In December another 111.2 cm fell (44") compared to a normal snowfall of 48.3 cm (19.3).

And with cold temperatures, most of the snow has been piling up on the ground.

But snow didn't bode well for customers driving through bad weather.

Jamie McIntosh, manager of Rob McIntosh China and Crystal Shops in Lancaster, said snow storms didn't help the store which attracts most of its business from Montreal.

Despite the snow, the store said a saw "healthy increase" over last year McIntosh said.

"We had a very good Christmas."

And for the first time, the store opened its doors on Boxing Day while most of the area stores remained closed.

"It was a really exciting day, There were cars parked all over," McIntosh said.

And retailers are looking optimistically to the new year.

"I think it's starting to pick up," Shepherd said.

Amalgamation to be the issue

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Lochiel Reeve Ron MacDonell is still not convinced amalgamation will save taxpayers money.

"I'm quite concerned about that," MacDonell said.

Some municipalities in the county have "a good grip on things", he said. "I don't know how they're going to do better in some places."

But he believes the province's goal of creating less municipalities by amalgamating existing ones is possible.

"I think in some form it is 'doable', I guess."

But the provincial funding cutbacks may also spell fewer services for municipal taxpayers, he said.

"Some of the services we are getting now are going to be disappearing."

T. R. Léger School to expand training

T. R. Léger School, through its Workplace Development unit has announced that it will be offering a new type of computer training in late January.

Dubbed Technology Ticket, the program is aimed at those people who find it difficult to conform to a normal classroom schedule and require the ability to train for a new software technologies on their own time.

The software programs are individualized so that people can work at their own pace, on the day they want, and for how long they want.

The Technology Ticket program will be offered in Alexandria, Cornwall, Morrisburg and Winchester. A publicity and advertising campaign will begin in early January with the target date for launching the program being Jan. 25.

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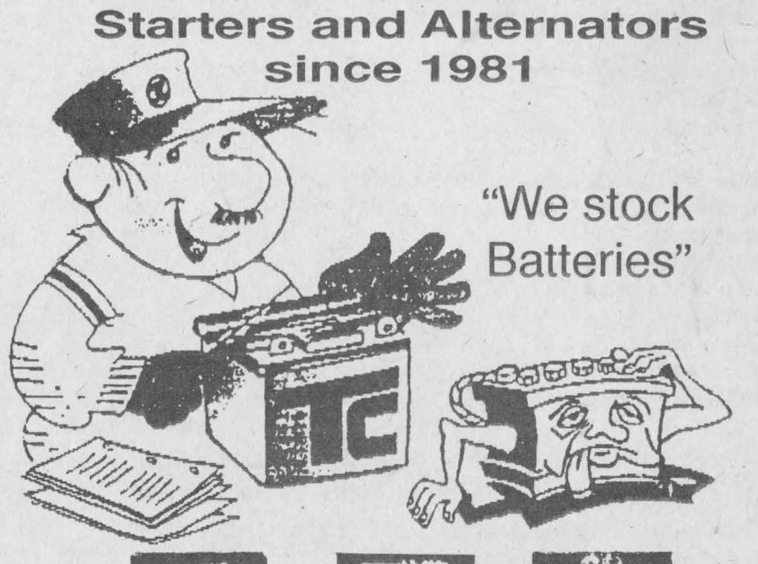

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Murder trials, man hunts, sewer crisis, referendum defeat: an action packed 1995 led the way to a new year

Looking back on the second half of 1995, the Glengarry News highlights its biggest news stories of the final six months in part two of the year end review.

A group of 20 area seniors returning from a bingo game in St. Isidore were rushed to local hospitals after the bus they were travelling in overturned on Highland Road on July 4.

The bus overturned when a car made a left turn in front of it while it was passing.

No serious injuries were reported.

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Public Utilities commissioner Raymond Theoret announced in July he will no longer do any private work for the commission.

Theoret admitted he erred in accepting private work for the utility without declaring his interest first, but said he would not resign.

In May, Mayor Grant Crack had asked Theoret to resign because of work he had done for the PUC without declaring his interest first.

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An Alexandria man was charged in connection with an assault on Gerard Berniquer who went into hiding after the assault causing a massive police search July 7.

Thirty police officers swarmed Alexandria searching surrounding woods, canvassing door to door and scouting the air by helicopter looking for the man before they found him later that day.

Charged with assault was Peter Rosenbloom.

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June's dry and blistering heat broke local records for the longest heat wave and least rain since George Hambleton of Atmospheric Environment Services in Dalhousie began keeping records 26 years ago.

Only two inches of rain fell in the entire month, most of it in one shower. Water levels were down in lakes and rivers, shallow wells were running dry and water restrictions were put on residents.

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The Alexandria Island Park was closed for the season in July because of pollution.

An excess of E.coli, a bacteria found in animal and human intestines, was detected in the water.

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Glengarry was saddened by the loss of Martin Lariviere, 20, who died as a result of injuries from an automobile accident in July.

The accident occurred when Lariviere lost control of his car while negotiating a curve on Hwy 34 and struck an on-coming car.

Passenger Scott McPherson, 20, was also taken to an Ottawa hospital with injuries.

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A proposed non-profit housing project that was to bring 40 units to Alexandria was cancelled by the Ontario government in August. The units were cut along with 384 similar developments across the province.

"It's not a cost effective way of providing shelter for those needing help," said David Ross, media relations officer for the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

The cancellation came as good news to town landlords worried about high vacancy rates, but the announcement disappointed others who campaigned for non profit housing.

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In August, the Seaway Valley ethanol plant sold out of its 50,000 membership shares it put up for sale in February to fund the $40 million plant.

Membership shares which give holders a vote on the co-operative's board were no longer available, but the co-operative continued to sell preferred B shares which pay out dividends based on the company's profit and preferred A shares which pay dividends at one per cent above the floating GIC interest rate.

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Dr. Laszlo Roman was recognized for 30 years service at Glengarry Memorial Hospital.

Laszlo came to Alexandria in July of 1965 after leaving his native Hungary, in 1956 mid way through his medical training. He finished his studies at Ottawa University before coming to GMH.

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A car crash claimed the life of a Glengarry youth on Sept. 3.

Kara MacDonald-Wolochatiuk, 16, died suddenly when the car she was riding in left the road and struck a tree.

Allan Alguire, 17, suffered injuries in the same accident.

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Alexandria council passed a watered down smoking bylaw in August prohibiting smoking in town buildings instead of a proposed bylaw that required restaurants to have smoking areas.

The proposed bylaw met with heavy opposition from restaurant and bar owners who said smoking regulations would hurt their business.

Later in the year, council decided to review the bylaw again after the Eastern Ontario Health Unit sponsored a post card survey.

The November survey saw 800 responses favoring smoking restrictions at Alexandria restaurants out of 2,400 post cards sent out.

Council still did not take any action on the issue.

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The Glengarry Pipe Band won almost every competition it entered last summer, taking the U.S., Canadian and Ontario championships, and was named 1995 Champion Supreme in Ontario, a title which goes to the band with the most points earned in competitions throughout the summer season.

Despite their success, the band lost the coveted North American Championship at the Glengarry Highland Games.

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Two Lochiel residents proposed a permanent fire committee to look into fire services in the township in September.

Phil Miller and Marc Cayouette suggested a five member committee that would have the authority to request information on behalf of the township.

"The committee would meet with the public initially to gather valid concerns for addressing and then every three months to answer those concerns," Cayouette told council.

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> **sentencing of a young offender convicted of manslaughter in the deaths of four Alexandria teens**
>
> **-Judge Peter Wright**

Fire service became an issue in Lochiel after a fire marshall's report suggesting that Lancaster and Lochiel townships build a joint department in Glen Robertson was turned down by Lochiel residents.

Lancaster township is building its own department in North Lancaster.

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A 18-year old youth was convicted of manslaughter in the deaths of four area teenagers in March 1994.

The four, Marc Boisvenue, Andre Brunet and Andre Deguire, all 18 and Jeffrey Gebbie, 17 were killed when their car spun out of control and into a tractor trailer on Hwy 34, south of Alexandria.

Provincial Court Judge Peter Wright found that Deguire lost control of his Beretta after an off-centre hit by the Oldsmobile driven by the accused.

The youth had pled not guilty and explained the bumps as a game of "bumper tag."

"There is no evidence of consent on Mr. Deguire's part, no evidence of a game," Wright said. "These are not two friends playing a game of car tag."

The youth was given 30 months in secure custody followed by four months open custody at his sentence hearing in November. In total the youth was sentenced to 36 months less time served and a 10-year driving suspension.

The maximum sentence for a youth convicted of manslaughter is three years.

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The provincial contract policing branch of the OPP told Alexandria it would cost $530,742 to replace the police service with similar OPP service.

In November, town council passed a motion favoring the take over on the condition that the severance package given to Alexandria police officers was not too high.

Labor relations lawyers estimated severance package costs at $85,165 to $630,931 and and additional $95,880 for sick leave payments.

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Glengarry Memorial Hospital handed out a $1,000 reward it promised to anyone who could find a doctor to come to Alexandria in October.

The reward went to Francoise Govan, the wife of the town's newest doctor, Dr. William Robert Govan.

Govan had already been practicing in Marathon, Ontario, for 12 years, but traded in his practice there for an office at the hospital's new clinic in December.

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The Glengarry News became the first rural paid-circulation community newspaper in Ontario to begin offering services on the internet in October.

On the News' home page, internet surfers can order subscriptions, write letters to the editor, and read the tops stories each week.

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An Ontario Municipal Board hearing to decide the fate of an Alexandria veterinary hospital gave Dr. Donald MacLeod the go ahead to set up his practice.

The decision was handed down in October after almost a year of hearings that heard testimony from Dominion Street residents who were worried about noise, odor and the effects the hospital would have on the town's water and sewage systems.

MacLeod was ordered to put up a sound fence behind his property and to put all animal cages in the basement.

Some of the residents complaints were also solved after the hearings began when the town started repairs to the sewage and water systems.

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Local banks were swamped by Quebecers with pre-referendum jitters moving their accounts into Ontario after the separatists took the lead in the polls the week before the October referendum.

"We have about three new customers a day coming from Quebec. They just want to get everything out of Quebec," Alexandria Bank of Montreal manager Lila Poirier said.

Clients from Quebec were worried their money would be frozen in a separate Quebec.

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Hundreds of Glengarry residents hopped on buses headed for the Montreal "no" rally on Oct. 27 urging Quebecers to remain part of Canada.

The rally was staged three days before the referendum vote in which the "no" side squeaked the "yes" vote, to keep Quebec as part of Canada.

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A group of south Glengarry farmers raised $104,000 for world aid in the Char-Lan Foodgrains project.

On Oct. 28, farmers brought seven combines and a stream of grain wagons to the 40-acre Foodgrains corn plot on Concession 4 of Lancaster.

The crop generated more than $20,000 in revenue and was matched by the Canadian International Development Agency at a 4:1 ratio.

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In November, Alexandria Police Chief Paul Deveau said council was urging him to resign at the same time it was looking at OPP costing last summer.

Deveau said it was his "lack of submission" to council's demands that prompted them to ask for his resignation.

Town Mayor Grant Crack would not comment on whether or not Deveau had been offered a settlement.

"I'm not going to deny the fact that there may have been comments about the chief himself, but I will not go any further," Crack said.

Deveau said he was only willing to resign if a provincial audit determined he was not doing his job properly.

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> **Bank manager**
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> **- Lila Poirier**

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A $3 million jobsOntario grant promised to the Seaway Valley Farmers' Ethanol Co-operative last May was cancelled by the province in November.

The grant was one of a number of jobsOntario projects to the axed by the province.

The $42 million ethanol plant was to go ahead without the grant although Agriculture Minister Noble Villeneuve announced in December that the $3 million would come from the agriculture ministry instead.

"Twelve years ago today I was elected and that's (ethanol) been on my schedule since then," Villeneuve said at a press conference.

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The court heard final arguments in the trial of a youth accused of killing Gerald Cuerrier in November.

Three men were charged following the March 1994 shooting of Cuerrier. One young offender pled guilty to manslaughter and is serving a 14-month sentence. One adult, Jason Horvath, is charged with first degree murder and is awaiting trial.

The crown argued the three drove to Gerald Cuerrier's house on Wednesday, March 23, 1994 where two of them, Horvath and the youth on trial, went into the house to shoot Cuerrier.

The defense said there were 22 people who saw or spoke with Cuerrier two days after the Crown said he was killed.

Provincial court Judge Bruce MacPhee will hand down his sentence in January.

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An Apple Hill man was sentenced to 20 months in jail in November for dangerous driving causing the death of 17-year-old Jennifer Valade.

Arthur Jamieson, 43, was also sentenced three years probation and a five year license suspension.

Valade was killed two years ago when Jamieson's car swerved, striking her vehicle on Hwy 2, east of Cornwall.

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A seniors' centre in Alexandria to provide services for Glengarry seniors was approved by the province in November.

The centre will be housed in a new structure at the Alexandria Legion site.

The town has $500,000 to spend on the project although some of the money has already been spent on preliminary work.

The province's approval put to rest a lengthy selection process which included bids by Green Valley and the Alexandria hospital.

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A project to create a youth centre for Alexandria got off the ground, but those behind the centre are still searching for a location.

The group began fund raising and finding donations of furniture and entertainment equipment to fill the centre once they have a home.

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Alexandria council was told numerous times its sewers were the worst in the province.

The town hired consultants M.S. Thompson and Associates who video taped the town's sewers to find leaks and then eliminate the ground water from infiltrating the system.

The repairs are expected to cost $500,000, but will save millions in the future since plugging the leaks will reduce the amount of sewage making it unnecessary to build the new $12 million plant it had planned on.

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Agriculture Minister Noble Villeneuve announced in December the Alexandria agriculture office will close before June 1.

The closure came in response to a $13.1 million budget cut to the agriculture ministry outlined in a provincial mini-budget that announced $6 billion in cuts across the province.

The cuts also shaved 23 per cent off municipal budgets in 1996 and 24 per cent in 1997.

Those cuts and anticipated cuts forced municipalities to look at amalgamations to save money.

The mini-budget also announced it will shave nine per cent of school boards' budgets and 18 per cent from hospitals over three years.

The Raisin Region Conservation Authority also faced massive cuts meaning Cooper Marsh could face closure.

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Alexandria council announced it will suspend the committee structure which could save the town up to $30,000 a year.

Council decided to try governing without the committees for six months before abolishing them completely.

The move to suspend the committees came after a proposal by Mayor Grant Crack showed savings without the committees and suggested that council would run more smoothly since all councillors would have the same information at meetings instead of relying on committee recommendations.

Council also approved a five per cent pay cut for members to take effect in 1996 and 1997.



Photos (bottom to top): A sign warns swimmers to stay out of Alexandria's Mill Pond because of pollution that closed the beach for the summer; convicted child molestor Milton MacDonald gets into a police car following his January sentencing; two girls paint their faces in preparation for October's "yes" campaign rally in Montreal; A transport filled with corn overturned on Hwy 401after merging onto the highway at Lancaster; a helicopter circles Alexandria on a day-long man-hunt searching for an Alexandria man who had gone into hiding after being assaulted.

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Some positives ahead for Glengarry in '96

At the conclusion of mid-decade, any predictions for Glengarry County for the year ahead is a fool's business. One need only look back on 1995 to see how unpredictable times have become.

So much of how we live in this county has become reliant on the ebb and flow of events unfolding elsewhere, from the Quebec referendum to interest rates to government transfer payments (or lack of them) to global supply and demand. That will not change.

Still, there are some smoke signals on the horizon that can lead one to conjecture 1996 will be a far more interesting time than the prior year. Far from wild predictions, these are extensions of events that began in 1995 and will conclude or extend into the new year.

On the political front, watch for the regional dump issue to resurface as options like incineration (which the current provincial government is not ruling out) gain momentum and as the final site selection is made.

In terms of United Counties though, it will be overshadowed by talk of amalgamation between the county's municipalities, particularly as the province tightens the financial screws. That talk began late in 1995, and judging by comments we hear now, we may see a series of deals struck between Glengarry's political partners to share equipment and resources.

Simultaneously, the province has announced new land use and development guidelines that gives municipalities the flexibility to make local decisions that reflect local needs for development. That means it will be easier for developers to build. But it could put into jeopardy environmentally-sensitive areas like wetlands, a number of which Glengarry possesses. Watch for resulting conflict between environmentalists and developers.

And Alexandria — very soon in fact — will make a final decision on whether to go with OPP services. Don't expect the acrimony to go away soon, however.

There are no political elections expected this year, which may or may not be a good thing depending on your perspective. The only possibility comes at the federal level, a scenario in which a snap election is called on the basis of another referendum effort in Quebec. But don't hold your breath.

Economically, expected lower borrowing rates will do more to cause a rebound in real estate and automobile demand than anything, combined with continuing uncertainty in Quebec. Expect then, housing interest among ex-Montreal residents and businesses to be higher than in 1995, bolstered by the Alexandria and district chamber's promotion of the town as a politically secure place for these people to live and do business.

Reports among retail and automobile businesses of flat sales through Christmas were widespread, a reflection of a national trend. Whether this continues is as uncertain as the mentality of consumers, who hold the key to recovery. But economists, sometimes the optimists, are predicting an early rebound in '96.

The road ahead for our farmers? Some have already seen the future and have taken dramatic steps in preparing their operations, particularly dairy, for a tariff-free future. Expect to see more operations merged, bought and expanded. Corn growers can look forward to reaping the benefits of the saved ethanol plant, which was pulled back from a financial crisis when Noble Villeneuve found $3 million in the agriculture ministry coffers to replace cancelled provincial funding. An expected low dollar will continue to benefit the pork, beef and dairy exporters.

There is much to look forward to in Alexandria on the social front in 1996. A four-day winter carnival planned for the first four days of February will bring the community together in a way not seen in years. The Glengarry youth centre should be off the ground, and watch for the return of the RR 1 Players this summer to Island Park in July, and a children's "arts camp" now in the works. These and other planned initiatives will continue to enhance pride in the town, and encourage active participation in improving life there.

To sum it all up, if plans made and laid in 1995 are any hint of what lies ahead, 1996 holds promise and hope. It is, after all, what "springs eternal". And a good dose of optimism, especially at this time of year, is a lot like chicken soup.

It can't hurt.

Write us a letter at least once in '96

It's a new year and in the interest of public discourse we'd like you all out there to resolve to send at least one letter to the editor to us in 1996.

To do that, simply write us a letter (try not to let it exceed 500 words), sign your name and address and give us a phone number for confirmation purposes. Our address is Box 10, Alexandria, Ontario. K0C-1A0. Our fax number is 525-3824 and our web site number is http://www.glen-net.ca/gnews. E-mail can be sent to gnews@glen-net.ca.

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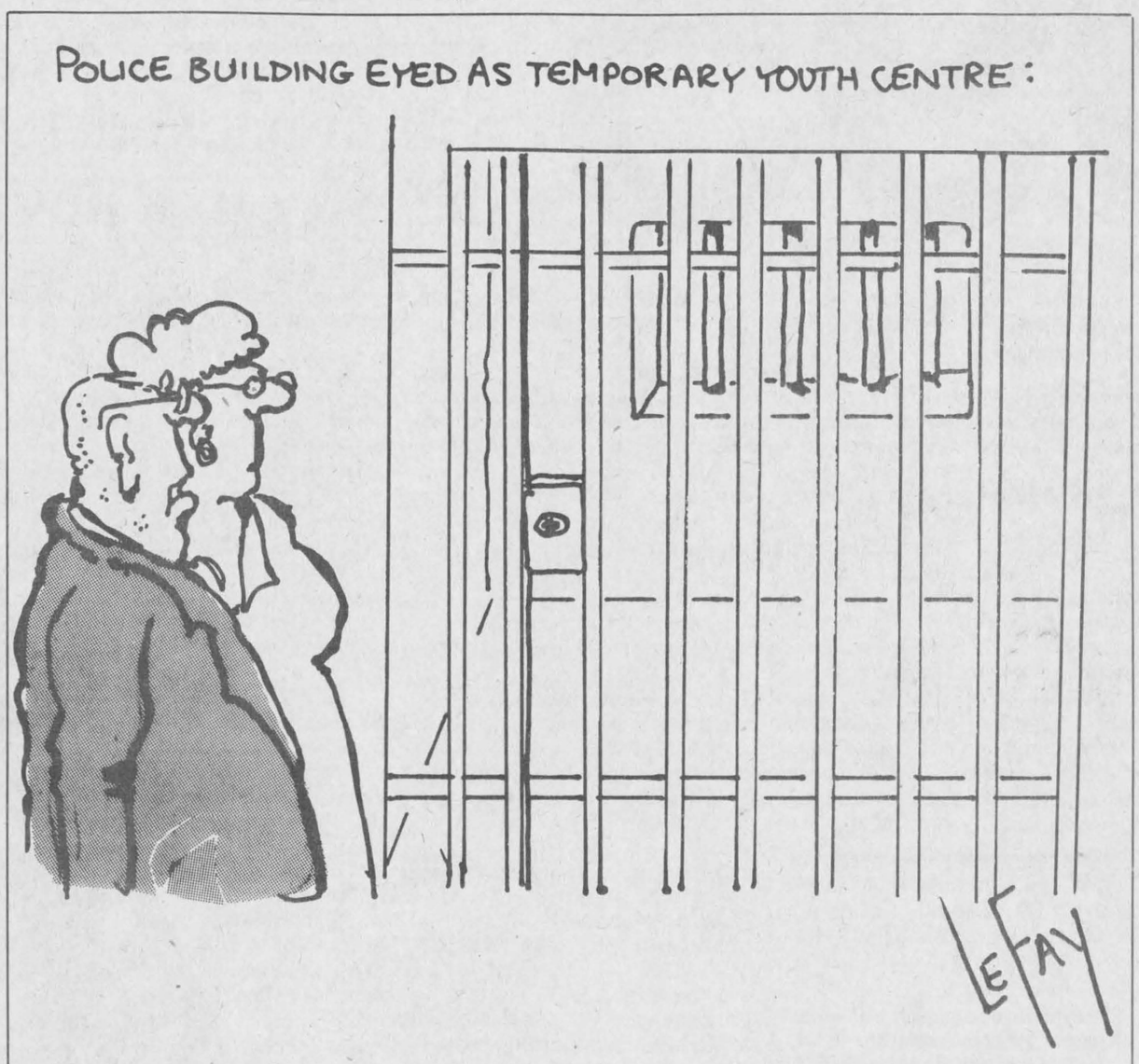

Not one of our better moments

After Thoughts

by Joe Banks

Hands up if you are happy to see the backside of 1995.

Now while you're picking up the paper, you may be thinking that the year of O.J. Simpson and Lucien Bouchard was at least exciting. No, 1995 could not be accused of putting people to sleep, unless one happened to have affiliations with Dr. Kervorkian.

But if there were ratings to our years, it was not one of the human race's better moments.

In fact, it's getting harder to find one in the 90s that was remarkable for anything except more stress than the previous one, with a more sophisticated technological bent to it of course.

Indeed at mid-decade, with 2000 closing in fast, we Canadians find ourselves in a never-ending bad dream that has yet to end. Jacques Parizeau said resisting Quebec sovereignty is like a continuing trip to the dentist. But he didn't say anything about lockjaw.

News agencies have rightly judged the Quebec referendum the Canadian event of the year. It was a vast story of dimensions that continue to affect us.

It touched us vividly here in Glengarry. We saw first-hand the cars with Quebec license plates idling in local bank parking lots, and heard of "hundreds of thousands" of dollars supposedly transferred from Quebec branches. We were home to the citizens waving Canadian flags over the 401 and 417 and those who rode in those boisterous buses on that historic rally day in Montreal on Oct. 27.

The story haunts us still. Bouchard, as incoming premier, looms larger on the national picture than he did while leading the "yes" forces in Quebec. And the change in the Ontario political scene laid another layer of uncertainty over insecure citizens who wondered what the common sense revolution would hold in store for them. Others applaud the fact that finally, a government — any government — is actually doing what it promised it would do.

We still wait for taxes to drop, but instead only see them rise through a coalition of largely unseen and unrelated grabs. Our gas company blames a $4 increase in the price of a hot water tank rental on new taxes. Buying a set of tires for your car now includes a tire disposal tax and if you have looked at any of your insurance policies or checked your pay stubs (for those of you who still have one) lately, you'll note your benefits haven't been left alone either.

In light of it all, perhaps the best collective resolution we could muster would be to agree to fret less and do more, even if it meant being accused of apathy by smarmy columnists.

There are people and groups around the Alexandria area who are showing the way. A February winter carnival is being organized by a diverse committee representing virtually every sector of the community. Another group is organizing a citizens forum on national unity. Kids and adult advisers are trying to get a youth centre off the ground. Even the politicians are talking about a new deal between municipalities which would promote the sharing of resources.

This is all good stuff, the kind that will pull 1996 away from the mediocrity and the wheel-spinning and the anxiety of the past. If these good intentions are brought to fruition, our near future need not be the bleak, black hole it tempts to be. It will be a year worth experiencing.

As for the rest of the country, the first step will be to turn down the squelch level. Listening has got to outpace the squelch of complaint if Canada is to live (see 1995).

Whining, after all, will not cut it in 1996, because all the effective whining was used up in the first half of the decade.

And look where it got us.

Peaking in time for Christmas

News to me

by Greg Kielec

I peaked too early.

It was only the beginning of December and already I was in the Christmas spirit.

I knew that I wouldn't be able to hold it.

If only I could start over again, I would work to ensure that I only peaked on Christmas day and not a day earlier.

But how can one keep from getting into the Christmas spirit too early when there is so much snow on the ground?

It is not that I wasn't in the Christmas spirit by the time the day rolled around. It is just that I don't feel I reached that hallowed "higher plane" of Christmas consciousness.

Every athlete will tell you (not that I am saying I am an athlete by any stretch of the imagination) that he or she knows when they are in the "zone".

But one can only be in the "zone" for so long, and when I entered into the Christmas "zone" at the beginning of the Christmas month, I knew I was in trouble.

As much as I drank egg nog – with rum and nutmeg, without rum and nutmeg, with rum and without nutmeg – I just couldn't seem to bring myself back to that plateau I had reached a few weeks before.

Even playing my two Very Special Christmas albums over and over and over again did nothing but reaffirm my belief that Michael Bolton tunes are more a form of musical torture than entertainment.

Putting Christmas lights up around our living room windows did perk me up somewhat. But even their synthesized music with bright, colored bulbs flashing to the beat couldn't really do the trick.

It could have been that I missed the Grinch this season (you know, the story of this reclusive, offbeat fellow who ruins Christmas in Who-ville by stealing everyone's gifts, but then saves the day when his heart grows 10 times its normal size. Well, something like that).

It may have been that I missed the Charlie Brown Christmas special, another perennial favorite of mine. Or the combination of missing the Grinch and the Charlie Brown special both may have taken their toll.

But I still blame it on my Christmas clock getting out of synch this year. My biological clock was out-and-out fooled that it was Christmas when Christmas was yet to come.

It's not that I didn't enjoy the Christmas season this year. I probably enjoyed it "longer" than I have in any other year, simply because I got into the Christmas spirit too early this year.

I got to savor the radiant Christmas display at the Roses in Lancaster, I got to play pick-up hockey with friends and family on an outdoor rink. I got to spend quality time with family (Sega time included) and eat turkey until I was stuffed to the gills.

I even received a gift pack of Tim Horton's coffee and mugs from a co-worker who knows and appreciates how near and dear quality caffeine is to my heart.

Yes, I received, and did everything that everyone usually hopes for and hopes to do in a Christmas season.

So maybe it is not all that bad that the Christmas spirit came early for me this year.

Maybe I can get into the Christmas spirit early and still have enough gas left in the tank to enjoy Christmas day as well to its fullest.

But it is hard to be joyful when there are so many people suffering during the Christmas season and such doom and gloom for the future.

In the age of corporate downsizing and restructuring maybe Christmas is due for a revamping as well. A return to the simpler things of the past may be what is needed.

And out of economic necessity, simpler and less commercial is likely what Christmas will be for years to come.

In a way, it would be a return back to the roots of Christmas, giving from the heart and not from the pocketbook.

If that is where Christmas is headed, it may not be all that bad. And hopefully the next and future Christmas seasons will be more joyful for everyone.

Dílcas gu Brath

Mysteries

Highland Paths



by Ken McKenna

In a recent column I mentioned some questions that readers have asked and I've tried to answer them, or at least tried to explain why they were puzzling. One of them was the use of the diminutive of Alexander, always pronounced 'Alec' by the Scots, even if spelled 'Alex'. I received a lot of response from people who told me that they had always had a difficult time explaining that one to non-Scots, and are fed up being told that the only proper pronounciation is 'Alex'. We still don't know the answer to that one, but believe me, the Scots and their descendants say 'Alec', and that's that. Maybe it has something to do with the rumour that the Scots are stubborn. Perhaps we'll never know. But if you want to avoid trouble, don't call Alec Alex.

Another question, or really a mystery, is why it's 'whisky' for the Scotch or Canadian type and 'whiskey' for the Irish or American variety? The word comes from the Gaelic 'water of life', 'uisge beatha', at least in Scottish Gaelic. But more often than not, the wrong spelling is used. This may seem trivial, but it is annoying. I have just been reading Len Deighton's latest spy novel 'Faith', and he constantly uses the word 'whiskey'. If no other identification is used, he must mean Irish or American (Bourbon) whiskey. But in the context of the novel, he obviously means Scotch. Why does a writer of his stature, born and bred an Englishman, misuse the word? And he is not alone. Another of life's mysteries.

There is another mystery that has been bothering me lately. I have recently seen an interview on TVO with the fiddling boy-wonder Ashley MacIsaac. As in everything I have heard or seen on radio, TV, or in newspapers about him since Ashley has become a celebrity, no mention is ever made of the musical tradition that inspires him. It is as if the tunes he plays leap, full-blown, out of the ground. On this latest broadcast, every tune he played was either an old Scots Highland air or one composed in Cape Breton in the Gaelic tradition. But when he was interviewed, the words Scots, Highland, or Gaelic were not mentioned. A month ago, there was a full-page article in the Globe and Mail on MacIsaac. True to form, not a mention of what kind of music he played. I wrote the following letter to the paper, which they published on November 28, 1995. I think it speaks for itself. At least some of the four million readers of the Globe and Mail may share in my mystification.

"Re Fiddlin' With Tradition (Nov.20):

Ashley MacIsaac is indeed an interesting and talented musician who has obviously captured the attention of the media. Good for him, but why is it so difficult to identify the heritage that inspires him? His musical tradition is Scots Highland and the ancestral language of his people is Scots Gaelic. There, I've said it and I'm glad".

This reticence to admit the origin of most of the music that they play is shared by groups such as the Barra MacNeils and The Rankins. Naturally they are proud of their Cape Breton roots, and do an admirable job promoting Nova Scotia, and that is good. They are Canadians, not Scots. But is there some unwritten law that says that they are not permitted to use the words Scots, Scotch, Highland or Gaelic? Are two hundred years and the struggles of generations of Canadians of Highland extraction to maintain their beautiful musical tradition to be ignored? Why should we be ashamed to admit our origins and the origin of the music that we love? What's going on here? What's the answer to this mystery? In any case, if you're brave enough to use the dread word 'Scottish', remember that it is an adjective only, not a noun, and must be followed by a noun. You can say 'the Irish' or 'the English' but never 'the Scottish'. It has to be 'the Scottish people', for example, or 'the Scots'. Another of those little mysteries of life.

Letters to the editor

Kenyon heading in right direction: Reeve

To the editor,

When asked recently by the editor of *The Glengarry News*, to comment on my first term, as head of council, I replied, that I had enjoyed the year immensely. Later I began to wonder if that had been a politically-correct statement, because in this business, one must be extremely careful or the mistakes we make can become very public – perhaps even lead to impeachment!

I wondered if I had mentioned the contributions made, to the team, by the staff at all levels. They were the kind of people you can trust implicitly, to speak the truth and not to speak when they cannot speak; and how I shared the pain and tears of those who suffer from the cutbacks.

I wondered if I told him that I believed, with the councillors we had, that the style of leadership as prescribed by the military would not work in our situation; that I believed and do believe that main functions of today's councillors are to be agents of change? It is not enough to know the community mood and to react to pressures. We must be among those, who shape the changes, as communities change and governments realign – mandates, structure, finance and transfer payments. We have tried to arrive at solutions TOGETHER through study and debate, each contributing his or her best. That works! Posturing does not!

Did I tell him that I believe it was my duty to do what was right and reasonable, to follow my heart in the process... never to fear failure; that I believe leadership resides in alle of us, who exemplify by word and deed the principles of fair play and public accountability?

Did I tell him how lucky I feel every day to be able to do this job, to feel the trust and the responsibility that people have placed upon me? I don't pretend to have all the answers but I believe we are headed in the right direction and making progress towards our vision and mission. As we move into the year 1996 and one year closer to the year 2000.

Gwen Morris
Kenyon reeve

Proposed smoking bylaw draconian

To the editor,

We have designed and developed everything from the simple rifle, laser beam guided missiles, nerve gas, germs, to the atomic bomb to kill people and destroy their property they have acquired through hard work.

No safe method of waste disposal is available, especially when speaking of toxic chemicals and radioactive waste. Our food if we like it or not, is colored, waxed, polished, vitamin enriched, etc. Nobody expected that CFC (Chloroflurocarbon) would destroy our ozone layer which protects us from the deadly radiation from the sun.

We have done our best. In less than 100 years we polluted our air, water and soil. Now we add a fourth dimension to it, the pollution of our mind – when reality, whatever that is, is not reality anymore.

When my wife and I go out to eat in a restaurant, we expect that the dishes and utensils are washed thoroughly before they are used again, the food as fresh as one can buy it in any grocery store. Of course, the service should be friendly and courteous.

A proposed bylaw to allow smoking on one side, not on the other in a restaurant proves nothing. It reminds me of a "lawmaker" who lived 700 years before Jesus Christ was born. His name was "Draco".

Sincerely,

A. Czichos
RR5 Alexandria

Newspaper 'pass it on' feature lauded by reader

To the editor,

Recently I had the good fortune of spending a few weeks in the Dallas, Texas area. My daily newspaper there was The Dallas Morning News. Every Friday it ran a feature called "Pass It On". The point of this feature was for individuals to announce what things they might have that they no longer required or wished to dispose of. Anyone reading the feature who needed something that was announced simply contacted the owners directly. It was also used for individuals and non-profit organizations to solicit donations.

It would seem to me that this kind of thing would be a good idea for this area. As The Glengarry News is the main newspaper for this region, it would be logical to have this type of feature in your paper every week. This kind of feature has many benefits for the community; it will help recycling therefore reducing landfill requirements, it will improve the spirit of the community as people will be able to help each other directly, and, it may in some small measure reduce people's dependence on governments for assistance. Also, more directly to the point, it may help improve newspaper sales, since people will want to see what free things they may be able to get each week.

Thank you for your interest, I hope.

Mike Jackson
Lancaster, Ont.

Blowing snow on lawns cheaper way of snow removal

To the editor,

I would like to suggest one way of cutting back on our snow removal budget. I live along Sandfield Street. Up until this year, the town removed the snow from the west side of the street adjacent to the sidewalk. The removal of snow in front of Ecole Elda Rouleau allowed for parking, dropping off and picking up of children before and after school hours. It was definitely less congested than it is now. With snow banks over three feet, backing onto the street becomes tricky.

I realize at a time like this, it is very costly to remove the snow from the roadways. I was told that it cost $45 per truck load to remove. Instead of trucking it away, why not blow the snow onto adjacent properties where ever it is possible. This is the way it is done in Quebec City, even in the wealthiest neighborhood. These lawns do not suffer from having snow blown on them.

There are many places where it is impossible to blow snow to one side of the street, Main Street being an example. In these areas it will be trucked away. Snow will be blown only onto areas where possible and only if the property is not affected by this action. If a property owner objects to having snow blown on his/her property, let that person pay for having it removed.

By removing snow from the streets this way, I believe the cost of snow removal will be greatly decreased and our streets will be much easier to travel on.

Garry Harris,
Alexandria

Illegal to dump snow on roadway

Once again we are in the snow season. The time when getting about requires care, concentration and preparation.

An integral part of your ability to reach your destination is the road crew. The counties has 16 such crews (each operating a plow/spreader combination unit worth $100,000) on its 750 km of roads.

Each storm has three clearing phases:

1. Plowing the road open.
2. Breaking the bond between the pavement and any ice or packed snow.
3. Cleaning up, including pushing snow back to make room for the next storm.

The eventual result is a clear, relatively ice-free pavement closely approximating summer driving conditions. We clear approximately 40 per cent of the road allowance, and have little choice as to where this plowed snow can be stored.

A potentially dangerous (and illegal) practice by some unthinking owners of property abutting rural roads often negates the road crews' efforts.

This snow especially when deposited on the road after the road has started to bare usually refreezes, causing unexpected slippery spots on otherwise clear roads. This element of surprise has caused accidents.

Driveways comprise five per cent or less of a residential lot; there is much more snow storage available off the road allowance. The county road department asks owners abutting its roads to plan their entranceway clearing so that snow is not pushed or blown onto nor tracked across the road.

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Search for suspects in flea market theft

Police Briefs

Police are searching for three male suspects in connection a break and enter at the Village Flea Market in Lancaster on Dec. 30 at 3:15 a.m.

The men entered through the back door and stole stereo equipment, silver and brass swords, jewellery, cordless drills, approximately 400 compact discs, 22 VHS tapes and old bottles of liquor.

A neighbor who saw the three males leaving with the bags of stolen property provided the police with descriptions.

One male was described as being in his late teens, approximately 5'8", 170 pounds, with shoulder length dark hair, a moustache and a ball cap.

Another male was described as being in his mid to late 40s, between 5'8" and 5'10" and 170 pounds.

The culprits left the scene in a late 1960s two wheel drive vehicle, possibly a GM product, with a burned left tail light.

Theft that wasn't

Lancaster OPP were called to investigate a theft of food and toy donations from the Martintown Community Centre only to find out a disgruntled donor had taken back donations because of the way the gifts were being doled out.

Most of the donations had been collected at the annual Christmas parade and others were brought in by the Brownies.

Organizers had stored the gifts at the community centre on Dec. 13, but found that most of them were gone when they went to retrieve them on Dec. 20.

Police had initially suspected a break and enter.

Video store theft

Between 40 and 60 cartons of cigarettes and $300 cash was stolen from a video store in Martintown on Dec. 31 at 4:45 a.m.

Police were alerted to the break-in by a motion detector that sensed the culprits at the back door.

Police responded to the alarm, but arrived after the thieves had left.

Vehicle fire

The Alexandria fire department was called to a vehicle fire on Bishop Street on Christmas Day at 12:40 p.m.

The car belonged to Constant Duval of Vankleek Hill and was parked in the yard of her brother Robert Duval

Duval told police there had been mechanical problems with the car.

Two-car accident

Three people were taken to hospital with minor injuries on Dec. 24 after an automobile accident at 6:30 that evening.

The accident happened after a car driven by Randy Lavigueur, 21, of RR#2 Alexandria, was travelling south on Bishop Street and struck a vehicle driven by Nafsika Papadoupoulos, 66, of Brockville, pulling out of St. George Street.

The impact sent Lavigeur's 1986 red Toyota across the intersection into a street sign and Papadoupoulos' 1994 Buick into a telephone pole.

Lavigueur, Papadoupoulos and Andrea Taillefer, 63, a passenger in the Buick all suffered minor injuries.

Charges have not yet been laid. Lavigueur was given a 12-hour suspension that night.

Hockey stick hack

A Lochiel township man driving a snowmobile on Boundary Road was struck in the face with a hockey stick by two male teens walking on the side of the road on Dec. 13 at 8 p.m.

The man was knocked unconscious by the blow and reported the incident to police the next day but could not recognize the two males.

Carpets stolen

Thieves made a clean get away after stealing carpets from the Alexandria post office sometime between Dec. 13 and 15.

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Break and enter

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Provincial grants to be limited

By Ron Holla
News correspondent

Future provincial grants to conservation authorities will be limited to money for payment of taxes on lands of provincial significance and for the operation and maintenance of flood control structures.

This is what members of the Raisin River Conservation Authority were told by authority General Manager Michel Lalonde at their Dec. 21 meeting.

"The provincial funding for conservation authorities will drop from $34 million in 1995 for both capital and operating to ten million for operating in 1997," he said.

"And the definition of operations - those items directly related to operation and maintenance of flood control structures - is still to be defined by the province."

Lalonde said that according to the province, 1996 will be a transitional year with the current mandate of conservation authorities remaining in place, but the new reality will be completely in place by 1997.

Along with the cuts in funding, there are also changes proposed in the provincial omnibus bill which will affect conservation authorities, he said.

"Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act will include provisions for the voluntary amalgamation of authorities and provides a process for the dissolution of an authority," Lalonde told members of the authority.

"The province will only ensure by written agreement with the municipalities affected that provision has been made for continued operation and maintenance of flood control structures.

"Should the need arise, the province will be authorized to take over the operation of flood control structures and recover the costs from the municipality."

Another change in the omnibus bill affecting municipalities removes the requirement for order-in-council approvals for an authority's program and projects where provincial funding is required by reducing approval to the minister's level.

A proposed change to the Municipal Act regarding council's personal liability for decisions which directly contravene regulations and have adverse financial impacts sparked a brief discussion among the authority members as they requested more details on this provision.

"You're already personally liable for decisions you make as a member of this board or any municipal council," visitor Leslie O'Shaughnessy, reeve of Charlottenburgh township, said.

"The only difference is that now the province specifically says so," Claude Poirier, Cornwall alderman said.

Lalonde said the province has not given any more details to date on the proposed changes.

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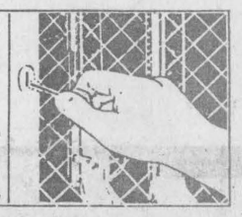

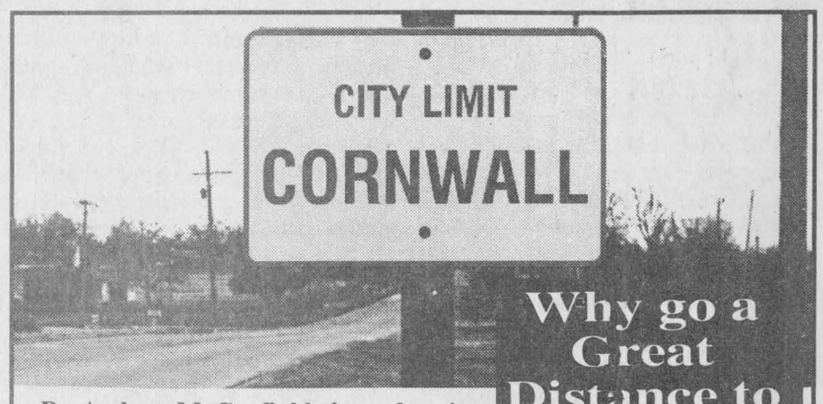

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Burning up

A vehicle fire on Bishop Street sent smoke billowing through the neighborhood on Christmas Day at 12:40 p.m. The car belonged to Constant Duval of Vankleek Hill and was parked in the yard of her brother Robert Duval.

Staff photo - Joe Banks

Local control for conservation agencies?

By Ron Holla
***News* correspondent**

The province of Ontario has pulled away from conservation authorities and is now leaving them in the hands of municipal governments, Jim Anderson, general manager of the Association of Conservation Authorities of Ontario (ACOA) told members of the Raisin River Conservation Authority on Dec. 21.

"You must now ask yourself what you want the authority to be," he said. "Authorities all over the province are asking the same question - 'What should we do?"

The ACOA has been spending a lot of time over the last few weeks asking for clarification from the province and attempting to answer these questions, Anderson said. Municipalities considering changes to authorities must keep in mind three basic facts.

"The first fact is that the municipalities are now the dominant power in the authorities because provincial power was withdrawn," he said.

"The second is that authorities can expect a lot less program delivery from the province - and included in this will be the loss of several positive things.

"Thirdly there is the issue of internal business - we can no longer dispense with the word amalgamation. You've got to be lean and mean, ensure you're being seen as efficient."

Anderson had a word of warning however for municipalities who want to stampede to remove all regulations.

"Don't ignore regulations," he said. "It was a public process to get regulations and it will take a public process to get rid of them and you will be responsible to enforce them while they have not been removed.

"This is not me that is talking. This is what I have heard directly from insurance companies. If you do not act responsibly, insurance companies will not stick with you."

In comments after the meeting, Anderson said the ACOA is attempting to determine the provincial vision on environmental matters.

"They had no environmental vision in the Common Sense Revolution and we're asking them now that they are in power what they intend to do," he said.

Christmas Eve carol service well attended

Glen Sandfield
by Lorna Chapman
874-2408



The wonderful story of Christmas was celebrated in the Glen Sandfield United Church at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve, by the congregation and many visitors to the area, in song and prayer.

Jim Finlayson most ably served as leader for the evening.

At the commencement of the service, Bonnie and Lorna Chapman performed the Advent Candle and the Christmas Eve candle lighting ceremonies.

Some musical highlights were Fiona Fraser's two beautiful solos, O Holy Night and Let Us To The Infant Kneel. The first one was accompanied by Bessie MacLennan on the organ and her second solo was sung accapella.

Choral anthems for the evening were Infant Holy, We Three Kings of Orient Are. The choir sang the verses with the congregation joining in for the refrains.

Falan Tiding, a Tyrolese carol, was sung during the offering and O Thou Joyful Day. The Coventry Carol was sung accapella by Lorna Chapman.

Scripture readers were Anna Boekhoff, who read Luke 2:1-7 in German, followed by the same verses in English, read by Phyllis Noble.

Keith MacRae and Ernie MacMillan continued the Biblical account of that wondrous time. Four brief meditations were presented; Out of the Cradle read by Christina MacLachlan, Good News For All read by Margo MacRae, Something Happened Here read by Della MacDonald.

All were taken from a Daily Bread booklet and Lorna Chapman read an original poem called Nothing Left But You.

The warmth and friendliness that evening was such that everyone seemed to want to linger a while in the sanctuary to chat with their friends and relatives.

The joyful music of the organ, played by Bessie MacLennan, did much to set the reverent mood of the service and of the pleasant interlude afterward.

On their arrival the worshippers were greeted by two large well-plowed parking areas thanks to Keith MacRae. He also made the lovely evergreen wreaths on the front door and on the Advent table.

Kevin MacLachlan was responsible for setting up the Christmas tree which was decorated with his own handmade Christmas symbols, the shepherds, the animals, the kings, and the holy family.

Each window was tastefully dressed in evergreen boughs and cones. The de Havaland white ceramic nativity set was placed at the front of the church by Lorna Chapman, who made it some years ago in Missouri.

Everyone, who took part in any way, helped to make this one of the nicest Christmas Eve services ever.

On behalf of the congregation who attended that night, a most warm and sincere thank you to each of you, the leader, the soloist, the choir, the readers and the decorators. We were surrounded by love.

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Christmas day visitors with Bud and Lorna Chapman were Lorna Chapman and Jean Victor Giomi from l'Acadie, Que.; Bonnie Chapman from Brossard, Que.; Nancy Chapman and Jamie, Michel Sabourin from Alexandria.

Christmas dinner was held in the evening at the home of Nancy Chapman and Michel Sabourin on Kenyon Road. Among the diners present, their son Jamie, Lorna Chapman, Bonnie Chapman, Richard and Charlotte Hillier, Allison, Vincent and Stephanie, of St. Lambert, Que.

Wendy Chapman Nangreaves and Dianne drove up from Cornwall to visit her parents Bud and Lorna Chapman on Boxing Day afternoon. Sisters Bonnie and Nancy came over, with more gifts for them to unwrap, rather like a second Christmas!

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Holiday visitors at Glen Lennan Farm with Bessie MacLennan were Marilyn, Kristin and Erin Lawlor of Harrowsmith, Edith MacMillan of Alexandria, Gail, Ken, Tamara and Todd Hartrick of Fassifern.

On Christmas morning, she was surprised and delighted to receive a phone call from Australia from her granddaughter Leslie Lawlor, with greetings especially for Grandma.

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Christmas visitors with Christina and Ron MacLachlan were Elida, Murray and Haley MacLachlan of Manotick and Matt Gordon of Ottawa.

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Margo, Arnold, Keith and Marnie MacRae were part of the large family gathering at the home of Phyllis and Donald MacMaster of Laggan the week before Christmas, for a festive family meal.

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Dinner guests with Eleanor and Janet Bickerstaff at Christmas were Ellen and Gordon MacLeod and Leslie and Douglas Clark from Dunvegan.

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My friend Charlie MacDonald gave me a fitting thought to end the column: "Life itself can't give you joy unless you will it. Life gives you the time, it's up to you to fill it." There is much wisdom in those few words on which to ponder.

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Christmas turkey pulls a disappearing act

Williamstown

by Sue Harrington
347-2279



It doesn't seem as though the holiday has ended: A fractured week, school children still hanging about, nothing much started up yet. In a way, I'm rather glad. There is still Christmas news, and its "best before" date is fast approaching.

First of all, a question. Who ate my Christmas turkey? You've all heard those incredible stories of babies who somehow get switched at the hospital. Well this is the story of turkeys switched at the store. My turkey, lovingly chosen, was bagged in at about 18 pounds - not exactly the giant of the barnyard, but large enough to ensure no leftovers, and therefore no guilt. It was plump and smooth and FRESH!

At this point in the story I must confess to a little negligence. Despite all our attempts, the Christmas tree did not get up until 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve (an hour's improvement over last year, but still not exactly the targeted date of Dec. 15). As a result, everything seemed to be running a little late. So instead of picking up the bird on Dec. 24 as arranged, it was the 27th before we were ready to have Christmas dinner. On that morning a couple of the servants were sent to fetch the bird, while I pre-heated the oven, decked out in my new poinsettia apron and matching oven mitts.

Imagine my horror, then, when one of the servants staggered in, almost doubled over by the weight of the biggest, fattest, FROZENEST turkey I had ever seen.

"No one came to pick it up so they put it in the freezer," he said. And then, seeing the fury in my eyes, he offered this consolation.

"It's not totally frozen yet. See, you can dent it with your thumb," he said, making futile stabbing gestures which left little impression on either me OR the turkey.

There are a few occasions in life when someone's anger doesn't seem to make sense to the people around them. The boys just didn't get it. Why on earth is she making such a fuss? So what if it is too big to thaw in the microwave, or even the sink. There's always the bathtub!

And so, while the bird bathed, albeit intermittently with late-risers who insisted upon showering, she wept into her little Christmas apron.

"But it isn't MY bird," she sobbed. "My bird was smaller, and sweeter, and it had my name on it."

When, after several hours of no sympathy, she tired of the subject, and when, after several hours of transferring the bird to the bath mat and back to the tub, the boys tired of stevedoring, a compromise was reached. The furniture was removed from inside the fridge, the bird stuffed in to thaw, and hamburgers were declared the dinner fare du jour.

We ate Christmas dinner on Dec. 29 around midnight. And do you know what? I don't think I have ever tasted a more succulent bird! Seems as though a few bastings with Head and Shoulders rinse water gives a turkey a taste all its own. Even if it isn't your own. Even if it is someone else's.

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About now you will be thoroughly tired of turkey talk and turkey intake. About now you will think upon a spaghetti supper with something akin to longing.

The Knights of Columbus here in Williamstown will be hosting just that on Fri. Jan. 19 at St. Mary's Parish Centre.

The spaghetti supper marks the second anniversary of Father Alex. L. McDonald Council 11243, and Knights awards will be presented, and new membership information given.

The supper starts at 7 p.m., preceded by a social hour, and followed by the awards.

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If you want to ensure a good number of old friends and acquaintances turn out for your wedding reception, hold it during the Christmas holidays.

That's what Tara McArthur and Matthew Eamer did at the Charlottenburgh Recreation Centre on Dec. 30, and as such were rewarded by the best wishes of some locals home from afar.

Tara, daughter of Garry and Catherine, and Matthew, son of Ron and Claudette, were married at St. Andrew's Church in S. Lancaster on Saturday.

Congratulations to you both!

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Congratulations too, to Cheryl McDougall and Neil Sandilands, who also were married on Saturday, in Alexandria. Cheryl is the daughter of Hilda and the late Roddie McDougall, while Neil is the son of Soni and Earle Sandilands of Williamstown.

On second thought, perhaps the reason these couples chose the Christmas holidays for their nuptials has something to do with teachers having a few weeks off at this time of the year!

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Glengarrians do seem to get together, no matter where their schooling and career paths take them. Planning, I'm told, a July wedding are Colleen Smith, daughter of Mary and Bob Smith, and Wally MacDonald, son of Norma and Ken MacDonald, all of Williamstown.

Colleen and Wally are both presently pursuing careers in Toronto. Congratulations on your engagement!

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It's always gratifying to learn that the winner of some contest you have entered, is a name you know. Somehow it makes the whole thing seem more legitimate than when the winner's name sounds as fabricated as a Harlequin heroine's. So when I learned that Char-Lan teacher, John Heward, and his wife, Martha, were the winners of the Eastcourt Mall's trip for two to the Dominican Republic, the medicine was a little easier to take.

Have a great trip!

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The accidental death of Lucy Gosselin (nee Fournier) in Cornwall on Christmas day was, indeed, a tragedy. The community sends its sympathy to members of the Fournier family, many of whom still reside in the area.

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Sympathy is extended, too, to Nicole Willard and members of the Willard family on the death of Willie Willard, which also occurred on Christmas day.

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Williamstown Library has re-opened after the holidays and readers may be interested to know that it is now wheelchair accessible. A parking lay-by has been made beside a path which leads up to the verandah. Borrowers may then travel along the verandah to the front door, with no steps or ledges to cross. Washroom facilities have also been adapted.

Although the pathway is obviously better negotiated in non-winter conditions, Bill Smart and son Stephen, have been keeping it as snow-free as possible, and it is still quite accessible.

The library's hours are Tues., Thurs., and Fri. from 2-5 p.m.; Wed. and Sat. from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and Wed. evening from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

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A bit of old-fashioned fun has been going on in Williamstown over the holidays. Skaters of all makes and models have taken to the outdoor rink located over the ball diamond in the Paul Rozon Memorial Park.

Mostly the rink is used for hockey — though not the regulation kind. When interviewing one lad, said to be a "regular," an explanation of rink etiquette was given as follows: "Anyone who's there and wants to play, plays. The others just skate around and they'd better watch out!"

According to my source, this year's ice quality is the best yet, and countless people, young and old alike have been enjoying it. Grandchildren here visiting, friends from the area, family home for Christmas — all have returned rosy-cheeked and refreshed.

A million thanks to those who care for the ice, in particular Bradley Gordon and John Hugh Munro for their many hours of work.

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by Laurie Mayer
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A new month, a new year, and new goals. Before I continue with the annual challenge of new goals, I would like to look back to last week and thank all the concerned citizens that stopped by my car on the non-existent shoulder of the Johnson Road the Friday evening before Christmas.

I was towed out the following morning, and God bless the three kings that took care of getting my car out and back home safely. A second tow truck was summoned to our home on New Years day, as our other car found itself wedged against a birch tree and later became the afternoon's gossip.

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Goals anyone? I have had the same goal for the past two New Years. I took a job-finding course last winter in Cornwall (where I made some lasting Glengarrian friendships), and the saying goes "For each job that you are told "no", you are one closer to that "yes"." Never give up your dreams. Multi-skilled secretary available immediately!

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In my Loeb grocery bag I was given a grocery check list in a booklet form — a very smart advertising display of established local businesses, and several stemming from Glen Roy. I know you'll be asking for yours next time you shop.

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Happy Birthday to Michelle O'Connell, who turned nine on Dec. 30. I understand she celebrated with her family enjoying an overnight adventure in Montreal.

Congratulations to Kayleigh Fogarty whose name was mentioned in the Highland Dance statistics last Glengarry News. We look forward to younger sister Ashleigh's dance accomplishments in the new year. Kayleigh and Ashleigh spent several days of their holiday vacation with their grandparents in the Laurentians.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamlett hosted a traditional Scottish New Year's Eve party at their gracious home; 23 guests were present.

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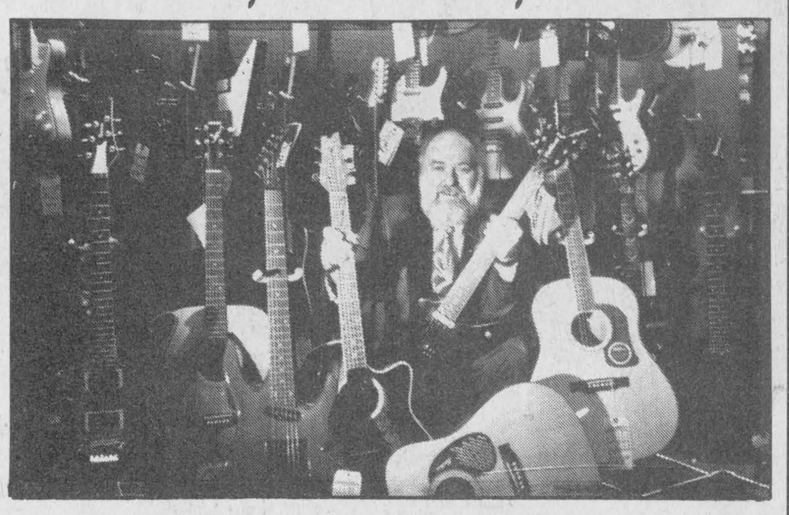
And just a little tale to wrap up the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Gauthier offered to dog-sit over Christmas for a close friend who planned to travel away from home. Wee doggie took a bad turn on Christmas Eve, and stayed at the Vet's overnight.

Christmas morning, doggie decided to take a trip of his own, to animal heaven. It is very sad for all concerned, but what incredible timing for that grand entrance!

GUITARS, GUITARS, GUITARS



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The Alexandria Glens and Char-Lan Rebels met for the sixth time this season at the Charlottenburgh Recreation Centre on Saturday. The Rebels have won all six meetings, including a 6-1 victory on Saturday. Pictured above are Char-Lan forward Derek Gladding and (left to right) Glens Gerry Goulet, Michel Jeaurond and Mark Arquiett.

Rebels end 1995 in style

Fontaine scores two in wins over Glens and Lions

By J.L. Lefebvre
Sports editor

The newest additions to the Char-Lan Rebels line-up continue to make big contributions.

Recently signed forward Mike McCabe had three points on Sunday as the Rebels won 6-2 in Morrisburg to extend their Eastern Ontario Junior B Hockey League winning streak to four games.

McCabe set up goals by Jason Lumsden - another newcomer - and Derek Gladding and scored a short-handed goal at the 6:54 mark of the third period that turned out to be the game-winner.

Eric Fontaine had two goals for the Rebels while Dave Campbell netted his 24th goal of the season.

Geoff Hare and Alain Quenneville had goals for the Lions.

The win comes less than 24 hours after the Rebels' 6-1 victory over the Alexandria Glens In Williamstown Saturday.

Fontaine scored twice for the winners with singles going to Campbell, Lumsden, Tim Corput and Mario Gibeault.

Eric Hagen scored with 44 seconds left in the game to spoil Jason Pilon's shutout bid.

Newcomers provide insurance

McCabe, who played for the Winchester Hawks last season, Lumsden and Matt Reid all attend Northwood prep school in New York and will be playing off and on for the Rebels for the next few weeks.

"Our team is pretty well set now with the addition of those guys," said Rebels head coach Jeff Carter.

"McCabe has two years experience in the league, so he's going to give us that much more depth up front.

"The same goes with Reid. He's a sniper and the two of them definitely make us more potent up front.

"Now, even if someone gets hurt, we'll still be able to throw three real good (forward) lines out there."

Char-Lan's depth came in handy on the weekend.

"Terry (O'Farrell) didn't play one game, Marc (Bellemare) was hurt and Reid was hurt, but we were still able to put three really good lines on the ice."

The same goes for the defensive unit, where Lumsden helped make up for the absence of Rod Besner - who is suspended - and John Robertson, who is visiting his native Scotland.

Carter is impressed with Lumsden, a Beaconsfield native and a graduate of the famous Lac St. Louis "AAA" midget program.



Eric Fontaine had two goals in both Char-Lan victories this weekend, a 6-1 win over Alexandria on Saturday and a 6-2 triumph in Morrisburg on Sunday. Fontaine is the fourth leading sniper on the team with 17 goals.

"He's good. We signed him to give him a four or five-game trial and he's definitely passed the test," said Carter.

"He's big, strong and he's more of a stay-at-home defenceman, which is what we were looking for. He's going to fit in nicely."

Reid, McCabe and Lumsden are expected to join the Rebels full-time when the U.S. high school season ends Feb. 6.

The arrival of the Americans, as well as the unexpected return of forward Jason Flynn, has helped offset the continued absence of Marc Bellemare, the Rebels' leading scorer.

Bellemare has now missed nine consecutive regular season games since breaking a bone in his left hand on Nov. 29.

Char-Lan has barely missed a beat in Bellemare's absence, posting a record of 7-2 and extending their St. Lawrence Division lead to a season high 10 points.

While the offence has dipped a little without Bellemare, the Rebels have become dominant in their own end.

The Rebels have given up only 19 goals in their last nine games, including only four during the team's current four-game winning streak.

"The whole team, including the defence, has been outstanding," said Carter. "They're moving the puck, they're clearing the front of the net, they're doing all the little things right.

"The defence is really starting to get tough. It's good to see."

Char-Lan continues to lead the Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference in goals scored, and the team's recent stinginess has allowed the Rebels to take over top spot in the fewest goals allowed category as well.

Char-Lan is also tops in wins (21), fewest losses (four) and points (48).

Rebels notes: The Rebels had a short day's work at the Boxing Day Tournament in Winchester as Char-Lan was eliminated by a 1-0 loss to Metcalfe in the first round. The Perth Blue Wings won the tournament by defeating Valley Division rival Arnprior 7-4 in the championship game...The Rebels posted wins over Winchester and Kemptville in pre-Christmas action. **Dave McNally**, **Rod Besner** and **Mike McCabe** had goals as the Rebels won 3-1 in Winchester on Dec. 22. On Dec. 23 in Williamstown, **Denis Villeneuve** and the Rebels blanked the 73's 6-0. **Matt Reid** had three goals while singles were added by McNally, **Tim Corput** and **Doug Ferguson**. Ferguson's goal was his first of the year and his junior B career...Besner has one game to go on a three-game suspension for a butt-ending match penalty at the Boxing Day Tournament. Coach **Jeff Carter** served a one-game suspension arising from the same game on Saturday...Weekend awards went to **Eric Fontaine** (St. Hubert offensive game star on Saturday), **Jason Pilon** (defensive star), Corput (Chumps Road Warrior and Jack Delaney's hit of the game on Saturday) and **Dave Campbell** (JD's award for Sunday)...The Rebels' schedule features two rarities this week - a Thursday home game and no road contest. The Winchester Hawks are in Williamstown tonight. The Rebels are home again on Saturday as the Brockville Tikis come to town. Char-Lan's next road game is in Gananoque on Jan. 14.

Peewee Glens win Alexandria tourney

Novices capture Brockville competition

The Alexandria Glens won three straight games to capture the "A" division championship at the Alexandria peewee minor hockey tournament on Saturday.

Four different players had goals as the Glens defeated the North Dundas Demons 4-2 in the championship game.

Jean-Francois Menard, Andrew McIntyre, Dominic Decoeur and Jonathan St. John were the scorers.

Jean-Francois Menard, Joel Quesnel, Jonathan St. John and Alexandre Menard had goals as the Glens beat Cornwall 4-2 in the second round.

The Glens opened the tournament with a 10-0 rout of the North Glengarry-Stormont Braves.

Luc Lanthier scored three times while Dominic Decoeur and Andrew McIntyre each scored twice.

Stephane St. Denis, Alexandre Menard and Joel Quesnel rounded out the scoring.

In Upper Canada Minor Hockey League play on Dec. 27, the Glens shut out the Char-Lan Rebels 5-0.

Dominic Decoeur tallied twice with singles going to Jonathan McDonald, Joel Quesnel and Luc Lanthier.

Novices win Brockville event

The Alexandria novices also struck gold in holiday tournament action, winning a competition in Brockville on Dec. 27.

Pierre-Luc Marleau scored twice as the Glens defeated Gananoque 4-2 in the championship game.

Chris Van Overbeek and Allan Charbonneau also scored for Alexandria.

Marleau and Van Overbeek each had two goals as Alexandria defeated Kanata 6-1 in the second round of the tournament.

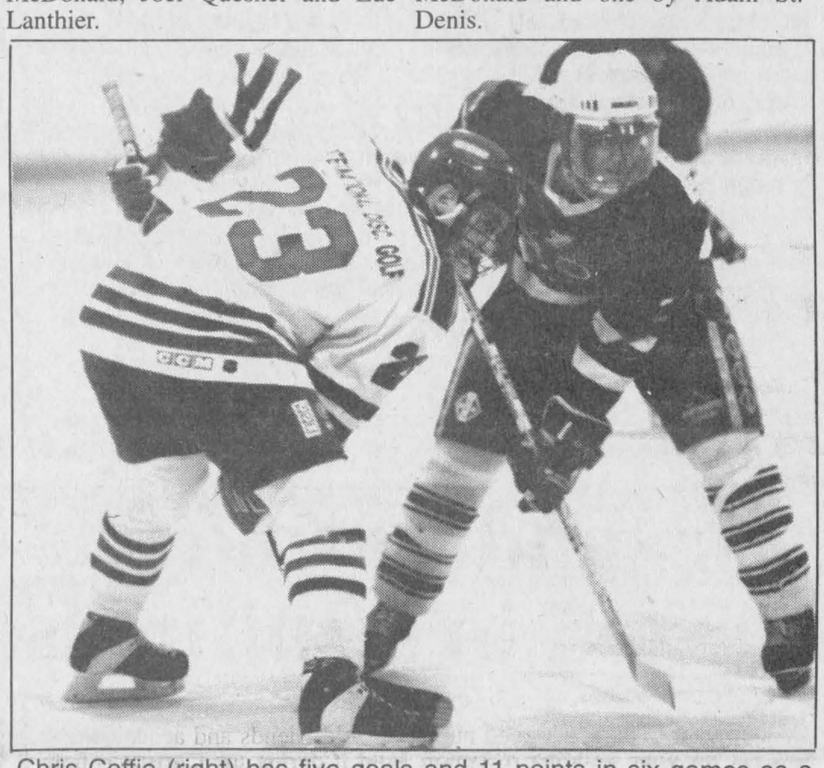
Matthew McDonald and Jason McDonald also scored.

The Glens whipped North Dundas 13-0 in their opening round game.

The Glens' attack was led by Jason McDonald's hat trick and two-goal efforts by Matthew McDonald and Sebastien Cholette.

Scott Cameron, Julien Rochon, Chris Van Overbeek, Allan Charbonneau, Pierre-Luc Marleau and Luc Beauclair had single goals.

In league play on Dec. 23, the Glens lost 6-4 to North Dundas despite three goals by Matthew McDonald and one by Adam St. Denis.



Chris Coffie (right) has five goals and 11 points in six games as a Glen.

Glens have the 73's number on home ice

The Alexandria Glens may have finally found a positive in a season full of negatives.

The Glens are mired in last place in the St. Lawrence Division, but they've played the second-place Kemptville 73's very tough at the Billy Gebbie Arena.

The Glens have only four wins in 28 games so far this year, but half that victory total has come at the expense of the 73's, including a 6-5 overtime decision in Alexandria on Friday.

The 73's remain the only St. Lawrence Division team to lose a game to the Glens this year. Alexandria's other two victories have come against Rideau Division members Brockville and South Grenville.

In typical 1995-96 fashion, Friday's win turned out to be much more difficult than it should have been for the Glens.

Alexandria led 4-0 after one period and held a 5-3 advantage with less than 10 minutes left in regulation time.

Kemptville scored twice in the late going to force overtime, where the Glens salvaged a victory thanks to Stephane Boisvenue's seventh goal of the season.

Chris Coffie had two goals and an assist for Alexandria while Darcy MacDonell, Derek Durocher and Yves Ruest had single goals in regulation.

Coffie and Durocher have provided an offensive spark for the Glens since signing last month.

The American duo has combined for nine goals and 18 points in the six games they've played since joining the team.

"They've helped us out quite a bit, especially offensively," said Glens coach Richard Picard.

"They play very well together, almost too well sometimes," said Picard, suggesting the Northwood Prep teammates sometimes forget about the third member of the line.

Goaltender Tim Faraldi - another recent addition - picked up the win and even assisted on one of Alexandria's goals.

The 73's got two goals from Wayne Hall and singles by Mike Hutt, Eric Jansen and Hamish Fraser.

On Dec. 23, the Glens lost a 9-5 shootout on home ice to the Winchester Hawks.

Eric Savard had a hat trick to pace the Hawks while Jared Hebbs and Jeff Scobie each scored twice. Ryan Nichol and Chris Bailey rounded out Winchester's scoring.

The Glens replied with two goals by Yves Ruest and singles by Eric Hagen, Derek Durocher and Chris Coffie.

Glens notes: Coach **Richard Picard** has had to perform a lot of juggling with his line-up lately. Five regulars didn't suit up for Saturday's game in Williamstown - forwards **Stephane Boisvenue** (work commitments), **Richard Hutt** (knee surgery) and **Luc Chaumont** and defencemen **Jean Theoret** (neck) and **Marc Menard**. Before the game was over, the Glens lost **Darcy MacDonell** for hitting from behind and **David Bruyere** and **Joey Houle** to knee injuries. Since then, **Michel Jeaurond** has injured his hand in an off-ice incident. Other than that, things are going well for the team...Chaumont was in the line-up on Dec. 23 against the Hawks after a lengthy layoff due to mononucleosis. Chaumont hasn't played since then and Picard says the rugged winger wants his release so he can play junior C...Morrisburg visits the Billy Gebbie Arena on Friday. The Glens travel to Winchester on Saturday.

What's in store for the New Year?

J.L. Lefebvre
Sports editor

The New Year is traditionally a time to look back and ahead. We took care of the retrospective side of things last week with the Year in Review. This week, let's examine some of the big questions and issues in Glengarry sports for 1996.

Is this the year a local junior B team breaks the title drought?

Neither of Glengarry's junior B Hockey teams - the Glens or the Rebels - have won the St. Lawrence Division playoff championship in half a decade.

The Glens were the last of the two clubs to capture the pennant as they advanced to the Rideau St. Lawrence Conference final in 1991 where Alexandria lost to the Westport Rideaus.

The Rebels drought goes back to 1989.

Since the Glens' 1991 title, the Morrisburg Lions have won three championships while the Winchester Hawks beat the Glens in last year's final.

While Alexandria is well out of the race this season, the Rebels have a good shot at the crown.

The Rebels have been in first place since the early stages of the season and have maintained a steady winning pace despite a rash of injuries to key players.

There's a good chance there'll be some serious excitement at the Rec Centre in Wiliamstown this March.

Will D.J. Zaluski survive until the end of the season?

The combative Rebels winger is undoubtedly Public Enemy No. 1 in the St. Lawrence Division.

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Nixon and Quesnel lead Glens to tournament title

A Jason Nixon goal was enough to give the Alexandria Glens a 1-0 win over Char-Lan in the final of a bantam-midget house league hockey tournament in Williamstown on Tuesday.

At the other end of the ice, Kevin Quesnel recorded the shutout for Richard Jeaurond's team.

Alexandria advanced to the final with wins over a pair of Long Sault teams.

The Glens beat the Red Barons 4-1 as Julien Cholette led the attack with a hat trick. Andrew Bowen also scored.

Alexandria edged Cameron's Furniture 5-4 in its second game as Julien Cholette had two goals and three assists.

Gabriel Larocque scored twice and Renel Cadieux added a single.

Scoreboard

Junior B hockey
Standings
St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	P
Char-Lan	**29**	**21**	**4**	**4**	**174**	**96**	**48**
Kemptville	29	15	9	5	143	113	38
Winchester	28	13	12	3	134	151	31
Morrisburg	26	11	12	3	138	152	27
Alexandria	**28**	**4**	**22**	**2**	**111**	**181**	**11**

Rideau Division

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	P
Westport	28	19	8	1	145	105	40
Gananoque	26	17	9	0	145	101	35
South Gren	26	12	12	2	122	123	28
Athens	27	7	18	2	101	159	19
Brockville	28	6	22	0	89	157	13

Results
Tuesday, Dec. 19
Gananoque 3 N. Frontenac 4 (OT)
Wednesday, Dec. 20
Alexandria 7 Morrisburg 8 (SO)
Thursday, Dec. 21
N. Frontenac 4 Athens 3
Friday, Dec. 22
South Grenville 5 Brockville 2
Char-Lan 3 Winchester 1
Morrisburg 1 Kemptville 7
Ernestown 6 Westport 3
Saturday, Dec. 23
Kemptville 0 **Char-Lan** 6
Winchester 9 **Alexandria** 5
Napanee 10 South Grenville 4
Athens 2 Ernestown 12
Wednesday, Dec. 27
Winchester 8 Kemptville 7 (SO)
Gananoque 7 Brockville 4
Friday, Dec. 29
Morrisburg 2 Winchester 9
Athens 6 Westport 7 (OT)
Kemptville 5 **Alexandria** 6 (OT)
Brockville 6 South Grenville 10
Saturday, Dec. 30
Alexandria 1 **Char-Lan** 6
Sunday, Dec. 31
Char-Lan 6 Morrisburg 2
Westport 5 N. Frontenac 3

St. Lawrence Division
Top scorers (thru Dec. 28)

	G	A	Pts
M. Bellemare, C-L	**37**	**36**	**73**
C. Duguay, Mor	30	43	73
D. Campbell, C-L	**22**	**36**	**58**
G. Hare, Mor	23	31	54
C. White, Mor	15	34	49
J. Ricci, Kempt	20	24	44
T. O'Farrell, C-L	**18**	**26**	**44**
W. Hall, Kempt	15	27	42
D. Hutt, Kempt	18	21	39
S. Forbes, Kempt	14	23	37
R. Nichol, Win	17	15	32
D. McNally, C-L	**10**	**19**	**29**

Rebels' scoring

	G	A	P
21-Marc Bellemare	37	37	74
9-Dave Campbell	24	34	58
14-Terry O'Farrell	19	26	45
10-Dave McNally	12	22	34
18-Eric Fontaine	17	10	27
11-Derek Gladding	13	11	24
7-Mario Gibeault	12	9	21
17-Lindsay Campbell	5	15	20
20-Tim Corput	9	10	19
5-Rodney Besner	5	14	19
4-Kevin O'Farrell	2	17	19
12-D.J. Zaluski	2	11	13
19-Doug Ferguson	1	12	13
24-Owen Swamp	4	6	10
15-John Robertson	0	10	10
8-Kacey MacDonell	2	5	7
22-Matt Reid	3	3	6
23-Jason Flynn	0	6	6
25-Mike McCabe	2	3	5
x-Evan Thompson	1	4	5
6-Jason Lumsden	2	1	3
16-Pierre Rozon	2	1	3
38-Dennis Villeneuve	0	2	2
x-Ian Main	0	1	1
33-Jason Pilon	0	1	1
x-Mike Rankin	0	1	1
x-Lee Klazinga	0	1	1

Glens' scoring

	G	A	P
20-Darcy MacDonell	11	18	29
17-Daniel Methot	6	18	24
6-Yves Ruest	12	8	20
14-Luc Chaumont	10	9	19
5-Stephane Loyer	5	14	19
18-Eric Hagen	9	7	16
19-Richard Hutt	6	10	16
x-Jason Poirier	4	9	13
16-Olivier Demeester	4	9	13
2-Stephane Boisvenue	7	5	12
31-Mark Arquiett	3	9	12
25-Scott Nielsen	2	10	12
4-Marc Menard	4	8	12
x-Chris Coffie	5	6	11
8-Joey Houle	3	6	9
10-David Bruyere	5	3	8
x-Derek Durocher	4	3	7
9-Michel Jeaurond	0	5	5
22-Jean Theoret	1	3	4
7-Joel Menard	0	2	2
1-Gerry Goulet	0	1	1
x-Mark Laferriere	0	1	1
x-Marc Gauthier	0	1	1
x-Tim Faraldi	0	1	1
30-Pierre Tasse	0	0	0

Glengarry Indoor Soccer League
Standings
Men's division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Storm	8	0	2	66	26	18
Express	7	1	2	47	28	16
M&D Sports	1	7	1	22	49	3
Old-timers	0	8	1	18	50	1

Top scorers

	Goals
Alain Decoste, Storm	19
Brian Cameron, Storm	16
Richard Willard, Express	13
Randy Lavigueur, Storm	12
Benjamin Pye, Express	9
Scott McDougall, Express	9
Robbie Starkauskas, Express	7
Kirk MacMillan, Old-timers	7

Women's division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Atlantic Hotel	7	1	1	51	17	15
Springers	6	2	2	41	19	14
Red Barons	6	3	0	34	15	12
Glen Sandfield	5	5	0	23	34	10
Rudi Payer Sport	2	6	1	16	45	5
Classics	0	9	0	8	43	0

Top scorers

	Goals
Tina Bond, Springers	18
Meghan MacPherson, Atlantic	18
Lynn-Marie Legault, Atlantic	13
Sherrill Norman, Red Barons	12
Becky Howes, Red Barons	11
Kelly Lavigueur, Atlantic	10
Natasha Brodie, Glen Sand	9
Suzanne Giroux, Atlantic	8
Jessica MacLeod, Springers	7
Melissa MacDonald, Glen Sand	6

Ladies Sponge Puck League
Standings

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Art Benton	9	1	0	46	7	18
Tapis Richard	9	1	0	46	7	18
M&D Sports	6	5	0	18	21	12
Atlantic Hotel	1	8	1	6	40	3
L.C. Electric	0	10	1	6	48	1

Cornwall Indoor Soccer League
Women's Division

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	P
Hearts	**8**	**7**	**1**	**0**	**50**	**11**	**14**
Bergeron	8	7	1	0	24	6	14
Roe Lee	8	6	2	0	29	11	12
Kirk Hill	**8**	**4**	**3**	**1**	**29**	**20**	**9**
Strikers	8	3	3	2	31	19	8
Paddy's	**8**	**3**	**5**	**0**	**14**	**27**	**6**
Clansmen's	8	3	5	0	19	34	6
Roadrunners	8	1	7	0	4	32	2
Rudi Payer	**8**	**0**	**7**	**1**	**12**	**52**	**1**

Men's Division I

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	P
La Maison	7	3	0	4	34	25	10
Mr. Sub	7	4	2	1	41	22	9
Backstages	7	4	2	1	25	17	9
Filion Troph	7	4	2	1	28	22	9
Rudi Payer	**7**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**28**	**22**	**9**
Bob's Hotel	**7**	**3**	**4**	**0**	**33**	**24**	**6**
CIMF U2's	**7**	**2**	**5**	**0**	**24**	**50**	**4**
St. Lawrence	7	0	7	0	22	52	0

Men's Division II

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	P
St.Law.Blvd	7	4	1	2	40	16	10
C'wall BBQ	7	5	2	0	41	20	10
Ital-Can	7	5	2	0	29	18	10
Pizza Hut	7	3	2	2	31	20	8
Apple Hill	**7**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**29**	**28**	**8**
Osnabruck	7	3	3	1	25	26	7
Y. Drivers	7	2	5	0	22	34	4
St. Lawr. II	7	0	7	0	6	64	0

Top scorers
Women's division

	Goals
Bonnie MacLeod, Hearts	**16**
L.M. Legault, Hearts	**12**
M. MacPherson, Kirk Hill	**10**
M. Dumond, Rovers	8
C. Howes, Rovers	8

Men's Division I

	Goals
Kieran Kennedy, Bob's	**18**
Brian Deschamps, U2's	**12**
D. Menard, Backstages	9
G. Gratton, College I	8
Ben Pregent, U2's	**8**

Men's Division II

	Goals
F. Kamel, Ital-Can	13
C. Merkley, St. Law. Blvd	12
K. Maloney, BBQ	11



Are the Char-Lan Rebels and Westport Rideaus headed for a showdown in the Rideau-St. Lawrence Conference final?

Will the Stars shine come GSL playoff time?

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Many league players and coaches accuse Zaluski of crossing the line between being physical and playing dirty.

At one point this season, Zaluski had 73's goalie Dom Cuglietta jumping out of his equipment in an effort to take a poke at him.

It would also be quite unwise to invite Zaluski and any member of the Alexandria Glens to the same party.

Jean Theoret is out of the Alexandria line-up courtesy of a Zaluski hit in mid-December and David Bruyere was injured when Zaluski applied a knee-on-knee hit on Saturday.

With Alexandria all but out of playoff contention, the final two Char-Lan-Alexandria games this season could get ugly.

How will the Glengarry Stars do in 1996?

The Stars will undoubtedly be a playoff contender in the Glengarry Soccer League again this year, but Carman MacMillan's team will be rated for its performance in August, not June or July.

The Orange Crush had an undefeated regular season last summer, only to be brushed aside in two straight games by Greenfield in the semifinals.

Several of the current Stars were on the championship team in 1988, but the general attitude of the team's critics is - What have you done for us lately?

The Stars are highly motivated by their desire to prove the skeptics wrong, but that pressure can also serve to divide the team when things start to go wrong.

This is a team loaded with talent and bravado, but will the ghosts of previous playoff failures continue to haunt the Stars?

On the other hand, who will stop the indoor Stars?

It's ironic that the GSL's most underachieving team has established a dynasty in the Char-Lan Indoor Soccer League.

The Stars have won six straight CLISL championships and are in first place this season with an undefeated record.

While there's a sprinkling of players from other GSL clubs, the heart of the indoor Stars line-up is made up of players from the outdoor club and Carman MacMillan coaches both clubs.

Three players - Brian Cameron, Steven Cameron and Robbie Starkauskas - have played on all six of the Stars' indoor championship clubs.

Will a new power emerge in women's soccer?

The 1990's have been dominated by three teams in the Glengarry Soccer League women's division.

Laggan leads the way with five championships and six finals appearances in as many years.

Dunvegan has one title in two trips to the finals while the Alexandria Bees have been playoff runners-up on four occasions.

No other club has made the final since the beginning of the decade, and it may be a while yet before the Alexandria As, the Greenfields, the Glen Nevisses, the Glen Sandfields or the Maxvilles of the Glengarry soccer world get a shot at the Cup.

Of the five "other" teams in the division, Glen Nevis appears to have the best materials to build a championship contender, but Glen Campbell's club has yet to make the playoffs. As th old saying goes, you gotta walk before you can run.

The three elite clubs have done an excellent job of adding young blood to the line-up every year, so it seems unlikely that one of the traditional powerhouse teams will fall back to the rest of the pack.

Unless there's some drastic line-up changes, you can just about bet the farm that some combination of the Bees, Laggan or Dunvegan will be in the finals again in 1996.

Alexandria midgets ousted in semifinals

The Alexandria midgets lost 6-0 to Barry's Bay in the semifinals of the Hershey minor hockey tournament in Smiths Falls on Saturday.

In the first three games of the event, the Glens defeated the Cornwall "A" Aces and played to ties against North Frontenac and Smiths Falls.

Eric Lavigne had three goals in a 7-3 win over Cornwall, while Daryl Howes scored twice.

Sylvain Campeau and Jason Poirier had single goals.

On Friday, Alexandria tied the North Frontenac Flyers 3-3.

Mark Laferriere, Trevor MacDonald and Jason Poirier each scored one goal for the Glens.

Alexandria's other game was a 1-1 tie against the host team, the Smiths Falls Bears.

Sylvain Campeau was the Alexandria scorer.

Bowling league results

Alexandria Lanes results
(Dec. 17-21)
Golden Age (Monday)
High Singles: June Cameron (221), Terry Newcomen (305).
High Triples: Catherine Harris (568), Terry Newcomen (661).
Golden Age (Tuesday)
HS: Marcella Dorie (243), John Van Blankers (265).
HT: Marcella Dorie (663), John Van Blankers (608).
Golden Age (Wednesday)
HS: Catherine Harris (225), Gilles Martin (259).
HT: Catherine Harris (562), Mitchell Larocque (589).
Golden Age (Thursday)
HS: Marcella Dorie (250), Lucien Theoret (259).
HT: Marcella Dorie (684), Henri Brabant (608).
Ladies' Commercial
HS: Maureen Lavigne (289).
HT: Shirley O'Connell (777).
Men's commercial
HS: Gilbert Dorie (335).
HT: Rejean Menard (812).
Monday Ten-pin
HS: Moe Bellefeuille (267).
HT: Moe Bellefeuille (644).
Monkland Ten-pin
HS: Bruce Massia (245).
HT: Bruce Massia (523).
Wednesday Night Ten-pin
HS: Dot Burnett (165), Albert Brewer (159).
HT: Dot Burnett (442), Albert Brewer (429).
Thursday Ten-pin Mixed
HS: Rachel Bourgon (137), Albert Durocher (180).
HT: Rachel Bourgon (392), Alain Menard (487).
Sunday Ten-pin
HS: Kelly Dixon (162), Guillaume Decoste (208).
HT: Bertha Colette (374), Guillaume Decoste (498).

Benton and Tapis still running neck and neck

The close battle for first place in the Ladies' Sponge Puck League continues.

Not only do Art Benton and Tapis Richard Ranger have identical 9-1 records, the teams also are tied in goals scored (46) and goals allowed (seven).

Both clubs recorded shutout victories on Dec. 27 at the Billy Gebbie Arena.

Sue Stewart's two goals and Carmelle Hagen's goaltending gave Tapis a 3-0 win over M and D Sports.

Wendi Lawson had a goal and an assist.

Meanwhile, Barb Benton and Joan Filion each had a goal and an assist as Art Benton blanked L.C. Electric 2-0.

Nat Theoret had the shutout.

Here are other league results as we catch up on the two previous weeks of play:

Dec. 20

M and D Sports 4 (Sylvie Menard with four goals, Sylvie Major with three assists) **Atlantic Hotel Storm 0** (Judy Wood with the shutout).

Tapis Richard 8 (Dawn MacDuff, Mary Nixon and Sue Stewart with two goals apiece, Louise Sommers and Cathy Depratto with singles) **L.C. Electric 0** (Carmelle Hagen records the shutout).

Dec. 13

Art Benton 4 (Barb Benton, Lynda Brunet, Liette Proulx and Karen MacDonald with one goal each) **Atlantic Storm 0** (Nat Theoret picks up the shutout).

M and D Sports 3 (two goals by Nancy VanderVeen, one by Kathy Kennedy) **L.C. Electric 1** (Suzanne Levac).

Cumberland edges Rapids

The Cumberland Minor Bantam "AA" Barons skated past the Seaway Valley Rapids in Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association play in Navan on Tuesday.

The Rapids lost 4-3 despite goals by Nick Quenneville, Travis Albers and Kurt MacSweyn.

On Dec. 27-29 at the Gloucester Challenge Cup, the Rapids managed only a tie in three games.

Seaway tied the host Rangers 3-3 as Kyle McAllister scored twice and Kurt MacSweyn once.

The Rapids lost 2-0 to the Nepean Raiders and 4-3 to the South Ottawa Canadians.

Donnie Patenaude, Mario St. Denis and Kyle McAllister had goals against South Ottawa.

In league action on Dec. 23, the Rapids were edged 5-4 by the Rideau-St. Lawrence Kings.

Jean-Sebastien Larocque and Travis Albers each had a goal and two assists in a losing cause while Kurt MacSweyn and Brad McMillan also scored.

The Rapids lost 4-1 to Cumberland on Dec. 17 as Kurt MacSweyn scored the only Seaway goal.

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Families blessed with company over the holidays

Maxville
by Gordon Winter
527-2888



The Christmas holiday season has come and gone and while we complained about the snow fall and low temperature earlier, Mother Nature treated us very fairly last week. For those who were travelling, there were no storms, for the children there was plenty of snow in which to play at temperatures just below freezing and the same applied to all those who enjoy outdoor sports.

Julie and David Danskin were able to ease up on their duties at their store and spent a few days over Christmas with son, David in Halifax.

Dorcas MacDougall was a week in Burlington with son Doug and family while Verna MacGregor was a bit longer in Elmira and Stouffville with her daughters Sheryl Bertrand and Winona Elles and their families. Catherine McEwen enjoyed a few days in Ottawa with her newphew Douglas MacEwen and family.

Helen Hunter was in Peterborough for a week with Ted and Glenda Hunter and daughter Margaret Hunter from Toronto.

Several families were blessed with the company of the younger generations home for the holidays. With Sharon and Ken Johns were Heather from Hamilton and Brian from Guelph, Jamie Munro was home from Western University in London to be with her parents Brenda and Dale and sister Kelli. Gary Fraser and his family from Toronto were with his mother, Thelma, for a few days.

Jennifer and Amy Clark were home with thier mother Pat. Helen Barker had two of her daughters home – Linda and Barbara along with Barbara's daughter, Leanne.

At Eileen Scott's home, her daughters Joyce Montaigne and her family from Pembroke and Gwen Hamilton and her family from Amherstville, enjoyed Christmas dinner.

At our home all members were here for two days together and otherwise, the visits were staggered over a week. Having them driving from Tecumseh, London and Grimsby in good weather and three of the grandchildren enjoying the snow, which they don't have at home, made us appreciative of the weather conditions mentioned earlier.

Melissa Munroe was home from Queen's University with her parents Diana and Bill and two sisters.

Julie Williams had days off between Christmas and New Years from her work in Guelph and was home with her parents Carole and John and sister, Heather.

Mr. and Mrs. Don MacKinnon, Toronto, spent the holidays with his mother, Ethel.

Claire and Bruno Besner were in Renfrew over New Year's witih Vanita and Ron McDonald.

Home with Lorna and Gerald Blair were Erin from Iqualiut, Baffin Island, Ken from Calgary and Karen from Ottawa.

The Rev. Frank and Felicia Bailey received the happy news this Christmas that they have a new grandson born to the Rev. Anthony and Wendy Bailey in Jamaica. The baby has three sisters to help with his care.

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Old timers will remember the Eb McNaughton family who lived on the farm that is now home to the Runions. One of the sons, Eb Jr. died last week at the age of 83. While he was a teacher in local schools for a short time, the late Mr. McNaughton was an insurance broker in Ottawa for many years. He was predeceased by his brother, Millan and is survived by his immediate family along with brothers, Donald, Harry, Wesley and Roy.

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A lady who grew up at Dominionville will be remembered as Myrtle Truax. Recently Myrtle and her husband Bill Ainslie celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Residents of Cornwall, the couple has two sons, one named Lyall after Mrs. Ainslie's brother who lost his life in World War II.

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A large congregaiton attended the Christmas Eve service in the United Church. The Rev. Ed Gratton conducted the service during which several carols were sung and a nativity pageant presented. The parts were taken by Trudy MacIntosh, Perry Ryner, Daniel Bray and Rene Auer while Betty McIntosh and Gordon Winter read scripture passages.

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The CWL December meeting was opened with an Advent Prayer Service conducted by Father Marc Piche. It was decided to send monetary gifts to Connie Frei and Kimberly Rolland of Alexandria. Both girls are involved in Youth Catholic Missionaries. Christmas cards and gifts were to be delivered to the sick and shut-in members.

A January dinner party for members and spouses will be held at the Blue Lantern Restaurant. Members are asked to bring baby gifts for Birthright and tea towels for the Trillium Childhood Cancer Support Centre.

The CWL ladies will be sponsoring the Manor birthday party on Jan. 29 in co-operation with Pat Flaherty's Art Class.

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If you haven't won a prize in the Lions Club Calendar draw yet and if your name doesn't appear in the following list, you can join this correspondent for wishing for better luck in 1996.

Starting on Dec. 18, the winners were Sue Vanriel, Martintown; Marie LaGrove, Long Sault; Sherry Garrow, Cornwall; Alex Tittley, Dalkeith; Lyle Howes, Dalkeith and Ian Cruickshank, Cornwall.

For the last week of the year, the lucky winners were Brent and Nancy Campbell, Vars; Shawn Filion, Cornwall; Dale Jack, Cornwall; Dave Findlay, Maxville; Robert Lavigne, Apple Hill and Kim Giroux, Moose Creek.

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If your Christmas tree is still around, do consider standing it up near your bird feeder. It should be sufficient to push it down in the snow and then bank snow on its lower branches. You will soon find the birds using it.

We have over 20 mourning doves on the snow or in the wood box I have on its side. Cracked corn is their preference. We still have a good representation at our feeders but I am finding the birds aren't taking as much. Perhaps the blue jays have decided that they have stored a sufficient quantity and that takes care of the sunflower seeds. We saw a snowy owl north of Hwy. 417 on Tuesday. At least one is a regular visitor to that area every winter.

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At the monthly euchre held at the Manor under the S.O.S. program, 40 players had an enjoyable afternoon of games and fellowship and saw the following end up with high scores: Estelle Brazeau, Rita Seguin, Grace Doth, Harold Merkley, Norman MacLeod and Cecil Lee. In the 50-50 draw, the lucky ones were Grace Doth, Ed Ukrainetz, Florence Harkin, Arlene Munro, Harold Merkley, Bill Johnson and Donalda MacRae, Rita Seguin won the door prize.

Bridge players are reminded that the bridge party will be this Saturday, Jan. 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the Manor.

Also the first Diners' Club of 1996 will meet on Jan. 11 at 12:30 p.m. for a meal. There will be no speaker on this occasion.

Outreach offering full services now at four sites

Seniors' Prime Time
by Rosemary Cameron



Glengarry Outreach Services was established in 1989 as a non-profit organization. Its goal is to achieve an enhanced quality of life for seniors or disabled by addressing their needs and offering the services required in both official languages. With these services they can remain in their own homes versus an institution.

With education, training and management Outreach is now fully offering all programs and services to all four sites – Martintown/Williamstown, Lancaster, Glen Robertson/Dalkeith and Alexandria.

The clientele numbers are increasing steadily due to the knowledge of the services and programs availability.

On July 17, Glengarry Outreach Services became a Corporation. The board of directors is made up of reeves from the seven municipalities, seniors and volunteers for each site to ensure needs are met in all areas.

With 1995 now in the books, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who made our year such a growing period. Working hand in hand with local agencies and facilities to avoid duplications of services and monitoring budget dollars has shown many benefits.

The people who really made 1995 a rewarding year are the 376 volunteers across the county of Glengarry – a bouquet of roses to each and everyone for your dedication.

On Dec. 28, 86 Alexandria and area seniors joined Outreach for the Christmas Diner's Club which was held at The Royal Canadian Legion.

Many thanks to Lindsay Sabourin, Diana Koshman, Willie Kelly, Christina Nusshaumen, Stacey Sabourin, Connie Quesnel, Amanda Hurst, students from the Alexander School, for their smiles and helping hands.

Please mark the following on your 1996 calendar: Glen Robertson/Dalkeith Diner's Club on Jan. 11 and Jan. 17 for the Martintown/Williamstown Diner's Club.

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Births

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WOOD/EMOND – Judy and Stephane are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Theresa, born Friday, Sept. 22, 1995 at 1:18 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. at the Hawkesbury General Hospital. A sister for Kim, Kathy, Kristy, Marie-Josée and Jeremie. Proud grandparents are John Wood and Marcial and Claudette Emond of Alexandria.

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FRASER, JOHN ALEXANDER
Peacefully at the Maxville Manor on Friday December 22, 1995. John Fraser, age 85 years. Beloved husband of Pauline (Polly). Loving father of Heather Arlene of Toronto. Dear Brother of Jeanet (Mrs. Clifford Murphy) of Niagara Falls, Margaret Haines of North Bay, Madeline Shavalier of Niagara Falls and Helen (Mrs. Wallace McRae) of Vankleek Hill. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. A private funeral service was held on Sunday, December 24, 1995 at 2:30 p.m. at the Hillcrest Funeral Home, Vankleek Hill. Reverend Robert Martin officiated. Spring interment McLaughlin Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in the Knox Presbyterian Church, Vankleek Hill. 1-1c

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ALEXANDRIA BRANCH
PIDGEON, MARYBELLE, at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital on Sunday, December 31st, 1995. Age 82 yrs. Marybelle MacCuaig, beloved wife of the late Hugh Pidgeon, dear mother of Wilfred (Rosemarie) of Alexandria, Edward of Cornwall, Mary of Alexandria, Josie (Mrs. Hector Sauve) of Cornwall, Paul (Carol) of Cardinal, Peter (Barbara) of Alexandria, Ernest (Linda) of Dorval, Quebec, Gordon of Cornwall and Suzanne (Mrs. Lionel St-Pierre) of Lancaster. Also survived by 33 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Grace Pidgeon of Alexandria, Donalda Thivierge of Vanier, Cassie Cardinal and Florence Massia both of Alexandria, Duncan MacCuaig of Bath and Hattie Massia of Alexandria. Predeceased by one son William and one brother Hughie Dan MacCuaig. Daughter of the late Daniel MacCuaig and the late Martha Gray Downy. Relatives and friends called at Munro & Morris Funeral Homes, 114 Main St. S., Alexandria on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mass of Christian burial was held at St-Finnan's Cathedral on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd at 10 a.m. Spring interment, St-Joseph parish cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. 1-1c

Personals

THANKS to the Sacred Heart for favors obtained. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified throughout the world forever and ever. Amen. Repeat this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days and your prayers will be answered with promise to publish. J.L. 1-1p

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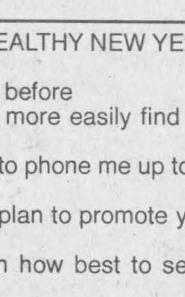

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CORRECTION NOTICE:

Re: NOTICE OF PUBLIC meeting (Alexandria), Zoning Amendment. Appearing December 19th, issue of the Glengarry News.

NOTE: In the third paragraph, a statement is made stating that the parking lot services many businesses on the Main Street Commercial strip. This statement is incorrect and it should be removed, as the parking lot is designed for the use of the owner of the property and his customers.

Sorry for any inconveniences this statement may have caused or created.

Terry Hart - Zoning Adm.
1-1c

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BYLAW BY
THE TOWNSHIP OF LOCHIEL

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lochiel passed Bylaw No. 396-95 on the 19th day of December, 1995 under Section 34 of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 34 (19) of the Planning Act, any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the bylaw by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Lochiel not later than the 13th day of February, 1996, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the bylaw and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee prescribed by the Ontario Municipal Board ($125.00 payable to the Minister of Finance of Ontario).

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning Bylaw to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group.

The land affected by this bylaw is not currently the subject of an Official Plan amendment.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the bylaw and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the bylaw applies (or alternatively, an explanation as to why a key map is not provided) are included.

The purpose of this amendment is to rezone a parcel of land consisting of approximately 11.6 hectares (28.88 acres) which has an existing residence located thereon, situated in Part of the West half of Lot 27, Concession IX, in the Township of Lochiel on Provincial Highway No. 34.

The rezoning from "Agriculture Resource Zone (AGR)" to "Agriculture Resource Special Exception Zone (AGR-5)" is necessitated to permit the erection of a structure on the same lot to be utilized for a commercial garage and warehousing of produce and dry freight. The area will be subject to Site Plan Control in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act and site plans shall meet the requirements of Section 6.9 of the Official Plan.

The complete bylaw is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Lochiel this 19th day of December, 1995.

EXPLANATORY NOTE
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R.M. CHARBONNEAU, Clerk Treasurer
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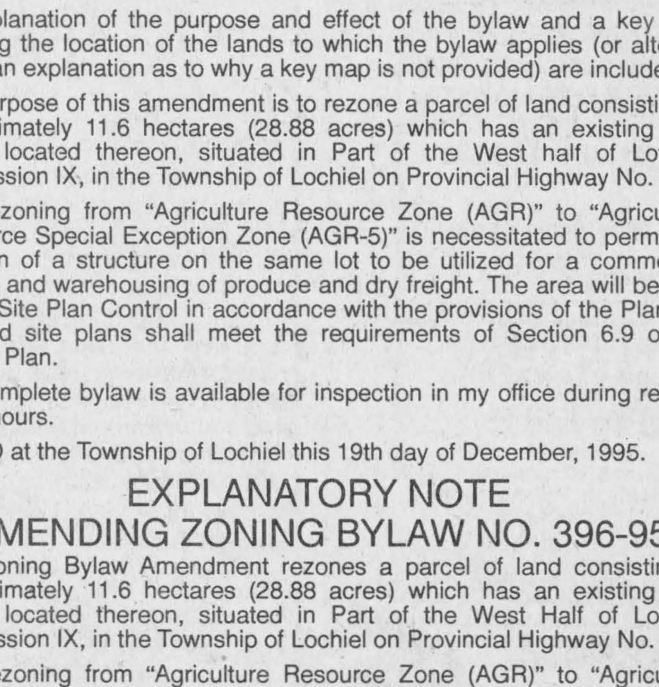

Auld Lang Syne

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
Friday, January 10, 1896

•The new public school is about completed and will be occupied in a few days. Mr. Schell had the contract and D. D. McDougall is architect and builder.

•Misses Florence McDougall and Maggie Munroe, and W. B. MacDiarmid, Maxville, arrived Monday to attend the High School.

•Angus A. McDonald, 1st Lochiel, returned Monday to resume studies at the Montreal Business College.

•On Tuesday at the Cathedral, Miss Ida Dupratto, was united in wedlock to Mr. Leo Laporte, late of Italy.

•John A. McDonald, Alexandria, George J. McDonald, 1st Kenyon, and John A. Cameron, 3rd Kenyon, returned from the South Woods on Saturday.

•The elections at Maxville saw Burton six votes up on McArthur for reeve. Councillors elected: McEwen, Robertson, Cameron and McNaughton. When results were announced the fun began with speeches, quarreling, fighting, torchlight processions and we had all we could stand.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
Friday, January 7, 1921

•In Monday's election Geo. Simon defeated D. M. Courville for mayor; Cameron won over Leroux for reeve and councillors elected were Sabourin, Laurin, McRae, Proulx and Macdonald.

•A native of Williamstown who represented Glengarry both in Parliament and the Legislature Sir Donald MacMaster, KC, Member of the British Parliament since 1910, has been honored with a baronetcy in the King's New Year's lists.

•Cpl. J. A. McDonald has been given a permanent Civil service appointment in the Department of Railways and Canals as a photographer. He will report at the Welland Ship Canal.

•Norman J. MacGilivray, 21-5th Lochiel, has purchased from Mrs. Angus A. McDonald, the dwelling adjoining Mr. Leduc's store, Main Street North.

•Fergus McRae has been appointed Exciseman Grade I for the Department of Inland Revenue. He will occupy office space in the Custom's Office, here.

•Frank V. Villeneuve of Maxville, has received a gold-headed cane from Kenyon Agricultural Society for his excellent services as president.

•Dr. Wm. N. Campbell, latterly of Calgary, visited at McCrimmon before leaving Tuesday to practice in Hastings, Ont.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
Friday, January 8, 1926

Some 400 people, young and old, assembled in the Orange Hall, Dunvegan, New Year's Eve, to accord a truly Highland welcome to their popular local physician Dr. Stalker, and his bride, just returned from their honeymoon.

•Mr. and Mrs. A. Meloche, Alexandria, celebrated their silver wedding January 6th in the company of several friends who gathered at their home and presented them with a chest of silver flatware.

•The Misses Annie Henderson, Mabel McLachlan, Ina St. John and Edith Trayes, of Williamstown, returned to McGill University on Monday.

•The Misses Evelyn Whyte and Edith McGillis, of Lancaster, have returned to Macdonald College.

•Miss Etta Cameron, McDonald's Grove, entertained a number of young people of the Grove at a moonlight skating party.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
Friday, January 3, 1936

Two Glengarry couples celebrated their 20th wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. Forbes W. Chisholm and Mr. and Mrs. Alex C. Fraser.

•In a letter to the Ottawa Farm Journal, H. S. Marjerison takes objection to a statement made by an Oxford County MLA who said that bolstering the cheese industry by means of government bonus has several objectionable features. Contends Mr. Marjerison, "A pegged price for cheese... would bring prosperity back to the whole dairy industry."

•The well-equipped barns and stables on the farm of Duncan McDonald, north of Maxville, were destroyed by fire, with heavy loss.

•Miss Anna Lalonde, Bermuda, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lalonde.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Friday, January 4, 1946

•Five Glengarry service personnel were honored in the King's New Year's Honors List. Wing Commander Murdoch A. McNeil of the RCAF of Summerstown, is made a Member of the Order of the British Empire; Lt.-Col. R. L. Franklin of the RCAME, a native of Maxville, is awarded the OBE; Surgeon-Commander J. W. MacLeod of the RCNVR, formerly of Martintown, becomes an additional Officer of the Military Division for the OBE; Chief Petty Officer Cook Helen A. Major of Williamstown, wins the British Empire Medal; Major Harold A. Macdonell of Winnipeg, receives the OBE.

•Home from overseas or expected soon are Major the Rev. Donald A. Kerr who arrived with the First Battalion, SD&G Highlanders, Saturday; Lieut. Theodore J. MacDonald, Loch Garry; Sgt. Allan Raymond, Pte. Royal Gareau, Pte. Rene Gareau, Sgt. Emmanual Gauthier, L-Cpl. Peter A. Morris, Pte. E. Legault, Pte. Brendon McPhee, Alexandria; Lt. N. S. Rita Moffatt, Pte. J. E. Dufresne, Lancaster; Gdsmn R. J. Lahaie, Glen Robertson; Tpr. N. M. Morrison, Moose Creek; Pte. D. J. McTavish, LochGarry; Pte. H. R. McEwen, Cpl. D. Coleman, Gnr. W. Coleman, Maxville; Tpr. D. A. Hay, Fassifern; Sgmn. L. Warden, Williamstown; Pte. A. Carrier, Dalkeith; Pte. John J. Emberg, Pte. H. J. Goulet, Green Valley; Tpr. H. P. Campeau, North Lancaster.

•Miss Maude Hartrick of Dunvegan, is now stenographer in the local agricultural office.

FORTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, January 5, 1956

•Alexandria Legion Branch has taken first steps in a project to add to the Glengarry War Memorial here, a plaque bearing the names of Glengarry's war dead in World War II and Korean fighting. A preliminary list shows 108 casualties.

•Mathias Joanette, 74, of the 1st Kenyon suffered a crushed hip New Year's Eve when struck by a car at the scene of an accident south of Alexandria.

•Mr. and Mrs. Alexandre Cuerrier combined celebration of New Year's with observance of their 45th wedding anniversary. Most of their family were with them to present a television set and purse of money.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, January 6, 1966

William E. Coxen, 24 of Dominionville, was one of three men killed while driving home for Christmas from the Sudbury area. Willis Gates, 25 of Vankleek Hill, and Marcel Lalonde, 23 of Glen Robertson, were seriously injured in the crash.

•A Glen Robertson man, Cpl. Marcel Lavigueur of the U.S. Marines, spent Christmas in war torn Vietnam. He arrived there shortly before the yuletide.

•New building permits issued here in 1965 covered three quarters of a million dollars. Included were 58 new housing units.

•Worst yuletide fire saw a family of 11 left homeless at Glen Robertson, when the home of Jean Paul Carriere was destroyed Dec. 28th.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, January 8, 1976

•Jim Lariviere of the Dalhousie area suffered shoulder and head injuries Friday when run over by a snowmobile. He fell off a trailer being towed by a snowmobile, into the path of another.

•Town council will collect a five per cent "dedicaiton fee" on all lots sold for building purposes in future. The fee will be a provision for park land.

•Ken Allen of Dunvegan, won the $5,000 grand prize in Alexandria Lions Club draw.

•Louise King was first baby of the year at Glengarry Memorial. Born January 2, she is a sixth child for Mrs. Rosario King of Bainsville.

•Reg Gagne has resigned as Charlottenburgh clerk-treasurer to accept another post. J. E. Szpivak is the new deputy-clerk.

TEN YEARS AGO
Wednesday, January 8, 1986

•Elizabeth J. Raven, 33, and Andre Paul Lacelle, 73, were killed when the Lot 16 Concession 8 Lancaster Township home they shared was levelled by a blaze on Sunday.

•Two Dunvegan youngsters were saved from a rabid fox on Christmas Day by the quick action of their pet dog. James, 12, and Lee Ann, 10, children of Don and Sheila Whealon, had gone out to the stable and when they turned on the lights they saw the fox. Nickie, an 8 or 9-year-old mongrel, pushed past the children, attacked the fox and killed. it.

•Some teen volunteers at Glengarry Memorial Hospital were recently presented with 50-hour certificates. They are Mariette Delorme, Tamara MacPherson, Lusanne MacCuaig, Catherine McGregor, Kristen Smith, Alain Ladouceur and Lise Ladouceur.

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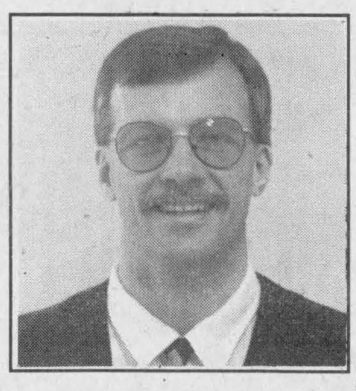

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Township of Cornwall
Class Environmental Assessment
Boundary Road Bridge Replacement
NOTICE OF COMPLETION

The above project is being planned under SCHEDULE B in accordance with the requirements of the CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MUNICIPAL ROAD PROJECTS. Subject to comments received as a result of this notice and the receipt of other necessary approvals, the Townships of Cornwall and Roxborough intend to proceed with the design and construction of a road realignment to bypass the Boundary Road bridge located approximately 200 metres east of County Road 15.

Studies have indicated that the existing Boundary Road bridge requires immediate replacement. However, the preferred solution based on the analysis completed as part of this study is to realign Boundary Road, south of the existing bridge. This solution will minimize environmental impacts and associated costs. The estimated cost of the work is approximately $100,000 and is scheduled for completion in 1996.

Further information, including the project file, is available at the following locations:

Township of Cornwall
RR #1
Long Sault Ste., Ontario
K0C 1P0
Tel: (613) 932-0541

Township of Roxborough
Box 189
Moose Creek, Ontario
K0C 1W0
Tel: (613) 538-2531

Interested persons may provide written comment to the municipality on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this NOTICE. Persons requiring further information may contact:

Mr. Steve Taylor P. Eng,
Manager of Transportation
totten sims hubicki associates
Tel: 1-800-529-0847 or (613) 592-7070

If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with the municipalities, a person/party may request that the Minister of Environment & Energy "bump-up" the project to an individual environmental assessment. "Bump-up" requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this NOTICE. A copy of the "bump-up" request shall be sent to the Townships. If there is no "bump-up" request received by February 6, 1996, the Boundary Road realignment will proceed to design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

Honorable Brenda Elliot
Minister of Environment & Energy
135 St. Clair Avenue, 15th Floor,
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This Notice issued January 4, 1996

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December 11, 1995
Mr. Joe Banks, Publisher
The Glengarry News
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Dear Joe,

Once again the Glengarry Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario is seeking your help in launching its February campaign. Last year, to mark February as Heart Month and to inaugurate our campaign, a supplement was produced, through your able leadership, which was the envy of every chapter in Ontario. Not only was it widely read but it was widely distributed. The provincial H.S.F.O. office in Toronto was so impressed by its content, its layout and by the cooperation of its generous advertisers, that it requested that a copy be sent to the hundred chapters within the entire province. What a feat!

Through this supplement, Glengarry's name, that of its newspaper, its businesses, its endeavours were flashed into big cities as well as in remote areas. Through this supplement, not only was the general public sensitized to heart diseases and stroke, the #1 killer in Canada, but to what can be achieved by a small chapter in a small community when all stakeholders, the newspaper team, the local businesses, the members of the local H.S.F.O. chapter, the benefactors of the heart research all join hands and work together.

We the board members of the Glengarry Chapter would like to repeat this class act in 1996. Would your newspaper as well as the advertisers of last year's supplement consider partaking in this worthwhile experience again? We were extremely grateful last year and we would be extremely grateful again should you decide to repeat your greatly appreciated involvement.

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Fraser
President
Glengarry Chapter
Heart & Stroke Foundation

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The Glengarry News

525-2020 or Fax: 525-3824

Volunteers are the key to local service groups

Lancaster

by Marg Millet
347-2207



It's 1996! Like fresh sheets of paper, like a first day at school, New Year's Day is symbolic of our hopes to do better and to be better. May your new year be not only better, but one of the best!

One good way to make your year better is to become a volunteer. I was reminded of this when we met John Fourney, ever smiling, with his cart full of groceries.

John was getting his own shopping out of the way so that he could drive some seniors in the Outreach van the next day.

John is quick to remind us that he is only one of the many volunteers that provide the vital services for seniors in this area, but I suspect that he is one of the best.

Outreach is always in need of drivers to share the load so please call Marguerite MacLeod at 347-3469 and give some time.

In the same vein, Chateau Gardens could use some volunteers as well. If you can spare time with activities there please call Chris Reasbeck at 347-3016.

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It was nice to see the Lancaster Optimist Club mentioned in last week's editorial under "Classiest Donation award".

This very active club provides many services for the youth in our area and is always looking for new members to help with our projects.

Recently some of the Optimists went to area schools with Santa and nearly 500 children in Grades Kindergarten to Grade 3 had a quiet visit with the jolly old man himself and received a treat and a Christmas pencil as well.

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The Pacemakers have an invitation for you – $3 will buy you a nice luncheon on Friday, Jan. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. So come to the Lancaster Legion and enjoy. For regular members there will be a meeting at 1 p.m.

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For those readers who don't know me, I have lived with my husband Barry and our two children, Charmaine and Bill, for nearly 20 years in the Lancaster area (has it really been that long?) Charmaine and Bill were educated in what we fondly call "Huntly High" and attended Glengarry District High School.

Bill graduated from R.M.C. in Kingston, is now married to Chris and is working for I.B.M. in Markham. Chris is a teacher.

Charmaine graduated from Western, is also married, to Jim Andrews, and works in Ottawa for the Toronto Dominion Bank on Sparks Street. Jim is an engineer for Rolls Royce.

Instead of going back to teaching I bought a small business and had the pleasure of getting to know the nice people of the Lancaster area in my store call The Big Dipper.

Barry, my husband, is a regional manager for G.E.C. Plessey Semiconductors, and is my mentor when it comes to caring for our community.

Please remember that your voice is the news. Call me at 347-2207 or leave your messages at the Lancaster Freshmart. Hector said you could!

May 1996 be all you wish and may all of your wishes be good ones.

Everyone taking advantage of revived skating rink

Greenfield

by Mary Couture
527-2421



Linda, Ralph, Eric and Brigitte Newson from Saskatoon called on Olga and John Gruzleski New Year's wekend. Olga and John spent Christmas in Guelph visiting family.

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Catherine Flaro had visitors over the holidays from Ottawa, Metcalfe and Alexandria.

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Columbe and Dan Raymond had visitors from Alliston, Toronto, Angus, Newcastle, Cornwall and area over the holidays.

Allan Raymond from San Diego spent the holidays with his wife Kathy and family.

Congratulations to Kim and Donnie Raymond on the birth of a new daughter Rachel on Dec. 23.

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Devin Baggs is presently visiting in San Francisco.

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Celebrating a birthday on Jan. 3 is Teresa Leonard, the 5th is Rene Belair, Mabel Whitteker on the 8th and Lesley Smith on the 15th.

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The good work of some residents have revived the skating rink and all are enjoying the facilities with the nice weather over the holidays many took advantage of enjoying the great outdoors.

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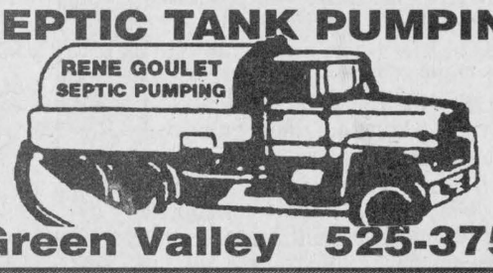

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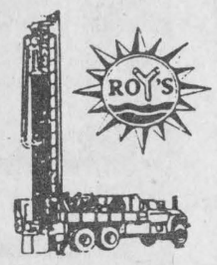

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With Kenneth and Rhoda MacDonald for Christmas dinner were: Donald and Bessie Fraser, Donald and Claire MacGillivray, Helen and Ross MacGillivray, Lyle, Barbara, Lindsey and Mark Howes, Robbie, Nancy, Bethany and Brian MacDonald, Gordon and Anna MacDonald, Jeff, Mona, Michael and Alex McNeil of Gloucester.

After Christmas, they had a visit from Ken and Marjorie McIntyre of Priceville.

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Holiday visitors with Jean and Kenneth Campbell, Breadalbane, were: Wendy and Wayne McArthur, the Rev. Scott, Pam, Brandon and Graeme Campbell, all of Scarborough, Robin Campbell, Toronto; Eileen and Perley McArthur, Lachute; Sheila and Jim MacLaurin, Kars; Phyllis and Stanley Roddick, Yarmouth, N.S. and Phyllis Roddick, Ingersoll.

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Sheila and Wally Prince had their three daughters home during the holiday season – Christine and Christopher Weisener of London, Ont.; Jennifer Prince, Ottawa and Kelly, husband Gerry Lefebvre, Sean and Brianna, Vankleek Hill.

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On Christmas day, Donna, Keith, Alonna and Jonathan Murray were off to Elma to spend the day with Donna's sister Gail, and Chuck Barclay, sons Chris, Stefan and Damon. Their mother, Ruby Smith who lives at Elma, now accompanied the Murray's to Dalkeith and stayed for a few days.

Later in the week the Murrays visited Keith's Uncle Bill, and Doris Murray in Almonte. Their granddaughter Laura was also there.

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For Christmas, Isabelle and Valaire L'Ecuyer had all their family down to the 12 great grandchildren, to a family meal at L'Age d'Or, Vankleek Hill.

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Jessica Margaret, infant daughter of Margot and Brent Peterson of Toronto was baptized by The Rev. James McVeigh at St. Columba Church on Sunday morning, Dec. 24.

Following the service a luncheon was held at the home of Grandmother Margaret Newton of Lochinvar Road with friends and family.

On Christmas Day relatives from Montreal, Hudson, Que. and Ottawa gathered at the Newton home on Lochinvar Road for a happy family get-together.

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On Sunday, Dec. 31, Kyle Douglas, son of Connie and Douglas Howes, Kirk Hill was baptized by The Rev. James McVeigh at St. Columba church.

Lillian and Murray Howes, proud grandparents hosted a luncheon for family and friends following the service.

Connie's parents Ellen Baker and Leonard Belanger, her sister Shelley Broome and daughters Jessica and Alyssa all of Chalk River were at the service and spent some time with Connie, Dougie and Kyle.

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Church services at St. Columba Presbyterian Church, Kirk Hill change the time beginning on Sunday, Jan. 7, to 9:30 a.m.

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In the hectic period before Christmas, with cards and letters to write and mail, Christmas presents to wrap, as well as the regular routine, one of my neighbors lost her glasses. Another chore – search for them. Finally when Donald John MacLeod opened his gift on Christmas day, there were Linda's glasses.

The MacLeod family joined Donald John and Angus for their Christmas dinner.

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Ruby Hay of New York City spent her Christmas holidays with Mansel Hay, Brodie and the other family members.

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Marion and Allister MacGillivray had a houseful of guests too – Heather, Andre and baby Rachael Houlzet, Kington; Gwen and Ian Englehart, Orleans; Mr. and Mrs. Englehart, Montreal; Christina McKinnon, Vankleek Hill; Phyllis and Emily Labine, Nepean.

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On Thursday, Dec. 28 Marion and Allister MacGillivray accompanied by Eileen MacGillivray and Anna MacMaster attended a memorial service at Barrhaven United Church, Nepean for the late Fern (Dewar) Barclay. We extend our sympathy to Fern's family and to her sister Mavis Morris.

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While visiting her daughter-in-law Nera and granddaughter Tara in Ottawa, Hazel Huckvale of William's Lake, B.C. spent Christmas Day with Sara MacMillan, Brodie Road and returned for New Year's Day with Sadie MacMillan. Elsie MacMillan, Cornwall, joined the clan for these special days.

Also with Sara for a couple of weeks was her son Richard Fraser, Kincardine. Richard and Michael MacMillan, Winnipeg spent the holidays with their father, Ernie MacMillan. On Sunday Christena and her children A. J. and Alexa Landon, New Westminster, B.C. came to spend some days with Sara.

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Christmas guests at our house were Joyce MacLennan, Barry, Bert, Josie, and André Seguin, Mary, John, Scott and Ryan Weese, Ruth, Garry, Hugh and Morgan MacQueen, Guy Moncrieff.

During last week Ruth MacQueen, Hugh Morgan and I drove to Belleville and Trenton. In Belleville we visited Maureen and Joan Stocker and in Trenton, Mary, John, Scott and Ryan Weese.

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On Dec. 28, Rhoda MacDonald, accompanied by Evans MacGillivray, attended the 101st birthday party at Maxville Manor for Mrs. Annie McMillican who was Evans' first teacher at S.S.#13, north of Kirk Hill. This was her first school, having come there directly from four months training at Model School in Cornwall – she was then Annie McDonald.

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On Dec. 21 the Seniors along the Lochiel Road, Laggan Road, Brodie Road, the 17th, and a few other areas were treated to a bus ride to view the Christmas lights.

The route taken included the fifth of Kenyon, Alexandria, Green Valley and on to Lancaster. The whole trip was spectacular!

Many thanks to Janice MacIntosh for the use of a bus, Karen Kingston, driver; Shirley MacDonald, co-ordinator; Clara MacLeod, Hughie MacMillan, Harold Young for music at the Big Beaver School where we enjoyed coffee, donuts and cheese courtesy of Johnson's, Fassifern; Billie Nixon and Kent MacSweyn. Maybe it will be an annual event.

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The youth groups from Breadalbane Baptist Church and Vankleek Hill Baptist Church were off to ski at Morin Heights on Thursday.

The day was beautiful and the young folk had a great day. To cap the day they had a sleep over at the former Manse at Vankleek Hill.

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