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Glengarry In Brief

News office closes for the holidays

The Glengarry News staff will start its Christmas holidays starting this Friday at noon, when the office closes.

The office will remain closed from Dec. 23 through Jan. 1 inclusive. It will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2 with regular operating hours.

However, the deadlines have been moved back one day to Tuesday, noon for editorial, 1 p.m. for classifieds and 3 p.m. for display.

The News will publish Thursday, Jan. 4, instead of the usual Wednesday.

All the staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and joyous Happy New Year.

Please drive safely.

Free skating over holidays

This holiday season, Tim Hortons will be sponsoring four free skating periods.

In celebration of the holidays and to promote community activity, the "TimSkates" will all be held at the Glengarry Sports Palace on Dec. 26 and Jan 2 from 4-6 p.m., Jan. 4 and Jan. 5, from 2-4 p.m.

Help put on Christmas feast

Just a reminder for anyone without a place to go for a Christmas dinner.

HOPE (Helping Other People Everyday) is again putting on its full-course Christmas supper at the Glengarry Sports Palace this Sunday, Dec. 24.

The doors will open at 4 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5 p.m.

If you would like to donate money or food, contact André Lefebvre at 525-3260.

Boudria, mayors to hold skiathon

Local MP Don Boudria has challenged the mayors in his riding to a skiathon to be held in Quebec.

The 13th edition of the *Mayor's Cup* will be held at Mont-Habitant in Saint-Sauveur, Québec on Feb. 3.

There will be a race to determine the Skiing Mayor of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.

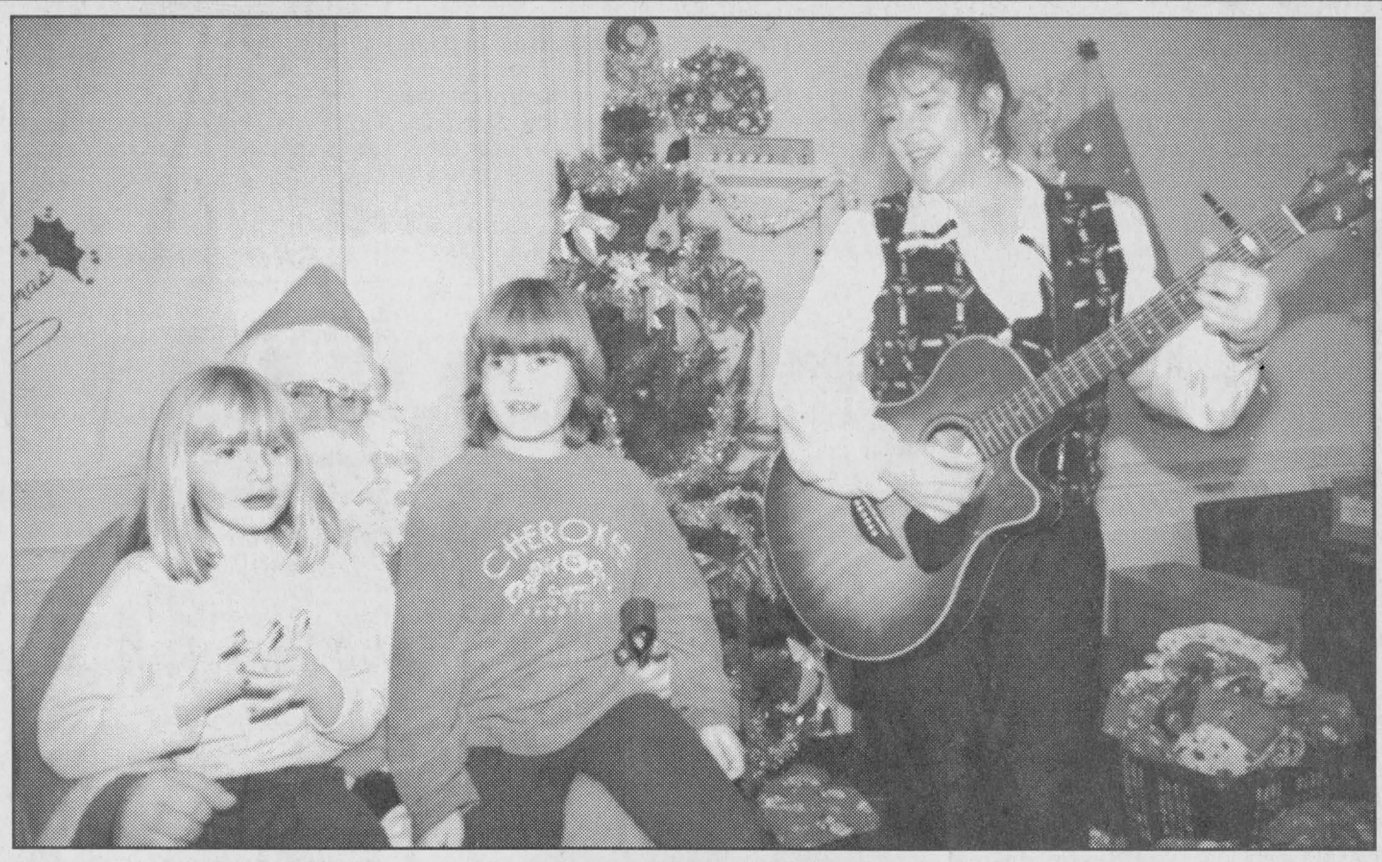
Money raised will go to the Canadian Cancer Society. Last year's skiathon raised $25,000.

Stork Market Report

*Nov. 28 - to Al and Tammy (nee MacDonald) Benson, a girl, Kamryn Mary Gabrielle

Glengarry babies in 2000:

Boys: 55 Girls: 61



Best seat in the house

Amber, left, and Brittany MacDonald take a seat on Santa Claus' knee as Luane Doyle entertains locals who flocked to the Martintown Recreation Centre Sunday to take part in a Christmas party.

Staff photo — Todd Anderson

Student rally a peaceful affair

By Jason Magder
News Reporter

Students continued to display their frustration over the lack of extra-curricular activities in their schools with a rally held Wednesday at the Glengarry Sports Palace.

About 150 students, mostly from Glengarry District High School were on hand for the event dubbed "Rock the Boat," organized by Krissy McLeod, co-president of the student council, the communications director Rachel MacGillivray as well as Safiya Williams, Brendan Joyce Raylene Sauvé and Carrie Howes.

The rally began at 4:30 p.m., with a steady stream of students trickling in until 7:15 p.m., when it ended.

"The whole point was just to allow students to attend something that was proactive, to allow students to voice their opinions," McLeod said. "It was basically to make a movement, something forward and positive."

The event featured performances from GDHS cheerleaders. There were two punk bands which played: District 17, from Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute and 1,000 Pounds Larry, from Nepean. There were also speeches from GDHS principal Jacques Lemire and Grade 12 Char-Lan student Calla Humphries, a friend of McLeod.

"Despite the tremendous effort our student council has made to maintain school spirit, there is still a situation in a state of disrepair," the middle-distance runner, and last year's female athlete of the year for Char-Lan told her peers.

"School just isn't fun anymore. My sympathies go out to the 2000-2001 yearbook editors, without extracurriculars, high school yearbooks will be a sad sight," she said into the the microphone on the stage of the community hall.

Despite the name of the event, and the presence of an Ontario Provincial Police officer, Rock the Boat was a relatively tame affair, with students gathering in various clumps, talking among themselves and quietly enjoying the entertainment.

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Touchette passes away

By *News* Staff

Family, friends and his former constituents are pausing this week to remember one of the very few who managed to leave many marks on the history of Alexandria.

With his family at his side, Jean-Paul Touchette succumbed to Alzheimer's Disease early Monday. He was 72.

"The Singing Mayor" was also the longest serving head of Council in Alexandria's long history.

Under his leadership, the town firmly entrenched itself as the industrial hub of Glengarry, recalled Leo Poirier, who served as Touchette's municipal clerk for many of these years.

As a private real estate developer and councillor, the town's southern residential area and northern industrial areas were enhanced greatly.

One of his biggest projects was the building of the Glengarry Sports Palace in 1976.

Touchette, a native of the Long Sault area, came to Alexandria to manage the IGA store.

He was first elected councillor in 1963, Mayor in 1969 and then 1979 to 1994. He lost for Mayor in 1972. He won as Reeve in 1976.

A wake will be held Wednesday at Munro & Morris, Alexandria, from 2 p.m. Christian Mass burial will be 11 a.m., Thursday at Eglise Sacre-Coeur, followed by interment in parish cemetary.

North's legal costs critiqued

By Greg Peerenboom
News Editor

It didn't take long for the legal counsel issue to crop up at North Glengarry Council.

During the Council's first regular meeting last Wednesday, a delegation expressed concern with the management of legal billing from township solicitor Alan MacKinnon.

From a prepared text, Louis Loczy of Dalkeith pointed out what he perceived were a number of flaws.

"Bills should be submitted months and not at irregular intervals as it has been done in the past," he told Council.

He said a bill dated on July 13, 2000 contained 18 pages for the period of April to July 2000, but also charges from November 1998 and for 1999.

"There is also an item of $11.70 charged twice. This could be an honest error, but the amount could be much higher.

Clerk Leo Poirier told *The News* afterwards that the item was printed on the bottom of one page and at the top of the next page, perhaps due to mechanical error.

However, Loczy feels the slightest inconsistency warrants special action.

"I believe that all the bills for the past three years should be rechecked. This bill was initialed by (former Mayor) Mr. (Grant) Crack only."

He said the invoice flow doesn't involve township treasurer Annie Levac, who should scrutinize requests for legal counsel before Council authorizes the work.

For example, he urged council to investigate MacKinnon's last total invoice of $108,000, which was passed by the previous Council last month.

MacKinnon also received $75,000 for processing the sale of the North Glengarry Public Utilities Commission to Ontario Hydro One.

In this case, payment was authorized by the PUC's electrical advisory committee, which is a separate entity and does not report to Council as a whole.

Gary Shepherd, the only carryover member from the previous advisory committee, confirmed that MacKinnon's total bill is currently $134,293.

MacKinnon's work began during the fall of 1999 when the advisory committee was set up to investigate the township's options in wake of the impending hydro deregulation.

However, the total is still more than $15,000 short of the advisory committee's $150,000 lawyer fee budget.

The $75,000 amount will come out of the $300,000 payment already made by Hydro One, Shepherd said, adding the remaining bill will also be extracted from the $300,000 payment.

PUC general manager Luc Poirier and Levac told *The News* they were not privy to a breakdown of MacKinnon's PUC work.

Luc Poirier declined to discuss why he did not know the circumstances.

These issues, Loczy said, are some of the reasons Council should re-examine how it uses legal advise.

Free flu shots still available

By Jason Magder
News Reporter

There are still flu shots available at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit. And they're still free.

In a new program offered by the Ontario Ministry of Health, every Ontario resident is eligible this year to obtain a flu shot for free.

"The general population won't die from influenza, but can be sick for quite a few weeks," said Eastern Ontario Health Unit nurse Lynn MacGillivray. "So if you don't want to be sick, its worth it to be immunized."

1,400 immunized

The program has already seen 1,400 people immunized in the health clinic so far this year. The program aims to reduce the spread of the flu, especially to elderly people and chronic care patients, who are at the greatest risk of dying from a flu virus. It also aims to reduce the need for visits to emergency wards or family doctors.

The vaccine is effective beginning two weeks after the vaccine is taken, and lasting for six to 12 months afterwards. It is recommended that children less than nine years old get two vaccines, one month apart and that flu shots be taken in November or December to be effective for the flu season.

Fewer outbreaks

"There were very few outbreaks of the flu in the last few years," said the health unit's Gisèle Martin. "But there were still some outbreaks at school or in the workplace. But in long-term care facilities, we've seen a drastic reduction."

No harsh side-effects

Seniors and chronic patients received the vaccine for free last year.

Martin said that people need not fear harsh side-effects which have plagued flu shot recipients in other provinces. She said the Ontario vaccine is different than the others.

Until end of December

"It seems to be a safe vaccine; we've had no documentation of bad reactions to the vaccine," she said.

The health unit will continue the program every Wednesday until the vaccines run out, probably the end of December.



Alexander Zarify gets a flu shot from Lynn MacGillivray at the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, while his mother Frances Murphy holds him still.

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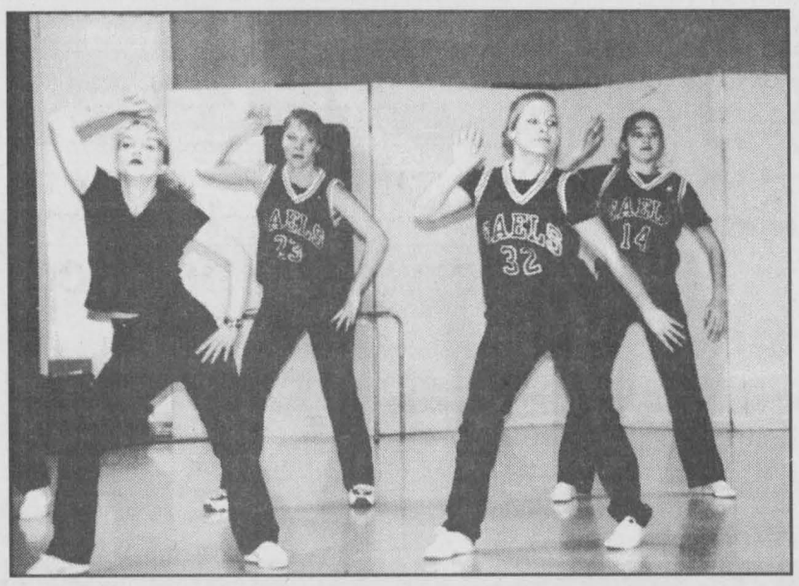

Glengarry District High School cheerleaders pump up the crowd at the rally held last Wednesday. About 150 students and some teachers and administrators attended the event at the Glengarry Sports Palace. Staff photo – Jason Magder

Student rally a peaceful affair

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McLeod said a loud protest was not what her committee had in mind.

"We weren't looking for anger," she said. "You don't want to generate negative emotions. Everybody knows what the problem is. The best way to go about it is not to look at the negative side. Instead of creating anger, we wanted to create a positive. Because if the students start looking for positive solutions, then maybe other people with power can do the same thing."

And students were well aware of the importance of their cause.

"We're working so many hours a day, we need to have some fun," said GDHS Grade 9 student Rachel Duval.

Grade 10 student Kevin MacPherson said activities act as an incentive for students.

"It's really important because sports keeps some people just in school, because other people might find school boring and they might want to get out of it. Sports gives them a reason to stay in and participate," MacPherson said.

School council co-chair, Jacqueline Fraser, whose daughter Elizabeth, is a Grade 11 student was also on hand to show her support. She urged parents to get involved.

"I hope this will sensitize all the parents to really get in touch with their member of parliament, their MPP, (Education Minister Janet) Ecker, or (Ontario Premier Mike) Harris," Fraser said. "I think that together, they can find a solution."

The conflict dates back to the beginning of the school year when the province increased the amount of classes per day for teachers. As a result, high school teachers have refused to organize extracurriculars.

Although both the Upper Canada District School Board, and the Catholic School Board of Eastern Ontario have settled with their teachers, only the latter board's teachers have explicitly said they would return to organizing the activities.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation has said that teachers are free to organize activities, but that the new provincial legislation will make it difficult.

There has been cheerleading organized and some basketball tournaments, mostly through the co-operation of students, parents and other volunteers, but not on the same scale as last year.

GDHS principal Lemire told *The News* he hopes that now teachers will be more willing to help out.

"The way I look at it, it might take some of the pressure off some of the teachers saying that now that we do have an agreement, there will be less pressure from the (Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers Federation), not to volunteer their services," Lemire said.

New busing eyed

By Jason Magder
News Reporter

There may soon be fewer yellow buses on our roads.

Still in the preliminary stages, area school boards are discussing a partnership dealing with transportation issues.

"They began meeting in the summer and have continued to meet," said Nicole Makinson, transportation manager of the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario.

"They have committed to continue to talk, but we're probably looking at the minimum of a year (before an agreement is reached)."

What that means is that boards will be able to save money by having fewer buses transporting more students to their schools and have single buses do triple-runs to the school, where they would otherwise be doing double runs, for example.

"Having the buses maximized to do as much as they can do will lower the cost and have that cost shared amongst the boards," Makinson said.

Schools may also co-ordinate their start times to correspond to the bus schedule. But it is still too soon to tell.

They will also be looking at how to accommodate French students. This won't be the first time that French and English students will be travelling together. Before amalgamation in 1998, the former Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry School Board regularly included French pupils

The agreement will also include driver training, driver safety and snow days.

As well as the Catholic board, other boards involved are the Upper Canada District School Board, le Conseil scolaire de district Catholique de L'Est ontarien and the Conseil des ecoles publiques du centre-est de l'Ontario.

The Catholic and Upper Canada already agree to cancel buses because of snow.

The province is heavily backing partnership agreements between the school boards, particularly in the transportation department. It is currently restructuring its funding structure for schools. The boards which have partnerships will be rewarded with loans, while those without will face financial consequences.




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Glengarry Gatherings

Bingo

Alexandria Lion's Club and Club Optimiste Alexandria Bingo at Glengarry Sports Palace, Alexandria every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Shop locally

Maxville businesses are having a shop local contest. The draw is this Wednesday.

Fraternité card party

The first Fraternité card party for 2001 will be Jan. 11, not Jan. 22 as mentioned in last week's paper. It will be hosted by Lilly and Fern Rozon.

Bridge scores

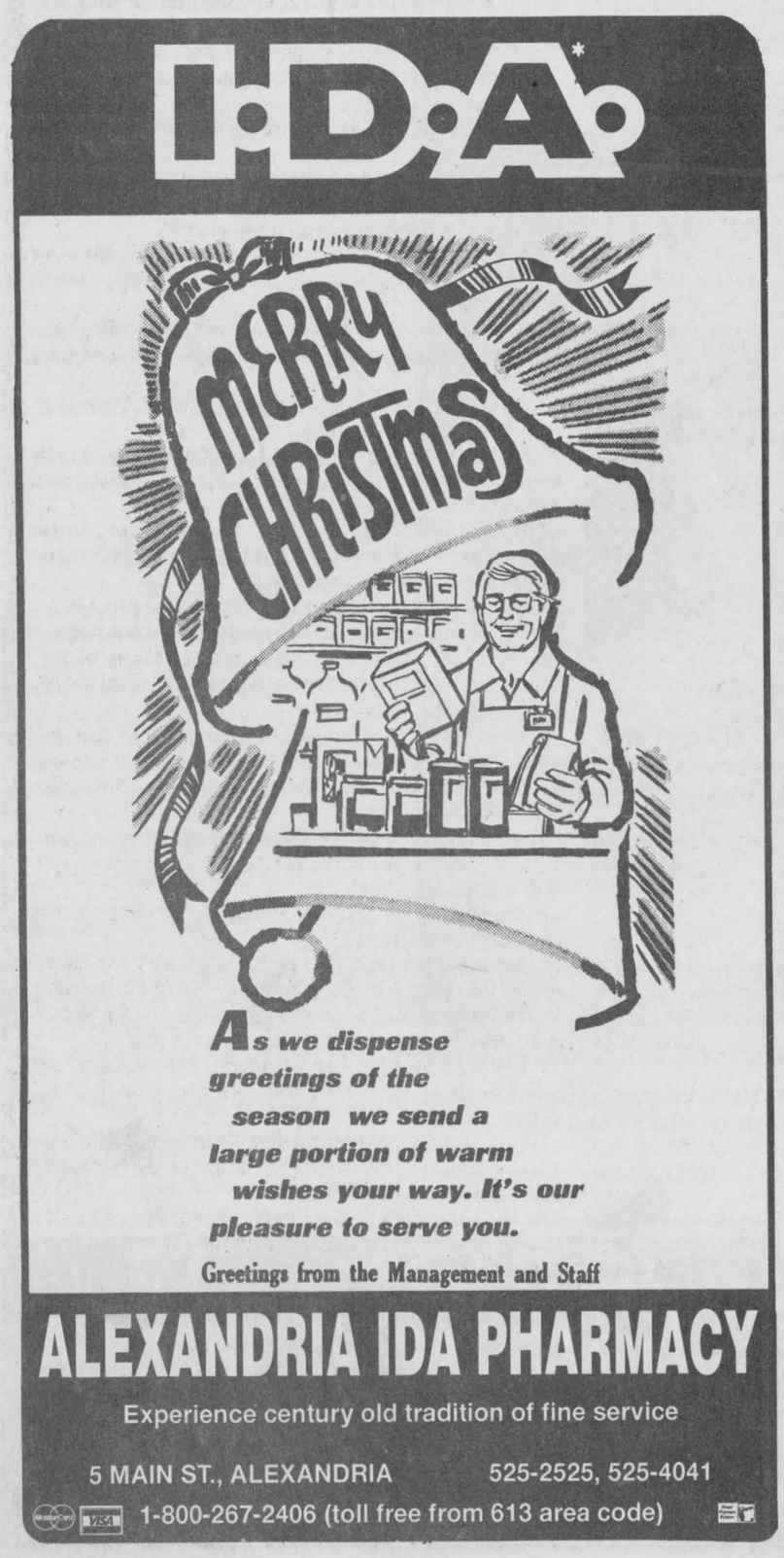
The Alexandria Bridge Club scores from Dec. 5 were: North/South – 1. Jean and Jim Campbell, 2. Don Crawford and Lorne Norman, 3. Viviane Campbell and Les Atkinson.

East/West – 1. Mel Watt and Albert Leonard, 2. Madeleine Laporte and Gracia Seguin, 3. Marjorie and Rudi Mertl.

New Year's Eve fundraiser

New's Years party at Sacred Heart Church Hall, proceeds to Daughters of Isabella and soup kitchen. Tickets $15, reservations, Jean Lajoie, 525-3022.





GLENGARRY SCENE



Fire on McCormick Road

Alexandria firefighters douse the flames which engulfed André Coté's garage recently on McCormick Road, 10 km east of Alexandria. Coté lit the wood stove in his garage and left for a few minutes. He came back into the garage and discovered the fire.

Staff photo – Jason Magder

Teens on-line at least 10 hours per week

By *News* Staff

A survey of 200 teenagers by a local community website indicates that the average respondent is on-line two hours a day, five days per week.

The survey was done by Glengarry on the Web website operator Joanne Marriott, with the help of the Glengarry District High School school council.

The survey, conducted during the first two weeks of December, showed how much teenagers use the Internet and for what purposes.

The survey was also circulated at International Day of the Child at the Bonnie Glen and Laggan Public School. The average age was 14.7 years.

The results indicate the main use of the Internet is to communicate with each other, with e-mail being used by 73 per cent and chat lines 63 per cent.

Over half surf the world wide web and 48 per cent use the Internet to do their homework.

Three quarters of the respondents said they have downloaded from the net, with 56 per cent doing it on a regular basis.

The favourite topics for surfing are music, games, sports, magazines and quizzes. Least popular sites are health services and museums.

The Internet is not the only activity of our teens. Over 62 per cent report they are involved with one or more youth activities. Sports is the preferred activity.

Also, four out of 10 of them have part-time jobs.

The young people were also asked how to improve the youth section of Glengarry on the Web.

They wanted a list of gifts available at local stores, businesses offering student discounts, where the jobs are, a map and schedule of local events.

Nineteen young people have volunteered to work on these suggestions.

Volunteers will be meeting within the next week to review the survey and decide on the best way to put these changes into effect. Anyone interested in helping out, phone Stephanie at 874-2502.

For more information on any of the above, contact Joanne at 874-1072.



Students' symphony

Glengarry District-Le Relais senior band members, Patric Campeau, from left, Andrea Carriere and Jackie Bigras concentrate on their music sheets and on the conductor Thursday during the band's Christmas Concert at the cafetorium. Staff photo - Todd Anderson

One-stop shopping on Internet

By Greg Peerenboom
News Editor

A Fassifern high-tech entrepreneur hopes increase local commerce while making money showcasing it.

Herb Simons has created The Glengarry Connection, an Internet shopping service for the county and Eastern Ontario.

"The Glengarry Connection was designed as a shopping channel specifically to promote local businesses and tourism in the Glengarry area," Simons said.

Simons is offering to create websites for local businesses and post them on the connection.

Visitors to the site can find out about these businesses and place orders.

"You don't even have to own a computer," Simons said.

He said a special program he uses allows e-mail messages to be received through the fax machine.

"Whenever a customer wants to place an order, they simply click on your site and type in their orders," Simons said.

"Our computers convert the orders to fax format and automatically send them on to your fax machine in the kitchen, at the counter or where you have it."

Even if a business is on-line, it's much more practical to have the order sent through the fax, because e-mails need persistent monitoring.

Simons, a successful printer, said the timing is right to enter the world of e-commerce.

"This thing is ready to explode."

For $100, membership to The Glengarry Connection will allow businesses these functions:

•to advertise freely through the local newspaper, flyers and Adbag until the website increases traffic,

•the website will draw in Glengarry customers,

•will promote and support local businesses,

•allow for familiar access as only one website address will be used,

•ads will be designed and displayed in full colour,

•space provided on the township doorway page where businesses can post upcoming events, specials, hours, phone number, address, etc.

•establish a link to your website.

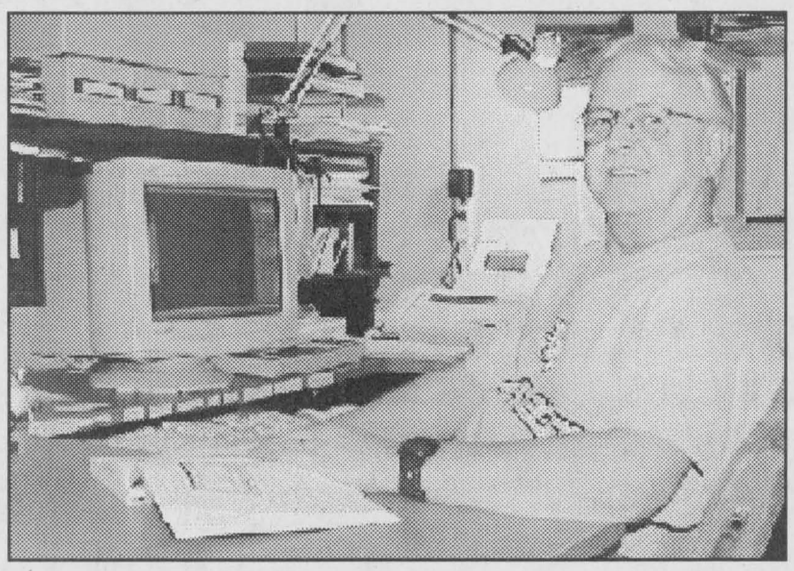
Simons will also host your own website domain. Half the fee will be donated to a worthy, charitable organization, such as CHEO.

Nearly every community in Glengarry and surrounding area have portals which can access participating businesses.

Those who visit the site over the next week will be eligible for a number of prizes, donated by local businesses, on Dec. 23.

Other services which will be available are English to French translation, on-line banking, free classifieds, free recipe corner, daily horoscope, software and a complete search for consumer specials.

For more information, contact Simons at 525-3091 or visit his website at www.glengarryconnection.com.



Fassifern entrepreneur Herb Simons is leaping into e-commerce with The Glengarry Connection, an avenue for local businesses to advertise and interact with customers. Staff photo - Greg Peerenboom

Council Briefs

Valuers, viewers appointed

By Greg Peerenboom
News Editor

North Glengarry Council appointed several residents to fill livestock valuer and fence viewer positions at its Dec. 13 meeting.

The livestock valuers are Andre Villeneuve, Stanley MacLeod, Jack Fraser, Robert Massie, Harry Willems, Daniel Blondin and Paul Taillefer.

The fence viewers are Andre Villeneuve, Neil MacIntosh, David Fraser, Claude Montpetit, Robert Massie and Richard Rigby. They get $75 per call.

All these casual employees will be used on a need-only basis, said Mayor Bill Franklin. They could be asked to perform their services throughout the township. Previously, they worked only in specified areas of the township.

New statutory holiday in the works

North Glengarry Council obviously believes the country could do more to recognize the fast dwindling number of war veterans.

Council endorsed a City of Port Colborne resolution, being fowarded to municipalities, asking the federal and provincial governments make Remembrance Day an official statutory holiday.

Currently, only bank and federal and provincial employees take Remembrace Day off, with pay. Municipal employees do not.

Agricultural committee created

By Sue Harrington
News Correspondent

South Glengarry will advertise for community volunteers to sit on an agricultural resource committee.

The idea for the new committee was posed by Councillor Ian McLeod, who felt there was a need for farmers' concerns to be brought to the attention of council.

"I think Ian's suggestion is very good," said Reeve Dave MacDonald. "We need a forum to hear the agricultural community's concerns."

McLeod said he would also like to see mandates for the various township committees made clearer.

The township has already advertised for volunteers for 11 different committees, including a new economic development committee.

Council more open as promised

It was a new look to South Glengarry Council on Monday evening as Reeve Dave MacDonald kept his election promise to run more open meetings.

There were four official delegations scheduled to speak at the first business meeting of the new council. In addition, ten members of the audience were granted the opportunity to stand up and speak on different issues which appeared on the agenda.

Two new South Glengarry committees have been established to give information to council – on economic development and agriculture.

Despite the obvious differing of opinions of the speakers throughout the evening, the tone of the meeting remained civil.

An aggressive cancer that defeats modern medicine

In the third of a five-part series, Maxville resident **Christine Murray** tells of the events spiralling out of control as the cancer in her son Tyson spreads

We still could not accept the fact that anything could happen to him, although an insistent fear and a sense of panic played on me constantly on some level of my psyche.

I was determined not to show Tyson this crack in my armour. If I stayed strong, he would too. This was my greatest and last gift to Tyson.

It took all I had to only show the trust and belief that he would get better, and not to reveal the fear in my heart of the other lurking possibility.

The doctors at the Ottawa General now recommended all brain radiation to shrink the 'tumours'.

Although the doctors agreed that what they saw was melanoma, there was one, the chief of radio oncology, who wanted confirmation.

He wanted to operate and take a biopsy of one of the lesions. So Tyson underwent surgery on his brain to remove the largest 'shadow' which they suspected was a tumour.

After the surgery, they found they had only taken out blood. They could find no melanoma. We were ecstatic to think they had been mistaken in thinking it had spread.



Tyson Murray

But how could the surgeon think he was looking at a tumour when it was only blood?

We jumped at the possibility that the gene therapy was working. It was attacking microscopic melanoma cells and that was causing them to bleed as they died.

After four days of intensive examination under the microscope of the pathologist, they found a few tiny dead melanoma cells.

This confirmed for them that it had indeed spread. Under the pressure of medical opinion, we were now agreeing, reluctantly and desperately, to the only standard therapy they had that might help him.

No cure. Just buying time.

Tyson was booked in ten days for the first of five all brain radiation treatments. We were told the only side effects would be a slight headache, maybe lose his hair and he would be tired. The impact on the quality of his life would be minimal.

If you could have seen Tyson on that Tuesday, May 16 at 1:30 in the afternoon as he walked into the Ottawa Cancer Clinic for his first radiation treatment, you would have observed a healthy, strong young man, full of trust that we were helping him.

No one would know by looking at him that his left foot had a nagging numbness, or that his tongue felt a little funny. Our lives which had seemed like a bad dream up to now, turned into a nightmare.

After his treatment, which took about five minutes, we left the hospital and drove around Ottawa to do some errands instead of driving directly back to Mondesire.

I noticed Tyson became restless and I asked him if he was OK. He struggled to swallow and find words, and I was somewhat surprised when he asked me to look in his eyes.

I anticipated a hint of fear, anxiety, pain; but what I saw instead was a divine expression of overwhelming love, peace, joy. He smiled.

If there is a God, he was looking straight at me. I smiled back, absorbing this moment so I would never forget it.

Finally, I embraced him. I didn't know that that would be the last time I would see Tyson. I didn't know he was saying good-bye.

His behavior became more agitated and his eyes more staring. We immediately turned the car around and headed for the hospital, not at all prepared for what was to happen next.

He arched his back, went rigid and turned a blue unnatural to skin. We didn't know he was having a grand mal seizure.

We thought he was dying. We thought they had killed him.

I jumped into the back seat as Don drove frantically through the traffic back to emergency. I took Tyson's face in my hands and screamed his name.

When the seizure was over, I automatically blew air into his limp body, believing, hoping, praying, I could revive him.

The next thing I remember, we were squealing into the emergency driveway, the door open, we called for a stretcher.

They did all they could to stop him seizing. I was reeling, the room was spinning.

I staggered toward a chair and sat down. Why isn't he alright? What's happening? Questions, questions and more questions.

Tyson never left the hospital. They kept him in for observation overnight and continued the second radiation treatment the next morning.

After the second treatment Tyson began a precipitous decline which baffled us. Why were they continuing a treatment that seemed to make his condition worse? Was it the radiation that was causing him to be sleepy and eventually immobile?

By the third treatment on Thursday, Tyson couldn't get out of bed and wanted to sleep all the time. Speech was laborious. But, nevertheless, they rolled him in for session four on Friday.

That day Tyson's gentle blue eyes seemed round, staring and dark. He scowled. An expression not at all typical of our sunny boy.

I thought he was displeased with me for some reason I couldn't even guess at.

Later that afternoon the doctor suggested we take a break from our 24-hour vigil, and go out of the hospital.

Don's mother had invited us for dinner so we agreed to go. Tyson was sleeping. All seemed calm.

When we arrived at her apartment, I felt uneasy, and called the hospital to have someone check on Tyson, a doctor, please.

We ate and quickly returned to the hospital. When we arrived back on the ward, all heads at the reception desk turned to look at us.

As we approached his room we caught a glimpse of a swarm of doctors around his bed, one of whom came out to meet us.

"If we don't put your son on a respirator, he will die. Considering the nature of his disease, you have to think about what it means to keep him alive."

My soul was slain with these words. I couldn't feel any muscles or bones.

I woke up leaning against Don. In the delirium of the moment, it was Don who asked that they keep him alive at least until tomorrow when the family could gather.

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So much more to Christmas in Glengarry

Next to being with family and friends, it might be reasonable to assume that most people hope for a White Christmas. Barring a major change in the weather in the next few days, it seems certain that we can cross that item off this year's list of things to do for the holiday season.

Still there's another significant element to Christmas that goes beyond family, friends, and whether the holiday will be white. What stands out in small communities at this time of year, regardless of one's personal beliefs, is the spirit of the season. And, we're happy to report that such spirit has been more than evident of late in Glengarry. Starting with the Jubilee weekend in Alexandria about a month ago in which more than $2,000 was raised for the Glengarry Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, this area has been awash with good spirit.

There's another significant element to Christmas that goes beyond family, friends, and whether the holiday will be white.

It was certainly more than evident recently in Maxville, where the chamber of commerce organized a tree lighting, and then in Lancaster and Alexandria in the form of Christmas parades. In all three communities, people braved the elements to partake of some holiday-season traditions.

Lancaster's parade, which has run for some 42 years now, speaks particularly well of that community with better than 21 floats, bands and processions taking part. Congratulations to the South Glengarry Club Council, which makes this event, plus the community's annual Canada Day parade, such a success.

Both of that community's parades are the essence of what constitutes a community event. Twelve area organizations have representatives on the council and each organization takes on a specific job for the parade. As well, local businesses and individuals also lend a hand.

A little further north up the road, not even the prospect of chilling cold weather on the Saturday night in Alexandria could take the shine off the town's parade. Hats off to Le Club Richelieu for their efforts in organizing and running the event. We particularly like the idea of a night parade – despite the fact that it can be brisker outside for young and old alike – because it gives this kind of an event a special aura. This year's parade marks the 12th consecutive year that the 22-member club has run the event and the second year it's been held at night. Organizers report that the night-time event is also starting to catch on with participants as the number of floats doubled for this year's parade.

In addition to parades and tree lightings, local service clubs and community organizations are also busy with other activities. Among those who are working diligently to help others are the Alexandria Lions Club, which annually holds its Christmas Basket Fund campaign, and the North Lancaster Fire Department that just concluded its toy drive. As well, the local organization, H.O.P.E., is to be commended for again putting on a full-course Christmas Dinner on Dec. 24 for those who might otherwise not enjoy a holiday meal. This non-profit organization expects to serve some 185 people this year, which means it must draw on the generosity of a considerable number of individuals and organizations in order to accomplish that objective.

There is still a considerable role for individuals and organizations to play in keeping the spirit of Christmas alive.

But, more importantly, what it all points to is that in spite of our continued reliance on big government to provide an institutionalized form of safety net, there is still a considerable role for individuals and organizations to play in keeping the spirit of Christmas alive. So, to all those who worked on community events, or who simply have gone out of their way to make someone else's holiday season a little cheerier, thank you and Merry Christmas.

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Alexandria high

This photo taken circa 1907 shows a group of students about to write entrance papers at Alexandria High School. Front left, in front row are Agnes McDonald, Una Cameron, Anna Rancher, Edna Proctor, Maria McDonald, Margaret McKinnon, Clara Martin, Flossie Mooney, Hannah Chisholm, Isabell Urqhuart, Amelia Dore, May Gilmour and Kattie McMillan. *The Glengarry News* welcomes submissions of old photographs of Glengarry County for publication in this space.

Leaving it to their own advice is a vice

FIRST PEERSON



GREG PEERENBOOM

North Glengarry Council had an opportunity to make a grave error during only its first meeting, last Wednesday.

Lochiel ward Councillor Ron MacDonell decided to "throw it open for discussion" on whether councillors' salaries should be raised.

MacDonell suggested that increments of $2,000 for the deputy-mayor to $12,000 and $1,000 apiece for councillors should be considered for the 2001-2003 term. Councillor-at-large would make $10,000 and ward councillors, $9,000. The mayor's stipend would remain at $15,000.

MacDonell felt the deputy-mayor's salary was particularly insufficient as William Hagen has "quite a workload." And if his former Lochiel Township colleague is to get a raise then maybe the other councillors should get something too.

Hagen didn't jump up and down in appreciation of MacDonell's gesture, but did suggest that councillors' salaries could be reviewed annually, instead of every three years.

He said each councillor would have a better understanding of their workload.

The current salaries were set by the amalgamation transition board in 1997. It was later modified to boost the salary of the previous Councillor-at-large, Gilles Paradis, to $9,000.

Mayor Bill Franklin said it was agreed the salaries would be for the term.

Councillor-at-large Chris McDonell and Alexandria ward Councillor Gary Shepherd agreed the salary structure could be looked at in the future.

Kenyon ward Councillor Julie Akkermans and Maxville representative George Currier were less concerned.

"I knew what the salary was before getting elected so I'm not going to vote myself an increase," Akkermans said.

Clerk Leo Poirier said staff salary has increased four per cent since being established for the new municipality in 1998.

MacDonell's proposal would mean an increase of 20 per cent for Hagen, 11.1 per cent for McDonell and 11.25 per cent for councillors.

MacDonell's query thankfully, for council's sake, has been put to rest for now.

As Council meeting regular Louis Loczy said, "You would have a very short honeymoon (with the voters)."

Franklin wholeheartedly agreed, and so do I.

That being said, however, it doesn't erase the sticky issue which elected representatives face periodically: how much should they give themselves?

We all know voters get their fur up when politicians talk about upping their ante, but it has to be done sooner or later. And the current salaries have been stuck going on three years.

Judging by the amount of work they do at meetings and away from the chambers, their compensation is hardly sufficient. I was told by a reputable source that former councillor Gilles Paradis, a chartered accountant, actually lost money because of the time he spent working as the township's "Minister of Finance".

Later that evening, the Council turned to the issue of appointing councillors to eight committees of council, which range from protection of persons and property to beaver management.

They have all these committees to help Council deal with a myriad of issues, but nothing that will govern their decisions regarding their own status.

Could a "management" committee function well enough to guide politicians in terms of their own pay, workload, duties and possibly ethics?

Such a committee would have to be made up primarily of citizens at large not council members, except perhaps the mayor.

If this model was successful, then couldn't it be applied to other, senior levels of government, right up to the federal?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Private health care should be considered

To the editor,

The hot pre-election rhetoric on the future of our medical aid system was characterized by an unprecedented, superbly orchestrated, campaign of bullying and intimidation on one side. On the other side of the political spectrum was an almost total inability of advancing their political views, or at least explaining and defending them.

There was hardly a mention of human tragedy; a monumental injustice perpetrated by the system on many of these for whose care the "universal" and "free" Medicare supposedly exists. There was hardly a word about untold hundreds of cancer patients across the country forced to seek treatment in the United States in those despised "for profit" hospitals because they could not expect to get radiation treatment in Canada before, in some cases, seven months.

Statistics Canada does not report on how many women diagnosed with breast cancer in Canada were told that unless they seek treatment abroad their lives would be in jeopardy. Some hospitals even demanded that these victims of horrendous mismanagement of the nation's resources sign on a dotted line that they have been warned about the dangers of waiting for the availability of treatment in Canada. Those "lucky" enough to be directed and financed by their respective provinces try to go through the ordeal sick and alone in U.S. hospitals. Quebec alone sent over a thousand of them during the past year to six American hospitals. The others, who for one reason or another, could not go to the States suffer, hope and wait.

You are left with two options; if you can afford to, go to the States and pay; if not, take your chances. You better not get hurt in an accident, have a cardiac arrest, or a severe asthma attack because the chances of your ambulance paramedics being able to place you in an emergency ward are, indeed, slim.

Perhaps so called elective surgery is not worth mentioning even if the condition may be preventing one from earning a living; i.e., severe cataracts, need of hip replacement or prostate problems. The waiting period is usually no less than a year, unless one can afford a private clinic. Not a pretty picture. And quite unique, for this model of Medicare, once common to communist dominated states exists now only in Cuba and North Korea.

And there is a good reason why the countries liberated from the yoke of communism don't revert to it. Can our medical system be fixed in such a way that every Canadian can be assured top quality medical care without unreasonable waiting, extra billing or having access to a clinic for the privileged people? Yes, the system can be changed but the politics and social engineering have to be eliminated from it.

So, to start, some social myths need to be dispelled. One of them is that Medicare is free. Nothing is further from the truth. Our Medicare is financed by Canadian taxpayers. There was a time when our tax statement clearly indicated how much of it was designated for Medicare. For some reason this good fiscal habit was abandoned but this does not give our leaders the right to play political games with our money while people suffer.

The other myth is that publicly run institutions are better, non-exploiting and, by their very nature, more friendly.

The only institutions truly public friendly are the ones that depend on the public for their very existence. The above seemingly cynical remarks do not apply, of course, to those institutions and individuals who serve the public selflessly out of an inner need or love of their neighbour.

The hospitals are, at present, run largely by non-elected boards and an administrator. Neither boards, nor administrators, are in any way held accountable directly to the taxpayers for the way they spend taxpayers' supplied funds.

This may sound to some, inhuman and shocking but any hospital, to be efficient, accommodating and patient friendly must be run on basic principles, not unlike a department store totally dependent on customers (patients) for its existence.

The patients would pay for hospital services with their Medicare card the same way as they pay hospitals now or as they pay their "private and for profit" doctors. The hospitals may be private or publicly owned but they would be run by chartered corporations with legally responsible board of directors, pay taxes on profits and be subject to government supervision on standards of care.

The basic principles of Canadian Medicare would be thus upheld in so far that it would be universal and accessible without extra pay for services.

The provincial governments that, as per Canadian Constitution, have the sole jurisdiction over the health services, would be reimbursing professionally run hospitals as they now reimburse the doctors.

They must also provide proper inspection and service standards.

In effect, without constitutional or legislative change, the above stated proposals could be easily implemented.

What would have to change, however, is the public perception of Medicare. The fellow whom I heard once on a radio talk show exclaiming that he would be horrified if his mother, in case of heart attack, would be transported to the hospital by "private for profit" ambulance, must understand, and others like him, that it is immaterial who owns the ambulance but, rather, how fast it can get his mother to the hospital.

K. Karlsbad,
Hawkesbury

Christmas message - Chastity brings us closer to God

To the editor,

In our "pornographic" society the body and its creative power of sexuality has become an idol, a false god who promises us immediate but momentary gratification. How different is the Christian virtue of chastity (part of the virtue of temperance) which sees our sexuality as God-given and therefore good as long as it is ordered according to His purpose, i.e., in the service of true love, love-agapè, as Jesus showed us on the Cross.

When we love as Jesus loves, we are ready to empty ourselves of self-gratification in order to seek the real good of the beloved. True love involves the gift self – "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13). Many parents are beautiful examples of this love; so too are true celibates (priests, brothers and sisters).

Jesus this Christmas says to our world, especially to our youth: I have become one of you; I have taken on a human body and soul and all their appetites because I want to help you to put order and happiness in your life. Remember that your body is holy; treat it with the respect you show my Body in the Eucharist. By the virtue of chastity, place your sexuality at the service of true love; offer it to me in your Holy Communion; help your friends to realize and respect God's plan for your life-giving and love-offering power of sexuality before marriage, in marriage and in consecrated life.

God was made flesh, he lived among us; He now wants to take flesh in each of us believers, to help us be God-like in our thoughts, words and actions.

A Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all!

Eugene P. LaRocque,
Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall



In synch

Glengarry District-Le Relais senior band members Roxanne Sommers, Gen Palmer and Lindsay Fraser were among the performers during Thursday's Christmas concert.

Staff photo - Todd Anderson

Local artists offer great Christmas gifts

ARTS



LORNA FOREMAN,
347-1338

"Oh the weather outside is frightful. . ." if I may steal a line from a song. I discovered that most people I contacted were either snowed in or out Christmas shopping, which certainly changed my interviewing plans.

I will take this opportunity, as I too sit not wanting to venture out unless I absolutely must, to remind you that when this gets published, there are still some days left for Christmas gift buying. Remember all those artists and artisans I interviewed? Some of their work would make ideal gifts. Or better still, did any of those columns tweak your creative juices? Maybe you made some of your gifts yourself. I hope that some of you were inspired.

There is something about a handmade present that is unique whether it be made by an artist or yourself.

I also want to thank all those artists I interviewed. You have enriched my life incredibly and in some cases, I have been inspired to experiment with some of the crafts and art techniques I encountered. After interviewing Holly Kelleher, I discovered pastels and I really think that I have found my medium. Thank you Holly. And at this moment, I am refinishing furniture to be painted and stencilled. That was inspired by Delande Anderson. There are many more examples, including one New Year's Resolution that I am making early. I promise to buy some of Therese Gaudet's fabulous hand spun wool and get to knit that sweater. If you read this Therese, keep me to this promise.

So to all of you – artists and readers alike. Have a joyful Christmas.

Councillors appointed

Appointments to township committees were divvied out at Wednesday's first meeting of North Glengarry Council.

Leading the way with the most appointments were Mayor Bill Franklin and Councillor-at-large Chris McDonell.

Planning and property standards: Franklin and Julie Akkermans.
Environment: Franklin, Bill Hagen and George Currier.
Protection to persons, property and emergency measures: McDonell.
Beaver management: McDonell.
Economic development and tourism: Akkermans.
District fire chiefs: Franklin.
Friends of Glengarry Trails: Akkermans.
Glengarry Outreach: Ron MacDonell.
Raisin Region Conservation Authority: Franklin.
Glengarry Memorial Hospital Board: McDonell.
Glengarry Sports Palace Board: Hagen, Currier, McDonell, MacDonell and Gary Shepherd.
Municipal Recreation Association: Shepherd and Currier.

The appointments were decided upon after council met informally and reached a consensus, said township clerk Leo Poirier.

To round out the membership, the township is asking for North Glengarry residents to apply for the committee of their choice.

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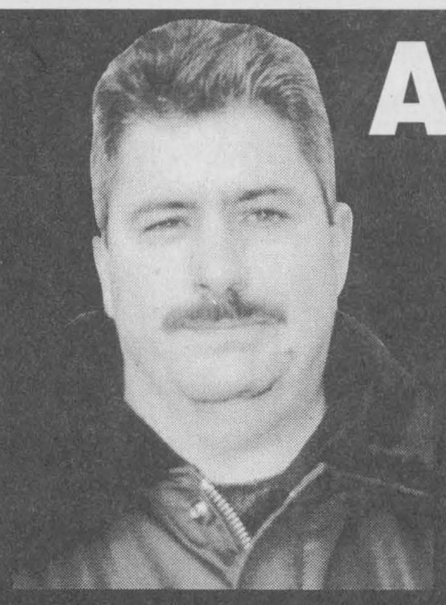

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Traffic on Alexandria's Main Street was rerouted Thursday after OPP put up yellow tape to cordon off the block containing Genuine Convenience and Champions Roadhouse after dynamite was found in the snowbank.

Charges laid following dynamite scare

By Greg Peerenboom
News Editor

North Glengarry Township residents consisting of two youths and one man have been charged in connection with the "snow-pile dynamite" incident in Alexandria last Thursday afternoon.

Ontario Provincial Police Constable George Johann said both criminal code and federal charges were laid against the three.

The two male youths can not be identified under the Young Offenders Act. Const. Johann did not know the age of the two youths.

Identification of the 50-year-old man was not released because it may reveal the identities of the youth.

Charges are pending against a third youth.

Two youths came forward to *The Glengarry News* during the snowy afternoon, about half-an-hour after the one block between St. George and Kincardine streets. The block contains among other businesses, Genuine Convenience and Champions Roadhouse.

"Our friend came to his house," one said, pointing to his friend, "and said he had some dynamite.

"We told him to get rid of it. He said he found it on a Skidoo trail, but later he said he stole it from his dad.

"He used to blow up beaver dams with it.

"I don't have a phone so we went down to the convenience store to call the cops.

"We were supposed to go talk to the cop," he added, looking at the on-duty officer who had secured the area.

"Our friend went to (the high) school."

The pair then trudged off in direction of the police officer.

Cruickhank Heavy Equipment personnel removed the two sticks, which had been covered by a traffic cone.

Const. Johann said one of the youths is charged with possession of an explosive substance and theft under $5,000.

The other is charged with possession of an explosive substance, which is a criminal code offence.

The man has been charged under a federal statute, unsafe storage of an explosive.

"We found 110 other sticks (of dynamite)," Const. Johann said.

Johann said the man owned the dynamite legally. He had bought it some years before to blow up beaver dams for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

An OPP bomb crew removed the sticks

South Council hashes over tendering process

By Sue Harrington
News Correspondent

An issue up for discussion purposes only, caused the most dissension round the South Glengarry Council table on Monday night.

The topic was the suggestion that the township should employ a consulting engineering firm to undertake subdivision review, articles requiring an engineer's comment, and general tasks too small to be put out to tender.

Reeve Dave MacDonald said that firms would be asked to submit an hourly rate for their services, and to name the individual(s) who would be doing the work and their level of expertise and seniority within the firm.

Double-dipping

The firm chosen would not be allowed to work for private parties in South Glengarry at the same time.

"Double-dipping would be eliminated this way," said Reeve MacDonald, citing that there would be no chance of the potential conflict of having the same firm working for a private party that is submitting work to the municipality for review.

Opposed deal

Councillor Jim McDonell said he was opposed to the ideal. McDonell suggested drawing up a list of consultants and giving them jobs on a roto basis. If it should happen that there was a conflict, the next consultant on the list would be given that job.

"These are only small, little jobs under $10,000," said McDonell. "You're basically discriminating against these firms."

But council decided to defer the matter, even though it was only at the discussion stage.

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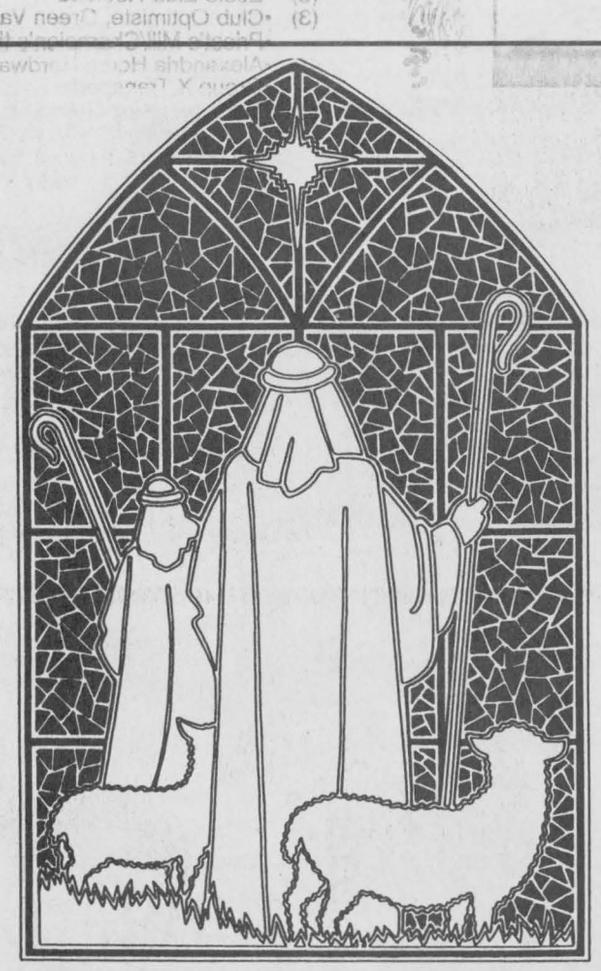

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At this holiest time of year, we'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks unto the Lord for his never ending love and guidance in helping each of us to find our own way.

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School test results not final word

Principals say varying factors influence results

By Jason Magder
News Reporter

The third annual school assessment report has given the best grades to Martintown Public School and Iona Academy for their respective boards.

The assessment measures Grade 3 and Grade 6 students' performance on week-long tests in the areas of mathematics, reading and writing. The tests were performed last spring and the board numbers were released last week.

The assessment showed students did better in math than the other two subjects. It also identified a gap between the girls and the boys. For example in reading and writing, 59 and 63 per cent of girls were in level three or four, while only 47 and 28 per cent of boys were at the same levels. The math marks were closer, with girls edging boys by four percentage points.

"We notice the gap and we're looking at how we can make it less pronounced," said Paul Lattanzio, the superintendent of education at the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario."

Here are the results for Glengarry English schools. Numbers show the percentage of students who reached provincial level 3-4. French school assessments were not made public.

Grade 3
Catholic schools

- *Iona:* 70 (reading) 70 (writing) 85 (math)
- *St. Joseph's:* 10 (reading) 15 (writing) 25 (math)
- *Alexander:* 55 (reading) 35 (writing) 95 (math)

Upper Canada schools

- *Laggan:* 95 (reading) 61 (writing) 95 (math)
- *Maxville:* 48 (reading) 38 (writing) 46 (math)
- *S.J. McLeod:* 79 (reading) 69 (writing) 87 (math)
- *Williamstown:* 41 (reading) 30 (writing) 59 (math)
- *Martintown:* 100 (reading) 100 (writing) 100 (math)

Grade 6
Catholic schools

- *Iona:* 41 (reading) 34 (writing) 62 (math)
- *St. Joseph's:* 65 (reading) 60 (writing) 60 (math)
- *Alexander:* 46 (reading) 29 (writing) 42 (math)

Upper Canada schools

- *Laggan:* 60 (reading) 67 (writing) 66 (math)
- *Maxville:* 41 (reading) 44 (writing) 49 (math)
- *S.J. McLeod:* 47 (reading) 33 (writing) 27 (math)
- *Williamstown:* 38 (reading) 29 (writing) 21 (math).
- *Martintown:* 75 (reading) 75 (writing) 100 (math)

Martintown Public came in ahead of all the schools in the area with 100 per cent of Grade 3 students reaching the third and fourth level in all subjects. Laggan Public had the second best results.

"It was a very small class (7 children) and we didn't have students with special needs," said Martintown principal Garry Atchison. "There's 24 students this year, so its going to be a different story. It changes every year. But this is only a snapshot of the child's work over the testing period. There's much more to education than that testing period, so I'd put much more credence on the report card."

With the Grade 6 group, who scored 75, 75 and 100, there were only 12 in the class who qualified. However teacher Carolyn Harrison does not want to emphasize the numbers too much.

"I'm very proud of their results," Harrison said. "But this group I have right now may not do as well. They're working as hard as they can. I just don't think that every student is a B so I don't want them to think that if they don't get Bs, they're failures."

"But I really hate to make comparisons between schools. A teacher that's teaching in another school that has a lot of children who have a lot of special needs or don't achieve that well may teach far better than I do and do wonderful things with those students. It doesn't show up in the provincial testing," She added.

Williamstown Public School scored 41, 30 and 59 for Grade 3s and 38, 29 and 21 in reading, writing and mathematics. School principal Susan MacDonald is encouraged by improvements in mathematics over last year, specifically in Grade 6. "But they were lower in writing, so that's where we're going to be focusing: on that area."

MacDonald added that her school plans to focus on integrating all subjects together.

While Iona Academy Catholic School scored highest of the area Catholic schools, principal Charlotte Rouleau said most of the success is due to the unique characteristics of the groups tested.

"We had 27 Grade 3 students, and out of that, there were not that many receiving special education," Rouleau said.

"Our Grade 6 results in math were very well done, because the previous year we had not done so well in the math. So we concentrated on doing a lot of math last year. We did a lot of math and a lot of writing in math, and that really showed. I also had 29 students (in Grade 6), and I had a higher percentage of students that were receiving special education support. So that could be one of the reasons (that reading and writing numbers were down from last year.)"

Grade 6 students in St. Joseph's performed better than Iona, but its numbers for Grade 3 were the worst in the area. Principal Daniel Conway cautioned against making comparisons between schools.

"There's different systems, particularly when it comes to a core French school or a French-immersion school. Children here speak two languages, not just one, and they're not being tested in two languages."

"Our Grade 6s made tremendous progress from last year," Conway added. "They had better preparing and they knew what to expect. But I think Grade 3 is a little early to make sweeping statements. On paper, it doesn't look too impressive in the Grade 3 level, but you have individual students in there that did very well."

The Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique de l'Est Ontarien does not release individual numbers for individual schools, saying it is unfair to compare schools.

But overall numbers were for reading 42, writing 47 and math 39 per cent of students reaching levels 3 or 4 in Grade 3, and 58, 59 and 55 for Grade 6. The Catholic School Board of Eastern Ontario had numbers of 40, 45 and 45 for Grade 3 and 41, 38 and 41 for Grade 6. Upper Canada was at 45, 50 and 50 for Grade 3. The numbers for Grade 6 were 44, 44 and 46.



Grade 9s' Toy Drive

A group of Glengarry District High School Grade 9 students organized a toy drive for the Alexandria women's shelter, La Montée d'Elle, and collected dozens of new toys. With the toys being readied to be picked up is La Montée d'Elle education and public relations worker, Diane Cholette Campeau, top right, are Willy Kelly, from left, Melanie Hamilton, Laura Reijmers, Amy Sommers and Meghan Hargreaves. The winner of the $50 Canadian Tire certificate was Grade 12 student David Rupoli. The students expressed their appreciation to Giant Tiger for allowing them to set up a drop off at the store.

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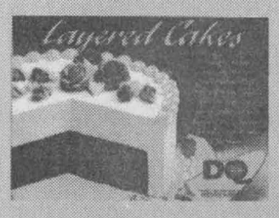

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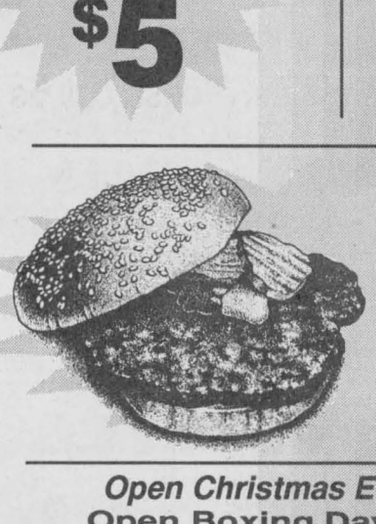

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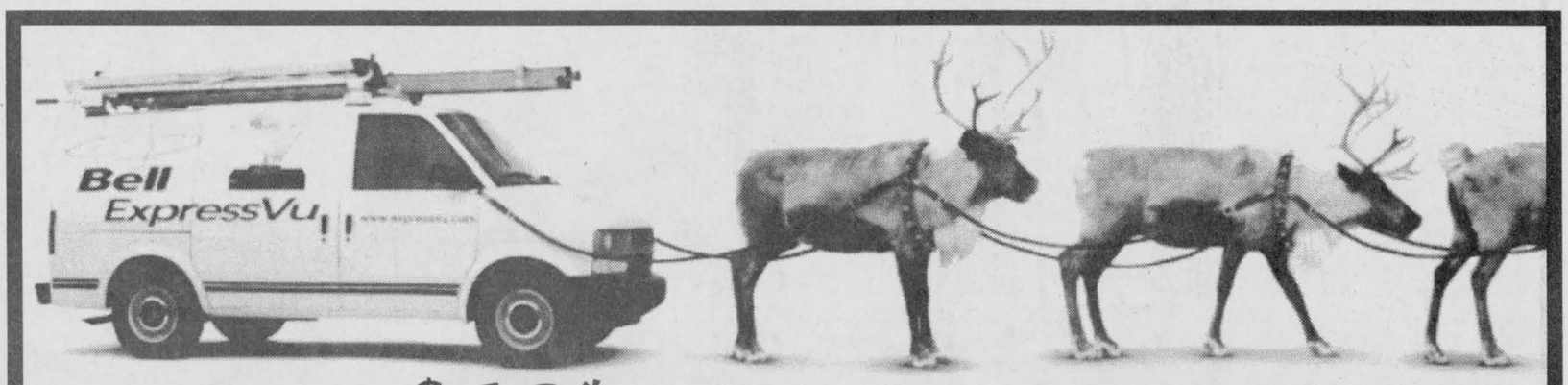

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Listeners enjoy 'A Christmas Carol'

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GORDON WINTER
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In the United Church on Friday evening, an appreciative crowd enjoyed something new. It was mostly readings given by the minister, the Rev. Howard Clark and his wife, the Rev. Sharon Moon. The couple took their listeners through the story of Dickens Christmas Carol starting on Christmas Eve with Scrooge at work and in a most unlikely mood for the season and brought them up to his transformation on Christmas day.

The Ghosts of Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Yet-to-Come visited and gradually, Scrooge saw the errors of his ways and became benevolent.

Since he is a native of England, Mr. Clark used his natural voice to speak for certain characters. His wife, too, did an excellent job with the accents.

Carolee MacIntosh opened the program by leading in some Christmas carols. Ken Johns was on hand with his clarinet and provided accompaniment for the singing as well as for places in the readings where music was required.

The members of the United Church Women provided refreshments afterwards. These were topped off with spiced apple-cranberry cider which proved to be a favourite.

The free-will offering amounted to $346 and will be divided between the Food Bank and the National Anti-Poverty Organization.

This ministerial couple is thanked for introducing something new to the community for the Christmas season and for being responsible for raising this sum of money for the two charities.

Casino trip

Last Thursday was an iffy day weather wise for the planned outing to the Hull Casino. The second snow storm of the week was weakening in the morning and Laurie Benjamin, coordinator of seniors' activities at the Manor under the S.O.S. program had to make the decision whether to postpone or not. She decided in the affirmative with no problems. Judy, the driver of the Delaney Bus Lines' bus, displayed her expertise on snowy highways and busy city streets.

The 38 who participated in this outing seemed to enjoy themselves. There were no big smiles on the faces of any and yet those who must have lost money knew it was their own fault and put the loss down to an entertainment point of view.

About 5:30 p.m. Judy drove the bus up to Parliament Hill to view the spectacle there with the most imaginative lighting schemes possible. It was a real treat to see what a small amount of our tax dollars has done to beautify the Hill for the Christmas season.

Then, despite heavy traffic and slushy streets, the bus headed for Orleans and for Taffy Lane. Every one of the houses on this crescent were beautifully decorated for the season and it has become an attraction for many from all over the city and beyond.

A stop at one of those quick snack establishments that evolved from the dream that the late Mr. Tim Horton had some years ago, saw everyone fortified for the trip home to their cars parked at the Manor.

Tree a symbol

Probably only a very few have noticed its demise, but a spruce tree at the corner of the high school property was blown down recently. Its decay is symbolic of the decay infecting the school these days and nothing is being done to the school the way nothing was done for the tree before it rotted.

I must admit that the tree was old. It was about two feet tall when I attended the school and I have watched it grow, remain constant and then start to die.

Former student passes away

The death notice of a former student of the High School appeared in the local papers last week. It was for Grethe Andersen Macleod, the widow of Angus, who died in 1991 and had been a funeral director. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch MacLeod of the 5th Con. Roxborough and later of the village.

Grethe was a train pupil from Moose Creek, became a nurse and lived in Thunder Bay and Coquitlam, B.C.

Her sister, Runa Baltruweit, who was in my class, lives in Kingston and the other sister, Eva Currier, is in Sault Ste. Marie. Brothers, Gunner and Max, are in Rocky Mountain House, Alta.

More Remembrance Day feelings

Two more students from the Public School express their feelings to veterans on Remembrance Day:

From Sarah Sauve: Fighting in the war must have been a very hard thing to do. I can't imagine leaving all my friends and family to go off to some far away place to fight in a war. I know that it must still be hard for you to talk about it because of all the bad memories you must have.

My great grandfather was in World War Two but I am not sure what he did there. He still hasn't told me much about it. I am sorry for what you had to go through in the War and I hope that nothing like it ever happens again.

From Rachel Phillips: I just want to tell you how thankful I am that you fought in the war for me, my family and all the other families in Canada. It was really brave of you to go overseas and fight in the war to save other peoples' lives who you didn't even know.

You may not feel like a hero but you really were great. I know that I take my life for granted but I will try not to from now on. You have taught me to think of others as you did when you went to war. Thank you so very much.

Lucky 13

The number 13 may be considered unlucky by some but Dec. 13 was a very lucky day for Gilles Leblanc of Alexandria. His name was drawn for that day in the Lions Club Calendar draw and he became the winner of the $500 prize.

The other winners for lesser amounts , as indicated on the calendars, were Denis Moquin, Cornwall, Ina Colbran, Stittsville, Joan Shago and David and Nancy Campbell of Edmonton.

Last bridge party

At the last bridge party of 2000 at the Manor on Saturday afternoons, the winners were Barbara Lariviere, Dawson Burwash and Aida Anderson.

Red squirrel musings

Our resident red squirrel has me wondering. Our butternut tree produced an excellent crop, one that I had expected all the squirrels to carry away. But they didn't. Just before the snow came, Lorna and I had to pick up almost a feed bag of nuts that I had expected the squirrels to store.

Now, at least one of them is coming out on the coldest and stormy days for a feed of black sunflower seeds. I suppose the chewing is easier, but there must be an adequate supply of nuts in storage and the bad weather could be avoided.

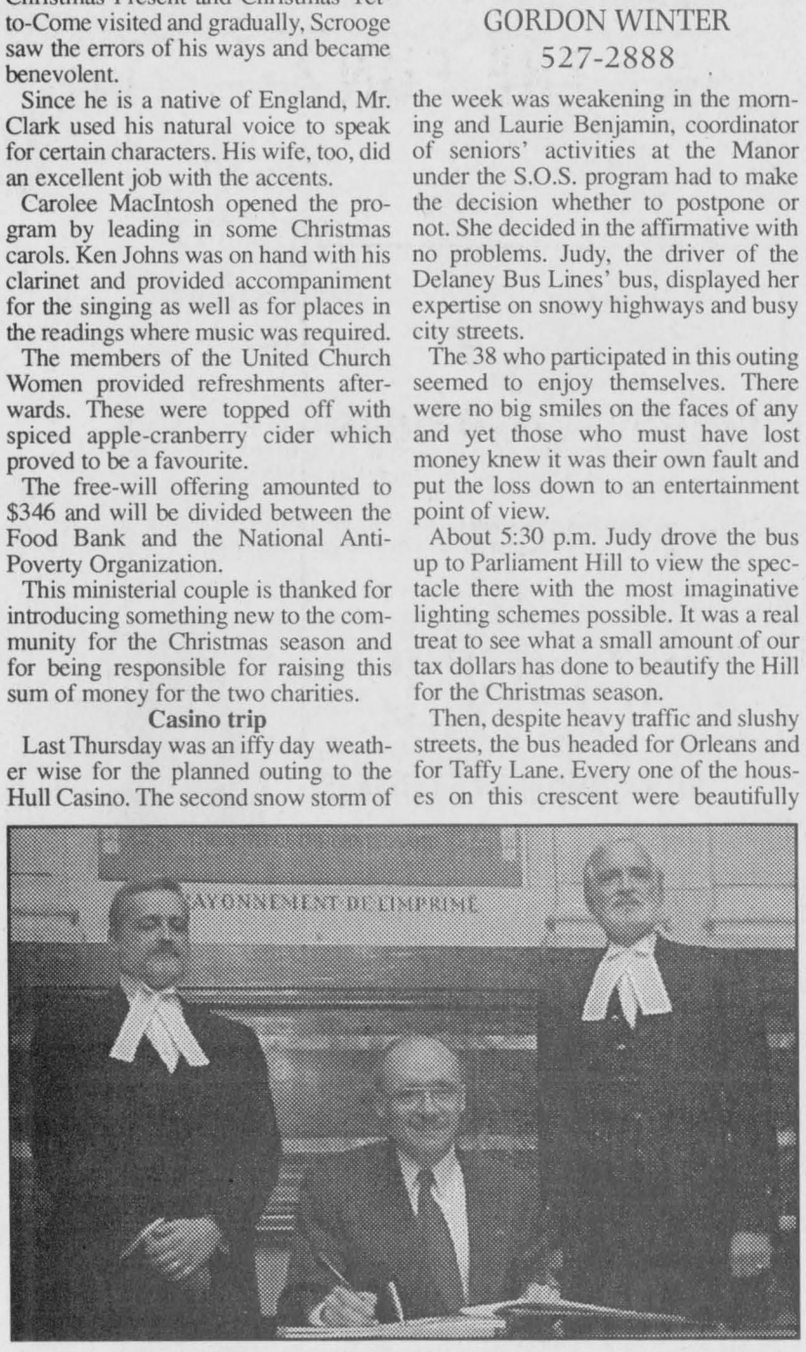
At least, the chipmunk stays put. He or she, or maybe both, had a daily hand-out of sunflower seeds that went into storage.

You may remember that some weeks ago, I suggested that bread might be a cheaper form of bird food. I knew that if I broke up pieces of bread that the blue jays would appreciate it. However, I wondered about other birds but how to present it. Lorna suggested the old toaster that used to be used over coals in the wood stove.

So, I put some slices of bread in ours and hung it with the other feeders. There was no interest shown. Then I decided that maybe the bread was too dry. So I soaked it in fat (they used to be called drippings), let them cool and put them back in the toaster. Then, the starlings were quickly attracted to that feast, but no others.

If you have one of these old toasters, I figure they would be useful to hold pieces of suet or a fat mixture. If you put the pieces at the top of the toaster, the woodpeckers will appreciate the position. They like to have some support for their tails as they feed.

We have many mourning doves these days up to around 25. Some don't like having to feed them but I don't mind. I have a large, hopper feeder on a high table, and I am always pleased at the doves that will come to it to feed. In these days of storms, it doesn't take long for the feed to get covered with snow.



Signing in

Don Boudria was recently sworn in as a member of the Liberal Party representing the riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell.

Submitted photo

Locals catching on to water heating furnace

BY GORDON WINTER
News Correspondent

Have you ever driven by a farmyard and seen, what would look like a small garden shed with a chimney and smoke idling out? The first one I saw was on the 6th of Kenyon and I thought it must be a smoke house.

That was about two years ago and I know now that the little, windowless building houses a wood-fired hot water heating furnace.

Soon after the sleet storm of '98, Herb Auer learned about these furnaces and had one installed at his home. He liked it so well that he realized others could be interested and he became the agent at his Maxville Farm Machinery Ltd. business south of Maxville. Pacific Western is the distributor with the head office in Atikokan, in north western Ontario, a place where it can get mighty cold.

Rene Auer was involved in the discussion I had in the shop and explained We have sold about 20 furnaces this fall and one went all the way to the east coast.

There are several furnaces that I know about in the area. Gilles Sabourin probably has the largest one behind his two-storied apartment complex in Moose Creek. He rents the apartments heated and has found that it is much more economical to heat some of them with the furnace than by electricity. The furnace is at the back and its fuel supply is piled nearby. It looks much like a pile of pulp wood.

The one that Werner Bill has heats three houses and the milk house. Dora Bill is a meticulous person and explained, "some of these furnaces can take on a messy appearance with bits of wood scattered about. They are best placed behind some shrubbery or other camouflage so that they cannot be seen from the front." She also went on to explain that the prevailing wind direction must be considered. You don't want the smoke blowing towards the house.

Bernie St. Denis has the first one I saw and it was the one I took for a smoke house. Ewen MacMaster who lives east of St. Elmo has one and so does Frank Vander Wielen at his Dyer Road farm house.

When Peter Jack was planning his new home after the disastrous January fire, he did not take long in deciding that the outdoor furnace was for him and his family.

The furnace should be situated on a cement pad or at least, a firm bed of gravel. Another consideration is that rain water should be supplied for the system, thus preventing the build up of scale. Distilled water, of course, would be ideal, but water that has passed through a water softener would be unacceptable because it contains dissolved mineral salts.

Why are these furnaces becoming so popular? When I asked Yves Bray this at the counter in the Auer building, he gave me some reasons, off the cuff.

You burn your own wood which is a renewable resource, you use longer pieces of wood and if you can lift them, size does not matter, you can use scrap wood, green wood and boards, you don't have to split the wood and you don't have to carry it into the house, (sometimes insects come with it), there is no brick chimney to clean, insurance rates might be lower and you only have to stoke the fire once a day

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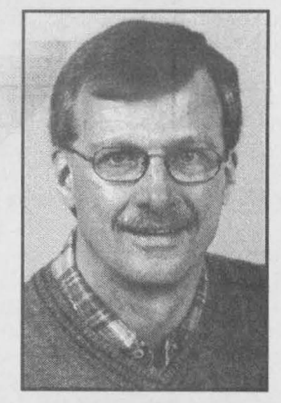
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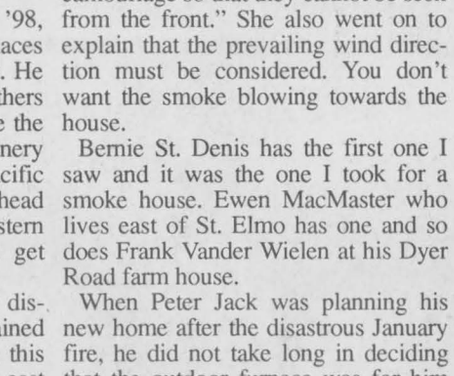
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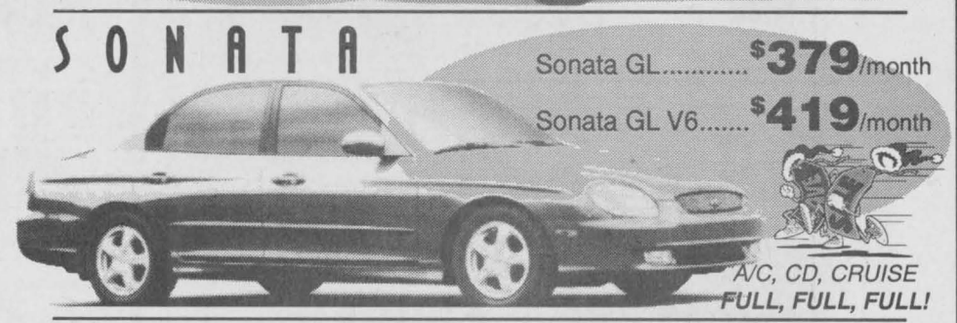
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Too sluggish to tap these tips into something remotely resembling a normal column, I am feeling netherwordly this morning.

And, even stranger, I don't care. In fact, to quote a curious expression from someone I admired greatly, (curious because he was both religious and Presbyterian), "I don't care for the priest."

So eat lots of sugar cookies, and sugar pies. Grab the sugar plums before the reindeer get them. Empty the bonbon dish in a series of rapid hand-to-mouth transactions, and I guarantee: You'll have the best, hassle-free Christmas of your life. (Note: this sugar diet also works for a nausea-free pregnancy.)

Just don't forget to make your doctor's appointment for early in the new year.

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It's been a week filled with holiday get-togethers for most of us. Every office and every organization has been hosting festive parties and playful romps round the shrimp ring, it seems.

Here in Williamstown, the Sir John Johnson Manor House Committee held such a gathering on Thursday, following a brief business meeting in which President Alan Sullivan discussed future plans for the re-establishment of the house.

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Also on Thursday, the Friendly Neighbours, welcomed by Club President Viola Pilon, met in the clubrooms at St. Mary's Centre for a cosy Christmas dinner served by the ladies — Anna MacDonald, Pearl Rozon, Mary Caron and by a distinguished-looking gentleman whose name is proving elusive (another side effect of the sugar).

Chef Clare Gougeon once again created a wonderful meal with mouth-melting tortiere and pie pastry.

Rumour has it that Clare will be leaving her post at St. Mary's soon, and, as one of her fans, I can say she will certainly be missed!

Following the meal, lucky draws were held. Alice Portant donated the box of cookies (delicious, delectable and deleterious) that were won by one qualified to use the above adjectives. Beatrice Labelle won the raffle for the turkey donated by Rena Major, while Johanna Oetelaar, Cecile Leblanc and Rena Major won the wooden craft items.

Prizes for the 50-50 draw went to Germaine White, Maurice Chretien, Alice Portant (2), Tony Wetering, Alda Major, Gilberte Marsh, Emily MacDonald, and Father Villeneuve.

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The previous day the Williamstown Bridge Club met for an excellent beef dinner served by Myrtle Larocque, Lea Britton and Carole MacDonald, before kicking off a special holiday evening of bridge.

Winners included: N/S — 1. Elizabeth Marjerrison and Jim Campbell; 2. Jean Murray and Jean Campbell; 3. Marjory and Rudi Mertl.

E/W — 1. Homer and Lorna Grant; 2. Penny McLeod and Peggy Seymour; 3. Rhea Collette and Francine Lang.

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Williamstown seams will soon be near-to splitting with the arrival home of friends and family from afar.

Caught a cameo-like glimpse of Tara MacDonald the other day. Tara is home for the holidays from South Korea, where she has been teaching English.

Saw Kristen McDonell up a ladder helping with the Christmas decorations and Laine McDonell heading down towards the arena.

It's two down, three to go, here at Harrington Hall. Zachary and Sarah have arrived, with the others scheduled intermittently through the next few days.

Nothing could be as simple as all of them catching the same flight....

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"What does Christmas mean to you?" — that was the message the St. Andrew's Sunday School asked the congregation during its Christmas pageant held during the service this week.

Performing the roles were Dana McKay (Mary), Connor Larkin (Joseph), Rory Sandilands, Winston Anderson and Will Lang (the Magi), Katie Peddell and Candice McKay (shepherds), Travis McKay (people of Bethlehem), Maggie Lang, Keriann MacNaughton-Seguin, Susannah Fisher, and Callum Cumming (animals) and Amy Larkin, Maureen Sandilands, and Brenna MacNaughton-Seguin (angels).

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Just a reminder that there will be two services at St. Andrew's next Sunday — at 9:30 a.m. and then again at 8 p.m. for the special Christmas Eve service.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend either or both of the services.

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There will be a teen dance again this Friday (Dec. 22) at St. Mary's Centre. Everyone aged 10 to 15 is welcome. For information, please call 347-1150 and leave a message.

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A host of activities is planned for Williamstown Public School this week to welcome in the holiday season.

Everything from entertainment by the Milltown Singers, to craft and cooking days to a spirit assembly.

On Thursday at 7 p.m., grades 4-5-6 will present a Christmas concert for parents and friends, and on Friday the S.J. McLeod Public School Band will perform at 10 a.m.

The school's Christmas dinner will be consumed tomorrow (Wed.) at the Char-Lan Recreation Centre.

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The debate on the name of the recreation centre seems to be settled. The new, illuminated sign proclaims it to be the Char- Lan Recreation Centre (as mentioned above).

The new sign, located on the lawn, replaces the large wooden sign which stood in the entrance-way island to the driveway for many years.

Last week, the wreckers had a bit of fun dismantling the old sign. Those coming home for Christmas will see that, yes, some things do change in Williamstown — but only every ten years or so!

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Most things stay the same, however, including errors and/or omissions in this column.

Apologies to Elaine Pye, who, as past president of the Green Thumb Horticultural Society, is on its board of directors, and whose name was left off the list last week.

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The Williamstown library will be closed on Boxing Day (Tuesday) but will be open for business the rest of the week.

There is now a huge selection of children's books at the branch, including many Christmas books which have just arrived.

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A reminder of the New Year's Eve Dance to be held in St. Mary's Parish Centre on Sunday, December 31.

The evening's schedule is as follows: cocktails 6:30 p.m.; dinner 7:30 p.m; dance following, with midnight buffet.

Tickets are available at local merchants or by calling 347- 1150.

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I will be taking a break from this column next week to enjoy the holidays with my family from afar. Williamstown News will appear again in January.

Music is all around

GLEN SANDFIELD



LORNA CHAPMAN
874-2408

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

There will be a Christmas Eve service in Glen Sandfield at 8 p.m. with Rev. Allister Rose.

Fire update

Our apologies to Larry McDonald, who ever he may be, for reporting that his house recently suffered in a fire. The home really belonged to Ranny McDonald here in Glen Sandfield. It was a chimney fire and there was, happily, little damage.

From Las Vegas

Margo and Arnold MacRae recently returned from a delightful vacation in Las Vegas. She remarked that she would go back anytime.

Choir at St. Finnan's

This is the season for Christmas music and the St. Finnan's Cathedral in Alexandria was the venue for a vibrant Christmas concert on Sunday last. The church was well filled with a most appreciative audience for the two-hour presentation by Ken Roach and his Voices of Glengarry Choir. His guest musicians were his charming soloist Mirreille Bergault and Pierre Vaillancourt. Mr. Vaillancourt accompanied many of the musical selections on a keyboard, and also favoured the people with a mellow saxophone solo. Mr. Roach sang several beautiful solos in his rich voice and was often joined by the choir. At one point he played a well known Christmas carol on the steel drum. The choir was at its best and they seemed to be having a wonderful time. There were all smiles and kept swaying in time to their songs. Fiona Fraser sang two versus of O Come O Come Immanuel, accapella, at the beginning of the program and she was joined by Elaine Vander Byl who sang the third verse alone and the audience really seemed to appreciate their lovely clear voices. The choice of songs, the vibrancy of the singing and the warmth generated that afternoon filled everyone with the pleasantest of feelings. A very generous offering was collected which was to be shared among several local charities. Everyone enjoyed this delightful Christmas concert which the audience showed by their standing ovation at is conclusion.

Choral Festival of Carols

The United Church in Alexandria was the scene of another musical program when 13 local Choirs gathered to participate in the annual Choral Festival of Carols. Each year one of the area churches hosts this always well attended musical presentation. The choirs sang in English, French and Gaelic.

They chose modern and traditional carols and ranged from groups of five to six to the combined choir of nearly 25 singers from Alexandria United Church and St. Andrew's United Church in Dalhousie. They sang two pieces from their Christmas cantata.

The organ, the piano, two guitars, a violin and a recorder were used to accompany the various choral numbers. The congregational singing was most enthusiastic. Rev. Allister Rose was a most able MC for the evening. At the conclusion of the concert the large crowds was invited to the church hall for some delicious refreshments which were kindly provided by the women of the church.

These are amateur choirs, with untrained singers for the most part, but the sincerity, the earnestness and the reverence experienced each year just gives everyone a real feeling of Christmas and this concert was no exception.

39'ers for dinner

A reminder to the 39'ers that their dinner on Dec. 29 is at noon at the Alexandria Pizzeria. Do try to be on time folks. We are hoping to have carols afterward so bring your singing voices along with you that day.

Dinner

An exceptionally good dinner was enjoyed by the staff and correspondents with their guests of *The Glengarry News* at the recent Christmas party in Alexandria at the Curling Club. After the meal, several hilarious games and dancing filled the festive evening. We mustn't forget that many lovely door prizes some folks were lucky enough to win. Everyone had a wonderful time, thanks to the capable gals who coordinated this event. It was great fun, thank you all for a really super Christmas party.

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Finally, the S.J. McLeod school community would like to thank all of the businesses who participated in sponsoring incentive prizes for our cheese drive that raised funds for playground equipment acquisition.
Our sincere thanks goes out to all of you for your generosity!
Season's Greetings
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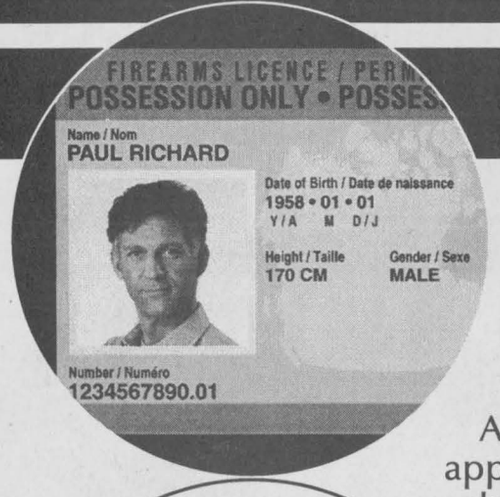
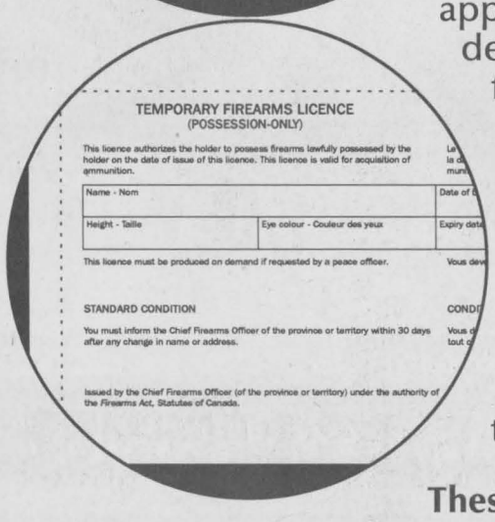


An update on licensing

The law requires that firearm owners be licensed by January 1, 2001.

1.7 million Canadians have already complied with the licensing requirements of the *Firearms Act*.

And recently, Canadians have sent in their firearms licence applications in record numbers. To meet this overwhelming demand, temporary licences are now being issued to eligible firearm owners.



Public safety remains the cornerstone of the firearms program. For example, temporary licences are only being issued to those who are successfully screened against Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) databases. And, like current licence holders, those with temporary firearms licences will be continuously screened against police databases. Firearms licences will be issued only to those found eligible after further screening.

These public safety checks conform to the *Firearms Act* and keep firearms away from those who should not have them.

Temporary licences will be issued to eligible firearm owners who applied in the fall. Temporary licence holders are not permitted to acquire firearms. However, they will be in legal possession of their firearms and they will be able to purchase ammunition as of January 1, 2001. **Temporary licences are only valid until June 30, 2001 or until those eligible receive their 5-year licence.**

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All parade entries deserve applause

No, dear readers, I did not ignore the Santa Claus Parade last week. It just slipped over to page seven.

Barry has been away all week and on his way home as I write (Friday). He would like to pass on many thanks to ALL those who worked for this event and to those who participated.

We feel that all of the floats deserved mention: Lancaster Royal Canadian Legion, Lancaster Post Office, Iona Academy, Direct Transport, Lancaster Antique Car Club, Ecole St. Thérèse in North Lancaster, Lancaster Optimist Club, House of Personal Profiles, Stoneridge Kennels Obedience Class and Laker the Lab, North Lancaster Fire Dept., Mig and Tig (Elaine Lalonde and Denise Collette), Lancaster & District Curling Club, Lancaster Freshmart, Lancaster Knight's of Columbus, St. John's Anglican Church, S.J. McLeod P.S. Family Float Band and the Whoville bunch!, Sparks and Brownies, Cornwall Aviation, 1st Lancaster Cubs, 1st Lancaster Scouts, Lancaster OPP family, and, last but not least, the 1st Lancaster Beavers.

Congratulations, again, to the winners and to everyone who took part. See you next year!

Year of the Volunteer

LANCASTER



MARG MILLETT
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This old year that seems still pristine and fresh, has slipped by so easily and we are at the dawn of two thousand and one. One definition of this coming year will be 'The International Year of Volunteers.'

What would we do without these people? Our last parade happened because of many. Chateau Gardens is much better with their work. Meals on Wheels, churches, school, sports. . . the list goes on. It always amazes me how a small simple act of kindness brings happiness. So here's to all of you.

On that note I see some leftover bits from my notes that need attention before the New Year arrives. From the last minutes of the Lancaster Antique Car Club: Benevolence to the community, $200 donation for hospital parking at CHEO for the family of a young girl who was injured this summer while working as a flag person in South Lancaster. $200 donation to the Joints in Motion Arthritis Society Fund, $150 for the Glen Walter Winter Carnival, and $200 was given to S.J. McLeod for new playground equipment. The school must replace most of their playground equipment since it is unsafe for the children. As you can see, this group does a lot more than enjoy their antique cars.

Lancaster Optimists

Here's the latest from president Brenda Sturkenboom from the Lancaster Optimists, another group of active volunteers.

There will be no Optimist meeting on Wednesday. The next meeting will be Jan. 3, 2001, at 8:15 p.m. Come to the usual meeting place in the South Glengarry Township Hall.

The Optimists work very closely with Santa and will be assisting him with his visits to Williamstown P.S., S.J. McLeod, Iona Academy, and Ecole St. Joseph in Lancaster.

It certainly was a most unusual float and deserved to win a prize for the Most Original in our Santa Claus Parade on Saturday.

On this float was a 'family of cows' celebrating Christmas. Mz Cow and her calf made cookies while two other calves and another cow strung popcorn. Two more cows decorated the Christmas tree. The cows were Holsteins I might add. Except for Marissa Ayshire Heifer, that is!

All the while Farmer Jones handed out candy canes to the children lining the parade route. Not to be left out Santa's elf, by the name of Kevin MacLeod, pulled the whole wagon.

Optimist members will be helping with the food drive in Cornwall again this year. This work is done at the Agape Center. The Optimist share of time at Agape is part of their responsibilities as members of the Cornwall and District Service Club Council.

The Lancaster Optimists wish all in the community a very happy holiday season.

Church services

This is my last column before Christmas. Rev. Gary Stokes Kindly organized the announcement of services for our local churches for your convenience.

United Church

Williamstown-Martintown: Christmas Eve morning, 9.30 a.m. at St. Andrew's in Williamstown. 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's in Martintown. Evening: 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's in Williamstown, Family Service of Lessons and Readings.

New Year's Eve morning, 9:30 a.m. at St Andrew's in Williamstown and 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's in Martintown.

St. Lawrence - Christmas Eve evening, 7:30 p.m. at Knox in Lancaster. New Year's Eve morning services at Salem in Summerstown at 9:30 a.m. and St. Andrew's in Bainsville at 11:15.

Anglican Church

St. John's (Church in the Wildwood): Christmas Eve morning, 9:15 a.m.; evening, 7.30 p.m. carol sing, 8 p.m. Eucharist Christmas Day, 10 a.m. New Year's Eve morning, 9.15 a.m.

Roman Catholic Church

St. Lawrence, Curry Hill and St. Joseph's in Lancaster: Christmas Eve morning, 9.30 a.m. at Curry Hill, 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's in Lancaster. Evening - 7.30 p.m. and 11 p.m. at St. Joseph's in Lancaster.

Christmas Day - 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's in Lancaster.

New Year's Eve - morning, 9:30 a.m. St. Lawrence at Curry Hill; 11 a.m. St. Joseph's in Lancaster. Evening, 8 p.m. at St Joseph's, Lancaster.

Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve morning, 9.30 a.m. at St. Andrew's in Martintown. 11. a.m. St. Andrew's in South Lancaster. Evening, 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's in South Lancaster. New Year's Eve morning, 9.30 a.m. at St. Andrew's in Martintown, 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's in South Lancaster.

Send news early

My next column will be written for Dec. 27. It will be sent in on Wednesday, Dec. 20. . . so send your news in early.

This is a wonderful time of the year. I hope that the simple things in life and the true spirit of the season make you happy. Happy Holiday! Enjoy the goodness!



Fiddlers helping out

The Glengarry Old Tyme Fiddlers, represented by president Marland Murray, from left, music director Sherrill Trottier, Rene Trottier and Murray MacQueen, donated $1,800 to four charitible groups, Ian McLeod, for the promotion of fiddle music ($300), Maxville Manor ($500), Children's Treatment Centre ($800) and Glengarry Association for Community Living ($200). The donation was made during the fiddlers' Christmas Dance at the Bonnie Glen on Dec. 9. The fiddlers have been organized for 35 years. Their donation is raised from revenues they received from dances and recordings.

Submitted photo

New Lancaster water/sewage system not up and running yet

BY SUE HARRINGTON
News Correspondent

The Lancaster Water and Sewer Project is experiencing a delay in the water treatment plant component.

"It's official," project manager Morris McCormick told council. "There will be a delay."

McCormick predicted it would now be the end of January or the first week in February before residents will be able to use the water. The project was to have been completed by the end of this year.

McCormick said there were a number of reasons for the delay – one of them being the co-ordination of design issues.

"Has the consultant accepted responsibility?" asked Reeve Dave MacDonald.

"No, no one has yet," replied McCormick. "Everyone has their own story."

Administrator/co-ordinator Marcel Lapierre said that all work should be finished on the plant by Jan. 15. However there is a two-week period during which the contractor is required to operated the system "without flaw" before the residents can use the water.

Christmas holidays are also a culprit in the late finish, with McCormick estimating the festive season would account for two weeks of the delay.

The Bible tells us, "Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak," (Isaiah 40:31).

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Tout membre de cette Caisse désirant obtenir un de ces postes devra, si élu, se confirmer aux exigences de la Loi des caisses populaires de l'Ontario en ce qui a trait à la formation ou autres.

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Ingleside Highland dancing competition winners

The SD&G Highland Dancing Association recently held a dance compettition Ingleside. Judge for the day was Jacqueline Smith. Pipers were Ed Bush and Amy Garson.

Winners for the day were as follows:

Primary A

Bridgit Landry - 4th Fling, 4th Pas de Bas, 4th Pas de Bas and High Cuts.

Tianna Pidgeon - 3rd Fling, 3rd Pas de Bas, 3rd Pas de Bas and High Cuts.

Jessica Everall - 1st Fling, 1st Sword, 1st Pas de Bas, 1st Pas de Bas and High Cuts.

Melissa Decaire - 2nd Fling, 2nd Pas de Bas, 2nd Pas de Bas and High Cuts.

Primary B

Breanna Campbell - 1st Fling, 1st Pas de Bas, 1st Pas de Bas and High Cuts.

Tatyanna St. Denis - 2nd Pas de Bas, 6th Pas de Bas and High Cuts.

Madison MacDonald - 3rd Pas de Bas, 3rd Pas de Bas and High Cuts.

Kelsey MacIntosh - 4th Pas de Bas, 2nd Pas de Bas and High Cuts.

Sabrina Bray - 5th Pas de Bas, 5th Pas de Bas and High Cuts.

Marissa Charbonneau - 6th Pas de Bas, 4th Pas de Bas and High Cuts.

Beginner 7

Erika Landry - 4th Fling, 2nd Seann Truibhas.

Breanna MacDonald-2nd Fling, 4th Seann Truibhas.

Jennie Glaude - 3rd Fling, 3rd Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora.

Marena Bray - 1st Fling, 1st Sword, 1st Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora.

Rebecca Rutley - 5th Fling, 2nd Sword.

Alana Mary Kerwin - 6th Fling.

Trophy Winner - Marena Bray.

Beginner 9 and under

Brittany Fowles - 1st Fling, 2nd Sword, 2nd Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora.

Chelsea MacGregor - 2nd Fling, 5th Seann Truibhas.

Kate VanBerkom - 3rd Fling, 3rd Seann Truibhas, 4th Flora.

Alyssa Matheson - 4th Fling, 4th Seann Truibhas, 3rd Flora.

Sara Macleod-5th Fling, 1st Sword, 1st Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora.

Trophy Winner - Sara MacLeod.

Beginner 11 and under

Sarah Reid - 2nd Fling, 2nd Sword.

Robin Dickson - 4th Fling, 1st Sword, 1st Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora.

Megan Johson - 5th Fling, 5th Seann Truibhas, 4th Flora.

Kristen Cooke - 1st Fling, 2nd Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora.

Laura Gall - 6th Fling, 4th Sword, 4th Seann Truibhas, 5th Flora.

Kayla MacDonald - 3rd Fling, 3rd Sword, 3rd Seann Truibhas, 3rd Flora.

Trophy Winner - Robin Dickson.

Beginner 12 and over

Erin Markuscewski - 6th Fling, 5th Sword, 3rd Seann Truibhas, 6th Flora.

Emily Martin - 2nd Fling, 3rd Sword, 2nd Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora.

Michelle Lavictoire - 5th Fling, 5th Flora.

Rachel Smith - 1st Fling, 1st Sword, 1st Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora.

Paula Woodhouse - 4th Fling, 4th Sword, 3rd Flora.

Sheena Hillier - 3rd Fling, 2nd Sword, 4th Seann Truibhas, 4th Flora.

Trophy Winner - Rachel Smith.

Novice 9 and under

Erin Lee - 2nd Fling, 5th Sword, 4th Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora.

Megan MacLeod - 6th Fling, 1st Sword, 2nd Seann Truibhas.

Saxon Ireland - 3rd Fling, 3rd Seann Truibhas, 3rd Flora.

Bailey Henderson - 5th Fling, 2nd Sword, 5th Seann Truibhas, 4th Flora.

Shane McPhee - 4th Fling, 4th Sword, 6th Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora.



In front row, from left to right, are afternoon trophy winners Jessica McDonald, Christina Larson, Kayleigh MacDonald, Kelly Van Der Burg, Melissa Milne, Marielle Lesperence, second row, Breanna Baggs, Alicia McDougall, Kia Marin, Sean Werely, Laura Donlan and Elizabeth Fraser.

Amy Savage - 1st Fling, 3rd Sword, 1st Seann Truibhas.

Trophy Winner - Amy Savage.

Novice 11 and under

Krisitne Boucher - 2nd Fling, 4th Sword, 3rd Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora.

Heather Godsoe - 3rd Fling, 2nd Sword, 2nd Seann Truibhas, 4th Flora.

Leah Levert - 4th Fling, 1st Sword, 4th Seann Truibhas, 3rd Flora.

Jennifer Blodgett - 1st Fling, 1st Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora.

Tracy Handy - 5th Fling, 3rd Sword, 5th Seann Truibhas, 5th Flora.

Tophy Winner - Jennifer Blodgett.

Novice 12 and Over

Megan Bruce - 1st Fling, 4th Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora.

Rebekah Massouh - 5th Fling,1st Seann Truibhas, 5th Flora.

Kaitlyn MacNeil - 3rd Fling, 1st Sword, 2nd Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora.

Kendra MacNeil - 4th Fling, 4th Sword, 6th Seann Truibhas, 6th Flora.

Nora Link - 2nd Fling, 2nd Sword, 3rd Seann Truibhas, 3rd, Flora.

Kaitlyn Shaw - 5th Sword.

Brenda Reid - 6th Fling, 3rd Sword, 5th Seann Truibhas, 4th Flora.

Trophy Winner - Kaitlyn MacNeil.

Intermediate 9 and under

Stephanie Massia - 2nd Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora, 2nd Lilt, 2nd Jig.

Shelby Rigby - 4th Seann Truibhas, 4th Flora, 4th Lilt.

Jessica MacDonald - 3rd Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora, 3rd Lilt, 1st Jig.

Kerry McDougall - 1st Seann Truibhas, 1st Lilt, 3rd Jig.

Reilly Baggs - 3rd Flora.



From left, in front row, are Jennifer Blodgett, Amy Savage, Marena Bray, Sara MacLeod, in second row, Kaitlyn MacNeil, Rachel Smith and Robin Dickson.

Trophy Winner - Jessica MacDonald.

Intermediate 11 and under

Kelly Valade - 4th Seann Truibhas, 3rd Flora, 2nd Lilt, 2nd Jig.

Devon Lee Massouh - 5th Seann Truibhas, 6th Flora, 4th jig.

Christine Larson - 3rd Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora, 1st Lilt, 1st Jig.

Emilie Arcand - 6th Seann Truibhas, 5th Flora, 5th Lilt.

Jessica Greig - 1st Seann Truibhas, 4th Flora, 5th Jig.

Michiko Bown Kai - 2nd Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora, 3rd lilt, 3rd Jig.

Katie Glaude - 4th Lilt.

Trophy Winner - Christina Larson.

Intermediate 13 and under

Skye Nicol - 5th Seann Truibhas.

Brenna Baggs - 1st Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora, 1st Lilt, 2nd Jig.

Kristy Brazeau - 6th Flora, 3rd Lilt, 6th Jig.

Alicia Finan - 4th Seann Truibhas, 4th Flora, 4th Lilt, 5th Jig.

Stephanie Kaleta - 6th Seann Truibhas, 5th Flora, 6th Lilt, 4th Jig.

Tess Fremont Cote - 2nd Seann Truibhas, 3rd Flora, 5th Lilt, 1st Jig.

Devon Baggs - 3rd Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora, 2nd Lilt, 3rd Jig.

Trophy Winner - Brenna Baggs.

Intermediate 14 and Over

Rachel Allen 5th Lilt, 4th Jig.

Heather Macfadden - 3rd Seann

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Mrs. McDonell has recently had a son, her fourth child, and best wishes are in order to mother and baby. Mrs. Cathy Kinloch has filled in on a temporary basis at the school, and Mrs. Heather McCleary will be replacing Mrs. McDonell until the end of the school year.

Happy birthday

Belated birthday wishes to Art Buckland, our recently-returned trustee to the Upper Canada District School Board, who celebrated on Dec. 17. He has been kept somewhat occupied this past week being interviewed by news media concerning the successes at Martintown Public School.

Shop locally

We think the year may have been 1979, and my husband set off for Cornwall just a day or two before Christmas to begin his shopping, only to find himself slip sliding all over the road. He decided that if it couldn't be bought at Lalonde's General Store, it wouldn't be bought, and that is where all his buying took place. Pen knives were a great hit for the nieces and nephews that year!

Just in case we get socked in with more bad driving conditions this week, I thought I'd point out that there are options available right here in our community, if a long drive is not a wise move.

The location of Lalonde's General Store is now a shop which carries the work of several local artists, and also has lots of antiques and collectables. Nearby is a craft shop which is full of wonderful locally made crafts, from tole painted wooden plaques and boxes, to knitted and crochet items, to handmade clothing, to Christmas decorations. There is even locally produced honey.

A gift certificate for gas is available at another local business and would be most welcome for the frequent driver on your list. Gift certificates for video rentals are a suggestion from another shop up the street. Edibles for filling the troublesome foot apparel on the 24th are available, too.

Finally, The Book Nook, which is run as a fund-raiser for the Martintown Optimist Club, has a great selection of previously-enjoyed reading material, some of which could pass for new! Good luck to fellow last minute shoppers!

Lucky winner

The winner of the afghan in the Martintown Optimist Club fund raising draw on Sunday afternoon was Lydia Glover, a lady well-known to many in the area, and grandmother to quite a few Martintowners. It is nice to think of her being kept cozy this winter!

Recent shoppers at the Book Nook had their names entered in a draw for cash prizes. The winners were Luke Bryan, Nancy Rochon, Yvon Lepage (the only winner from away), Helen Cameron and James Lafave. At least one winner donated her prize back to the Optimist Club in the true spirit of Christmas.

St. Andrew's United Church

On Friday, the congregation of St. Andrew's United Church in Martintown gathered for a delicious pot luck supper followed by a Christmas play put on by about ten children of the Sunday School.

Then things got a bit out of hand, I hear, when a CBC reporter (played by Donald Johnston) started interviewing the Queen Mother, Reverend Andy, Jean Chretien and Eric Lindros, roles easily assumed by aspiring male actors of the church. The prototype for a new and vastly improved hockey helmet, complete with a shock absorber, was modeled by the hockey player.

The Queen Mother was suitably decked out in a lovely hat. The names of those involved are available (for a price) from anyone who was there, or this weekly writer! A visit from Santa nicely rounded out the evening. Apparently this event gets better every year, so plan to catch it next December so as not to be disappointed.

Next Sunday is Christmas Eve and there will be a service in Martintown at 11 a.m. as usual. The evening service will be held at St. Andrew's United Church in Williamstown at 8 p.m.

Christmas services

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will have a service at the usual Sunday time on Dec. 24 at 9:30 a.m.

St. William's Roman Catholic Church will celebrate mass on Sunday night at 10 p.m. and again on Christmas morning at 9.

Safety at Christmas

Every year the joy of the holiday season is marred by house fires. The Martintown Fire Department, and specifically the Fire Prevention representative, Van Rankin is sending out some timely reminders. Every home must have working smoke alarms. That's the law! Remember to test your alarms and review your fire escape plan. Does everyone in the house know at least two ways out?

Cooking is the number one cause of home fires. Never let anyone try to cook while under the influence of alcohol. Always keep a large lid near the stove when cooking if a pot catches fire, cover it and turn off the stove. Never leave your cooking unattended. Don't reach over the stove as hot burners can set loose clothes on fire, so wear something tight fitting or roll up your sleeves. Keep all combustible items a safe distance from your stove and remember to turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen or go to bed.

Candles can also be hazardous as the misuse of them causes fires. Keep them in a sturdy holder away from children, pets and combustible materials, and remember to snuff them out before leaving the room or going to bed.

More last-minute gift ideas: a smoke alarm or a carbon monoxide alarm.

Moves

Mrs. Rose Aubin has recently moved to St. Joseph's Villa in Cornwall, and is reportedly very happy to be there.

Mr. Howard Riley has been unwell of late and is presently living at the Parisien Manor in Cornwall.

Goodtimers bridge

So sorry, but there are no scores this week! Bridge was snowed out last Tuesday, the day the school buses did not run, for those who keep track of the days that way.

It was to have been the Goodtimers annual Christmas Luncheon, but the sandwiches, which had been ordered from Cornwall found a worthy destination at the Salvation Army. Members were pleased that their loss was a gain for others.

Merry Christmas

I wish all readers and their loved ones a very happy and safe Christmas. Keep me posted as to who was home and who traveled, and any other tasty tidbits of information. My e-mail address is uwinn@cnwl.igs.net.

Flings and and jigs at Ingleside

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Truibhas, 4th Flora, 3rd Lilt.

Megali Johson - 2nd Seann Truibhas, 2nd Flora, 2nd Lilt, 1st Jig.

Rebecca Campbell - 4th Seann Truibhas, 3rd Flora, 4th Lilt, 3rd Jig.

Alicia MacDougall - 1st Seann Truibhas, 1st Flora, 1st Lilt, 2nd Jig.

Trophy Winner - Alicia MacDougall.

Premier 10 and under

Kelsey Jeaurond - 5th Scotch Measure, 6th Village Maid, 4th Lilt, 5th Jig.

Leah Dick - 4th Scotch measure, 4th Village Maid, 5th Lilt, 6th Jig.

Chanel McCartney - 4th Jig.

Kayleigh MacDonald - 1st Scotch Measure, 1st Village Maid, 2nd Lilt, 1st Jig.

Jennifer MacDougall - 6th Scotch Measure, 5th Village Maid, 6th Lilt.

Kelly Vanderburg - 2nd Scotch Measure, 2nd Village maid, 1st Lilt, 2nd Jig.

Tara MacInnis - 3rd Scotch Measure, 3rd Village Maid, 3rd Lilt, 3rd Jig.

Trophy Winner - Kayleigh MacDonald.

Runner Up - Kelly Vanderburg.

Premier 13 and Under

Marielle Lesperence - 1st Scotch Measure, 1st Village Maid, 1st Lilt, 2nd Jig.

Tamiko Bown Kai - 6th Village maid, 4th jig.

Catherine MacLeod - 5th Scotch Measure, 5th Village Maid, 5th Lilt.

Chelsey Cummings - 4th Scotch Measure, 3rd Village Maid, 3rd Lilt, 3rd Jig..

Jessica Frankland - 6th Scotch Measure, 6th Lilt.

Shannon Potvin - 2nd Scotch Measure, 4th Village Maid, 4th Lilt, 5th Jig.

Melissa Milne - 3rd Scotch Measure, 2nd Village Maid, 2nd Lilt, 1st Jig.

Sonja Stilnovich - 6th Jig.

Trophy Winner - Marielle Lesperence.

Runner up - Melissa Milne.

Premier 15 and under

Megan Gareau - 4th Scotch Measure, 4th Village Maid, 5th Lilt, 5th Jig.

Kia Marin - 2nd Scotch Measure, 2nd Village Maid, 2nd Lilt, 2nd Jig.

Janine Lesperence - 3rd Scotch Measure, 3rd Village Maid, 3rd Lilt, 4th Jig.

Elise Quinn - 5th Scotch Measure, 5th Village Maid, 4th Lilt, 3rd Jig.

Michelle Kaleta - 6th Village Maid, 6th Jig.

Sean Werely - 1st Scotch Measure, 1st Village Maid, 1st Lilt, 1st Jig.

Anne Moffat - 6th Scotch Measure, 6th Lilt.

Trophy Winner - Sean Werely.

Runner Up - Kia Marin.

Premier 16 and over

Jessica Henderson - 4th Scotch Measure, 3rd Village Maid, 3rd Lilt, 2nd Jig.

Laura Donlan - 2nd Scotch Measure, 2nd Village Maid, 1st Lilt, 4th Jig.

Elizabeth Fraser - 1st Scotch Measure, 1st Village Maid, 2nd Lilt, 3rd Jig.

Sarah Lesperence - 5th Scotch Measure, 5th Village Maid, 5th Lilt.

Grace McAlear - 3rd Scotch Measure, 4th Village Maid, 4th Lilt, 1st Jig.

Nicolina Duvall - 5th Jig.

Trophy Winner - Elizabeth Fraser.

Runner Up - Laura Donlan.



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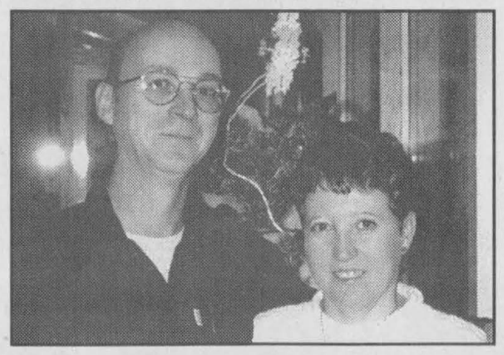

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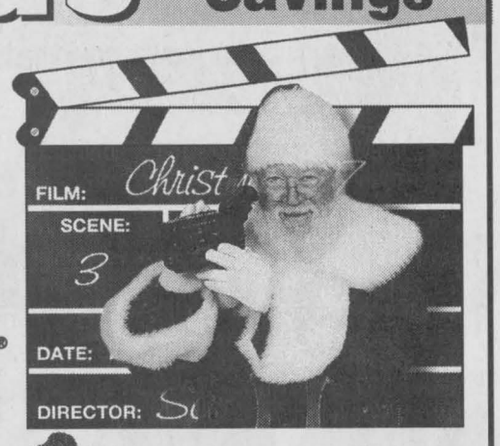

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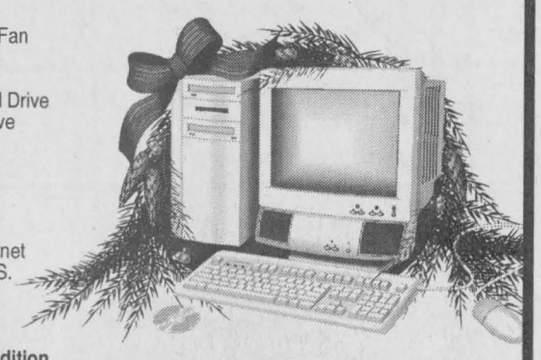

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Health officer doesn't apologize

The chief health officer of Eastern Ontario isn't making any apologies for pushing a debate during the municipal elections.

"Public health isn't a popularity contest," says Dr. Robert Bourdeau of the Eastern Ontario Public Health Unit. "It's about promoting what scientific studies, health care professionals and experience have proven to be the best ways to obtain and maintain health."

Dr. Bourdeau was responding to recent comments about the health unit's very vocal involvement in the municipal election. That involvement included flyers to all local residents, encouraging them to question their candidates about stronger smoke-free bylaws.

"Some people, including some candidates took offense at the notion that voters could be genuinely concerned about the air they and their children breathe. And they were offended by the notion that a public health unit would encourage people to voice those concerns," admitted Dr. Bourdeau.

"But I must stress these offended people were not the majority. The feedback we've had from the public and from candidates, including smokers, has been positive. These people recognize the connection between public health and politics, that the politicians we elect make the laws that affect our health."

Dr. Bourdeau said the health unit, including the recently-hired community relations officers, is looking forward to working with the new slate of municipal leaders.

Eastern Ontario Health Unit News

Good snacking isn't easy

Have a tough time getting your kids to eat and snack well? You're not alone. According to a recent survey of the 32 schools in the five counties, one in four students starts the day with a less than ideal breakfast. The Alliance for Child Nutrition offers these healthy eating tips for parents and children:

Set an example

Encourage family members to try a variety of foods, to be active and to feel good about themselves and their bodies

Healthy Breakfast – Quickly!

When it comes to breakfast, something is better than nothing. Pressed for time? Include a extra sandwich, muffin, cheese and crackers, fruit in the lunch bag so the kids can eat on the way to school. . . and learn on a full stomach.

Smart Snacking

A handful of cereal, fresh fruit or juice, milk, yogurt, crackers with cheese or peanut butter are all handy snacks, but planning and setting a regular snack time can help you provide a variety of healthy options.

The Child Nutrition Alliance is made up of the Eastern Ontario Health Unit, le Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie, College d'alfred, community members and Partir d'un bon pas.

Battle breast cancer

In the battle against breast cancer, the best ammunition is STILL healthy lifestyle choices and early detection.

This reminder, from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit and the Ontario Breastscreening Centre comes on the heels of studies questioning the value of mammograms.

"Early detection, through self-examination and mammograms, does save lives. Studies back this up," says Dr. Robert Bourdeau of EOHU.

In fact, according to a just-released study by the University of Toronto, for the first time, in the past five years, there's been a decrease in breast cancer deaths. The likely reason? Improved treatment and mammographies.

The combination of regular self-examination, professional breast screening examinations and healthy diet, exercise and avoidance of tobacco smoke is the best defense against the disease that now strikes one in eight Canadian women.

For more information about breast cancer prevention or detection, call Health Line / Appel-santé at 1 800 267-0852.



Chiropractic food drive

Hardtke Chiropractic office manager, Joseé Lefebvre, from left, chiropractor Dr. Raynald Cardinal and receptionist Sylvie Quesnel, stand behind the more than $1,000 worth of non-perishable food that was brought to chiropractic clinic last week during the practice's fifth annual food drive for the Helping Other People Everyday (HOPE) food bank. Patients were given a free chiropractic session for each donation. Staff photo - Greg Peerenboom

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Gaels lose another pair

The Glengarry District High School senior and junior boys basketball teams continue to play some good basketball but both remain winless after two games.

The two teams travelled to Cornwall Dec. 14 to take on St. Joe's Secondary School.

The juniors lost a thriller 36-38.

The Gaels had the ball with 12 seconds left and tried a three-pointer for the win. Unluckily the ball rattled off the rim on the attempt and the St. Joe's Panthers prevailed.

Leading scorers for GDHS were Al Raad, with 14 and Justin Faubert and Brian Danaher who had six points each.

The senior boys were humbled by a talented Panther team 67-35.

Leading the way for the Gaels were Stephen Rogers, with 15 points and Scott Watson with six.

GDHS hosts St. Lawrence Thursday with the junior game coming up first at 4 p.m.

The Char-Lan District High School teams were supposed to host Cornwall Collegiate Vocational School Dec. 12 but the games were cancelled due to poor weather.

Char-Lan travels to North Dundas tomorrow to take on the Demons.

Bantam Glens blast Cornwall

The Alexandria Bantam B Glens had an easy time as they hosted Cornwall in a game Dec. 16.

The Glens were led by Roch Lebrun in a 6-1 win.

Lebrun scored three goals and added an assist in the win.

Shane O'Brien, Mathew Lalonde and Andre Sauve scored the other goals in the win.

Philippe Richer added three assists.

Christian Decoste had a solid game in goal.

Heading into the third period the Glens led just 2-1 but had a four goal explosion in the final frame.

Kevin McPherson and Thomas O'Shea were called up for the game as affiliates.

Novice Rebels remain in first after win

Coming from a tough loss to the Morrisburg Lions with nothing less than the first spot on the line, the Computer Sense / Char-Lan Rebels novice travelling team were hosting the North Dundas Demons in their 12th game of the year.

The Computer Sense crew improved their record to 9-2-1 with a 3-1 win over the Demons.

The first goal of the game came from the visitors who got on the board early in the first period. But the Rebels battled back with a very strong effort dominating the rest of the game in every department. In the second period, Reid Lepine scored once and collected an assist on Chad Galliott's winning goal to put Char-Lan ahead 2-1.

The Demons gave everything they had in the third frame and came close to tying the game a few times but it was the Rebels that capitalized on a goal from Thomas Lang completing a nice play by Kevin Veilleux. The Computer Sense / Char-Lan Rebels novice travelling team next game will be Friday December 22nd when they'll host Massena in an exhibition game. They will also be quite active during the holiday season participating in the 8 team tournaments in South Stormont on December 29th and in Perth, January 2nd.

Rebels miss golden opportunity

Char-Lan comes back against Akwesasne Wolves but lose in shootout 3-1.

Rebels.

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

The Char-Lan Rebels missed an excellent opportunity of earning two points Sunday night when they travelled to Akwesasne for the latest meeting against the Wolves.

Instead the Rebels settled for one point as they battled back from a 3-1 deficit sending the game to overtime, then a shootout, which they lost 3-1.

"We were lucky to get the point," said Rebels general manager John Chafee.

"We had a slow start and were down 3-1. We tied it up and sent it to overtime. Considering our last game against Kemptville we thought the guys would be on a high, they didn't show it."

Wolves 4 Rebels 3 SO

Only Chris Corput was able to score for the Rebels in the shootout as Doug "Bubba" Ferguson, Derek Duval and Nick Dube all missed their chances.

"Their goalie (Lance King) played very well," said Chafee.

"He came up pretty big a few times."

The Rebels didn't have a fifth shooter as the Wolves clinched the win on goals by Scott Thompson, Noah McDonald and Jamie Smith.

The shootout loss spoiled a Char-Lan come back that saw them score two goals in the first half of the first period to tie the game at 3-3.

Just 1:03 into the third period the Wolves scored their third goal of the game to go up 3-1.

Frankie Allen scored from McDonald.

At the 17:13 mark the Rebels made it 3-2 when Chris Corput scored from former Wolves defenceman Marc Lemire.

The Rebels didn't stop there as Andrew Banville knotted the score with 13 minutes remaining for rookie Steve Jarvo.

The Rebels had a powerplay opportunity in overtime but failed to capitalize.

Rebs defenceman Danny Lafave was hit from behind by Akwesasne's leading scorer Jason Campbell with 1:38 remaining in the fourth period.

Initially there was no call and Lafave's frustration got the better of him as he broke his stick against the glass.

He was given a 10-minute misconduct penalty.

After the referee conversed with his linesmen, Campbell was given five minutes for hitting from behind and a game misconduct.

The Rebels, on the powerplay, created little chances to score in the final 1:38 heading to the shootout.

Lemire gave the Rebels a 1-0 lead just 4:10 into the game making good of a feed from Kerry MacDonald and Nick Dube.

Allen scored the Wolves first goal from Maurice Ghazi with 11:35 remaining in the opening period.

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Troy Sinfield has had a good start to his junior B hockey career with the Char-Lan Rebels this season. Staff photo — Todd Anderson

Glens lose to Kemptville 73s, now in second

ALEXANDRIA JUNIOR B GLENS

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

The Alexandria Junior B Glens have to find a way of beating the Kemptville 73s.

If not, they might have a hard time remaining in the top two positions of the Eastern Ontario Junior B St. Lawrence Division standings.

After last weekend's loss to Kemptville the Glens have allowed the 73s to jump to points ahead for first and the Morrisburg Lions to creep within six points.

Morrisburg beat Kemptville 3-2 in overtime Friday night.

Two nights later the 73s were the ones who benefitted after a close game against the Glens.

73s 4 Glens 2

The Glens let this one slip away.

Heading into the third period during the teams' fourth game in Kemptville Sunday night, the Glens were ready to knot the series at two games a piece when everything fell apart.

Just 3:02 into the final frame Kemptville knotted the score at 2-2 when Curtis Forbes scored from Dennis Vincent and Richard Aldham.

The Glens didn't back down as they continued to create scoring opportunities but 73s veteran keeper Tim Craig kept his team in the game with several key stops.

With 6:10 left in regulation Glens forward Steven van den Oetelaar roughed it up with Kemptville's captain Kelly Winsor.

Winsor was ejected but van den Oetelaar was given a roughing after the whistle penalty resulting in a Kemptville powerplay.

With 4:24 the 73s made good of the opportunity when Joe Martin scored from Mike Beynon and Jason Valcour.

The Glens pulled goaltender Felix Limoges during the final minute but couldn't find the equalizer.

Kemptville's Craig Stanley scored with one second left from Valcour to make it a 4-2 final.

"It's kind of heart-breaking," said Glens coach and general manager Marc Sauve. Their second goal was an offside call that was missed and that bugged us but it's a part of the game."

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Mustangs lose game - Crawford

MAXVILLE

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

A couple of Rockland Nats played the roles of scrooge in the Eastern Ontario Junior C Hockey League game played against the Maxville Mustangs Sunday night in Rockland.

Luckily for the Mustangs the annual Christmas break has arrived and they will not be on the ice until Jan. 6 when they have a rematch against the Nats.

In the latest bout between the two, Rockland continued their physical (sometimes dirty) play as they knocked out the Mustangs captain with an illegal check.

Derek Crawford, the Mustangs co-captain who has been excellent defensively as well as offensively was checked from behind by Rockland's Tim Bazinet with 39 seconds left in the second period.

Crawford was unable to lift his hands and was sent into the boards face first.

He was sent to hospital by ambulance and was released later Sunday night arriving home around 2:30 a.m.

Doctors told him to completely rest for a week and he would then be re-examined.

Crawford suffered a concussion on the hit.

"It's the worst one I've ever seen," said Mustangs coach Ivan Coleman.

"It's a good thing Derek is a big boy or else it could have been worse."

With 27 seconds left Rockland's Mark Cassidy hit Stangs Stephen Alguire from behind. This proved to be a mistake.

"Enough was enough," said Coleman.

"I don't like to condone fighting but Alguire didn't back down. He couldn't get the guys helmet off so he ripped it into four pieces and then

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Giving up your dream isn't easy to do

Moose Creek's Jeff McKercher has decided to return to school and forget about his prospects of making the National Hockey League . . . for now.

By Todd Anderson
Sports Editor

Moose Creek's Jeff McKercher had to make the toughest decision of his life last week when he decided to leave behind a position in professional hockey and begin a pursuit of earning a degree in criminology.

It has been an up and down career for McKercher ever since he was drafted in the seventh round of the National Hockey League's entry draft in 1997 by the Dallas Stars.

Since then McKercher has made stops in Dallas, Texas; Salt Lake City, Utah; Augusta, Georgia and Biloxi, Mississippi.

"I'm 21 and it felt like I was swimming upstream," said McKercher. Dallas has so much depth throughout their system and my chances didn't look too good."

McKercher had a promising start to this season's campaign with the International Hockey League's Salt Lake City club but was released after their last exhibition game.

The choice of their seventh defenceman came down to McKercher and a three-year veteran who was making much more money, the choice was obvious for the Stars' farm club.

From there McKercher was sent to the Mississippi Sea Wolves of the East Coast League.

Through the first 16 games with Mississippi the defenceman, not known for his offensive flair but rather his defensive play and 6'2" 208 pound frame, racked up an impressive two goals and six assists for eight points.

The Sea Wolves were above the league's salary cap though and the team had to make a trade to get back under.

McKercher was the odd man out as his age dictated his fate.

"The coach told me that he couldn't deal anyone with families and he didn't want to punish anyone who had been loyal to the team," said McKercher. I had no problem with that and I was sent to Augusta."

McKercher's stay with the Augusta Lynx would be a short one.

"I don't think I was there even a week," said McKercher. They gave me a tonne of promises and never lived up to them. I couldn't stand it."

McKercher found himself looking at what he was living through and he didn't like what he saw.

"I've seen a lot of 30 to 33 year-old guys who are rounding out their careers and are becoming player-assistants because they have nothing else to fall back on. I love the game but I'm not prepared to play for another 10 years. I'm not sure if my knees will hold up that long. There's no security in professional sports, you must be careful who you trust. People promise you the world but until you see them living up to it, beware."

That's when McKercher started thinking about leaving the game for good. He decided to come home and start fresh.

The trip home last week came within a week of his arrival in Augusta.

"Whenever I left Augusta I didn't feel like doing anything, I wasn't sure if I wanted to play the game ever again. I sat down and talked with the general manager from the Peterborough Petes Jeff Trohy (McKercher played in the Ontario Hockey League in Peterborough and for the Barrie Colts) and he asked me if I hated the game or the politics behind it. I realized nothing is more fun than to go out and play hockey so I decided I would continue to play and get my education at the same time."

McKercher has cut down his choices to two schools and is currently debating between St. Mary's in Halifax and St. Francis Xavier in Antagonish.

McKercher wants to enter a program in criminology. Both coaches of the two school's hockey teams has already contacted McKercher in hopes of landing the promising hockey player.

Despite his bad luck McKercher has learned some valuable lessons from his experiences.

"I don't regret playing in the O (OHL), those were the best times of my life," he said.

"Whenever you're drafted by Dallas you do everything towards reaching that goal, the NHL. Then it all comes crashing down. By going to school I can give it a try again. I'll be 25-26 when I come out and I'll try it again. I'll start in the East Coast but this time I'll have piece of mind because I'll have something to fall back on."

As McKercher took to the ice with friends and fans for a scrimmage at the Osie Villeneuve Arena in Maxville last Friday there was a sense of calmness as stability finally re-entered his vocabulary.

"I'm relieved to get my life back on track, I know that I won't be traded in the next four years, anyway."



Moose Creek's Jeff McKercher enjoyed a game of shinny at the Osie Villeneuve Arena in Maxville last Friday, a week after leaving professional hockey to pursue his education.

Staff photo—Todd Anderson

Glens lose Ghyslain Valade in second period

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"Their third goal was on the power-play and I thought we did a good job short-handed the whole night before then."

The Glens misfortunes came after they lost veteran forward Ghyslain Valade midway through the second period.

"He went into the boards awkwardly and his ankle was swollen," said Sauve.

The 73s opened the scoring just 21 seconds into the game when Beynon found the back of the net from Matt Lang.

Just 23 seconds later it was 1-1 though as Glens second-leading scorer Valade scored from Nicolas Besner and Nathaniel Brand.

It was Valade's 13th goal of the year.

In the second period the Glens went up 2-1 when Louis Brisson scored with 5:08 remaining in the middle frame. Stephane Maltais and Besner drew assists on Brisson's ninth of the season.

The lead wouldn't hold up though as the veteran 73s squad took advantage of a few Glens mistakes and eked out a win.

One defensive pairing that shone Friday night and has been playing good hockey of late is the tandem of Marc Filliol and Steven Owens.

Both rookies are 16-years-old and Sauve feels have adjusted to junior B Hockey nicely.

"Filliol has proven he can play in the league. With Owens the two have stood up to the challenge. They both have speed and hockey smarts, now it's just a matter of maturity."

Glens notes:

The Glens game at the Billy Gebbie Arena Saturday night versus the Morrisburg Lions was cancelled due to poor weather. The game will be rescheduled at a later date.

This weekend the Glens host the Akwesasne Wolves Friday night starting at 8:30 p.m.

The Wolves (2-22-2) are coming off a 4-3 shootout win over the Char-Lan Rebels Sunday night.

On Saturday the Glens travel to Winchester to play the Hawks starting at 7:45 p.m.

The Hawks are coming off a one-sided 10-2 win over the Wolves.

The 2000 Boxing Day schedule has been released and the Glens will be taking on Ottawa West in their first game starting at 2 p.m.

If the Glens win that match they'll meet the winner of the Westport-Perth game.

The Boxing Day tournament, which is taking place in Perth this year, is a knock out tournament and teams are eliminated when they lose.

"We expect to go there and have fun," said Sauve.

"If we do well, we do well. If not we'll come home and worry about bigger and better things like the St. Lawrence Division playoffs."

The Boxing Day tournament has historically been a showcase for Central Junior A and Ontario Hockey League scouts to watch local youngsters that might help their clubs in the future.

Some of the Glens players that will be watched are Filliol, Owens, goaltender Bryan O'Shaugnessy, Michael Cunning and Pat Johnson.

Marc Mainville would have also caught some eyes but he is currently recovering from an ankle injury and isn't expected to be ready to play.

Sauve feels the older Glens players might be noticed as well.

"There should be some university and college scouts there too."

Despite the opportunity of impressing scouts exists at the tournament, Sauve said he doesn't want the hoopla to go to his players' head's.

"They have to nevermind everything. They can't go and do things that they haven't done all year. We have to play our game."

Other than Mainville, Sauve said he doesn't know when to expect the return of Joel and Michel Quesnel to the Glens lineup.

Other than that the Glens won't be making any moves unless they can improve their club. Sauve did hint at some possibilities when the roster deadline approached in January.

Boxing Day tournament schedule

9 a.m. Carleton Place vs Brockville
10:30 a.m. Kemptville vs Clarence
12:30 p.m. Westport vs Perth
2 p.m. Ottawa West vs Alexandria
4 p.m. Winner 1 vs Winner 2
5:30 p.m. Winner 3 vs Winner 4
8 p.m. Championship

All day admission
Adults- $8.00
Senior citizens- $5.00
Children- $3.00

Loss tightens already close playoff race

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Campbell put Akwesasne up 2-1 with 7:14 left in the first period from Tim St. Jean.

The loss doesn't help the Rebels who are in a three-team battle for third to fifth in the St. Lawrence division.

Morrisburg ranks third with 31 points after 26 games. In 26 games the Rebels have 25 points. Winchester is closing in on Char-Lan as they have 22 points after 24 games.

"We have been doing quite a bit of scoreboard watching," said Chafee.

"We were hoping for two points (Sunday) night to keep pace with the Hawks. They beat Akwesasne 10-2 Friday night. The main thing is to be sharp in games against Winchester. All games are important though. We can't win two points in the dressing room."

The Rebels, were assessed just five minor penalties in the game (not including Lafave's misconduct).

"It's good to see," said Chafee. The boys are getting the message that (coach) Carter will not put up with bad penalties or retaliating. We will definitely have to be in that frame of mind during the playoffs and it's good to it see coming early."

Rebels notes:

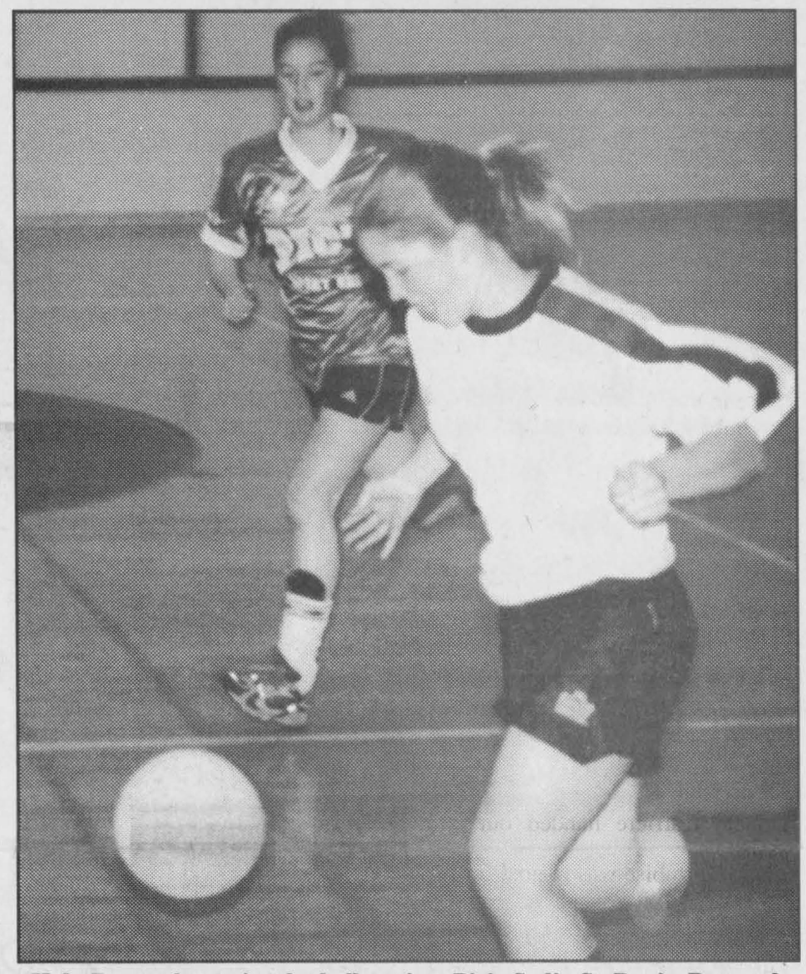
This weekend the Rebels travel to Morrisburg Friday night to take on the Lions starting at 8:30 then host the Kemptville 73s Saturday night at the Charlottenburg Recreation Centre starting at 7:45 p.m.

The Rebels game against Winchester Saturday night has been tentatively rescheduled for Feb. 6 in Williamstown starting at 8 p.m.

Chris Corput showed no signs of pain from his thigh injury he suffered last weekend.

Ian McConnell did not play against the Wolves because he was preparing for exams this week at Ottawa University.

Eric Larocque was a healthy scratch.



Kyla Burwash carries the ball against Pic's Sadie St. Denis. Burwash and St. Denis have been two of the most offensive players in the Glengarry Indoor Soccer League this season. Staff photo — Todd Anderson

Snow storm disrupts GISL

Glengarry Indoor Soccer League

Glengarry Indoor Soccer League action was cancelled Dec. 12 because of bad weather. With the games (Atlantic vs Springers and Shepherd's vs Char-Lan) being cancelled, only three matches took place last week.

The men's division didn't have any cancellations as all four teams took to the court Dec. 13.

Men's division

First place Atlantic Storm butted heads with second place Kirkhill.

The game proved to be a showcase for offensive players and not the goaltenders.

The Storm won a barn-burner 11-9.

Scoring for the winners were: Trevor Marley and Travis Giroux with four each and league-leading scorer Brian Cameron with three.

Ben Pye, with three, Martin Stadelman, with two, Gordie MacPherson, Dan MacPherson, Jeremy Dubeau and Rory McLeod scored for Kirkhill.

In the other men's contest the winless Express and Glen Nevis earned their first points of the year as they tied 6-6.

Scoring for the Express were: Claude Leblanc, with three, Andrew McCormick, Hugh McLeod and Scott Robinson.

Hitting the mesh for Glen Nevis was Andy Szelid, with two, David Prognac, Johann Askener and Mike MacKinnon.

Women's Division

On the women's side there was only one game played.

On Dec. 11 first place Northerners challenged Pic's Sport.

The Northerners won 6-1.

Scoring in the victory was Tracey McNichol, with two, Sherrill Norman, Pam Weldon, Lori MacMaster and Jenna Sauve.

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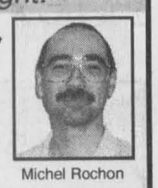
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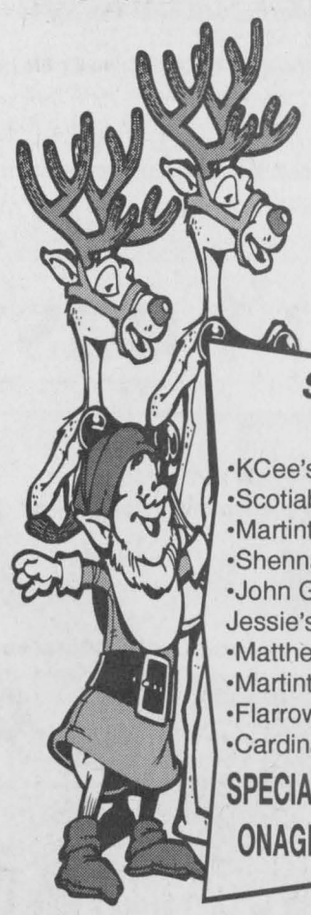
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Alexandria Curling Club Turkey Bonspiel results



A winners

The team of from left: skip Jim Morris, third Joanne MacPherson, second Keith Murray and lead Marvel MacLeod defeated skip Allan Rattray, third Barb Darling, second Margaret Boekhoff and lead Matthew Ladouceur to capture the A title. Submitted photos



B winners

The team of from left: lead Jonathon Murray, second Donna Murray, skip Dan Sloan and third Mark Kennedy defeated the team of skip Fraser MacLeod, third Neil Fraser, second Peter Bellware and lead Douglas Thompson to capture the B title.



C winners

The team of from left: lead J.T. Grossmith, second Linda Vickers, third Mike Samson and skip Gord Lafave beat the team of skip Don Darling, third Shirley Samson, second Geoffrey O'Connor and lead Micheline Larocque to capture the C title.



D winners

The team of from left: lead Bobby Derouchie, second Jason Palmer, third Bob Allinote and skip Bill MacLeod defeated the team of skip Kurt Pristanski, third Flora Poulton, second Linda MacNaughton and lead Sandra Daigle to capture the D title.



While goaltender Mathieu Seguin returned to the Mustangs lineups after suffering a concussion two weekends ago, Captain Derek Crawford (24) received one of his own after being checked from behind against Rockland Sunday night. Staff photo — Todd Anderson

Other than dirty plays game was clean: Coleman

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went at him."

Despite the two "dirty plays" Coleman said there was a pretty good game that was played.

"Both teams had short benches but it was a good, fast game," said Coleman.

"Their goalie (Andre Roy) played well and it wasn't an overly physical game other than the two hits from behind."

The Mustangs nearly came back from a 3-1 deficit in the third period.

The Nats went up 2-0 in the first period on goals by Nicolas Ranger and Marc Andre Carriere.

With 14 seconds left in the opening frame the Mustangs crept to within one when Jonathon Bray scored from Eric Bourgeois and Luc Chartrand.

In the second period the Nats jumped out to a 3-1 lead on a goal by Philippe Lacasse.

In the third period the Nats made their lead 4-1 when Ranger scored his second of the night with 14:12 remaining. The Mustangs would wait until there were less than 10 minutes left to begin their come back.

With 6:40 remaining Trevor Wotherspoon scored from Bourgeois and Renel Cadieux to make it 4-2.

With 2:37 left Martin Lecompte drew the Mustangs to within one goal scoring from Brad MacMillan on the powerplay.

The Nats would seal the win though as Ranger scored a flukey goal short-handed with 57 seconds left.

On a two-on-one Ranger attempted a pass to his teammate when the puck deflected off Stangs defenceman Maxim Proulx's stick and into the goal past Mathieu Seguin.

Seguin had a shaky start to the game as he was returning from a concussion but as the game wore on he looked better and better.

Pat Berlinguette received two back-to-back slashing penalties in the first period Sunday, Coleman spoke about his discipline.

"It's a problem that is evident.

Teams know he has a bit of a temper and they go after him. It's not peewee hockey anymore though, he has to become more disciplined and so do some other guys. As a star player he has to realize that he is going to get some attention."

Mustangs notes:

The Mustangs don't return to the ice until Jan. 6 when they face Rockland at home starting at 7:30 p.m.

Scott Coleman might return to the lineup after the Christmas break.

James Lalonde's shoulder injury is getting better and he was ready for action Sunday night in Rockland but was used as the back-up goaltender.

Pascal Gratton's suspension will carry over the Christmas holiday and continue until Jan. 13 when the Mustangs play Casselman.

Gratton could have returned Jan. 10 but the Mustangs play St. Isidore and part of Gratton's suspension dictates that he cannot play against the Eagles for the rest of the year.

Gratton was suspended for slashing, and breaking an Eagles player's arm.

Coleman hopes the same treatment is given to the player from Rockland that hit his captain from behind.

"It was as bad if not worse," he said.

Nick Quenneville (work), Pierre Paul Decour (cut and returned to midget team), Jeremy Alguire (didn't contact team), and Scott Coleman (broken hand) all didn't play Sunday night.

Renel Cadieux and Brad McMillan arrived late because of the weather. Both Mustangs arrived in the same vehicle during the second period.

The Mustangs first practice after the holidays will be on Jan. 3.

The Mustangs game Saturday night against Vankleek Hill was cancelled due to poor weather and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Dave's edge Marc's Canteen

Dave's Drywall remained in first place in the North Glengarry men's broomball league after edging a determined Marc's Canteen team 1-0.

Keith Presley was in goal to earn his second shutout of the season.

Steve Norman scored the only goal unassisted with 15 minutes left in the first period.

In other action, Glengarry Windows earned their first win of the year 3-0 over Kelly's Sports Bar.

Sylvain Elie led the way scoring two goals in the win.

Denis Deceour had the other and Donald Carriere handed out two assists.

Eric Hurtubise was in goal for the shutout.

Hockey

Eastern Ontario Jr. B Hockey League

St. Lawrence Division

	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GP	GA
Kemptville	25	19	6	0	39	127	74
Alexandria	**25**	**18**	**7**	**0**	**37**	**117**	**84**
Morrisburg	26	15	10	1	31	134	114
Char-Lan	**26**	**11**	**13**	**2**	**25**	**94**	**104**
Winchester	24	10	13	1	22	109	112
Akwesasne	26	2	22	2	9	76	157

Soccer

Glengarry Indoor Soccer League

Men's division

	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Atlantic Storm	5	5	0	0	52	24	15
Kirkhill	5	3	2	0	33	25	9
Atlantic Express	4	0	3	1	17	39	1
Glen Nevis	4	0	3	1	13	23	1
Women's Division							
Northerners	7	7	0	0	36	11	21
Shepherd Sports	6	5	1	0	38	12	15
Atlantic Hotel	6	3	3	0	33	24	9
Char-Lan	6	3	3	0	20	26	9
Pic's Sports	7	0	6	1	8	31	1
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– Archie J. McDonald 51-1p

Deaths

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VAUGHAN, LEONA (Lauzon) – Peacefully, surrounded by her family at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, St. Catharines on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000 in her 72nd year. Leona was the loving wife of James. Beloved mother of Paul (Karen), Ron (Monica), Suzanne (Dave) and Marc (Diane). Stepmother of Debbie (Renford) and Tammy. Lovingly remembered by 18 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Survived by her brother Norman and sisters, Anna and Ida. Cremation has taken place. A Service of Remembrance was held at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel at Pleasantview Memorial Gardens on Friday, Dec. 15. Remembrances to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association, would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements in the care of Passfield Mortuary Services (905) 682-0474. 51-1c

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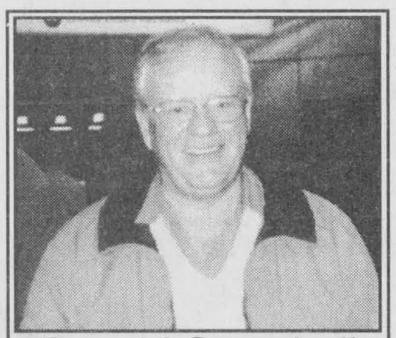

Donald Campbell

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Always remembered by wife Sheila, son Glen, daughter Heather Ann, son-in-law Todd and granddaughter Megan 51-1p



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Tuesday, Jan. 2	Shinny	2-4 pm
Wed., Jan. 3	Moms and Tots, Seniors	1-2:30 pm
Wed., Jan. 3	Holiday Skate	2:30-4 pm
Thurs., Jan. 4	Holiday Skate	2-4 pm
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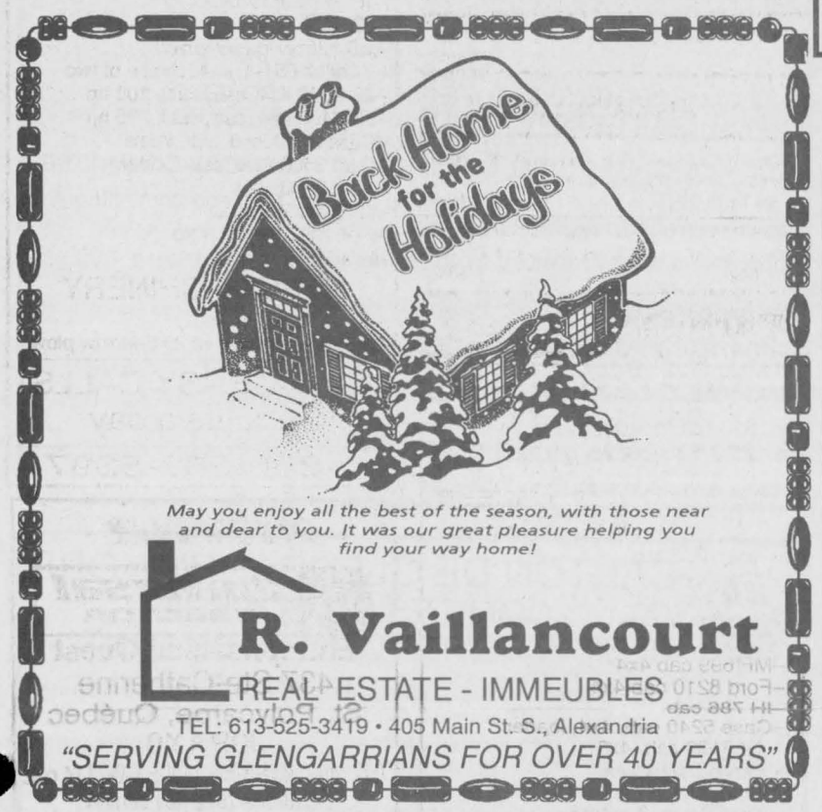

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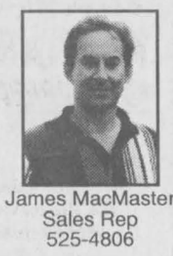

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St. Columba Presbyterian Church at Kirkhill will not have morning service on Sunday but there will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 8 p.m., Sunday.

Candlelight service

Regular service at Breadalbane Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on Dec. 24 with a candlelight service at 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight service

Kirkhill United Church will have no Sunday morning service on Dec. 24 but they too will have a Candlelight Service at 8 p.m. that evening.

Euchre was postponed

Because last Thursday was quite stormy the euchre at Laggan that evening was postponed. So watch for the advertisement in January.

The Friday, the Cubs, Scouts and friends will be carolling in the village starting about 7 p.m.

Thank you

The Optimist Club members wish to thank you all for the support given to them through the year 2000. To every girl and boy and to you all we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a safe holiday; see you all in 2001.

Wishes

I'd like to wish all a very Merry Christmas.

Baby for DeRepentignys

GREENFIELD



MARY COUTURE
527-2421

Congratulations to Marc and Christine DeRepentigny, Conc. 5 East, on the arrival of their new daughter Maxine on Dec. 6.

Birthday

Ellen Bissonnette, Conc. 3, celebrated her 92nd birthday on Dec. 15 and didn't have to bake a cake for the event as she was the lucky Birthday Club winner of a beautiful Daily Queen cake.

Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish will take place at 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Christmas wishes

For somehow, not only at Christmas
But all the long year through
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you.
Seasons greetings to all.

Deaths

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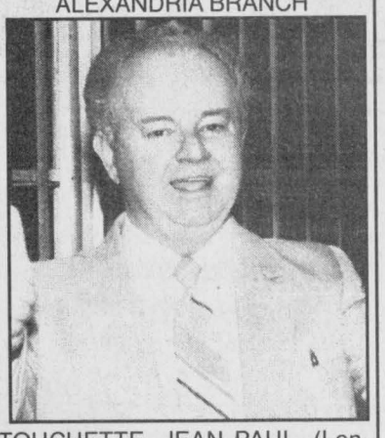

TOUCHETTE, JEAN PAUL, (Longest serving mayor of Alexandria, 1974-1994) – Peacefully surrounded by his family at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital, Alexandria on Monday, Dec. 18, 2000 at the age of 72 years. Jean Paul Touchette of Alexandria, beloved fiancé of Marlene Cholette. Dear father of Cecile (Larry Martin) of Stittsville, Jeanne Touchette of Edmonton, Jacques Touchette of Cornwall and Colette (Georges Kutziubas) of Alexandria. Loving grandfather of David and Tom Martin and Jean and Dina Kutziubas. Also survived by 3 sisters, Marguerite Hickman of Cornwall, Soeur Cecile Touchette of Montreal and Madeleine MacDonald (Ranald) of Alexandria. Will be sadly missed by several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by one brother Lionel formerly of Long Sault. Son of the late Agnes Carriere and the late Ernest Touchette. Relatives and friends may call at Munro & Morris Funeral Home, 114 Main Street South, Alexandria from 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Eglise Sacré-Coeur, Alexandria on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 11 am followed by interment in the parish cemetery. If so desired donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Visitation hours, Wednesday 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

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The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry is receiving applications for employment as Mechanic in its Roads Department. The position is County wide but will be based in Finch, Ont.

Successful applicant will be required to perform mechanical repairs and preventative maintenance to all Municipal equipment and vehicles in compliance with current Provincial regulations.

Applicant must possess a valid Truck and Coach Technician #310T Licence (or be a Class A Mechanic #310A upgradable to #310T status at date of renewal) with diesel endorsement; Minimum Grade 12 education; Five (5) or more years experience in the repair and maintenance of heavy equipment; must hold a Class D (Z endorsed) Driver's Licence.

Preference will be given to applicants possessing empathy and leadership skills with a demonstrated ability to work with others.

Remuneration will be at the rate established for Lead Mechanic under the terms of the Collective Agreement with C.U.P.E. Local 1715, currently $16.86/hr.

Written applications will be received by the undersigned until Friday, January 5, 2001.

D.J. McDonald, P. Eng.
County Engineer
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20 Pitt Street
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Les autres responsabilités plus spécifiques rattachées à ce poste et les attentes du Conseil seront précisées lors de l'entrevue.

Les personnes détenant les compétences requises par le ministère de l'Éducation, étant prêtes à s'engager à promouvoir les objectifs d'un conseil scolaire catholique de langue française, sont priées de soumettre leur demande, sous pli confidentiel, en relevant le numéro d'offre d'emploi **00-303-E,** au plus tard le 12 janvier 2001, à 16 heures, à M. Denis B. Vaillancourt, directeur de l'éducation et secrétaire, à l'adresse ci-dessous.

Prière de noter que seules les candidatures des personnes détenant une *Carte de compétence en règle,* émise par *l'Ordre des enseignantes et des enseignants de l'Ontario* et portant la mention de *Brevet d'agente ou d'agent de supervision* au chapitre des qualifications additionnelles, seront considérées.

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CALL FOR TENDERS
RE: FUEL REQUIREMENTS

Tenders will be received in sealed envelopes marked "Fuel Tender" at the Township of North Stormont municipal office, 2 Victoria Street, P.O. Box 99, Berwick, Ont. K0C 1G0 no later than
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2000 at 12 noon
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Further information may be obtained from the Municipal Office at 984-2821.

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Township of North Stormont
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Berwick, Ont. K0C 1G0
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NOTICE

All residents who normally have recycling and/or garbage pickup on Mondays the following schedule will replace your normal schedule for Christmas and New Year's:

NORMAL DATE	REVISED DATE
Christmas Day - December 25	Friday, December 29
New Year's Day - January 1	Friday, January 5

Every other garbage and recycling date will remain the same for the holiday season.
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The Council of the Township is looking for volunteers to participate on a new committee for the year 2001. This is a prime opportunity for interested parties to become involved in their community and have input at the grass roots level. This committee will be an AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE.

Residents wishing to submit their names for this committee may do so in writing (clearly starting their qualifications, complete mailing address, and telephone number) before

DECEMBER 29, 2000

Marcel J. Lapierre
Administrator & Co-ordinator
Township of South Glengarry
6 Oak Street
P.O. Box 220
Lancaster, Ontario
K0C 1N0

Phone: 613-347-1166
Fax: 613-347-3411
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Avis

RÈGLEMENTS D'EMPRUNT

À sa réunion plénière du 28 novembre 2000, le Conseil a adopté le règlement d'emprunt 1-2000 pour le financement des programmes de réfection de toitures pour les années 1998-1999 et 1999-2000, au montant de 1 864 214 $, et le règlement d'emprunt 2-2000 pour le financement de l'aménagement de la salle à toutes fins à l'école Saint-Bernard de Maxville, au montant de 713 146 $.

L'emprunt total, remboursable sur une période de vingt-cinq (25) ans, à un taux d'intérêt moyen de 7 %, représente un paiement annuel sur le capital d'environ 103 000 $.

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THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - #67-2000

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry passed zoning by-law number 67-2000 on the 13th day of December, 2000 under section 34 of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the temporary use bylaw by filing with the clerk of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry, not later than the 8th day of January, 2001, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the bylaw and the reasons supporting the objection, accompanied by the fee prescribed in section 34 (19) of the Planning Act and in section 99 (1) of the Ontario Municipal Board Act ($125.00 paid to the Ontario Minister of Finance). Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning by-law 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.

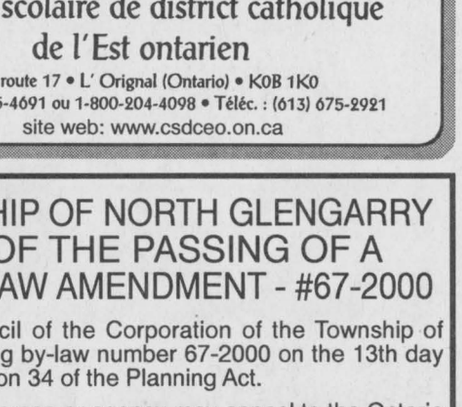
The land in Question is described as being the West Part of Lot 19, Concession 3 (Lochiel Ward) Township of North Glengarry.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the Zoning by-law amendment is available for inspection Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

For more information:
Terry Hart
Planning and Recreation Adm.
Tel.: (613) 525-1110,
fax: (613) 525-1649

Dated at Alexandria this 15th day of December, 2000.

Leo Poirier -
Clerk, Twp. North Glengarry
Box 700
Alexandria, ON.
K0C 1A0



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL
TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Township of North Glengarry is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the following Committees of Council.

PROPERTY STANDARDS
ENVIRONMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY
GLENGARRY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD
BEAVER MANAGEMENT
LOCAL, ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

If an individual wishes to apply to serve on more than one committee, the committees should be listed by priority.

Applications will be received by the undersigned not later than 4:00 pm, Friday, December 29, 2000.

Leo Poirier, Clerk
Township of North Glengarry
90 Main St. S., Box 700
Alexandria, Ont. K0C 1A0

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Fax: 613-525-2649

e-mail: www.leopoirier@northglengarry.com
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COMITÉS DU CONSEIL
RÉSIDENTS/RÉSIDENTES DU CANTON

Le canton de Glengarry nord est à la recherche de personnes intéressées à siéger sur les comités suivants:

- Réglementation relative aux bien-fonds
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- Développement économique
- Protection de la population et de ses biens
- Conseil d'administration du Palais des sports
- Conseil d'administration de l'Hôpital Glengarry Memorial
- Comité aviseur pour la protection d'architecture à caractère historique
- Gestion des castors

Si une personne désire siéger sur plus d'un comité, celle-ci doit écrire en ordre de priorité ses désirs.

Les personnes intéressées devront faire parvenir leurs demandes à l'adresse mentionnée avant 16 heures le vendredi 29 décembre 2000.

Léo Porier, greffier
Canton de Glengarry nord
90 rue Main - C.P. 700
Alexandria, Ontario K0C 1A0

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TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
LOCHIEL WARD SOUTH
GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Notice is hereby given that the collection of garbage and recycling which would normally take place on Tuesday December 26, 2000 is rescheduled to Wednesday December 27, 2000.

Léo Poirier - Clerk
613-525-1110

Web Site: www.northglengarry.com

CANTON DE GLENGARRY NORD
QUARTIER DE LOCHIEL SUD
COLLECTE DES DÉCHETS ET DE RECYCLAGE
HORAIRE POUR LA PÉRIODE DES FÊTES

Avis est donné que la collecte des déchets et de recyclage qui normalement aurait lieu le mardi 26 décembre a été changée au mercredi 27 décembre 2000.

Léo Poirier - greffier
613-525-1110

Site Web: www.northglengarry.com
51-1c

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
KENYON WARD SOUTH
GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Notice is hereby given that the collection of garbage and recycling which would normally take place on Monday, Dec. 25, 2000 and on Monday, Jan. 1, 2001 has been rescheduled to Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000 and Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000.

Léo Poirier, Clerk
613-525-1110

Web site: www.northglengarry.com

CANTON DE GLENGARRY NORD
QUARTIER DE KENYON SUD
COLLECTE DES DÉCHETS ET DE RECYCLAGE
HORAIRE POUR LA PÉRIODE DES FÊTES

Avis est donné que la collecte des déchets et de recyclage qui normalement aurait lieu le lundi 25 décembre 2000 et le lundi 1er janvier 2001 a été changée au samedi 23 décembre 2000 et le samedi 30 décembre 2000.

Léo Poirier, greffier
613-525-1110

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AGRICULTURE

S.J. McLeod milk program celebrates 10 years

By Jason Magder
News Reporter

S.J. McLeod Public School was presented with a 10-year award Friday by the Dairy Farmers of Ontario for participating in the milk program.

The program, which is in 2,420 schools in Ontario was initiated by the Dairy Farmers of Ontario 14 years ago and aims to encourage children to drink milk.

"It also helps the schools with increased funds they get from selling the milk and it increases school spirit by getting the students involved in the program," said Alison Verge of the Dairy Farmers of Ontario.

Ontario Dairy Farmers representative Peter Van Sleeuwen presented a plaque to the school Friday, during the weekly assembly.

"Milk is important nutritionally, but (the program) also sets lifestyle habits, eating habits that are carried on through life," Van Sleeuwen told the students.

S.J. McLeod sets up cups in each classroom and any student who brings milk to school or orders milk from the school is able to fill out a ballot and put it in the cups.

At a school-wide assembly each week, three students are awarded prizes drawn from the ballots. One or two students make presentations on a cow or calf.

Students win prizes varying from boxer shorts with black spots to hackie sacks in the cow motif.

It's also an opportunity for students to build leadership abilities.



Dairy Farmers of Ontario representative Peter Van Sleeuwen, left, poses with Grade 7 student organizers Stephanie Carriere, Dinah Thaw and Victoria Couchman. Carolyn McRae, who started and ran the milk program for eight years is holding the award. Standing next to her is current milk co-ordinator and grade 6-7 teacher Rob Brougham.

Staff photo – Jason Magder

Grade 7 students Stephanie Carriere, Victoria Couchman and Dinah Thaw collect the ballots, draw the winners and announce them at each assembly.

Friday was black and white day, and Grade 7 student Melissa Mader was in charge of judging the class which was most festively dressed.

"It's going to be very hard, because almost everybody is wearing black and white," Melissa said.

The prizes are donated by the Dairy Farmers of Ontario as well as the local dairy farmers in Glengarry.

"I think it's a very positive program because more milk is being consumed," said Grade 6-7 teacher Rob Brougham, who is the milk co-ordinator for the school.

Recipe to help celebrate holidays

4-H News

MARGO PATRICK
347-7298

With all this snow about making the countryside look like something from Cuerrier and Ives, it is easy to feel a lot like Christmas. To help everyone celebrate the season, 4-H is offering you a recipe for delicious Cranberry Muffins. There are lots of berries in the stores right now, but this recipe will still be tasty in March when we present our annual fundraiser selling blueberries, raspberries and cranberries. So wishing everyone the best of the season and, just for your Christmas breakfast, we present Crunchy-Top

Cranberry Muffins!

2 cups flour
3/4 cup white sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)
1/2 cup yogurt
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup oil
2 eggs
1 1/2 cups cranberries
Topping
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon grated orange rind

In a large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon.

In a separate bowl, whisk together yogurt, orange juice, oil and eggs, pour over flour mixture. Sprinkle with cranberries. Stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon batter into greased or paper-lined muffin cups, filling three-quarters full.

Topping: Combine sugar with orange rind, sprinkle 1 teaspoon over batter in each cup.

Bake in center of 400F oven for 25-30 minutes or until tops are firm to the touch. Makes 12 muffins.

Holy ornaments stolen

Each week Crime Stoppers spotlights a crime that has been committed in the area.

Crime Stoppers would like to remind you that we need information on all crimes not just the crime of the week.

This week Crime Stoppers is asking your help in solving a break and enter.

The incident happened on Dec. 16 when culprit(s) broke into Our Lady of Angels Church in Moose Creek and stole holy ornaments and money. If you have any information on this or any other crime,call Crime Stoppers. at 937-8477 or toll-free at 1-800-265-8477.

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Yuletide Wishes

Here's hoping the season grants all your wishes, big and small, and that you enjoy health, wealth and peace.
Many thanks for your support. Merry Christmas!
Rene and Brenda

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St. Raphael's and the King's Road

HIGHLAND PATHS



KEN MCKENNA

Betty McDonald's story of St Raphael's cemetery continues. In the previous instalment, she told how neglected and overgrown the graveyard was until Father Kerr arrived in 1949. I noted that the same untended conditions were also apparent at that time in many churchyards in the Highlands.

The neat and tidy rose-covered cottages of England or the Lowlands were once rare in the Highlands, where a more laid-back attitude seemed to prevail. But times are changing, both here and in Scotland, and messy and overgrown cemeteries now are a thing of the past.

Betty's narrative continues: "In May 1952 the actual work was started. Men of the parish came with their teams and scrapers and started the levelling-off job (all volunteer labour). Later Menard's bulldozer came and did another two or three weeks work. They were paid $5,000 for their work, which was a huge sum at that time.

"The bulldozer unearthed many more broken headstones which were added to the base for the terrace. The suggestion was made that these broken stones be used to make one big monument in memory of all buried up to that time but it was decided that at a cost of $6,000 it was out of reach.

"The generation of the fifties had no idea of the advances made since the first burials. Would you believe that when this cemetery work was started in 1952 there were only four or five tractors in the parish? Today [1986] some of the larger farms have that many on their one operation.

"By 1952 this old cemetery was fairly well filled so more land was needed. That was when the cemetry directly back of both the [now] Ruins and the new church was opened. It was really a continuation of the old cemetery.

"By September 1980 all the plots in that area were sold and the cemetery committee began the task of preparing a third area. This section south of the sports field had its first burial on Nov, 23, 1982 when Josee (The Queen) MacDonald was interred. Now plots have been sold in that area, 170 plots to date. At the present time... perpetual care is included in the cost of the plot."

In the old cemetery are buried the famous and the unsung heroes of early Glengarry. Although none of the earliest memorials remain and, unfortunately, none in the Gaelic language that was so dear to them, new bronze tablet now marks the resting place of Big Finnan the Buffalo McDonald and his native wife and another on a McRae plot inscribed "noted Gaelic singer."

My sincere thanks goes to Betty (O'Shea) McDonald for the information on St Raphael's cemetery and to Rita (McDonald) Tourangeau for the information on the village of St Raphael's which appeared in previous columns. I continue this series with Betty McDonald's memoir of the road that runs through St Raphael's:

The King's Road

"The King's Road was a very early pioneer road that developed along with the county. In all probability, a trail existed where the King's Road [now] runs, long before white men saw what today is Glengarry. It follows the first continuous ridge of high land north of the St. Lawrence from Côteau to well west of St. Andrew's. Its existence as a white man's trail began very soon after Glengarry's first settlers arrived in 1784.

"According to a talk I heard at St. Andrew's this past summer [1986] entitled The King's Road (put on by the Stormont Historical Society) the speaker stated that the King's Road was also known as The Governor's Road and Dundas Street and that it went all the way to Toronto.

"Today we think of the King's Road as that part stretching from the Quebec border on the east to St Andrew's West. It crosses all of Lancaster Township and all of Charlottenburgh Township. The southern part of these two townships was an impassable swamp till long after pioneer days were over."(To be continued).

It should be remembered that Glengarry was far different in appearance 200 years ago. The land between the ridge and the St Lawrence was mostly swamp and often accessible only by boat. But once the marshes were drained, the rich alluvial soil was easy to work and produced excellent crops. North of the ridge it was a different story. There, a thick and almost impenetrable forest extended to the shores of the Ottawa. It took many generations of heart-breaking toil before farms were carved out of this wilderness. There were also local swamps to contend with and in some low-lying areas produce could only be brought to market after freeze-up. Then the big Glengarry sleighs would set off for Montreal with the chickens, geese, hams and turkeys which would grace the Christmas tables of the city.

Merry Christmas - Nollaig Chridheil

Bird news

DUNVEGAN



PEGGI CALDER
527-5293

Great excitement last week in downtown Fiske's Corners when a European Goldfinch appeared at the Quesnel and Mogelon feeders. This very pretty bird is larger than our regular goldfinch, with a startling red face and chin, white cheeks and black cap, and yellow colouring on the wings. There are splashes of brown on the breast. Although it is rare, there have been sightings in Eastern Ontario in past years.

Christmas Eve service

There will be a Christmas Eve service at Kenyon Presbyterian Church and no morning service. Join the congregation at 7:30 p.m. for carols and Christmas readings.

Cinema Alexandria

Did you see the article by Rod McDonald in the Dec. 11 Citizen entitled "Cinema Alexandria"? It was a wonderful account of how small-town children were introduced to the exciting world beyond their doorsteps. He mentioned Poncho standing in his seat when the cavalry bugled its way across the screen. I met Poncho in the 1970s when he used to drop in at a sheltered workshop I worked at. Quite the character, Poncho was often seen out supervising the utilities crews in their work around town, decked out in his official hard hat and huge gauntlet gloves. He had been toothless all the time I'd known him, but one day he proudly arrived at the shop wearing a brand new set of false teeth. Lunch time was anticlimactic. He carefully removed the teeth and stored them in his shirt pocket till he'd finished.

Christmas wishes to all our readers, and happiness over the holidays.


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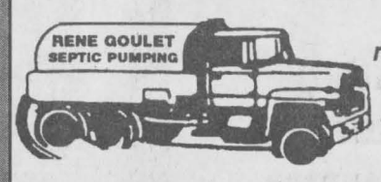

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The simple facts about mutual funds and taxes

(NC) – Investing in mutual funds is a smart strategy if you are looking to save for retirement or other financial goals. However, most investors have little or no idea how taxes affect their mutual fund purchases.

Ed Legzdins, president and CEO, BMO Mutual Funds, offers these tips for understanding the tax implications of investing in mutual funds. The first step is to understand how these investments earn money. An investor can earn money from a mutual fund in two ways:

1. From distributions of any income or capital gains the fund earns or realizes

2. From any capital gains realized when redeeming or switching units of the fund (capital gains are the amount an investment in the mutual fund has risen in value since being purchased)

How mutual fund investments are taxed depends entirely on whether holdings are in a registered plan or non-registered account:

Registered Plans

Holding mutual funds in a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) means benefiting from tax-sheltered savings. All the distributions from the funds are reinvested, allowing savings to grow over time. No taxes are paid on these distributions or on any capital gains from redeeming (provided the money continues to be held in your RRSP) or switching of units. However, once money is withdrawn from the plan (for instance at retirement), this money is taxed at the investor's personal income tax rate.

Non-registered Accounts

Holding mutual funds in a non-registered account means taxes must be paid on the following:

- any money from distributions the fund has made, whether they were reinvested in the fund or received as cash
- the taxable portion of any capital gains arising from redeeming or switching units and capital gains realized within the fund

Even if units of the fund are purchased just before it makes a distribution, the investor will still be taxed on the distribution. Therefore it is important to know when a mutual fund pays out distributions before making a purchase.

Understanding the tax implications of investing is important. Most investors have both non-registered and registered holdings making them subject to taxes at some point. Investors should evaluate their investments to ensure they are investing the maximum allowable amount to an RRSP to take advantage of tax sheltered investing.

Web application for tax preparation completely secure

(NC) – Canadians need have no fears about security when working with their taxes on the Web, according to the president of a tax software company that is now offering a way to calculate and file taxes using the Internet alone.

A new Canadian company, UFile.ca Inc., has designed a sophisticated website where taxpayers can have their returns calculated completely online. "Canadians are going to love the convenience of UFile.ca," says its CEO, George Farkas, "and they don't have to worry about anyone looking at their data. We use the highest level of encryption available and some special proprietary measures. Even the people that work here can't see your numbers."

With a user ID and a password of their own choosing, tax filers will be able to logon to www.ufile.ca and answer an intelligent questionnaire that gleans the information necessary to fill in the appropriate tax forms. Data can be entered over as many sessions and taking as much time as necessary. Once satisfied, the user can either print out the return and mail it in or, if eligible, file it electronically, using Canada Custom and Revenue Agency's (formerly Revenue Canada) or Revenue Québec's new Internet efiling systems.

UFile costs $12.95 for the first user in the family and $9.95 for the second. Dependents' tax returns are free.

"We think it is going to appeal to a lot of people," adds Farkas. "It is much easier to use than tax software that you have to buy, install, and upgrade. It remembers your data from year to year and helps you make useful comparisons. And you can use it in complete security from wherever you have Web access."

Canadians are able to use UFile.ca from anywhere in the world.

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Friends' Kerr no stranger to environmental issues

By Jason Magder
News Reporter

Richard Kerr's involvement in the Glengarry Trails is but one of many environmental projects he has been involved in over the years.

Kerr, who with wife Pat, owns Sunworks Inc. in Hawkesbury, moved to Glengarry 22 years ago, after graduating with a Masters of Engineering at McGill University. Shortly after, he began the Solar Energy Society for people who were interested in saving on the high cost of oil heating in the 1970s. In the 1997 federal election, Kerr ran as a candidate for the Green Party in the Glengarry-Prescott-Russell riding.

"I wasn't particularly for the Green Party in a (political) party sense. The Green Party has similar issues on its mind and have developed a platform that relates to those issues."

Given his background as an environmentalist, Kerr was surprised when criticism surfaced about his dedication to the environment in relation to the development of the Glengarry Trails.

"It was very difficult for everybody, because we came on this project because of the interest in the beauty of the area, the recreational potential and the educational potential. We all came together on that," Kerr said.

As a result of the allegations, the group experienced some temporary problems raising the last of the necessary public funds, but have now overcome those difficulties.

Kerr says he has been an environmentalist for as long as he can remember.

Although he grew up in Montreal, Kerr recalls that his family "always camped in the summer, went canoeing in Algonquin Park. My parents bought property here in Glengarry for their retirement, so then I moved out and inherited the property."

Malcolm Dewar will be honoured

By *News* Staff

Malcolm Dewar will be honoured for his many years helping the musical fraternity in Glengarry.

Dewar will be given a certificate from his friends during the Christmas Ceilidh this Friday at the Dunvegan Recreation Hall.

Dewar is being recognized for his involvement with the following organizations and tasks, as stated in the certificate:

'•Drumming with and nurturing the Glengarry Highlanders,

'•Supporting the Maxville Curling Club with his music and becoming the first secretary and co-founder of the Glengarry Old Time Fiddlers Association,

'•Serving as judge of competitions in Eastern Canada,

'•Raising money through investing Johnny Mooring Memorial funds for the benefit of young musicians,

'•Maintaining friendly relations with Cape Breton musicians,

'•Keeping historical Glengarry and Cape Breton fiddle recordings since the 1960s.'

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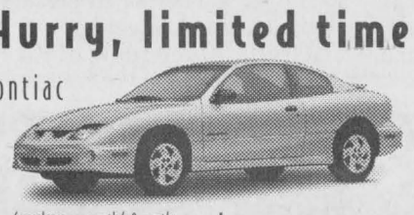
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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO
Friday, December 14, 1900

•One hundred of the prominent men of Lancaster and vicinity met with J. T. Schell at that village on Saturday and after examining the waterfront it was unanimously decided that the government be petitioned to build a new wharf on the site of the old Stickler Wharf.

•Duncan McDonell, late Superintendent of the Montreal Street Railways, can be classed as a successful Glengarrian. A nephew of Dougald McLaughlin, 7th Conc. of Lancaster, he entered the service of the company as a conductor and has risen to his recent appointment, General Traffic Manager of the Campagnie Generale de Traction of Paris.

•Dan R. Kennedy, foreman in the *Glengarrian* office, left on Tuesday for Mount Forest, Ont., where he will assume proprietorship of the Mount Forest "Confederate."

•Will Simpson has moved into his new premises in the Simpson Block on Main Street.

•J. Irvine is the possessor of a 37-pound turkey

NINETY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 16, 1910

•Tomorrow morning in St. James Cathedral, Montreal, Rev. Ewen J. Macdonald, one of Alexandria's best known young citizens, will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Most Rev. Paul Bruchest, DD.

•Dr. R. W. Bell, Provincial Health Inspector, was in Moose Creek last week, where he attended some 25 cases of smallpox and vaccinated those who had not contacted the disease.

•Charlie McKinnon of Greenfield, recently left for Schreiber.

•Representatives of the Hawkesbury and Vankleek Hill Gun Clubs were here on Saturday for a day's shooting on the mill pond range. Local sharpshooters, lead by T. J. Gormley, who had top honors, won out by an 11-point margin. Dr. Kirby was the crack shot for Hawkesbury.

•John R. Shaw of Ottawa, who owns 10 acres of land adjoining the Park Grounds, has disposed of same to Mrs. Arch. McMillan

•Messrs. H. A. McDonald and D. J. McDermid, Greenfield, are at present loading telephone poles for the American market.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 17, 1920

•At Toronto, tomorrow, Rev. Duncan McPhee, son of Mrs. Neil McPhee, 28-3rd Lochiel, will be ordained a priest by His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto.

•Lt.-Col. W. H. Magwood of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Regiment, headquarters Cornwall, has been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

•Delegates from the Alexandria Farmers' Club to the United Farmers' convention held in Toronto this week, were Jno. D. McMaster, Jno. D. MacRae, Hazen McPhee, Robert Hay, D. J. McPherson, Jno. C. Gauthier, Donald McKinnon, Andrew McRae, Nap. Trottier and Angus Kennedy. Representing the McCrimmon Farmers' Club was J. A. Gray Dunvegan.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 12, 1930

•Monday, Dec. 8, the death occurred of Rev. Arpad Govan, DD, pastor of St. Andrew's United Church, Williamstown, for the past 42 years.

• Glengarry exhibitors in the Ayrshire classes at the Ottawa Winter Fair were very successful, Cumming Bros. taking supreme honours in the female class. Other breeders who showed stock were: William Gareau, Lancaster; John McLennan, W. G. McNaughton, Murray Bros., Martintown and Thompson Bros., Bainsville. J. J. McMaster, Laggan, met with considerable success in the poultry exhibits.

•A meeting is to be held here next week under auspices of the Lochiel Plowmen's Association, for the purpose of forming a County Plowmen's Organization.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 13, 1940

•Mrs. W. J. McCallum, Apple Hill, has received word of the death of her brother, Sandy MacMillan, who was killed in an auto accident in California.

•His family in Maxville has learned that Bernard Villeneuve, with the RCAF in England, has been advanced to the rank of Sergeant.

•On Monday, Dec. 9, the marriage of Miss Jeanne Gibeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Gibeau, to Lucien Poirier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Poirier, Alexandria, was solemnized in Sacred Heart Church here.

•An early start for curling is seen, icemaking having got underway early this week.

•Angus Embert, late of Valleyfield, is at home in Green Valley, before leaving Sunday to take a course in munitions work at Nobel, Ont.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Friday, December 15, 1950

•Harold Blaney of Maxville was elected president of the Glengarry Federation of Agriculture at the annual meeting. He succeeds J. C. Watt of Lancaster.

• J. A. McDonell, verteran treasurer of Lochiel Township, died Saturday after a heart attack.

•Merton Casey, Maxville mechanic, suffered two broken fingers and cuts while working on the blower of a snowplow.

FORTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 15, 1960

•Saturday marks the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rt. Rev. Monsignor Ewen J. Macdonald, dean of the diocesan clergy. Father Ewen was ordained in Montreal, Dec. 17, 1910.

•Brigadier D. C. Cameron, who relinquishes command of Canada's NATO forces in Germany to attend the Imperial Defence College, was uniquely honored by the 1,000-year-old German town of Soest. For the first time in its history it invited a non-elected person, Brig. Cameron, to preside at a special council meeting.

•Estelle Macdonell of Green Valley, a pupil at St. Raphael's Separate School, took part in the Eastern Ontario Public Speaking.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
Thursday, December 17, 1970

•Ross T. MacRae, 84, of Lancaster, was instantly killed at noon yesterday when he was struck by a truck while attempting to cross the street at Lancaster.

•Alexandria will lose its CNR agent under a new servocentre scheme which will see centralization of most services at Ottawa for an area extending from Barry's Bay to Glen Robertson.

•Despite a threatening fire, Tuesday night, the Alexandria Commission auction went off on schedule Wednesday.

•Tuesday night the United Counties Board of Education accepted a department of education offer of three million financing for a new school.

•Msgr. Ewen J. MacDonald, AP, VG, marks today the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

•John D. McRae, the oldest employee and the first member of the Glengarry Memorial Hospital staff was made a presentation at the hospital's annual Christmas party.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Wednesday, December 17, 1980

•Jean Paul Prieur of the 9th Concession of Lancaster Township lost his rabbitry and 90 to 100 animals in a blaze of unknown origin on Thursday around 5 p.m. The loss was valued at $35,000.

•Robert Sova has just been awarded a Carter Scholarship from the Ministry of Education. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sova, RR1, Apple Hill.

•Betty Vanstokkom has received her degree as a Chartered Accountant. She received her BA in Mathematics from the University of Waterloo in May. She is the daughter of Tom and Geles Vanstokkom of RR2, Alexandria and is currently employed with the firm of George Welch in Ottawa.

TEN YEARS AGO
Tuesday, December 18, 1990

•Alexandria area veternarian Dr. Janet Lalonde presented the Canadian Guidedogs for the Blind (CGB) with a cheque for $7,500 Dec. 11. The money, raised through the Go for Guidedogs walk-a-thon held Sept. 30 and a game booth at Alexandria's July 1 celebration, will go directly for the training of a guidedog for an Ontario resident.

•More than 40 firefighters and nine tankers, pumpers and emergency vehicles responded to a massive blaze which levelled the former Poppins Restaurant outside Monkland Friday night. After a 10-hour battle with the flames, the Avonmore Fire Department was dispatched to the scene four more times through the course of the weekend to douse fires rekindled in the wreckage at the northwest corner of Hwy. 138 and Hwy 43. The cause of the fire has not officially been determined.

•A cheering section of proud relatives and Lochiel Township residents gathered in Cornwall yesterday (Monday) to be with Lochiel's own Ron MacDonell as he assumed wardenship of the three united counties. About 200 spectators filled the juried courtroom in the court building shared by the United Counties SD&G, to witness the swearing-in ceremony of the 142nd warden. MacDonell is the eighth Lochiel Township reeve to be elected to the highest position in the counties council.

Party de la Veille du Jour de l'An
New Year's Eve Party
St. Martin of Tours Parish Hall, Glen Robertson
Music by live band "PURE COUNTRY"
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