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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Man charged with fraud

By PAUL MCGEE  
Equity Editor

PONTIAC — Pontiac MRC Sûreté du Québec is warning local businesses to be on the watch for credit card scamming following the arrest of a Fort Coulonge man who was charged with fraud in Campbell's Bay court recently.

Police say that between October 2004 and June this year, the 40-year-old man would phone a business, order items such as car parts and groceries and give a number for a false credit card.

He was charged in court June 10 and given a conditional release.

The man was arrested again last week in Litchfield, driving a car he had obtained "fraudulently," according to police.

"We suggest that businesses, especially if taking an order over the phone, validate the credit card number," said Lieu Jacques Piché of the Pontiac MRC SQ.

### Quyón's water boil advisory to be lifted

By LEAH MILLER  
Equity Reporter

QUYÓN — The village of Quyón will be able to drink its water again, now that tests are set to OK the water quality.

Municipality of Pontiac Mayor Bruce Campbell expects the water to be up to par when more tests are completed.

"It should be alright by Tuesday," Campbell told THE EQUITY Monday.

He said according to regulations, four tests must be completed saying the water quality is satisfactory before a boil advisory can be lifted.

At press time, tests were done on Monday but two were set for Tuesday before the drinking ban could be lifted.

"We probably had fixed the problem Friday," said Campbell. "But the power went out for an hour and a half so it all back-washed."

He suspects the problem was caused by low water in the river and residents over using their water.

"It's a stressed system," he said. "Council will have to discuss putting a restriction on like last year."

The water boil advisory has been active since June 15.

## WHAT'S ON

### Clarendon 150

SHAWVILLE — This week Clarendon 150th Anniversary celebrations continue with Saturday's Family Day.

The day features tons of activities beginning at noon in Stark's Corners. From noon to 4 p.m. you can bring your lawn chair to enjoy barbecue and homemade pies. At 12:30 p.m. come to a horseshoe tournament, at 2 p.m. play in a euehre tournament and at 2:30 p.m. enjoy stepdancers, fiddlers and square dancers.

There will be a toddler playground on-site while older kids can take part in a treasure hunt and other games.

At 5 p.m. there will be a wine and cheese, at 6 p.m. an old-fashioned box social with old-time music, at 7 p.m. a presentation to local family farms and at 8 p.m. a street dance featuring the Valley Ramblers.

## Pure Canadian pride



These two girls never ran out of shade while they headed down Clarendon Street in the back of a pick-up truck for the Quyón Canada Day parade.

## Pontiacers celebrate Canada's 138th birthday

By LEAH MILLER  
Equity Reporter

PONTIAC — Pontiacers in all areas of the county had lots of Canada Day activities waiting for them during the weekend.

From one end of the Pontiac to the other, there was something for all ages to have fun doing — whether it be a parade or just a simple barbecue — making sure Canada's 138th birthday was honoured.

**Litchfield**  
The festivities began Thursday in Litchfield at the rest area near Campbell's Bay.

The evening, organized by

Alain Gagnon and Denis Lamothe, featured lots of barbecuing, music and friends.

"We usually have a party every year," said Gagnon. "But this year we decided to bring it to Litchfield."

In the past, celebrations were held in Fort Coulonge outside of Bowers Motel on Hwy. 148.

Denny Richard sang for the evening with the help of DJ Martin Leguerrier.

**Shawville**  
Heating things up in Shawville was not a problem, as the Canada Day parade headed down Main Street after 1 p.m.

Close to 40 floats, cars,

trucks, horses, tractors, ATVs, carriages and semi tractor trailers were displayed, all decorated in red and white.

The parade route began at Rectory and John Dale Roads and finished at the fairgrounds.

Led by a Sûreté du Québec MRC des Laurentides SUV and the Shawville-Clarendon fire trucks, the parade moved down Main Street to finish at the fairgrounds.

Another highlight in the parade was the appearance of the Renfrew Highland Pipes and Drums.

Three-year veteran parade chairman James Howard felt the parade ran smoothly.

"We had a real, real good

parade," he said.

Howard was able to thank all the parade participants and give away parade prizes afterwards at the fairgrounds.

Best overall float — Clarendon council's horse drawn wagon.

Best agricultural float — 4-H square dancers.

Best antique — Ottawa Valley Antique Association.

Best commercial float — Pontiac Paddlers.

Best service club float — Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary School.

Best horse drawn float — Kathy and Luc Lapointe.

"I want to thank all those who participated and the

weather for holding off," Howard said.

With lots of activities held at the fairgrounds for Clarendon's 150th anniversary, there was lots to keep busy with until the fireworks launched close to 10 p.m.

**Sheenboro**  
Sheenboro honoured the national holiday by holding a mass and homemade breakfast Friday.

The parade rolled out at 12:30 p.m. followed by a silent auction, talent show, kids' games and pony rides.

Due to high winds, the fireworks display was delayed until Sunday night.

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## JamFest hits high note for fourth annual country music festival



Friday night's headliner at the Quyón JamFest was Wayne Rostad, who sang about the wonderful Ottawa Valley. He was welcomed to the Quyón fairgrounds by a fairly large crowd.

By LEAH MILLER  
Equity Reporter

QUYÓN — Nothing could be better than four days of non-stop country music, good grub and fine weather alongside the Ottawa River.

The only place to get that was at Quyón's fourth annual JamFest, which ran from Thursday to Sunday at the Quyón fair grounds.

The pure Canadian country music festival was put on by the Quyón

Ensemble, a limited non-profit organization.

"It's going very well," said Quyón Ensemble director Jack Graham at the event. "We have a record number of campers this year."

The total number of campers at JamFest this year was 157, which is a 20 per cent increase from last year's admissions.

Campers could stay for the entire weekend of country music in an RV

or in a tent.

The two major headliners in this year's lineup was Caroll Baker and Wayne Rostad.

Baker is a three-time country female vocalist Juno award winner and has been inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

CBC's *On The Road Again* star, who has played in Quyón and other parts of Pontiac before, said he always loves coming back.

It's nice to be back in Quyón," Rostad said. "I have many memories playing here, at Gavan's, in Portage and Fort William."

He says he loves the Ottawa River and its surrounding area. "It's God's best kept secret," he said. "It has so much to offer — and it's so unused."

After his headliner set Friday night, Rostad flew out east to play a show in Nova Scotia Saturday night.

Other highlighted performers were Howard Hayes and The Country Drifters, the Town Pants from Vancouver, W.R.D., Gary Fairburn and Neville Wells.

But many music fans came to Jam Fest simply for the local talent, like Christine McCann, Joe Teevens, Gail

Gavan, Cal Cummings, Joanne Dubeau, the Schwartz Family, the Mick Armitage Band, Davey Drummond, Ron Trudeau and Kenny Daley.

The weather was perfect for an outdoor concert, with only a 20-minute rain delaying a show on Friday night.

The four-day show was run by about 100 volunteers.

"We've had excellent support from our volunteers and sponsors," said Graham. "Volunteers are very important."

He said the weekend ran smoothly and many people commented on how relaxed an atmosphere the festival was.

A new aspect that JamFest might have to work with next year is that the Quyón fairgrounds may become a permanent campsite.

At the moment the grounds don't offer full services like permanent rest rooms, laundry facilities or electrical.

"We hope next year to go ahead with it," said Graham. "Right now Genivar is studying the impact it would have on the environment and the site's elevation."

He said the park would aim to have 200 sites, which would be a great asset for organizers of JamFest.

"It would be a real asset to the community in Quyón," Graham said.

## Clarendon kicks off anniversary celebrations

By LEAH MILLER  
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE — Kicking off a week-long celebration with great weather and lots of fun activities, Clarendon's 150th anniversary got off to a great start.

The official opening of the celebrations took place after the Shawville Canada Day parade Friday afternoon. Although the crowd was forced to scatter for most of the ceremony due to heavy downpour, the organizers stood their ground to hold a successful kick-off.

Where the parade dismantled at the fairgrounds, visitors could have some lunch, play volleyball, get their faces painted and enjoy entertainment.

Many local dignitaries were there to kick off the holiday, including MNA Charlotte L'Écuyer, MP David Smith, Warden Mike McCrank, Shawville Mayor Albert Armstrong, Clarendon Mayor Jack Lang and Thorne Mayor Ross Vowles.

At the opening ceremony, Grades 2 and 3 students from Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary School sang and performed square dancing.

"I am very pleased to see these kids dancing," said L'Écuyer. "It's a part of our heritage and it is nice to see them get involved."

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Patsy Stewart holds up the winner of Clarendon 150th Anniversary baby contest, Sydney Cole.

## Judges name Clarendon's top baby

By LEAH MILLER  
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE — Nine babies came out to compete in Clarendon's 150th Anniversary Baby Contest June 27, and all of them were adorable.

The Shawville RA hall was quieter than you would think with nine competitive babies getting ready to duke it out for the top spot. There was little crying, as these babies were all happy to be there.

Babies born between July 1, 2004 and June 17, 2005 had to pre-register at the Shawville-Clarendon Library and were required to compete wearing only a "onesie" diaper shirt with no logos or writing on it.

The babies were judged on appearance, personality and interaction with the judges.

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# Clarendon kicks off 150th anniversary

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She said that although Pontiac has been going through some rough times, she is sure the Pontiac will be here another 150 years at least.  
"The community needs to be commended," she said. "It's hard for a rural municipality to come up with events like this."  
Smith agreed that the week-long list of events the municipality has planned is quite impressive for a small community.  
"The municipality is only as strong as its people," said Smith. "I am very proud to represent you. Happy birthday Clarendon."  
The ceremonies also gave thanks to the only remaining past mayors of the municipality: Alvin Brown for his time as mayor from 1975 to 1977, Gary

Hodgins for his time as mayor from 1985 to 1995 and Carmen Wickens for his time as mayor from 1995 to 1997.  
Also, 16 farm names were honoured for staying in Clarendon for 150 years or more: John Marykuca (Lynn), Fred and Fran Thomas, Mike Wilson, Clare Strutt (Wilson), Douglas R. Strutt (Wilson), Royce and Helen Hodgins, Paul Hodgins, Mike Smiley, Neil and Emily McDowell, Elaine Richardson, Neil and Joyce McCagg (Kilgour), Erma Acres (Mee), Garth Tracy, Donald S. Hodgins, Doug Fulford and Lucille Hodgins.  
The fairgrounds also featured survivor games, an art and handicraft show, a heritage fair, a dairy display, an antique tractor display, a lumber jack contest

and kids' games.  
The Kinsmen held bed races after the Canada Day parade at Memorial Park and tractor square dancing took place in the fairground parking lot after dinner.  
A highlight of the evening was the Miss Peach contest, where men competed for the best looking woman award — everyone came out winners.  
The evening finished off with an impressive fireworks display.  
"We were quite pleased," said Lorna Younge of the Clarendon 150 anniversary committee. "Except for the rain that half hour, we had good weather and good crowds."  
Saturday's activities included an open house school reunion at Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary School where over 400 people

visited. Later that evening the Clarendon 150 Anniversary dance was held at the Agricultural Hall.  
"The dance was sold out," said Younge. "Everyone had a good time and the dance floor was full at all times."  
Dancers were encouraged to dress in traditional clothing. The evening's music was performed by Robin Avril and Mountain Tay. Dinner was served by the United Church.  
On Sunday the public was welcomed to a church service followed by a potluck lunch at the fairgrounds.  
"We had about 400 people at the service and 300 who stayed to eat," she said. "Everyone enjoyed it."  
This week celebrations continue with displays at the council



Clarendon Mayor Jack Lang addresses the crowd at the opening ceremony Friday.

hall and museum.  
Today at 2 p.m. there will be a quilt show and tea at the Shawville United Church as well as a soap box derby at 7 p.m. The Pontiac Players will feature its final performance of *The Gold Miner's Daughter* 7

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# Judges find it tough to name Clarendon 150th anniversary baby

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Competing babies were Sydney Côté, daughter of Dan and Cindy Côté; Abigail Lang, daughter of Robert and Krista Lang; Alexander Mayhew, son of Roger and Jennifer Mayhew; Logan Nichiporowich, son of Amanda Yach; Masen Telford, son of Kaileen Telford; Payton Lang, daughter of Robert and Krista Lang; Graham Beattie, son of Joanne

Brownlee and Randy Beattie; Wyatt Durocher, son of Robin Beattie and Sylvain Durocher; and Mackenzie Barr, daughter of Jennifer McBane and Kevin Barr.  
Each lined up on the stage with someone other than a parent, and one by one each went to visit the judges.  
Margaret Hodgins, Ron Hodgins and Gwen Armstrong made up the panel of judges. After a long deliberation, the winners

were announced.  
"It was a tough one," said judge Ron Hodgins. "At first we had a tie, but we came back out to see what the babies were doing to make our final decision. They all look beautiful."  
The winner of the contest was Sydney Côté, who won a family portrait from Starlet Studios. Abigail Lang won for the lightest eyes, Wyatt Durocher won for the darkest eyes, Mackenzie Barr won for the youngest baby,

Graham Beattie won for the oldest baby, Payton Lang won for the most hair, Alexander Mayhew won for the baldest head, Logan Nichiporowich won for the biggest smile and Masen

Telford won for the chubbiest cheeks. Each baby received a library card for entering. After the contest,

Clarendon's young ambassadors were introduced and Dalton Hodgins spoke on old memories.



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# Pontiacers celebrate Canada Day

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**Fort Coulonge**  
Fort Coulonge residents took part in a full weekend of Canada Day celebrations.  
Bright and early Friday morning a ball tournament got under way at Amyotte Park.  
The annual boat parade was an event not to be missed, which left from the Davidson "Quay". A mainland parade left an hour later from Patro, featuring bikes, floats, roller bladders and decorated cars.  
Saturday was a big day that hosted a brand new competi-

tion called the "Burn Out" race. There, cars spun their tires on the spot creating smoke before blowing the tires. The winner took home a \$100 prize.  
Pontiac was spoiled with more fireworks at Amyotte Park presented by the Mansfield Fire Department and B.E.M.  
**Quyon**  
Quyon had a busy weekend with JamFest, but made sure to have enough time to throw a fabulous Canada Day celebration Saturday.

Set at a later time than usual (6 p.m.), the parade left its starting point at Onslow Elementary School on Clarendon Street and headed downtown to finish at the Quyon Lions Hall on Ferry Road. Following the parade a flag raising ceremony was held at the Quyon Ferry, where a gigantic Canadian flag was raised.  
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## Pontiac High Alumni association holds giant reunion

By LEAH MILLER  
Equity Reporter  
SHAWVILLE — Rekindling old friendships and reuniting with lost pals was a common occurrence at the Pontiac High Alumni Reunion Saturday.

Pontiac High School was the scene of a unique high school reunion, one that invited all students — graduated or non — staff and teachers who ever attended or worked at Shawville High School, Pontiac Protestant High School and Pontiac High School since 1969.

"We wanted to start an alumni association and thought the first event could be a reunion," said coordinator Lana Cowley, class of '96. The reunion coincided with the 35th anniversary of the school and Clarendon's 150th anniversary. Gates

opened for visitors at 1 p.m. for school tours. Activities got under way at 2 p.m. with horseshoe and volleyball tournaments. At 4 p.m. "Happy Hour" started behind the school and Quyon band In Safe Hands entertained.

Armitage Band play at 8 p.m. Although even last year's class was invited, the reunion was attended by mostly older alumni and staff. "My favourite thing to do in high school was hang out with friends," said David Schwartz of Ottawa, class of '75. Although he usually heads back to the Shawville area three or four times a year, he

was happy to see people he hadn't seen since he was in school. "It's nice to see some old class mates from 30 years ago," he said. "Some I still keep in touch with in Ottawa, but most of them I haven't seen." The Pontiac High Alumni Association was created last year to provide a means for alumni to re-connect with their home community and each other.

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## Pontiac music students excel at Renfrew Music Festival



Kathryn Perry's piano students did very well at the Renfrew Music Festival in May. Front row, from the left: Ursula Schultz; Samantha Martin, Marie-Claude Bechamp, Nicholas Greenshields, Julia Rooney; and Keri Beck. Back row, from left to right: Vanessa LaSalle; Lere MacPherson; Emily Simms; Brooke Welburn; Meagan MacPherson; Marlin Schultz; and Perry.

well, each receiving at least one award. The students competed against other piano students from Renfrew, Armprior, Pembroke and Cobden.

The overall average of all of Perry's students was 83 per cent. The awards are as follows:  
Pre-Gr. I - Piano solo, 6 years and under, Marie-Claude Bechamp 1st; Pre-Gr. I - Piano solo, 7 & 8

duets, 14 years and under - Gwendolyn Simms and Meagan MacPherson, 3rd; Piano duets, 11 years and under - Emily Simms and Lere MacPherson, 2nd. A number of the students did their Royal Conservatory exams in June.

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RENFREW — The students of piano teacher Kathryn Perry recently participated in the Renfrew Music Festival (April 25 to 28). All the piano students represented the Pontiac area

well, each receiving at least one award. The students competed against other piano students from Renfrew, Armprior, Pembroke and Cobden. Music awards The overall average of all of Perry's students was 83 per cent. The awards are as follows:  
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## EDITORIAL

### Canada Day impressions

When walking down Main Street in Shawville on a usual Friday afternoon, there aren't too many people around — just a handful of shoppers or locals driving through to the cottage. But this past Friday was nothing of the normal kind. There were hordes of people lining Main Street to catch a glimpse of the hand-decorated parade floats in Shawville's Canada Day parade. Many people have commented that Shawville's parade is bigger and better than others in the Outaouais.

Even Sheenboro, which has a population close to 100, threw a great July 1 party that anyone near and far could attend.

The same goes for Quyon, a town where on a normal day, a person might think that not much goes on there. At first glance, when you see such well-organized events like the Canada Day parade and JamFest, it really makes you appreciate the hard work and dedication of those who helped put events like that on. But it's not just the people dedicated to putting the events — though that is an integral part — it is the community who comes out to participate.

For such a small town there is a lot of patriotism. Every red and white flag, flower, T-shirt and hat stuck out like a sore thumb proving that we are not afraid to declare how proud we are to be living in this country — or in the Pontiac.

Community spirit is really alive in small areas. It's at celebrations like these where the community pulls together and truly shows how much spirit a small town has. It's where you really see the people come out to enjoy their home town.

Shawville, Quyon, Sheenboro and the rest of the Pontiac should be proud to know that from top to bottom, Pontiac knows how to show its patriotism.

Leah Miller

## CORRECTIONS

A photo in the story "Budding scientists show their stuff at McDowell school" on page seven of the June 29 issue of THE EQUITY should read Colby Richardson.

Incorrect information appeared in the story "Allu-Cat Mania strikes" on page 7 of the June 1 EQUITY. Following the awards, Donna Petznick thanked the volunteers and sponsors and was responsible for the following quotes: "Private individuals contributed greatly to this day. We'd like to thank all of the fisher people that support us throughout the years. Family and friends that fish together, stay together. I think that's the saying."

Incorrect information appeared in the headline of Katherine Fletcher's Environmental Forum on page four of the June 29 edition. The rare musk turtle was in fact found at Knox Landing.

## ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM by Katharine Fletcher

### Roundup of issues

What a week! From turtle news to Live 8 and everything in-between, there is a lot happening.

#### A moving turtle question

A reader commented on last week's column concerning the musk turtle aka stinkpot turtle, asking how to safely move one that is on a road. It's a good question because during the summer, turtles lay their eggs and females often select the gravel shoulder of a road.

#### Can you move a turtle safely?

I asked Claude Daigle about this, while interviewing him at Pine Lodge. He is the Wildlife Technician from the Société de la faune et des parcs du Québec who is studying musk turtles here in Pontiac. He said that unless you know how to pick up a turtle, you should not attempt it because they can give you a nasty bite or scratch. Two other defence mechanisms are dangerous or unpleasant: in the first category, turtles start a "swimming motion" with their legs when picked up, which puts you at risk of being badly scratched by their claws. The unpleasant part comes when the turtle shoots its urine at you... a rather good defence mechanism. Remember: If you pick one up, don't drop it. However, if you

think moving it by picking it up is your best solution (this can work for painted turtles but be wary of snapping turtles) where is the best place to grasp a turtle? Daigle said the best spot is on the shell, behind its back legs, on either side of the tail.

What is the best way to move a turtle? "Gently use a shovel," Daigle said.

#### Live 8 Concerts

Were you one of the estimated 2 billion people worldwide who saw the Live 8 concerts last weekend? Sir Bob Geldof organized these from London to Johannesburg, from Berlin to Barrie... to encourage the G8 leaders to end poverty in Africa. As a consciousness-raising effort, the concerts have their place. And, I was moved to see former South African president Nelson Mandela speak. As a message to the G8 leaders (and viewers) Mandela said, "Do not look the other way, do not hesitate... It is within your power to prevent a genocide [in Africa]."

#### Cynical view

I am cynical about whether Geldof's concerts have much more than a consciousness-raising impact. Moreover, what type of

consciousness-raising was going on, exactly? Will Pink Floyd, reunited for the first time since the 1980s at London's Live 8, now start touring after re-experiencing the exhilaration of the stage? And, why were there not more African musicians? After all, if we're to help Africa, why not raise awareness about Africa's talented musicians? Don't they need more exposure than Sir Paul McCartney, Bono, Sting, Pink Floyd, Tragically Hip, and Sir Bob Geldof himself? I think so.

#### Will foreign aid help?

A spokesman from the African Foundation for Development ([www.afford-uk.org/](http://www.afford-uk.org/)), an organization which met in London this past weekend, was interviewed on CBC Radio on Tuesday, July 5. This gentleman (I apologize: I did not catch his name) made several points regarding aid. First, he said, money too often ends up in the wrong hands. He implicated not just politicians in this, but also the NGOs (non-governmental organizations) and aid workers. What message do foreign aid workers send when they get good food and the best apartments, while the poor still have their hands outstretched?

#### Complicity

So, what will help defeat the cycle of poverty in Africa? Accountability and recognition of complicity. If a politician deposits \$5 million into a European account, he suggested that the persons accepting the deposit be considered partners in complicity. He suggested free trade will help, but said free movement of workers is crucial. How would this work? Employment in a G8 country would permit Africans to earn a good wage. Typically, such workers send a large part of their income home to their families who represent the rural poor — who often rarely see aid.

#### What to do?

Like you, I know there is a lot of foreign aid that is beneficial. I am not saying that Canada should stop giving aid. Live 8 concerts do raise awareness — accompanying television ads showing people snapping their fingers every three seconds emphasized the fact that a child dies every three seconds in Africa. But beyond poignancy, we need action from our G8 leaders. At the Summit in Scotland, starting July 6, British Prime Minister Tony Blair will ask his G8 partners to commit

.7 per cent of GNP by 2015 to foreign aid for Africa. By all reports, they will turn him down. However, what may fly is cancelling the \$40 billion in debt owed by Africa's poorest countries. Let us hope the leaders will commit to achieving this major step.

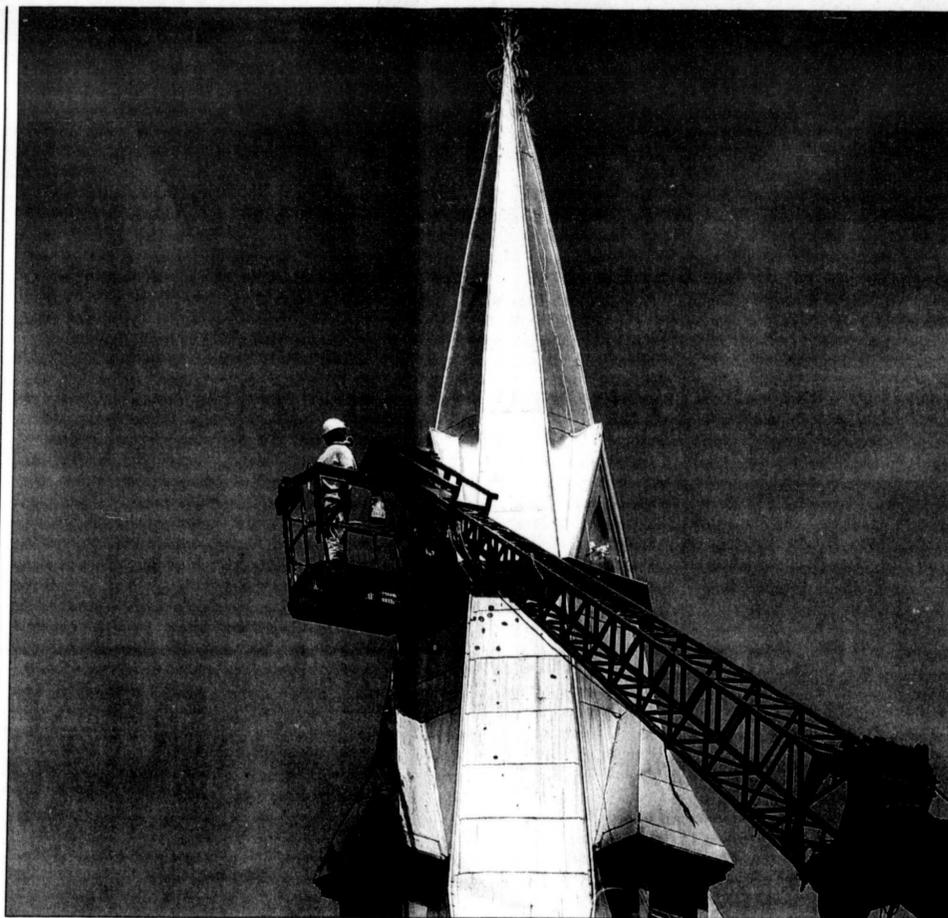
#### NCC closes Pink Lake Trail

The NCC has closed popular Pink Lake trail in Gatineau Park for the summer. The trail is eroding, the merimetic lake is at risk, and NCC staff are committed to preserving the environment of this rare habitat. Kudos to them.

#### Pontiac School of the Arts

Finally, did you know that there is an art school happening in Shawville this summer from July 23 to July 31? Go to [www.pontiacschoolofthearts.com/](http://www.pontiacschoolofthearts.com/) to find Pontiac artist such as Dale Shutt, potter Val Bridgeman, and a host of others who are offering excellent courses during July... Get with it: support this exciting initiative. Find out more by telephoning: 819-647-2447.

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Silver lining

Leah Miller, THE EQUITY

## YOUR OPINION

### Great care

Dear Editor,

The Supreme Court has brought discussion of our "National Sacred Trust" to the attention of all Canadians once again. Rather than weigh in on the number of tiers/parallel-private-system "supply" side of the debate, may I submit a method for examining the provision of this motherhood issue from the "demand" side. Three points first though: each year Canadian governments spend about \$80 billion to fund the "public" part of health care, while each year Canadians pay about \$80 billion in provincial and federal personal income taxes (isn't that a remarkable coincidence!). Canadians believe that (in the general case) they are receiving a good (or at least acceptable) level of service in exchange for their tax money from the unionized, government monopoly that provides their health care; Canadians perceive health care as a "payment-free" service and I believe the economic axiom states that there is an unlimited demand for a free service.

I submit that Canadians regard our current health care system as a necessity of life. They cannot imagine not having the right/privilege of obtaining health services and proffering a health card for payment. If Canadian life has indeed absorbed government-payer health as an integral part of their life — so be it! Let's keep it going (because how would you change so many committed minds) but let's examine whether we are funding it correctly and consciously decide if we are incentive-izing this huge program's stakeholders in the best way to maximize the "returns" for all of them.

Think for a few minutes that a bold new program was announced for the benefit of all Canadians — payment-free food. The citizen and/or resident and/or tax filer and/or taxpayer (we have Canadians who fall into all categories exclusively and in all possible combination) would go to the government food store, obtain whatever food they wanted and scan their SIN card on the way out. Would the baskets (nay carts) be full of no-name frozen hamburgers or filet mignon? Would the food retailers and distributors have every type of food item now available (in all the manufactures labels) on full shelves? Would the stores be busy with consumers? Would the checkout lines be long or short? Would the workers at the retail stores be abundant, pleasant and knowledgeable or just "there?" Would the tax system be able to obtain enough revenue (from the portion of the population that actually pays taxes) to fund the provision of payment-free food to the "everyone and anyone" who demanded it? Would the increased level of taxes encourage personal productivity or increased tax-avoidance/evasion schemes? To solve the

health care "problem" find the solution to providing payment-free food and simply apply that concept to health.

Robert Ede  
 Richmond Hill, ON

### It takes a village

Dear Editor,

We have all heard the African proverb: "It takes a village to raise a child." This is becoming increasingly necessary as governments cut funds to schools and other children's services, such as sports and recreation.

Once upon a time, our tax dollars provided all the necessary funds for schools to provide sports programs, music programs, gym equipment, classroom supplies and equipment and books for their students. However, this is 2005, and it is not how the world works any more! Even the chalk used on the chalkboards at the school is a sought-after commodity!

One mandate of the McDowell Home and School Association is to help our school by raising funds to purchase supplies and equipment that our school board budget doesn't cover. This year, the McDowell Home and School Association was helped by many in our community to reach our goals. Of particular note, this school year: juice boxes were provided by Giant Tiger for the Grade 4 students on the day they received their hepatitis shots; the Lionettes and the Rotary Club donated generously to allow us to purchase new picnic tables for the schoolyard; the Lions Club loaned us the use of eight picnic tables.

And our Family Fun Day was a great success, thanks in part to the support of Culligan Water, Roger and Fiona Younge, The Pepsi Bottling Group, as well as the help of Tom McCann and Vaughn Bastien of the SCFD, the Shawville Kinsmen who loaned us the dunk tank, Mr. Wayne Brown for arriving early to open the school, help with the set up, taking a turn in the dunk tank, and helping with the clean up and lock up of the school on his day off. As well, a big hats off to the teachers, Mr. Aitken, and Shawn MacDonell who participated in the dunk tank and water balloon games.

And of course, to all the parents, family members and friends who participated in the fundraisers, thank you. We couldn't do it without you.

The McDowell Home and School thanks the many supporters in our village for helping us to raise our community's children. When we all work together, we can achieve great things! Our children are worth it.

The McDowell Home & School Association

## 122 YEARS OF NEWS

### The Way We Were

Compiled by

Heather Alberti Dickson, Publisher

### 25 Years Ago

July 9, 1980

**Canada Day:** With the emotional and patriotic uplift of the Quebec referendum still close to the hearts and minds of everyone, Canada Day 1980 was celebrated jubilantly by flag waving anthem-singing Canadians.

**Irwin Stewart big winner at Wolf Lake horse drawing:** Try to drag a dead weight of over four tons 15 feet with a team of draft horses that weigh less than half that and you have a very popular sport called a horse draw. Irwin Stewart was the overall winner of the day.

### 50 Years Ago

July 7, 1955

**Mining news:** DunRaven Mines Ltd., which is reported to hold one of the largest known deposits of graphite in the world, has shipped a 10.5-ton sample of graphite ore from its property near Charteris. The sample, which left Shawville by CPR on Wednesday night, is bound for Toronto where it is to be subjected to a variety of tests to be conducted by Aerofall Mills Ltd.

**Labine's Store broken into:** The Labine Store on the Main Street of Fort Coulonge was broken into sometime after midnight on Wednesday, June 29. The proprietor, Mr Rod Labine checking up on the premises at 11:30 p.m. and found everything in order. The break in was discovered when Mr Labine opened up on Thursday morning.

**Fire rages on Crow River:** A forest fire is raging on the Crow River, a tributary of the Coulonge River, about 80 miles northeast of Fort Coulonge. The fire is approximately on the Gilles Bros John Bull Depot. The fire started early last week on Eddys Timber Limits and crossed over to a portion of Gilles Bros Limits and has spread to the CIP holdings in the Gatineau District travelling south east and covering an area of 26 miles.

### 75 Years Ago

July 4, 1930

**Local news:** Almost continuous heavy rains on Friday necessitated the postponement of the social and supper proposed to be held on St Paul's Church grounds till the following evening. The wet weather marred to a great extent also the anticipated enjoyments of the annual school picnic at Sand Bay. Old Probs has been so erratic of late, that to squeeze in an outdoor function of any kind without getting soaked has been the exception. So many June weddings, all in a heap, may have had the effect of putting the old chap off his bearings.

Some motorists complain that it is no pleasure trip these days over portions of the highway between here and Aylmer, especially on Monday mornings. They say that the road bed in some places resembles the old-fashioned corduroy with which our great grandfathers bridged over the swamps and bog holes in the early days; and that there are far too many small loose boulders allowed to remain on the road surface to ensure smooth, pleasant driving.

The lawn social, held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Lower Litchfield, on June 13th at the home of Mrs Jack, was very successful, the sum of \$121.37 being realized.

### 100 Years Ago

July 5, 1905

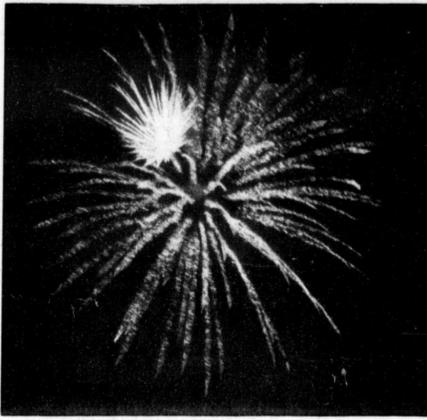
**Local news:** It is currently reported that liquor is being sold illegally at Otter Lake, openly and above board, and not by the parties who are keeping public houses either. For the information of the public we should like to learn from the official whose duty it is to look after such matters, whether there is any foundation for the report. It is too bad if parties are being accused wrongfully. On the other hand it is but right that those who break the law should pay the penalties prescribed.

An excursion will be held under the auspices of the Pontiac Agricultural Society No. 1 to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, train to leave Waltham station and take in all intermediate stations. This will be an opportunity for the farmers of Pontiac and their families to visit that grand farm where a day spent with Dr Saunders and his able assistants cannot fail to be both pleasant and profitable. There are thousands in Pontiac who have never visited that attractive spot, but whether they have been there or not, no one should miss this opportunity. The rates are the lowest that have been obtained from Pontiac to Ottawa and the electric cars run within a short distance of the farm. Arrangements have been made for dinner on the grounds at 25 cents.

The trustees of the Holiness church last week began the erection of a manse on Lang Street, adjoining the church.

What are called interdenominational camp meetings, under the auspices of the Wesleyan Methodists of this section of whom Evangelist John Scobie is the recognized leader, are being held daily in the exhibition hall, commencing on Friday last. The principal speaker at these meetings is Evangelist Taylor, conference evangelist of the North Dakota Episcopal Methodists. The western pastors speak of Mr Taylor as the "Dakota Cyclone" and those who have heard him at the hall here have certainly been impressed with the fitness of the appellation.

# PPY CANADA DAY



Shawville hosted a spectacular display of fireworks Friday night at the fairgrounds.



There's nothing better than sweating out a Canada Day parade in camouflage. These folks got the right idea by blending in on the lawn of the Shawville United Church for the Canada Day parade.



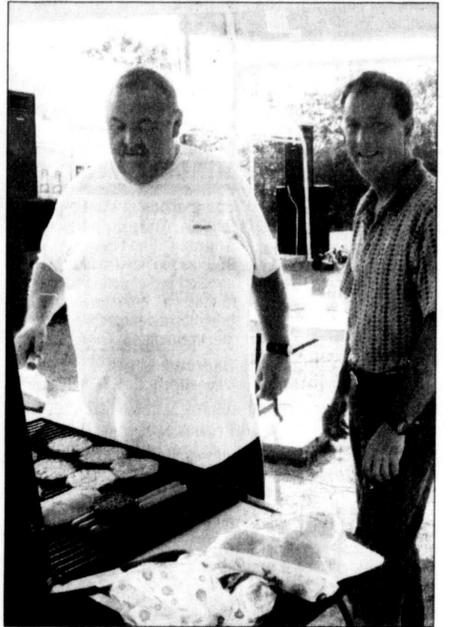
A young patriot peeks over the brim of a large Canada flag that followed closely behind a Shawville parade float.



Two young drivers hit the pavement in their mini Jeep for Guyon's Canada Day parade.



Municipality of Clarendon Mayor Jack Lang and his wife Elaine rode in the municipal carriage in his historic garb for the country's birthday.



Jean Guy Levesque (left) and Alain Gagnon cook up some burgers at the Litchfield Canada Day celebration Thursday night.



These two tractors are caught in a fast spin during a tractor square dance performed at the Shawville fairgrounds Friday.



Charlene and Jack Graham pick up speed on the Guyon parade route Saturday.



The Miss Peach contest was a popular event held Friday night at the Shawville fairgrounds. Respectable local men got fancied up for the occasion.

## SPORTS

### PPJ Cyclopark gets security patrol



Pontiac MRC has hired Phillip Atkinson, of Ladysmith, and Isabelle Labine, of Fort Coulonge to patrol the Cyclopark part-time.

By PAUL MCGEE  
Equity Editor

PONTIAC — Travelers on the PPJ Cyclopark will

have some company this summer, they just won't know when and where. Pontiac MRC has hired two students through the Human Resources Development Canada Student Employment Program to patrol the Cyclopark part-time. Phillip Atkinson, of Ladysmith, and Isabelle Labine, of Fort Coulonge, were hired for seven weeks. "They'll be going out on as many different days as possible," said Lieu. Jacques Piché, of the Pontiac MRC Sûreté du Québec. "It's a schedule, but it will be different times each week." For the rest of the time, the two students will also help out with the Ottawa River Waterway.

"They've been hired by the MRC," said Lieu. Piché. "We'll be supervising them." The SQ will provide Atkinson and Labine with bicycles and the patrollers will be equipped with cell phones. "They can call us and we can send a car out if needed," Lieu. Piché said. Lieu. Piché said police cyclists will be joining the pair on the trail on occasion. The patrollers will also conduct a survey of cyclists to find out where they are from and other information the MRC can use to monitor the Cyclopark's usage. "They'll also be watching for ATVs and report the information to us," Lieu. Piché said.

### Kappes leads week 9

By PAUL MCGEE  
Equity Editor

NORWAY BAY — It was hot and cloudy, but 30 golfers turned out for week nine of the Norway Bay Seniors Golf Association men's league play at the Norway Bay Golf Course Wednesday, June 29. Karl Kappes came in with the low gross of 39 and won the chipping contest. Jerry Nichy and Harold Hall were tied at 31 for the low net. Nichy was also closest to the pin on hole #3 while Dave McCaw was closest to the pin on hole #5. Al Perkins won \$23 in the 50/50 draw.

### FLYING ELBOWS



The Flying Elbows Hockey Tournament donated \$5,210 to the Pontiac Community Hospital Foundation. Funds were raised at the 6th annual tournament which was held March 31 to April 3. From the left: Foundation board member Greg Hayes accepts a cheque for the foundation from tournament convener Matt Sally and charity game organizer Edward Rusenstrom.

### TRACK STARS



Grades 3 to 6 Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary students were very successful at its track meet and had quite a few winners. Front row: Hailey Murray (left) and Colton Keon. Back row, from the left: Jonathan Toupin, Morgan Trnka, Michelle Hobbs and Keasha Elliott.

### UOVMFL: Royals beat Micksburg 10-3, Fitzroy 4-3 to tie with Hursty's for first place in league

By LEAH MILLER  
Equity Reporter

BRYSON — The Campbell's Bay Royals claim two wins in a row this week in the Upper Ottawa Valley Men's Fastball League, moving up in the standings to tie for first place with Shawville's Hursty's Bar. The first of the two wins

came Thursday when the Royals beat the Micksburg Twins 10-3 in the Bay. Lenny Burger took the win for Campbell's Bay; Jamie Mick took the loss. Matt Orlando, Jacques Pilon, Joe McCleary and Chad Milne all hit home-runs for the Royals. Heading into week nine on Sunday, Fitzroy Harbour

WC Electric played Campbell's Bay in Bryson. Campbell's Bay won 4-3. Tony Newberry, with relief from Lenny Burger, took the win for Campbell's Bay; Jason Armstrong, with relief from Troy Wilson, took the loss. Joe McCleary and Matt Greer brought the runs in for Campbell's Bay, while

Trevor Barton and Michael Cavanagh attempted to pull the plug with runs for Fitzroy. These two wins move the Royals (5-3-1) into an overall league tie with Shawville (5-2-1), with 11 points each in first place. The Royals' next game is July 14 at 8 p.m. against Beachburg (1-5-0).

It is a home game for the Royals, but at this time a location has not been confirmed. Tonight, Wednesday, July 6, Manotick Lomor Printers plays Shawville in Stittsville at 8:30 p.m. and Kanata Team Easton of the Greater Ottawa Fastball League visits Micksburg (5-3-0).

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### COMING EVENTS

**July 8-10 - Valley Bluegrass Festival 11th Annual** - Bob & Julie Johnson's Farm, 408 Castleford Rd., R. R. # 5, Renfrew. Featuring The Churchmen, Wildfire, Chris & Sally Jones & The Coalition, Mill Run, The Abrams brothers, Northern Sons, The Dick Smith/Mike O'Reilly Band, Foxtail, Level Crossing, Silver Birch, The Backwoodsmen, and The Johnson Family. Rough camping - Shade tents - bring a lawn chair. Food & craft vendors. Tickets available at Tru Line Collision, 26 Victoria Street, Shawville, Que. or P. O. Box 333, Renfrew, ON K7V 4A4 or email: sheila.kirk@sympatico.ca Proceeds going to the Renfrew Victoria Hospital. 2bjy6

All summer kids craft classes (Ages 8+) Tues. and Thurs. at 1 p.m., Stained Glass Design Studio, 198 Raglan St., Renfrew for details, call 613-433-3367. 4xjy13

**Thur., July 7 - Strawberry Supper** (with salads and ham) hosted by Quyon U.C.W. at the Quyon Lions Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults \$8, children under 12 \$4. xjy6

**Sat., July 9 - ATV Obstacle Course Competition** - Registration starts at 10 a.m. See www.oterlakeatvclub.com for full information or call 453-7293/453-7471. 6jy6

**Sun., July 10 - 7:30 p.m., Norway Bay Community Church Service.** Rev. Angus MacDonald officiating. 6jy6

**Sun., July 10 - The Annual Norway Bay United Cemetery Service,** 2 p.m. Bring lawn chairs. 2bjy6

**July 16 - ATV Drivers' Course.** Must be 14 years old. One day course by certified monitor. Call 648-2928. 2bjy13

**Liquidation Sale,** 6 Gilpin Rd., Bristol. Everything in the barn this weekend is 50% off. Don't miss this sale. Tools, clothing, small appliances etc. etc. We also have some fresh vegetables in season, all organically grown. See you there. Open Fri. - Sun., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. No early birds. xjy6

**July 16 & 17 - There will be a Mayhew Family Reunion** held at the Quyon Lions Club grounds. Rough camping. Bring your own lawn chairs. Live band on Saturday night. Everyone welcome. 2xjy13

**Fri., Sat., Sun. July 29, 30 & 31 - Riverside Jam** in Carleton Place, Ontario featuring: Paul Brandt, Michelle Wright, Adam Gregory, Big Al Downing, Wayne Rostad, Ambush, Carroll Baker, Gail Gavan, Mick Armitage Band, Joanne Dubeau and many, many others. For tickets and information 613-226-9178 or www.riversidejam.com 6bjy27

### YARD SALES

**Sat., July 9 - Bryson, Moving Out Garage Sale,** 910 Vanier St. Starts 8 a.m. xjy6

### YARD SALES

**Sat., July 9 - 8 to 12, Yard Sale** at Touch Wood, C710, Hwy. 303 N. Clothes, toys, books, 10" table saw 3 h.p. and more. xjy6

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### OBITUARY

**Cameron - Richard E. "Dick"** Died peacefully at the Pontiac Community Hospital, Shawville, Quebec on June 28, 2005 in his 49th year. Predeceased by his dad, Bernard Cameron. Leaving behind his wife, Francine Evans, three children, Jonathan, Magan, and Brett, his mother, Constance "Connie" St. Pierre, brothers Paul, David, Daniel, Maurice, Stephen, and Wayne and sisters Anna, Brenda and Tanya. Friends may call at the W.J. Hayes & Sons Funeral Home, 134 Centre Street, Shawville, Quebec on Wednesday, July 6th, 2005 from 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral Thursday, July 7th in Immaculate Conception Church, Bryson, Quebec at 10 a.m. Interment Parish Cemetery.

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CALDWELL

A sorry night



By HERMONIE SHARPE Correspondent 647-3459

Visiting with her mother Ruth Sharpe and her grandmother Hermonie Sharpe on Thursday of this past week was Chrissie Parsons of Ottawa. She also visited with Norah and Dennis Findlay and family on Wednesday.

The first day of July or Canada Day is over for 2005 and Shawville had a good parade. The day was successful regardless of the rain later in the day and the high winds. The music and activities were enjoyed by one and all. We could see the fireworks from our front door which is four and a half miles away. Happy birthday Canada may we enjoy many more.

This coming Sunday, July 10 the guest speaker at the Cushman Memorial Church in Norway Bay at 7:30 p.m. will be Rev. Angus MacDonald.

Quite a change in the weather over this past weekend. The heat wave was really getting to be too much but we need a great deal more rain.

Have you seen any of our old school chums around over this past weekend? I was sorry I could not attend the high school activities on Saturday night as I can't drive at night. Would some of you who attended please call

me and give me the names of the ones in my age group? I would really appreciate it.

While my daughter and I were out shopping this past Saturday we had a very kind friend hang a grocery bag of green onions on my back door knob. So far I haven't found out who it was. We will sure enjoy them.

On the last weekend of June the euche run by John and Gloria Green at the Oddfellows Hall closed for the summer months. Each one of us was given a little gift. We will sure miss it but time flies and we hope to see you all again in the fall.

The Strawberry Supper held this past Thursday night was a huge success with approximately 150 to 160 people served. Congratulations.

I had a very enjoyable talk with two of my nieces who live a distance away. I talked to Joanie Russell in Sheraton Lake and Lorraine Webster in Rochester, NY. They are all well, but Lorraine's daughter recently underwent surgery for cancer and is recuperating at home. She is in good spirits. Joan had a friend who is a nurse visit for the weekend.

I also had a call from my son Robert and his wife Linda in Courtenay, BC. All is well there.

It's holiday time so that means sometimes camping out, barbecuing and campfires. What

ever you are doing be sure to be careful lighting fires as everything is so dry. Always make sure your fire is out. If possible pour water on it.

Visiting with us on Su-day were Neil and Margaret Sharpe of Shawville.

Congratulations to my grandson, Shaun Wilson of Kingston, who received his high school diploma on Wednesday, June 29. He also won an award. Shaun is also the grandson of Ken and Dorothy Wilson of Otter Lake and the son of Fred of Ottawa and Susan of Kingston.

This past Saturday was a sorry night for Ron and June Orr when someone went into their yard and stole their tractor. They found the tractor down the side line with damage done to it.

On Sunday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a flotilla at Norway Bay. Gayle Gavan has written a song for Bristol's 150th anniversary and she will be there to sing it that night, along with the Kemptville Pipe Band and Dancers. You will be able to purchase Bristol 150th souvenirs as well as make donations to help purchase the new fire truck for Bristol. If you have a boat and would like to participate you can do so by calling Brenda Maloney at 647-3053. This will be all taking place at the Norway Bay Wharf. Arrangements are being made for any of us who are handicapped. Watch for ads in THE EQUITY for more details on this event.

OTTER LAKE

Weather cooperated



By ELIZABETH HAHN Correspondent 453-7326

The ladies, Diane, Betty, Carol and Rachel met again this year for their fifth annual fishing trip on Clark Lake the weekend of June 24 - 26. The weather cooperated and a trip to the Ladysmith T.C.R.A. Flea Market sporting their red Ts proved to be a hot one for shoppers and merchants alike.

The project this year consisted of rebuilding a landing as well as building a bird house for Norm. power tools were used and all fingers have been accounted for.

At the annual general meeting in the bug tent, the proposal from Elwood Beauchamp to be our "Man servant" next year was unanimously adopted. The planning begins...

The 50/50 winner in the Otter Lake Golden Age Club last week was Gisele Labelle. Ladies first prize was won by

June Francoeur and second by Pierrette Graveline. Men's first prize was won by Felix Kluge and second by Carl Kappes. Refreshments were provided by Rachel St. Pierre and Rita Beaudoin.

Congratulations to Mearl and Muriel Richard who were married 40 years on June 26.

Natalie Hahn of Pembroke visited with her grandmother Elizabeth Hahn on Tuesday and Wednesday and also visited her great-grandparents Edgar and Hilda Mayhew.

Happy birthday wishes to my niece, Hilda Gravelle Keayes, who has a birthday July 5.

Congratulations to Jill and Dave Lavendure who were married 25 years on June 25.

Congratulations to Kyle Lance who graduated on Saturday from Philemon Wright High School. Kyle is the son of Randy and Nicole Lance.

Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mayhew who will be married 33 years on July 8.

WALTHAM

Fireworks at dusk



By HELEN PERRY Correspondent 689-2652

Upper Pontiac Soccer Association held its last game of the season. It was held in Chapeau. The children were treated to pizza for supper. They played special games and they had door prizes. A big thank you is extended to the organizers and to the coaches who give of themselves, so that the children can participate in such a great sport.

I had a lovely chat with Pauline Lanoix, co-ordinator, of the Picabou Childcare Center in Chapeau the other day. She was telling me that they received enough donations to purchase two central air units. The fundraising committee would like to say thank you and express their sincere appreciation to all those who donated so generously for such a great cause. I really believe that our day cares in the Pontiac are a wonderful thing for our tiny tots. It really relieves a parent's mind when they know that they are leaving their children in such competent hands and in such a great

environment. Hats off to our Day Care Administration and Staff in the Pontiac.

Waltham was very busy with Canada Day celebrations this past weekend. On Friday, July 1 there was a basketball and a volleyball tournament. There was a Waltham Idol Contest.

There were also food and refreshment concessions throughout the whole weekend. On July 2, there was a Fishing Tournament on the Ottawa River. First place winners were: Chuck Chassie, Allan Montgomery and Scott Lair. Their catch was 11.4 lbs. and they claimed a prize of \$200.

Second place winners were Tim and Ryan Bayne. Their catch was 9.6 lbs and they claimed a prize of \$150. Third prize winners were Charlie and Nick Ethier. Their catch was 8.2 lbs. They claimed a prize of \$80. The mystery weight was 4.3 lbs. and David Rochon and Merle Bertrand were the closest. Their catch was 3.4 lbs. They claimed a \$50. prize. Congratulations to all the winners. Other fun activities that day were free games, for the children, face painting and a horseshoe tournament, a dunk tank.

The emergency services were on hand to answer any questions. There were beautiful fireworks at dusk. There was also a dance at the Waltham Town Hall and a light lunch was served. On Sunday, July 3 there was a card tournament at the Waltham Town Hall.

Francine Raymond and Jean-Guy Ouimet, of Hull visited Reina and Arthur Gagnon during the past week.

Doris Nadeau, of Echo Bay and Winston and Warner Cole, of Sault Ste. Marie are visiting their mother Lillian Cole and their sisters Glenda (Don Paquette) and Gail (Ronnie Spinks).

A very happy birthday is wished to Yvan Pelletier, who celebrated his birthday on July 5. We hope that you had a great one Yvan!

A very special birthday wish and lots and lots of love and hugs and kisses are wished to our sweet baby granddaughter Isabella, who is celebrating her first birthday today, July 6. We hope that you enjoy your little presents "Dollie" and have some yummy cake and ice cream.

VINTON

Beats the heat



By DIANE BOISVERT Correspondent 648-5296

On Tuesday, June 28 my oldest sister Norma arrived at the Ottawa Airport from Chilliwack, BC. Our cousin Earl Mayhew picked her up. Norma's home base is my home if you want to contact her. While Norma was there they went swimming in Earl's private pit in which he has bass. To Earl's surprise one of the bass got a little too hungry and mistook Earl for bait. It bit hard enough to draw blood. Needless to say that Earl got out of the water and threw a line in instead. Good thing he wasn't skinny dipping.

Speaking of animals doing strange things I saw Rat's cat, Kiki, chasing deer again. She's getting practiced up for next deer season.

Everyone thought that Jeanette and Claude had gotten a new dog. It turns out that they just gave him a major hair cut which made him look completely different. Jeanette told me that the poor thing was embarrassed about his body for a few days but now he's enjoying his new doo. Beats the heat.

On a more somber note I'm sorry to hear that Robert and Julie Bertrand lost one of their horses this past week.

Another person having problems is Stephan Scrack who has lost quite a few chickens and

even a duck in the past few weeks. He got a live trap and caught a raccoon. He secured his hen house so hopefully the problem will stop.

There was a Canada Day celebration held at the Litchfield Park on June 30. This picnic area is situated at the top of the hill past the flashing lights in Campbell's Bay. It was a well organized party complete with a shuttle bus with designated drivers to get everyone home safely. The one man band was excellent and Brady McCrank played along with him on his base guitar. There are picnic tables and washroom and if you ever want to see a beautiful view and sunset stop in there.

On Friday, July 1 Norma arrived at my home. Then we picked up Theresa and headed to Shawville for the Canada Day Parade. Sharon Crawford and Richard Guillem always host a party for Canada Day for friends and family. We sat on the front lawn and watched the parade which had a least 37 entries. Then we moved to the back yard, played with the kids in the pool and told stories about when we were in school. We roasted a few teachers and students. Darwin, I didn't know you were such a devil in school. Richard barbecued burgers and dogs while Bruce Hodgins and Sharon fired up pike. It rained for a bit but we stuck it out and it cleared up after a while. Hope everyone else had a great

Canada Day.

Speaking about Richard I had forgotten to wish him happy birthday in my column which he celebrated on May 14. He reminded me about the oversight and I thought I'd better mention it this week. I am also wishing you big happy birthday for the year 2006 in case I forget again next year!

Happy birthday wishes go out to Sonny Desjardins and Amanda McCohen on the 10th and Milton Hearty on the 12th.

The farmers are taking advantage of the weather and are busy cutting their hay these past few weeks.

We had fairly strong wind and a thunderstorm last week which knocked down several trees and tore down a few screen tents. There was one large pine that fell across the Bank Road and had to be cut up and removed.

We had another meeting last Monday to form a hall committee but we had to cancel again. Father Tanguay will keep you informed as to when the next meeting will be.

There will be a mass held Saturday, July 9 to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Margaret and Frank Hearty. Friends and family are welcome to join them. We wish you many more years of happiness together.

Also celebrating anniversaries are Merrill and Lorraine Hearty and Donald and Muriel Graveline on the 11th and Alex and Suzanne Kluge on the 13th. Remember to put out your blue boxes tomorrow.

LADYSMITH

They abide by tradition



By DEBBIE LANCE THRUN Correspondent 647-3927

Canada Day has come and gone once again. I'm sure everyone had a great holiday weekend. There certainly were a lot of different activities going on in Pontiac to celebrate. We had a beautiful fire works show on Grey's Lake put on by cottage folks.

The Shawville Canada Day Parade was just great this year with many beautiful entries. While watching the parade we met and chatted with Lorraine and Dan Kelly who came up to the lakeside cottage on Grey's Lake for many years. They now own a cottage in Norway Bay. We also met Jack and Alice Ellacotte of Johnson's Lake and Ottawa.

Special birthday congratulations to Evelyn Campbell who celebrates July 11.

Anniversary congratulations to Debbie and Andrew Turcotte who celebrate their 18th on July 11.

Sending birthday greetings to cousins Melvin Mielkie of Arnprior and Cheryl Mielkie of Braeside who are both celebrating July 7.

There promises to be a good crop of raspberries and blueberries this year so the bears should not go hungry.

The birds are having their young now. We have robins nesting near our house.

A very special birthday wish to one of my ladies who gives me news, Freda Krose, who celebrates July 12.

Sandy and Ashley Pasch have returned home for their trip to Scotland. They went to visit their cousins in Edinburgh and Grantown on the Spy. There were given a great tour of the country and also visited the Isle of Skye. Sandy and Ashley also had a stop over from their air flight in London, England and spent four days touring the Cotswolds and the City of London. Sandy met the international piper in Scotland who plays for special world events. He piped for Madonna's wedding and her concert tour. He played a special request for her called, "Flora MacDonald's 'Fancy' a tune Sandy used to Highland Dance to. Also her male cousins told her what a true Scotsman wears under his kilt! And they abide by this tradition!

Birthday greetings to Leslie Dennis.

Atkinson who celebrates on July 12.

Congratulations to Joyce and David Schock who celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on July 3.

Margaret Fieroben had a lovely visit with Linda and Mike Palsson of Cawood recently.

This past week Margaret went to visit Violet Mielkie and Minnie Krose who are residents at the Pontiac Reception Center. They are doing quite well.

The Pontiac Wagon train will be in Ladysmith on July 30. The dance will be combined with the Firemen's Ball the same evening. The event promises to be excellent this year with a hundred entries.

The other day we saw a doe and her new born fawn in the field in front of our house. The baby was very small.

On Canada Day weekend nearly all the cottages were occupied. The weather was just beautiful, warm and sunny. I've noticed with the hot and humid temperatures that the lakes are quite alive this year with swimmers and boaters.

It sure is great to see and visit all the cottage people and to see a lot of the old faces again. It has been perfect cottage weather this year. Welcome back folks.

Belated birthday congratulations to Janis (Schock) Pulley who celebrated June 27.

Last week Dennis and myself and some friends went picking wild strawberries just behind our house. There was a good crop this year and bigger than usual. They are now coming to an end though.

Denver, Christopher and Dennis attended the Canada Day Classic Car Show in Arnprior. They report many beautiful cars, trucks and motorcycles. They met many nice people and some relatives.

Deepest sympathy goes out to the Levers family on the passing of Regina Saturday morning.

Visiting with us on Saturday was cousin Charlie Mielkie of Braeside. He drove over on his motorcycle enjoying the beautiful day.

Last but not least, Dennis will be celebrating his birthday on July 7. He tells me that if he gets any older he will need a bigger cake to hold all the candles which suits him just fine. A very special happy birthday Dennis.

CAMPBELL'S BAY

Entertainment was superb



By IRIS SMITH Correspondent 648-5821

Norma Stewart of Shawville visited with us on Monday of last week.

A surprise birthday party was held at the long term in Shawville for Lois Knight. Several ladies from town were present and friends from the respite centre. A lovely birthday cake and drinks were enjoyed by those present.

Visiting at Elmer Belanger's on the weekend were Geraldine Yelle's daughters, Marlene and Linda and her grandson Pierre of the Montreal area. They surprised Geraldine with a surprise 80th birthday party at the Mickey Creek Golf Club on Saturday evening with about 30 relatives enjoying the celebration, as well as a few close friends. Everyone had a great time with Barry's family singing and playing the music. We hope she enjoys many more happy healthy years ahead.

Angus and Pat MacDonald have just returned from a holiday in the Maritimes and are back visiting in the area.

Congratulations to Margaret Kluge and Robert Walton who were married on Saturday at the home of Willard and Lizanne Kluge. This was the annual Kluge reunion and the bride and groom were one of the main attractions of this year events making their wedding the spotlight of the day. A delicious meal was served and the entertainment was superb.

Rev. Angus MacDonald conducted the ceremony. We wish this couple all the best in the years ahead.

Deepest sympathy to the family of the late Regina

Leveris. Her funeral was Monday, July 4 from Ringrose Bros. Funeral Home to St. John the Evangelist Church. She was a long-time resident of this area.

Word has been received of the death of a long-time resident of Campbell's Bay, Jean Luis Muir of St. Jerome. He was 82. Jean Luis worked at the court house for many years. We express our sympathy to their family at this time.

A combined birthday party barbecue was held on Sunday for Elmer Belanger and his niece Linda who is visiting with him. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the delicious food, including a birthday cake. Best wishes to them both.

We attended the Shaw Family reunion at Perth on Saturday. The reunion went on for four days and was highly organized due to Olive Lane Horning and the Ron Shaw family. Events started on Friday with a welcome from the Reeve of Drummond Township Aubrey, Churchill. The 42nd Lanark Renfrew Pipes and Drums added to this opening. Genealogy - historic displays and library were open at all times. Volleyball, horse shoes, ping pong, badminton etc. were busy spots for the younger ones. A lunch wagon was available at all times.

In the evening there were fireworks at Perth. Saturday tours of the homesteads and the original cabin of William and Agnes Dunn. Open House, at the home of James Shaw and a display of the original family bible were available for all to see. It was really a record of the family leaving for the west and when they left home as well in the afternoon a huge reunion cake and ice cream were served to all. In the

evening they had a reunion dinner and a photo session. Followed by live music and dancing.

Sunday a Memorial Service was held at the Drummond Cemetery. The Rev. George Richardson conducted the service. He was a long-time family friend. Music was by Erin Shaw and Les Grant. There were tours of the family cemeteries, Drummond, Prestonvale, Campbell, and Elmwood.

In the afternoon there were clowns for the children, face painting etc. followed by a marshmallow roast.

The displays were open at all times and recordings and pictures of the various families set to music were on going. Olive Lane Horning also had a book she had written about the Shaw's which is truly wonderful.

Raffles were held as the three flags that were flying over the sites and which were signed by all registered were drawn as well as a raffle of money.

This was truly the most organized event I have ever been to and the organizers did it in less than a year. I was honored to be able to attend and will probably never see the likes of this event in my lifetime. The only event that didn't take place was the horse drawn wagon rides. In the storm on Friday afternoon the horses spooked and ran away breaking the wagon. Many were disappointed about that.

Cathy Hodgins of Ottawa called in for a visit on Monday morning.

Anniversaries to Ken and Karen Morin, Keith and Francie Morin, Elaine and Andy Pilon, Royal and Beatrice Dubeau, Joe and Kay Ranger and Bert and Iris Smith couples celebrating these special day.

SHEENBORO

Our best parade yet



By MYRTLE SULLIVAN Correspondent 689-2236

Paul Martin and Pierrette Savoie send happy 100th birthday wishes to Paul's mother Isabel Leduc Martin. Isabel, who lives in Gatineau and celebrates on July 25. I wonder what her secret is for a long and fruitful life? May she have many, many more years to enjoy her children and grand and great-grandchildren.

Birthday wishes also to a little princess who was celebrating at the Fort on Sunday July 3. Five year old Molly Morris was with a table full of cousins, aunts, uncles and her sister enjoying a pizza treat. Molly is the daughter of Erin and Terry Morris. Happy birthday also to Anna Gleason. We see Anna in church every Sunday and she is just a little four year old angel. Anna's cousin Nelson Morris also celebrates his eighth birthday this week. Nelson is also my great-grandson. Anna's younger brother Abram celebrates his second birthday on July 16.

My great-granddaughter, Avery Olivia Clyde will be celebrating her second birthday on July 5. Her mom and dad (Natasha and Ian) are planning a party at their home in Orleans.

My daughter-in-law, Evelyn O'Neil Sullivan will be celebrating a birthday on July 12. A celebration is planned at their cottage at Fort William.

Canada Day celebrations and Sheenboro's 150th founding anniversary were celebrated in grand style from Friday, July 1

through July 3.

Things kicked off on Friday morning with a Canada Day Mass, followed by a pancake breakfast. Opening ceremonies were at 12:30 followed by a marvelous parade through the town centre. My family had two floats in the parade the first "Remembering The Past" and the second "Celebrating the Future." I had the honour of being on the first float with two of my daughters. We were dressed in period costumes. I was using the butter churn and my daughters were on the keyboard. The second Sullivan float carried a huge Sullivan Family Tree with all my children, and grandchildren on the float. The tree was covered in shamrocks bearing the name of each of the children. Everyone on the float sang a Sullivan song composed by my daughter Betty and they were accompanied by music. Unfortunately one can't participate in the parade and watch it as well. One of my family videoed the parade. So now I will have to find the time to watch it on TV. By all accounts it was our best parade yet.

Just as the parade was finishing up we had a heavy rain shower which served to cool us all off and if anything contributed to the excitement of the festivities.

The band Tequila Mockingbird entertained at the Saturday evening dance. Everyone just loved the music and packed the hall. They danced and had a great time until the small hours of Sunday morning.

On Sunday there was an outdoor mass followed by

Sheenboro's 150th Anniversary Celebration luncheon in the hall.

There was music all afternoon. Dominic D'Arcy, Jim Beatty, Mike Fox and the Sheen fiddlers, and Buddy Roy all put on special performances.

The fireworks planned for Friday evening were cancelled because of high winds. The display was shown on Sunday evening about 10 p.m. in front of the "Fort". The beach was packed with people. The cottagers association sponsored the fireworks so "thanks cottagers". After the fireworks there was a round of applause to demonstrate our appreciation.

It always is amazing to see what our small community can do when we put our minds to it. The whole weekend was a great success.

My son, Lornie and his wife Evelyn and their children are spending the week here on holidays.

My daughter Carmelita Ouellette and Jean Guy and their daughter Chantal and her friend Salem were also here. Thanks to Salem for all the lovely gifts.

My granddaughter, Maureen Sullivan, came from Ganoque for a visit with me as well.

Arlene and Dave Clyde and their daughter Erin and her fiancé Mark were here for the weekend as well.

Bonnie and Tony Kime and Megan and Liam were home from London for a visit and taking in all the festivities.

Happy birthday to Kelsey Gaudette. Her parents held a party for her last Sunday.

It was nice to see the Tallon girls and their families over the weekend.

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