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NEWS BRIEFS

Municipality of Pontiac denies FRAPP funding

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

LUSKVILLE — At the Municipality of Pontiac meeting held Feb. 8 in Luskville, council rejected the Federation of Pontiac Proprietors Association's (FRAPP) request for funding.

FRAPP is a group made up of about 20 associations in the municipality — namely beach property owners. FRAPP treasurer André Baril says they represent about 800 people.

"Essentially, FRAPP was created to ensure our associations get the same return/service on our tax dollar as the rest of the municipality," said Baril.

"Particularly, although we represent only about 30 per cent of the taxpayers in numbers and may have been considered in the past as "the campers", we still represent about 70 per cent of the municipality's total revenues."

Equal services

Baril said the federation expects equal return in services from the municipality.

FRAPP requested from council $750 to $1,000 to cover some costs related to creating a FRAPP website to communicate with their stakeholders.

A vote was requested and Mayor Bruce Campbell, Couns. Jim Coyle, Brian Middlemiss and Garry Dagenais voted against the resolution. Coun. Pierre Lafrance voted for the resolution. Couns. Roger Larose, Harold McKenny and William Twolan were absent from the meeting.

Baril said the reason the council rejected the proposal was not yet given.

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POLICE REPORT

Bristol man arrested on pot charge

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Editor

BRISTOL — The Pontiac MRC Sûreté du Québec arrested a 39-year-old Bristol man Monday after discovering marijuana growing equipment in a bungalow on Wyman Road.

Acting on a tip, police executed a search warrant at 5:30 a.m. Local police called in the SQ's swat team from Montreal to assist in the search.

"He had a big dog and we were concerned about firearms," says SQ spokesperson Const. Melanie Larouche, adding the man was known to police.

Though there was only a small amount of marijuana in the house, police seized the growing equipment including grow lamps. The house was equipped with an external surveillance camera.

"We didn't seize any plants because it was cleaned out," Const Larouche says. "There was a bit of cannabis on the floor."

The man appeared in Gatineau court Monday where he was charged with production of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking and breach of conditions placed on him for a previous conviction. He was to appear for a bail hearing in Gatineau court yesterday.

Stop feeding deer near highways: Parks/Wildlife

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Editor

PONTIAC — The highways of Pontiac are spattered with deer roadkill partly because of the good intentions of animal lovers, particularly in the Bryson area.

Identified by the Ministry of Transport as having the highest incidences of deer kills of all highways in the Outaouais, the stretch of highway passing Bryson results in dozens of traffic accidents involving deer each year.

Francois Goudreault, a biologist with the Québec Ministry of Parks and Wildlife, says the Bryson area is a natural wintering yard for deer, so naturally they will congregate in the area for the winter months, crossing Hwy. 148 in their daily rambles.

"It's traditional to pass the winter there," Goudreault said.

"A good winter yard should provide cover, such as balsam, spruce, hemlock, cedar, and have not too high an altitude. They are also looking for a lot of things to feed on in the winter.

"For deer, it seems to be a good place to spend the winter."

Though deer have been in the area longer than automobiles, Goudreault said the high deer population makes the problem more pronounced.

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Mexicans want man arrested in Masham extradited

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

MASHAM — A man who recently moved from Luskville to Masham was arrested March 1 by MRC des Collines police with an extradition warrant.

Régent Boily was arrested at 6:30 a.m. at 115 Chemin St. Louis by a police tactical unit.

The 60-year-old man was arrested on the request of Mexican authorities, who were looking for him in connection to a homicide and prison evasion.

Background

Boily lived on Tremblay Road in Luskville from 2000 to 2004.

"The incident he was involved in took place in 1998," said Const. Martin Fournel.

Const. Fournel said Boily was trying to cross into the United States at the Mexican border when he was caught with 500 kilograms of narcotics hidden in his RV.

"He was arrested and convicted in court," said Const. Fournel. "He received 14 years for trafficking."

Const. Fournel said Boily went to jail in Mexico and was there for only a few months before he asked to see a doctor about problems with his eyes.

"Two guards took him to a hospital outside of the jail and when coming out of the hospital, there was an ambush," said Const. Fournel. "There were other people involved."

A guard was killed with a firearm and the remaining guard was abducted but later released.

"The guard was killed with a firearm but we don't know if Boily was the one who shot him," said Const. Fournel. "How he crossed the American and Canadian borders — nobody knows."

After the incident, Const. Fournel said Mexican authorities requested help from Interpol, a global police communication system that keeps a criminal database.

"Interpol gave us a call in November and we thought he lived in the territory," said Const. Fournel. "We took charge of the case to confirm if it was the right guy."

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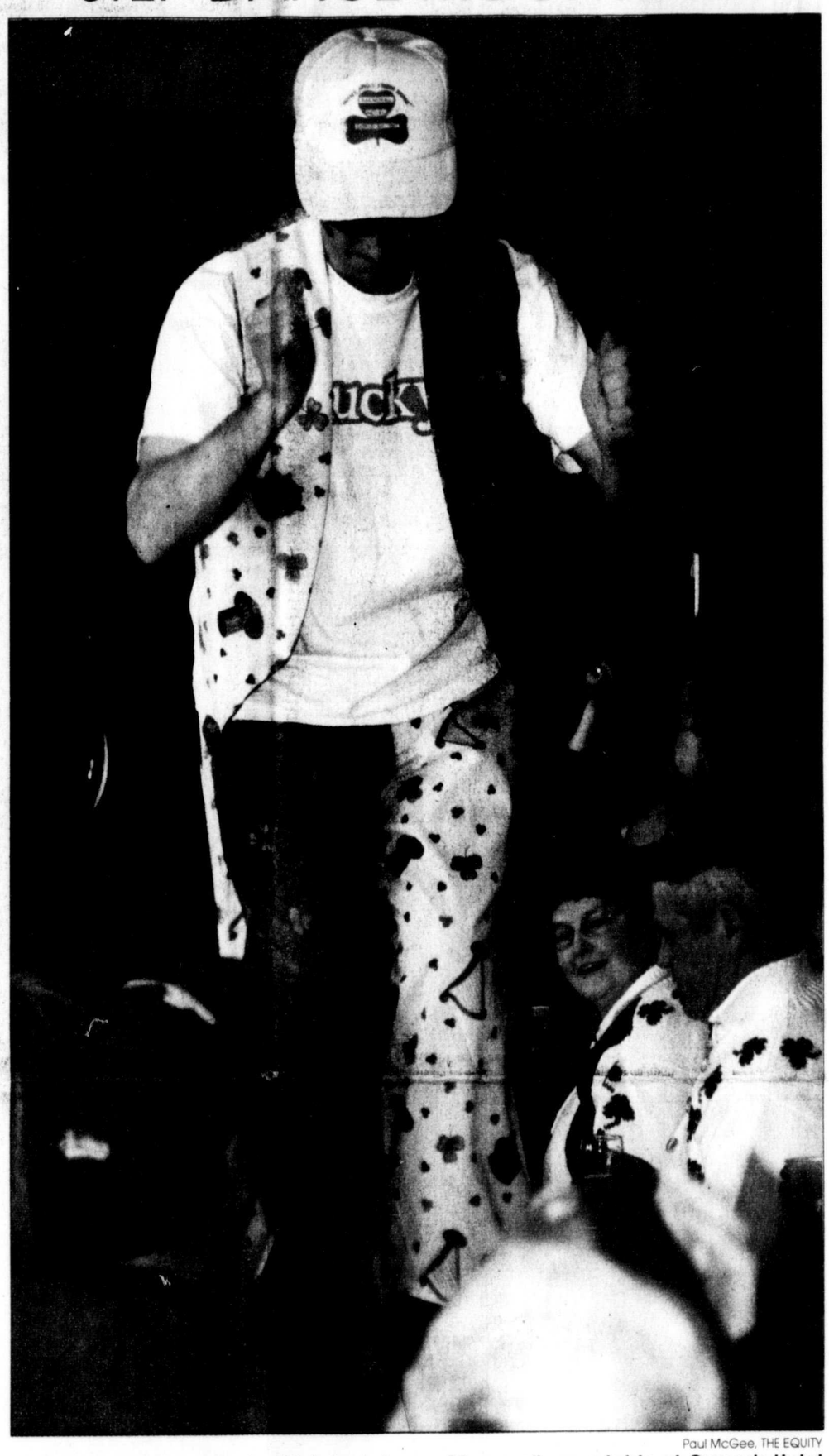
STEP-DANCE MOONWALK



Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

Step-dancer extraordinaire Chris Last does a Moonwalk on a table at Gavan's Hotel Sunday as part of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Last's pyjama-style bottoms — made by is wife in 10 minutes, he says — looked as though they came from Wacko Jacko's closet, so the popular step-dancer donned a hat and shades and did the dance popularized by Michael Jackson.

Gavan's St. Patrick's party one of the all-time best

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Editor

PONTIAC — To say Gavan's Hotel wasn't packed for Sunday's St. Patrick's Day celebration would be akin to saying stepdancer Chris Last's feet aren't fast. And his feet *are* fast. Very fast.

Last, dressed from head to tapping toes in shamrock-dotted gear, including pyjama-style pants that could have come from Wacko Jacko's wardrobe, joined an allstar line-up of Valley musicians who kept the full — and I mean full — house in the spirit of green all day and all night long.

"I tell everybody that even though it doesn't fall on St. Patrick's Day the party to be at is the one at Gavan's," Last said while cooling off outdoors after a blistering step to the classic "Orange Blossom Special."

"It's a great way to kick off St. Patrick's Day. I wouldn't miss it."

Last, who has been stepdancing at the Gavan's party for 25 years, said the event is a natural draw for local musicians who joined Canadian fiddle champ Louis Schryer, Mike Ryan, Joe Teevens, and the Mountain Tay Band in providing a non-stop smorgasbord of music.

"Anybody that knows anything about music or dancing is here today," Last said.

"It wouldn't be the same if Gavan's didn't throw a party."

Fiddler Schryer literally kept Last on his toes, speeding up the tempo on the fiddle, challenging Last to keep time.

"He's going to kill me," joked Last about Schryer's breakneck speed on the fiddle.

"Or you might kill him," said a passerby.

Many partygoers were decked out in the colour of the day, including the eight Young sisters who wore two-toned green tops that were in style before Chris Last first stepdanced at Gavan's all those years ago.

"We're always partying here on St. Patrick's Day," said Lori Young.

Young said her husband — a francophone — stayed at home to baby-sit the children on this special day.

"He knows it's my one day out," Young said. "June 24 is his day."

One musician who certainly knows her way to and around Gavan's was there to host the event and perform a few numbers herself.

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Reach for Stars at PHS

Student-community project unveiled in gym

By CHRISTIE MAILEY
Equity Reporter

PONTIAC —Pontiac High School's art project Reach for the Stars was unveiled Thursday in an official ceremony at the school.

The entire population of students, teachers, support staff and some members of the community gathered in the gymnasium to see the completed 11- by 13-foot soft sculpture.

The art project was the brainchild of art teacher Carol Bretzloff Holmes. Principal Mike Dubeau gave her the task of bringing the school mission statement to life: "To ensure that everyone achieves individual excellence."

With the help of local artist, Dale Shutt, Reach for the Stars was created. Over 600 people from the school and the community handpainted silk stars that were mounted on a quilt created in a quilting bee that lasted two weeks.

Dubeau spoke to the students at the presentation about the symbolism of the art project.

"This is our mission statement come to life. We have moved up 150 spots in the ranks academically alone over the past few years," he said. "You may not have to be the best, but you have to be your best."

Phil Perry, Director of Secondary Education with the Western Quebec School board and former principal of PHS, had the same positive attitude about the students.

"Reach for the stars, be the stars. We should all be so proud, it's a stellar story," he said.

After a musical tribute for the unveiling titled "Knocking on the Future's Door," written by several PHS music students who called themselves the Northern Stars, the tarp covering the massive project was removed. Although each person had seen their own stars, the finished product was a shock to everyone.

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Bristol stomps to great music

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE — Local performers out to help a good local cause was a great excuse to get out for an evening of music and talent sponsored by the 1st Bristol Pathfinders.

The sixth annual Bristol Stomp was put on Friday to fundraise for extracurricular activities and the new Bristol fire truck.

To help the girls draw the crowd to the Bristol town hall, local musical acts performed from 7 to 10 p.m.

Performers included The Coveralls (Brent Plouffe, Gretchen Schwarz, Richard Vezeau and Rick Cummings), Cameron Morrison with Patrick Latreille, Philip Holmes, Rachel Côté with Randy Frobel and Dr. Karen Chambers with Gaetan Poirer. Many of the artists have performed at the show for years.

Performers, too

Girl Guides also took to the stage to sing old log drivers' songs and Irish tunes.

Also helping the girls put on the event were Pathfinder leaders Colleen Zacharias, Pam Henderson and Ann Taylor as well as Guide leader Anne Mousseau.

"Money will be going towards the Pathfinder's program and the new Bristol fire truck," said Zacharias.

The girls have been putting on the Bristol Stomp annually for the past six years — but normally in the fall.

"We thought we might get a better turnout if we held it in the spring," said Zacharias.

This year the Pathfinders raised about $300. Last year they raised close to $600.

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FROM THE FRONT

Gavan's St. Patrick's party one of the all-time best

Large crowd shows up for Sunday's music/dancing party

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"The Sweetheart of the Pontiac" Gail Gavan kept the crowd in tune and performed a few numbers herself.

Judging by the responses yelled out when Gavan called out Valley placenames, most of the crowd were from places such as Killaloe, Renfrew, Mount St. Patrick, Fitzroy Harbour, Douglas and Renfrew.

At one table, people from Toronto and Montreal sat together.

"Montreal and Toronto at the same table," Gavan said in mock horror.

"There's going to be a fight here yet."

Not on St. Patrick's Day, surely.

Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

Among the revelers having a great time at Gavan's Hotel's St. Patrick's Day party Sunday were, from the left, Jennifer Quinn, Cecile Dumont, Fern Quinn and Karen Quinn.

Bristol stomps to great music

Leah Miller, THE EQUITY

Rick Cummings sounds out on bass while Gretchen Schwarz wails out a B.B. King song at the Bristol Stomp Friday night.

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Each Pathfinder donated their time to prepare for the event. There are 11 girls in the Pathfinder program and many baked goods to sell at the fundraiser.

The cash will be directed towards extracurricular activities like field trips.

"Last year we went to Toronto," said Zacharias.

The hall was opened to the Pathfinders at no charge, as it is weekly for the girls' meetings.

A raffle for a gift basket also helped bring in the funds.

Pathfinder Kaitelyn Morel's favourite performance was by The Coveralls.

"It's a good night where people can relax," said the 14-year-old.

Morel is in her third year as a Pathfinder and this is the second Bristol Stomp she has helped out on.

There are about 40 girls in the Bristol program lead by seven volunteers.

Stop feeding deer near highways: Parks/Wildlife

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"When they built the highway, there were not as many deer," he said.

"It's a natural deer yard and the fact that people are feeding deer close by probably increases the roadkill."

The ministries of Parks and Wildlife and Transport are working on a joint long-term solution to the daily problem.

"We started some talks with Transport Québec to eventually fix fences, put up a physical barrier to stop deer from crossing the highway at this site," Goudreault said.

However, Goudreault cautioned that talks are in the early stages and that no concrete solutions have been agreed on.

"It's in the air," Goudreault said of the discussions.

In the meantime, Goudreault strongly suggests an easy remedy to reduce the number of deer crossings.

"We ask people to stop feeding the deer near the highway," he said.

Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

This deer was having a snack on recently cut brush in the ditch beside Hwy. 148 on Stonewall Hill near Bryson. Transport Québec and police advise motorists to proceed with caution, especially on this stretch of highway near Bryson statistically proven to have the highest rate of accidents involving deer in the Outaouais.

Reach for the Stars at PHS

Christie Mailey, THE EQUITY

The entire student body of PHS sits under the 10- by 13-foot soft sculpture that they created in an effort to bring the school's mission statement to life: "To ensure that everyone achieves individual excellence." The sculpture sports 600 hand-painted stars and hangs in the gymnasium.

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Dale Shutt said it was more than she could ever have asked for.

"The whole thing has life. When you do an art project you never know what you're going to get, but you put part of yourself into it," she said.

"This has 600 little lives coming out of it. Look at it. I couldn't be happier."

The art project will change every year as new students come in.

Grade 7s will paint stars and these will replace the stars of the students who are graduating.

When students leave the school they will take their stars with them.

Carol Bretzloff Holmes thinks the project has helped everyone involved.

"We usually do projects either with the students or the teachers, but this we did with everyone. All the levels teach each other," she said.

"You see, my strength might be your weakness but we add all that together and divide, and we're all equal."

Reach for the Stars will hang in the gymnasium for everyone to enjoy.

It will become a fixture in the school to be a constant reminder of the efforts contributed towards its creation.

Holmes is proud of it and hopes it means as much to her students.

"We did it. We did it well and we did it together, in the pursuit of individual excellence," she said. "This defines us."

The next major art project is to give life to the school's vision statement and another star project as a joint effort with a school in Asia. The goal will be to have all of PHS's students simultaneously fold origami stars with Asian students across the world.

Mexicans want man arrested in Masham extradited

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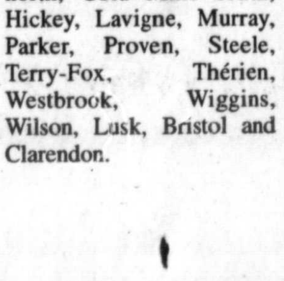
Police kept him under surveillance until a federal prosecutor received an extradition warrant. He had moved to Masham in 2004 after he built a new home.

"We needed the rubber stamp from the Québec Superior Court," said Const. Fournel.

"We had to wait for them to get the proper documents."

The extradition warrant was given in accordance with the Federal Criminal Code of the United Mexican States.

Once all the paperwork was finalized, the MRC des Collines police organized a tactical team to move in at a time they knew Boily would be home.



Regent Boily

"We thought it would be easiest and safest to go in when he was in bed," said Const. Fournel.

The team included seven police and three investigators.

"When they went in they found nothing else — he was just home with his wife," said Const. Fournel.

Const. Fournel said Boily did not resist arrest. Boily has no criminal record in Canada.

After his arrest, he was taken to the Wakefield police station and appeared in court in Gatineau.

His extradition file was remanded to March 3 and again until March 14.

MofP denies FRAPP funding

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Council also approved $83,011.36 to cover costs of work done on municipal roads. The total was subsidized by the Ministry of Transport.

Of that total, $51,232.39 was spent on gravel, $10,810.44 spent on asphalt, $18,506.99 on culverts and $2,231.49 on ditches.

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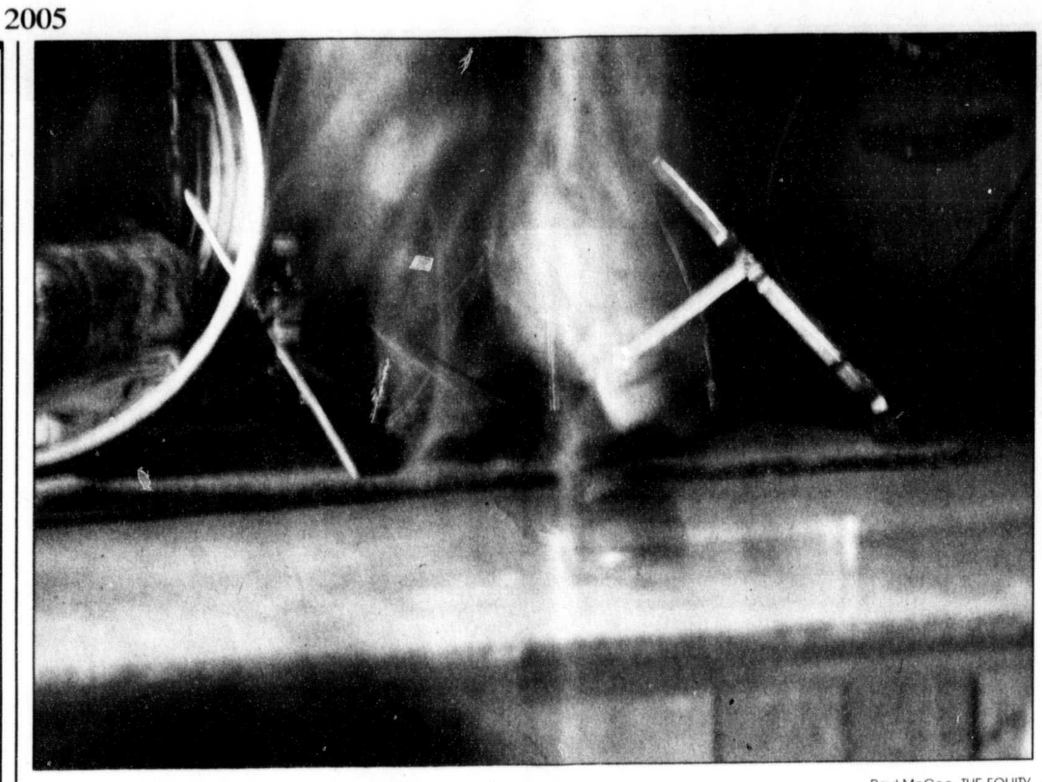

Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

Last's fast feet

EDITORIAL

Eat meat, drink milk

It's Salute to Agriculture Week in Québec and do you know what your local farmers are doing?

Though most rural dwellers are somewhat aware of the daily chores farmers tend to in order to ensure a healthy livestock, many meat eaters across the country haven't the faintest idea of farming and the hours of sweat and toil put in to get the herd market ready, or in the case of dairy producers, ship clean milk to our tables.

Despite what the vegans say, meat is a healthy choice for our daily diets and as a study recently concluded, kids who have a bit of meat daily tend to score better on aptitude tests. So serve a slice of beef with that granola and tofu. You'll be doing a favour for both your kid and the farmer.

At no other time in our country's history has farming been in a prolonged state of crisis. Since the spring of 2003 when the lone case of BSE was detected in a cow in Alberta, our export market dried up. And in a decision that smells of protectionism, a Montana judge made sure the border remained closed to our clean live cattle despite President Bush's promise to open it March 7. The 1930s depression and dust bowl in the West was tough, but farmers eked out a living the best they could and when that crisis ended, their lots in life improved in the next four decades.

What makes this crisis more acute is the fact that farmers have seen the price of cattle hover in the same range for the past couple of decades while operating costs have soared, forcing farmers to increase production to make a decent living, thus adding to the hours of daily toil.

As well, farmers now have to comply with a list of regulations, environmental and otherwise, that require more work — added to the reams of paperwork — for the already overworked farmer.

So the next time you are browsing the meat counter at your local grocery store, think of the hours of care put in by the farmer so that juicy steak tastes good on your plate. And remember that the high price you are paying for that steak or roast is not gong into the farmers' pockets.

Paul McGee

CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the story "Pontiac Junior B's lose in game 6, out of the playoffs" on page six of the March 9 issue of THE EQUITY. Chris Young is the president of the Pontiac Junior B's. Daryl Faught is the coach.

YOUR OPINION

Be responsible

Dear Editor,

Mayor Armstrong is wrong to have a family pet removed from this family (Shawville mayor exercises veto", March 2). Breed specific legislation does not work and here is just one example. Why make responsible dog owners pay for the actions of an irresponsible few? I can't believe we allow this to happen in Canada. Make the irresponsible dog owners accountable for their actions. Allow the rest of us to enjoy the dog breed of our choice.

Jacqueline Swim

Smith questioned

Dear Editor,

An open letter to MP David Smith:

You identify yourself as being married in the Catholic Church and furthermore, in THE EQUITY (Feb. 16) as being a practising Catholic. In the same news article you were quoted "People need to know the facts...should base their decisions on complete information."

I question if you based your decision on complete information. In January 2003 the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith published a document called *Participation of Catholics in Political Life* in which is written the following articles: A well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals; and, it is a question of the lay Catholic's duty to be morally coherent, found within one's conscience, which is one and indivisible. There cannot be two parallel lives in their existence: on the one hand, the so-called "spiritual life" with its values and demands; and on the other, the so-called "secular' life", that is, life in a family, at work, in social responsibilities, in the responsibilities of public life and in culture.

This same Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith also published another document in July 2003 called *Considerations Regarding Proposals To Give Legal Recognition To Unions Between Homosexual Persons.* Again this document instructs all Catholics: In those situations where homosexual unions have been legally recognized or have been given the legal status and rights belonging to marriage, clear and emphatic opposition is a duty; and, when legislation in favor of the recognition of homosexual unions is proposed for the first time in a legislative assembly, the Catholic law-maker has a moral duty to express his opposition clearly and publicly and to vote against it. To vote in favor of a law so harmful to the common good is gravely immoral.

Pope John Paul II promulgated another important document, known as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church, Apostolic Constitution* 1994. Article 2357 reads: Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered" They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

"Basing your decision on complete information" should include the documents and teachings of the Catholic Church, to which you lay claim. These documents require you as a practicing Catholic to: recognize and be obedient to the teaching authority of the Catholic Church in matters of faith and morals; make personal and public values one and the same; vote against any law that contradicts your Catholic faith and morals; oppose the legal recognition of homosexual unions Bill C-38, making it known publicly.

So far your public stand on the issue of same-sex unions contradicts your claim to be a practising Catholic. As a Catholic in good conscience, you can not vote for Bill C-38.

Robert Farmer
and Carmel Farmer
Quyon

Help needed

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Shawville and District Recreation Association and the many children and families who will once again be heading outdoors to enjoy our spring and summer sports.

First, I would like to thank the many volunteers who have helped the association in the past. We will continue to need your support but we will also need the support of new members. In 2004, we had 160 children playing soccer, 80 children in the minor ball program and 60 children in ball hockey. The Summer Day Camp program has always been well attended and will once again be offered this year.

As you can see, these numbers also represent a number of needed volunteers. If you feel you can give one to two hours per week to help ensure our programs stay successful we ask that you attend our annual general meeting.

The RA encompasses many different venues, such as the hall and surrounding grounds, the baseball field and soccer field. These are all needed to keep the many different programs alive so what we are asking is for people to consider coaching our minor sports programs, to help out during social functions and with the general maintenance of our facilities.

Please join us at our annual general meeting on April 4 at 7 p.m. at the RA hall and find out what we are all about.

Dave Keon
President
Shawville and District RA

122 YEARS OF NEWS

The Way We Were

Compiled by Heather Alberti Dickson, Publisher

25 Years Ago

March 19, 1980

Dinner to honour Tom Lefebvre: The Auberge Mont Blanc at Portage du Fort was the scene Friday evening, March 14 of a complimentary dinner to honour Mr and Mrs Tom Lefebvre in recognition of his stupendous victory in the recent federal election.

Unidentified Flying Object sighted: Mr and Mrs Cal Cummings of Quyon driving west on Highway 148 were escorted home Tuesday evening, March 11 about 11:25 p.m. by an unidentified flying object. They first say a red light in the sky over the Ottawa River. The light was not blinking like a plane but was steady. They turned north on the Murray Line and drove about a quarter of a mile and were both surprised when the car lit up and on the left of them was a very large bright red light, moving very slowly approximately 300 feet off the ground. "It looked just like one big red ball and it did not blink" says Theresa in her report of the incident. This light passed directly over their car from east to west. They watched it floating toward the north west until it disappeared behind the trees.

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50 Years Ago

March 17, 1955

Watt's death by firearms in circumstances not clearly determined: The decision of the jury at the inquest into the death of William Watt which wound up last night was that the death was caused by firearms in circumstances not clearly determined. The jury requested that inquiry into the case be continued This inconclusive verdict was arrived at after several new witnesses had been brought forward and certain points had been cleared up. Sgt Merrill Lawton of the QPP Homicide Squad told how he found the body in a pool of blood, questioned Mr Libby and took him to Montreal where he questioned him. Laton said that Libby told him he kicked the gun which landed in a pool of blood then picked it up by the nozzle and threw it into the oats. Lawton said he then phoned Sgt Arsenault at Waltham to tell him where the gun was. When the gun was examined no fingerprints were distinguishable. The gun was not registered at Ottawa or Montreal. Paul Martineau, Crown Attorney, told the jury they could come back with one of five possible verdicts. First, accidental death, which, said Mr Martineau, due to the evidence in the case it could not likely be. Second, death due to self inflicted wounds. Substantial proof of this was, said Martineau, produced. He also drew the attention of the jury to the opinion of Dr Roussell who had had a great deal of experience in both suicides and murders and had arrived at the conclusion of suicide in his case. Third, death due to criminal action on the part of a certain person who the jury could name. It was pointed out that there had been no proof that Reginald Libby had committed murder. All the evidence, said Mr Martineau would tend to prove the contrary. Fourth, death caused by firearms administered by persons or persons unknown. This, said Martineau, was a possibility but not a probability as police have been unable to uncover evidence that any person or persons had been on the premises on that date. Fifth, death by firearm in circumstances not clearly determined with further inquiry indicated. This last verdict was brought in by the jury.

Hockey jottings: Garry Young, Quyon's star hockey player on the Junior team is the boy to watch as this season's league goes into the finals. Tuesday night spectators were thrilled as the tiny speed-skater took the puck through the Shawville team unassisted to score time and time again. Other members of Quyon's team may be fine figure skaters delighting fans with their figure eights and perpetual motion but Garry Young is the kid who delivers.

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75 Years Ago

March 13, 1930

Local news: An action for damages for an amount of $20,000 against the Gatineau Power Company filed in Campbell's Bay superior court by William M Mazur, Hull barrister acting for Thomas James Smith, of Campbell's Bay, Que. The plaintiff alleged that on Feb. 27, 1929, his son, James, aged 10 years, was injured when he came too near a high voltage wire, near the Bryson power house.

Mr P Thompson, of Clarendon, tells that during the mild spell about the end of February, some of the boys - just for the novelty of it- tapped a few scattering maples that grow on a piece of rocky ground. Results: about a half can of sap, which boiled down gave each a taste of this year's syrup.

With a continuance of bright weather, and a daily gradual lessening of snow under the influence of Old Sol's benign rays, not a few autos ventured out on the roads last week, but the traffic was pretty well confined to the highway and Portage du Fort road, which was gravelled last fall, and now comes under the maintenance of the Roads Dept.

The Ontario Government estimates, tabled last week, contained an item of $2,000,000. for power development at Chats Falls, where preliminary operations have been in progress all winter. Major operations on this gigantic enterprise are likely to commence as soon as spring opens, when a large force of men will be employed. The development will be executed jointly between a Montreal company and the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission, and its estimated cost is from $5 to $7,000,000.

Married: At Aylmer on March 7, 1930, by Rev. F A Allen, Gladys Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs A McKnight, of Radford, Que, to Martin James, son of Mr and Mrs W J Black, of Shawville, Que.

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100 Years Ago

March 16, 1905

Issues missing from our files until June 15, 1905.

ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM by Katharine Fletcher

Marché Old Chelsea Market: new market for produce and crafts

My last two columns have discussed heritage seeds, organic food and organic gardening, techniques. This column continues the theme.

As well, those of you who have read my column for years know that I am keen on promoting tourism, arts and culture – and particularly our local artists and craftspeople. Therefore, because the organizers of the Marché Old Chelsea Market intend to include vendors who are local artisans as well as producers of wholesome local food items, those of you who are artists and artisans may want to find out more about becoming a vendor.

Pontiac organic farmer involved

Reader Rob Wallbridge introduced himself to me a few weeks ago, via e-mail, and told me about the Marché Old Chelsea Market. He and his wife Julie operate Songberry Organic Farm, located in the Municipality of Bristol, where they grow organic strawberries.

As well, Wallbridge explained, "I work on contract for an organic farmers' co-operative in Ontario (mostly in the winter), and as an organic certification inspector. The strawberries came with the farm, but they're a new venture for both of us, although I've been growing organic vegetable for market for the past five years on my parents' farm south of Ottawa... We'll be establishing a new patch this spring, and managing them organically from the start."

Wallbridge was the second person to inform me that there is movement afoot to start a new market for fresh local produce in the village of Old Chelsea. You also may have seen the ad for it in the Classified section of THE EQUITY.

Always keen on discovering more about opportunities to purchase locally raised, fresh foods, I thought it was time to unearth details about this new business venture.

Organic? Or "fresh local"?

My first thought was that Marché Old Chelsea Market would offer only organically raised food. However, this is not the case.

Wallbridge explains, "Be aware that the focus is on fresh, local produce direct from the grower (what's commonly referred to as a "producer-based" or "producer-only" market). We're encouraging sustainable products and practices, but by no means restricting it to only organic producers. Full details are at www.marcheoldchelseamarket.ca. We still have space for a few more vendors, too, so the March 1 application deadline has been extended!"

Raison d'être for market

Although I'm keen on the concept, why did Old Chelsea residents and a network of producers think this summer was good timing for the venture? Kristin Jefferies, Manager of the Marché Old Chelsea Market, told me,

"The idea for this market came from two young Chelsea mothers who grew up in communities where farmer's markets were central elements. We are starting the market because we want to provide Chelsea families with an opportunity to buy healthy, fresh local food and creations directly from producers in an outdoor setting surrounded by people of all ages, music, etc. Many people in Chelsea commute to work in Ottawa/Gatineau and do not want to drive into town on the weekend for food shopping and other errands. Residents want a sustainable food source, to support local farmers and we decided to get the ball rolling for a market that will grow and develop alongside our children."

Why is it needed?

Here in the Shawville, we already have a Farmer's Market. So why might Pontiacers be interested in being a vendor – or a buyer – at a new market for fresh, local produce and artisans' creations?

Wallbridge addressed this directly. He and his wife operate a business, and if possible, they hope to derive their entire livelihood from Songberry Organic Farm. Wallbridge told me, "As you guessed, it comes down to demographics and markets." He said they need to find "enough people willing and able to purchase our products at a price that provides us a fair return."

Why Old Chelsea?

So far, Old Chelsea offers more traffic and therefore, potential buyers, than Shawville does. Jefferies addressed the issue of Old Chelsea being a good location for this new business venture.

She told me, "Chelsea is a community currently finalizing its master plan and developing a vision for the future. The Marché Old Chelsea Market fits beautifully into Chelsea's mission statement as an environment friendly community where encouragement for projects that enhance the quality of social and cultural life is one of the visions. It is a thriving small community of new and old residents, minutes from the nation's capital and at the gateway to Gatineau Park. With traditions and new ideas, artistic talent and a beautiful landscape, a market would be a perfect addition to Saturdays in Chelsea. We need a place to meet every week as a community, buy fresh food from this bioregion, support our local growers and artisans and contribute to the local economy. The Marché Old Chelsea Market is poised to do just that!"

Room for more vendors

On March 2, Jefferies e-mailed me, confirming that the market is looking for more vendors. She explained, "We are receiving a great response from vendors. However, we are still accepting applications... Please: absolutely encourage people to apply as long as they comply with the rules and regulations, live in Quebec and fall with the region – which we are defining as 100 km around Chelsea.

"Those that applied by March 1 will receive a response from the jury by March 15 and those that apply afterwards will receive a response when the jury meets on occasion in April, May and June. We are still looking for vendors for maple syrup, cheese, more baked goods, pottery – and we can't have too many produce stands. Organic producers are encouraged but we are accepting applications from everyone!"

Jeffries continued, saying, "We have already received 15 excellent applications from farmers, cheese producers, beekeepers and artisans. The jury will be meeting next week to judge the first round of applications and announce the vendors chosen for the market so far."

Days of operation

The Marché Old Chelsea Market will operate this summer, on Saturdays from June 4 to Oct. 8 inclusive. Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where is Old Chelsea?

Old Chelsea is located about a 15 minute drive north of the Parliament Buildings, and from Quyon is accessed most easily via Highway 148 east, then north and east along the Mountain Road, and finally north "over the mountain" via Notch Road to Old Chelsea village. This is approximately a 40 minute drive from Quyon.

Contact information

Are you interested in applying to be a vendor, or want further information? If so, contact Marché Old Chelsea Market, P.O. Box 1815, Chelsea, Quebec J9B 1A1. On the Internet, go to www.marcheoldchelseamarket.ca or contact Kristin Jefferies, Manager of the Marché Old Chelsea Market at info@marcheoldchelseamarket.ca

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Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary School presents annual Heritage Fair

Leah Miller, THE EQUITY

The top six projects of Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary School's Heritage Fair were determined by four judges Friday. Winners from the left: Colby Richardson, Emily Simms, Holli Ballard, Cole Smiley, Michayla Campbell, Bria Hearty, Tyler Toupin, Kyle Harris and Taylor Orr.

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE — The Heritage Fair at Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary School displayed unique Canadian projects made by Cycle 3 (Grades 5 and 6) students Feb. 24 and 25.

Students spent about a month preparing a Heritage Fair project that required them to learn and present a topic they felt portrayed their heritage.

Students had their projects ready to present to the public Feb. 24 and all day Fed. 25 to be judged.

Some students gave THE EQUITY a taste of how the two days went.

Grade 5 students Melissa Henderson and Kylie Latreille made a project on on Canadian children's writer Robert Munsch.

"He was born in Pennsylvania but is a Canadian now," said Latreille. "He writes two books a year and *I Love You Forever* sold the most copies."

The two chose Munsch as their heritage topic because he is their favourite author.

Another project was about trapping.

Grade 5 student Tiffany Bretzlaff chose trapping as her topic because her grandfather traps near Otter Lake.

She built a model of a pond with animals on it with glue and wallpaper paste. She studied different types of traps and which ones were more humane than others.

Another interesting project was made by Grade 6 student Brett Carson.

His project was called "Ghosts in Ladysmith". To research for his project, he talked to locals and recorded their ghost stories that took place in Ladysmith and the surrounding areas.

"I like ghosts," he said. "I wanted to do something scary for a change."

His favourite story is one of a farm house on Hwy. 366 heading to Wolf Lake where a brother haunted the farmer that lived there. According to Carson, you can still see a light moving up and down the stairs in the abandoned house and the sound of wet work boots.

The 12-year-old collected 21 different stories and built a construction paper haunted house complete with spooky music.

One of the fair's 25 finalists that will move on to the Regional Heritage Fair was Grade 5 student Vanessa Prévost.

She chose UN Peacekeepers because her uncle is a member of the Canadian military.

"UN Peacekeepres were invented by Lester B. Pearson in 1956 to prevent another world war," said Prévost, 11.

Her project displayed letters, uniforms and photos of her uncle on missions.

"They go on tour for six months and visit their families only once," she said. "I picked this for my project because my uncle is a peacekeeper and I wanted to learn more about what he does."

Other projects covered topics like farming, famous Shawville fires, the Hershey chocolate factory in Smiths Falls and Maurice "Rocket" Richard.

By the end of the day Friday, the judges had finalized their decisions.

"This year we had four judges instead of three, which made it easier to narrow it down," said Robert Wills who has judged the fair three times. "There were more 'pretty good' ones this year."

He said the efficiency of the judging made the day more fun and he also noticed that more students got the right idea this year.

"The enthusiasm of some of these youngsters is wonderful," he said.

This is the eighth year McDowell has participated in the fair and students making the projects agreed it gets easier.

"This year we were more prepared and knew what to do," Grade 6 student Hailey Murray at her second Heritage Fair. "We knew what the judges wanted to see."

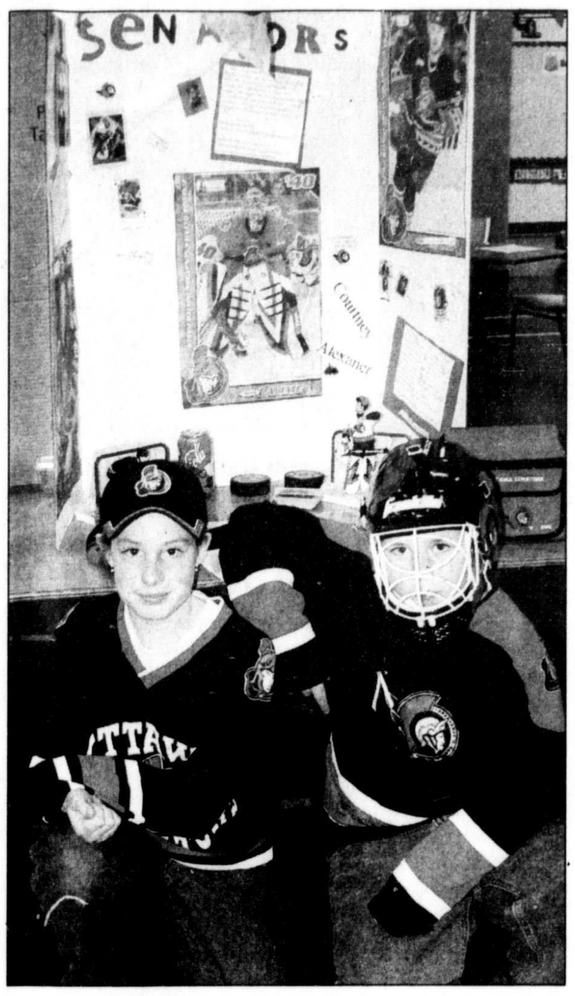
Principal Stuart Aitken announced the winners.

"The judges had difficulty deciding on the top six," he said

"Learning during the project is also what they looked for."

The top six projects were: Kyle Harris and Taylor Orr presenting the Halifax Explosion; Tyler Toupin presenting the Canadian Armed Forces; Michayla Campbell and Bria Hearty presenting the Royal Canadian Mint; Cole Smiley presenting the Six Generations of Farming; Emily Simms and Holli Ballard presenting Pioneers; and Colby Richardson presenting Shawville Fires.

A total of 25 projects received certificates March 8 and move on to present their projects at the Regional Heritage Fair at the end of May.



Leah Miller, THE EQUITY

Courtney Huckabone and Alexander Essiambre presented their Heritage Fair project on their favourite Ottawa Senators players. Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary School students spent Thursday night and Friday presenting their projects to the public and judges.

Klukes urged by friends to reopen Evangeline

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

CAMPBELL'S BAY — To show the community is rallying behind them, a friendship gala was held for Willard and Lizanne Kluke who lost their Evangeline gift shop to a fire Jan. 28.

"This night is for Willard and Lizanne," said Suzanne Pilon, one of the 15 organizers of the event.

The Campbell's Bay RA centre was packed March 5 with supporters, who in turn successfully encouraged Lizanne to reopen her shop.

"I'm overwhelmed by this," said Lizanne at the gala. "I have decided to open the store again."

The new location will reopen by the summer at 134 Front Street.

"We've always known the community was behind us," said Lizanne, "but for this many to come out — it's very touching."

Although Lizanne is still upset about losing her store — filled with artifacts, antiques and decorations that were close to her heart — she says she can't look back.

"I haven't cried for a week and-a-half now," she said. "It was very hard. I put a lot of work into it. But I can't look back."

Especially since so many people at the gala congratulated her on the decision to reopen and encouraged her to go forward with it.

"We've had a fabulous turnout," said Pilon during the gala. "We wanted to show them what the community thinks of them."

Well known for being community-minded individuals, the event's organizers wanted to make sure the evening was nothing but positive.

"It shows that the community is there in a time of need," said Pilon.

Entertainment was provided by local singers Mike Dubeau and family, Allyson Belanger and Trevor Stewart, while an auction sale ran closer to the end of the evening. The auction itself raised over $1,200.

Andre Chretien donated his auctioneer services for the evening. All items were donated by local businesses and friends. Carol Kavanagh read a poem to the Klukes and Lorraine Hearty said a few short words.

The fire department ran the bar while the CWL brought in the light lunch. All money raised through bar sales, admission and auction items was transferred, as per the Klukes's request, to local charities.

"In order to get approval from the Klukes for the party, we were to give them no money," said Pilon. "We agreed to that. I knew even before I asked them that's what they'd want."

The organizers did go against their wishes a bit by buying them a work station with a desk and chair. Also, local artist Kay Ranger painted a portrait of the old building that was lost to the fire for them. Funds will be spread amongst the Campbell's Bay-Litchfield Fire Departments and service clubs in the area.

"This really makes us feel like we're a somebody," said Lizanne.

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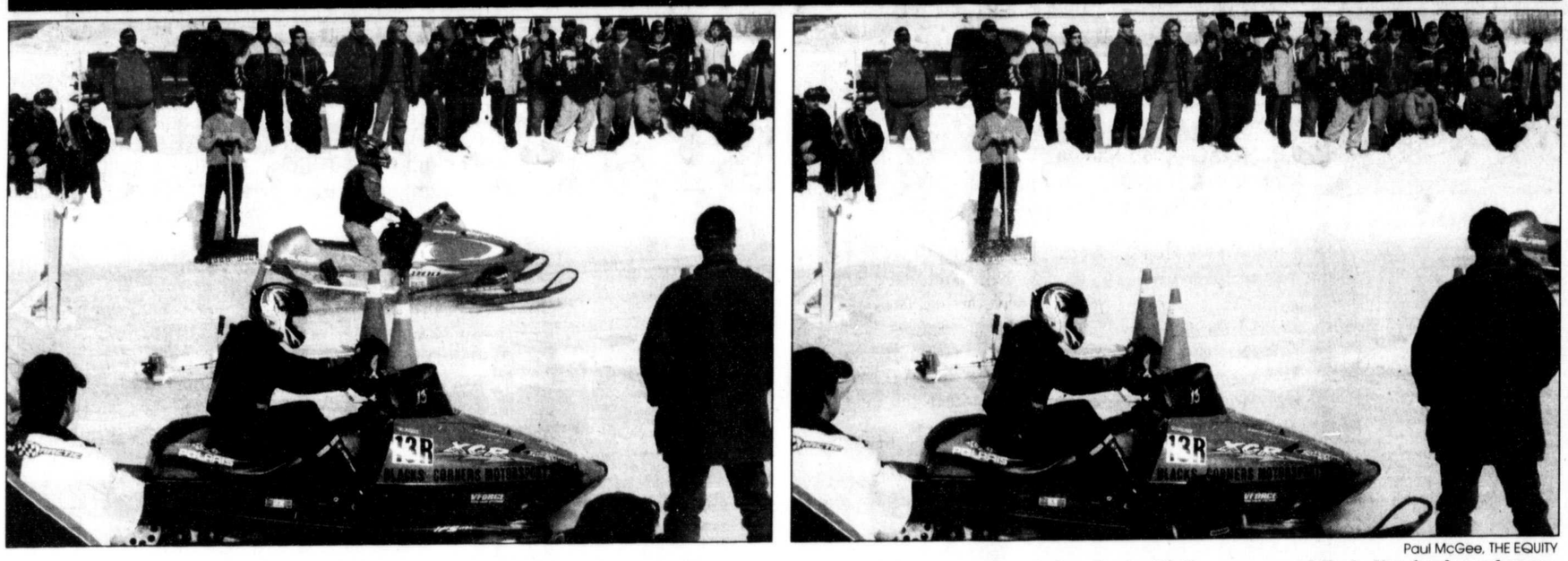

Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

These two photos were taken a split second apart, but as the right-hand photo shows, the race was a false start with the snowmobile in the far lane jumping the gun. The drag races at the 'Original 6' Hockey League winter carnival at the Fort Coulonge Recreation Centre drew a large crowd and about 60 racers.

Snowmobile races a hit at "Original 6" Fort Coulonge carnival

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Editor

FORT COULONGE — The first-ever "Original 6" winter carnival hit some snags on the weekend but the show went on as planned.

Despite the cancellations of some events due to lack of participants and/or organizers, carnival coordinator Richard "Skip" Brown said the carnival was a success nonetheless.

"It's been a success," Brown said Sunday during the final event, the "Original 6" Hockey League all-star game pitting the East vs. the West.

"What modifications we have to make, we know now."

The biggest attraction was Saturday's snowmobile drag races. More than 60 sleds signed up for the event enjoyed by spectators lining the snowbanks surrounding the tracks.

Snowmobilers raced in several classes and some competed in "The Gauntlet", a race where sledders ponied up $50 each for a winner-take-all purse, won by Jack Raddatz of Ontario.

Brown said the response to the drag races was so great, they plan on holding the races over two days next year.

The Steve Duval Band (minus Duval who had a previous engagement) with Denny Welburn on guitar and Rod McCann on sax provided the music for Saturday evening's dance upstairs at the arena.

"A good time was had by all," Brown said.

Brown said he will use this year's experiences to help plan for next year's carnival. He said more kids activities will be on the agenda next year.

Brown said that the events that did proceed as planned did so in large part because of the contributions of the volunteers.

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MNA watches teams play in Liberal bonspiel

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE — Mixing politics and ice isn't usually a good combination, but the Pontiac Liberal Association's bonspiel made it work on the March 6.

The bonspiel filled the ice of the Shawville Curling Club from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to raise funds for the Pontiac Liberal Association.

This year, 20 teams participating in the bonspiel that raised about $2,000 last year. This year's total of funds raised was unavailable as of press time.

"It's a lot of fun," said MNA Charlotte L'Écuyer.

L'Écuyer has participated each of the five years the bonspiel has run, but this year she sat out to save her back.

"Last year I was really sore afterwards," she said. "But next year I will play again."

L'Écuyer watched as her family played on a team representing her, and said everyone was having fun.

"It's also a good way to talk to different people in the riding," she said, emphasizing how people from different areas come to the club to curl. "It's a nice activity to get to know each other."

Each team played two games and the winner was determined by the team closest to 10 points. The winner was Wade Ellison's rink. L'Écuyer also spent some time speaking with a few bantam curlers who took part in the bonspiel.

"This is the first year that the National Assembly has contributed to the club to help start up a bantam curling rink," said curling club president Rick Younge. "We've got some of our prize curlers in this bonspiel."

Leah Miller, THE EQUITY

MNA Charlotte L'Ecuyer speaks with bantam curlers at the Shawville Curling Club March 6. From the left: Brandon Crawford, Charlotte L'Ecuyer, Brett MacKechnie and Bailey Henderson. The young curlers participated in the Pontiac Liberal Association bonspiel.

There are 25 bantam curlers that practise a few times a week at the club. A few of them participated at a bonspiel in Ottawa during the March 12 weekend.

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PHS cadet girls finish off season with win

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE — Capping off an excellent season, the Pontiac High School girls' cadet A team won their last game of the season.

During Thursday night's game, the girls had control of the court for much of the game against D'Arcy McGee High School.

The final score was 52-29 for PHS.

The girls also lost a game the night before to De L'Île March 9, finishing off with a score of 49-37.

The season was one of the best for the cadet girls, rounding up seven wins out of 12 games.

More basketball

On other basketball teams, the boys' juvenile AA team lost to De L'Île March 9 at an away game.

The boys' last game is tomorrow at PHS against Mont-Bleu at 7:30 p.m.

The boys' cadet A team lost 42-26 against D'Arcy McGee in Shawville Thursday.

The girls' benjamin A team lost a close game to Collège St. Joseph Feb. 6, winding up with a score of 13-12. Mont-Bleu also beat PHS Feb. 19 with a score of 88-10.

The girls' last day of play was Saturday at Le Carrefour. PHS lost 53-0 against Séminaire Sacré-Coeur and 34-15 to De L'Île.

This gave them three wins out of 16 games played this season.

Volleyball

Now down to one team, PHS shut out its second tournament in a row with the girls' benjamin volleyball team Saturday.

In the last regular season tournament of the year, PHS won all eight sets on Sunday. The team was also moved up from the "H" division to the "G" division because of their performance at the last tournaments. At the last tournament on Feb. 20, PHS won all eight sets. PHS beat Collège St. Joseph 25-10 and 25-8. They then beat Nouvelles Frontières 25-16 and 25-23.

"This was one of our toughest competitors because they ranked first in the division standings," said coach Shawn MacDonell.

They then beat De L'Île 25-17 and 25-7.

"De L'Île was a cadet team, so they had me worried," said MacDonell.

The fourth team had dropped out of the tournament, so organizers had the teams play again according to their placement so far that day.

PHS played the second-best team, Nouvelles Frontières, and beat them again 25-15 and 25-13.

"On the court they were serious, but they were still able to laugh and have fun," he said. "They stuck to the game plan even though they could have fooled around."

This tournament brings the team up to 30 wins and two losses.

The girls will continue practising, as playoff tournaments will be scheduled for the next few months.

Leah Miller, THE EQUITY

Pontiac High School's Luke Laframboise (#12) blocks out the opposition at a home game against D'Arcy McGee High School Thursday. PHS lost 42-26.

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SPORTS

Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

The La Pêche Wolves celebrate their fourth goal of the game with about three minutes remaining as they went on to beat the Gatineau Ambassadeurs 4-2 at the Shawville arena Saturday. The Wolves finished first in the round-robin tournament.

Peewee BB La Pêche Wolves finish round robin in first place

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Editor

PONTIAC — The Peewee "BB" La Pêche Wolves won their last three games to finish first in the round robin playoff series.

Up in Maniwaki on Sunday, the Wolves beat the Gatineau Ambassadeurs 4-2 after beating the Ambassadeurs by the same score in Shawville on Saturday.

Matthew Alexander scored the first and last goals for the Wolves, the first unassisted, the second assisted by Spencer Pirie. Luc Tessier, unassisted, and Miguel Branchaud, assisted by Travis Stewart, scored the other goals.

Saturday

Matthew Alexander scored an unassisted goal early in the third period to break a 2-2 tie, leading the Wolves to a 4-2 victory over the Ambassadeurs at the Shawville arena Saturday.

The score was tied 2-2 after two periods on goals by Spencer Pirie. Alexander and Travis Stewart assisted on the first, Kurt Fraser and Stewart on the second. Luc Tessier scored the final goal for the Wolves, assisted by Samuel Archambault and Geoff Peterson.

After pulling the goalie for an extra attacker, the Wolves scored with 18 seconds left in the game to earn a 4-4 tie with the Aylmer Mariniers Saturday, March 5 in Aylmer

Samuel Archambault scored the game tying goal, assisted by Geoff Peterson.

Archambault also scored the Wolves second goal of the game, assisted by Spencer Pirie and François Gauthier. Travis Stewart got the other two goals for the Wolves, the first assisted by Luc Tessier. Jake Ahern-Davy and Spencer Pirie set up Stewart's second marker.

Atom A Draveurs on a winning streak in playoffs

By CHRISTIE MAILEY
Equity Reporter

PONTIAC —The Atom A Pontiac Draveurs beat the Gatineau Cougars 2-0 in the first game of the playoffs. Goals were scored by Stephane Paré and Owen Teevens with Justin McGuire assisting on both.

In game two, the Pontiac Draveurs massacred the Gatineau Draveurs 12-1.

Goals were scored by Joshua Bourgeau (2), Brady Pirie (3), Brady Trudeau (2), Stephane Paré (4), and Jack Kelly (1) with Brady Pirie and Stephane Paré assisting.

Game three was against Masson Cyclones and the Draveurs came out on top again with a 5-3 win.

Goals were scored by Stephane Paré (3), Brady Trudeau, and Brady Pirie. Justin McGuire, Derrick Dagenais, Joshua Bourgeau, and Brady Pirie picked up assists.

Midget B Pontiac Draveurs keep Citoyens out of crease

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

PONTIAC — The Midget B Pontiac Draveurs are keeping a good pace in the playoffs right now, as they ran down the Hull Citoyens 3-2 in over-time on the weekend.

Goals were scored by Jeff Drisner and Nic Marx Thriverge. The winning goal was scored by Jean Marc Thibeault.

Assists went to Dylan Wisotzki, Shawn Campbell, Thibeault and Kyle Hodgins.

In game eight of the playoffs, the Draveurs beat Loups La Pêche 7-1.

Three goals were put in by Tyler Sally, two by Zack McNeil and one each by Thriverge and Drisner.

Three assists went to Drisner and Wisotzki, two to Hodgins and one each to Travis Corrigan and Ben Nyveld.

In last week's playoff game, the Draveurs shook off the Gatineau Chevaliers with a 4-0 final score.

During the game, goals were scored by Sally, Thibeault and two by Drisner.

Assists went to Sally, Campbell, Drisner and Hodgins and Wisotzki with two.

Peewee B

In the Metro Outaouais League, the Peewee B Pontiac Draveurs are now out of the playoffs, since they lost 3-0 to Les Cyclones Saturday.

Despite being on home turf, Cyclones players still put the puck past goalie Josh Greenshields.

Goals were slipped in by Cyclones players Alexandre Kelly-Richard and Didier Dubé. Kelly-Richard's goals were late in the first period, while Dubé waited until the third period to add to the count.

Four penalties were given out during the game — Draveur Kyle Harris got one in the third period. Cyclone Dominick Lanouette got one while his teammate Mathieu Lortie-Parent got nabbed with two.

Before their last game, the Draveurs lost a close game March 5 in a shoot-out against the La Pêche Coyotes 1-0.

Two penalties were given out in the game, one to Coyote Joshua Harkins and another to Draveur Branden Alexander.

Bantam A Pontiac Draveurs battle it out in tourney, lose in overtime

By CHRISTIE MAILEY
Equity Reporter

PONTIAC —The Bantam A Pontiac Draveurs travelled to Buckingham for a March break tournament and fought their way to the finals only to lose in overtime to the Buckingham Castors.

Game one versus the Cumberland Fireblades was an easy 5-1 win for the Pontiac Bantam A team. Shawville goals were scored by David Hobbs, Dylan Wizotski, Stephen Newberry, Nick Francoeur and Matthew Hobbs. Assists were by Andrew McLaughlin, Stephen Newberry, Nick Francoeur (2), Jordan Rémillard (2), Stéfane Chatillon, Lance Orr, and Dylan Wizotski (2).

In game two, the Pontiac Draveurs were able to stay with the Hull Citoyens for a 2-2 tie. Shawville goals were made by Jeremy Campbell and Jordan Rémillard. Assists were by Stéfane Chatillon, Tyler Alexander and Jordan Rémillard.

With enough points to advance to the semi-finals, the Draveurs came through to win 3-1 against the Soulanges Seigneurs. Stephen Newberry (2) and Matthew Hobbs scored for Shawville. Andrew McLauglin (2), Zach Villeneuve and David Hobbs assisting.

This win advanced the Draveurs to the finals against the Buckingham Castors. After three periods of regulation play there was no score. The game went to a 10 minute fourth period and still no one was able to score. With only two minutes left in the fifth period Buckingham swooped in for the win.

Despite the loss, Matthew Hobbs was named MVP of the game.

Since the Buckingham tournament, the Draveurs played in the Metro League playoffs and were beaten out after the first game 4-1 by the Gatineau Cougars. Stephen Newberry scored the unassisted goal for Shawville in that game.

Leah Miller, THE EQUITY

Shawville Figure Skating Club members skated at the Outaouais Regional Feb 26. Of 52 competitors, five placed in the top 10. From the left: Jenna Gravelle, Halley Hodgins and medal winners Audrey-Anne Rivest and Cassandra Presseau-Pieschke. Missing from photo: Mallory Bastien.

Bantam B Draveurs win last two games

By PAUL MCGEE
Equity Editor

PONTIAC — The bantam B Pontiac Draveurs won their last two games by the slimmest of margins, shutting out the Masson Anger Sharks 1-0 and squeaking by the Gatineau Voyageurs 2-1.

The Draveurs beat the Voyageurs on the weekend when Travis Moreau scored to break a 1-1 tie. Assists on the winning goal went to Jacob Bergeron and Jonathan Hêbert.

The action was fast in this game with both teams getting a lot of scoring chances. Corey Boutin and Joey Derouin were solid in the net for the Draveurs.

Nipped the Sharks

The Draveurs relied on their great goaltending to beat the Masson-Angers Sharks 1-0 in a game on the previous weekend.

Jonathan Hebert scored the only goal, assisted by Jacob Bergeron.

Draveurs goalies Joey Drouin and Corey Boutin combined for the shutout. Drouin kept the Sharks off the scoreboard for the first half of the game. Boutin replaced him for the second half and had to come up big, stopping a breakaway and making a great glove save while doing the splits late in the game to preserve the win and shutout.

Coach Jerome Sicard says it was a very fast game with excellent scoring chances and goaltending by both teams.

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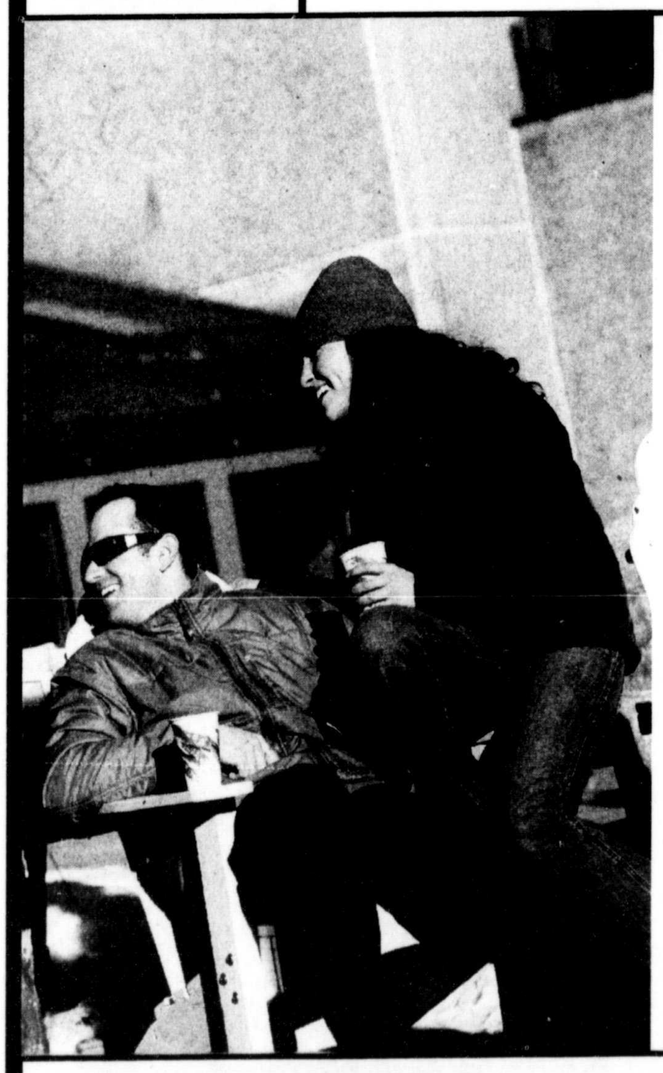

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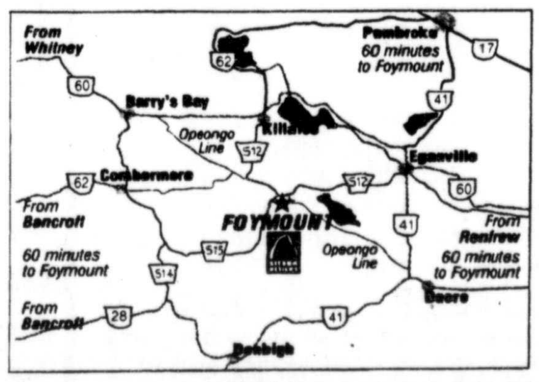

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Vaccinations a priority for beef producers

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE — Vaccinating cattle to improve health and maintain performance was just one pointer local producers picked up from veterinarian John McOuat Thursday.

McOuat spoke at a beef information session put on by MAPAQ at the Anglican Church Hall.

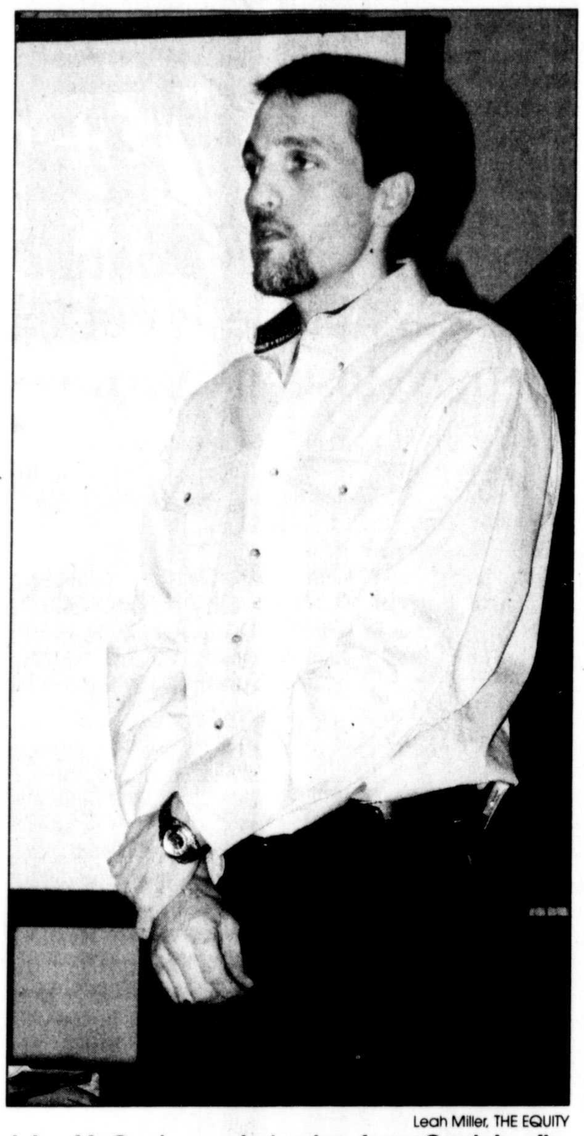
Through McOuat's wealth of information, producers were reminded of how important vaccines are to their herd and the proper protocols that should be followed. McOuat is a graduate of University of Guelph with degrees in veterinary and agronomy. He also runs Mirabel Vet Clinic and farms cull-cows and dairy heifers.

Vaccines prepare the animal's immune system to respond quickly to infection by a specific organism and prevent signs of disease to reduce the spread of disease agents.

McOuat says he mainly vaccinates to protect a cow's uterus from bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) for her next gestation and went over vaccines that he recommends using.

"It's important to start the immunity process early," he said.

He discussed problem diseases that he has dealt with including leptospirosis, a disease cows (or any animal or human) get from drinking urine of muskrats, rats and beavers from creeks or ponds, and hemopholus, a disease where the brain swells.



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John McOuat, a veterinarian from Guelph, discussed with producers about vaccinations for beef herds at the beef information session Thursday. The event was put on by MAPAQ and the Pontiac UPA at the Anglican Church Hall in Shawville.

White muscle disease is another disease that mainly affects calves while white scours are the number one reason why calves are lost.

"The calving area should be a clean environment to promote calf health," said McOuat.

E. coli, cryptosporidosis, pneumonia, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), black leg and Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV) were among diseases that he recommended vaccinating for. Vaccinating properly, he said, can keep the entire herd healthy.

"People who have used these techniques have had reasonable success," he said.

He told farmers, based on his experience, that he will vaccinate as young as seven to 10 days for problem herds and at two months for non-problem herds.

"It can't hurt by revaccinating," McOuat said.

Although cows can become stressed from over-immunization, he said it can't hurt them. He suggested that farmers do autopsies on cows that die inexplicably in order to properly vaccinate the remaining herd for similar problems.

McOuat simplified different types of vaccines that could be used on pregnant or open cows.

"A live BVD can't be given to a pregnant cow," he said. A live vaccine contains a live virus with the disease-causing ability removed from the organism. A live vaccine is the opposite of a killed vaccine, which is made of dead organisms (bacteria or viruses) or other components.

He also encouraged farmers to use improved weaning techniques to create less stress on animals.

"This is just one man's opinion," he said to producers. "I'm just going by my experience, so don't hit your vet over the head when you see them."

McOuat will be sending his recommendations to the Shawville MAPAQ office for distribution to local farmers.

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Pontiac does well at PATBQ Merit Awards

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE — The Pontiac did quite well at the Regional Programme d'Analyse des Troupeaux de Boucherie du Québec (PATBQ) Merit Awards 2004, as five Pontiac farms picked up awards.

Agronomist Linda Larocque announced the winners to participants at the Beef Information Session held Thursday at the Anglican Church Hall in Shawville.

In the commercial class, farms were divided into two categories.

Of farms with less than 60 calvings, first place went to Andrew Simms of Clarendon and second place to Jean-Pierre Lapointe of Luskville. Of farms with 60 calvings or more, first place went to Patrick Kavanagh of Vinton. Kavanagh also placed fourth in this category provincially.

In the purebred class, farms are divided into two categories. Of farms with less than 45 calvings, third place went to Lorne Sharpe of Clarendon. Of farms with 45 calves or more, third place went to Laird Hamilton of Rolling Acres Farm in Shawville.

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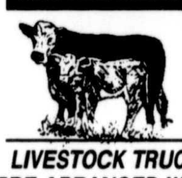
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Beef federation explains solutions to BSE crisis

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE — Dealing with the effects of the BSE crisis was put into perspective by the Québec Beef Producers' Federation at the beef information session held Thursday.

Sponsored by MAPAQ, the Pontiac UPA and the Table de concertation agroalimentaire de L'Outaouais, the event drew a full house of interested producers to the Anglican Church Hall in Shawville.

Bernard Doré, the agricultural director of marketing for finished steers at the federation, spent the afternoon discussing the current situation and solutions to the BSE crisis.

"We were hoping that the border would have opened up Monday," he said at the session. "The next few months will be bringing us new challenges. My crystal ball is as fuzzy as yours."

With the help of diagrams and graphs, Doré showed producers that Canadian beef production has increased in the last 15 years.

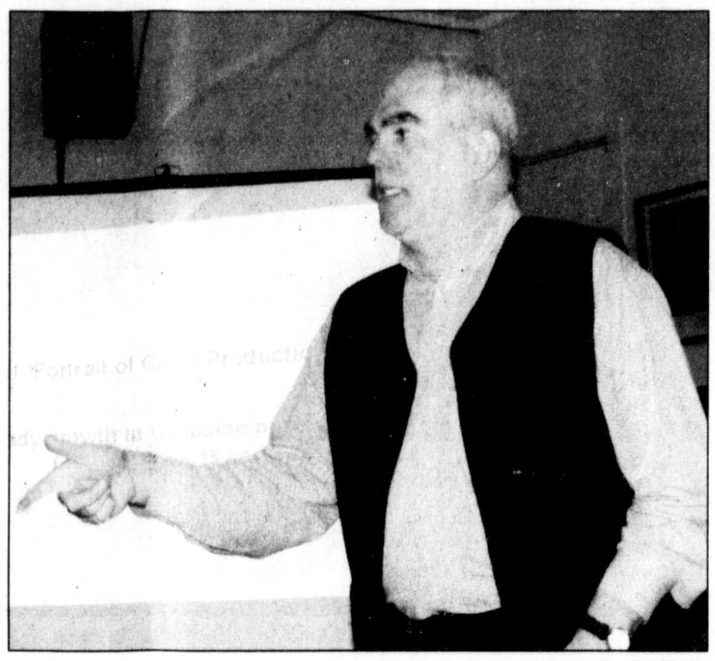
"At the same time that production increased, the closure of borders created a shortage of slaughter capacity," he said.

After going over the current status of producers, and noting that Canada is still a major player in world beef production, Doré explained how Canada has been dependent on exports.

"Over the last 15 to 20 years, Canada has been dependent on exports," he said. "Of what we grew in 2002, 50 per cent of the production was exported to the United States."

While production got higher, slaughtering capacity was not following the same trend.

"It's not logical," said Doré. "While we overproduce, we export — but still import beef. In stores in Québec it is common to see boxes of beef from New Zealand or Uruguay. That's the reality now."



Leah Miller, THE EQUITY

Bernard Doré, the agricultural director of marketing for finished steers at the Québec Beef Producers' Federation, speaks to producers about dealing with the effects of the BSE crisis at a beef information session held Thursday at the Anglican Church Hall in Shawville.

Solutions

A solution to the problem would be to have more processing plants.

"Right now prices are controlled by three or four outlets," he said.

Québec's collective approach was to purchase Colbex (Levinoff), an existing slaughterhouse that will be converted into a cull cattle slaughtering facility.

"There are lots of steps to set this up," said Doré on the plant. "It's just a matter now of signing the papers."

Other approaches are being made by slaughterhouses already running. With government regulations changing to persuade more plants open, smaller plants have been converting to kill more animals.

"Billette (a slaughtering plant in Québec) is in the process of increasing slaughter capacity from 700 to 1,200 cows per week by September," said Doré. "To convert a plant like that and modernize it without stopping kills is quite a challenge."

The project began in December of 2003. Five to six lots will be added, as well as a new barn.

"It's going very well," he said. "The experts are there helping with refrigeration and design. This shows there is a capacity for growth."

As well, a new government program will compensate the spread between the market price and 42 cents per pound beginning Jan. 1, 2006. This price will affect good cull cows of average yield.

Opinions on U.S.

Though Doré would never encourage producers to turn away from the U.S. market, he did say that he thought American plants will start slowing down and will be hurt in the end.

"Swift in Colorado announced that it was slowing down," said Doré. "The killing industry wants to have the border open. We're hoping they'll lose for quite awhile."

He said that it's his personal opinion that Japan may open the border to Canada even before they do permanently to the U.S.

"Japan said they wouldn't open the border to the U.S. until they opened it to Canada," he said.

"In the short term, the U.S. will make more money but in the long term they will lose."

He said that in the next days and weeks the federation hopes to hear better news in order for the market to stabilize.

"We were getting really close," he said.

"Where we'll be — it depends on the situation and market."

Milk production increasing in Pontiac

By LEAH MILLER
Equity Reporter

PONTIAC — Decreasing numbers of producers wouldn't normally equal a higher yield, but for the Pontiac — it does.

In the past five years, dairy producers in the Pontiac have decreased in numbers, but the amount of quota held and milk production has increased significantly.

According to numbers provided by the milk federation, in 1999 there were 38 producers in the Pontiac holding 1,079 kilograms of quota and producing 10,939,151 litres of milk. Last year, 32 producers held 1,177 kilograms of quota and produced 11,935,399 litres of milk.

MAPAQ agronomist Roger St. Cyr says that dairy farms have not increased in the Pontiac, but the amount of production has.

"Dairy is a very expensive business," he said. "Most dairy farms have increased production on farms where dairy already existed."

Much like the Howard farm in Shawville, that recently bought 10 more kilograms of quota and expanded by building a new barn in the summer of 2004.

"We've increased from 28 cows to about 40," said Stacey Howard.

Not yet milking the full 40, they are currently milking 30-plus cows now.

The Howards also have dry cows, heifers and beef cattle.

"They're worth absolutely nothing," said Howard. "So we decided to expand our dairy."

Howard says their income is fairly guaranteed with dairy, but their quota allowed by the government prevents them from over producing.

"Our quota holds us back," she said.

Despite this, the new farm is running excellently.

"We milk twice a day due to the change in quota," she said.

Barry Moffatt, secretary of the Pontiac UPA, wrote an article in the *Québec Agricultural Producer* recently on how Pontiac dairy producers are decreasing in numbers, but producing more.

"The number of farms have gone down over the past five years," he said. "This could be because smaller farms have switched to beef or have just had no one to pass the farm down to."

He said many most likely switched to beef before BSE hit.

"But most dairy producers in the Pontiac have bought more quota," said Moffatt. "Though the number of farms decreased, the production was the same or increased. Quota has gone up 100 kilograms."

He said technology has helped farmers to produce more, but mostly it is due to farmers choosing to expand their farms.

"They've added stalls and expanded," said Moffatt. "And over time the cattle have improved."

Moffatt's farm is one that has expanded in the past few years to make full use of the capacity he has on his farm.

"Before I had a few empty stalls but now I use every stall," Moffatt said.

Dairy healthy despite BSE

The Howards felt that their beef cattle just weren't enough, and that was reason enough to expand the dairy part of their farm.

"Our market is completely gone since BSE," she said. "We used to sell our heifers for $1,800 or better. We'll never get our market back."

Howard said bull calves have gone up in price since BSE hit in May of 2003, but cull cows are only worth six to eight cents per pound.

"It will take us a couple of years to get back on our feet," she said of their big investment. "It will definitely supplement our income considerably, but won't make up for the losses of BSE."

St. Cyr admits that many local farmers have come to him seeking advice since cattle prices have decreased since BSE hit.

"They're pretty discouraged," said St. Cyr.

He said the case for many producers is that they've tried to keep their best producing cattle until the price of cattle increases.

"Soon they'll have to take a loss," he said.

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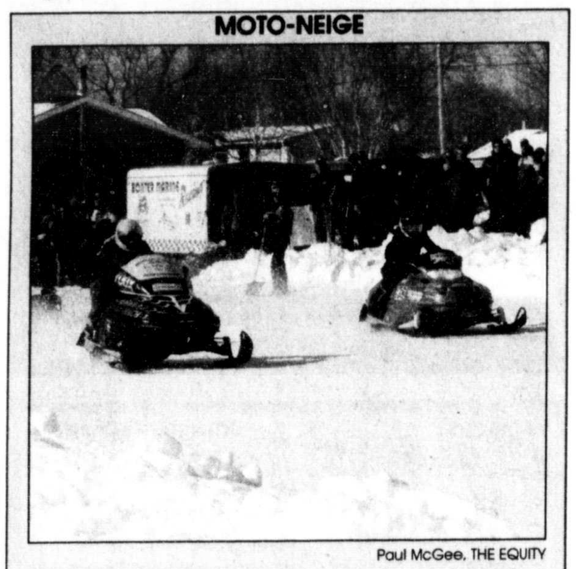

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Événement musical à Western Québec

Les écoles de la commission scolaire Western Québec participeront à nouveau à une célébration musicale au Musée des civilisations. Après le succès des événements des quatre dernières années, cette cinquième présentation annuelle de la production Les faiseurs de musique 2005 aura lieu en deux soirs, soit le jeudi 24 mars et le jeudi 21 avril. Actuellement, près de 800 étudiants (des niveaux élémentaire et secondaire) préparent deux spectacles uniques de musique de chorale, de musique instrumentale et de danse. Les deux spectacles sont complètement différents et chaque groupe d'écoles présentera des numéros qu'il aura répétés; pour le numéro final, les chorales se réuniront pour chanter plusieurs chansons populaires.

Les numéros sont variés : depuis le très talentueux orchestre de l'école secondaire Philemon Wright jusqu'à la pièce chorale bilingue de l'école élémentaire Onslow; des élèves provenant d'écoles situées près du Musée telles que l'école élémentaire Pierre Elliott Trudeau (à une distance de marche) et d'aussi loin que l'école Golden Valley à Val d'Or - qui passeront la nuit au Musée lors de cette excursion musicale – ainsi que d'autres écoles qui participent pour la première fois, comme la troupe de meneurs de claques de l'école secondaire Pontiac; les réguliers comme l'école Dr. S.E. McDowell, qui se joint à nous tous les ans; sans oublier le numéro de flageolet et la chorale de l'école Maniwaki Woodland et les quatre différents numéros que présentera l'école secondaire de premier cycle Symmes.

Ce n'est là qu'un petit avant-goût du talent qui se produira à cette occasion. Cet événement prend de l'ampleur chaque année et de plus en plus d'enfants font l'expérience des avantages de la musique.

Le personnel du Musée s'occupera du son et de l'éclairage. La production est coordonnée par Patricia Killens Curry; Deborah Thomson, une parente de la commission scolaire Western Québec, agira comme directrice artistique encore une fois.

Ce merveilleux programme ne manquera pas de plaire aux jeunes et aux moins jeunes!

Les deux spectacles se tiendront dans la Grande Galerie du Musée des civilisations le 24 mars et le 21 avril à 19 h. Chaque spectacle (entrée gratuite) durera entre une heure et une heure et demie et différentes écoles se produiront chaque soir. Les amis et membres de la famille sont les bienvenus. Veuillez noter qu'aucune place ne pourra être réservée à l'avance.

Cette activité a pour but d'encourager l'enseignement des arts au sein de la commission scolaire. Cette initiative, qui vise à célébrer la musique dans nos écoles, s'inscrit dans le cadre de la vision et de l'engagement continu de la commission scolaire Western Québec. Dans toutes les écoles, enseignants et étudiants ont travaillé inlassablement pour préparer cet événement culturel spécial, qui sera présenté dans un décor magnifique. On a aussi prévu, à l'intention des étudiants, un programme spécial comprenant une visite du Musée, un dîner et du temps pour rencontrer les autres étudiants de Western Québec qui partagent leur intérêt pour la musique.

Le ministre Phillipe Couillard et la députée Charlotte L'Écuyer annonce des projets de rénovation dans trois centres d'hébergement et de soins de longue durée du Pontiac

PONTIAC — Des travaux de rénovation seront menés cette année dans trois centres d'hébergement et de soins de longue durée (CHSLD) faisant partie du Centre de santé du Pontiac : le Centre d'accueil Pontiac, le Centre d'accueil Manoir Sacré-Cœur et l'unité des soins de longue durée du Centre hospitalier du Pontiac.

C'est ce qu'a annoncé le ministre de la Santé et des Services sociaux, monsieur Philippe Couillard et la députée de Pontiac, madame Charlotte l'Écuyer.

Ces projets sont rendus possibles grâce à des investissements de 100 000 $ en vertu du programme de rénovations fonctionnelles mineures dans les centres d'hébergement et de soins de longue durée du Québec.

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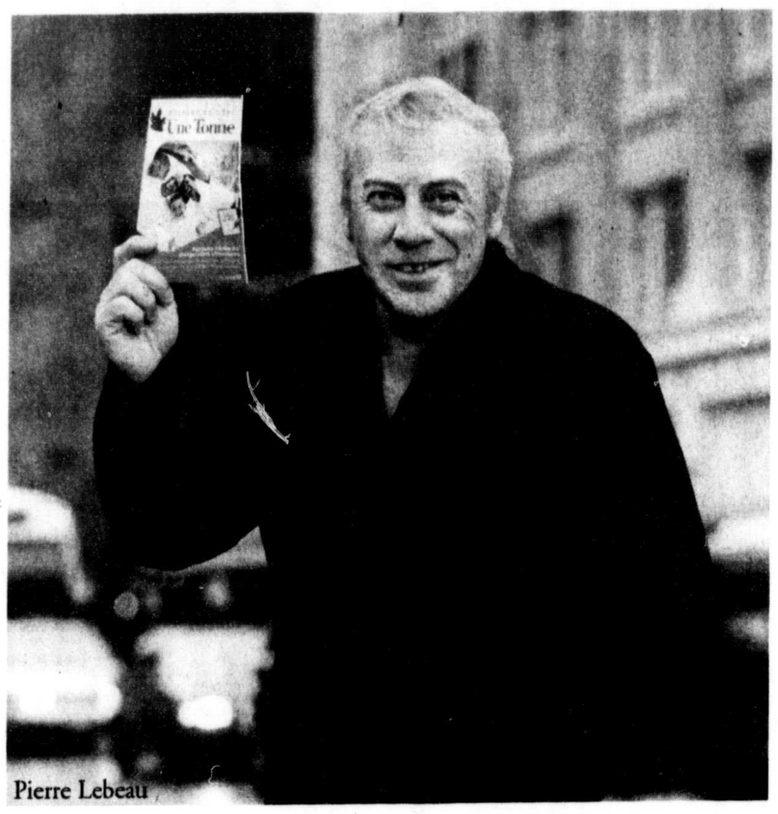

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QUÉBEC — Profitant de sa participation à la Table nationale des partenaires du secteur forestier, le ministre des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, M. Pierre Corbeil, a fait connaître les onze objectifs de protection et de mise en valeur des ressources du milieu forestier (OPMV) qui viendront appuyer l'aménagement durable des forêts publiques du Québec. Ces objectifs (liste en annexe) vont concourir à la conservation de la biodiversité, à la protection des sols, de l'eau et des paysages et à la prise en compte des besoins et des valeurs exprimés par les communautés et les utilisateurs du milieu forestier.

« L'implantation des objectifs de protection et de mise en valeur des ressources du milieu forestier s'inscrit dans l'esprit du rapport de la Commission d'étude sur la gestion de la forêt publique. Ces mesures favoriseront en effet un aménagement écosystémique des forêts et une gestion par objectifs qui tient compte des particularités régionales, tel que le recommande la Commission. Les bénéficiaires de contrats d'approvisionnement et d'aménagement forestier devront intégrer les OPMV dans leurs plans généraux d'aménagement forestier et y définir les actions requises pour en assurer l'atteinte », a expliqué le ministre Corbeil.

Les responsables des activités d'aménagement forestier devront ainsi mettre en place des initiatives concrètes pour éviter notamment l'apport de sédiments dans les cours d'eau, pour limiter la formation d'ornières dans les secteurs de coupe, pour protéger l'habitat des espèces menacées ou vulnérables, ou encore pour préserver les paysages. « Plusieurs de ces objectifs, dont le maintien de forêts mûres et surannées, la répartition spatiale des interventions et la conservation de bois mort, vont permettre de maintenir, dans tous les territoires soumis à l'aménagement forestier, des conditions d'habitats intéressantes pour plusieurs espèces animales et végétales », a précisé le ministre Corbeil, qui a ajouté : « C'est un changement majeur dans la gestion du territoire forestier qui permettra de favoriser grandement la protection de la biodiversité. Et ce n'est qu'un exemple des nombreux bénéfices qu'apporteront les OPMV au cours des années à venir ».

Ces objectifs, qui constituent de nouvelles obligations contractuelles et légales, sont complémentaires à la réglementation en vigueur et feront l'objet de suivis et de vérifications. L'atteinte de ces objectifs sera évaluée : la performance des bénéficiaires sera prise en compte lors de la révision des attributions des volumes de bois, au moment de la prolongation des contrats ou du renouvellement des conventions d'aménagement forestier.

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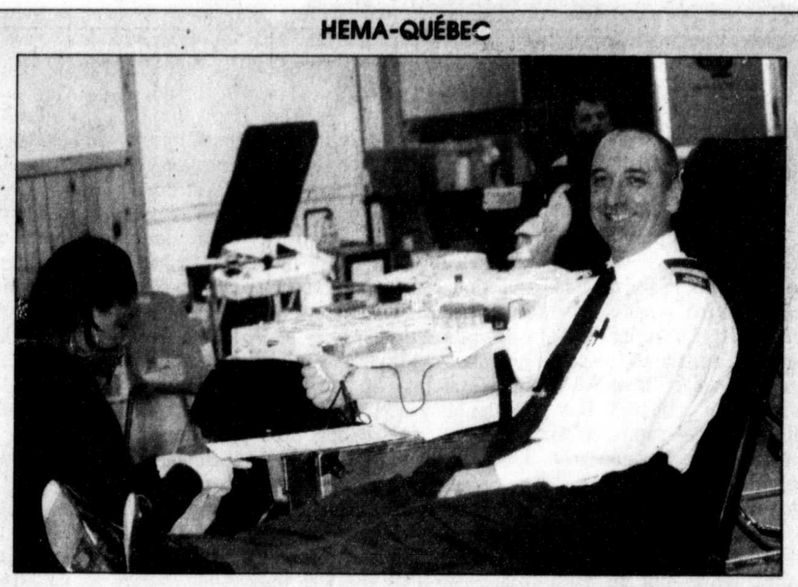
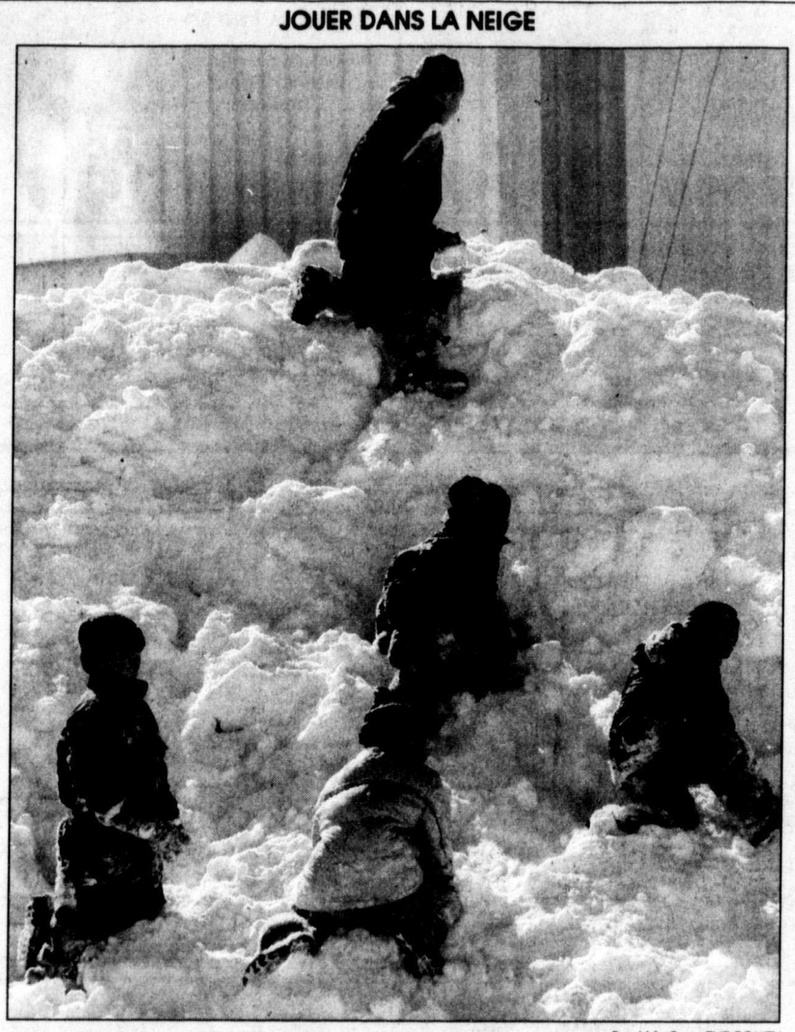


Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

Jacques Piché, le chef du MRC Pontiac Sûreté du Québec, est un des donateurs de sang chez le clinique Hema-Québec à Fort-Coulonge à la salle paroissiale de St-Pierre mardi le 8 mars.

JOUER DANS LA NEIGE



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Les enfants ont aimé jouer dans la neige durant le carnaval d'hiver à la centre récréatif de Fort-Coulonge samedi le 12 mars.

Programme de mise en valeur des ressources du mileu forestier

PONTIAC — La conférence regionale des élus de l'Outaouais (CREO) avise les promoteurs intéressés à la protection et à mise en valeur du milieu forestier qu'ils ont jusqu'au 24 mars 2005 pour présenter leurs projets dans le cadre du Programme de mise en valeur des ressources du milieu forestier, Volet II. Ce programme vise à soutenir des porjets à caractère sylvicole, faunique, récréatif, éducatif ou environmemental qui stimulent de développement économique et social en Outaouais.

Il représente par conséquent un moyen privilégié pour favoriser la création d'empolois et impliquer la collectivité dans une véritable gestion des diverses ressources du milieu forestier.

Le financement du Programme de mise en valeur des ressources du milieu forestier, Volet II, provient du Ministère des Ressources naturelles, de la Faune et des Parcs du Québec qui verse à la CREO les enveloppes budgétaires puisées à meme le Fonds forestier. La CREO en assure la gestion en collaboration avec les MRC de Pontiac, des Collines de l'Outaouais, de Patineau et de la Vallée de la Gatineau.

L'information relative au programme et les documents nécessaires à la présentation d'un projet sont disponibles dans les bureaux des MRC des Collines de l'Outaouais, de Patineau, de la Vallée de la Gatineau, au bureau du CLD de Pontiac et à la Conférence régionale des élus de l'Outaouais.

Les promoteurs sont invités à déposer leur demande au plus tard, le 24 mars 2005, dans les bureaux de la MRC et du CLD mandataire du programme sur le territoire de réalisation du projet.

Les projets admissibles seront évalués et sélectionnés selon des critères spécifiques adaptés aux réalités de la région. Les montants alloués à la région pour l'année 2005-2006, seront connus ultérieurement.

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5. Autre : déboisement 23 m. (si nécessaire)
Communiquez avec Sylvain Bertrand au 455-2401.

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Les avantages du chauffage au bois

PONTIAC — Plus d'un million de familles canadiennes possèdent au appareil de chauffage au bois à la maison. Les avantages du chauffage au bois comprennent le contrôle de l'approvisionnement en combustible, et une certaine sécurité relativement aux risques de panne de courant et à la hausse du coût des sources d'énergie traditionnelles. Cependant, si vous chauffez au bois, il est important d'apprendre à la faire correctement.

Pour vous aider à vous assurer que le chauffage au bois est fait correctement cet hiver, la Société canadienne d'hypothèques et de logement (SCHL) offre des conseils pour améliorer l'efficacité, la sécurité et l'efficience de votre appareil de chauffage au bois, notamment :

Si vous prévoyez acheter un appareil de chauffage au bois ou songez à remplacer un vieux poêle, par exemple, équipez-vous d'un appareil à haute efficacité et à faibles émissions certifié par l'EPA ou conforme à la norme B415 de la CSA. Vous économiserez temps, efforts et argent.

Pour un chauffage efficace tout au long de l'hiver, utilisez seulement du bois de bonne qualité et suffisamment sec dont la taille est adaptée à votre appareil de chauffage au bois. Généralement, les bois durs comme le chêne et l'érable conviennent bien aux hivers très froids, tandis que le bois plus tendres comme le bouleau et le peuplier sont de meilleurs combustibles pour les températures plus clémentes du printemps et de l'autonmne.

Lors de l'entreposage du bois, débitez-le en différentes tailles de 8 à 15 cm (de 3 à 6 po) de diamètre de coupez les bûches au moins 75 mm (3 po) plus courtes que la largeur de la chambre de combustion et pas plus de 40 cm (16 po) de longueur. De plus, n'oubliez pas que le bois doit être entreposé à la proximité de la maison, mais pas dans la maison, et qu'il devrait être bien à l'abri de la pluie et de la neige.

Pour allumer un feu sans trop produire de fumée, commencez par enlever l'excès de cendres dans la chambre de combustion. Ouvrez ensuite complètement les orifices d'admission d'air, détewrminez où se trouvent les principaux orifices dans la chambre de combustion. Faites ensuire un feu avec du bois d'allumage tendre et sec finement découpé pour maximiser le nombre d'extrémités où le feu pourra prendre.

Pour que votre appareil de chauffage au bois continue de fonctionner efficacement, essayez d'empêcher le feu de couver de façon excessive. Après avois laissé un feu brûler durant toute une nuit, enlevez une petite quantité centre résideulle à l'avant de la chambre de combustion et ramenez les charbons près des orifices d'admission d'air.

Le bois se consume de façon cyclique. Laissez brûler la charge de bois jusqu'à ce qu'elle soit réduite à l'état de braises avant d'ajouter d'autres bûches.

Finalement, par temps relativement doux, chargez quelques bûches de bois tendre que vous entrecroiserez pour prévenir les grandes couches de charbons. Par temps plutôt froid, utilisez une charge plus importante de bûches de bois dur disposées de manière compacte dans la chambre de combustion. Laissez les orifices d'admission d'air complètement ouverts jusqu'à ce que la surface du bois soit carbonisée et que l'extrémité des bûches soit rougeoyante.

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Aussi, respectez tous les avertissements, panneaux, balises et bouées. Si vous voyez que le niveau d'eau change, éloignez-vous sans plus attendre à une distance sûre.

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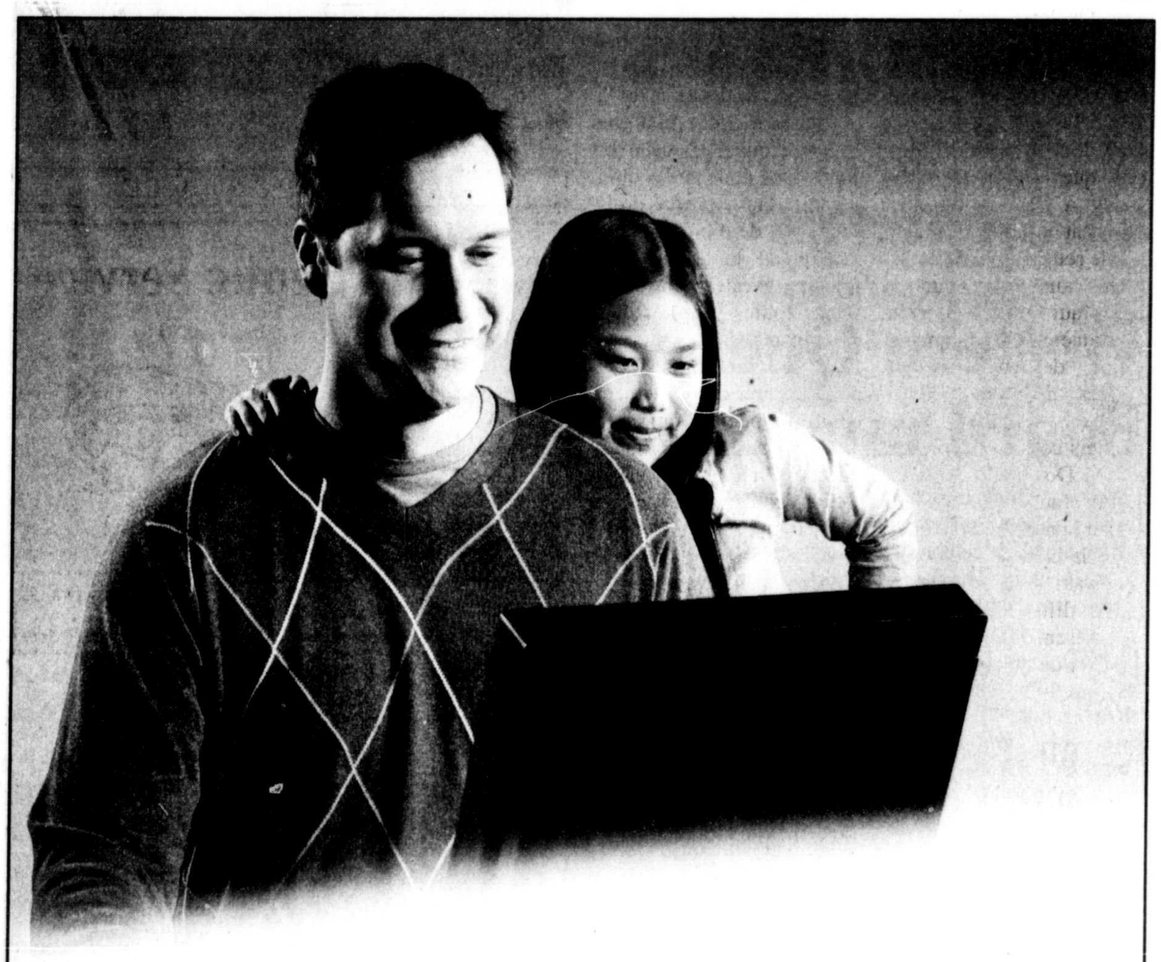

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BRYSON

Busy playing soldier

By HEATHER STEWART
Correspondent
648-5413

Spending March with his Grandparents Sandra and Keith Kluke was Jacob DeAngelis of Aylmer. Also visiting Sandra and Keith was Sandra's brother Steve Lamothe of Thunder Bay. This news was supposed to go into last weeks notes. My apologies Sandra.

A very big happy birthday to Dexter Lamothe of Bryson. More birthday wishes going out to Paul Gauthier of Bryson, Melanie Torangeau of Hull and Gina Gauthier of Bryson. Happy birthday to Neil Ladouceur of Cold Lake, Alberta. Birthday greetings to my good friend Josee Godin of Bryson. I can't believe you tried to keep it from me! Gotcha Ol' Girl! Have a great day!

Happy 45th anniversary to Ivan and Arlene Saunders of Bryson who are celebrating on March 19. Wishing you both many more years of love, happiness and health.

Happy birthday to Lyne Jolicoeur of Fort Coulonge. Hope its a good one!

Also, happy Birthday to Ivan Saunders of Bryson who celebrates on March 20. Wishing you a very happy year ahead!

Welcome home Ivan and Arlene Saunders of Bryson. They are home after spending three and a half weeks visiting around Florida. The majority of their trip was spent in Fort Lauderdale. They visited with Alan and Mary Rida of Zeffor Hills. Arlene reports that they had a wonderful time. I bet you two didn't miss the snow!

Well, I have heard about people having a mouse in the house but have you ever heard of a weasel in the house? It happened one night last week on Calumet Island. I was on the phone with my friend, Sheri Orr, when all of a sudden she let out a little squeal. She told me that there was a white ferret running around her house. It wasn't long until I got on the internet and sent her a picture of a weasel and that's exactly what it was, a white weasel. It came into the house from the basement. Paul jumped out of bed, blocked the hole and was busy playing soldier man, marching up and down the hallway with the broom standing guard. Sheri was too afraid to go to bed because she could hear it trying to come through the blocked hole again. Eventually it went away. I told Sheri that she was the new spin off from Ghost Busters. She is the new Weasel Buster.

The Bryson Lionettes held their annual Rock-A-Thon and it was a great success. The money raised is donated out to charities and also given back to the community. Joining us for an evening of rocking was former Lionette Anna Stewart. We had a great evening of rocking, chatting and eating. Mayor Jim Stewart even surprised us with a nice plate of his homemade candy. Thanks very much for that dad! On behalf of the Bryson Lionettes, I would like to thank all of you who sponsored us for this event. Thanks to your generosity, support and kindness, charities and those who need help will benefit!

Visiting my mom and dad, Jim and Anna Stewart were my cousin Sherry Stewart, Olivia and Emma of Sudbury. They were up for the week visiting relatives around the area. It sure was great seeing you!

One day last week while walking with the children in my daycare, I was horrified to see a couple of cars flying past us, going well over the speed limit and not giving us a second glance. I Please take a moment to slow down when you come upon a group or even one child walking along. It takes but a split second for an accident to happen. Please help ensure the safety of the children by slowing down as you pass them.

Adrien and Janet Dumouchel visited with their daughter Lynn and son-in-law, Jean Coderre, last weekend in Aylmer. They also visited Roger and Helen Boulianne in their new home in Gatineau.

Happy birthday to Beatrice Legarde who is celebrating on March 16.

Belated birthday wishes to Louise Newberry of Campbell's Bay who celebrated on March 12.

Greetings to my uncle Allen Stewart of Calumet Island. I hope you are doing well!

Wishing Gisele Lemaire a very speedy recovery. Gisele had surgery last week.

A beautiful baby shower was held in honour of Sandra Laderoute at the home of Sandra Kluke. Games were played and a lovely lunch was served. We wish Sandra and Edward lots of love and happiness with the new baby on the way!

Results for the euchre held at the Golden Age on Monday, March 7 are as follows: door prize Georgette Piche, 50/50 Anita Stafford, men's first Fern Lepine and Laurent Chevalier, men's second Mervin Smith, Louis Johnston, Lucien Dumouchel, Perry Kluke and Gilbert Letts, ladies first Anita Stafford, ladies second Veronique Perrier and Phyllis Smith.

Sheri' I told you I wouldn't put it in, but I just had to. "It's still winter!"

The family gathered at the home of Sherry and Chinker. Attending were my mom and dad, Jim and Anna, Jamie and Sylvie, Jacob and Caley and Meghan, Emma Stewart of Sudbury and myself. Chinker, you did an outstanding job with the cooking! Atta boy!

Uplift for the week: The sun always reappears!

Have a safe and Happy week, be charitable, give a hug!

CALUMET ISLAND 150TH

Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

Some intense euchre playing took place at the Calumet Island community hall Saturday for the 150th anniversary committee fundraiser. Lucien Dumouchel, from the left, Annette Ryan, Jeannette Lamothe and Richard Piche are seen here playing one of the games. A ham, bean and macaroni casserole supper was served following cards.

Paul McGee, THE EQUITY

Martina Derouin Evans, of the St. Ann's CWL, was on hand at the Calumet Island 150th committee's euchre tournament Saturday, Feb. 26. Martina holds a laminated map of Calumet Island drawn up in 1867. The maps, among other memorabilia, are on sale throughout the year to help support the municipality's 150th anniversary celebrations. The CWL has only 40 cookbooks left out of an initial printing of 800.

St. Alphonsus CWL news

By JANE CARROLL

St. Alphonsus CWL held their monthly meeting on March 1. Newly elected President Joan Sallafrangue welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation to the past executive.

Opening prayers were recited. The Spiritual reading, taken from "The Word Among Us" was read by Frances Giroux.

Standing committee reports were given.

Correspondence included acknowledgement of the donations made to Bernadette McCann House at Christmas as well as replies received from our Prime Minister and Member of Parliament acknowledging receipt of letters sent to both.

Items on the agenda were brought forth. Card party will be held March 13 for the Coady Institute. Membership drive is almost completed with 133 members to date. We will host the March birthday party at Marianhill. The card party held last month for Share Lent was well attended. Father Moyle mentioned a Novena to St. Joseph (patron of Pro-Life) which has been requested by Bishop Smith. It will be said prior to March 19.

Installation of new executive will take place at mass on March 8.

Meeting was adjourned followed by closing prayers and Father Tim giving his blessing. Our next meeting will be on April 12.

Shawville Ladies Hospital Auxiliary

The Shawville Ladies Hospital Auxiliary met at the home of Elsie Sparrow on Feb. 8, 2005. Eleven members and one guest attended. The meeting opened in prayer by Margaret Willis. President Lucy Hamilton thanked Elsie for having them in her home. Doris Orr read a few short stories.

The secretary's report was given by Helen Towell and the financial report by Margaret Lang. The central auxiliary report was given by Elsie Sparrow.

They received a thank you note from Joyce Hodgins and Joan Brown for the gifts given to the patients in the hospital at Christmas time.

Margaret Bretzlaff gave a donation of $10 to the auxiliary which was greatly appreciated.

The meeting was adjourned by Lorna Dagg.

The closing prayer was by Margaret Willis following which everyone had an enjoyable time playing bingo. A pot luck lunch was enjoyed by all.

The March meeting is to be held at Pauline Grant's.

Western Quebec School Board musical event

Western Quebec School Board schools will again participate in a celebration of music at the Museum of Civilization. With the success of the last four years, this fifth annual staging of the production, called MusicMakers'05, will be held on two nights: Thursday, March 24 and Thursday, April 21. At that time, over 800 students (at both the elementary and secondary level) will be involved in two unique shows of choral and instrumental music and dance. Both shows are different, and feature each school group presenting their own rehearsed selections, with a finale of students joining together to perform two common songs for the Massed Choir - a most stirring and impressive experience!

The performances vary: from the skilled band stylings of Philemon Wright High School to the bilingual choral selection of Onslow School, from schools as close to the Museum as Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary (within walking distance) to Golden Valley School in Val D'Or, whose students will stay overnight at the Museum on their musical journey; from schools participating for the first time - like Pontiac High School Cheerleaders' dance ensemble to our faithfuls like Dr. S.E. McDowell who join us every year; from the Tin Whistle Orchestra and Choir of Maniwaki Woodland School to Symmes Junior High with four separate performance groups - these represent only a small selection of the talent forthcoming. Each year, the participation has increased as more and more children experience the rewards of music.

Professional lighting and sound will be provided by the Museum staff. The entire production is being coordinated by Patricia Killens Curry, and will again be under the direction of Deborah Thomson, a Western Quebec School Board parent and our Artistic Director. We look forward to an exciting program which will appeal to both young and old!

Both performances will take place in the Grand Hall of the Museum of Civilization at 7:00 p.m. on March 24 and April 21. Each show (free admission) will last about 90 minutes to two hours, and each involves different schools. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Please note: General seating is in effect (i.e. not reserved seating).

The purpose of the event is to encourage arts education within the Board. This initiative to celebrate music in our schools forms part of the vision and on-going commitment of the Western Quebec School Board. The hard work and dedication of teachers, students and volunteers culminates in this special cultural event in a spectacular venue. A pre-pared program for the students participating will include a tour of the Museum, dinner, and time to meet other Western Quebec students who share an interest in music.

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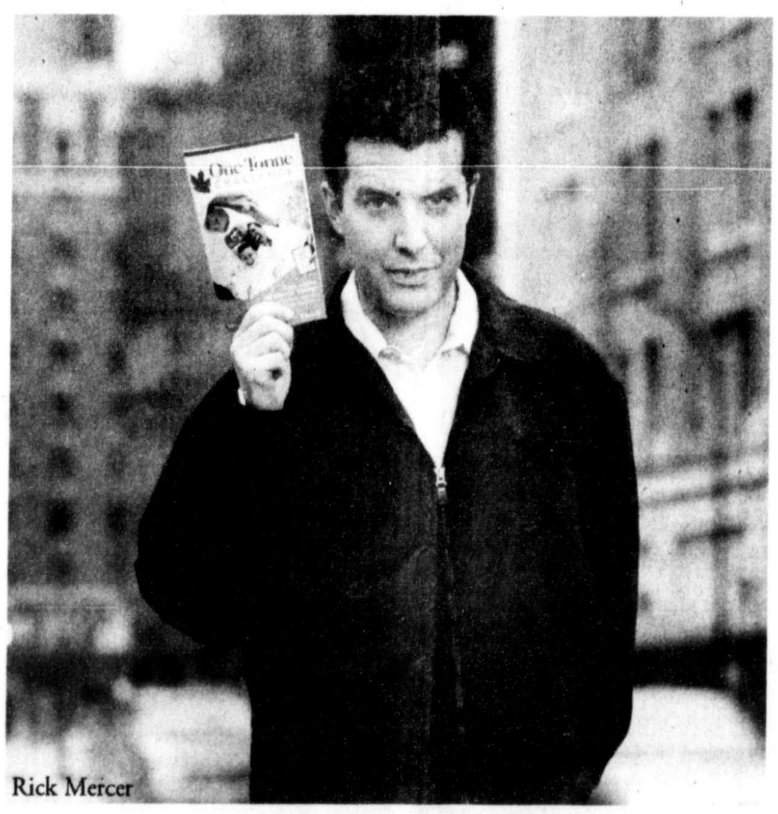

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Every Saturday night until May 7th, 2005 included. Bryson Lions Club Old Time Dance, Bryson Lions Hall. Music by The Brysonnaires. 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Hot lunch at midnight. $6 per person. otc.

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Sat., March 19 – A Memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Quyon to honor the memory of Hélène Milford (née Provost), who peacefully passed away in her sleep on March 10, 2005. She will be lovingly missed by her husband, Maurice Milford, her children Nancy, Jimmy, Michel, Dwight and Sheryl-Lynn, her grandchildren Dayton, Dianna, Céleste, Nova, (Lily) and Liam, and her brothers and sisters Madeleine, (Michel), Forbes, Fred, Eric, Ricky, Milda, Malinda, (Claude), Thérèse, Glenda, Glen and Nancy. A gathering in celebration of her life will follow at Gavan's. bm16

Le samedi 19 mars – Il y aura un service commémoratif, à 10h à la Paroisse Ste-Marie à Quyon, en l'honneur de Hélène Milford (née Provost), qui est décédée paisiblement dans son sommeil le 10 mars 2005. Elle sera manquée par son époux Maurice Milford, ses enfants Nancy, Jimmy, Michel, Dwight et Sheryl-Lynn, ses petits-enfants Dayton, Dianna, Céleste, Nova, (Lily) et Liam, ses frères et soeurs Madeleine, (Michel), Forbes, Fred, Eric, Ricky, Milda, Malinda, (Claude), Thérèse, Glenda, Glen et Nancy. Un goûter suivra chez Gavan en célébration de sa vie. bm16

Sun., March 20 – At 7 p.m., Come and join us in the Evening Service at the Wesleyan Church, James Street, Shawville. Music provided by Paulette Gauthier and Friends, also Violin Students. Fellowship lunch to follow. 2bm16

Easter Sat., March 26 – Horse Tack and Equipment Consignment Sale, Galetta Livestock Sales, 1/2 hr. west Ottawa, 10 mins. east Arnprior. Tack - 10 a.m. Equipment - 12 noon, Horses - 2 p.m. (approx.) Info. call Ernie @ 613-623-3439. Sale barn 613-623-9840 day of sale. Horse pre-registration - Tracey 613-623-9455. It's worth the journey to talk to Ernie. 3bm16

COMING EVENTS

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Easter Services – For the Parish of Northern Pontiac are as follows: Sat., March 26th, 7 p.m. The Great Vigil at St. George's, Campbell's Bay; Sun., March 27th 9 a.m. at St. James, Otter Lake; 11 a.m. at St. George's, Thorne Centre and 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity, Danford Lake. For information call 648-2949 or visit www.pontiacanglican.org 2bm23

March 27 – First Event for Clarendon's 150th Anniversary, Sunrise Service, Stark's Corner's United Church, 7 a.m. Children's Easter egg hunt following the service. Buffet breakfast 8 - 10 a.m. $5 per person, $15 per family. Everyone welcome. xm23

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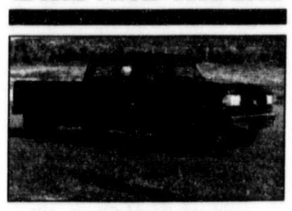

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OBITUARY

Hodgins, Melvin (Mel) entered into rest at the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville on Wednesday, March 9th, 2005, after a brief illness, with his dearest and loving family at his side, Melvin Victor Hodgins, of Brockville, descendant of Pioneers from Count Tipperary, Ireland, who settled in the Pontiac approximately 200 years ago, the youngest child of Robert George Hodgins and Abigail (O'Hara). Predeceased by his brothers Reilly and Morley and his sisters Muriel and Roberta. Survived by his wife Georgina, his daughter Melinda and his son Peter. Also survived by his sisters-in-law Helen Louise Whittaker and Frances Laidlaw of Hamilton, Ontario, and loving nieces and nephews. Upon graduating from McGill University in 1939, Mel joined the Royal Canadian Engineers and served until the end of World War II in Great Britain and Europe. Returning to Canada, he became a partner with brother Reilly in the family firm Hodgins Lumber Ltd, which they expanded to establish locations in Cornwall, Morrisburg, Brockville, Kingston, Arnprior, Pembroke and Ottawa. After the chain was purchased by Beaver Lumber Co. in the 1970s Mel and Georgie enjoyed a long retirement traveling, enjoying the company of their Brockville friends and spending summers at the family cottage on Green Lake, near Shawville, Quebec. As a member of the community, Mr. Hodgins volunteered his services to the Public Utilities Commission, served on the Board of Directors of the Brockville Country Club and was a member of the Officers' Mess (Brockville). A Memorial Service for Mr. Hodgins will be held on Wednesday, March 16th, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Barclay Funeral Home, 137 Pearl St. East, Brockville. Interment will take place at The Old Village Cemetery, Shawville, Quebec at a later date. Donations to St. Peter's Anglican Church, the Salvation Army, the Lanark Animal Welfare Society or the charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged by the family. Messages of condolence may be sent on-line at www.barclayfuneralhome.com.

Russell, Margaret Viola (nee Hodgins) Peacefully on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at the age of 92 years. Beloved wife of the late James Russell. Loving mother of Eric (Noreen), Kanata, Ontario and Eason (Ruth), Shawville. Predeceased by sons Ronald (Clara), Bristol, Quebec and Edgar (Jean) Renfrew, Ontario and by two grandchildren. Loving grandmother of 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. Survived by dear sister-in-law Grace Hodgins and many nieces and nephews. Also predeceased by her parents, Edward Samuel Hodgins and Isabella Anna Corrigan and her brothers and sisters, Lila, Grace, Sara, Eason, Iva, Winnifred, Lindsay, Mae and Ivan. The funeral was held at Bristol Memorial Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 2 p.m. Interment Norway Bay United Cemetery.

THANKS

Gauthier – I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity since the loss of my home to fire. Special thanks to the Otter Lake Fire Department for their hard work. Thanks to all those who helped organize and attended the benefit party. Your kindness will always be remembered. Don Gauthier

Kearns – The family of the late Lois (Lowie) Kearns would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to relatives and friends for the floral tributes, mass offerings, charitable donations, sympathy cards, phone calls and food. A very special thank you to Dr. Ruth Vander Stelt, doctors, nurses and staff of the Pontiac Community Hospital for their tender loving care, compassion and support. Thank you to Father Costello, to everyone who participated in the service and to the CWL for the lunch. Your love, support and prayers have been a great comfort to us during Lowie's illness and at the time of her death. Stanley Kearns and family

Russell, Margaret Viola (née Hodgins) – We wish to express our sincere thanks to family, friends and neighbours for kindness and sympathy expressed by cards received, flowers, food and charitable donations. Special thanks to Rev. Brian and Alison Sharpe for officiating at the service. Rev. Les Grant organist and soloist and to Dalton Hodgins and Brenda Russell for their special words. We would also express our thanks to the staff at Pontiac Respite Services and Pontiac Community Hospital, doctors and nurses for their special care and Bristol Ladies Aid for the delicious lunch. The Russell family

Stewart, Leness (Bobby) – Please accept our heartfelt thanks to each and every one who contributed your time, effort, comforting words, kindness and donations of food in our time of great sorrow, to the Portage Fire Dept, S.C.F.D., Quebec Police Post # 148, Rev. McDonald, Iris Smith, Paulette Gauthier, George Lamothe, Anna Stewart, C.W.L. (Bryson), Brian Stanton, Mervin Smith, Hayes Funeral Parlor, Greg, Bruce and Willard and anyone we may have missed thanks again for your generosity. Stewart family

Young, Earl – The family would like to thank his good friends for their visits and help with his needs the past few months. The doctors and nurses at the hospital and sitters for the excellent care he received. Hayes Funeral Home for their care and service at the time of the funeral. Rev. Gray for the service at the church. The friends who provided the music and singing during the service and the eulogy. The ladies of the Wesleyan Church for the lunch following the burial. It was much appreciated.

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MEMORIAM

Armitage – Twenty years ago on March 14th Mary Armitage passed away.
Thanks Mom for the music and all the memories that are still as fresh today.
Mick Armitage and family

Campeau, Douglas – In loving memory of a dear dad, grandpa and great-grandpa who passed away March 4, 2003.
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that will last forever.
Remember you always.
Wayne and family

MEMORIAM

Carson, Lindsey – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away March 19, 1997.
He had a smile, a pleasant way,
A helping hand to all he knew,
He was so kind, so generous and true.
On earth he nobly did his best.
Grant him, Jesus, heavenly rest.
Always loved
Maureen, Brenda, Brandon, Lindsay and Michelle

Devlin – In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother, Doris, who passed away March 15, 2003.
You've left us precious memories
Your love will be our guide
You live on through our family
You're always by our side.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For most of us went with you
On the day God called you Home.
Love and remembered by Neil and family

Hodgins – In loving memory of Carson and Dorothy Hodgins, who passed away January 29, 2000 and March 14, 2000.
Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered every day
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you are always there.
Sadly missed by Evelyn and Ron Deavy

Horner, Thomas – In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who passed away March 15, 2003.
Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent is the voice we loved to hear,
Too far away for sight or speech,
But not too far for thought to reach,
Sweet to remember him who once was here,
And who, though absent, is just as dear.
Ever loved and remembered
Omo, Angus, Feeda and families

Lance, Charles J. – May 2, 1920 - March 20, 1981.
In loving memory of my dear husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and great grandpa of two boys and two girls.
Every day in some small way
Memories of you come our way
Though absent, you are always near.
Forever loved and sadly missed.
Wife Goldaline and family

Richardson – In loving memory of my dear father (Ebert) who passed away March 13, 2002.
And my wonderful sister Brenda (Bert Murphy) March 10, 1992.
Lovingly remembered always.
Diane

Richardson – In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Ebert who passed away March 13, 2002 and daughter and sister, Brenda (Murphy) who died March 10, 1992.
The world changes year to year,
And friends from day to day
But never will the ones we loved,
From memory pass away.
Always remembered by the family

Smith – In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa who left us March 19, 1997.
Sadly missing your kindness and love.
Your wife, Eileen and family

Sparling – In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, Elden, who passed away March 19, 2002.
We often sit and think of him
When we are alone
For memory is the only friend
That grief can call its own.
Like ivy on the withered oak
When other things decay
Our love for him will still be green
And never fade away.
Betty and Bobby, Carolyn and David, David, Jason, Scott, Shauna, and great-grandson Jessy

Sparling – In loving memory of a dear husband, Elden who passed away March 19, 2002.
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QUYON

Pretty in pink

By JILL McBANE
Correspondent
458-2366

On Thursday, March 10 at 6:50 p.m. at the Pontiac Community Hospital we were blessed with a beautiful granddaughter, MacKenzie born to Jennifer McBane and Kevin Barr. Other ecstatic grandparents are Abby McBane, Brenda and Byron Barr, great-grandparents Beulah and Rolly MacDougall and great-great-grandmother Mona MacDougall. Pretty in pink MacKenzie's new little cousins Emma, Gabrielle and Meredith welcome her into their playgroup. MacKenzie in Stark's Corners new kid on the block.

Baby showers given in Jenn's honour were given by Karen McBane, Janey and Liana MacDougall, Krystal McColgan and Claire Barr.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Helen (Provost) Milford who passed away last weekend. A memorial service will be held at St. Mary's' Church Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

The Quyon legion held their annual curling bonspiel this past Saturday with between 16 teams participating. First place overall winners were Ryan Powell and The Groundhogs, skip was Adam Bernier and Mitch Horner, Dave Thompson and Ryan Powell. The 50/50 was won by Keith Mohr (Charlie Brown).

Friday evening at the Legion Priscilla McKnight was the meat winner along with the meat draw which is held every Friday night everyone is welcome to go and play darts and have a great time. Maybe even indulge in a fine beverage.

Donna and Eric Provost, Garry and Claire Mulligan, Joanne Provost and Ray Johnston and Judy and Frank Renaud have returned home after a week's vacation in Sosua Bay in Puerta Plata, Dominican Republic. It was reported that Garry and Eric had sore eyes after coming back from their walk on the beach.

Quyon United Church is hosting a lunch of stew and chili today, March 16 from 11:30 to 1:30 at the church basement. All are welcome.

Johnny Bronson and his friend, Janet were in Quyon for the big St. Patricks' Day celebration at Gavan's Hotel this past weekend. They went all out and rented the honeymoon suite. Before coming to Quyon they dropped off in Ottawa and visited with Johnny's mom, Darlene Mulligan. Janet and John spent some time this past winter in Lacomb, Alberta. While out west they visited with Terry Mousseau in Bentley and Doreen, Garry and Wendy Bronson in Logan Lake.

Hey Ron, don't forget St. Patrick'S Day is tomorrow. Do you have your green out or are you all greened out from Sunday?

CAMPBELL'S BAY

Seniors' day is every day

By IRIS SMITH
Correspondent
648-5821

St. Andrew's United Church, Campbell's' Bay held service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 5. Following the service everyone enjoyed a pot luck dinner. The annual meeting was then held. Rev. MacDonald chaired the meeting. It is nice to start the new year.

Charleen's Salon is now open for business at 5 Campbell St. in Campbell's Bay. This is the former home of the late Bernice Smith. Shampoos, hair cuts, perms, colors and highlights, etc. are available. Seniors day is every day with a 15 per cent discount. It is nice to see a home town girl start a business here. We wish her all the best in her venture. The street is much busier as a result.

The euchre party was held at the Golden Age Club on Tuesday evening. First prize was won by Phyllis Smith, second was a multiple tie between Veronica Perrier, Lorraine Gagné, Paulette Lamothe and Irish Smith. They split the prize. Men's high was a tie between Laurent Chevalier and Frank Lacourse. They split the prize, second was won by Ed Gutoskie. The door prize was won by Frank Lacourse and the 50/50 by Laurier Dumouchel. Refreshments were by Lorne and Dorcas Sparling.

The annual duck race sponsored by the Pontiac Lions will be held April 15. Tickets are available from any member. Support a good cause by purchasing a ticket.

St. John the Evangelist St. Patrick's' tea and bakesale was held at the Parish Centre on Saturday afternoon. Joe Walsh and daughters, Jessica, Audrey and Ashley of Barry visited with Galdys Walsh. They are on March break.

Norma Stewart of Shawville visited with us on Saturday. She shared lunch and we celebrated my birthday (belated).

Vincent D. Romeo Mousseau died in his 88th year at Shawville. Friends were able to call at Ringrose Brothers Funeral home on Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. The funeral was Thursday, March 10 from St. John The Evangelist Church, Campbell's Bay. Interment will be in the spring.

Raymond Shea celebrated her 65th birthday. A party was held at The Rafters on Saturday evening so family and friends could join him in celebration.

Rona and Sue Barnes and daughters Elizabeth and Laura of Elora are spending March break with Suzie's mother Gladys Walsh.

Merland Carty passed away Thursday, March 10 at the age of 66. He was the dear brother of Doris Telford To his family and friends we express our deepest sympathy. Friends were able to call at Ringrose Brothers Funeral Home, Campbell's Bay on Saturday, March 12 from 11 a.m. until the time of the service in the funeral home chapel at 2 p.m. Interment in St. George's Anglican Cemetery, Campbell's' Bay. Rev. Angus MacDonald conducted the service.

Our granddaughters Kimberly Havekus of Mountain and Trina Telford and Ryan Mace of Ottawa visited with us on Saturday.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Charlotte (Smith) Carty who passed away on March 12. Charlotte grew up in town and lived many years on a farm in the country were many of her children were born. She was presently in Ottawa and her funeral was from Kelly Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 15.

Florence Wadge spent a couple of days visiting with Diane and Irene Gravelle in Gatineau.

May Wilson is home after spending a few weeks with daughter Diane in Ottawa.

The Bryson Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides will be going to Ottawa towards the end of May to celebrate the 95th anniversary of guiding in Canada. They are to parade from City Hall to the Parliament Buildings then have a campfire around the Centennial Flame. They expect 2,000 girls. On Saturday a bottle drive was held to help pay for the bus and other guiding activities. Some children from the Bay are members. At this time many people gave donations as well. The Bryson Lions made a generous donation. If you were away or missed them and wish to help out please contact Margaret Lunam at 648-5897.

Get well wishes to Harry Ebert following eye surgery.

SHEENBORO

A real crowd pleaser

By MYRTLE SULLIVAN
Correspondent
689-2236

The St. Patrick's Day dance at Sheenboro was a resounding success again this year and was attended by nearly 200 people. Music and song was handled by Arnold Gardener, Louis Schryer and Wayne Venne. They kept the dance floor packed all night. Special entertainment was provided by a young Rosin lad who gave us an intricate step dance demonstration, Kyle Gleason sang "Danny Boy" and did an excellent job. The Sheen Fiddlers played lots of jigs and reels and Sandra Brennan step- danced a medley of tunes one of which was "Lord of the Dance."

My daughters Arlene, Betty and Myra organized a session of the "Haymakers Jig" in which about 30 people took part. It was a real crowd pleaser. Later in the evening Donald Retty called some old fashioned square dances and there were three squares up and dancing.

The parish hall was beautifully decorated and the outside of the hall sported a new sign with an Irish flavour just in time for St. Patrick's Day There were many favourable comments on the sign. To top off the evening a light lunch was served with tea and coffee.

Our next big occasion will be Canada Day and planning is already underway. I think Canada Day in Sheen might be the best small town celebration in the country.

We are all glad to hear that Bobby Meehan is back home from the hospital and is on the mend.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of Bert McGuire and Marian Fitzpatrick Fleury. They passed away this week and will be sorely missed.

Happy birthday to Trudy Tallon. All the Tallon girls were up with hubbies and family to celebrate both birthday and St. Patrick's day at the hall. Trudy's girlfriends presented her with a birthday cake.

Visiting Sheen over the weekend and for the celebrations were family of the Keons, Sullivans, Walkers, Morris', Malone's, Brennans, Adams, Peacocks, Nephins, Gleasons, Jennings Star's, Hynes, Clyde's and many others.

My granddaughter Marlaine Pereira was up to visit her other grandmother in Cobden on Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Lois Grundy was not feeling well and many family members have been in to visit. My daughter Marilyn and her daughter Marcella also came to visit. They spent Saturday night with me in Sheen and then went back to Cobden on Sunday. At the time of writing this column I received a phone call telling me that Lois had passed away. She was a wonderful women and will be missed by all that knew her.

Janet Retty her sister and two friends just arrived back from Cancun, Mexico. She said the weather was wonderful. I hope some of those warm temperatures follow her back to the Pontiac. Janet celebrates a birthday on March 27. My thanks to Janet and Frank for bringing my mail and copy of THE EQUITY in to me when the weather is bad.

Congratulations go out to Janet Fleury and Josue Aidanas who were married in Varadero, Cuba on Jan. 20.

We are glad to see that Denise Hunter is feeling better and back home in Chichester.

Loise Tremblay Tallon is back from a trip south. Louise went with some family members and friends and managed to get a couple of games of golf in. It's also a nice way to break up a long cold winter.

Welcome back to George and Erla Picard and Andrew and Mado Keon who were vacationing in Florida. Robert Hocking of Ottawa joined the Peacock family last evening at the dance. Robert had a pace-maker implanted at the Heart Institute not long ago but managed a few dances and enjoyed the great music. Also, a happy birthday to you Robert.

Angie Retty has been doing some fundraising for the Heart Institute. She acquired 1,000 plus neckties from Dr. Keon and made a quilt. Angie then sold the quilt for $1,000 and donated it to the institute. Well done Angie.

Happy birthday goes out to my granddaughter Shannon McDonald, my daughter-in-law Sharon Little John and Colleen Morris. All three of these Irish lasses celebrate on March 17!

With March 17 just days away there will be lots of celebrations from Sheen to Chapeau and up both sides of the Valley to Ottawa. A bunch of Sheeners went to Douglas the other day and had a great time. This is Irish week in Ottawa it started with a parade on Saturday, March 12 and plenty of activities are planned for the entire week. A "roast" is planned for Dr. Keon in Ottawa on the 17th. It will be at city hall and will be held over the lunch hour(s). If you need more information give Bill Brennan a call. Funds raised will go to the Heart Institute and the Irish Society.

I heard a story about an senior lady citizen dropping a $100 bill in the collection plate on Sunday. The priest took note of the offering and wanted to recognize the lady for her contribution. He said "thank you very much, and would you like to select three hymns". She said "Yes I'd love to" and pointing to various places in the congregation she said "I'll take him and him and him".

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

An Irish Blessing.

May your right hand always be stretched out in friendship but never in want.

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The Municipality of Pontiac is asking for tenders for the Ford 1994 tandem truck with 300,000 km.
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Tenders must be received in a sealed envelope before **March 24, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.** at the following address:

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The municipality does not commit to accepting the lowest nor any of the bids received.

SYLVAIN BERTRAND
Director general and Secretary-treasurer

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

The Municipality of Pontiac is asking for tenders for the following work:
Construction of an access road at the Hydro-Quebec pylons on part of lot 13, range 3, Onslow township, according to the following specifications :
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2. Part suitable for motor vehicles: 4.57 m.
3. Layer of gravel: 15 cm.
4. Approximate length: 400 m.
5. Other: deforestation 23 m. (if necessary)

Contact: Sylvain Bertrand at 455-2401.
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WALTHAM

Wearing their green

By HELEN PERRY
Correspondent
689-2652

This is Tuesday, March 8 and what a snowfall we had yesterday. Today it is nice and sunny but very cold. The snow banks are really high. Hubby (Larry) has his job cut out today snow blowing the driveway and the yard.

Betty Ryan, member of L' Exposition D'Or, is now showing her paintings at Festival Hall in Pembroke. There is a group of ten artists. The showing takes place every day from March 2 until April 8 at Festival Hall in Pembroke, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during weekend theatrical performances.

A very happy birthday is wished to Joanne McFayden who celebrated on March 6 and to Laurina Dempsey who celebrated on March 7.

Congratulations and all the best is extended to Jenny Godin and Don Fleury on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Tanner. He was born on Wed, March 9. He weighed in at 7lbs. 150z. and measured 21".

Congratulations to Fr. Chris Shalla on the arrival, of his new little nephew, Lucas Jame born on Thursday, March 10.

Saturday night dinner guests at Rhonda and Mark's were Melanie and Michel Pilon and children Evan and Ryan of Aylmer and Audrey, Pierre and Morgan Valieres of Aylmer.

On Sunday afternoon, March 13 a lovely baby shower was held in honor of Anne Romain-Duff at the Waltham Town Hall. Family and friends gathered to express their love and support to Anne. She received some very practical and beautiful gifts. A delicious hot lunch was served. Anne was very touched and expressed deep appreciation to all those, who helped make this afternoon so special.

A very happy birthday and love is wished to Marie Campbell, who celebrated her birthday on Monday, March 14. We hope that you had a lovely day Marie!

Wendy McKnight and girls Shayla and Hayley, of Ottawa are spending a few days at Wendy's parents Diane and Earl McKnight's.

Georgette Beaubien and her nephew Rene Gagnon, of Pembroke spent a couple of days at Rene's parents Therese and Valmont Gagnon's in Charlemagne, QC.

I sure hope that everyone will be wearing their green tomorrow, Thursday, March 17 as it is St. Patrick's Day. Have a great day everyone!

OTTER LAKE

Birthday wishes

By ELIZABETH HAHN
Correspondent
453-7326

Happy birthday wishes to Williard Lance who has a birthday on March 25, also to Flo Cartier who has a birthday on the same day.

Congratulations to Florence and Warren Sparling who will be married 51 years on March 27.

Happy birthday wishes to Joyce Beaudoin who has a birthday March 28 also celebrating a birthday on the same day is Kyle Lance. Best wishes to you both.

Winners in the Otter Lake Golden Age Club last week were 50/50 Pierrette Graveline, ladies first Jean Racine and second Dolly Lepack, mens first Felix Kluke and second Barry Racine. Delicious refreshments were provided by Rachel St. Pierre and Rita Beadoin.

Happy birthday wishes to my daughter Patricia Hahn Russell who has a birthday on March 28. Best wishes from mom, Elizabeth Hahn, mémere and Edgar Mayhew and all the rest of the family.

Pam Thoms and her daughter Kathryn of Kanata visited with her mom Elizabeth and grandparents mémere and Edgar Mayhew on Saturday.

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CALDWELL

Wined and dined in style

By HERMONIE SHARPE
Correspondent
647-3459

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Douglas Fulford who passed away on Saturday, March 5 at 83 years of age. Doug was well known and respected by all who knew him.

I was so sorry to hear that Grace Beattie Woods has been on the sick list. We all wish you a speedy recovery and better health in the future.

Well March came in like a lion. It should soon be running out of cold weather or we will all be going to church on Easter Sunday with mufflers on. Talking about Easter is getting ahead of ourselves because St. Patrick's Day is coming and that seems to be one day when even the Scotch wear green. Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone. If you drive don't drink or if you drink don't drive.

This time last year we had the second run of maple syrup made. But this year I'm afraid that if the weather doesn't improve in a hurry it will be much later. Then again we don't want the snow to melt too quickly as it causes floodings which can be costly to home owners and municipalities. Gradual thawing is better for everyone.

On Sunday, March 6 the family of Louella Spears of Ottawa celebrated her 88th birthday by taking her to Casa Baque in Aylmer where she was wined and dined in top style. Attending were all her children and their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Twenty-seven of her descendants attended. Attending from this area were daughter Carol (Clarence), Gail Sparling and son Robert Spears and friend Elizabeth.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friend of Rosemary Margaret Jette of Ottawa who passed away on March 8. She was the loving sister of Bill Jette (Nellie) of Shawville.

Birthday congratulations go out to Leonard Hall of Norway Bay, John Kelly of Caldwell and Donna Smith Young of Shawville who are St. Patrick Day babies.

Out deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friend of Merland Carty who passed away on March 10 at the Pontiac Reception Centre in Shawville. He was the loving brother of Doris Telford of Shawville.

Did you know that you can get good, nutritious frozen meals delivered right to your door. They're ready to put in the freezer, without any salt or additives and the cost is $5. If you're interested call St. Joseph's Manor in Campbell's Bay and ask as for Anna Bowen.

Visiting with us on Saturday and taking myself and my daughter, Ruth, out to dinner at Auberge in Portage du Fort were my daughter, Connie and her husband Jim Hunter of Orleans and my great-granddaughter Emily McDonald of Orleans who was spending the weekend with her grandmother Connie and husband Jim. Connie and daughter Natasha have just returned from a most enjoyable holiday in Cuba where they even swam with the dolphins.

Congratulations go out to Kevin McGuire of Ottawa and Norway Bay who has been a cancer survivor. He still has a good outlook on life and tries to help other people who have been diagnosed with cancer. Kevin has played euchre at our Thursday night club along with his friend Sheila Johnson. His picture and write up were in our daily paper on March 9. His many friends in the area wish him a ll the best.

Visiting with us on Sunday were Neil Sharpe and Erin Mako. We had calls from Donald and Joanne Sharpe of Marathon, Peter Sharpe of barriere, BC as well as my granddaughter Stacey of Kamloops.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Charlotte Smith Carty who passed away on March 12. She was the wife of the late Eldon Carty and sister-in-law of Doris Telford of Shawville.

LADYSMITH

The fish are biting

By DEBBIE LANCE THRUN
Correspondent
647-3927

Well, St. Patrick's' Day is tomorrow and I would like to wish everyone a happy one. I hope you remembered to dig out those green outfits. If you're going out to celebrate have a safe and enjoyable time and drive with caution.

Here is an Irish blessing. May the wind blow at your back always. May the road rise to meet you and may you be in Heaven an hour before the devil knows you're dead.

On Saturday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. CJOH will air the episode featuring Oma Erfle of Ladysmith. We are all looking forward to seeing this.

It sure has been cold. On Thursday morning we registered -25 at our house. That's cold for this time of year.

Earl Kappas has been on a winter vacation to Florida and should be returning this week.

The installation of St. John's Lutheran Church council was held last Sunday at the regular service. Rev. Bonnie Scharfe presided. We welcome new councillor, Kim Cluff, and also thank Alma Dahms for her many year of service.

Visiting with Margaret Fieroben last Saturday evening were Collette and Thurlo Canavan from Low and on Sunday was Hazel (Fieroben) Martin of Eganville. Margaret tells me she had a lovely visit with everyone.

This past week I had a lovely visit on the phone with Evelyn Campbell. She tells me that her grandson, Ryan Brownlee, has been quite sick. I'm sending get well wishes out to him. Hope he will soon be feeling better.

That was quite a snow storm we received last week. We got a lot of snow along with drifting and high winds. The roads were very treacherous. The temperature has been quite cold, even though we are getting some sunny days. But the wind made it feel even colder. It looks like we have more snow now than we've had all winter. Maybe we'll get lucky and see March go out like a lamb since it came in like a lion.

Friends of mine, Sheila Bryne and her husband, Grant Beaucaire of Aylmer, are on their winter vacation. Lucky guys!

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Doug Fulford on his recent passing.

This Saturday is Maggie Early's big wedding day. I hope she will have nice weather for her big day. Congratulations go out to you Maggie on your special day. Her sister, Wendy, will be coming home from Edmonton for the wedding.

Welcome back to our neighbours Elda and Dorval Wickens who have returned home safely from a winter vacation in sunny Arizona.

Well, I guess our next special occasion coming up is Easter, another special occasion for families and friends to get together for a special dinner. It seems like it takes special occasions for all our families to get together.

It's Saturday afternoon and what a gorgeous day with plenty of cheerful sunshine. It sure is a big change in the weather compared to earlier in the week.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends on the recent passing of Earl Young

Special happy birthday greetings to cousin Gerald Mielkie who celebrated the big 60 on March 11.

Here's an Irish joke from Eric Campbell from the Holy Land. One day the teacher came into the classroom and asked the little Irish boy named Johnny. Can you come up with a sentence using the words defense, defeat and detail? Little Johnny thought for a moment then said "the horse jumped over defence, defeat before detail."

With the beautiful weather people are ice fishing now and reports are that the fish are biting. Up in this area and fishing on the weekend were JasonLafleur and his girlfriend Julie Anne both of Montreal.

VINTON

A wonderful performance

By DIANE BOISVERT
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648-5296

It sure is nice to have Violet Normandeau Hearty and Dorothy Rivet Vogt back at the Vibert Pavilion after spending a few months with their children out west. The building wasn't the same without you.

Deepest sympathy goes out to Richard Hearty and daughter, Cindy Corriveau on the loss of their son and brother Brian who passed away suddenly, March 1.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Desjardins family on the loss of their sister Jacqueline Cornier of Pembroke. Out of 12 sibling there are only five left, Neil, Millie, Nelligan, Clifford and Elaine.

You won't believe this story. A couple of weeks ago I asked that the person who had stolen the Budweiser sign at the Baie Inn to please return it, no questions asked. On Tuesday night I got a call from Louise, a bartender there and she was all excited. She told me that not only did the sign come back but that it was all cleaned up. To the person who returned it we would like to thank you.

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone. You have to admit that the Irish music and dance really brings out the whimsical side in everyone. May you be half an hour in Heaven before the devils knows you're dead.

Happy first birthday to my grandson Tao Davidson on March 18. I see that Travis Corriveau celebrates March 17, Thomas O'Brien, Jody Crawford and Phyllis Sloan on March 21 and Emile Mayhew on the 17th and Angela Dunahee.

On Thursday, March 10 at the Ecole Secondaire Sieur de Coulonge there was a play produced by the Secondary III students. The name of the play was "Les Filles de Caleb." Our own Matthew Hearty, son of Ruth and Pat, was one of the actors. He played the part of Papa Caleb. He put on a wonderful performance.

Laura Moore had an interesting visitor this week. When I went to Laura's she told me that she had heard something in the basement and that the live trap had gone off the night before. So she asked me to go and see what was in it. As I was going down the stairs I could see that it was quite big. Sure enough it was a groundhog and I told Laura what she had caught. She jokingly told me "Well, I guess that lad must have seen his shadow."

This past week I won a contest on CFRA. I got two passes for the National Women's Show at the Congress Centre in Ottawa, a family pass to the Museum of Civilization, a family pass to Little Rays Reptile Zoo and a $50 gift certificate to the Place Next Door on Rideau St. I went to the Woman's Show on Sunday and spent the day there with my cousin Ramona Dunahee. There were over 200 booths and displays. Everything from makeup, clothing, travel, food, education, fitness right up to the latest toys for the older boys and girls. If you ever go to one of these shows don't eat before you go. There were free samples of food and drink. We walked out with two shopping bags of samples and pamphlets. It was a very informative and interesting show. On Saturday, March 12 there was a baby shower held for Joanne Bulloch, daughter of Freda and Jacques Dupuis of Metcalf. Joanne's baby is due on April 14. She received many beautiful gifts from friends, family and co-workers.

Don't forget to put your blue boxes out tomorrow.

SHAWVILLE

Additions to the herd

By RON HODGINS
Correspondent
647-6001

Now this is what March weather is supposed to be like. This past weekend as well as this Monday has been great. The resident starling has returned this week and is busy carrying stems of hay to its old nesting location. There is a loose board on the side of the garage and every year there seems to be a nest of little ones raised behind it. It's amazing how they are able to find the same location year after year.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Violet Rutledge who celebrated her 81st birthday on Friday, March 11. Mona, Joe, Sandra and Edgar wish you many more years of happiness.

Happy birthday also to Mary Knox who turned the big 40 this past week. Welcome to the 40 club. You can pick up your membership from me the next time we see each other.

Tickets for the Clarendon 150th anniversary play are now on sale. You can pick them up at the Clarendon office. I'm sure that they will sell out fast. The cost is only $10 so don't forget to get one.

The Ottawa Valley Farm Show is this week at Lansdown Park. It is usually a place to see lots of agricultural related items as well as a good place to see your neighbour.

The livestock here at the farm increased by two this past week. Gail and Carol Tubman decided to sell their asses (donkeys) and after seeing them last Saturday we couldn't say no. They are brown in color and one is called Jack while the other is called Donald. They have settled in real nice and are enjoying their new home.

Hey Jill you have to come and see the new additions to the herd. We are now looking for a female. If you know anyone who might have one for sale, let us know. We might even call her Jill or grandmother.

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DANFORD LAKE

Sure sign of spring

By STEPHANIE MILFORD
Correspondent
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We have a few birthdays this week. First of all Gene Desmond the 10th, Elizabeth Kluke the 16th, and Huey Desmond the 18th. Don't forget in between them all is St. Patty's Day! Have you got your green out? May the luck of the Irish be with you all!

Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Jason and Christie Gabie on the 14th.

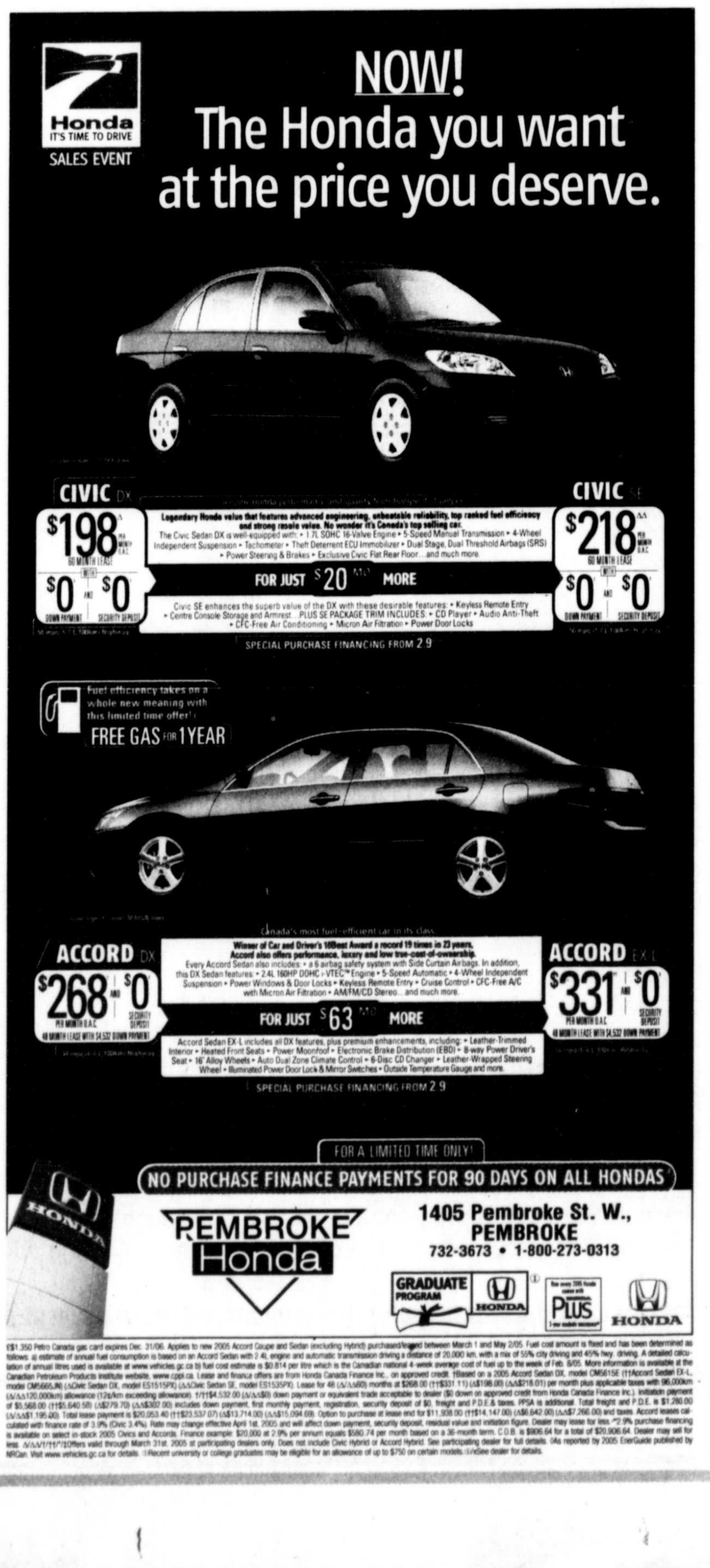
Has anyone tapped the maples yet? It's sure getting close to that time again. You can't beat the taste of maple syrup!

I saw a definite sign of spring coming this week. The snow around the giant pine tree across the field where we live, is slowly melting. Around here that's the first true sing.

Last week I had a very interesting chat with a friend of mine, Sheri Orr I was told that a weasel had got into her kitchen and was eating the dog food! Well you can imagine how she felt. So Paul came in and got it out and fixed the hole where they thought it had come in from. But, needless to say, Sheri didn't sleep a wink all night. Poor thing. Hope your okay now!

If you're looking for a great comedy, then don't hesitate, go see "The Pacifier." Vin Diesel stars in it. It's not the kind of movie that you would picture him in but does a great job. Go, I promise you'll have a ball!

Hope everyone has a safe week and Happy St. Patty's Day!



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OVER 500 ITEMS TO BE OFFERED

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 AT 11:00 AM

Air Force Association Of Canada

164 ARGYLE ST. S, RENFREW

PREVIEW: 10:00 AM

DIRECTIONS: FROM HWY. 17 EXIT TO RR # 20 (BRUCE ST.), LEFT ON RR # 60 (STEWART ST.), RIGHT ON ARGYLE. (Watch For AUCTION Signs)

Scott P. Hall, Auctioneer, has been instructed to liquidate the following inventory:

PARTIAL LISTING: A large quantity of highly desirable **3-piece SOFA SETS** from high quality Italian Leather to Designer Fabric in various styles and colours to include black, taupe, burgundy, red wine, chocolate, caramel, stone grey, and whisky. **BEDROOM SUITES** to include mission, platform, sleigh and poster beds in Queen Anne, Victorian, Louis Phillip and French accented designs; high quality (Made in Canada) orthopedic pillow top mattress sets in double, queen and king size – many have 30 years warranty. **STUNNING DINING ROOM SUITES** with matching buffets and china cabinets, also to include Chippendale style in mahogany, walnut, oak and cherry. Vegas-style **CASINO GAMES TABLES** some with 6 games in 1; pub signs. **GORGEOUS SOLID WOOD BAR**; various occasional tables; coffee and end tables sets; bookcases; china and curio cabinets; corner tables; Fine French Furniture Louis XVI reproductions in mahogany and gold - Curio Cabinets, Consoles, Dressers, Commodes, Inlaid Leather top Desks, Chairs, Salons, Benches; sofa tables; room dividers; 31-Day **GRANDFATHER CLOCKS**; imported area rugs in several sizes, patterns and colours; Toshiba, Samsung-Akai, RCA **BIG SCREEN HDTV**; DVD players; home theatre surround sound systems; cordless phones; Huge assortment of **ARTWORK** for investment to include limited editions by Tom Thomson, A.J. Casson, A.Y. Jackson and oil on canvas; Frederic Remington-Bronze Statues; large qty. of table and floor lamps; a nice selection of simple and ornate wall mirrors; animated statues; sword sets; dish sets; crystal decanter sets; candle holders; large, medium and small size vases; **IMPERIAL LIMOGE**; Royal Worcester; Spode; 10 pc. 18/10 stainless steel Cookware sets; 72 pc. Cutlery sets, some with Gold Accent; carving sets; 12 pc. Knife sets with block; drill sets, new His / Her Watch sets. **TOO MANY ITEMS TO LIST.**

THIS SALE MERITS THE ATTENTION OF DECORATORS DESIGNERS AND PUBLIC ALIKE.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CASH, VISA, M/C OR DEBIT. 10% BUYERS PREMIUM WILL APPLY ON ALL PURCHASES. ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS AS POSTED AND ANNOUNCED.

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