ANDREA CRANFIELD
Editor-Reporter
SHAWVILLE Dec. 2, 2010

Thirty-two employees of Johns Valu-mart in Shawville went on strike on Dec. 2 when negotiations with Loblaw Companies of the Valu-mart store in Shawville, a subsidiary of the major grocery store chain, reached an impasse. Unions represent employees in the store.

The employees are asking for a new union agreement, 100 per cent of them saying they are interested in striking. It is an imminent strike, meaning the employees will be back to work in an agreement has not been reached.

"Our membership is strong and united," said the employees. "We are working as hard as possible to reach an agreement. Right now the company knows where we stand and what we expect; they have been well informed," said Karrie Cartman, president of the Valu-mart employees union.

Lyne Chamberland, union advisor of the Confederation syndicalist union Federation nationale des travailleurs d'aujourd'hui, said employees have been told they face a lockout.

"They weren't allowed in the store. The employer put people out there for four months," explained Chamberland.

For the first time in six years, labour negotiations started up again between the employer and CNS in October. In a statement from Loblaw Companies Limited, said Mr. Julian, vice president of the loaddie, "We have a plan to pay for the cost of reductions that are not in line with the cost of operations."

"We want to develop the store for the future and to grow the store," said Mr. Julian. "We are working hard to resolve differences and find a solution that works for all parties involved."

"We booked the meetings. If they want to continue negotiations we will. We will evaluate everything again after Wednesday," said Chamberland.

The store has been closed since the strike started and the employees were out for 42 days. "We are happy about the community such as Shawville," said Cartman. "We want to get back to work."

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"It is the biggest industry in Pontiac and it is the most important to get at least what the other stores have. We are here because they did not accept," said Cartman. "We want to be paid the same as the other stores."

"A lot of the workers are near minimum wage. A few of them have been red flagged. Some of them have been there for six years and are still making the same salaries," said Chamberland.

The union was putting a lot of pressure on the employers to make sure they were paid the same as the other stores.

"We are not asking for a lot. We expect to get at least what the other stores have received, other Quebec stores under the CNS union. But we made them a fair proposal and they did not accept," said Cartman. "We just want to be paid the same as on the other stores."

"The employees were put out of work and the building was locked up," said Cartman. "It is an important part of the province by the province of Quebec in 1980 and underwent major renovations in 1982."

The state of Valu-mart today, plywood-covered doors and windows greeted onlookers Friday, two days after the start of the strike.

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Farmers in Pembroke are willing to stand up and support farmers who give their land for use by others. Farmers who are willing to use their property during the winter at the Agricultural Land Corporation (ALC) regional annual meeting on Saturday in Pembroke, there was a consensus we're not going to stop the trai
Pontiac receiving more than $10 million from Gas Tax Fund

ANDREA "JANFIELD"

BRYSON Tues, Nov 30 2010

The federal and provincial governments are providing municipalities in the greater Grande Pontiac region with over $10 million of revenue from a portion of federal gas tax. The money is divided up according to how many people live in a municipality.

"The first priority is drinking water. The second priority is sewers and modern. The third priority is roads and any other thing that needs to be fixed," said MP for Pontiac and Marc de Guenéauville.

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"The event is a great way to get into the holiday spirit," said MRC Pontiac Deputy Director Carrière. "It's a perfect opportunity to buy a fresh Christmas tree, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone there.

"Come out and support your local community," she added.

Christmas Trees For Sale

Shawville Lions Club will be cutting trees in December and will be selling fresh trees in the barn at the Fair Grounds from 7 am to 3 pm every Saturday in December while quantities last.

Get your fresh tree early for the best selection. Trees also available at: J & B Grocery and Giant Tiger.

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The big media food drive 2010

ELLEN BOCHER
Senior to the Editor

SHAWVILLE Dec. 2, 2010

The fourth consecutive year, the big media food drive would once again take place in Campbell’s Bay and Shawville on Thursday, December 2, 2010. Throughout the day, Pontiac residents have been encouraged to participate.

The donations received have surpassed those received in previous years. In only three hours, the astounding sum of $6,150, over 650 food donations, and 31 children’s gifts were collected.

This event was a great success and it would not have been made possible without the help of our partners, communications and neighbours whose contribution added their effort to the overall success.

We thank all those who participated in the media, our partners and all 35 volunteers who participated in the event.

We hope to see you all again next year.

Volunteers collected donations in Shawville and Campbell’s Bay in the early morning hours of Dec. 2 for Bontiac Pontiac.

The first float in the Parade of Lights in Shawville on Nov. 27 was a fire truck from the Shawville Fire Department. As the firefighters and cadets walked down the street alongside the truck, they carried boots collecting money for the Annual Angel Tree Project. The Angel Tree Project is coordinated by the Shawville United Church and provides gifts for kids on Christmas whose parents can’t afford to get them anything. The firefighters collected $715.54 as well as some toys. Pictured are the firefighters and cadets who walked in the parade with some of the toys they collected. From left to right: Tom McCann, Travis Corrigan, cadet Garrett Woosley, cadet Shamus Tubman, Matthew Tremblay, Joel Desmarais, Tyler Toupin, Margaret McDougall, a coordinator of the Angel Tree Project and Ismatich Smith.

CSSS users committee brings Christmas cheer to seniors

LOUISE BROWN
Equity Editor

SHAWVILLE Dec. 5, 2010

The Pontiac Chamber of Commerce’s first Christmas party has once again brought a smile to the faces of the residents of the Pontiac Hospital Geriatric Centre and the Pontiac Hospital Long Term Care Wing.

According to one member of the group, "It’s to try to get the local businesses to join in with other businesses to have a bigger party where they can enjoy," she said.

Richard Wagner of pink image operates the business with his wife, Linda. They normally don’t have a corporate Christmas party in their company. "We did it before, years ago and now we’re trying to give Nancy something to do," he said. "We didn’t have enough to do it before. Now, she has enough information and more members into the organization."

This party was only a small first in what should be more activities for the group in the future. "I’m hoping next year it’ll be in Campbell’s Bay, because we had 400 people come," he added.

After dinner, hilarious one-man show Upstream Dave entertained the crowd with his no-frills sadder and sang a corporate Christmas party in his own style. "I know from experience. When we were married, we always used to go to formations, and sometimes it’s just those groups and people who always made early."

Keith Nadeau was also invited to this event, he said. "It was a lot more fun for me and other group members to join in with the event," he said.

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The news of a grocery store strike in Shawville last Thursday came as a complete shock to us in 2010. We expected no trouble, as business is normally good. The strike had no effect on the town as a whole, but it did close one of the main reasons for shopping in Shawville was gone.

The public not only lost a service these workers provide, but we also lost our only chance at a sanitised environment for food.

In the search of local news and updates, the Town of RAW TEXT END
Return to Thailand Hill tribe

ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM
KATHARINE FLETCHER

As readers, we must ask this:
What are you reading?

As someone who has traveled to Chiang Rai, Thailand, for the Akh Hill Tribe, I can say that the experience is one that will stay with you forever. The Akh are a fascinating people, with their unique culture, language, and customs. They are known for their bamboo homes, woven from bamboo, and their love of nature. They believe that nature is their mother, and they take great care in preserving it.

One of the unique features of the Akh is their bamboo homes. The homes are woven from bamboo and are designed to blend in with the natural surroundings. They are sturdy and durable, and are a testament to the ingenuity of the Akh people. The homes are also a symbol of their connection to the earth and the importance of preserving it.

The Akh people are also known for their love of nature. They believe that nature is their mother, and they take great care in preserving it. They have a deep respect for the environment and the natural world, and this is reflected in their daily lives.

As a traveler, I was struck by the beauty of the Akh culture, and I was inspired by their commitment to preserving their way of life. I encourage others to visit the Akh and learn more about their unique culture and way of life.

Katharine Fletcher is a freelance writer and author of the book "The Akh of the National Capital Region and Quebec." She is also a board member of the Akh Foundation, which is working to preserve the Akh culture and way of life.

Taitt featured in new magazine

LOUISE BROWN

Shawville, Dec. 8 2010

Sarah Dayo started in an Ottawa Township campaign, this summer, she's made her way into a new kind of media - the world of Modern Hunting Magazine.

Sarah's shooting skills and fashion design from Ottawa have been featured in various media outlets based in Ottawa and focus on ways to keep traditional hunting and fishing skills tied into the lifestyle of a modern hunter.

"I'm a hunter and a fisherman, so I've always been interested in preserving the culture of hunting and fishing. "

The way we are looking at hunting and fishing is starting to change, and I'm trying to help bring back some of the traditional skills that have been lost over time."

Sarah's frequent forays to Toronto and end of season sales are seeing cash-strapped young families flocking to her website, "Hunting is a lifestyle that is important to our heritage, and I want to help bring it back to the people who need it most."

Sarah's message is a simple one: hunting and fishing are ways to connect with nature and each other. "I want to help people understand the importance of preserving these traditions, and I want to help them connect with the land."

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Sarah's website, "Hunting Wholesale" is available online at HuntingWholesale.com.

The website provides information on how to get started hunting and fishing, as well as tips and advice on how to stay safe while out in the woods.

Sarah's message is one of hope and inspiration, and she is working hard to help bring back the traditional skills that have been lost over time.

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Angel of Campbell's Bay takes home top prize at Santa Claus parade

LOUISE BROWN
Dec 4, 2010

The "Angel of Campbell's Bay" was Kelly Lepack as she took first place in Saturday's Santa Claus Parade. After recovering from cancer, her family decided to participate in this year's parade and asked Kelly to join. She was a little shy at first, but smiled proudly, "But I want everyone to see her again, that's what it's all about." Lepack was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma over a year ago and has received an enormous outpouring of support from the local community. She is a healthy, robust, young girl and wants everyone to know that she is back in Campbell's Bay. Alongside the rest of her family, she wanted to show the crowd from her dad's trailer as the convoy slowly drove down Front St.

"It's a great chance for everyone to see her again," said Campbell's Bay mayor Bill Stewart.

Second place went to the Campbell's Bay Red Hat ladies, along with Falena Kensley and Wendy Wicks, Garrett Atkinsons Bar Bar.

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- "I just think you try to give it your best," said the lead character in the movie "Cars Lightyear," a group of ATVs decorated like characters from the movie. The ATV's decorated by the ATVs of Campbell's Bay went on to capture second place in the parade.

- "It's a great big outpouring of love from all of us," said Police Constable Larry Levesque, who through their professionalism and kindness, were instrumental in helping Kelly Lepack achieve her wish.

- "It's an honor to represent our school," said Kelsy, the student who was diagnosed with cancer last year. Kelsy held up a high trophy, "I'm so happy, and that's what it's all about," she said.

- "No matter how old you are, there's a little kid in all of us," she said. The crowd from atop her dad's trailer cheered with their festive dog Rascal. Bill Stewart

Two teams of horses strolled down the street as part of the parade.

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MONTREAL • A la veille de la période de vacances de Noël, la MRC des Pontiac-Renfrew a signé une première convention avec la Commission de l’information du Québec (CIQ) pour permettre aux consommateurs du Québec de bénéficier des deux services de la MRC des Pontiac-Renfrew selon Louise Dionne, numéro fondeur de Transport Pontiac-Renfrew.

"C’est une première reconnaissance de la part des consommateurs du Québec qui vise à promouvoir la continuité du transport pontiacien et de faire de nos citoyens de trouver le moyen de venir en aval du fleuve et dans le parc de la Gatineau." selon Louise Dionne, numéro fondeur de Transport Pontiac-Renfrew.

Renfrew • Plusieurs détaillants ont précisé qu’il ne fait aucun doute que le débit de vente des deux partenaires n’aurait jamais cessé de continuer pour envelopper la relation de la répétition et à la fois continuer à promouvoir nos clients." explique Louise Dionne.

"Cette infrastructure est un brin plus que le simple facteur de la région, ils comptent aussi sur le nombre de leurs clients. Il leur permet de trouver le moyen de venir en aval du fleuve et dans le parc de la Gatineau.

"Il s’agit de la pire année, marquée par une〈".

En terme de chiffre, un total de 1 200 billets ont été vendus dans les deux parties souhaitent continuer à travailler ensemble, écrire une nouvelle page de la continuité du transport pontiacien, mais dans certaines années, marquées par une deterioration marquée du service, se sont ainsi faits des centaines de dollars.

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**COMING EVENTS**

- **Saturday, Dec. 11** - Dancing at Shawville Lynx Hall. Hosts to go. Open bar. Hors d'oeuvres and snacks at 8 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the night. Children under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- **Saturday, Dec. 18** - Turkey Bingo for the Lions Club at the Lion’s Hall. 7:30 p.m. Come and have a good time. 

**Miscellaneous**


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"It's been growing every year," Frost said. "A lot of the people who come for the first time, they come every year."

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