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## ✓ Checkpoints

Brief items from around the Valley

### Recycling company seeking funding

Problems in securing financing have led to delays in setting up a recycling operation in the former Lubec/Cellières du Monde plant in Franklin.

Businessman Michael Akinniyi said last week he had hoped to begin operations in December, but his backers withdrew and he is now seeking about \$1.5 million in financing through a local bank, Investissement Québec, and the Haut-St-Laurent's Local Development Centre.

See FRANKLIN page 2

### Help for families at H'don Centre

(Gleaner staff)

A group helping young mothers and their children get the maximum benefit from the youngsters' pre-school years has a new name but the same function.

The Haut-St-Laurent Family Resources Centre (Centre des Ressources Familiales du Haut-St-Laurent) is the non-profit organization previously known as ARM (Association Ressource Maternité).

Its object is to lend a hand to mothers of children aged under four, and it operates its bilingual service out of headquarters at 182 Chateauguay St. in Huntingdon.

The new name was created last year.

See FAMILY page 5



Director Sylvie Trépanier (left) and assistant Chantal Rochon in the playroom at the Family Centre.

(Photo: HT)

## Elections Sunday in St-Chrysostome

(Gleaner staff)

If the advance polls are any indication, St-Chrysostome voters are taking a strong interest in choosing elected officials for their newly-amalgamated municipality.

The vote will be held next Sunday Feb. 6 at the municipal cultural centre located at 124 Notre-Dame St.

No fewer than 94 voters turned out

Sunday Jan. 30 at the advance polls, more than triple the previous average in Village and Parish combined, said municipal secretary-treasurer Céline Ouimet on Monday.

Running for the mayor's job are three candidates: village mayor Angus McKenzie, former parish mayor Gilles Bigras, and one-time councillor Guy Lefort.

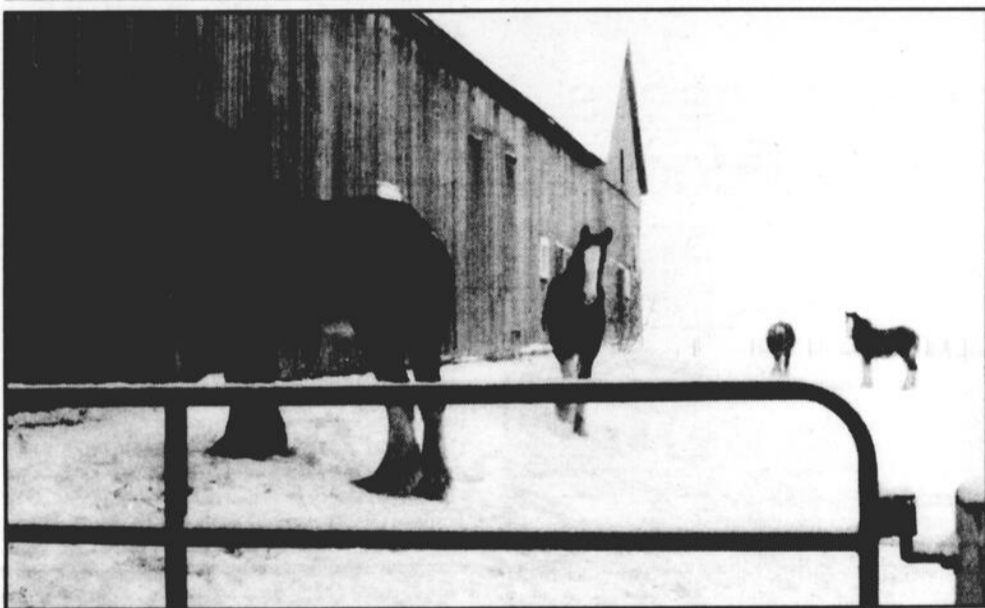
The race for Seat #5 on the new council involves two hopefuls: Daniel Arcand and

Alain Dupras.

On Sunday, the polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. to allow St-Chrysostome's 1,865 eligible voters to make their choices. All voters are reminded to bring proof of identity with them. For more information on voting procedures and the type of identification required, contact the Town Hall at 826-3911.

(HT/JT)

### Nothing to get excited about



When winter closes in and the snow falls, you might as well just settle back and enjoy it. These gentle Clydesdale horses on the Island Road farm of Murray and JoAnn McClintock know how to take shelter from the wind and wait a snowstorm out patiently. (See January weather statistics in This and That in Town.)

(Photo: JT)

## New Ormstown Council to meet next Monday

The newly-amalgamated Municipality of Ormstown will hold its first-ever Council meeting next Monday, Feb. 7.

The expected sanction for the fusion of Ormstown Village with the Parish of St-Malachie was published in Quebec's Official Gazette on Wednesday Jan. 26, marking the beginning of a four-month period leading up to the first elections for the new municipality, which have been scheduled for May 7.

At that time, a total of eight councillors and a mayor will be selected, and the Council will use that format for the first four years of its existence.

At the expiration of that period, the council will decide whether to revert to the standard number of six councillors and a mayor.

Anyone wishing to attend the historic first meeting of the new municipality is welcome at the Monday session, which opens at 7:30 p.m. at the Ormstown Recreation Centre on Roy St.

(JT)

## Local groups monitoring operations at U.S. landfill

Valerie Furcall  
THE GLEANER

would affect downstream residents and farmers.

### MEQ dump inspection

A company ready to build a garbage-burning incinerator is courting authorities of New York State's Westville dump, hoping to persuade managers of the cash-strapped Franklin County dump to sell the Trout River border-area regional landfill.

Greenlands Inc. spokesman Robert Purdy said the company would buy the dump for \$20 million and build a power-generating incinerator once the burning trash in Cell 1 had been extinguished and the leak fixed in Cell 2, according to a January 20 article in the Plattsburg-based Press-Republican newspaper. Greenlands proposes to increase the volume of garbage to 150,000 tons a year.

The landfill built in 1993 on swampy land has been a contentious issue for the St-Jean-Valleyfield UPA, SCABRIC (Chateauguay River Basin management committee) and neighboring Quebec municipalities which fear that any pollution problems originating from the dump

On January 20 at the Huntingdon Town Hall, municipal representatives from four municipalities and five UPA members met with Quebec Environment Ministry (MEQ) officials for the Montérégie district. Attending were Dundee councillor Linda Babin, Elgin councillor Roger Bergevin, Godmanchester councillor George Tannahill and municipal inspector Jimmy Poulin, Huntingdon mayor André Brunette and councillor Gordon Duke, SCABRIC's Serge Bourdon, the UPA's Bob Cunningham, Penny Anderson, Ken Brooks, Jack Mason, and Louis Beauclair of the St-Rémi office, MEQ director-general Francine Emond, office director Jean Hubert and Real Delisle of the Valleyfield office. The MEQ officials presented a six-page "environmental impact study" and report made following a May 1999 inspection of the site by Hubert and MEQ engineer Colin Bilodeau. Landfill manager

See WESTVILLE page 8



### What will it be?

Today is the day the groundhog ventures forth in search of his shadow. Our going-to-press deadline means we won't know the result of his excursion until next week. But we're all crossing our fingers that he won't see it, and there won't be six more weeks of winter. (JT)

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## This and That in Town

**IS THE WORST — of winter over? We have made it into February, and as of today (Wednesday) the groundhog will be doing his shadow thing. We are not privy to his prognostications as of this writing on Tuesday, so we'll have to wait and see.**

**MEANWHILE** — weather statistics for January show a slightly colder than normal average temperature, at -9.2°C., just a tad cooler than last January's -9.1°. The normal January average is -8.7°, says Ormstown farmer-weatherman Peter Finlayson.

**PRECIPITATION FIGURES** — show we had rather a lot of rain for a January — 25 mm or one inch. When this is added to 48 cm (or 19 inches) of snow, which melts down to 1.7 inches, the month's total is 3.4 inches, somewhat above the normal of 2.5 to three inches. Last year was similar, with a four-inch total.

**OTHERWISE** — winter seems to be unrolling as it should. The days are getting longer, and each day we are that much closer to spring.

**FROM THE ARENA** — in Huntingdon comes word that there will be no public skating at the rink on Saturday Feb. 5, due to the Legion's special game.

**TOMORROW EVENING** — Thursday Feb. 3, the Chateauguy Valley Historical Society will meet at 8 p.m. in Ormstown's MacDougall Hall to hear guest speaker Anne Drummond explain William Macdonald's vision of putting faculties

concerned with farm, home and school onto a campus separate from Montreal's McGill University. This, of course, led to the foundation of Macdonald College in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, alma mater of many of the Valley's farmers and teachers of all kinds of subjects, including home economics. The talk is open to the public and all are welcome.

**PLEASE NOTE** — a correction to the phone number for the Chateauguy Valley Literacy Council which appeared in last week's paper. The toll-free number is 1-888-598-0342. (VF)

**IN VALLEYFIELD** — all out-patient services at the Suroit Regional Hospital will be closed next Monday Feb. 7. This includes the blood lab and X-ray department. The emergency room, of course, will remain open.

**THE YEAR 2000 CALENDAR** — featuring color photos of the Chateauguy Valley is still available, now at a reduced price. All profits are donated to charity, and after the first month of sales, \$2,200 has already been given to recipients La Bouffe Additionnelle food bank, the SCABRIC and CRRC river groups, Shangri-la Animal shelter, a Chateauguy women's shelter, and a desperately poor community in Guatemala.

**PHIL NORTON** — who took the pictures and published the calendar is hoping to double this amount. He is grateful to customers and sellers of the calendar for their

support (including The Gleaner, one of the places it can be bought). Other locations are listed in this week's ad. The sale price is \$10 plus taxes.

**A RUMMAGE SALE** — organized by the Dames Chrétiennes of St. Joseph's Church is being held February 7, 8, and 9 at the Parish Hall in Huntingdon. Hours each day are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**IN STE-MARTINE** — the 10th annual Festi-Glace community winter event is running this weekend February 5 and 6. To find out more about the various activities call the Town Hall at 427-3050.

**FEBRUARY IS HERE** and Valentine's Day is not far off. If you want to send a card postmarked in St-Valentin, Que., just address and stamp the envelope containing your card, then place it in a larger envelope, stamp it, and send it to Claire Langevin, Postmaster, St-Valentin Post Office, Saint-Valentin, QC J0J 2E0.

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**GOVERNMENT GRANTS** — encouraging employers to offer students summer jobs related to their areas of study will be awarded by Human Resources Development Canada as part of their 2000 Student Summer Job Action program. Interested employers have until March 10 to submit an application. For more information call the Youth Employment Strategy info line at 1-800-935-5555 or visit their website at <http://www.youth.gc.ca/YES>.

**LAST YEAR** — more than 70,000 students across Canada gained valuable work experience under this program; in all, job search assistance was provided to nearly 450,000 young people, says a representative of the program.

**REUNIONS** — are becoming an ever-more-popular summer activity, and here at the newspaper, we have received notices of at least two such events. The first is for anyone connected with the Havliand Family. Our correspondent David Havliand says there

are some family members in our distribution area — you know who you are. For more information on the July 15 get-together at Waterford, Ont., call him at (519) 652-5999; fax: (519) 652-5994; e-mail [haviland@ican.net](mailto:haviland@ican.net).

**IN TIMMINS, ONT.** — the Timmins High and Vocation al School is inviting all alumni to return for a home-coming from August 3 to 6. They are expecting at last 5,000 former students to show up. To learn more, contact school principal Paul Toffanello, 4512 Theriault Blvd., Timmins, ON P4N 8B2. (Fax: (705) 268-6603 or email <http://www.nt.net-happyuke/thvs.h> tm. (JT)

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## Barrie's interim director seeks to recruit badly-needed doctors

**Valerie Furcall**  
THE GLEANER

Ormstown's Barrie Memorial Hospital has a new acting executive-director replacing Guy Rho, who has been assigned for a year to the Quebec Government's "capitation" (integrated services) project for this area.

André Morin, a former director at the Centre Hospitalier Valleyfield Hospital Centre, last month started working on this sector's pressing need to recruit additional doctors, while ensuring the continuity of daily services. As well as his job at the Barrie, he is self-employed as a consultant in hospital management, planning and organization.

The Barrie currently has 11 full-time general practitioners and two surgeons, and its affiliation with McGill University sees resident-doctors receiving training and acquiring experience at the hospital.

Coming up with a recruitment plan is Morin's first new project for 2000.

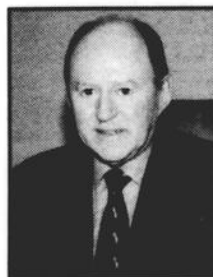
"We have to attract some new doctors to join the dedicated ones we have already

working in a well-equipped hospital with competent staff providing quality care," Morin said.

"The Valley is also an appealing region, having communities with so many supportive people." He also cited the extraordinary work accomplished by the Women's Auxiliary and the Foundation. "We couldn't do without them."

"The government alone cannot provide for all the needs of the hospital — it's the people in the community who see to it that the hospital has what it needs," he added, summing up his marketing strategy to woo physicians.

Making existing services the Barrie provides better known to area residents is another objective. He believes the population needs to be well-informed about what the hospital does to ensure the quality of care people expect.



**BMH acting executive-director André Morin.**  
(Photo: VF)

## Franklin project... from page 1

Meanwhile, Franklin has authorized a zoning change which would permit the recycling plant to sort process and store paper, glass and plastic materials in the former cider and wine-bottling plant.

Akinniyi's offer to purchase the building for about \$425,000 is contingent on securing the funding.

His projected company, Valorisation des déchets du Haut-St-Laurent, could provide about 60 jobs, he said. His plans call for seven trucks to pick up recyclables from those Haut-St-Laurent municipalities which contract for his services.

(HT/JT)

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# Sports



## Soccer on ice

Youngsters at the Cazaville Winter Carnival last weekend enjoyed playing soccer on ice at the local rink. Warm temperatures and sunshine meant ideal conditions for celebrating the joys of winter.

(Photo: HT)

# Clean Sweep

Curling news around the Valley



"Free Guard? ... What's that?"

The Buckingham, QC, team led by Agnes Charette was the winner of the Canadian Senior Ladies final in Saskatchewan on Sunday.

It was a boring game that had spectators asking if the players knew what a free guard was. In case you fell asleep before it was over, Charette won 4 to 3 over Saskatchewan.

In the Senior Men's final, also held on Sunday, Ontario beat out B.C. and took home the title for the third time.

Local Ladies' curling saw five teams entered in the McCallum Filly at the Riverfield Club Saturday and Sunday. Valleyfield won the A section, with Lacolle winning the B (Hamilton Shield).

The next level of this competition for Rookie lady curlers is March 4-5 at Baie d'Urfé. The Branch Colts, for Rookie men, will be March 6-10 at Bedford. Good luck to all our local teams!

Tomorrow (Thursday) through Saturday will see Firemen battling each other at the Fire Fighters' Curling Club at Ormstown.

Don't forget Huntingdon's Charity Bonspiel this Saturday Feb. 5. To enter, give Jill Frier a call at 264-2003. All proceeds go to help worthy charitable cause, and you'll have fun at the same time.

Perhaps you've noticed many of today's curlers time the rocks to know the ice conditions better. Sometimes players fumble with their stopwatches for an instant while attempting to make the transition from timing to sweeping. Now there is a solution. A new timer, called a Rockwatcher, attaches a timer directly to the handle of a broom, right where a player wants it, and it is easy to see, even then in a sweeping position.

To share your curling news throughout the season, please contact Brent Harrison, at 827-2392 (Tel. & Fax.) or online at [www.FranklinStudio.com](http://www.FranklinStudio.com)

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## Hemmingford Bowling

**Team standings after January 12:**  
 Bickes 52, Wallace 49, Lapierre 45,  
 Barrière 42, Laporte 42, Bott 31,  
 Leboeuf 30, Four Seasons 29..

### High scores :

**Ladies:** T. Wallace 159, 469; A. Lapierre 174, 440; J. Piossant 147, 408; K. Brownridge 154, 402; C. Leboeuf 160, 395; C. Denault 161.

**Men:** R. Barrière 227, 578; G. Bickes 200, 562; G. Smith 186, 501; P. Lapierre 188, 500; T. Lapierre 175, 489; G. Leboeuf 173, 444; M. Laporte 178, 444.

(FE/JT)

## SUNDAY MORNING HOCKEY LEAGUE

### STANDINGS

Legion	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Legion	10	4	2	61	42	22
Pub	6	6	4	63	60	16
Panthers	6	8	2	59	65	14
Leduc	4	8	4	57	72	12

### SCORING LEADERS

	GP	G	A	TP
W. McDowell	16	17	22	39
D. Brunette	14	15	16	31
S. Leroux	15	11	16	27
An. Dubois	12	12	13	25
Y. Legault	12	9	14	23
G. Arcoite	15	11	10	21
G. Fenlon	14	8	10	18
P. Deschambault	15	12	6	18
F. Mesei	14	7	11	18

3 tied at 17 pts

### GOALTENDING

	W	L	T	GA	GAA
M. Legros	10	4	2	41	2.56
E. Caza	6	5	3	50	3.50
P. Clément	5	7	2	50	3.57
H. Welburn	4	7	3	60	4.28

### RESULTS

Jan. 30: Legion 4, Panthers 1; Pub 6, Leduc 5.

### FUTURE GAMES

Feb. 6: 10 a.m. Panthers vs Leduc; 11:30 Legion vs Pub.  
 Round-robin play-off starts Feb. 13: 10 a.m. Pub vs Panthers; 11:30 Leduc vs Legion.

(J.T.)

**Making money's cool...**

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**The Commission des normes du travail informs you that labour standards now make it illegal for an employer to:**

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- have young people work during school hours.

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For further information, contact the Commission des normes du travail: (514) 873-7061 (Greater Montreal area)

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CHANGE OF DIRECTION?

Just as we prepared to go to press Tuesday, the news came out that William Johnson had announced his impending resignation as head of Alliance-Quebec, the English-rights lobby group.

The actual elections will only be held in four months' time, at the A-Q annual meeting, but Johnson said he wanted to allow plenty of time for new leadership material to surface.

Johnson's often aggressive stance on matters of language rights irritated many people, not all of them francophones. His nickname of "Pit Bill" was not undeserved, and caused several groups affiliated with Alliance-Quebec to dissociate themselves from what was once an umbrella group for regional associations.

We suspect that the straw that broke the camel's back, aside from the alienation of

the so-called "lamb lobby", could have been recently-announced cuts in Ottawa's funding of the Alliance, even as grants were increased to some other groups in the province and offered to a couple of new ones.

Johnson says he plans to stick around as A-Q's past president, while he moves on (or back) to other pursuits, most likely in journalism, where he first assumed prominence as an outspoken columnist.

Meanwhile, Alliance-Quebec, first shaken from complacency by the election of Johnson, can now begin work to find a middle path, somewhere between extremism and passivity, to add badly-needed credibility to its image as a clearing-house for the concerns of all Anglo-Quebecers.

(JT)

FROM GLEANER ARCHIVES . . .

120 years ago

January 29, 1880

CANADA

A brutal man, named John McCarthy, was brought before a Pembroke judge, charged with cutting the tongue out of a horse, the property of a widow who had refused to marry him. He was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

It has been demonstrated in St. Catharines that a woman may forget her child long enough to bring about very serious injury upon it. A mother, thinking to wash her baby, found the water too cool and the fire almost out. While rekindling the one to warm the other she put the naked infant on the barely warm stove. A noise of fighting dogs in the year and fears for her clean clothes on the line then caused the woman to run out, and the new excitement filled her mind so that she left her baby on the stove till the fire burned up, badly burning the little one. Medical care has saved its life, and now the mother makes up for her forgetfulness by extra care and love.

60 years ago

January 31, 1940

A PIONEER FAMILY OF HINCHINBROOKE

(Photo) Sturdy pioneers of the Chateauguay Valley were the Kelly family, from the green covered sod of old Ireland in 1840, they settled on a farm about a mile down the Chateauguay River from the present fairgrounds in Huntingdon. . . .

NEW INDUSTRIES HERE CREATE HOUSING SHORTAGE

Confronted with an increasingly embarrassing house shortage, Huntingdon is looking forward to a house building program in the spring to relieve the situation. Since the opening of the Huntingdon Woollen Mill there has not been a single house in Huntingdon vacant and places of abode not used for a time have been renovated to provide accommodation. When Huntingdon's second newest industry, the spinning mill, gets underway this summer it will call for additional housing . . .

30 years ago

January 28, 1970

DAIRY GIANT MOVES INTO HDON

A Quebec giant in the field of dairy produce has started operations in Huntingdon, and the move may mean a substantial shot in the arm for the local economy. The Co-operative Agricole de Granby, whose sales last year totalled \$72 million, has acquired the Cremerie Revelation on York St., and already its representatives visualize an expansion program that could create as many as 200 new jobs. . . .

THE SCOTTISH CONCERT

The applause at the the Scottish Variety Concert was so loud one would have thought twice as many people attended than actually did. . . . Only 600 people showed up, about half as many as last year. . . . The Pipe Band turned in another masterful performance. . . . Ken Scott and Rupert Hawley did credit to their roles as

The French papers publish mournful stories of the distress prevalent in certain quarters of the city of Quebec. . . . a case where a poor woman actually killed and cooked a cat to obtain food for herself and her children.

The Montreal police force comprises 219 members. . . . The Protestants pay a trifle more than half the taxes, and support the General Hospital, although nearly 3/4 of the patients treated are Roman Catholics. There is but one Protestant upon a detective force of six.

Duncan McQuaig when called upon to give evidence in a case in the Enquete Court Montreal, refused to do so except in his mother tongue, the Gaelic. Remonstrance was useless. . . . He was not going to be trapped by the wily Saxon counsel into giving evidence in a foreign tongue which might be tortured to incriminate himself . . .

Last year there were 1902 failures in Canada with \$29,347,000 of liabilities, a large increase. 1 in every 29 who carry on business failed.

WOOL FOR SOLDIERS SOCKS NOT SO FINE

Some of the wool that has forwarded to the Huntingdon Branch of the Red Cross to knit socks with has been described as most unsuitable. It is compared with hemp and has been returned.

AGRICULTURALLY SPEAKING

. . . where land in the district is suitable for it, flax should be sown. The last war produced in acreage from 463,400 to 1,068,100 in Canada, while prices rose from \$1.50 to \$3.13 a bushel.

MONSTER BEAR SEEN AROUND TROUT RIVER

A huge black bear which is either out ahead of his Candlemas Day or has passed up his winter's sleep entirely, is reported roaming the border region in the vicinity of Trout River. . . . To date, no damages are reported as having been caused by this beast on any of the farms . . .

two old Scots. . . . Newcomer Rod Beattie sang three songs, the best of which was a ballad . . . Pat Howieson treated the audience to a great voice and commendable control. Youngsters Julie Borland, Patsy Greenbank, Nancy Hooker, Susan Middlemiss and Elizabeth Tannabill performed the Highland Fling. . . . Jennifer Coulombe, Cathy Kerr, Kirsten Rottensten and Norma Tannabill took part in the difficult sword dance. . . . Shirley Daniel did a solo, then combined with Colleen Raymond and Monique and Lorraine Simms. Mac Ruddock, with a selection of songs and stories, just about stole the show. Dressed in old country finery, he came across as the most Scottish of them all, even though he made no attempt to imitate the accent.

(VF)



Letters

Local wildlife protection group appeals to Ottawa for funding

The following is an edited version of a letter sent to Canadian Finance minister Paul Martin:

On January 14 in Montreal, I met with federal Environment minister David Anderson, who presented his proposed legislation on endangered species, which will be introduced in the House of Commons during the next session.

One aspect of the bill will be to promote ecological care-taking programs, helping people and groups to protect endangered species and their habitats.

Without government help, the habitat situation is bound to worsen, especially at the Lac St-François National Wildlife reserve.

Les Amis de la Réserve, a non-profit group, works at this 1,450-hectare site,

which is made up largely of marshland.

The Canadian Wildlife Service gave only \$12,000 in funding to the reserve in 1999, not much considering we must protect our fragile wildlife and exercise constant vigilance to keep the reserve from becoming a haunt for hunters, fishers, poachers, smugglers and hemp-planters.

I hope Ottawa can budget enough money to make the law on endangered species an effective one. Les Amis de la Réserve can then carry out their mandate of making people be aware of, and show respect for, our endangered species, to the benefit of future generations.

Robert Poupard, president

Les Amis de la Réserve (trJT)

Anna Laberge director says staff coping well with overload

For the past several weeks, we have been aware of the media's concern about the critical situation in our hospitals and, particularly, our emergency departments. Banner headlines, long analytical articles and poignant images unfortunately focus only on the deficiencies in the network, failures in the system and weaknesses in services.

Obviously, the current situation is very difficult, but can the services we are providing and even the quality of these services be faulted? While we are well aware of certain failures in the system, we have managed to prevent the situation from deteriorating further. The human resources in the hospitals have, once again, been called on to intensify their activities and surpass their usual performance.

In a society in which the public clearly recognizes the efforts made by health practitioners, it would not only be accurate but also appreciated if the words you use with such agility could be employed to publicly acknowledge the work these dedicated men and women are accomplishing under such difficult circumstances.

I would like to recognize the efforts of the entire staff of the Centre hospitalier Anna-Laberge who, day after day, work unceasingly in an environment in which mutual assistance and encouragement have helped the personnel surpass their usual performance in an already demanding profession.

Without this dedication, we could not respond to all the needs of people who are ill and depend on the system. Men, women, young or old, rich or poor, alone or part of a family, we may all need health care and can expect to receive it. Of course, I encourage our health workers to continue their remarkable efforts, but at the same time I would also like to encourage our society, through the media, to give some positive consideration to the unwavering commitment of our health workers.

Bravo to all the practitioners in the health network, the nurses, physicians, health professionals, general staff, managers, volunteers and administrators.

Yves Beniot,

Executive Director

Centre hospitalier Anna Laberge

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# Family well-being promoted at Centre... from page 1

"We wanted to choose a name which described our services better and which appealed more to our participants, who come from all over the MRC du Haut-St-Laurent," said director Sylvie Trépanier last week.

The idea behind the service is to take a global approach to health care for the young families by offering workshops, equipment and advice for the mothers faced with the demanding job of raising babies and little kids.

An important part of this work is play, and the group has set up a play-room on the premises, where mothers can learn to play with their children.

"We also lend toys to the families to take home," explained Trépanier who heads a team of nine, including a secretary-assistant, animators and trained workers.

### Communal kitchen

The mothers can also borrow books to read to the children and increase their own

knowledge. A second-hand clothing counter offers garments for the under-five set, priced at an affordable average of 25 cents.

A community kitchen is aimed at encouraging mothers to make more home-cooked meals and rely less on commercially-prepared main dishes.

"We want to show them how to develop good eating habits such as eating more fruits and vegetables," Trépanier said.

One program which new mothers appreciate greatly involves cooking sessions for pregnant women. During their months of waiting, the women prepare a total of 14 meals, each with four servings, and put them in the freezer at the centre.

Then, when the baby is born, those first few strenuous weeks are made easier, thanks to 56 servings of ready-made meals.

"This way they don't have to worry about cooking for those first days," Trépanier explained. "This lowers stress and also ensures good nutrition for the

new mother and her family."

The Centre also has a program which provides infant formula for those in need during the first couple of weeks after the birth.

All these services are made possible through funding which comes mainly from the Centraide charitable umbrella group,

plus aid from Health Canada and the Montérégie regional health network. The Centre works in close co-operation with the Huntingdon CLSC and the Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi of Beauharnois-Huntingdon. For more information call 264-4598 or 1-877-264-4589.

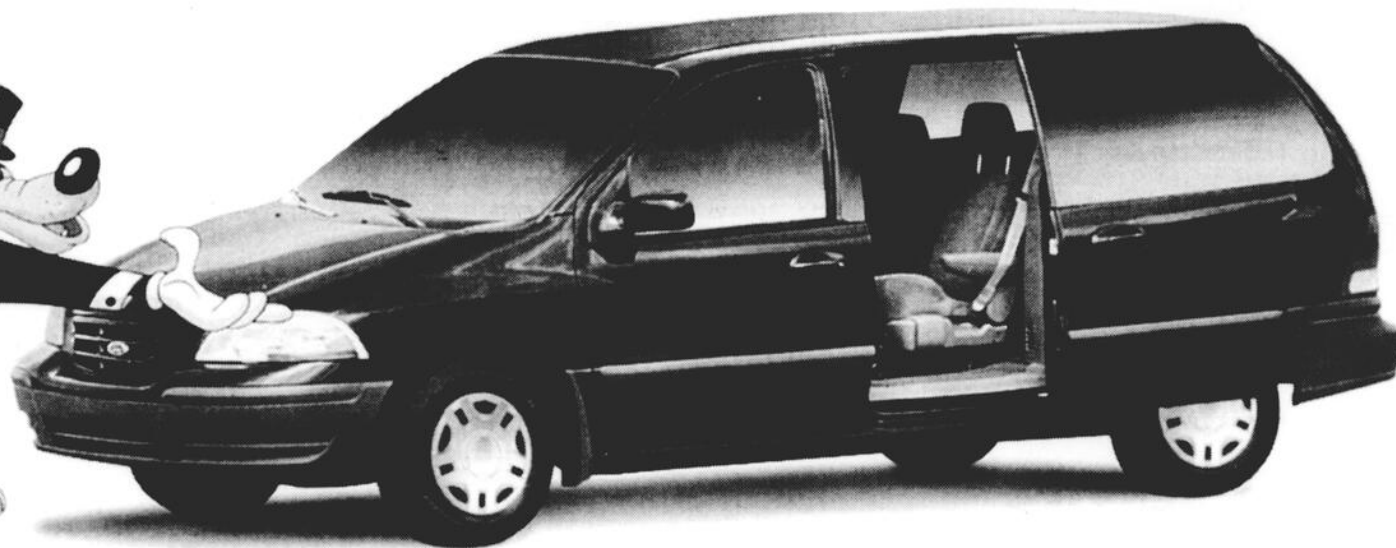
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# BIRTHS & DEATHS

## CARD OF THANKS, IN MEMORIAMS, ENGAGEMENTS

### DIED

**FILLIER, Verna Hollett** - At the Huntingdon County Hospital on January 24, 2000, Mrs. Verna Hollett Fillier passed away in her 90th year. Beloved wife of Reverend Wilfred J. Fillier (Jack) of Morrisville, Vermont, U.S. Beloved sister of Guinevere Inkpen of Brockville, Ontario, Ella Beatrice Wrixon of Traverse City, Mich., U.S. and Jacqueline Berry (John) of Thunderbay, Ontario, loving aunt to Sharon Weippert (Nelson), Shane and Heather Berry, great aunt to Todd (Carol), Kim and Chris Weippert and great-great aunt to Tyler Graham. She leaves to mourn many relatives and friends. Memorial service will be held in spring in Morrisville Puffer United Methodist Church. Burial in spring at the Montreal Mount Royal Cemetery. Donations can be made to the Puffer United Methodist Church in Morrisville, Vermont or to the St-Andrew's United Church in Chateaugay, Quebec. Funeral arrangements by Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Inc., 170 Chateaugay St., Huntingdon, Quebec.

**PERKINS, Kay (née Pickering)** - Suddenly in hospital at Fairview, Alta. on January 24, 2000 wife of the late Leslie Perkins, mother of Lindsay (Don Clipham), Judy (Floren DeWaard), grandmother of Scott and Sherra. Sister-in-law of Jean McEwen, Ormstown and Mae Proctor of Coquitlam, B.C.

**ROMANADA, Ken** - Suddenly at Toronto on Wednesday, January 12, 2000, dearly beloved husband of Shirley Cosgrove, formerly of Huntingdon, loving father of Samantha and Matthew, father-in-law of Dexter and grandfather of Ashley. He leaves to mourn his father Frank and brothers and sisters. Funeral mass took place at Blessed Sacrament Church on January 15.

**TREMBLAY, Germaine Brisebois** - In Huntingdon on January 28, 2000, at the age of 81 years passed away Mrs. Germaine Brisebois Tremblay, wife of the late Aldéric Tremblay. Pre-deceased by her son Yves, she leaves to mourn her children Nicole (Jean-Marc Sincennes), Diane (Michel D'Amour), Normand (Sylvie Perrotte), France (Serge Boucher), Jean-Luc (Françoise Leclerc), Guylaine (Eric van Zuiden), Pierrette (Gilles Bergevin), Lise (Réal St-Jacques), Roma (Claire Marquis) and Hélène (Richard Joubert), many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her brothers and sister Laurette, Jean and Gérald, as well as many relatives and friends. Pre-deceased by her brothers and sister Albert, Antoinette and Roland. Visitation was held on Sunday, January 30, from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m. as well as on Monday, January 31 from 9 a.m. at Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Inc. Funeral Parlour, at 170 Chateaugay, Huntingdon. Funeral was held on Monday, January 31 at 11 a.m. in St-Joseph's Cemetery. Donations to the Heart Foundation of Quebec or to the Diabetes Association of Quebec would be greatly appreciated.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

**BASKIN, Pearl** - A memorial service for Pearl Baskin will be held Saturday, February 5, 2000 at 2 p.m. at St-Luke's Anglican Church in Hemmingford. Private Burial.

### IN MEMORIAM

**FUREY, John Lewis** - In loving memory of a dear husband, Dad, father-in-law and Grandpa who passed away on Feb. 8, 1996.  
We often sit and reminisce  
And have a laugh or two  
Fondly telling stories  
Of things we used to do.  
They bring a laugh  
Sometimes a tear  
And always a wish  
That you were here.

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**LESLIE, Mac** - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grand-father and great-grandfather who died on February 3, 1996.  
It's hard to believe that four years have passed  
Since we all have seen you last  
We missed you then and we still do  
But in our hearts, we know you listen  
when we pray to you.  
We know you're watching over us  
in your own special way  
And our love and memories of  
you will never go away.  
Sadly missed, Pauline, Rita and John, Anne-Marie and Gene, Phyllis, Sandra and Pierre and all your grandchildren and great grandchildren

**MACKIE, Bet**  
It's been three years  
Since we lost our friend,  
But our love for her  
Will never end.

Love Audrey & Ruby

**STACEY, Norman W.** - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandpa who passed away January 31, 1996.

Always remembered and missed  
Ethel and family

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Enid Robertson would like to express sincere thanks to friends and neighbors who attended the funeral service and those who sent cards and brought food during this difficult time. Also thanks to Dr. Brissette, doctors, nurses and staff of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care our mother received while she was a patient there.

Leigh, Jane, Gael, Kim and their families

To our community while we are not out of the woods the trees have thinned. Thank-you all for helping to light the dark tunnel we have just come through to get to where we are. Each thought, each well-wisher, each prayer, each card, each gift of food, each flower, each adult, each child gave us gifts of love, strength and support. We would not have made it so well without you, you made all the difference. With great thanks.

Ainsley Sturton

David, Tabitha, Benjamin, Megan & Nathan McKell

Many thanks to Dr. Blonde, nurses and staff on the third floor of the Barrie Memorial Hospital for the excellent care I received while a patient there; also thanks to Montpetit Ambulance service, family, neighbors and friends for gifts, cards, visits and phone calls. All was very much appreciated.

Francis McCormick

To all the ladies who have supplied the most delicious homemade meals and who have kept our sweet supply replenished since Elliot's return from hospital in early December and also since the passing of his brother, Ronald. Please accept this note as our personal thank-you. All has been greatly appreciated.

Elliot, Shirley and Andy Whyte

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our neighbors, friends and family for phone calls, visits, sympathy cards and masses at the time of Ken's sudden death.

Shirley Romanada,  
Samantha & Matthew  
Cosgrove family

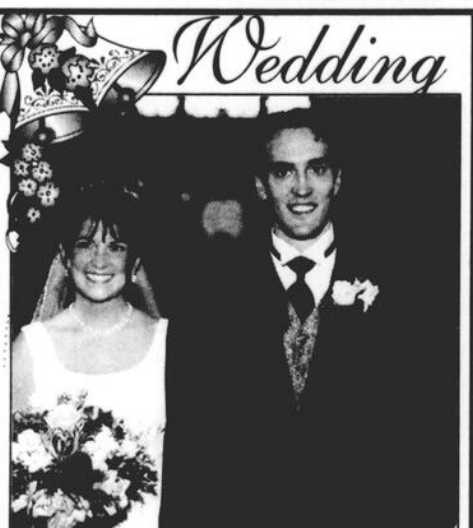
I would like to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Lemieux and nurses, staff of Third Floor of Barrie Memorial for the excellent care I received. I would also like to thank my family, neighbours and friends for their warm thoughts, flowers, gifts and cards.

Florence Leahy Godin

The family of the late Gordon Vaincourt wish to express sincere thanks to the following people: to the Franklin First Response, Mr. and Mrs. Mac English, Roy Vaincourt, to our cousin Bernice and Dan Paxton, Mr. Jacques Neveu, to the pallbearers, Mrs. Carol Bye at the organ. To all our friends and neighbours who came to the funeral service and sent us cards. And a very special thank-you to Pastor Bob for the beautiful service he preached. May God Bless everyone who came and helped us. Thank-you very much from our hearts.

David & Kenneth Vaincourt

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The marriage was solemnized at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Barriefield, Ont.

On Saturday, October 16, 1999.

The couple reside in Kingston, Ont. and are both employed at the Kingston General Hospital where Terri is a registered nurse and Jim is a physician in Emergency Medicine.

## Community

### Obituary

# Norma Currie Martin, 70, dies in Toronto hospital

Norma Mae Martin (née Currie) passed away November 25, 1999 in Toronto following a lengthy illness. She was 70 years old.

Born in Dundee on March 26, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Lyle L. Currie and the late Martha Davidson.

She had retired in 1988 after a 40-year career with the Ontario Provincial Police. She joined the force as a secretary in Cornwall in 1948 and was later transferred to Toronto headquarters where she served as administrative assistant to a series of deputy commissioners and five commissioners.

She was a member of the OPP Veterans' Association, the Optimist Club, and the Leaside Branch of the Royal Canadian

Legion where she did volunteer work visiting sick and disabled veterans in hospital and at their homes.

Predeceased by her brother Jack, she is survived by sisters Gloria Campbell of Massena NY; and June and her husband Charles Gardiner of Cambridge ON; also her aunt Isabel Elder of Huntingdon. Several nieces and nephews also remember her with love and appreciation.

Cremation has taken place, and her ashes will be scattered over the waters off Barbados, an island which she visited frequently and where she had many friends.

Donations in Norma's memory may be made to either the Alzheimer Association or the Canadian Cancer Society.

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# Drug-info trailer coming to H'don February 14-17

(Gleaner staff)

There's no denying the drug phenomenon that is ever-present in high schools, and elementary students reaching high school have to confront this reality.

In order to help children and young people make clear choices against using illicit drugs, groups concerned with health, community welfare and family life have arranged for a travelling drug education program to set up in Huntingdon from February 14 through 17.

A mobile unit containing visual aids and illustrations of various types of drugs to educate the public will be stationed at Huntingdon's Arthur Pigeon High School. Educators, police officers, Pacte de rue, Le Virage, Affaires de Famille and Optimist Clubs are involved in bringing this program to the Haut-St-Laurent.

While the exposition is aimed at elementary-age children, high school students are also encouraged to visit. Students will be visiting the unit during school hours.

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., the general public and especially parents of high school students are welcome. On Thursday, Feb. 17, parents of Grade 7 students may attend.



Arthur Pigeon counsellors François Vaudrin and Sylvie André, along with vice-principal Richard Carrière, are assisting with the drug awareness program. (Photo:VF)

Representatives from involved groups such as Pacte de rue, A Family Affair, Le Virage, Liberté de Choisir and Sûreté du Québec will be on hand to answer questions and run workshops.

Other partners in bringing the unit to the Haut-St-Laurent include Arthur Pigeon School officials and local Optimist Clubs.

(tr:VF)

### Ormstown

Jean McEwen - 829-2704

The Ormstown community was shocked and saddened last week to learn that Ann Whitehead had passed away. We extend our sympathy to her family and relatives.

Also, sympathy goes to the family and

relatives of the late Bill Marshall, who was a brother of Allan Marshall.

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### GRADUATION



**WENDY STEWART**

Wendy has recently graduated from the University of Toronto, with a Master of Social Work Degree. She is presently employed by the Children's Aid Society, in Toronto. Proud parents are Cyril and Judy Stewart, of Brockville.

### GRADUATION



**BRANDI FERNS**

Bachelor of Arts, McGill University  
Major - Psychology with Great Distinction - Deans Honour List 1997  
Masters of Science, Applied - Specialization - Speech - Language Pathology - McGill University 1999  
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# Athelstan's Munro Hall houses set-designer's world of fantasy

**Valerie Furcall**  
THE GLEANER

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Jean-Philippe Morin's business card describes exciting possibilities. His workshop is contained inside the historic Munro Hall, a space that naturally lends itself to building... fantasy flying machines, fighter-plane replicas, a gondola, and a prehistoric reptile with a 21-foot wing

span, along with scale models of casinos, hotels, boats hulls that are used in special-effects cinematography. (Models of the real thing are blown up, burnt down or are otherwise destroyed during filming.)

Over the past year, the Quebec City native has devoted his talents to producing much of the set for a television series, Secret Adventures of Jules Verne. Other credits include designs used in the film Snake Eyes, flying machines for the Famous Players Cinemas, Heritage Canada clips, and a new film, Eyes of the Beholder.

**Always changing**

"Each project is different, interesting and challenging to do," he said, adding that it's fun to work on the sets and meet the actors. Generally he builds alone because it's hard to find someone versed in this specialized trade.

More than a thousand hours might be painstakingly devoted to the actual manufacturing of a single unit, he explained.

No detailing is too minute to be ignored. He made a miniature model of the Munro Hall measuring 2 1/4 inches by 3 3/4 inches has 20 eight-pare, double-hung windows (top-halves extend further than bottom sections) shutters, sills, moldings,

doors, textured clapboard and shingle siding.

Morin can work from photographs to make patterns respecting dimensions to result in a scale version of the real thing. Often he develops his own conceptions, like realistic but non-functional futuristic electronics for spy thrillers and science fiction films. Some moving, talking mannequins were museum and interpretation centre commissions.

The artist/builder's preoccupation with aerodynamics launched his career as a film prop and set-maker 12 years ago. When Chateaugay Valley Regional High School

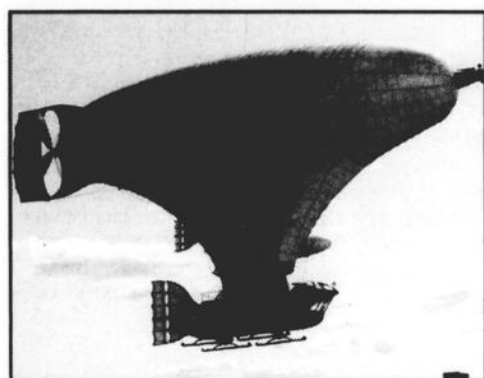
students re-enacted the Battle of the Chateaugay last fall, they benefited from Morin's expertise in making rubber molds to cast authentic-looking firing mechanisms for their muskets.

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Morin's air-ship and gondola for the upcoming Jules Verne series was suspended with piano wires to an unseen crane. (Photos: courtesy J-P Morin)



A mannequin of an historic figure has moving mouth and hand parts.



Jean-Philippe Morin in his workshop framing a scale airplane for a film. (Photo: VF)



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# Ormstown's Jim Barrington recalls years as bus driver

**Valerie Furcall**  
THE GLEANER

Jim Barrington's 35 years as a professional bus driver may have meant bouncing over the same pavement day after day, but "There was something different to see each time," he said.

And his glances out the side window and in the rear-view mirror proved to be eye-openers of human behavior in public places, giving him unexpected glimpses of activities that should better have taken place somewhere private . . .

The past 16 years his routine has been bed at 8:30 p.m., up at 3 in the morning and into Ville St-Laurent for his 5 a.m. city-bus run in the West Island. This, and the previous 20 years of driving a provincial transport bus on the Huntingdon-Montreal-Valleyfield-Beauharnois circuit, ended in January with a combination retirement/60th birthday party at the Ormstown Legion.

**Fire chief**

A bus-driver's cap wasn't the only hat he wore. Barrington has been on the Ormstown Fire Department for 43 years, with the last 23 as its chief, stepping into a family tradition of community service. Some people may recall the early years of his driving career, as assistant-driver for McGerrigle's ambulance, cattle hauler to Montreal for Archie McCormick, or heating and fuel oil deliverer for John Rennie.

These were extra employments he fitted in besides his "day job". For 12 years, his 1964 bus #4508 made four round trips to Montreal daily. In the winter it sometimes assumed the function of a snow plow, carving tracks on old Highway 4, leading a convoy of lined-up commuting Valley motorists who were waiting for Barrington's home run.

One time the storm won; in 1975, he

and his passengers spent two snowbound days in Howick after a drift on Mill Rd. abruptly halted the drive home. Farm tractors carted people to Elmer Black's home; others burrowed into Ross Irving's house.

**Road hazards**

Commuting with Barrington held the possibility of a ready adventure, regular riders soon found out. He remembers an incident when a couple became blatantly amorous on the back seat (a startling sight caught in the rear-view mirror). Co-incidentally, a road hazard appeared in his path, forcing a sharp application of the brakes, separating the entangled couple.

"Sometimes I'd come upon an accident and end up taking someone to the hospital. Other times a dispatcher would radio to say that the Ormstown hospital had an emergency and needed blood right away.

"I transported supplies all the time, driving the bus right in around the back of the hospital to run in myself with the blood. Tractor parts, mail, packages, suitcases — I drew all kinds of things out from the city for people around here," he recalled.

**Off to work**

"Regulars on the bus were like a big family. In the morning runs, I knew that so-and-so was supposed to be on the roadside waiting. I'd stop, look in and see the lights on upstairs. A toot of the horn soon brought him out the door.

"Another time a teenage girl arrived in the Montreal terminal on a Greyhound bus from New York. Her instructions were to tell me to let her off at Brown's in Howick. Her family knew she'd get delivered safely to the door," he said.

Now that he can stay up later at night, Barrington plans to become more active in the fire department, a love he has no intention of retiring from right now.



A retired Jim Barrington is anything but idle these days.

(Photo: VF)

## Westville dump... from page 1

George Eades of Ormstown was also present for the January meeting.

**Committee formed**

The meeting concluded with a UPA proposal to form a committee of the three interest groups and any other concerned people, explained Bourdon, who may be reached at (450) 829-2029.

"We had forgotten about the site for a while and look what happened. A year ago, there was a chronic fire burning in the first cell and the site was being badly managed. These things got fixed up when a new manager, Eades, was hired," Bourdon

said.

"The dump is not in a good location for Canadians. It's one thing if it stays a local-use dump, but if it's taken over by a private company and the tonnage increased greatly, then what is it — a dump for New York City?" he asked.

"What (political) recourse do we have? But what we can do is follow the dump closely over its lifespan and continue to do so for the following 30 years after it's closed, when any resulting (pollution) problems will make themselves evident," he said.

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**News**

**Police checking cause of blaze**

Haut-St-Laurent Sûreté du Québec officers have started an investigation following a January 28 fire that destroyed a small barn worth \$10,000 on Rang St-Michel in St-Chrysostome.

The building's interior had been converted into a greenhouse set-up, a police spokesman said, adding that an electrical problem was the cause of the blaze, which is being treated as accidental.

**Break-ins**

A generator, a welder, chainsaws and a weed-cutter valued at a total of \$10,000 were stolen during an overnight break-in January 23-24 to a private garage on Erskine Rd. in Franklin.

Cash was stolen from two homes in St-Antoine-Abbé, following break-ins around January 24 in residences on Rue Lussier and Ch. de l'église.

**Thefts**

A 1996 Polaris XCR 600 snowsled parked

on the sales lot of SD Garage in Ormstown was stolen during the night of January 27. Thieves cut the chain and loaded the sled onto a truck, police said.

A Honda generator belonging to the St-Chrysostome firemen was stolen from one of the department's trucks sometime in January.

A Honda CBR-90 ATV was swiped from a 25th Ave. residence in St-Anicet on January 30.

**Seizure**

Valleyfield RCMP Border Patrol officers have seized 300 cases of contraband Winston and Camel cigarettes valued at \$165,000, following an interception of a cube van on Highway 40 in Vaudreuil on January 28.

A 33-year-old Montreal was arrested and the vehicle was seized, according to Sgt. Rick Hilton of the RCMP.

(VF)

**Sports**

**Tournaments, regular schedule keep Minor Hockey teams busy**

The Bantam A Canadiens of Huntingdon's Minor Hockey Association have been among the busier teams recently, participating in a mid-January tournament in Montreal as well as keeping up their regular schedule.

In the January 16 Tournoi Sud-ouest de Montréal, the local squad won its first game 5-2 over the HSO Sharks. Scoring for Huntingdon were Joshua Génier, Sébastien Krafft, Steve Laramée, Wesley Viau and Logan Lindsay.

The second game did not go as well, with Huntingdon losing 3-0 to the Ile Bizard Eagles.

In regular action, the team tied Lasalle 3-3 in road action, with S. Krafft, J. Génier and S. Laramée scoring.

Playing at home January 22, the Canadiens edged Lachine 2-1 on the strength of goals from J. Génier and L. Lindsay.

**MAHG action**

On Saturday Jan. 22 the MAHG Huskies showed they are a hot team these days, beating St-Timothée 4-1. Jean-Luc Côté scored twice and Derek Ferguson and Kyle

Ozolin contributed single goals.

The same team showed great team-work the following day as they won 7-3 over Beauharnois. Mathieu Théorêt led with a hat trick, Jean-Luc Côté had two, and singles went to Kyle Ozolin and Jeff Lefebvre.

**Atom teams**

In Atom B action on Saturday Jan. 22, the Atom B Capitals played a very good game, only to lose a 5-4 squeaker to Soulanges. Jordan McDowell scored twice; Catlin Deme and Corey Mesei added a goal apiece.

The same day, Huntingdon's Atom A squad edged St-Timothée 3-2. Maxime Monique scored two and Robert Whyte got the other goal.

**Girls' games**

The Girls' B Canadiens defeated the Capitals 3-2 on Saturday Jan. 22, thanks to two goals by Shelby Pringle and another from Cindel Chartrand.

The following day, the same team defeated Lasalle by the same 3-2 score. Ariane Neal scored twice and Sarah Brisebois added the other goal.

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