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Pontiac Hospital unveils dialysis project

About $600,000 in funds needed to be raised for dialysis unit with no timeline for installation in place

WILBUR MCLEAN
Equity Editor

PONTIAC • Details of the anticipated project to bring a dialysis unit to the Pontiac Hospital Centre were revealed Monday afternoon.

Hospital administration has begun fundraising for the eventual installation of three dialysis units, which will require an estimated $600,000 for equipment and start-up costs and is the amount the Pontiac Hospital Foundation hopes to raise in their newest initiative.

The project has already accrued $37,000 thanks to donations from local fundraisers without the dialysis unit project having been formally announced.

"The community has always been so supportive," said hospital foundation member John Musgrove.

There are currently no timelines for the completion of the project as government funding has not yet been approved, though it is considered a formality.

"Our hospital is slated to receive this service," said Greg Hayes of the hospital foundation's dialysis committee.

Dr. John Wootton added that raising the money before the government has formally approved the unit can often be advantageous, using the hospital's CT scan project of a few years ago as a similar example.

"It's better to come from a position of strength and say 'We're ready, you're holding us up'," he said.

Hayes said because the government is not yet officially onboard with the project, there are no timelines for the installation of the dialysis unit, though the foundation has set a three-year target for the fundraising.

Currently, Pontiacers must go to the hospital in Hull for dialysis treatment.

The Pontiac Hospital Centre is currently third in line for a dialysis unit in the Outaouais according to the province, behind Maniwaki and Buckingham who are both further along in their projects.

The biggest expense in the project is not the infrastructure, but rather the cost to employ the people who will work with the dialysis unit.

Richard Grimard, the Pontiac hospital's director general, estimated it would cost about $500,000 per year to employ the appropriate people, which would include nurses and technicians.

"That part should be covered by the government," said Grimard.

Other parts of the $600,000 expense include $22,000 for each dialysis "chair", with funds being raised in hopes of obtaining five individual units.

"At first three will probably be lots, but in the future we'll probably need five," said Dr. Wootton.

Also included in the startup costs are a $150,000 water treament facility, a requirement for the extremely pure water needed for dialysis.

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Wilbur McLean, THE EQUITY

The recently opened Community Learning Centre in Campbell's Bay was jumping on Wednesday evening with over 75 people, mostly women, attending a free aerobics class from 7 to 8 p.m., one of the initiatives that has the learning centre organizers excited about its prospects. "It's amazing," said Bonnie Richardson, the learning centre's coordinator. For more photos from the week's events, visit www.theequity.ca.

Police still awaiting word on Danford death

DANFORD LAKE • Autopsy results for the body of a 52-year-old man found in Danford Lake are still not available, according to Const. Mélanie Larouche, a spokesperson for the Sûreté du Québec.

Const. Larouche said she was unsure when the results would be available, explaining the process is taking longer than expected due to the decomposed state of the body.

"We still don't know," said Const. Larouche on Tuesday morning. "They are doing a lot of tests so it could be a long time."

The man's body was found at the end of September on the floor of a cottage on Cawood Road in the early stages of decomposition.

According to Const. Larouche, the major crime unit in Montreal has taken over the investigation because, "it's really suspicious".

Const. Larouche said the body could have been there for a few days before family members found it.

The man's name is being withheld pending the results of the autopsy.

Portage bridge analysis yet to be completed

AMANDA DUPUIS
Equity Reporter

PONTIAC • The Portage and Limerick bridges, which are two of 135 in the province closed to overweight trucks, are awaiting analysis.

The Quebec Ministry of Transportation expects the analysis of the bridges should be completed by November.

According to Jean Armand, minister of transport, reports on roughly 20 of the 135 bridges have been completed to date.

"In some cases we have the report, but they have to be analyzed," he said, "because they are a few hundred pages. It's a whole lot of work."

The Quebec Ministry of Transportation announced in July heavy vehicles with special load permits are temporarily banned from using the bridges.

The ban stems from an incident in November 2006 when a bridge in Laval, Que. collapsed, killing five people and injuring six others.

Armand said although the analysis would not be completed until sometime in November, a major update of close to 90 bridges would take place this week.

"A few (reports) of the inspected structures will be published," he said.

The announcement is now available on the ministry's website.

Armand said it was hard to determine when the analysis of the bridges in Portage du Fort would be available.

"It's managed by the regions," he said. "All of the reports are taken to the region and then to the national committee."

More than 2,000 vehicles use the Portage and Limerick bridges, which connect Portage du Fort with Renfrew, every day.

The weight limit of the 135 bridges in the province was not reduced; rather, overloaded trucks usually requiring a special permit to carry heavy loads are no longer allowed to use the crossings.

Representatives from the Quebec Ministry of Transportation said residents who drive trucks or cars within legal limits are still able to cross the bridges safely.

The bridges found on the list all have one characteristic in common — their design. Each bridge consists of a thick chunk of concrete that does not have proper steel reinforcements and has now begun to develop cracks or other signs of wear and tear.

For more information visit the Quebec Ministry of Transportation's website at www.inforoutiere.qc.ca or call 1-888-355-0511.

Local returns from African palliative care program

'I felt enormous sadness, I felt helplessness and I felt frustration'

AMANDA DUPUIS
Equity Reporter

THORNE • Greermount resident Anna Anderson recently returned from Malawi, southeastern Africa, with a heavy heart.

Anderson, a retired palliative care nurse, spent one year volunteering in the HIV-stricken country to help with its palliative care program.

"I went as a volunteer," said Anderson.

"My job was to work with the Catholic Health Commission of Malawi, which is very active in giving health care to Malawians. But they don't just care for Catholics."

Palliative care concentrates on reducing the severity of symptoms for medical diseases rather than finding a cure. The main goal is to improve the quality of life for those suffering from serious illnesses and offer support for the patient and their family.

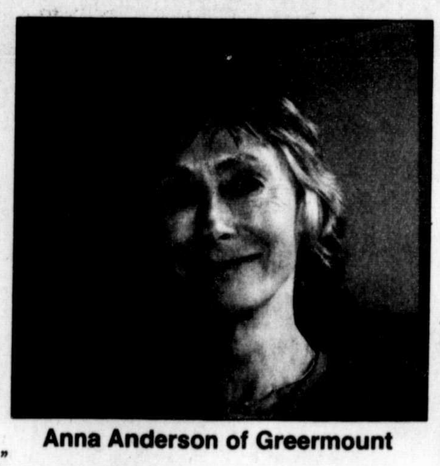
Anderson said her main role was to train health care workers such as nurses and doctors as well as other providers such as priests, nuns and volunteers.

Uniterra, an organization devoted to reducing poverty and improving the development of third world countries, funded Anderson's excursion.

"It was set up to try and solve some of the big problems in the world relation to development," said Anderson of the organization.

Her only compensation for the trip was her flight, room and living expenses.

While working in Malawi, Anderson's volunteering was done for affiliates of the Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation and the World University Service of Canada.



Anna Anderson of Greermount

According to Anderson, the health care system in Malawi is dangerously low on resources.

She said hospitals in Malawi do not have sufficient blankets, food, clothing, medication, dressing for wounds or even transportation.

"Many (health care workers) would walk for miles to see a patient but then they had no way to get the patient to a clinic," said Anderson.

Anderson added it is not uncommon to see a hospital bed hold two patients at a time, often with a third patient housed beneath the bed.

"I felt enormous sadness, I felt helplessness and I felt frustration," said Anderson of the palliative care situation she experienced.

"It was as if (health care workers) had all the knowledge, all the heart, all the courage, but it was as if they had their arms tied behind their backs."

Anderson, who returned to Canada in June, said she is thinking of returning to Malawi to further assess the palliative care situation

"I left Malawi, I left the people, kind of suspended. The work isn't done yet," said Anderson.

"My dream is to support a pilot project in Malawi in palliative care."

She said she knows she will return but does not know when or what her exact role will be.

"When I go to a country like Malawi, my first job is to understand. I can't just take the Canadian ways of doing things and tell them 'This is how you do it'," she said.

"One of the first things you need to do is to work very closely with the people whose country it is and be humble about what you have to offer."

Fire department a hot topic for Municipality of Pontiac

AMANDA DUPUIS
Equity Reporter

MUNICIPALITY OF PONTIAC • The issue of firefighter training was brought up by a resident at the Oct. 9 Municipality of Pontiac meetiing.

Kevin Mansey, the department's union representative, said at the meeting he was concerned firefighters would not get proper training before the deadline of fall 2008.

He said he had originally brought up his concern of when the training was going to be done in May but had not heard anything since then.

"The holdup isn't with us. Our intent was to do this all along," Mayor Eddie McCann told Mansey. "We want to get this done."

McCann assured Mansey the municipality is on schedule with the training and the firefighters would be trained before the provincial-imposed deadline.

"We will honour our commitment and these people will be trained before they need to be," he said.

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Survival expert to train Pontiacers

Television personality offers advice to outdoor venturing Pontiacers

AMANDA DUPUIS
Equity Reporter

BRYSON • Survival expert David Arama will be in Bryson Oct. 26 to Oct. 28 to share his wilderness survival tips with the public and members of the Pontiac search and rescue team.

Arama said he normally teaches a number of specific survival courses but in the case of the Pontiac search and rescue team he will teach them survival basics.

"These are people who are searching for lost persons, but they themselves could get lost too," said Arama.

Arama said he will be teaching the Pontiac search and rescue team skills such as how to make a fire without matches, signaling for help and looking for food and water.

"It's for their own safety and liability," said Arama.

The Pontiac search and rescue team will participate in a two-day seminar, which will run Oct. 27 and Oct. 28.

"I am really looking forward to it," said Arama of teaching the upcoming course. "It's always exciting to do these programs, and for a good cause."

During his stay in the Pontiac, Arama will also offer a three-hour workshop for members of the public who are interested in learning survival skills of their own.

For a cost of $15, residents can attend a wilderness survival workshop at the Forest Inn in Bryson, which will take place Oct. 26, at 7 p.m.

Participants will learn skills such as how to build a survival kit; what to do if you become lost; selecting the proper clothing and footwear for the wilderness; building a shelter and fire and signaling for help.

Arama has been teaching outdoor survival programs for more than 20 years and is also known for his work on a few television shows such as "The Great Outdoorsman" and "Camp 'N' Out".

Arama said viewers should not be too convinced by survival shows on television.

"The reality is, Hollywood never has anybody die on the shows," said Arama. "Those people never get lost."

For more information on the seminar available to the public please contact Isabelle Presseau at 819-648-5047.

A few survival tips

With hunting season underway, survival expert David Arama has some tips for readers of The Equity who might be spending some time in the wilderness.

"I have some advice for your readers. This fall, a number of hunters are going out there and a number of them might get lost," said Arama.

"So my advice to them is go prepared."

Arama said it is a good idea for hunters to carry a survival kit, no matter how long they plan to spend outdoors.

"This is the problem, is that a lot of people go unprepared. Ninety per cent of people go out there thinking nothing will ever happen to them," said Arama.

Arama suggests carrying a survival kit that contains the following: items to make a shelter (such as a plastic tarp and some rope), kindling and matches to make a fire, a flashlight, water, food, items for first aid, a map, a compass and proper clothing such as wool or fleece (these will keep you warm even if they get wet).

Arama also suggests making an "emergency trip plan", which means letting a friend of relative know the location of where you plan to be or by leaving behind an extra map with details written down.

Arama said if a person should happen to get lost while outdoors, they should stay put.

He said to remember this acronym — STOP (Sit, Think, Observe, Plan).

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FIRE: Training, new truck, calls discussed by council

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McCann explained he is not sure of the exact timeline but it is up to the fire chief to prepare a list of firefighters who need training and pass it along to the municipality.

Mansey said he is concerned the longer the firefighters have to wait for the training, the more condensed it will be.

The training is part of the regulations of Quebec's Fire Safety Cover Plan, which began in the year 2000.

The regulations were implemented to reduce losses due to fire and increase the effetiveness of Québec's fire departments.

One of the changes in the document states firefighters who joined a department after the year 1998 are required to complete 120 hours of classroom learning followed by 120 hours of practice.

Municipality to purchase new fire truck

McCann said the Municipality of Pontiac is looking into purchasing a new fire truck some time in the next year.

"We need to buy one this (upcoming) year and one in 2010," said McCann.

The new addition to the fleet will be a 2008 pumper tanker truck from Eastway Tanker.

"It will be ordered and purchased next year," said McCann. "They have to build it from scratch."

McCann said the truck will cost $324,000, money the municipality will get from a borrowing bylaw.

Councillors Brian Middlemiss and Garry Dagenais voted against the motion.

Fire calls

Councillor Jim Coyle said in the month of August the fire department received four calls, two of which were for individuals burning without a permit.

At one of those calls, Coyle said 12 firefighters responded for three hours.

At the second call, he said, 11 firefighters responded for three hours.

The third call was a truck on fire, to which three firefighters responded.

The fourth call was a false alarm (it was only burnt food), to which 16 firefighters responded for three hours.

McCann said the number of firefighters who answer a call is determined by whoever answers the call at the time, however, those numbers are not acceptable.

"That's not normal. That's something that needs to be addressed for sure," said McCann.

"There's obviously something wrong when you have 16 firefighters respond to a false alarm for burnt food."

Road work

At the meeting, council authorized the minister of public works to begin roadwork on three roads in the municipality.

Cleaning and digging of ditches will take place on Chemin Bradley and Chemin Elum.

Gravelling will take place on Chemin Marquis.

McCann said Chemin Marquis is in need of complete re-gravelling because it is a highly travelled road.

"Instead of just patching it we'll do a real good job. We'd rather do it properly," he said.

The work on the three roads will cost the municipality more than $20,000.

"(The money) is just an estimate as to what is required to do the work," said McCann.

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DIALYSIS: fundraising begins

Continued from page one

"Filtering the water to the specificity required is an expensive process," said Dr. Wootton.

Other expenses included $200,000 for other materials and $100,000 for a possible telemedical link-up that would allow the units to be controlled remotely.

> "At first three [dialysis units] will probably be lots, but in the future we'll probably need five."
>
> —**Dr. John Wootton**, on the dialysis needs of the Pontiac Hospital Centre

"That may or may not be how it ends up," said Dr. Wootton. "Technological solutions sometimes breakdown and it can be better to have someone on site."

A dialysis unit would provide treatment for people with kidney disease or outright kidney failure.

The treament cleans the blood and removes excess waste and water from the body, operations normally performed by healthy kidneys.

Many times dialysis is a temporary treatment but for those with kidney failure it can be necessary, requiring frequent trips to a dialysis unit.

One treatment of hemodialysis, literally meaning "cleaning the blood", usually takes four to five hours and three treatments per week are common.

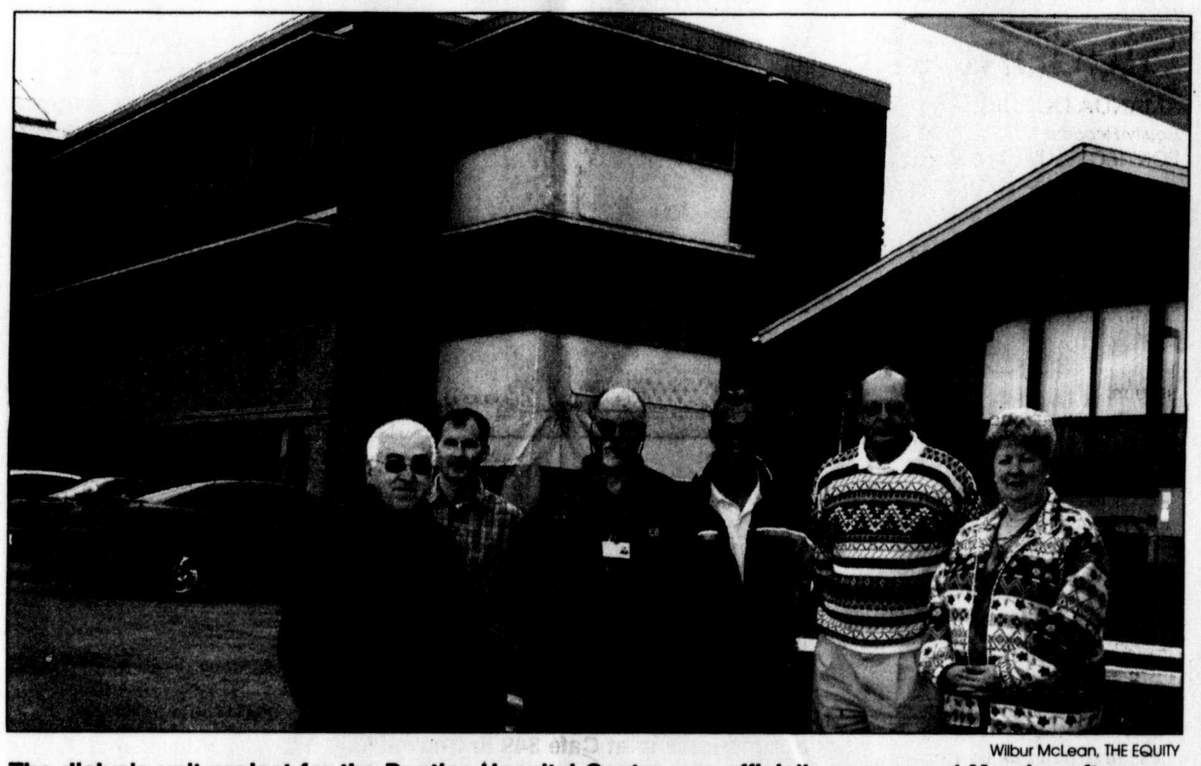
The Pontiac Hospital Foundation also used Monday's announcement to formally close the palliative care program.

"All of its goals have been successfully reached," said Hayes. "There are still needs, but there is money set aside for those needs."

Despite the palliative care project not being an undertaking of the foundation, its members still expressed gratitude toward the community for its fundraising efforts.

Members of the dialysis committee for the foundation are Hayes, Musgrove, Dr. Wootton, Grimard, Dr. Tom O'Neill, Lucy Hamilton and Donald Lavallee.

Hayes emphasized that a committee member would always be available to attend any fundraising event designed to benefit the dialysis unit.



Wilbur McLean, THE EQUITY

The dialysis unit project for the Pontiac Hospital Centre was officially announced Monday afternoon by hospital administration and the hospital foundation. From left are foundation members Don Lavallee and Greg Hayes; Dr. John Wootton; hospital director-general Richard Grimard; foundation members John Musgrove and Lucy Hamilton.

Municipality of Pontiac mayor to sit on provincial health committee

Eddie McCann will represent English-speakers of Outaouais

AMANDA DUPUIS
Equity Reporter

PONTIAC • Eddie McCann, mayor of the Municipality of Pontiac, has been appointed to a seat on a committee for English-speaking health care seekers in Quebec.

"I am looking forward to it," said McCann.

"If you improve the services for one person, you improve them for everybody. That's what I hope to do."

McCann said he heard of the opportunity when Philippe Couillard, Quebec minister of health, sent out a letter last year seeking volunteers.

McCann said he had applied for a seat on the committee but had not heard anything back.

"I thought they'd forgotten or changed their mind," said McCann.

McCann found out he had been chosen when he received a letter from Couillard in September.

"It was nice," he said.

There are 10 other people on the committee who are from across the province of Quebec. McCann will represent the entire Outaouais region.

McCann will be attending a meeting Oct. 17 in Montreal, where he said he would learn more information about his role on the committee.

"It's meant to oversee health services of English-speaking Quebecers," said McCann.

His term with the committee will be for three years, with the opportunity to renew at the end of the term.

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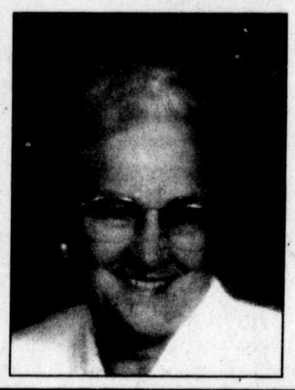
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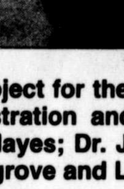
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The Pontiac Maison des Jeunes celebrate Gala des Soleils

AMANDA DUPUIS
Equity Reporter

FORT COULONGE • The Maison des Jeunes of Pontiac celebrated its fourth annual Gala des Soleils Saturday at Sieur du Coulonge High School in Fort Coulonge.

"It's an Oscar night, basically," said Ariann Bouchard, director of the Maison des Jeunes.

Kids from the five Maison des Jeunes located in the area gathered together for a night of entertainment and awards, which kicked off at 6 p.m.

"It's a fun night. (The kids) like it," said Bouchard.

Bouchard said the event is part of the province wide day of recognition for all of the Maison des Jeunes in Quebec, where the 135 locations across the province celebrate their existence through fun activities for youths and their families.

"It's a way to promote what a Maison des Jeunes is," said Bouchard.

"It's a way of getting people to know (what we do)."

Bouchard said there is often prejudice towards the Maison des Jeunes where people assume it's a place for youths who use drugs or are into crimes.

"It's not. It's an oasis where they don't have to have peer pressure for bad things," said Bouchard.

Bouchard said the idea to have an awards night came up a few years ago when representatives from the Maison des Jeunes asked the youths what kind of activities they would like to have.

"Each year we ask them again and they keep saying they want it," said Bouchard.

Bouchard said the awards night is important.

"It's a way to promote self-esteem," she said.

"The categories (of the awards) are more on personality than special skills."

Winners

The winner of the award for leadership was Jean-Francois Mainville.

The winner of the award for friendliest teen was Chantelle Brochu.

The winner of the award for teen who smiles the most was Paul Armour.

The winner of the award for the most athletic teen was Cléo Belair.

The winner of the award for the funniest teen was David Gibbs.

The winner of the award for the shyest teen was Jeremy Fischel.

The winner of the award for the teen who is the most involved with the Maison des Jeunes activities was Chantal Larue.

The awards, which are shaped like a sun, were produced locally. They are significant because they symbolize the logo of the Maison des Jeunes.

Vinton resident Kaitlin Hearty and Rapides des Joachims resident André Mainville-Valliancourt received a $250 bursary.

The youths from each Maison des Jeunes in the province created a small flag with their description of youth.

The 135 pieces will make up one giant flag, which will be unveiled in Montreal at the garden complex downtown.

Bouchard said the events are an effort to show off all of the good things the Maison des Jeunes have done for youths.

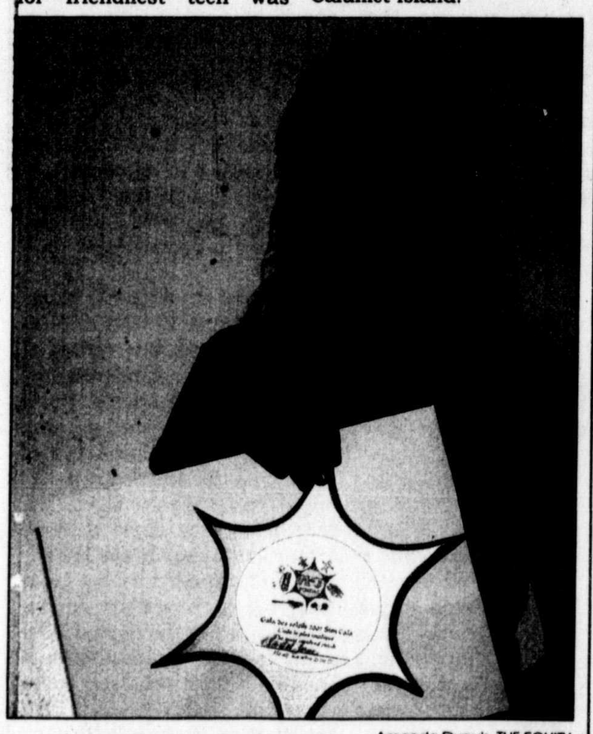
The province-wide recognition day for the Maison des Jeunes was put into place in 1998 by youth who wanted to make their accomplishments known.

The Pontiac Maison des Jeunes are aimed at youths aged 12 to 18.

Many free services are offered through the organization such as theme days, community meals and group activities.

Youths are encouraged to gather at the Maison des Jeunes to meet new friends, educate themselves and work together towards a common project or goal.

More than 200 youths in Pontiac use the services offered by five Maison des Jeunes in Fort Coulonge, Shawville, Campbell's Bay, Rapides des Joachims and Calumet Island.



Amanda Dupuis, THE EQUITY

The Pontiac Maison des Jeunes celebrated their annual Gala des Soleils Saturday evening at Sieur du Coulonge High School in Fort Coulonge. The event is an awards ceremony for youths of the Maison des Jeunes. Chantal Larue, shown here, was the recipient of the award for the teen who is the most involved with the Maison des Jeunes.

THE WAY WE WERE

news from the Pontiac

Compiled by Heather Albert-Erickson - Publisher

25 Years Ago

October 20, 1982

DR. ROGERS SPEAKS ON SAFETY: On Oct. 16 the Snow-Riders of Quyon threw a banquet at Gavan's Hotel in honour of local landowners who permit the snowmobile club to lay trails across their land in winter. Keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. Grant Rogers of Shawville. While performing his duties as veterinarian throughout Pontiac County, Dr. Rogers has gained considerable first-hand knowledge of the kinds of situations that lead to accidents on farms in this year.

BANK RATES DROP AGAIN: The Bank of Canada reduced its central interest rate by almost a full percental point last Thursday to 11.62 per cent, the lowest rate since October 1980.

JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL OFFICIAL OPENING: On Sunday, Oct. 31 at two o'clock in the afternoon, Bishop Windle will give his official blessing to the new high school in Campbell's Bay. The school, which serves the English speaking Roman Catholic school population of the county, is located beside St. John Elementary School on Leslie St.

50 Years Ago

October 24, 1957

YOUNG BRISTOL FARMER HEADS WESTERN QUEBEC HOLSTEIN GROUP: The Holstein Association of Western Quebec met in Hynes Hall, Shawville on Friday night and elected officers for the ensuing year. Gordon Brownlee, past president, was in the chair and Neil Drummond county agronomist, presided for the election of officers. New officers are as follows: President George Pirie, vice-president Walter Kilgour, secretary treasurer Irwin Hayes, directors: Paul Sauriol, Earl Mousseau, Roland Graham, Rev. D.J. Herrington, Elwood Dale, Dalton Hodgins, Neil McDowell, and Arthur Kilgour.

SEVEN MOOSE: Seven is the tally as of press time Thursday. The best moose shot is the great animal brought home by Alan Findlay of Shawville with the finest spread of antlers yet seen this season.

$2,600 FOR AYRSHIRE BURNHOLM BENEFACTOR: Burnholm Benefactor an outstanding her sire bred by George T. Dagg and Son of Shawville sold for $2,600 in the Quiet Valley Dispersal Sale on Oct. 12. He was purchased by Northeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Unit and was the top selling animal.

75 Years Ago

October 27, 1932

LOCAL NEWS: Stark's Corners United Church hold their anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. with Rev. A.F. Fokes preaching, and Shawville choir furnishing the special music.

Attended by a very large number of friends and relatives of Shawville and vicinity, Ottawa, Northcote, Arnprior, Cobden and Castleford, the funeral of Mrs. M. C. Hodgins was held from the home of her son, John L. Hodgins, Centre St., Shawville on Tuesday afternoon, 18th inst.

Despite prevailing low prices, the Lamb Fair at Shawville Exhibition grounds on Monday of this week was very successful. Over 1,100 lambs were brought out, most of which were shown in pens of five and ten. Only 32 purebred rams were exhibited. The entire lot was disposed of to the Canadian Packing Company.

FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATIONS MAKE PLEA FOR PROTECTION OF GREY AND RED TROUT: October and November are the two months of the year during which there is more destruction done to red and grey trout than can be done during the balance of the year.

These fish congregate on their spawning or nesting grounds usually found in a few feet of water at this time of year and may be taken very easily. The rural settlers and a great many city folk do all their fishing during this season. By the use of spears, nets, traps, dynamite and many other well known contraptions, they take their winter's supply of fish in a few nights. They are very careful to keep out of sight during the day.

A special request that has been made to the Fish and Game Dept. to put on special patrols during these months to protect the nesting grounds of the fish, has again been made and the support of the public is asked to put a stop to this annual slaughter.

100 Years Ago

October 24, 1907

LOCAL NEWS: Gone hunting no newspaper this week.

Student chefs train at local businesses

AMANDA DUPUIS
Equity Reporter

PONTIAC • To become a chef, one must know a lot more than how to cook a meal.

There are regulations to follow concerning the storage of food, how to handle food allergies and how to properly clean up a work station.

And even if one masters all those skills, they must lean how to cope with the stress of handling a lot of customers at once.

Although it may sound like a fun job, being a chef is quite demanding.

A course at the Pontiac Professional Centre in Fort Coulonge is giving five students the opportunity to experience the cooking business first-hand as they complete a nine-week apprenticeship at local businesses.

Two students are working at Café 349 in Shawville, two are working at the hospital in Shawville and one is working at Pine Lodge in Bristol.

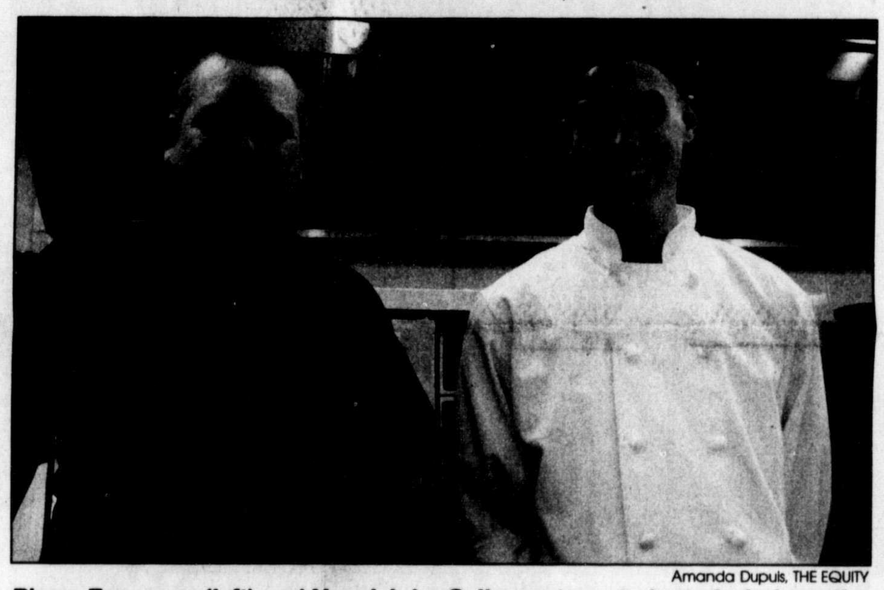
André Macron, who teaches the course with Vanessa Zavkov, said it was started one year ago due to the low number of jobs available in the hospitality and tourism industry.

"There is a need," said Macron. "There are not enough qualified people (in the industry)."

Macron hopes the course, which is called Cuisine d'établissement, will influence a development of hospitality and tourism in the area.

Students who successfully complete the course will obtain a diploma in cooking from the Commission Scolaire des Hauts Bois de l'Outaouais, Pontiac's French school board.

The course, which started in January 2007, runs for one year, a time during which students are also required to complete more than 1,000 hours of practical application.



Amanda Dupuis, THE EQUITY

Pierre Fancoeur (left) and Yannick La Salle are two student chefs from the Pontiac Professional Centre in Fort Coulonge who are completing a nine-week apprenticeship at Café 349 in Shawville.

"It was really intense. We hope it's going to be good training for them in that market," said Macron.

At the start of the course, Macron said there were 14 students but that number has slowly whittled down to five.

"It's really selective," said Macron. "It's demanding."

"You have to be consistent," he said. "The people finishing the course are very courageous."

Macron, a cook himself, is originally from Normandy, France. He moved to Canada 10 years ago and now lives in Litchfield.

Macron has 20 years experience as a chef and has worked at the renowned Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts Institute in Ottawa.

"I was enthusiastic," said Macron of being asked to teach the course.

"It was a really good experience."

Besides learning how to cook, students learn topics around cooking such as management, cleanliness and hygiene and cooking regulations.

"You have to know what you're doing with the food," said Macron. "(The class) is quite complete. It's not only cooking."

Pierre Francoeur, one of the students completing his apprenticeship at Café 349 in Shawville, said he has really enjoyed his stay at the restaurant.

"It was a wonderful place to come," said Francoeur. "The people here are all nice so they made me feel welcome."

The second student, Yannick La Salle, said he too enjoyed working at the restaurant.

He admitted he was nervous to start working.

What took the most getting used to, said La Salle, was the rush.

"The first time I came in, I had to get used to the busy hour," said La Salle.

Ruth Hahn, the owner of Café 349, said she was approached by the Pontiac Professional Centre and asked if she would be interested in taking in two students for one month.

"They've been excellent," said Hahn of the students.

"They are open-minded and eager to learn."

Fort Coulonge to erect new war memorial

AMANDA DUPUIS
Equity Reporter

FORT COULONGE • A monument commemorating World War II veterans will be erected in Fort Coulonge in 2008.

Michel Graveline, councillor, was deemed responsible for fundraising efforts at a recent Municipality of Fort Coulonge meeting.

"The new monument we want to erect is for the soldiers that served in the war but did not die in the war," said Mayor Raymond Durocher.

"There are soldiers from Fort Coulonge and the area who served and came back from the war. And when they do pass away, we'll put their name on the monument."

Durocher said the current war memorial, which is beside the Presbyterian Church, only mentions the names of soldiers who served and died in the line of duty.

Durocher said the idea to create a new memorial was mentioned at last year's Remembrance Day ceremonies but it takes a lot of time to complete a project such as this one.

"We're working on it right now," said Durocher. "There is a lot of fact-finding. You don't want to forget anybody."

Arena in Fort Coulonge to change hands

At the meeting it was resolved Durocher as well as councillors Jacques Masseau and Ken Rose would work together to put the finishing details on the protocol for the purchase agreement between the municipality and the Coopérative de Solidarité de Centre de Loisirs des Draveurs.

"The protocol states the municipality is transferring, at no fee, the arena of Fort Coulonge to the cooperative," said Durocher.

The cooperative will own the arena in Fort Coulonge as of 2008.

"The protocol is about 90 per cent done," said Durocher. "We will proceed to sign it within the next few weeks."

While the cooperative will be responsible for the management and upkeep, Durocher said the municipality would continue to fund the arena.

"The survival of any infrastructure, whether it's the arena or the library, is that you get the people involved, not only the council," said Durocher.

"It creates a new partnership, a new momentum."

Durocher said the municipality would not charge the cooperative any taxes for the building, "as long as they can prove that they're investing money into the building."

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OUR OPINION | It's time to move on

For decades, the lumber trade has been instrumental in the Pontiac's economy.

Like logging before it and farming to this day, we often link the area's fortunes with those of the handful of operational lumber mills in the area.

In recent years, those fortunes have drooped. Significant mill closures in the past few years have left many mill workers unemployed, forcing some to take lower paying jobs and others to leave the area altogether to find work.

Indeed, the booming oil-based economy of Alberta has been the beneficiary of many Pontiacers in recent years, who have sought the benefits of a job-hungry province.

Lamenting the decline of our mills will get us nowhere.

It is time for the Pontiac to pick up its bootstraps and move on.

Economic experts now believe the Canadian dollar could remain at or near par with its American equivalent for a number of years.

The strong Canadian dollar has wreaked havoc on Pontiac's mills, as exporting our products to the United States has become far too expensive and sales have sagged.

There have previously been notions that the Pontiac was done for, specifically after the Portage du Fort fire of 1914 that swept away most of the village and during the waning years of lumber trading on the Ottawa River.

Yet Pontiac is still here. And the sooner we realize milling is unlikely to be part of our future the better off we are.

We have plenty of trees that are used for logging, but the companies doing the work have continuously been taking the wood out of the Pontiac to be processed elsewhere in the Outaouais at larger facilities.

The decision to control logging "regionally" has meant having wood transformed in Maniwaki or other parts of the Outaouais is common and acceptable, doing little to help the Pontiac's plight.

Our provincial member of cabinet, Charlotte L'Ecuyer, was criticized during last year's election campaign for essentially saying as much. Sitting around mulling the demise of mills will not help any of us move forward and develop the next big thing to help make this area go.

Such a thought can be a hard pill to swallow for young mill workers who earn a good living through their jobs. But the skills developed in those places of employment can likely be transferred to other careers.

We are in a transition period. The sooner we acknowledge that fact and make efforts to execute that transition as smoothly and efficiently as possible, the better off we will inevitably be.

Instead of grasping at the last few milling straws, more funds should be devoted to researching future opportunities. The pending slaughterhouse project in Shawville is a good example, as is the recently opened air filter plant in Mansfield. Further tourism development is an excellent idea, while other possibilities include uranium mining, a call centre and a prison, all of which have been discussed but ultimately vary greatly in their desirability and potential for growth.

But those are nuggets indicating Pontiac may be on the right track when it comes to diversification and job growth.

Hanging on to our milling past will only prevent us from moving to a different future. Mills have been a big part of our economy, but we'll be fine without them.

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The beauty of nature

Amanda Dupius, THE EQUITY

ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM | Dumoine River: How to best protect the watershed?

Katharine Fletcher

A recent column featured my Q&A with Montreal-based Marie-Eve Marchand, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society's (CPAWS) Coordinator of the Dumoine River Campaign. Now I am pleased to present a second Q&A column featuring how to best protect the Dumoine.

KF: First, what is a watershed?

M-EM: A line of separation between waters flowing to different rivers, or seas. Geographically, a watershed is the region draining into a river including the forest and water systems. Within the Ottawa watershed, a number of smaller river watersheds coexist.

KF: What is a protected area?

M-EM: A protected area is a region where nature conservation comes first and where no industrial uses are allowed; this is for the benefit of future generations. There are more than 25 different types of protection statuses in Quebec including national parks, ecological reserve and biodiversity reserve. In contrast, a wildlife reserve such as La Vérendrye is not a protected area because industrial activities are allowed. Instead, it is a management area. For protected areas in Quebec visit www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/aires_protegees/aires_quebec-en.htm

KF: What does 'protection' really mean?

M-EM: Land use and protection are mainly under provincial jurisdiction. Each province has the right to regulate their land uses, except in a few exceptions, i.e. major water corridors (as in the case of the St. Lawrence River) or when Park Canada (PC) is engaged. In Quebec, we have only three federal national parks (Mauricie, Forillon, and Archipel de Mingan) and one marine national park in the Saguenay fjords. We also have 21 provincial national parks (such as Tremblant, Gaspésie and Mont-Orford).

One of the main obstacles to creating federal national park protection is Quebec's interest in keeping total rights to land which PC could manage. Parks Canada should have authority on the territory they manage for conservation. In other words, without really good local support, the federally operated PC has difficulty expanding their efforts in Quebec – but it is not impossible. (Reference the Parks act at: http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/N-14.01/index.html)

Provincially, the Dumoine has been analysed under the Quebec protected areas strategy (QPAS) to become a biodiversity reserve or an aquatic reserve for its interim protection. Those statutes are found under Natural Heritage Conservation Act (R.S.Q., chapter C-61.01) (www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/dynamicSearch/telecharge.php?type=2&file=%2F%2FC_61_01%2FC61_01_A.htm)

KF: Can you summarize the key points of protection?

M-EM: In short, protection means no industrial uses: energy, forestry or mining.

In the particular case of mining all parcels of land (private or public) are open to mining (exploration or exploitation), except in protected areas which is 4.78 per cent of Quebec's territory or a bit more than nine per cent in Canada.

The most important issue at the moment is not which status the Dumoine will permanently have, but to ensure we have an interim protection overlooking a good area of the watershed and then maintain discussions regarding what we eventually want it to be. Such communications should be with both governments. In all cases (biodiversity reserve or national park – provincial or federal) public consultation will happen and normally it will take somewhere between four to seven years to reach the permanent protection from the interim protection status.

We can move from an interim biodiversity reserve to a national park, only if the natural values are there. In other words, we cannot afford simply to chat about protecting the Dumoine for another five to 10 years without a legal interim protection. We need to act now and we need to remind ourselves that it is always more easy to work on something we have in progress than something we don't.

KF: Why should we care about protecting a watershed?

M-EM: Challenges for a sound environmental future are overwhelming. A watershed is one of the most valid units of size in terms of conservation especially if we remember how interconnected nature is. Everything in a watershed is interconnected and by working at this scale we ensure a better understanding of the web of life. Protecting at least one major watershed by what Quebec calls a "natural province" (a Quebec reference unit) is a goal taken by the Quebec government. This makes a lot of sense in terms of ecological integrity and maintenance of ecosystems. Protecting a watershed or a sub-watershed of the Ottawa Valley means it also protects the headwaters, which are crucial to the whole ecosystem – and the Dumoine watershed covers approximately 4,400 sq km.

KF: Would the Dumoine be better protected if it was a designated Canadian Heritage River or, is it already a CHR?

M-EM: The Dumoine has been a candidate since the eighties, but the Quebec government does not want to participate in the program. Only one river, Jacques Cartier, made this designation. A funny example is the Ottawa River, which is recognised by Canada and Ontario as a Heritage river, although not on its Quebec side!

KF: Would the Dumoine be better protected if its watershed became a National Park?

M-EM: In terms of protection no, since both a biodiversity or aquatic reserve (status goal of the Quebec government) and a federal or provincial national park do not allow any industrial activities (forestry, mining or energy such as hydro or wind).

The main difference is the support (money and resources for management and promotion) given with or to it. Parks Canada has an approximate budget of $3 to $4 million per year per national park managed in Quebec, whereas provincial national parks have (depending on their size and development needs) between $2 to $3 M per year. Biodiversity or aquatic reserves have few hundred thousands a year.

Moreover, national parks are a well-known brand; it is a value-added with already known communication and promotion channels. It is a leader in "good nature experiences." In the case of a biodiversity or aquatic reserve, there is less integration and support from the government to promote it. It is more in the control of the regional governance.

To come: Part 3. Dumoine River: Envisioning the future

Katharine Fletcher is an award-winning travel and environment writer, columnist and author who lives at Spiritwood Farm north of Quyon.

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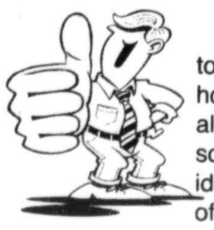

to those decorating their houses for Halloween. It always makes the area so much nicer when residents get into the spirit of an event.

Thumbs down

to vandals. Somewhere along the way petty crime became cool, but surely there must be better things for these miscreants to do.

YOUR OPINION

About those cats

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article in THE EQUITY about "preventing strays."

First, this is not an animal problem but a people problem. These cats do not appear out of nowhere. They are being dropped off by uninformed and irresponsible people in this community.

Yes, residents in the community are feeding them as it is very hard to just sit there and do nothing. Kudos to them! It seems ironic that the few people who are feeding them feel they must remain silent, slinking around in the wee hours of the morning or late evening like thieves in the night.

The idea that once this group of cats are removed that will be the end of the problem is ridiculous. As long as people remain uneducated about a spay/neutering responsibility they have when owning a cat or dog the problem will continue.

It has been proven that a program called T.N.R. - trap, neuter and release works in a feral cat colony. This program is well known to veterinarians and is used in other communities. The stray animals are caught, spayed or neutered and released back to where they have made their home. The colony dies off naturally. Because there are no active males or females that come into heat the colony tends to ward off other strays but the big plus is no more kittens!

I have suggested this to the municipality and was told that even if I got help I can't release them back on Main Street. This means we would have to have someone donate a building or a barn of sorts to release them to. I can understand why someone would hesitate to do so. Imagine, once the person or persons who have been dropping off these cats in the first place know of this kind Samaritan, they (the Samaritan) would be inundated with more strays than they bargained for. And then again, who takes on the responsibility of feeding them at this new facility?

Some people in this community are part of the problem! Do you realize that if you have a male cat that has not been neutered and he is an indoor/outdoor cat he is in fact part of this problem?

Does this community have in place a bylaw for spay/neutering your pets, leash laws, not letting your pet/pets run at large? I question whether the animal control is just targeting the stray cats or are they actually patrolling Shawville in general? I ask this because I have noticed on a few occasions dogs on the street, no leash, no collar and no visible owner. Also there seem to be cats that are owned by actual people that find their way over to the food residents are leaving for the strays. Maybe you should be putting pictures of these well groomed, well looked after cats into the paper with a "Who owns these cats?" Again, the strays are a very small part of this problem.

My concern is for these stray cats as well. It has been getting colder and they do not have access to shelter. But not feeding them, that is not an option! I certainly don't want to watch them freeze but I will have not part of watching them starve either.

I have heard many people inquire about the cats myself. It is a concern over who is feeding them and that they are in fact being fed not that they are a nuisance. The idea that the more you feed them, the more there are — let's look at again the problem. Feeding them does not cause them to multiply. The fact that they are not fixed causes them to multiply! Spay/neuter program looks after that. The reason there are more cats and continue to be more cats is again those irresponsible residents in the communities that feel once they drop off this problem (cats), it is no longer their problem! No, it's not. Now it is the responsibility of the community. Educating the community on a spay/neuter program is the answer.

I do agree that leaving food down will attract wildlife, especially at night. The food should not be left out after dark. Lifting the food bowls up and not tossing the food on the ground would help, but by taking the dishes away, people who are compelled to feed them have been left no choice, they are just trying to help the cats. By not feeding them — this does not ensure they will move on but it is highly likely they will starve. And what if they move on, what then? As long as they are not on Main Street, is that going to be okay? As long as they are someone else's problem, is that going to be okay?

Your community needs to come up with a solution. And asking residents to stop feeding the cats is not part of the solution; taking away the bowls, erecting a sign is not part of the solution. As long as you have people in your community that feel cats or animals in general can be tossed away like garbage – Shawville as any other community will have this problem. If you know of someone who does this, you need to let the proper authorities know. No longer can we keep our heads in the sit or sit on the fence.

As far as the cost being absorbed by the municipality: $35 per day storage for each cat, $8 per cat per day for food (which seems high considering that a large bag of cat food ranges around $11 to $12) picking up and putting down the animal? (No amount was included in your article.) This cost could be put towards spay/neutering. Could we not try to see if the local veterinarians would at least be able to do this at cost as a community service?

As far as being a menace - walking in the middle of the street, flower boxes, using gardens as litter boxes, again, there are animals that are obviously owned by somebody that are allowed to roam where they like. I find it hard to believe that is only the stray cats that do this. I certainly don't believe it was any stray cat or animal for that matter that put beer bottles in the flower boxes this weekend.

Again it comes down to educating your communities about their responsibility to not only being a pet/animal owner but their responsibility to their community. If they choose to get a cat or dog then the next step should be to spay or neuter the pet so there doesn't end up being kittens and pups that can't be adopted out. If you can't afford this step rethink owning an animal. I hope that someone does feel strongly and has compassion for these cats who will offer up a shelter. But the T.N.R. program still needs to be put into place. There is no point to catching several cats only to have them continue to have litters.

I have spoken to the municipality about helping in any way I can but your community needs to help. Be part of the solution. Possibly businesses can help the community out with the cost of the T.N.R. program, food, shelter, etc. Picking the cats up, 72 hours later, euthanizing them – this is not a solution. This is a problem that will not go away!

Possibly some thought to adopting bylaws for your community may help. Set the example for other communities. It seems to me maybe your own bylaw/animal control department in Shawville would not be such a bad idea. I will try to be part of the solution. I hope you feel strong enough about this to be too.

Joy Hortie
Ottawa

Gentleman DJ

Dear Editor,

Saturdays at our home and on our street in Quyon had become a tradition. Friends and family would gather together and turn our radio dial to 101.7 Chip FM. There, Stan Callaghan would have the live country jamboree with great local talent such as Garry Cummings, Ron Trudeau, Cliff Henderson and even my own father Garry Young, just to name a few. They would provide us with great entertainment. Then Stan would take us for a walk down memory lane, in his own words, with The Country Roads show for the rest of the afternoon.

His polite character and charm in between the great old country songs brought smiles to a lot of faces, not only ours but the older and unfortunate who can't get out. This must definitely put a big gap in something they looked forward to every week.

I and many others will miss you and your show, Stan and we salute you! Elvis Presley was the king of Rock and Roll. James Brown the Godfather of soul, but Stan Callaghan was the Gentleman DJ of old time country music.

Scott Young
Quyon

Parliamentary parties remiss

Dear Editor,

Rather than taking the option of recalling parliament and altering the laws to make visual identification necessary in order to vote, all parties in parliament agreed not to do so. For whatever reasons they chose instead to have the Commons committee on procedure and house affairs conduct a study.

What would have been Bill-C 65 had been drafted to implement the "changes to the laws as Mayrand had suggested". With all Canada's parliamentary political parties in agreement, it could have been passed through first, second and third Reading in the House of Commons and the senate, given royal consent and proclaimed by Sept. 14.

The "study" consisted of exerting maximum pressure on newly appointed Chief Electoral Officer Marc Mayrand to change his reading of the laws they had made that clearly offered procedures other than visual identification as qualifying a person to vote. It accomplished nothing when Mayrand, asserting the independence of his office, told the committee members "I will not." Their gambit of pressuring the chief electoral officer having failed they must at some point admit their errors and rewrite the laws.

All parliamentary political parties have been remiss in not taking the parliamentary option, thereby ending debate prior to the Sept. 17 by-elections and having avoided demeaning Marc Maynard in the minds of those who supported their untenable position.

Joe Hueglin, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Be thankful

Amanda Dupuis

Each year, as a tradition at my family's Thanksgiving dinner, we go around the table and say what we are thankful for.

At the time the only thing I could think of was family but I know there is more than one thing I am thankful for.

I'd like to take the time now to point out some of the simple things in life we often take for granted.

We are blessed to breathe clean, country air in the Pontiac. There is not much pollution from factories and vehicles, and without air we would have a hard time surviving.

We are blessed for the wide, open spaces. Living in the city means staring up at a high rise no matter what direction you look.

We are blessed to have a wide array of people who farm for a living. Without these farmers we would not have milk, vegetables or meat in the grocery stores.

We are blessed for the alarm clock in the morning, for it means we are alive for another day and still have our hearing.

We are blessed to have a roof over our head. A countless number of people do not have this simple amenity and must suffer through cold weather and rain.

We are blessed to have a strong educational system that can provide school supplies, textbooks and desks. Some countries have only a teacher and the students, nothing else.

We are blessed to have our cars and trucks. There are those who do not have a choice — they must walk for dozens of kilometres to get where they need to go.

We are blessed for the clothes on our backs. Many people cannot afford to purchase new clothing for themselves or even their children.

We are blessed to have electricity. There are countries that use primarily candlelight and do not have running water.

There are many things we take for granted in life, often which are simple such as clean air or running water. But there are countries that do not have these things.

We should be thankful and point out our blessings, not only around Thanksgiving, but often, because who knows when they could be taken away.

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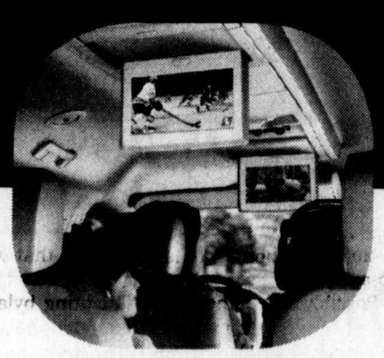

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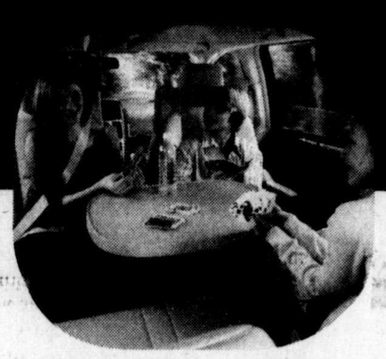

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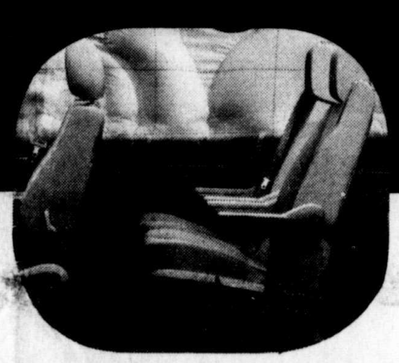

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30 nouvelles et nouveaux employés accueillis

FORT COULONGE • La Commission scolaire des Hauts-Bois-de-l'Outaouais a organisé une activité d'accueil pour son nouveau personnel La cérémonie le mercredi 19 septembre à Fort-Coulonge et le jeudi 27 septembre à Maniwaki.

Au total, 30 nouveaux employés et nouvelles employées ont été honorés lors de ces cérémonies organisées sous le style '5 à '. La présidente de la commission scolaire, Mme Diane Nault leur a adressé un mot de bienvenue : «Le but de cette activité, c'est d'aider le nouveau personnel à intégrer la commission scolaire, à découvrir ses services et ses ressources. Nous voulons que les nouveaux et nouvelles employés se sentent accueillis et se sentent chez eux parmi nous. Pour la commission scolaire, le recrutement du personnel est une priorité majeure. Le monde de l'éducation, ici comme ailleurs dans la province, fait face à un grand défi dans ce domaine et nous mettons beaucoup d'importance au recrutement et à la rétention de personnel. D'autant plus que les départs à la retraite se font nombreux ».

Pour sa part, la directrice générale, Mme Marlène Thonnard, a invité le nouveau personnel à se joindre à l'expédition entreprise par la commission scolaire en 2003, lors de l'adoption du premier plan stratégique.

Pour sa part, le directeur du service des ressources humaines, M. Michel Houde, a remis aux participants et participantes des pochettes renfermant diverses informations sur la commission scolaire et les régions qu'elle dessert. Il a aussi distribué à chacun et chacune les traditionnelles et très convoitées tasses de café, frappées du sigle de la CSHBO, qui sont remises chaque année aux nouveaux et nouvelles.

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Accueil du nouveau personnel, séance du 19 septembre, à Fort-Coulonge.

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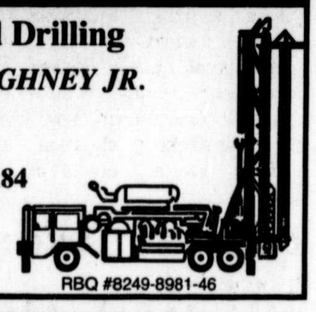

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Junior 'B's recover from throttling to beat Renfrew

WILBUR MCLEAN
Equity Editor

SHAWVILLE • The Pontiac Junior 'B's recovered from a Friday night home walloping to defeat their cross-river rival Renfrew Timberwolves in Eastern Ontario Junior 'B' action last week.

The team's first game of the week was bound to be a stern test for the local side, who were up against an Ottawa Junior Canadians (the team changed its name from the Ottawa South Canadians prior to this season), who now stand at a perfect 8-0-0 mark this year while outscoring their opponents by an average of 3.5 goals per game.

The Canadians lived up to their top billing by winning the game 10-4 against the defenseless Pontiacs, who upon tying the game at three with two goals in a torrid 12 seconds, were unable to stop a flood of Ottawa goals.

Ottawa produced an efficient power play that scored on three of its nine opportunities, all of which came in the pivotal second period. For their part, the Pontiacs went three for 12 with the man advantage.

After falling behind by two goals after the first period, the Pontiacs appeared up to the task as they stormed back with three of the next four goals before the Canadians scored five straight, including a quartet of goals within 5:33 in the second frame.

Already comfortably ahead, the Canadians added three goals in the third period to conclude the one-sided contest.

Pontiacs' captain Ryan Rees continued his strong start to the season with two goals and an assist. Benoit Parent and David Lazenby also scored and picked up an assist apiece. Shawville's Shane Powell had one assist in the contest.

Michel Racicot played the entire contest in net for the Junior 'B's.

The story was entirely different for the Pontiacs in Sunday's contest, as the team jumped out to a 3-0 lead and held on for a 6-4 victory over Renfrew.

The Junior 'B's hurled 35 shots at the Timberwolves goal and each goal was scored by a different player.

Notably, Shawville native and Junior 'B' rookie Tyler Orr scored his first goal of the season. Orr was on the team's roster since the beginning of the season but holdups involving his player card being transferred from an Ontario team prevented him from suiting up for his hometown team until last weekend.

Kevin Cuddihy, Fred McDougall, Neil Chabot, Yancey Thusky and Parent all scored one goal with Parent's goal an empty-netter to ice the contest.

The game was tied at four in its latter stages before Thusky's goal gave the Pontiacs the edge with less than two minutes remaining.

Racicot picked up the win in goal for the Pontiacs.

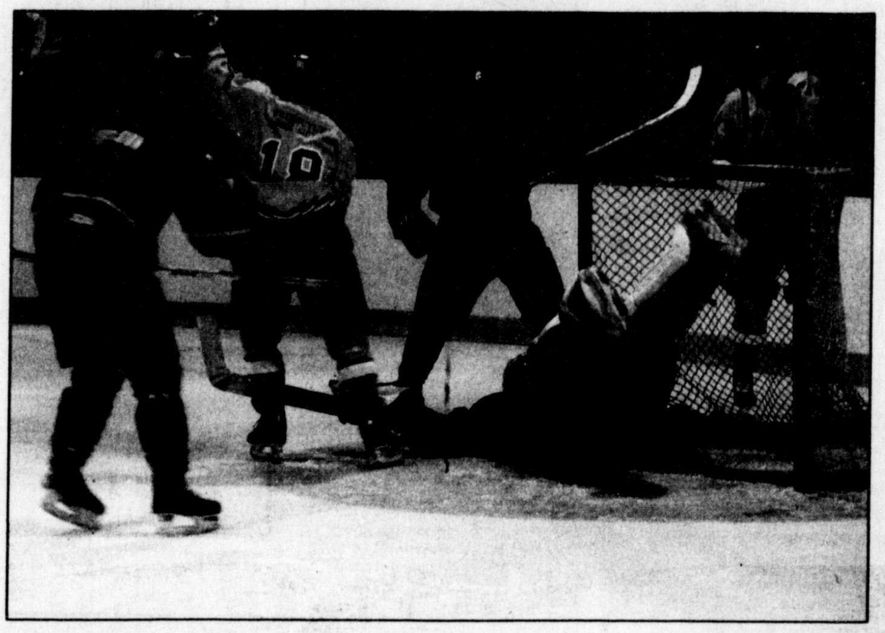
The Pontiacs play a pair of home games this weekend.

On Friday the team will see its first action against the Arnprior Packers, who have been perennial basement dwellers in the Valley division over the last few seasons.

This year has started no differently as the Packers have one win in their first nine contests. Game time is 8 p.m.

Sunday the team welcomes perennial Eastern Ontario Junior 'B' powerhouse, the Ottawa West Golden Knights.

The Knights have won four of the past six Eastern Ontario Junior 'B' championships but have had a slow start to this year, accruing seven points through eight games thus far. Game time Sunday is 7 p.m.



Amanda Dupuis, THE EQUITY

The Pontiac Junior B's lost 10-4 against the Ottawa Canadians Friday night at the arena in Shawville. Shown here is Benoit Parent celebrating the Junior B's third goal of the night, which was deemed 'no goal' because it was high-sticked into the net.

Pontiac Panthers lose another game, keep spirits high

AMANDA DUPUIS
Equity Reporter

SHAWVILLE • The Pontiac High School Panthers benjamin football team lost 58 to 12 against Symmes Junior High School Thursday afternoon in Shawville.

The Panthers showed their dedication on the field despite rain that started before half-time and didn't let up until close to the end of the third quarter.

"They're improving," said coach Rick Valin of his team after the game had ended.

"Our kids try hard and have fun."

Valin coaches the team of 23 kids with six other coaches and one trainer.

Valin said the fact the team has not won a single game since the season started does not get the kids down.

The team's record is 0-4. Symmes is currently 5-0.

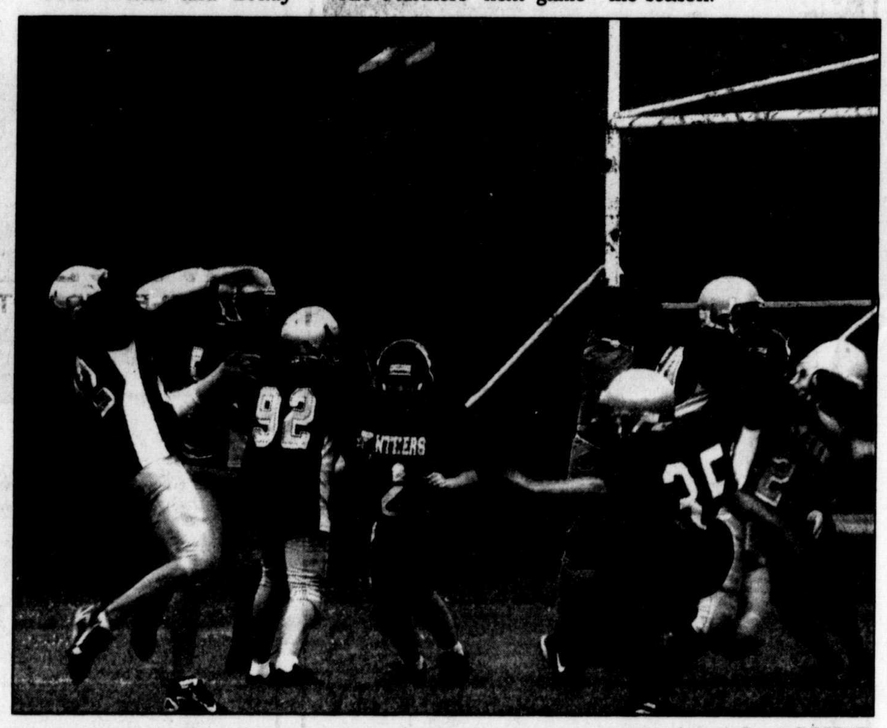
"They go out, try their hardest and have fun. If they give the effort, that's all you can ask," said Valin.

Valin added he feels the team is at a disadvantage because it is so small in comparison to other schools.

Josh Wicks and Brady Trudeau scored touchdowns for the Panthers.

The Panthers' next game is Sunday at Mont-Bleu.

Mont-Bleu is also 0-4 for the season.



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The Pontiac High School Panthers benjamin football team lost 58 to 12 against Symmes Junior High School Thursday in Shawville. Despite the fact the team has not won a game since the season started, the kids remain positive and continue to try their best.

Get your hockey team in THE EQUITY

PONTIAC • With hockey seasons beginning in the coming weeks, THE EQUITY will again publish as many results as we can get ahold of.

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• E-mail us with the names of goal and assist scorers, goaltenders and other performances of note.

Be sure the team's age level, classification and name are clear (for example, the Atom 'B' Shawville Pontiacs) so the correct team gets credit in the paper.

Also, ensure all player's names are spelled correctly, the opponent's team name is included and indicate which team was home.

Game sheets must be received by 1 p.m. Monday afternoon in order to appear in that week's paper.

THE EQUITY will begin publishing results in next week's paper.

For adult leagues, call 819-647-2204 and ask to speak to Wilbur in order to make arrangements for regular coverage in the Pontiac's only weekly newspaper.

OVERTIME | LUKE MURPHY

Water works

There's a new project coming to the Pontiac that I'm very excited about.

The talk of having a public swimming pool in the area came up years ago, but when Pine Lodge mentioned the possibility of building an indoor facility at their location, the plan was put on hold, and talks died. But when "Pontiac in Motion" (PAL) held a forum in December of 2005, Pontiac citizens let their voices be heard, and Pontiac pool project talks resumed, the case reopened, and now we are only months away from the conclusion of a preliminary study.

There are a number of organizations involved in turning this project into a reality. The Pontiac Youth Working committee, a committee made up of organization coordinators (PAL, schools, community volunteers, etc), who gather once a month to discuss the proposal, are making the dream come true.

The organization, designed to initiate programs for children ages 0-17, wanted to bring something to the Pontiac that was fun, physically active, and financially beneficial for the children of the Pontiac. And I love the idea.

The sport of swimming is very healthy, requiring the use of every muscle in the body, can be cool and refreshing, and being open to the public, is a great source of social activity for our children. I truly believe that all children should attend swimming lessons when they're young, learn about the dangers and responsibilities of being around water, and eliminate any feelings of fear and anxiety. But sometimes, the cost of lessons, and the time required by parents, is too much. But this problem is no longer — this local swimming pool is designed to be accessible and feasible by all residents of the Pontiac.

The destination for the structure is still undetermined, as organizers want to study, plan and decided where the best location is for the building. A preliminary study, with hopes, will be completed by the end of the year.

Organizers aren't looking for anything fancy, just a basic design, trying to keep costs low. Like Ariann Bouchard, director of Pontiac's Maisons des Jeunes, acknowledges "the main thing is to allow the residents of the Pontiac a place to swim that's accessible and feasible."

The ideal layout would be a resemblance to the public swimming facility currently in Pembroke, on public land, where courses will be offered to younger people of the Pontiac.

Another possibility is holding "Community Sponsor Days" — where local businesses would sponsor a day, so all residents of the Pontiac could swim for free. This is an example of the plans being made to help minimize the costs for Pontiac citizens.

I'm totally on board with this project and I hope that someday, children will take advantage of this amazing opportunity.

That's my two cents. What do you think?

Murphy is a former professional hockey player who now resides in Shawville. Contact him at news@theequity.ca

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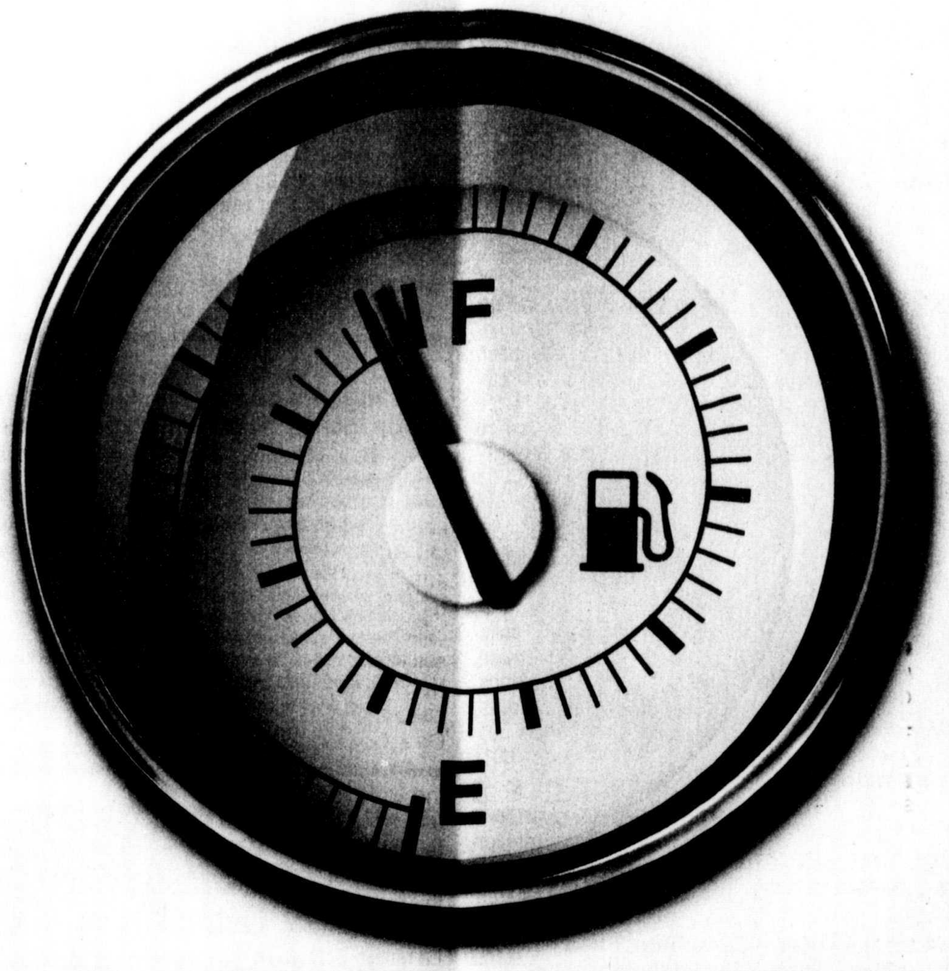

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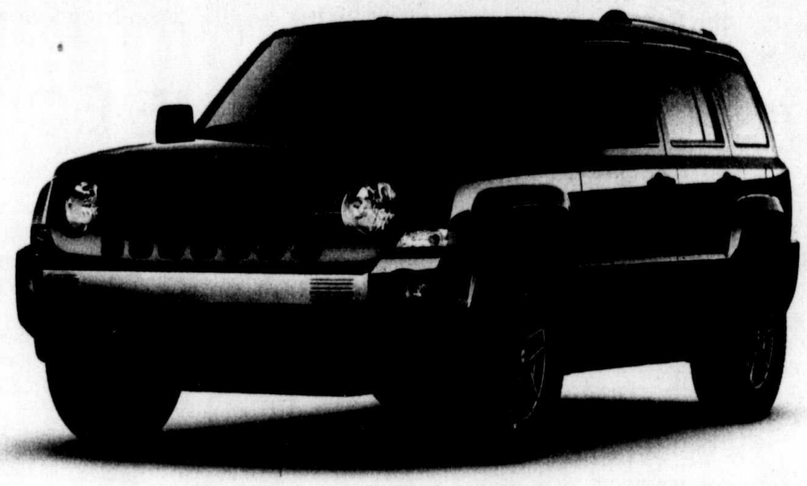

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Oct. 27 – Tea and Bazaar, St. Andrew's Knox United Church, Bristol, 2 to 4 p.m. $5 everyone welcome. 2xo24

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Hill – Wasn't that a party on Sept. 8th. I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Joy and Tony, Jill and Mark, Tyler and Shelby for such a beautiful 75th Birthday Party held at the cottage. It truly was a surprise. A special thanks to my brother-in-law that came from Florida and my in-laws that came from Ohio for the weekend and to my family and friends that came from near and far to help me celebrate this very special day. Thanks to Neg Lafleur for providing the evening entertainment and the party tent. Much thanks to all who brought the delicious food and for the many wonderful gifts that I received. I am truly blessed to have so much love in my family and this day will never be forgotten. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart and your kindness will always be remembered.
Love Erma Hill

THANKS

Merci – Thank you – Le 14 août 2007, notre mère Anita Lance Dumouchel nous quittait subitement à l'âge de 77 ans, les enfants aimeraient remercier tous ceux et toutes celles qui nous ont offert du soutien lors de notre épreuve. Nous en sommes très reconnaissant.
On August 14, 2007 our mother Anita Lance Dumouchel, at the age of 77, suddently left us. Anita's children would like to thank all of those who offered their support during this ordeal.
We are very grateful.
La famille Dumouchel

Lang – The family of the late Lawrence Lang have been overwhelmed by the warmth of your sympathy and the comfort of your friendship during this time. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers and the food brought to our homes and the meal following the funeral. The dedicated care of Dr. Pascal Croteau, Dr. Tom O'Neill and the ICU nurses was valued. The donations made to the Pontiac Hospital Dialysis Fund and the Radford Anglican Church were greatly appreciated. Special thank you to Hayes Funeral Home, Rev. John Stoppa, Rev. Leslie Grant, Shirley Caldwell and Norma and Hugh Horner. Thank you for your love and support.
Margaret and family

Leach – Jerry's parents, brothers and sisters wish to thank all his wonderful friends and neighbours who so lovingly came to visit him at home and at the hospital. The came from far and near. Wayne Lebrun came from Alberta and spent two weeks with him at the hospital. Special thanks to Jim Coyle for what he has done for all of us. Thank you to friends that took turns spending evenings and nights with him. We never left him alone. Thank you Father Costello for your help, prayers and visits at home and at the hospital and the funeral mass. Thank you Eleanor and the choir for the lovely hymns. Thank you W. J. Hayes and Sons for kindness and support and your help. Thank you Carmel Farmer who organized the wonderful lunch at Gavan's Hotel after the funeral and to all who in any way helped her. Thanks to all our many friends and neighbours who so generously donated sandwiches and desserts. Last but not least thanks ever so much for phone calls, cards, visits, prayers and support, all is very much appreciated, and thanks to all who attended the funeral, wonderful friends some travelled great distance. Jerry fought the cancer but to no avail. We all miss him so. Thank you and God bless each and every one.
Leach family

BIRTH

Martin – Scott and Tracy (née Beck) are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Liam Patton Martin. Liam was born at the Ottawa General Hospital on September 22, 2007 at 5:00 a.m. weighing 7 lb. 15 oz. Proud first-time grandparents are Merv and Laraine Martin of Orleans, ON. A third grandchild for Cyrus and Doris Beck of Shawville, QC. Third great-grandchild for Erwin Beck also of Shawville. A special thanks to all the family and friends who welcomed Liam at the hospital and at home since his arrival.

DEATH

McGee, Margaret (Doyle)
6 April 1904 - 13 October 2007
It is with deep sadness that we mourn the loss of Margaret, our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Mom left this life in the same way she lived it for 103 and a half years, with peace, dignity and courage on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Her family was at her side. As a young woman in her early 30's, Mom was predeceased in 1938 by her beloved husband Dillon of Calumet Island (Pontiac Co.) Quebec. With great courage in difficult times, she provided a safe and loving home to her five children, William Joseph (Arlene), Dillon Kevin (Marlyn), the late Edward Patrick (Jane), the late Anna Kathleen (Thomas J. Hunt) and Thomas D'Arcy (Dianne). She was a cherished and devoted Granny of eleven and a great-grandmother of twelve. She is survived by several nieces and nephews across Canada and in England, as well as in Toomebridge, Northern Ireland where she was born the daughter of Ellen Jane O'Neill and Samuel Doyle. Mom led a busy active life well into her 90's, involved in church and community projects. To all who had the pleasure of knowing her, whether as "Margaret", or "Molly", or "Aunt Peggy", Mom was a devoted friend, always there when a helping hand was needed. She enriched all our lives. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the wonderful nurses and all the dedicated caregivers at The Gilman Residence for the kind and generous care they gave to Mom over the past eight years. A funeral service was held at Kane & Fetterly Chapel on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 11 am. If friends so desire, contributions may be directed to The Gilman Residence, c/o Montreal Association of the Blind, 7010 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, QC, H4B 1R3. Condolences may be sent to www.kanefetterly.com. Gone home at last to Ivy Cottage. We'll miss you,
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We hold you close in our hearts
And there you shall remain,
To walk beside us in our lives,
Until we meet again.
Sadly missed by Liz and the Bastien family

Bretzlaff – In loving memory of a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather Alfred who passed away October 19, 1989.
They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time or reason
Will change the way we feel.
For no one knows the heartache that lies behind our smiles,
No one knows how many times we have broken down and cried.
We want to tell you something so there won't be any doubt.
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to live without.
Always remembered, Gwen, Denver, Darrell and their families

Clark – In loving memory of my dear husband who passed away Oct. 18, 1991.
Gone but never forgotten.
Carol

Dahms, Eleanor – In loving memory of Aunt Eleanor who joined Uncle Albert October 17, 2002.
Love Ya!
Miss Ya!
Always remembered.
Sharon and Gord

MEMORIAM

Dahms, Eleanor – Oct. 2002
To a loving mother
Five years since you've been called away
Your memory is still with us today.
Always loved Myrna, King and family

Griffin – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather, Gerald who passed away Oct. 19, 2004.
Things we feel most deeply
are the hardest things to say.
We all love you dearly,
each in our own special way.
Within our hearts are feelings that will forever last
Your smile, your strength, your laughter
will bring back memories of the past.
Those we love we'll never lose.
For always they will be loved, remembered, treasured,
Forever in our memories
Loyola Griffin and Family

McCredie, Ronald W. – Oct. 22, 2004.
Gone but not forgotten.
Evelyn

Sharpe, Rev. Dugal F.
In memory of a dear husband who passed from this life on October 22, 2005.
Sadly missed from his earthly home but singing praises around the Throne of God.
Lovingly remembered,
Mary

MEMORIAM

Smith, Helen Grace (née Wickens) – In loving memory of a dear wife and mother who passed away October 16, 2004.
Ever remembered Walter and family

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Otter Lake

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Saturday dinner guests with me were Pat Hahn and Dolores Bertrand of Pembroke, Rose and John Vanhoof of Petawawa. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mayhew and enjoyed many games of euchre.Thanksgiving dinner guests with Theresa Tubman were Florence Sparling of Braeside, Todd and Carie Sparling, Austin and Tanner of White Lake. Also visiting was Tammy Richard of Renfrew. Elizabeth and Ivan Dagg of Kanata spent one week at their summer home in Otter Lake. Thanksgiving dinner guests with Lillian O'Malley were Sharon and Denis Lariviere of Campbell's Bay, Julie Allard and Andy St. Aubin, Susie Allard and Gabe Hall of Aylmer.

Ladysmith

Debbie Thrun
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A beautiful and colourful Thanksgiving service was held at St. John's Church, Ladysmith on Thanksgiving Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated. Much credit goes out to the parishioners who did the decorating. Pastor Ted Heinz presided over the service. A number of cottage folk attended the service.

Visiting us on Sunday was Della Smith and John Stewart.

Hunters report partridge to be scare this year probably because of the number of eagles and hawks.

Many cottage folks were up on Thanksgiving weekend. A lot closed up their cottages for the winter.

Special brithday congratulations to my sister-in-law, Debbie Holmes Thrun, who celebrates Oct. 30.

Anniversary congratulations to Viola and Reinhold Bretzlaff who celebrate Oct. 31.

While walking in the bush Dennis and Dog flushed a woodcock. They are very rare now.

Dinner guests with Margaret Fierobin on Sunday to celebrate Thanksgiving were Jean Thompson and George McCagg, both of Shawville. They had a lovely meal and a great social time to celebrate this special occasion.

Get well wishes to Bev Murray who has been on the sick list. All your friends are thinking about you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Birthday greetings to Kelsey Turcotte on Oct. 21. She is the daughter of Andrew and Debbie Turcotte.

I had a lovely telephone conversation with Evelyn Campbell this past week. She told me about her fishing trip and vacation.

Birthday greetings to Marcel Dufault of Bryson who celebrates Oct. 28.

We are starting to feel the dampness and cooler temperatures in the air. It's the time of year to get those fires going. There's nothing like a nice open fire to take the chill away.

The Grey's Lake loon family is still here, but I guess they will be leaving soon.

Birthday greetings to Ken Emmerson of Charteris who celebrates on Oct. 29 and to Lynn Kluke of Thorne who celebrates Oct. 30.

On Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 8 Margaret Fierobin was a dinner guest with David and Grace Early, plus the rest of the family. A total of 15 people attended. Margaret tells me the meal was most delicious and a wonderful time was enjoyed by all present.

Visiting us on Sunday morning were Evelyn Campbell and Bill McGloughin.

Well, I guess the next special event coming up is Halloween. I'm sure the kids have decided what they are going to wear.

It's a very exciting time for them. I've noticed the stores are nicely decorated for the occasion. Some people have taken the time to decorate the hydro poles and their lawns.

Some are very scarey. People have great ideas when it comes to decorating. Halloween isn't just for kids anymore.

It's nice to see everyone get into the spirit. It's a good idea for trick and treaters to wear reflective clothing to warn motorists.

A huge birthday party was held on Sept. 23 at the home of Ernie and Essie Schwartz. The party was to celebrate Wade Schwartz's 40th brithday. There were 88 people in attendance. They came from near and as far as Ottawa, Arnprior and New Hamburg. It started with wine and cheese and an assortment of dips. It continued until later with a hot and cold buffet meal.

Wade was over joyed and thanked everyone for coming and also for all the gifts. He said he will always cherish the memories. Wade played a few fiddle tunes and also stepdanced at the same time.

It ended with the singing of "Happy Birthday" and the serving of a large birthday cake.

There was also a birthday cake for his dad, Ernie who also celebrates his birthday on Sept. 21. All the food, hot and cold and special cakes and squares were made by Essie. Ward and Tim set up eight white tents and did all the decorations. They did a beautiful job. Everyone enjoyed the lovely party and great weather.

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Danford Lake constructing new ramp at library

AMANDA DUPUIS
Equity Reporter

ALLEYN AND CAWOOD • A new accessibility ramp at the library in Danford Lake should be installed within the next few weeks, according to Alleyn and Cawood Mayor Joseph Squitti.

Council voted at a recent Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood meeting to reconstruct the existing ramp, which is at the back of the building, and install a new door entering the library.

"We have (a ramp) there, but it's steep," said Squitti. "It's a safety thing. We want to provide for everybody in the community."

Squitti said the ramp will be built at the back of the building as opposed to the front for accessibility reasons.

He explained the parking lot is closer to the back of the building, so those needing to access the ramp will not have to travel as far.

In addition, he said, the new ramp will be built perpendicular to the building to avoid falling snow and ice in the winter time.

"The best place for it is at the rear (of the building)," said Squitti.

Squitti said the new door, which is 42 inches in diameter, arrived last week but it is hard to find a contractor who is available to do the installation.

"Everybody is so busy," he said.

Council supports City of Ottawa

Council also decided to support in principle the City of Ottawa in their efforts to construct a light-rail project, which has the potential to expand into the Pontiac.

Squitti said this project is not something that would happen overnight, rather, would be more like 20 years away. Nonetheless, he said, the project is worth considering.

Squitti added the Pontiac's rural population is constantly growing and in 20 years, "who knows where we are going to be, population wise."

"It's to show that in rural areas we support (a commuter-rail line)."

Website redesign

Squitti said according to provincial regulations, every municipality in Pontiac will soon be required to have a website and the website must be bilingual.

"Our website wasn't bilingual," said Squitti, "so we had to close it."

"We're in the process now of trying to get (the website) up to bilingual standards."

Squitti said the website will contain municipal information such as bylaws and council minutes.

Sheenboro

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Mrs. Taylor called me from Arnprior to advise me that Father Beachy has been assigned the Braeside parish. Father had dinner with the Taylors last week and passed on the news. This is good news as we will be able to visit back and forth and maintain the friendships that were established during his stay with us.

Frank and Janet Retty had family home for the Thanksgiving weekend. The weather was lovely and they really had a nice time. Frank is a pretty busy guy. Margaret Maloney mentioned that Frank took her, Teresa Jennings and Mary Dwyer to the parish supper in Mount St. Patrick. The lineups were long because it was so successful. So they took their meals to go and ate at Mary's place. That's sort of a nice touch for people to get their dinner to take out. It is great for those who are house bound or can't make the dinner time. I was down to Ottawa with my daughter a few days back and saw some of my Ottawa grandkids. John Ouellette, Carmelita's son, mentioned he would be coming up to Esher Lake some time in the next few weeks to close up the cottage and would stop by for a visit. John said he recently had quite an adventure. He did a ride-along on a Friday night with his best friend, Officer Michel Vandal of the Ottawa Police Services. Michel has been to visit me in Sheen a number of times. He's married to the lovely Sandee Leclerc who grew up in Quyon and Shawville. John and Michel had a busy night with lots of calls and police stops and even arrested a bad guy with a knife who was threatening his neighbours. John says he's not ready to change careers to become a police officer but saw first hand the work they do to keep us all safe. Raymond and Iona Morris visited Sudbury over the weekend to be with Iona's brother Sylvester McGuire and family and their many nieces and nephews. Today is the St. Joseph Parish supper. My daughter Myra has been cooking and baking for the last few days in preparation. I understand they have a sell out again this year. On Saturday evening I was invited to my daughter Arlene's log farm for supper. My good friend Margaret Maloney was there as was Kristin Hynes my granddaughter. We had a nice supper and for a change we played a few games of forty-five. I haven't played that for quite a while as it seems that euchre is the game of choice now. At about 10 p.m. when Margaret and I headed for our cars there was a coating of ice on the windshield. We can expect many more frosty evenings before the snow flies. My good friend Paddy Kilbride from county Longford, Ireland has enjoyed his trip to Canada. Paddy and my son Lorne have become very close since Lorne's trip to Ireland a few years ago. During that trip Paddy was their tour guide and really showed them a good time. So this was an opportunity for Lorne and his wife Evelyn to return the favour.

Last week we all took the steam train up to Wakefield. The weather was damp but the scenery was marvelous. We tried to make it to Quebec City and Grosse Ile but the weather turned sour that day so we stayed in Ottawa and visited friends before returning to Sheen.

Paddy climbed Brennan mountain to see the view and he said it was wonderful. The scenery was much like that he knows in Ireland. The coloured foliage was beautiful. Paddy came to Sheen at just the right time.

He will be touring the Toronto/Niagara area with Lorne and Evelyn later this week. With his trip drawing to a close I suspect he is a little homesick for his wife Margaret, children and grandchildren. Paddy is a very proud father and grandfather and never misses a chance to show off pictures of his lovely wife and family. We are hoping that Margaret will accompany Paddy on his next trip. I too am very fond of Paddy and he refers to me as his Canadian mother. What a wonderful compliment. The Fort has closed for the year now so we will now keep busy with the euchre parties in Chapeau and the Wednesday night music at the Regal Beagle. At the Beagle they have painted a mural depicting all the band players who are regulars there.

It's a nice touch.

Don't forget to mark Nov. 11 on your calendars. The Remembrance Day service will kick off with a mass at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11. After the service there will be a lunch in the hall. As per past years there will be a piper, a military contingent and many of our local dignitaries present. Don't forget to bring your camera. The Shanty Supper and Dance has now been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 17. Judging by last year's gathering it will be a big success. Last year there was "buck" dancing, long-johns tacked up on the wall and lots of good talent and entertainment on hand.

Expect this year to be even better. This is another date that you should mark on your calendar right now so you don't forget. Happy anniversary goes out to Eleanor and James Robert Sullivan who celebrated Nov. 13. Many, many more you guys.

Irish Toast: Here's to health, peace, and prosperity. May the flower of love never be nipped by the frost of disappointment, nor shadow of grief fall among your family or friends.

'We call it our poor man's lunch'

Amanda Dupuis, THE EQUITY

The Portage du Fort branch of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) organized its fourth poor man's lunch Sunday at St. James the Greater Church in Portage du Fort. For an admission of $5 visitors could enjoy homemade soups, buns, muffins, donuts, cheese, crackers and more. The proceeds support the CWL as well as the church. Shown here are some of the members of the CWL. From the left: Georgena O'Connor, Theresa Gauthier, Lynne Cameron, Debra Greenshields and Mary Doherty.

Quyon

Jill McBane
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Well it's that time of year to close up the cottage and get it winterized. Hockey has started "Go Sens go!" Skating at the arena in Shawville. We went to public skating Saturday night.

My granddaughter, MacKenzie got new skates. She was a little shy to put them on. So, instead she got a free ride around the rink with her buddy Haley Murray. Looking for entertainment? It's a great way to get some exercise, music playing. It runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thanksgiving day was very special for the descendants of William and Florence (Findlay) Draper.

A gathering was held at Bristol Town Hall where eastern and western relatives met for conversation and of course, food. Myrtle Overton, Shirley Young, Thelma Draper and Lorne and Anita Draper were on hand to greet 82 nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews. For many of these people it was the first time to meet and visit with one another.

From Alberta there were four nieces from Stoney Plain, White Court, Barrhead and Edmonton. Another niece arrived from Saudi Arabia and nieces and nephews came from Osgoode, Greely, Metcalfe, Winchester, Arnprior, Ottawa, Haley's Station, Shawville, Quyon, Luskville, Aylmer, Kanata, Carp and Kinburn. Jean Draper was the niece that decided this would be a great time and everyone appreciated the work that she put into organizing this event and the beautiful decorations and centerpieces. Wow what a party! On Friday, Oct. 12 family and friends of Bob and Myrna Campbell surprised them at Auberge Mont Blanc in Portage with a 50th anniversary dinner.

Happy belated birthday to Bev Stanley who celebrated Oct. 12. Birthday wishes are sent out to my brother, Doug MacDougall on Oct. 17 and also to Stephanie Trudeau on Oct. 20. Quyon Bingo has changed its format. New games, new prizes come and win the big change. The CItizen's Committee sponsors the bingo every second Wednesday of the month. The next bingo is Oct. 16 at Gavan's Hotel.

Caldwell

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I had a call this past Sunday from one of our former residents of Bristol, Mildred and Ron Thomas of Oliver, BC. She told me that her grandson, Todd Hodgins, son of Elgin Hodgins of Vancouver won the People's Choice Award for his restaurant that he owns and operates in Vancouver.

Congratulations Todd. This past Thursday we had Donald and Joanne Sharpe from Peterborough and Connie and Jim Hunter from Golden Lake, Pat Sharpe of Brockville and Justin Sharpe of Alberta for a turkey dinner. This was a farewell for Peter Sharpe who returned home to Barrier, BC on Monday.

We have three ladies in Bristol who are catching up with me in age. Millie Thomas of Liver, B.C. celebrates on Nov. 2, Eileen Millar of Shawville celebrates on Oct. 30 and Ruby Corrigal of Bristol on Nov. 11. Birthday congratulations to Brenda Young of Quyon who celebrates on Oct. 22.

Anniversary congratulations to Hugh and Norma Horner of Shawville who celebrate on Oct. 17.

There are a couple of former residents of the Shawville area, Wilmur and Rita (Ade) Harris of Pembroke, who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Oct. 26. Congratulations.

Spending Thanksgiving with Millie Boyd and her daughter Beverly were Chris and Kate Dionne and great-grandson Cole of Ottawa.

Visiting us on Sunday were Neil and Margaret Sharpe of Shawville.

Waltham

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Well we have a gastro flu making the rounds here in Waltham. Jacob is down with it and I am nursing him back to health. Several students at Notre Dame Du Sacre Coeur have been absent because of it.

Belated birthday wishes are extended to sisters Monita and Mona Marion, who celebrated their birthdays recently.

Monita celebrated her birthday on Oct. 7 and Mona on Oct. 15.

We sure hope that you both enjoyed your special day.

Vergie Daniels of Mississippi and her sister-in-law Betty Daniels of Louisiana spent a Canadian Thanksgiving weekend at Gail and Max Wooldridge's. They visited the Coulonge Chutes which they truly enjoyed!

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Steve Masseau and his family on the recent passing of his dearly loved brother Roger. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Steve and your family at this sad time.

We were also sorry to hear of the passing of Vince Agnesi's father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Vince and your family at this sad time.

This is Tuesday and it is raining. We sure can use some rain, as everything was dry and the Ottawa River has been low.

Our friends from South Porcupine, Sharon and Bob Johnston were telling us that they got 14 cm. of snow this past week! I guess it won't be long and we will be getting it too!

Denis Goyette who is posted in Yellowknife is on training in Camp Borden for three weeks.

He decided to drive up to Waltham and spend the weekend with Betty and Earl Grieve. Betty and Earl were very happy to see him.

Congratulations to Lisa and Tyson Venne on the birth of their beautiful daughter Macy Renee. Macy was born on Sunday, Oct. 14 in Brantford and weighed in at 8 lbs. 12 oz. She is the second grandchild for Linda and Wayne Venne. Big brother Luke is tickled pink!

A few hunters here in Waltham were lucky to get a moose. Congratulations to all of you!

Andrew Pelletier is celebrating his birthday today. Happy birthday Andrew and all the best are wished to you!

A very happy birthday is wished to Mary-Beth (Greive) Goyette way up in Yellowknife, who is celebrating her birthday on Oct. 18. Enjoy your day Min, we are thinking of you!

Campbell's Bay

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The Golden Age Club held its euchre on Tuesday evening at the club room with a good crowd in attendance. Ladies high was won by Aline Belland, second was won by Veronica Perrier. Men's high was won by Boyd Ebert, second was a three - way tie between Lewis Johnson and Kervyn Burman. They split the prize. The door prize was won by Maxine Fenton. The 50-50 was won by Faye Moorehead.The sandwiches were made for the club by Isobel Lacroix. The cake was made by Annette Lepine.

Jean Cuthbertson accompanied her daughter, Audrey and her husband Brent Belsher to Kitchener to visit their son Adam, his wife Candace and daughter, Ava. They also took in some of Octoberfest.

Gladys Walsh spent Thanksgiving at Aylmer returning on Monday.

Rita Danis visited with Gladys Walsh last week and went to the wake for Vincent Holland the same afternoon

On Saturday, Oct. 13 the Pontiac Lionettes held a Harvest Luncheon. It was a delicious and the renovated hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. It was a chance for people to visit as well. The door prizes were won by first Irma Riebertz, second Shirley Ann Landry, third Athol Smith and fourth Royal Dubeau. A nice addition to the luncheon.

It was well attended and the Lionettes appreciated the support from the surrounding community as well as people from town. Their attendance helped contribute to the success of this event.

I forgot to mention that on my travels last week I toured The Mountain Orchard, where they sell all kinds of goodies including apple cider, apple crisp, donuts pies, raspberry crisp and of course all kinds of apples, mouth watering.

They also run Mountain Moulding which is booming as well.

Get well wishes to Debbie (Smith) Amyotte who was a patient in hospital.

Birthday wishes go out to Kyle Wicks, Logan Wicks, Sheila Brown, Daniel Morin, Mildred Desjardins, Michael Stopa, Debbie Belanger, Anne Sammon, Phlippe Pilon, Yvonne Bertrand, Marc Dubeau and Chris Auger. I hope you enjoyed this special day.

Anniversary wishes to Dana and Sheila Burman, Darlene and Michael Dubeau, Kimberly and Carl Havekes, Wanda and Richard Bastien, Lori and Dale Bakke.

Get well wishes to Lois Smith who spent time in hospital.

Don't forget to register for voting in the school elections.

Vinton

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We sure had a miserable week weatherwise with all that rain. It was the same last year for the moose hunt. But it is supposed to be nice all this week. I've been making apple pies and getting ready for the Christmas order.

You never have enough apple pies. Then, I got a phone call from Emile Mayhew in Luskville. He told me that his wife, Anna, was in the hospital since last Saturday. So he asked me to come and help out for a few days when Anna got out of the hospital.

She came home Thursday afternoon. So I went and spent the next three days with them. I came home to straighten out some business and went back to spend the next few weeks with them.

Last week before the boys went moose hunting everything was in a dither. The guys were scrambling to get everything packed and trying not to forget anything.

The Campbell's Bay Lions Club is once again taking orders for their calendars. Order now from one of your Lions Club members.

Happy belated birthday wishes go out to Amber Ladouceur, Terry Frost and Chris McCoshen on Oct. 3, Cathy Meilleur on Oct. 5, Beverly Lepack, Kyle Bertrand on Oct. 6, Danny Pilon, Jeanette Bertrand, Maggie Crawford on Oct. 8, Mildred Desjardins and Cathie Vallée on Oct. 11, Debbie Belanger, Anne Sammon, Phlippe Pilon, Yvonne Bertrand on Oct. 12, Ben Duquette on Oct. 14, Erin Hearty and Maurice Dubeau on Oct. 16.

Happy birthday to Joanne Hearty, Brianne Pepin and Mike McGuire Jr., on Oct. 17, Faye McGuire on Oct. 18, Charlene Lance and Richard Hearty on Oct. 22.

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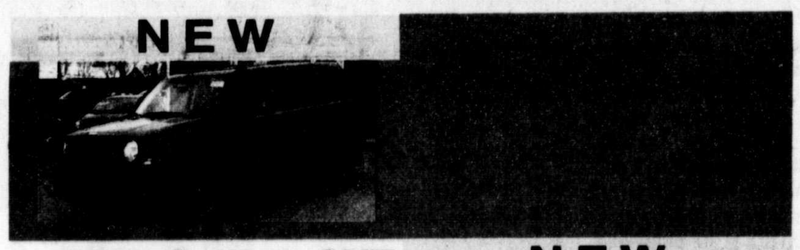

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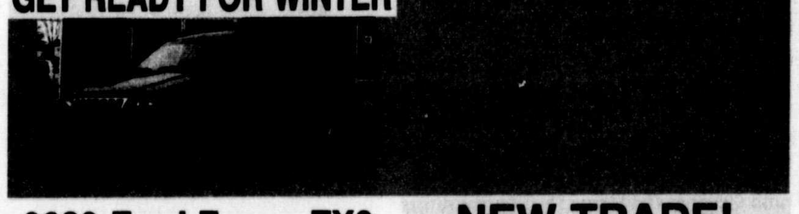

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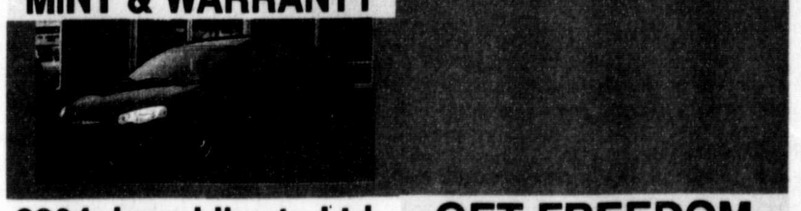

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