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Local families benefit from Turkeys and Toys Gala

Over 250 people from across Georgina attended the Fifth Annual Turkeys and Toys Gala held at the Pefferlaw Lions Hall on Saturday, November 12, 2005. Gross proceeds from the event, which totalled \$35,000, will help buy 6,500 pounds of turkey in addition to supporting a number of charities which provide children's toys to needy families at Christmas time. "Turkeys and Toys illustrates the strength of our community," said MPP Julia



Photo by Watts Photography
Joy (right) and Louie (left) Prophet won a trip home in a stretch limousine as the Best Dressed Couple at the Gala.

Munro. "People coming together to help their neighbours." Ms. Munro was one of a number of dignitaries who attended including York Simcoe MP Peter Van Loan, Georgina Mayor Robert Grossi and



Gala guests, Doug and Dale James from Pefferlaw enjoy the sounds of the Gala musicians, the Joe Agnello Trio from Georgina.

Miss Canada International, Solange Tuyishine from Fredericton, New Brunswick. Part of the proceeds from the affair was raised during a silent and live auction, which generated thousands of dollars in bids. Dozens of items, donated by Georgina and local area businesses, sold for hundreds of dollars, including a jar of pickled beets prepared by Rob Grossi which sold for \$300.00.

The Turkeys and Toys Gala was a formal affair and partygoers who attended competed for a ride home in a stretch limousine if chosen as the best dressed couple. The winners were Joy and Louie Prophet. Mrs. Rosa Sharpe from Pefferlaw, who has

been organizing the Gala for the past five years, announced during the evening that she will be stepping down once she closes the books on this year's event.

"When I started, I had a five year plan and I have fulfilled that commitment fully" Mrs. Sharpe said. "It is now time to look after my husband, my business, my friends and resume my life."

The event was first held at the Egypt Hall in 2001 but was moved to the Pefferlaw



Photo by Erin Shipley
Gala organizer Rosa Sharpe steps down as the organizer of the Turkeys & Toys event.

Lions Community Hall three years ago when it outgrew the Egypt facilities. It is estimated that the Gala has raised in excess of \$150,000 over the past five years.



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Letter to the Editor

As many of your readers will know, the Ministry of Natural Resources took the serious step of treating the Pefferlaw Brook from the dam in Pefferlaw to the mouth in an effort to eradicate the round goby, an invasive species. This action was taken in an attempt to head off the serious impacts of round goby should they reach Lake Simcoe. The Ministry of Natural Resources would like to thank the residents and businesses of the Village of Pefferlaw for their understanding, support and cooperation. We recognize that this was a controversial action. The ministry will continue monitoring the Pefferlaw Brook and Lake Simcoe and by next fall we expect to have a good indication as to whether the goal of eradicating round goby from the brook was achieved.

At the same time, we will also have a more complete understanding of how the ecology of the Pefferlaw Brook has responded following the treatment. At this point all indications suggest that the project was successful. We are very encouraged to see that the system is already showing signs that the fish community is responding as predicted. We will be reporting back to the community in the fall of 2006 following the analysis of the information collected during the summer field season.

This project would not have been possible without the strong partnership and support provided by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority, the Bait Association of Ontario, local bait harvesters, Shimano Canada Ltd., Pefferlaw Anglers Association, Beaverton and District Conservation Club and the Georgina Sportsman's Alliance. The ministry would like to spe-

cifically acknowledge and thank Mike Calen at Johnston Riverside Marina Restaurant for providing an operations site, a venue for the public information centre and, of course, wonderful food and hospitality. Thank You! Sincerely,
Peter Waring, Area Supervisor (York-Durham) Ministry of Natural Resources, Aurora District

Editor's Note: In a review of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters November newsletter, I see that the total weight of dead fish removed from the river due to the Rotenone application has risen to between 9 and 10 metric tonnes (or over 20,000 pounds) from the 4.5 metric tonnes reported by MNR in the November 10 issue of the Pefferlaw Post.

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Pefferlaw Mapping Project

Pefferlaw area residents were given a sneak preview of the maps the Alliance for a Better



(Left to Right) Randy Roberts, Noreen Dixon and John Hastings discuss the mapping project during an Open House.

Georgina (ABG) are preparing at a recent open house at the Pefferlaw Lions Hall.

The draft maps on display were intended to encourage community input and feedback to provide direction to the mapping team who will design a final map that will portray the significant features of the Pefferlaw area.

Several residents showed up with photos depicting historical buildings and environmental

features.

To encourage interest in the project, the ABG sponsored a photo ID contest and the individuals who provided the correct answer were: Randy Roberts, Kim Attree, and John Dallimore. All three contestants will receive a framed copy of the final map.

Using monies from an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, the ABG is mapping various communities throughout Georgina. Last year, the community of Baldwin was completed and a detailed and colourful map was produced featuring significant local features. Other partners in the project include The Town of Georgina, York Region, TD Friends of the Environment and the South Lake Community Futures Corporation.

According to Roslyn Moore, the

project coordinator, the final map should be available by the spring of 2006.



(Left to Right) PAR president Fronie Harpley and York Simcoe MPP Peter Van Loan at the Open House for the Mapping Project.

Don't forget the Pefferlaw Seniors Arts & Crafts Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 26, 2005 at the Lions Community Centre. 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. - Lucky Draws Pie & Bake Sale, Home Made Crafts, White Elephant Table

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Killshot movie shoot

Residents living in and around Duclos Point and Virginia Beach had a first hand look at a movie shoot on Tuesday, November 8 when the cast and crew of the movie, Killshot, set up trailers and equipment to film a segment of the movie in those locations.

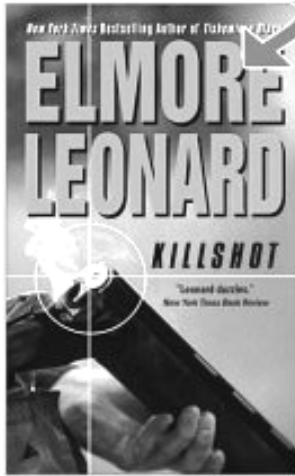
Killshot is a thriller that was written by Elmore Leonard and the plot involves a married couple who are

placed in the U.S. Federal Witness Protection program, and are being targeted by an experienced hit man and a young up-start killer. Starring in the film are Diane Lane, Mickey Rourke, Thomas Jane and Justin Timberlake.

At the Virginia Beach location, the film crew converted the Virginia Beach Marina Restaurant into an American Roadhouse and duplicated the present-day setting of Walpole Island, a Canadian First Nations island reserve located at the mouth of the St. Clair river between Algonac, Michigan and Wallaceburg, Ontario.

Produced by Richard Gladstein of Finding Neverland and Bourne Identity fame, the movie shoot also involved renaming the Georgina Island Ferry, the Aashawee, to the Walpole-Algonac Ferry.

The film is expected to be released in March 2006.



Local schools gear up for Christmas

'Tis the season...and Morning Glory Public School and the Georgina Island Public School have a roster of activities lined up that will celebrate the season and educational experiences.

Georgina Island Public School

Students in grades 2 to 5 will travel to the Rogers Centre in Toronto to attend the Canadian Aboriginal Festival being held there from November 24 to November 26. On Friday, November 25, the students will participate in Education Day which has been designed to give students a positive educational experience and to instil in them a desire to learn more about Canada's First Nations peoples, including the Metis and Inuit. Forty educational teaching stations will be available and students will visit at least six on a rotating basis and they can enrol in workshops to learn traditional dance.

On December 6 at 11:00 a.m. all students will present a Christmas Assembly at the Georgina Island Community Centre where they will be offering a Christmas performance followed by a turkey lunch. Gift baskets will be available for sale and proceeds will go toward raising money for playground equipment.

On December 15, the students will participate in the Community Christmas Concert on the island which is a traditional Christmas celebration for all island residents. Held at the Community Centre, the concert starts at 6:30 p.m. and brings together a variety of social groups and a visit from Santa who delivers gifts to the children.

Morning Glory Public School

This year, the school will host two separate Christmas concerts—one for grades one to eight and a separate one for the kindergarten classes. The Grade One to Grade Eight Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday evening on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. and the Kindergarten concert will be held on Tuesday evening December 20 at 7:00 p.m. Two separate concerts are required to accommodate parking restrictions.

Throughout the holiday season, the school body will be hosting a Christmas Food Drive with the aim of collecting such items as canned vegetables, canned fruits, pasta, rice, tuna and salmon. The proceeds will be donated to the Georgina Food Pantry. All donations can be left in the front lobby of the school.

The school would also like to remind parents of an upcoming School Council meeting on Thursday, December 8. This is a group of school staff and parents who discuss fundraising opportunities, school issues, board policies and curriculum.

In cooperation with the Ontario Early Years Centre, Morning Glory Public School will host two Triple P Parenting Seminars. On Thursday, November 24 from 7:00—9:00 the free seminar will discuss the topic of Raising Resilient Children and on Wednesday, January 25, the topic will be Competent, Confident Children.

For further information, please contact the Ontario Early Years Centre at (905) 476-3834.



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The Pefferlaw Dam— a look at its origin

The first dam built in Pefferlaw was not where the familiar dam setting is today—but further north in the vicinity of the bridge that takes you across a small waterway into the Millbridge Gardens subdivision along Main Street. That waterway was originally known as Corner's Creek and the dam was constructed of wooden timbers and was meant to service a small sawmill further downstream that was operated by Captain William Johnston. The earliest version of the dam at the present-day site of the Pefferlaw Dam did not come into existence until the late 1820s. By then William Johnson had erected a gristmill and needed to harness the power of the river to run the mill. As part of its construction, was the building of a "raceway" that connected the Pef-



The original Pefferlaw Dam built in the 1820's by William Johnson.

ferlaw river to the sawmill serviced by the dam on Corner's Creek. This "raceway", which was built by hand using shovels and wheelbarrows, also allowed for the transport of timbers upriver, down to the sawmill at Corner's Creek. A decade later, this power was also used to operate a woollen mill and dye-house that was located along the raceway in between the sawmill and the main dam.

In 1903, the wooden timbers used to build the main dam, were completely covered over with cement and the old wooden flume, used to direct water to the waterwheel, was replaced by a concrete flume in 1913. In the 1950s, the dam was given a face lift by Frank Corner who was responsible for cementing the river bed of the old raceway. By 1970, the river was no longer powering any of the mills it was originally designed for and in 1971, the dam you see today, was erected to replace the original structure.

Tennyson Tidbits

This column rips a page out of history during a time when Mrs. Tennyson wrote a weekly column for the old Lake Simcoe Advocate in the 1960s. It was a society column that featured the news and views of local area residents. We resurrect this column in her honour as a regular feature in this publication and dedicate it to her memory.

Congratulations to **David McIntyre** for securing a full scholarship to Colgate University in New York state. (David was profiled in the October 24th issue as an NHL hopeful.) David chose Colgate from seven different offers he was considering. Word has it that Colgate has an "awesome" hockey program as well as a great academic program. It looks like he is on his way.

I got an email the other day from a very proud Port Bolster mother, **Tracy Morrison**, who received word that her son, Michael Morrison, will be receiving the Governor General's Medal of Bravery in Ottawa on December 2, 2005. Michael is being recognized for rescuing his wife and two daughters from their burning home on February 8, 2004. He suffered from burns, severe lacerations (requiring over 500 stitches) and frostbite to his hands and feet during the ordeal. Michael and his family are now living in Kirkfield, Ontario and we wish them all the best of luck.

Chief **Brett Mooney** travelled to Ottawa for Remembrance Day services there where he laid a wreath at our capital's cenotaph on behalf of all First Nations people.

Congratulations to one-year-old **Madison**, daughter of Lindsay Kortko and Jesse Silva.

I just heard about a new business starting up in Udora. It's called Wee Piggies and Paws. It is a franchise that creates life cast statues and bronze impressions of children's hands and feet. They can be put into shadow boxes or used as Christmas tree ornaments. The contact is Sherri-Lyn at (705) 228-1302 and the email address is uxbridge@weepiggies.com—It sounds like a good idea for grandparents who are struggling with gift ideas for the parents of their grandkids.

Happy Birthday to **Orval Schell** in Port Bolster. Orval turns 80 on December 2, 2005—Go get 'em Orv.

Happy Birthday to **Jarret Berlenbach** who turns 28 on December 9, 2005. In an effort to help Jarret leave the nest, his parents have been influenced by that new commercial that tells you to stop cooking with cheese if your kids won't leave home. And, as much as I like cheese, I've now stopped buying it.

Just-For-Fun Pefferlaw Trivia

This is a copy of a post card that was printed in and around 1947. I am sure everyone in town will recognize it as the old Pefferlaw Public School house which has now been converted into an apartment dwelling.

However, when this post card was printed, the original name of the school was printed on it below the picture. Can anyone tell me what the original name was for the Pefferlaw Public School? The first one to call me at (705) 437-1216 and give me the right answer



will win—I don't know what yet, but I'll think of something. (Barb, since you supplied the photo I don't think you can win.) The correct answer and the name of the winner will be printed in the next issue.

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Favourite Christmas Recipes from Ottawa, Queen's Park and Georgina

(Editor's Note: In the spirit of the season, I have asked our three political representatives, Federal MP Peter Van Loan, Provincial MPP Julia Munro and Georgina Mayor, Robert Grossi to submit a recipe of a favourite food they like to have served at Christmas time.)

The Genuine Gingerbread for a Peter Van Loan Christmas

6 cups sifted all-purpose flour	1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves
1 teaspoon baking soda	1 teaspoon finely ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon baking powder	1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter	2 large eggs
1 cup dark-brown sugar, packed	1 cup molasses
4 teaspoons ground ginger	
4 teaspoons ground cinnamon	

In a large bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, and baking powder. Set aside.

In an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Mix in spices and salt, then eggs and molasses. Add flour mixture; combine on low speed. Divide dough in thirds; wrap in plastic. Chill for at least 1 hour.

Heat oven to 350°. On a floured work surface, roll dough 1/8 inch thick. Cut into desired shapes. Transfer to ungreased baking sheets; refrigerate until firm, 15 minutes. Bake until crisp but not darkened, 8 to 10 minutes. Let cookies cool on wire racks, then decorate as desired.

Mushroom Turkey Stuffing for a Julia Munro Christmas

1/2 lb. Mushrooms, sliced	1/4 tsp each sage, thyme, marjoram and rosemary
3 cups bread crumbs (small chunks)	1/2 tsp salt
8 tbs butter	1 cup chicken broth
1/3 cup celery	1 egg, beaten
2 tbs minced onion	

Saute half of mushrooms in half of butter for 3 minutes. Remove to a large bowl. Heat & sauté rest of butter and mushrooms adding celery and onion. Add to bowl of mushroom mixture. Sprinkle with herbs, salt and pepper. In another bowl place bread crumbs—add chicken broth and toss. Add beaten egg to mushroom mixture and combine bread with mushrooms. This is enough for a 5—6 pound chicken. This is easily doubled or tripled for a turkey. For best flavour, use fresh herbs generously.

Toutiere for a Rob Grossi Christmas

Pastry for a 2 crust pie—9"	1/4 tsp pepper
1 medium onion, chopped	1 1/2 tsp summer savoury
1 1/2 lb. Lean ground pork	1 tsp dry mustard
3/4 cup water	3 cooked potatoes, cubes
1 tsp salt	

Cook onion in 2 tbs of oil. Add pork and cook until no trace of pink remains. Add water, salt, celery seed, pepper, savoury and mustard. Cook over low heat for about 40 minutes. Add chopped potatoes to meat mixture and cool. Meanwhile prepare pie shell. Spoon filling into shell then cover with top crust pastry. Seal edges and cut slits in pastry. Bake in a 450 F degree oven for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 F and bake about 40 minutes longer. Mom always made this for Christmas Eve. It is a French Canadian tradition to serve it after midnight mass accompanied by Tipperary Relish or Chili sauce.

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Who is PAR and what is their role in the community?

The year was 1978 and the hot button that year in Pefferlaw was the intolerable onslaught of mosquitoes. A group of concerned and frustrated residents met one evening over coffee at Larry Hunter's house to discuss what could be done and the Pefferlaw Association of Ratepayers (PAR) was born.

Since that momentous occasion, the organization has gone on to put more community-related issues on the agenda at town council meetings with the objective of finding a favourable resolution.

"If there is an issue in town, the PAR is our voice at council," said Garry Harpley, association treasurer. "So people need to know that if there is an issue, they should be able to contact us and we can represent them at council."

In addition, the group has led the way in organizing many community events for the betterment of the greater Pefferlaw area.

Fronie Harpley has been president of the citizen's group on-and-off for the 20-plus years she has been on the board and can easily rhyme off an impressive list of PAR accomplishments.

"We've sponsored and hosted candidates' meetings for municipal elections, we sponsor the Christmas tree lighting event and the rabies clinic (which is the only revenue generating activity the group is involved in). We host the summer picnic, we held five meetings for the 404 highway expansion discussions, pushed the idea of the Youth Centre forward, held a public meeting on crime in the community and have even tracked down who was responsible for a burned-out light bulb in the harbour," she said.

Over the years, the PAR executive has been staffed by a small number of committed and dedicated volunteers. Today's PAR

executive includes: Fronie Harpley, President; Ken Barker, Vice President; Garry Harpley, Treasurer; Marg McIntosh, Secretary; Colin MacDonald, Director; Dot Huxter, Director; and Laurence Ritchie, Director. PAR's membership has fluctuated from a high of 180 to its current level of 40-plus members. And, according to Mr. Harpley, these numbers are dependant upon the issue that is top-of-mind for the community.

"Right now there are no hot buttons and so our membership is low," he said. He went on to explain that PAR needs to raise the level of awareness among Pefferlaw residents toward the full range of PAR activities. "People need to know how much more PAR does for the community and how it desperately needs more members to keep going," Mrs. Harpley said. In addition to the expenses they incur to host their sponsored community of events, the group is finding that liability insurance is starting to curtail their level of activity.

"Every time we want to host a community event we have to pay liability insurance," Mr. Harpley said. "And, by the end of the year, we are lucky to have \$100 in the bank because of it," Mrs. Harpley added. But, more importantly at risk, is the group's ability to react and respond appropriately to issues that arise. "When the politicians come to Pefferlaw and see the number of people at a town meeting, it has an impact and they listen to us," Mr. Harpley said.

As a result, the group is eager to recruit new members and inject new blood into their executive. "We would welcome new members and would be happy to have people who have something to offer the executive," Mr. Harpley said. For membership details, residents are invited to call Fronie Harpley at (705) 437-2945.

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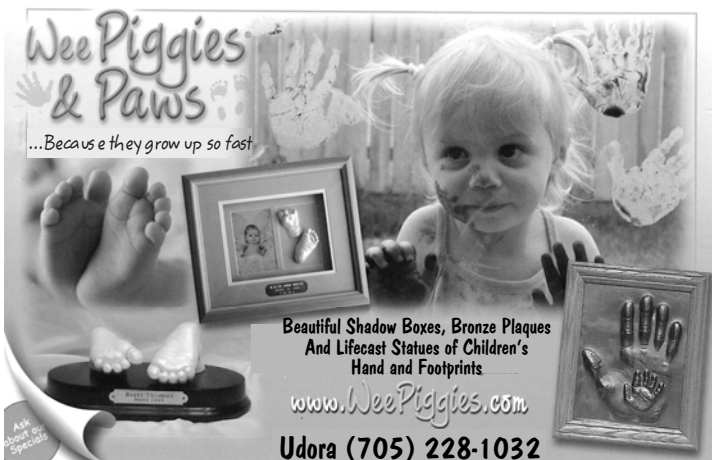
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The **Beaverton Figure Skating Club** is offering skating lessons for all ages on Mondays and Wednesdays. The program, CanSkate is a beginner program for non-skaters to teach them to skate and carry on to dance, jumps and spins with certified and experienced coaches from SkateCanada. Contact Christine Reid at (705) 484-5866.

The **Cedardale Church** will

once again host the Walk to Bethlehem at 6:00 November 25 and 5:30 on November 26. Call (705) 437-2170 or visit www.cedardalechurch.ca/2005.wtb.html for details.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa is making a special appearance at the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies in Pefferlaw on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Sponsors of the event, Pefferlaw Association of Ratepayers (PAR) are inviting everyone back to the Pefferlaw Fire Hall for hot chocolate, treat bags and Tim Bits.

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa is making another special appearance at the **10th Annual Udora Santa Claus Parade** on Saturday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m. Organizers are looking for floats and are inviting everyone to join them at the Udora Hall after the parade for free photos with Santa and hot chocolate and cookies. The Christmas Angels will be on hand collecting food and a donation of an unwrapped toy. For more details call Tracy Pelletier at (705) 437-2405.

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