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QUOTEWORTHY:

It seems strange in a world of concern over air pollution..., a town like Deep River, loaded with scientists, engineers and technicians, has yet to come to terms with the problem.

- Letter to the editor, pg 6

2,800 boxes of food...

That's the number of boxes the Deep River and Area Food Bank is expected to give out by the end of 2010, according to Charles Packer, the organization's chair.

That number is up almost 30 per cent from 2009, exactly the same as the increase in numbers seen in both Ontario and Canada during the same period.

Packer will be giving a talk describing the food bank at the Rotary Club's meeting tonight at the Bear's Den at 6:30 pm.

The meeting is open to all members of the public and it promises to be an eye-opener for the majority of people who do not know much about the workings of this valuable service.

The history of the local food bank will be described, as will a typical month of operation, along with some interesting statistics and proposed changes for the organization.

Come along to the talk with any questions you have, and please consider bringing a food item to donate at the meeting.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 10, 1975: Deep River council increased the town's water rates by 33 per cent effective January 1. The new rate is \$117.48 per year per household, an increase of \$29.

Councillor Cahill, chairman of public works, said the increase was necessary to cover the debenture charges for the new water filtration plant. The last increase in the water and sewer rates was in May 1973. Then the water bill more than doubled, going from \$34.02 per year to \$88.42.



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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN



In fact, he's already been here... The jolly old elf has been making a few early appearances in the area, spreading some Christmas cheer. One of his stops this weekend was the Chalk River Lions Hall, for the Lions' annual Children's Christmas Dance on Sunday afternoon. Santa met with the children and handed out some early presents, like this one to Taylor Fitton.

Photo: Terry Myers

New Deep River council sworn in

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

There were a lot of new faces in the Deep River council chambers last week, and a lot of swearing, too, though none of it cursive.

Rather, the new municipal council officially took office with its inaugu-

ral meeting, which included a swearing-in ceremony for each member, as well as their declarations of office and oaths of allegiance.

The first one up to do that was newly elected Mayor David Thompson. After he was sworn in

Thompson proceeded to introduce each member of council as they followed suit.

First up was Deputy Mayor Mary MacCafferty, who, Thompson said, had a long history of public service.

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Presents and cheer around the Valley Artisans' Christmas tree: Leslie White and Susan Fraser are looking forward to giving out handmade gifts to customers who enter their draw. The Valley Artisans' Co-op is holding a special draw this month, with every customer making a purchase entered for a chance to win a gift created by co-op members. Winners will be drawn on December 18.

Submitted photo

Ten more years

AECL files plan to keep NRU running to 2021

BY TERRY MYERS

For perhaps the first time, there's documented public proof that Atomic Energy of Canada plans to keep the NRU reactor at Chalk River running for at least another 10 years.

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission is inviting public comment on a draft environmental assessment screening report covering a proposal by AECL to continue operating NRU until 2021.

The public comment period runs until January 4, 2011.

The screening report says that the "NRU Reactor Long-Term Management Project" is "not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects."

"The assessment also took into consideration credible accident and malfunction scenarios, and concluded that adverse effects would be unlikely.

"Further, no likely adverse cumulative effects would result from this project, and no significant/residual adverse effects of the environment on the NRU Reactor Long-term Management Project are likely.

"No adverse effects on the socio-economic environment, as well as on physical and cultural heritage are expected, and this project has no activities associated with it that would adversely affect Aboriginal interests."

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The screening report is just the first small step on a long road to win approval from the nuclear regulator to keep NRU operating.

The current licence for NRU and the Chalk River site runs out next year, and the focus now is to get approval for another five-year term to 2016.

The screening report notes that, beyond that, "detailed design work for each (long-term) project activity will be completed and approved through the CNSC licence and compliance process."

Dominic Ryan, president of the Canadian Institute for Neutron Scattering (CINS), said it's good news that plans are on the books to keep NRU operating beyond 2016, but it still doesn't settle the bigger question of how and when NRU will be replaced.

By 2016, NRU will be "coming up to" 60 years, and there are "only so many fixes you can do on a reactor that old," he said.

"At some point it's got to stop. You can't expect it to last forever."

NRU is the source of neutron beams that members of CINS need to do their research.

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ROMANTIC GEMS

Saturday, December 11 ~ 8:00 p.m.,
Childs Auditorium, Deep River

Gounod: *Petite Symphonie* Bruckner: *Symphony No. 4 "Romantic"*

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