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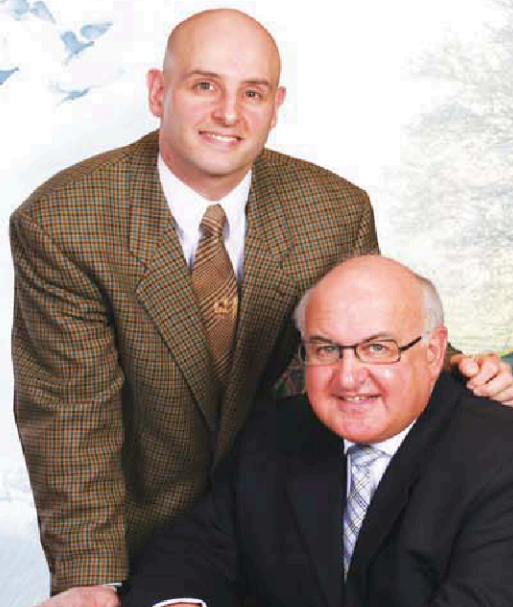
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Cutting "absolutely delighted" to see Townshippers' Festival come to Cowansville

By Gordon Lambie

If you ask Townshippers' Association President Gerald Cutting, this year's Townshippers Festival is the result of a successful plan in action. Now in the second year of a new model that transformed the fall tradition of "Townshippers' Day" into the "Festival des Townshippers' Festival" in partnership with the Eastern Townships School Board and the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS, the regional healthcare establishment, the association's president described the event as being at once a celebration and an opportunity to engage in advocacy and outreach around the principal concerns of the English speaking community, particularly as they apply to education and healthcare.

"We are absolutely delighted," Cutting said, sharing that although the model has been shifted to more of an open, festival approach, the core idea of bringing people together around an event that really focuses on the English community and English needs is still alive and well. "Let's have some fun and a chance to get some information and see people we might not have seen for the last year."

Following up on a successful return

in Richmond last year, the Townshippers are once again pitching the festival as an opportunity for anyone, no matter where they come from, to get to know what it means to be a Townshipper.

"In the same way that on Saint Patrick's Day anybody can be Irish, what we really want to do is get it out that for the Festival des Townshippers' day, you can come, and everyone's a Townshipper."

Particularly under its new title, the Townshippers Festival is engaging in more active outreach to the French-speaking community. Cutting underlined, however, that people should not interpret this as a shift away from the needs of local English-speakers.

"I think there has to be a recognition that as our community has grown smaller we've become more dependent on the majority francophone community and its good will," the president said, warning against the idea that a community should isolate itself to maintain its cultural identity.

Cutting described the Eastern Townships as an example for the rest of the province with regard to the healthcare network where, at the policy and governance level, there is a very strong acceptance of the English community and the need to provide English services.

"There's still a lot of problems that need to be tackled, but from that point of view, we certainly have a very strong commitment to provide that kind of connection."

Cutting went on to say that Townshippers' has always been very successful in partnering with the French speaking community, and suggested that the new festival model fits into that tradition.

"This is probably one of the best examples of how we can use school facilities and school personnel to serve both linguistic communities without having to create the sense that we can't do things together and must be separated in some fashion," he said. "This is one of the best examples I think you'll find anywhere of how two linguistic communities can pool resources to serve the needs of everyone. It is a real demonstration of



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that attitude that, yes, we can do things together."

Asked if the desire to reach out to the French community included direct communication with the French side of Massey-Vanier's mixed campus, Cutting said that by virtue of the association's partnership with the ETSB, the focus is much more on the English side.

"By the fact that it is on the same campus, and through the kind of advertising that is being put up, we do anticipate that there will be a significant number of people from the other side of the campus who might just want to come back and wander through," he added.

When the festival re-launched in 2018 in its new partnership model, the idea was to do a trial run of three years, with the three ETSB High Schools each taking on one year of hosting. 2020, therefore, will be Alexander Galt's turn to take on the Townshippers, but Cutting said that the current conversation around the future of school boards in the province of Quebec is not making it easy to imagine what things might be like after that.

"We know that schools are not just schools, they are community centres, they're social centres, they're places people identify with, even if they don't have kids in school," The president said, citing very limited communication from the government on how English school

boards will or will not be changed by

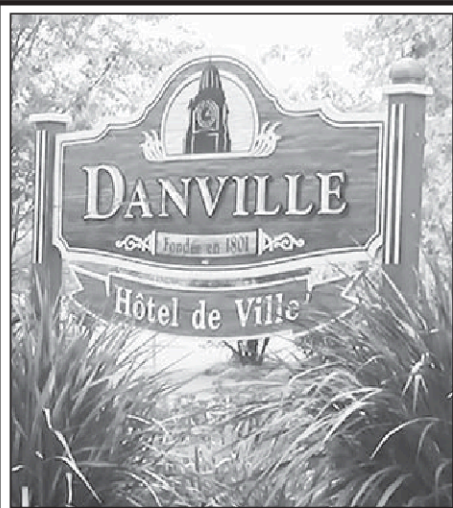
the expected legislation. The ETSB, Cutting added, takes its role as a community-based organization very seriously, and if it were to be dramatically reorganized in the coming years then that would have a significant impact on its ability to serve as a partner to the annual festival. "It is, I would say, a very major factor," he continued. "We just don't know what is going to happen."

Regardless of what ends up being the case with the school board, however, the end of the three years will mean a time to reflect on what has been done and what comes next.

"We'll have to do a reassessment to see where we're at and where do we go in the next round," Cutting said. "We have to do a critical analysis of what has been happening, is it something that people want to come out to?"

With regard to this year's edition, Cutting said that he is happy to see the festival continue to assert its place as a part of the fall festivals of the region and shared a hope that the fact the event is being hosted in Cowansville will draw people from a mix of urban and rural environments.

"I think that, because it is Cowansville, on the far reaches of our historical Eastern Townships, perhaps we'll have a lot more people who'll take the drive down from Montreal," he speculated, while admitting that a good result is almost always weather-dependent. "It's hard to say how it's going to turn out."



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The magic behind Townshippers' Festival

By Emilie Hackett
Special to the Record

With the 39th edition of the Townshippers' Festival just around the corner, The Record spoke with the Townshippers' Association's Community Outreach Coordinator Emily Prangley Desormeaux to learn more about the Sept. 21 event, which will be held at Massey-Vanier High School.

"The Festival is a very important project at the association," she explained. "We basically start organizing next year's edition the day after the Festival is done. We're always looking for ways to improve it and make the following year run tighter and smoother. It's truly a year-long commitment."

Prangley Desormeaux has been working at the Townshippers' Association (TA) since December 2016 and this is her second year working on the Festival dossier, after the TA opted to take a year off in 2017.

"The TA made that decision to look at the structure of the Festival and to be reflective. We looked at ways to continue the tradition going forward in a way that is enjoyable for everyone," she mentioned. "We switched it to a festival instead of just Townshippers' Day in an effort to freshen it up. There have been

some changes, but they were much more internal and structural in the way that we organize ourselves. We didn't want the community to feel the change because the tradition is so rich. People expect for the day to be a certain way every year, so we didn't want to shock them in this transitional period."

The TA is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, so the event is bound to be memorable. "We want to bring all Townshippers alike, whether they are francophone or anglophone, to celebrate the Eastern Townships' arts, culture, heritage, and community," added Prangley Desormeaux.

"We have an outdoor tent where there will be lots of clogging performances by the Rainbow Country Cloggers, which are always very popular, and some local performances by Squeegie and Ironik. Inside, there will be performances in the Massey Vanier auditorium, which is huge and quite lovely, where there will be the Knowlton Academy Choir and Massey-Vanier dancers, for example," she described. "Amos J is our main attraction of the day, so that's why we didn't schedule anything else for the noon hour. We want to invite everyone in the auditorium for a fun time."

"In the auditorium, there will be

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groups that people will want to see and are already following. The Frost Village Brass Band and the Knowlton Harmony Band are different and fun, where we expect to have huge assemblies of people," said the coordinator. "We try to have something for everyone, because it's an event that wants to appeal to everybody. It's a celebration and we want people to feel like it's a day just for them."

A large number of community organizations will also be present, which Prangley Desormeaux describes as a significant part of the day. "It's important

to celebrate our cultural heritage, but we also want to remind people of the services that are offered in the area. They are in English and often free. This is essential to the vitality and quality of life of people from the Townships," she added.

"There will be historical societies, a few businesses, employers, school representatives, and tons of local artisans who will be selling a variety of things like food, jewelry, knitted items, and more," she continued. "The silent auction is a really important part of the event. Our inventory grows until the last minute and we estimate there will be around 150 items to be bet on. Townshippers'

Festival is a free event, so the money raised here helps us continue. It's an important money maker because putting on a festival can be quite costly, so it's our core funder that covers running costs and the basic programs we offer. There will also be a suggested donation of \$2 for parking."

Prangley Desormeaux insisted that the focus of the day would be on all the Townshippers present. "In our opening ceremony, our board president Gerald Cutting will give a little speech, but there won't be a huge emphasis on the TA," she explained. "Sure, there will be a couple of MNAs coming from the surrounding regions and representatives of the ETSB, but they will be here as Townshippers themselves instead of politicians. There will also be the Townships Expressions' area where there will be local artists and authors affiliated with the TA."

"There will also be a variety of food vendors, who will mostly offer good old cantine meals. Derby Burgers are well known and very popular at Brome Fair, and they'll be back. At RG Cantine, one of our team members will be selling chili to raise funds for our 'Make Way for YOUth' program. She will have vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options, because we try to accommodate everyone," she mentioned. "There will be lots of standard fair food, like hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, sausages, poutine, etc. Virgin Hill, a local coffee roaster who has been very supportive of different initiatives and community organizations, will also be there with the airstream truck, serving coffee first thing in the morning."

"Kids will also be super welcomed, we have a face painter, an animator/clown named Super Hiro who will be running some children's arts and crafts activities, and a hair-wrapping station, to name a few. We really want to design a day that appeals to the whole family," she observed. "We will also have a designated

parent-child feeding and changing area in the library. It's a discreetly designed room for parents to take care of their children on a busy day. It's also run by a doula which is super interesting."

For the coordinator, finding activities that would please Townshippers came naturally. "I'm from Stanstead and I grew up in the Eastern Townships. I've been to the Festival before when I was young, so it was interesting to come with the TA and become the organizer for something I had known about for so long," admitted Prangley Desormeaux. "I might be a point person, but it's a team effort. We have a whole committee, with representatives from the schoolboard and the CIUSSS, which are our major partners. We meet with volunteers from our board very often, and even more concentrated as the weeks come closer, and the team here really rallies as the Festival approaches. Everyone is very supportive and lovely."

"Everyone springs into action, we have volunteers doing the parking, some come set up the day before and help us take everything down the next day," she remarked. "These people literally carry hundreds of tables and chairs around. Same goes for Massey Vanier's staff, like the principal and the buildings and grounds staff. Everyone is supportive and works hard. It's a team effort, and I'm so grateful of everyone here who helps to make this day happen."




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St. Pierre opens Massey-Vanier High School

COWANSVILLE (Special) — "The Massey-Vanier Regional High School stands as a good example for the rest of Quebec," the Honorable Guy St-Pierre, Minister of Education said on Nov. 14, when he officiated at an official opening of the school.

Such co-operation, which permits the two cultures to better understand one another through living and working in close proximity, should make the school a focal point of interest to all concerned with teaching in both Quebec and Canada.

The ceremony, held in the auditorium, was emceed'd by two students. Lise Goulet represented the French and Brian Ward the English group.

Richard Brault, president of the Missisquoi Regional School Board said that the bilingual, bi-cultural aspect of the school should provide many benefits to the general region, and commented on the congenial atmosphere of understanding between the students.

In reviewing education progress for the Brome-Missisquoi - Shefford region, Mr. St-Pierre praised the climate of understanding which prevails between the two language groups in the district. He said that

enthusiasm by school board members. He also commented on the accomplishment of the Director General, Mr. Malak Hanna, who during the short space of 15 months, drew the ideas of the founding board members into a cohesive force to provide a working formula, now evident in the finished project.

The role of the community was emphasized by Roland Desourdy, Cowansville's mayor, who said the collaboration between federal, provincial and municipal, had been exemplary, and indicated what men of goodwill could accomplish once they set their minds to the task.

Following the minister of education's speech, there was an official unveiling of a commemorative plaque. The two students, who assisted former minister of education, Jean-Jacques Bertrand with "soil-turning", 3 years ago, joined Mr. St-Pierre in the unveiling. These students, still studying at the Massey-Vanier school, are Leah Bradshaw and Michel Trempe.

Ceremonies were followed by refreshments served in the school cafeteria. French and English speaking members communicated as their children do on school days. The refreshments were made and served by students of the school.

Speaking for Federal authorities, Yves Forest complimented those who

FOILED AGAIN! — Students Leah Bradshaw and Michel Trempe were teased by Education Minister Guy St. Pierre when he presented them with mementos of their roles in the soil turning ceremony in June, 1967, when construction on the Massey-Vanier Regional High School began. They suggested that the minister could grant the students a day off, but he couldn't do that in Quebec.

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MINISTER UNVEILS PLAQUE — The Hon. Guy St. Pierre had honour of unveiling the coat of arms of Polyvalent Massey-Vanier High School, Sat. Nov. 14, 1970.

(Photo: Studio Eclair)

Townshippers' Fest offers MV alumni a trip down memory lane

By Matthew McCully

A school is always at its best when the halls are full and bustling.

Most of the time it's with students, but thanks to the partnership between Townshippers' Association and the Eastern Townships School Board, for the second year now the association's annual gathering is happening at a local high school.

Last year, Richmond Regional High School used the opportunity to organize a reunion to coincide with Townshippers' Festival.

This year, it's Massey Vanier Regional High School's turn to host visitors from across the Townships. It just so happens the school is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

If those walls could speak, they would have some interesting stories to tell.

"It's great," commented ETSB Chairman Mike Murray, referring to the festival happening on school grounds.

"Most people don't revisit high school," Murray explained. "They can take a trip down memory lane and relive some exciting moments."

Murray added that most adults who

return to a school remark that it is a lot smaller than they remembered it.

"For the school it's exciting," Murray added, saying the event is a great opportunity to show what has changed, not only in the buildings, but also within the education system.

"We hope to have an adequate display of student work and activities," Murray said.

"Townshippers' always has a lot of people exhibit different crafts and local products, it's fascinating," Murray said, happy ETSB schools can be the backdrop to highlight and celebrate people from the community.

"We hope to integrate the dynamism of the school into that," Murray said.

The chairman added that each school is unique. The three-year plan to rotate the festival among the local high schools allows visitors to learn what's new at each institution.

Richmond has an interesting robotics program, Murray pointed out, and Massey Vanier has a flight simulator and aviation program available to students.

For Townshippers who are new to the area, the festival will be an opportunity to make new friends and connect with one of the area's high schools. For MVHS



Townshippers' Association President Gerald Cutting and ETSB Chairman Mike Murray

grads, it will be a chance to see how the school has changed over the years. Even students from Richmond and Galt will likely feel nostalgic at the upcoming

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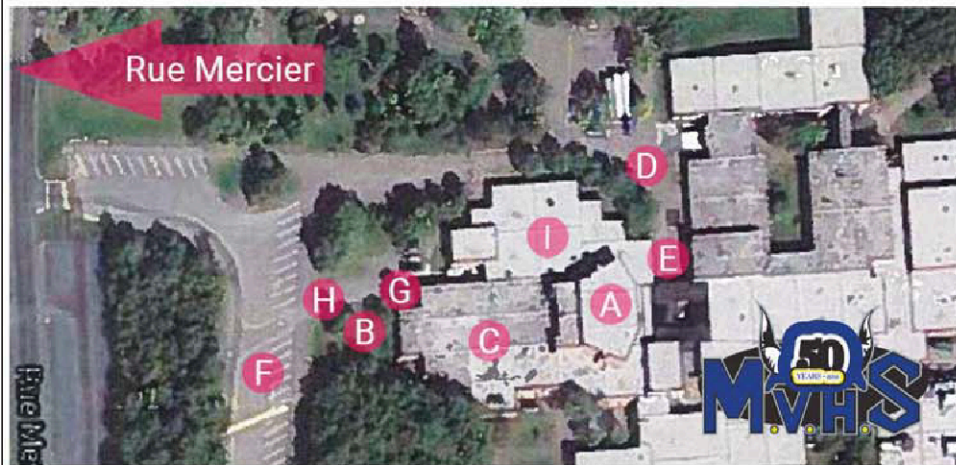
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"The Way We Were." Ron Creary and Jim Boule, Knowlton.

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The Place to Be." Clarence Blake, Sherbrooke.

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"Rendez-Vous." Janis Southam, Bromont.

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"All Together / Ensemble." Bev Smith, Danville / Shipton.

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"Together / Ensemble." Earle McCurdy, Sutton.

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"Townshippers at Work and Play." Charles Davies, Ayer's Cliff.

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1979-1994, "Fifteen Years Young! Quinze ans déjà!" Pierre Barbeau and Jane Loiselle, Bishop's University, Lennoxville.

September 16, 1995

"Celebrate-Participate. Célébrer-Participer." Alison Hannan, Mansonville.

September 14, 1996

"Unity / Unité." René Bourdon, Stanstead.

September 13, 1997

"Heritage." Shirley Maynes Beakes and John Porter, Waterloo.

September 19, 1998

"Townshippers Pull Together. Les gens des Cantons ensemble nous travaillons." Colin Grimson and Luc Rodrigue, Cookshire.

Knowlton 1999

Fri, September 17, 1999 CBC broadcast of The National and Banquet/AGM at the Lakeview Inn
T-Day Saturday, September 18, 1999. Townshippers' 20." Signy Stephenson, Knowlton.



September 19, 1998 Cookshire

Saint-Felix 2000

Friday, September 15, 2000 CBC live broadcast of The National at the tent on T-Day site at 6 p.m.

T-Day Saturday, September 16, 2000. "Always in Harmony. Toujours en Harmonie." Larry Mastine, Saint-Félix-de-Kingsey.

Waterville 2001

No CBC news broadcast due to 9/11 attack on WTC, NY.

T-Day Saturday, September 15, 2001. "Family Pride. Fierté Familiale." Gladys Bruun and Lindsay Pocock, Waterville.

Sherbrooke 2002

Fri, September 13, 2002 CBC Broadcast of The National at 6 p.m. outside the museum in Sherbrooke. The launch of Taproot II and Cocktail at the Musée de Beaux Arts Sherbrooke (exhibition of Impressionist art from the Louvre on a cross-Canada tour).

T-Day Saturday, September 14, 2002. "Return to your Roots—Celebrate the Future. Revenons à nos racines—Célébrons l'avenir." Nancy Beattie and Michael van Lierop, Sherbrooke.

Cowansville 2003

Fri, September 12. CBC. Ray Bonneville concert at the Emmanuel Church broadcast on CBC Radio Noon. Live broadcast of The National at the Cowansville town hall. Winners of the Success Stories Awards and Mayor's Cocktail at the town hall Cowansville.

T-Day Saturday, September 13, 2003. "On y sera - Cowansville 2003 -The Place to Be." Yvan Monast, Cowansville.

Magog 2004

Fri, September 17 CBC Daybreak Breakaway 4-6 p.m. with Jacquie Czernin and Bernie St Laurent. CBC TV The National and Launch of Taproot III at La Brise Marina, Magog.

T-Day Saturday, September 18, 2004: "Living in Harmony. Vivre en harmonie." Rev. Dr. Robert Deane Moffat and Melvyn Bryant, Magog.

Bedford 2005

Friday, September 15. Live broadcast of Daybreak, Breakfast with Tim Belford on Quebec Community Radio from the pizza restaurant in Bedford. No TV broadcast due to CBC strike action.

T-Day Saturday, September 17, 2005: "Weather or not... We'll be there! Gens des Cantons, gens d'amitié." Guylaine Beaudoin and Kevin Craft, Bedford.

Richmond 2006

Friday, September 15. CBC Radio Breakaway broadcast and press launch

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for Make Way for YOUth at the Community Centre in Richmond.

T-Day Saturday, September 16, 2006: "Sharing our culture, our heritage, our lives. Partageons notre culture, notre patrimoine, notre milieu de vie." Gerald Badger and Roger Viens, Ulverton, Richmond, Melbourne Township, and Cleveland Township.

Bishop's University, Lennoxville 2007

Saturday, September 22, 2007 Bishop's University Cultural Gala: Fundraiser concert for SRC at the Gait and Townshippers' Day volunteer orientation in the Gait, BU.

T-Day Sunday, September 23, 2007: "GO Ahead with Youth. Jeunes VERT l'avenir." Mark McLaughlin and Jocelyn Molyneux, Bishop's University, Champlain Regional College, Ville de Sherbrooke (Lennoxville Borough), etfs.

Sutton, 2008

Friday, September 19: CBC Radio Breakaway live broadcast and pig roast and reception for Bishop's University SRC volunteers at the Horizon Hotel at 6 p.m. Concert with the Société Philharmonique de Montréal, directed by Maestro Miklós Takács, St. André Church in Sutton, 8 p.m.

Saturday, T-Day September 20, 2008:

"Discover Sutton, Experience the Townships. Découvrez Sutton, Vivez les Cantons." Kenneth Hill, Sutton.

Ayer's Cliff Fairgrounds, Ayer's Cliff 2009.

Friday, September 18, 2009: Launch of Taproot IV at Ayer's Cliff.

T-Day Saturday, September 19, 2009: "Celebrating 100 years of harmony in the Townships. Fêtons 100 ans en harmonie dans les Cantons-de-l'Est". Dr. Mary Pearson, Ayer's Cliff.

Danville A.D.S. School, Danville, 2010

T-Day September Saturday, 17, 2010: "Celebrate the Townships and Danville's 150th Fêtons les Cantons et le 150e de Danville." Robert McKeage, Danville
Stanstead, Ursulines Convent, 2011

T-Day Saturday, September 17, 2011: "Townshippers' in action with Stanstead /Townshippers en action avec Stanstead." Jody Stone, Stanstead
Farnham School, Farnham, 2012

T-Day Saturday, September 15, 2012: "Farnham: Passé, présent et futur. Farnham: Past, Present and Future." Denis Riel, Farnham
Bishop's College School, Lennoxville, 2013

T-Day Saturday, September 14, 2013: "Bienvenue, Welcome." Rachel Hunting, BCS
Lennoxville

Centre Culturel, Coaticook, 2014

T-Day Saturday, September 13, 2014. "Celebrate our history, prepare for the future. Célébrons notre histoire, préparons l'avenir." No chair, Coaticook.

Brome Fairgrounds, Brome, Brome Lake, and West Bolton 2015

T-Day Saturday, September 12, 2015: "Strong Roots — Growing together. Grandir ensemble, solidement enracines!" Barrie Paige and Thomas McGovern, Knowlton.

Brome Fairgrounds, Brome, Brome Lake and West Bolton 2016

T-Day Saturday, September 17, 2016: "Strong Roots — Growing together. Grandir ensemble, solidement enracines!" Barrie Paige and Thomas McGovern, Knowlton.

2017 — No Townshippers' Day

2018 - Richmond Regional High School September 29

After a year off to regroup and reorganize, Townshippers' Association, in partnership with the Eastern Townships School Board the the

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Throwback to the very first Townshippers' Day

By Taylor McClure
Special to The Record

This year, Townshippers' Association is celebrating its 39th Townshippers' Day and its incredible how far the event has come since first being held in 1980. The annual event, which is usually held the third weekend in September, celebrates the English speakers of the Eastern Townships and recognizes the contributions they have made to their communities, past and present.

The idea to hold an event that celebrated the English community emerged in the spring of 1980. A planning committee was formed from the likes of Warren Grapes, Anne MacLaren and David Rittenhouse and they began organizing what was at first called a Homecoming or Reunion.

They wanted to have a reunion or gathering that took place every year that promoted the various communities that had an English-speaking presence. They also wanted to provide all Townshippers with the opportunity to get to know different parts of the region and what make them unique.

It was decided that the event would take place on the same day as the Townshippers' Association's Annual General Meeting which was to be held on Oct. 4 of that year.

As October made its way around the corner, the name of the event was changed to Townshippers' Day and the name, as well as the event, stuck around until it was recently changed to Townshippers' Festival.

The first Townshippers' Day took place at the Jeunesse Musicale Camp in Orford Provincial Park and more than 700 people turned up in support of the Association.

Some of the major attractions that day included a hot air balloon that offered a free ride to the first 50 people to arrive and a historical slide show on Brome County titled "Reflections on the Creek."

Different groups and organizations, such as the Royal Canadian Legion, Bishop's University, and Champlain College, set up various exhibits and displays throughout the site.

There were also games like tug-of-war, sack races, and egg races along with clowns and musicians to provide entertainment for everyone.

As the first Townshipper's Day to take place, the event was also an opportunity for members of the association to meet other individuals and groups of people who share their interests and concerns.

While it did rain that day and many of the outdoor activities were rained out, spirits remained high among attendees



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and the event continued on with activities indoors.

Ever since this very first Townshippers' Day, the event has continued to grow and evolve. These days, the event pulls in thousands of visitors from across the region uniting friends and family from near and far.

Every year the event is held in a different town, village, or city, which provides people of the Townships, and

elsewhere, the chance to explore different parts of the area and celebrate the various communities that make up our landscape.

This year's event is being held in Cowansville at the Massey Vanier Regional High School, which is also celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. It's definitely going to be a wonderful day full of celebration!

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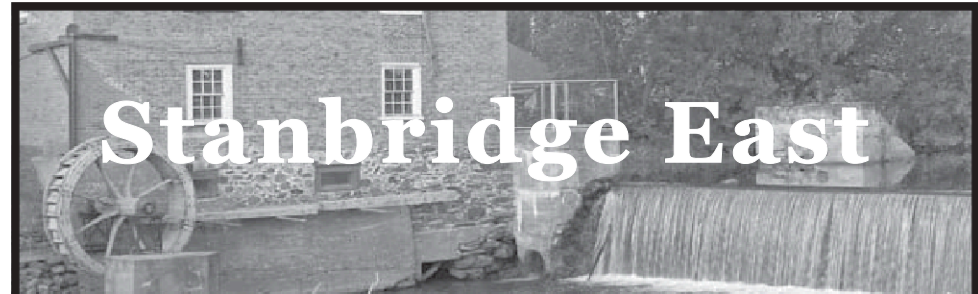
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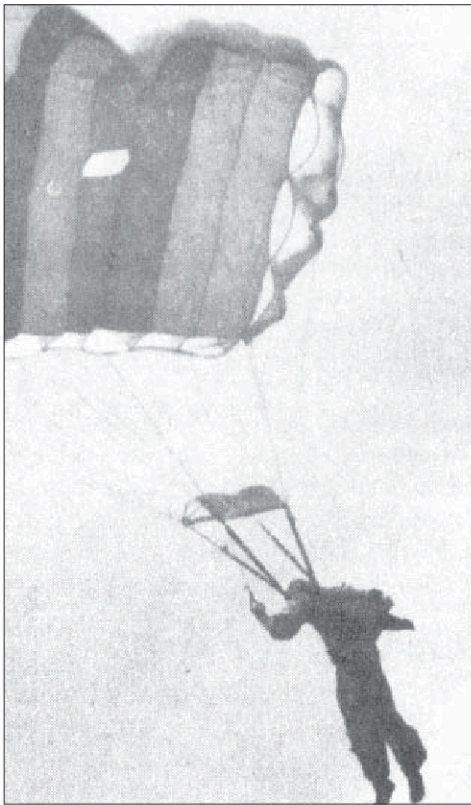
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September 18, 1982 Townshippers' Day. Stan-bridge East. September 14, 1982



Stanstead 1996



Townshippers Day, Coldbrook Park Knowlton with Mill Pond, Sep. 18, 1999



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