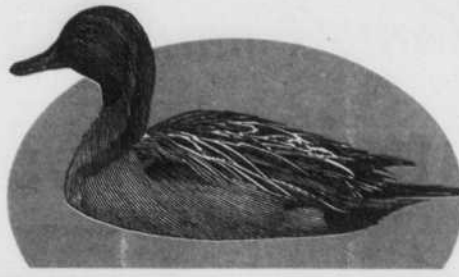


Brome County NEWS



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011

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Hundreds sign petition opposing West Bolton 'urban perimeter' plan

By Frank Nixon

As reported in the Brome County News on Feb. 14, a group of West Bolton residents recently banded together to fight the proposed request made by West Bolton council to the Brome-Missisquoi MRC that would establish the urban perimeter for the municipality at some 8.3 square kilometres.

As of Sunday night, Feb. 19, Paul Geoffrion, a spokesperson for the group, says he has "354 signatures from persons aged 18 or over" opposing the measure.

"There were 210 households who signed, or 92 per cent," said Geoffrion, adding, "there were 18 households who refused to sign or 8 per cent, four of which were members of the municipal council or a municipal committee."

Geoffrion added: "Any doubts where the population stands on this issue?"

West Bolton has a total population of 766 people of all ages. There are 385 dwellings in the municipality.

The group plans to submit their petition at the monthly Brome-Missisquoi MRC to prefect Arthur Fauteux. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 21

at 7 p.m.

The petition reads, in part: "Recognizing that a decision will be taken at the upcoming Brome-Missisquoi meeting on February 21, 2012, the residents of West Bolton wish to voice their opposition to the proposed change of usage of part of the West Bolton territory to a newly designated 'rural residential' usage."

The residents are also strongly opposed to the continuation of the real estate project on the summit of Mount Foster.

"The municipality authorized this project, which drastically changes the traditions of West Bolton, without any public consultation," say the petitioners.

West Bolton had previously sought approval to have the urban perimeter established at 11 square kilometres instead of 8.3 kilometres but the request was rejected by Quebec's Ministry of Municipal Affairs. The municipality reduced the perimeter by excluding the Mount Glen area. All of the land for the urban perimeter is zoned as white land.

Please see page 4 for opinions on this issue.

Knowlton resident to celebrate 100th birthday



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIANA TIMMINS

Birthday greetings go out to Dorothy King of Knowlton who will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday, Feb. 26. King served in World War II as a battlefield ambulance driver. She loves watching sports on TV and life in Knowlton.

TBL unveils subsidy plan for tourism and culture

By Frank Nixon

Last Thursday, on Feb. 16, Town of Brome Lake unveiled a \$50,000 subsidy program for tourism and cultural events for 2012.

An amount of \$30,000 has been set aside for tourism related projects. Subsidies will be \$200 minimum and \$10,000 maximum, per project.

Requests will be evaluated by a jury composed of people who sit on the Brome Lake Tourism Development Committee.

The selection of projects, accepted or

refused, will be made known at the municipal council meeting on May 7, 2012.

The deadline for filing an application is Friday, April 20, 2012 at noon.

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Heroes' players caught in 'Charlotte's Web'

For a great evening of theatre, mark Friday, March 2, on your calendar. The students in secondary 1 and grade 6 have been practicing for months to get their production ready. It is the story of Charlotte's Web by E.B. White.

The production is equal to many a professional production. The sets are spectacular and the costumes and lighting and sound effects are of the highest level. The student thespians bring to life the characters so well known to many.

Danny Lapointe, the director, is pleased with his cast and how they are bringing this story to life. Natasha Greenwood plays Fern, a little girl on a farm, who wants to protect Wilbur the pig, played by Maria Daigneault, from

facing the fate awaiting most of the pigs raised on a farm. Charlotte, played by Madelyn Schartner, is the wise spider who befriends Wilbur, and thinks of a way to save her friend.

The stage production is at 7 p.m. and it is only \$5 for admission. Heroes' Memorial School is at 317 rue Sud, in Cowansville. For reservations, call 450-263-1612.

During the week close to one thousand students from across the school board will be seeing the production. The Friday night show will be a perfect ending to a great run!

Come and be part of a theatrical tradition at Heroes' Memorial.

Come celebrate the Rob Lutterman Ski for a Cure event

Saturday, Feb. 25 at Mont Sutton

Starting at 9 a.m., participants are invited - for the 13th consecutive year - to ski the slopes of Mont Sutton in support of a worthy cause, pancreatic cancer research. Donors of \$150 or more to the Rob Lutterman Memorial Fund at the Cancer Research Society (CRS) will benefit from a discounted lift ticket. A commemorative run down the mountain at 2 p.m., in remembrance of those who have died from this terrible disease, will crown the day of festivities. Dr. Mario Chevrette, scientific director at the CRS, will attend, along with Dr. George Zogopoulos, a member of the research team at McGill University's Goodman Cancer Centre. The team was awarded the second CRS/Rob Lutterman Pancreatic Cancer Research Grant in 2010. Both will elaborate on the importance of funding cancer research, in

order to find a cure.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Mont Sutton
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The Rob Lutterman Memorial Fund at the CRS, established in memory of Rob Lutterman, who died of pancreatic cancer at age 63, was created to promote and fund research into pancreatic cancer. The fund will be used to help scientists discover earlier methods of detection, learn more about its genetics and inheritability, and ultimately, provide more effective therapies. "Shortly after his death in 1999, a group of friends and family decided to create an annual event to relive wonderful memories and celebrate his passion for skiing,"

Scouts donate to church



COURTESY PHOTO

The first Knowlton Scouting Movement with Rev. Tim Wiebe of the St. Paul's Anglican Church receiving a donation of \$200 for the repairs of the nativity scene that was vandalized in early January 2012. From top left: Rev. Tim Wiebe; Scout Leader Mike Ellis. Middle row; Lukas Bureau; Tattianna Bureau; Tina Morse; Beaver Leader Sabrina Royea. Bottom row: Rover (L.I.T) Jason Langlois; Cassie-Jean Bureau; Austin Bureau; Cub Leader Octavia Ellis; Rover (L.I.T) Donald Langlois.

says Fran Lutterman, wife of the late Rob. "What began as a small grassroots event has led to the awarding of the first and second CRS/Rob Lutterman Pancreatic Cancer Research Grants ... Amazing!" In the years since its creation, the Rob Lutterman Fund at the CRS has awarded over half a million dollars in targeted funding for pancreatic cancer research. The strategic grants of \$300,000 each over three years were first awarded to Dr. Norman Kneteman, from the University of Alberta, in March 2007 and next to Dr. Tremblay, from the McGill University Goodman Cancer Centre in 2010. His strategic and innovative project has, like the project of Dr. Kneteman before him, the potential to provide an effective treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Committee members are inviting the

general public and media to support and/or attend the 13th Annual Ski Day. For more information about this event, please visit the participate in an event section of the CRS website at CancerResearchSociety.ca or call toll-free 1-888-766-2262, ext. 250.

About the Cancer Research Society

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Communiqué from the West Bolton council to all citizens

FEB. 14, 2012

Contrary to what you are being led to believe in the petition presently being circulated, the creation of a "rural residential" zone was needed in order to respect the existing rights of property owners and not in order to open the door to development.

Preserving the rural character and country charm of West Bolton is at the heart of our priorities. Over the past few years our bylaws were revised in order to reduce the impact of residential construction on the environment. Specifically, minimum lot sizes above the elevation of 400 metres were doubled and increase the higher you go, the surface area that can be clear cut for the building of a residence was reduced and specifications for improved road construction were implemented, including water flow and erosion control measures.

Because West Bolton does not have

any location in its white zone that could be designated as a village core, in conformity with new provincial legislature banning the construction of new roads outside an urban core, it was necessary to designate such a "virtual" area. The areas where population was already concentrated, such as that surrounding Glen Mountain, seemed a logical choice. Refusing permits to the Mount Foster development which complied with all existing bylaws would have left the municipality open to legal action.

Without balanced growth, property taxes rise beyond sustainable levels. Your council feels that some road building must be permitted in order to retain the rights of citizens located in the white zone to use their properties, encourage our children to settle here and to keep our community vibrant and open.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

FROM THE COUNCIL OF WEST BOLTON.

What can the new committee do?

DEAR EDITOR:

Marta Gomez has raised herself above her old gang of four (Gomez, Gagne, McGovern and Call) and created a new level of bureaucracy, yet another gang of four: Gomez, Lecour the mayor and the unelected director general of TBL. For his part, director general Bourret told Tempo that because of its size this new committee will allow him to resolve agendas BEFORE they are presented to our full council.

However Ms. Gomez disagrees stating that this special committee, may only look at issues AFTER the full council has deliberated them.

These two positions are diametrically opposed: one is a power grab, the other a powerless gripe.

Is any of this dance legal? I care because I'm paying for it. We all are. The town clerk, Mr. Alain Roy, pointedly did not agree but he's gone — whether he's been fired or quit is still a secret but TBL no longer has a lawyer interpreting the

law — it seems Ms. Gomez and Mr. Lecour are doing that with the solid backing of Mr. Bourret.

Why was Alain Roy not asked on the record for his legal opinion? Why don't we even know what this super committee is called: according to Gomez the administrative follow-up committee, but in the council's minutes it's called the executive follow-up committee, and we sure as hell don't know what it can do. Can it keep detailed information away from council? Can it bully those who want to object to town practices? Can it intimidate the two-thirds of council not privy to its secret meetings (four times more than council)? Can it determine the agenda for all of Brome Lake behind closed doors?

If it can, it will; if it does it's a cabal not a committee; and if it can, we no longer have a dysfunctional council, we have no council at all.

BRIAN TIMMINS
Knowlton

Response to the communiqué from the West Bolton council

FEBRUARY 17, 2012

The communiqué from the West Bolton Council, recently delivered to our homes, clearly illustrates the discrepancy between what the council members advocate and what the citizens desire.

In the first paragraph, the council communiqué states: "... the creation of a 'rural residential' zone was needed in order to respect the existing rights of property owners ..."

To which property owners is the council referring? A few property owners who would want to subdivide their land into small lots and build many houses or the hundreds of West Bolton property owners and their families who simply wish to live in a quiet pastoral setting. Individual rights are not absolute and must blend in with the community's fundamental choices. We do not want to preclude a property owner from building a residence on his/her land, providing he/she has the right to do so. However, the construction of new roads allowing for the excessive subdivision of land associated with real estate projects will erode the 'rural character and country charm' of West Bolton.

The council communiqué states: "Over the past few years our bylaws were revised in order to reduce the impact of residential construction on the environment."

We invite our fellow citizens to visit the top of Paramount Road and see for themselves how those bylaws have protected the environment of West Bolton. Beyond the stone pillars marking the entrance of the project, you will find what used to be 730 acres of vibrant forest, now in a state of devastation because of the construction of roads of unbelievable scale. These roads and the clearing of land for the building lots have resulted in the deterioration of our creeks and rivers and it has pushed thousands of animals out of their habitat. Must we remind you that the forest on Mount Foster is the main supplier to the water table of the Bolton area? It feeds the majority of our wells and the numerous

creeks meandering through our beautiful landscape. Do we want this kind of degradation to continue on Mount Foster or anywhere else in West Bolton?

As early as September 15, 2008 (and even earlier), the Municipal Council could have modified its bylaws to conform to the new regulations of the MRC's development plan, which bans new road construction outside urban perimeters. The MRC mayors were consulted on the main orientations of this plan prior to September 15, 2008. The West Bolton Municipal Council missed an opportunity to be proactive in protecting our environment and save Mount Foster. Instead, over the last three-and-a-half years, we have witnessed the destruction of West Bolton's forests.

The council communiqué states: "Without balanced growth, property taxes rise beyond sustainable levels." We would like to raise three points on that matter:

— The citizens are not requesting additional municipal services.

— The municipality will have to provide services to all new residences such as the 68 planned on Mount Foster: snow removal, garbage and recycling collection, firefighter services etc. — hence new costs.

— Let us take the example of Mount Foster once more: the price of the lots there ranges from \$250,000 to \$500,000. Individuals paying that price for a lot will most likely build residences of substantial value. The average mill rate of properties in West Bolton as a whole will rise and, therefore, so will proportionately the royalties paid to the MRC and the Quebec Government, as well as school taxes etc... This will affect all property owners.

What kind of environment do you want you and your children to live in now and in the future?

SUBMITTED BY PAUL GEOFFRION

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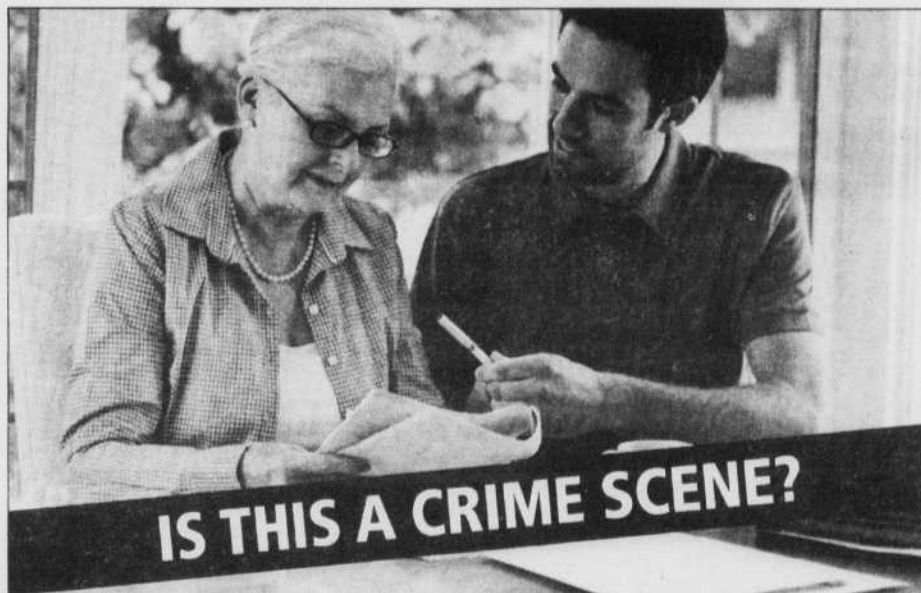
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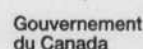


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Brome Lake Winterfest, Scandinavian style

By Frank Nixon

The winter sport known as "ski joring," a Scandinavian term meaning "ski driving," promises to be a feature attraction in this year's Brome Lake Winterfest. TBL extends an invitation to everyone to come participate in this action-packed, winter wonderland joy ride, even if you are only watching.

A ski joring clinic, where you can familiarize yourself with the sport, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 25, from noon to 4 p.m., at Lions Park, in Knowlton.

The following day, on Sunday, Feb. 26, the official ski joring competitions will take place, from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The competitions will be hosted by the Ski Joring Association of Quebec, headed by Bertrand Caron, who was instrumental in introducing the sport in Quebec in 2006.

Two types of race courses are common in ski joring competitions - the straight course and the horseshoe-shaped course.

The straight course allows the horse to run at top speed down the middle of the course, with the skier navigating slalom gates and jumps ranging from

three to nine feet high, set on either side of the horse track. According to the Ski Joring Association of Quebec, fast horses can reach a speed of up to 70 to 75 km per hour and can cross a distance of 300 metres in 15 seconds.

The horseshoe-shaped course allows the horse to run on the inside of the track while the skier navigates slalom racing gates and jumps, ranging from four to six feet high.

In other events, to add difficulty, skiers are also required to grab one or more rings as they ski past a station on the course.

Competitors are classified according to their level of experience. All the participants will need a protective helmet, boots and skis, gloves and/or mitts.

To register for the ski joring clinic, please call town hall, at 450-243-6111, extension 233.

Other Winterfest events include skating, sliding, inflatable games, sleigh rides, broomball competitions, canteen on the premises and much more.

For further information, including exact times for all activities, visit the town's website at www.ville.lac-brome.qc.ca.



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A scene from last year's Winterfest.



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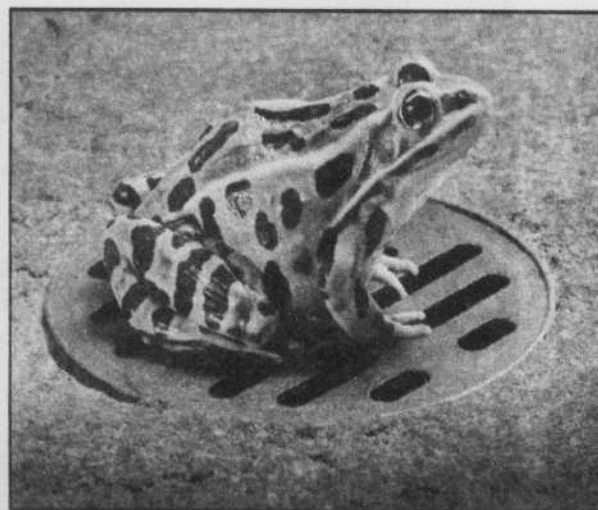
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Brome County Community Bulletin Board

February 13 - April 15

Cowansville Volunteer Centre is ready for the income tax returns. The Cowansville CAB offers assistance to people who need help to complete their income tax returns. Our volunteers have received training given by the Canada Revenue Agency and Revenue Québec. Certain criteria must be met to qualify and a contribution of \$5 per person is required to cover administrative costs. The CAB invites residents from Abercorn, Adamsville, Brigham, Brome, Cowansville, Dunham, East-Farnham, Frelighsburg, Knowlton, Lac Brome and Sutton who qualify for the program to call our office at 450-263-3758, starting from February 13 to April 13, 2012, to make an appointment. The CAB offices are temporarily located at: Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue Principale, Cowansville.

February 16, 23

Knowlton Academy has just opened a nice **community tech lab** available for community members to use every Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. Benjamin MacKenzie, former KA student has been hired to help you use the technology. There is no charge so please, come and visit us.

February 21

Pancake supper from 4 - 7 p.m. Homemade pancakes and beans with sausages at Holy Trinity Church hall, 218 Iron Hill Road. Admission \$6 for adults. Bring a friend and enjoy a break from Old Man Winter.

February 21

Pancake supper with bacon, sausages and all the trimmings on Tuesday, February 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Independent Order of Oddfellows, 476 Knowlton Road, Knowlton. Donation \$7.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, February 21 at Grace Anglican Church, 52 Principale sud in Sutton. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. www.gracechurchsutton.org.

February 22

The Anglican Church Women of St. James, Bedford, will not host **Lenten lunches** this year. There will be one lunch on Ash Wednesday, February 22, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the church hall at 40 rue du Pont, Bedford. Menu: Homemade soup, local cheeses, bread, desserts, beverages. Admission is \$7.

February 23

Bingo evening every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 120 Davignon Cowansville. Info 450 263 3543.

February 24

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Curley St., Sutton

February 25

Community supper (potluck) will be held at The Royal Canadian Legion, 77 Lewis St., Waterloo, on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. Come and join us for a really good meal and lots of good company. A donation of \$5 at the door will be requested. For more information call (450) 539-0005.

The Mental Health & Well-Being Support Group. Please note: The next meeting will be February 25. Please phone Linda: 450-243-0928 or pleasantvalley@sympatico.ca for the location of the meeting. Join us for an opportunity to share experiences in a safe environment and receive support, information, encouragement and acceptance. Having support makes all the difference!

February 26

Open invitation to all, every Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Cowansville Legion, 120 Davignon, Cowansville. **Retro music and social dancing** of all types with the Silverado. Draws and a meal for only \$5. Free admission, so what are you waiting for! Come and see us soon.

Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch at Sutton Royal Canadian Legion, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26. Adults: \$8. Children 6 to 8 yrs.: \$4. Little ones are always free. 2 Curley Street, Sutton. Info: 450-538-2210.

February 27

The Parkinsons Disease Peer Support and Caregivers Group welcomes newcomers to our informal, monthly meetings held every fourth Monday of the month at the Lac Brome Community Centre from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 27. Guest speaker is Rachel Zecius, foot care specialist nurse. Anyone interested in sharing and receiving information about Parkinson's Disease is encouraged to come and join us. For more info, please call Di Plant at 450-242-4413.

February 28

"Topic Pot Luck" at 6 p.m. Talking, laughing and learning over delicious home cooking! Avante Women's Centre, 15, rue du Pont, Bedford, 450-248-0530 avantegayl@bellnet.ca.

February 29

Bingo starts at 6:30 pm. Bring your friends and lucky charms too. Royal Canadian Legion, 2 Curley St., Sutton, Qc. Info: 450-538-2864.

March 3

Ham and scalloped potatoes at the Cowansville Legion, 120 Davignon, Cowansville at 6 p.m. All welcome! \$8/person.

March 4

Pancake breakfast being put on by the

Karnak Shriners E.T. Club Estrie, at the Legion hall in Sutton, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost of the breakfast will be \$ 8 per person and tickets will be sold at the door. This is to be a fundraiser for the club.

March 5

The Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley presents **Ms. Pepita Ferrari**, writer, filmmaker, educator. Topic: "Canadian History: Where Were All The Women?" Auberge West Brome at 2 p.m. \$10 fee for non-members. For Auberge lunch reservations please call 450-266-7552. Club information at 450-243-6524.

March 10

Sandbag tournament at the Cowansville Legion, 120 Davignon, Cowansville on March 10 at 9 a.m. (Registration in advance \$10/person - 6 people / team; leave the money and list of names behind the bar). Information: 450-263-3543.

March 17

St. Patrick's Day supper being held at the Sutton Legion, br. #158, 2 Curley, Street at 6 pm. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, dessert and coffee. \$15/pers. Music included.

ARTS CALENDAR

March 10

Yippee! Bluegrass is back! **Bluegrass music** will return to the Royal Canadian Legion, 77 Lewis Street, Waterloo, every second Saturday of the month. Jamming all afternoon from 1 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. Concert starts at 7 p.m. These concerts will be sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion and there will be no admission charge. Everyone is welcome, so come and join us for an evening of fun and good entertainment.

CHURCH SERVICES

CREEK/WATERLOO PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday worship and music. Creek United, West Bolton: Regular Sunday morning service: 9 a.m. Sunday school: 9 a.m. Holy communion every first Sunday of the month. St. Paul's United, 4929 Foster, Waterloo: Regular Sunday morning service: 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion every first Sunday of the month. Reverend David Lambie, minister. For information or to leave messages call: 450-539-2129.

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 24 St. Paul's Road, Knowlton. www.stpaulsbog.wordpress.com. A group of ordinary people seeking to follow Jesus in traditional, contemporary and modern ways. 8 a.m. Said Book of Common Prayer worship. 10 a.m. User-friendly "blended" service with traditional, contemporary and modern music and format. Sunday school. For more info: 450-242-2885. The Rev. Tim and the congregation look forward to welcoming you.

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ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME: First Sunday of the month service will be at Holy Trinity, Iron Hill, second Sunday of the month: Church of The Ascension, West Brome, third Sunday of the month: St. John the Evangelist, fourth Sunday of the month: St. Aidan's, Sutton Junction. All services are at 10 a.m. All welcome. Info: 450-538-4178.


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Robin was a much loved brother, uncle and great-uncle.

Friends may call at the Turner & Porter Butler Chapel, 4933 Dundas St. W., Etobicoke (between Kipling and Islington Aves.) from 2 p.m. until the time of service.

A Service of Remembrance will be held in the Chapel on Friday, February 24, 2012 at 3 p.m.

For those who wish, donations may be made to the Mt. Sinai Hospital Foundation. On-line condolences may be made through www.turnerporter.ca

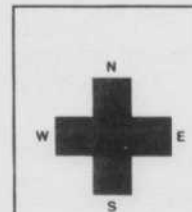
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TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, (The Church with a "Heart") 409 South St., Cowansville. All Sunday services are at 11 a.m. Come and join us as we endeavor to learn and practice God's loving will. We'd love to welcome you. Info: 450-955-3325 (leave message).

SUTTON - DUNHAM UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

A warm welcome awaits you at our Sunday worship services led by Rev. Gayle Chouinard at Dunham United

Church at 9:15 a.m. and at Calvary United Church in Sutton at 11:15 a.m. Information: 450-295-3251 (Dunham) or 450-538-0530 (Sutton).

BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

Gathered round Christ and led in worship by Rev. Catherine Smith, we are a community that searches out God's story in daily life. We worship together as follows: First Sunday service in Bedford, second Sunday service in Stanbridge East, third Sunday service in Bedford, fourth Sunday service in Mystic, fifth Sunday service is in Philipsburg. All services are at 10 a.m.

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CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF BEDFORD

We warmly welcome everyone to come and worship with us every Sunday at 10 a.m. and Friday at 7 p.m. We are lo-

cated at 6 Massicotte, Bedford. Information: Pastor Paul Gibson: 1-514-667-2292 or 450-296-4135.

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 130 Principale, Granby, welcomes everyone for Sunday service at 11 a.m. All welcome. Bienvenue a tous. Canon Wm. Terry Blizzard, rector. Information: 450-372-2197.*

COWANSVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH: Cowansville Community Baptist Church meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m., 112 John Street, Cowansville. Everyone is welcome.

Fulford 2011 Review

Among the 2011 events were the "Annual Classic Hockey Tournament"; Meet Your Neighbour Reception; Strawberry Social; Harvest Lunch; Christmas Eve Service. Seasonal services took place at Fulford United Church with Rev. Tom Edmonds and Susan Reininger, organist.

New parents were Chantal Larose and Daniel Coutu (a son) and Kim and Xavier Poulin (a son). New grandchildren were welcomed by Tawnia Hadlock; Sharon Irwin; Irene Lamarre and Pierre Duceppe; Suzanne Larose; Stanley and Pat Neil. A great-grandchild arrived for Annie Wright who now resides in BC.

Tom and Rita-Claire Edmonds celebrated their Golden Anniversary; Carla and Robert Wright their Silver Anniversary (also their 25th year at Wright's General Store); Flossie Brunton (nee Stone) had a great 100th birthday party in Ottawa; Don "Cork" Badger marked a special birthday, as did Juliette Wright.

Judy Henderson and Martin Lavoie wed at Fulford United Church. Victoria Lambourne returned to reside in Fulford. Visitors from a distance included Lynne and Ronnie Banks from Nova Scotia and Aleda and Art Wright from New Mexico.

Travels - Jennifer Neil to Haiti (support efforts); the Edmonds to Singapore to visit their son and family; Francine Colas to Paris, France, to visit her daughter and family; Norman and Barbara Banks to Nova Scotia to visit daughter, Deborah, at her summer home; Carla Wright and sons, Wyatt and Dylan, to Thunder Bay to visit her parents; Mary Gaylor, class trip to New York City; Lawrence and Mary Gaylor, Crystal and Anissa Badger and Rene Benoit to Cuba.

The temporary closure of Bromont Boulevard near the merge with Fulford Road caused much inconvenience, as did the condition of the road to Waterloo, which is to be repaved.

There was sadness at the death of

Stanley Wright and of others with a connection to the community: Wesley d'Artois and, thereafter, his brother, Gyles d'Artois; Archie McLean; Nellie Williams; Winona Matthews; Wesley Allnut; Maureen Powell; Jeanne d'Arc Fiset, widow of Leonard West; Arthur Godbout, husband of Regine Poirier.

Pepita Ferrari is to be congratulated on the success of the Film Fest, with input from Sylvie Krasker.

At Brome Fair, prizes were won by Crystal Badger, Josee Charbonneau, Betty Wright and Carla Wright.

CEGEP students Shannon Tremblay and Dylan Wright, received grants from the Fisher Trust Fund and Gerald Desnoyers-Lafond graduated from Massey-Vanier with three scholarships. Olivia Robinson, at Champlain Collège, won the TAG scholarship. Massey-Vanier achievement awards went to

Mary Gaylor, Chantel Lafond, Leah Lavoie and Tehya Lemaire. Athletic awards were won by Chantel, Gerald Desnoyers-Lafond and Matt St. Pierre. Nathaniel Robinson was among the Knowlton Academy students who raised funds for the First Responders.

Two houses were demolished - perhaps there should be a "ReHabitat" to find new sites for old homes. La P'tite Grange opened, and Shushi Taiteur changed operations to take-out only.

There was much debate concerning TBL's actions and proposed projects as well as the consequent debt to be incurred. Some residents underwent surgery and others suffered injury of illness, and it is hoped that all will make a good recovery.

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On Tuesday, February 14, four members of the CEDEC Small Business Support Network (SBSN) planning committee, along with Josee-Melanie Lupien, interim director of the Eastern Townships CEDEC office and Jacques Hebert, promotion and awareness agent for the Eastern Townships SBSN, met at the Reilly House in Mansonville to discuss the needs of local entrepreneurs and small business owners.

In 2007, CEDEC launched the SBSN as a pilot project in Ormstown, Quebec. It has since grown into a province-wide network that aims to provide entrepreneurs, small business owners and self-employed work-

ers living in Quebec with opportunities to learn, network and gain access to relevant information in English. Small business owners from across the province can become members simply by visiting <http://sbsn.cedec.ca> and filling out the membership form. Membership is free and benefits include access to professional develop, workshops and webinars, as well as invitations to network and connect with peers in a variety of formal and informal settings.

"I encourage local small-business owners, entrepreneurs and self-employed workers to become members of the CEDEC SBSN to not only take advantage of what the network has to offer them but to contribute to its evolution and expansion," said Jacques Hebert.

In communities across Quebec, the Community Economic Development and Employability Corporation (CEDEC) shares its experience in planning and developing partnerships with the aim to strengthen local economies and employability of the English-speaking and broader community.

CEDEC is funded by the Enabling Fund for Official Language Minority Communities and by the Government of Canada.



For more information: CEDEC: www.cedec.ca
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