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Police break up Magog pot ring

Magog

Regional police are continuing their war against local marijuana production, raiding four locations in the Magog area and arresting three men, aged 43, 42, and 36, Tuesday morning.

In all, forty officers from the Sûreté du Québec and the Memphremagog Police participated in the operation, which comes, police say, after a lengthy investigation, which saw raids carried out on André and Saint-Hilaire streets in Magog, rue des Villas in Orford, and Baccos Bay Rd. in Ayer's Cliff. Hydro Quebec investigators also participated in the operation.

According to SQ spokesperson Aurélie Guindon, the production network was well-structured with a clear hierarchy of activities. It included two indoor greenhouses on André St. and in Orford. The raid also led to the seizure of up to a thousand marijuana plants in various stages of production.

Guindon says the ring operated in the Magog area and as yet, no connection with organized crime has been established, but the investigation continues and additional police interventions may be forthcoming.

Two of the arrested individuals have been charged with production and possession of drugs for trafficking purposes and theft of electricity. The third, arrested at the Orford greenhouse, was to appear in Sherbrooke yesterday afternoon.

St. Francis crosswalk, 'a great start' according to Price



GORDON LAMBIE

The stretch of St. Francis Street between Atto and Beattie Streets will be getting a crosswalk in the spring to help local residents feel safer in getting to Atto Beaver Park.

Gordon Lambie
Special to The Record

After nearly two years of inaction from the city on the subject, Lennoxville residents concerned about the safety of pedestrians on St. Francis street will finally be seeing some progress in the form of a new crosswalk. Sherbrooke's city council passed a motion Monday for the installation of the

crosswalk between Atto and Beattie Streets, right in front of the entrance to Atto Beaver Park.

"We're extremely happy with at least the crosswalk," said Borough President David Price, indicating that the true objective is the creation of a sidewalk or dedicated trail of some sort along the street, "This is a great start to serving a real need."

The matter of pedestrian safety in the area first came to public attention in February of 2012, when concerned resident Marie-France Beauregard presented a petition of more than 200 names to the Lennoxville borough council. The petition pointed out the danger present for locals attempting to cross from the residential sector over to the adjacent park,

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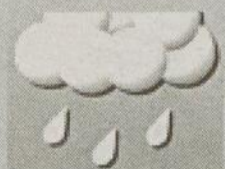
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Keeping in Touch



13th Open House success

Thank you to all those who attended the Marguerite Knapp Building's Open House, held on Wednesday, November 27. The 13th community open house was a great success with some 50 guests visiting the building, meeting with staff and networking with others in the community.

Pianist Jan Graham entertained for a better part of the evening while guests enjoyed mingling over delicious treats and great company. The wonderful hum of conversation and laughter was only quieted by the drawing of names for the nearly 15 door prizes.

The event was co-hosted by seven organizations serving the English-speaking community, Townshippers' along with Townshippers' Research & Cultural Foundation, Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN), Mental Health Estrie (MHE), Lennoxville & District Women's Centre (LDWC), the Townships Sun and special guest, the Lennoxville Youth Centre, who were each grateful to have the chance to share details about their activities and special projects.

Thank you to all that attended and pitched in to make the Open House a successful event and a special thank you goes to those who made donations of food or clothing to the collections from MHE and the LDWC.

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"Access to affordable and convenient English-language support is not always available for entrepreneurs, especially in smaller communities," said Iris Unger, Executive Director of YES. "We are excited to launch this new collaboration with Townshippers' Association to provide services in Lennoxville in order to support and to address the

unique needs of English-speaking small business owners in the Eastern Townships."

Services provided by YES give clients access to a team of in-house experts and professional business coaches offering individualized business consultations. "As business issues vary from community to community, the coaches are well-informed and instructed on concerns specific to certain regions and rural areas, allowing them to make the most out of every session," explained Silvina Asurmendi, Director of the Entrepreneurship Program at YES.

For more information about YES, contact them at 514-878-9788 / 1-888-614-9788 or visit www.yesmontreal.ca.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

"If an instructor or professor were to go too far in pushing a religious agenda, students would be the first to complain."

U de S has issues with Values Charter

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

University of Sherbrooke Rector Luce Samoisette has come out against the application of the Marois government's proposed Charter of

Values saying the thing is inapplicable in the current context.

In an interview with Le Devoir, Samoisette says that it would be very problematic to apply a ban on religious accommodations at the University and that it is precisely the role of

academic institutions to confront ideas.

The Rector says the university is not against secularism or against accommodations requests, but that it cannot require universities to be entirely neutral.

Samoisette also points out that universities are diverse places and that if an instructor or professor were to go too far in pushing a religious agenda, students would be the first to complain.

The University of Sherbrooke

joins the University of Montreal in denouncing the proposed Charter, the first two francophone schools to do so, following the refusals to cooperative issued by McGill, the Jewish General Hospital, and the English Montreal School Board.

Groleau confirmed as UPA president

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

The Union des Producteurs Agricoles has re-elected Marcel Groleau as its president. The decision was confirmed in Quebec City Tuesday by the UPA electoral commission.

The Thetford Mines dairy

farmer has held the position since December 2011 and from 2004 to 2011 served as president of the Quebec Federation of Milk Producers.

Delegates also reconfirmed Pierre Lemieux as First Vice-President of the Union. Lemieux, who has held this position since December 2007, is a dairy farmer, maple producer,

and forester in Cap-Saint-Ignace, near Montmagny.

The general elections for leaders of the UPA are held every two years, at the end of the UPA General Assembly.

**Estrie UPA wins
Raymond Prize**

The Estrie branch of the

Union des Producteurs Agricoles (UPA) has been awarded a Jean-Paul Raymond Prize in the regional category for its "Grande journée de marché public Lac-Mégantic" project.

In the wake of the Lac-Mégantic rail disaster, retail outlets had been destroyed and self-pick fields had been abandoned. By setting up its public

market project, the UPA encouraged the continued purchase of local products and support for local farmers. The project also raised money for the Red Cross Megantic Fund.

The Jean-Paul Raymond prizes were awarded during the UPA's 89th General Assembly in Quebec City Tuesday.

Contamination study ordered for Stanstead Township property

Record Staff
Stanstead Township

The Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment, Wildlife, and Parks, Yves-Francois Blanchet has ordered Magog resident Jean-Guy Bureau to conduct a characterization

study on a property in Stanstead Township that once held a supermarket, a gas station, and apartments.

The property, on Fitch Bay Road will be evaluated for the extent and nature of contamination, its profusion, and the measures that need to be taken to clean it up.

In recent years, the Ministry says, it has been alerted by citizens and by the municipality of the Township of Stanstead to the environmental situation on the land.

In fact, a first environmental assessment report was prepared that concluded that land belonging to Mr. Bureau was con-

taminated with hydrocarbons both on the surface and in the groundwater.

Corrective action is deemed necessary to minimize the risk of contaminating a nearby stream.

Pursuant to Article 31.49 of the Act respecting the quality of the environment, the Minister

has ordered Bureau to carry out a characterization study of the land and transmit the subsequent report to the government within a period of 90 days.

Failure to comply with the terms of the order will free the Ministry to do the work itself at the owner's expense.

Sherbrooke could cede land to Saint-Denis

SHERBROOKE

The City of Sherbrooke may cede 400 acres of wooded land to Saint-Denis-de-Brompton ending a long-standing dispute between a property owner and the city that has

dragged on since 2004.

If it gets the approval of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Saint-Denis-de-Brompton could annex 400 acres (153.8 hectares) of wooded land near the entrance to the town on Rte 222.

The transfer was requested by developer Roger Marcoux, as partial compensation for the expropriation of land he owned on Plateau Saint-Joseph.

The land in question is a quadrangle bound by Highway 222, Chs. Georges-Vallieres and

Dion, and Fer-Droit St. It is adjacent to a tree farm that Marcoux owned in Saint-Denis-de-Brompton for decades.

According to Marcoux, the jurisdictional transfer would allow him to protect the forested character of the prop-

erty and to manage it properly.

In 2004 the City of Sherbrooke appropriated a parcel of Marcoux's land to accommodate Hydro lines and wound up in the courts because the two parties couldn't agree on a price.

St. Francis crosswalk

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given that St. Francis Street has no sidewalks. Beaugard highlighted, at the time, the fact that young families often have to walk along the gravel shoulder beside heavy traffic on St. Francis Street in order to access the park or the bike path.

Despite assurances that the matter would be taken to the appropriate officials, Beaugard brought the petition to the city council, herself, the following week, where she was informed that the project was not

evaluated to be of a high enough priority at that time.

Beaugard returned to the Lennoxville borough council in February of 2013 to express concern that there had been no further development on the subject, saying that no one from the city had shown any sign of progress or consideration on the topic since May of 2012. It was at this meeting that she declared she had given up on the idea of sidewalks, but pointed out that the city had a

wide array of possible solutions available.

In March of 2013, the borough council named Beaugard a member of the city's public security committee, where she now sits along with Price. It was in the context of this appointment that the concept of a crosswalk came up.

"Last year, in talking to (Beaugard) we came up with the idea, let's ask for a crosswalk, because they're going to see during the (Canada) Games

how dangerous it is there," Price shared, "That's exactly what happened."

The fight for a sidewalk on St. Francis Street is not over, in the Borough President's view, despite remaining low on the city's priority list owing to its being outside of school zones.

"The crosswalk will give us a little more ammunition to continue afterward with a sidewalk," Price said. "It's one of those things we'll continue to push every single meeting, but

there's no timeline."

With taxes taken into account, the crosswalk is estimated to cost \$659.

"It's basically the cost of signage and getting people used to the fact that there will be people crossing there," Price said, explaining that the installation of the crosswalk will take place "first thing" in the spring, as there is little to no preliminary work necessary for the process.

Bed bugs put the bite on U de S housing

SHERBROOKE

Students living in residences at the Université de Sherbrooke have had to deal with some nasty roommates recently after hearing that rooms have been infested with bed bugs.

According to the president of the Cameron Group, Pierre Cameron, cases of infestation have increased everywhere in recent years, and Sherbrooke has not been spared. The good news, he says, is that incidents

are starting to decline. The university newspaper Le Collectif has written about the problem which it says is causing "serious concern among tenants" at the main campus. According to France Mainville, the university's director of housing, the issue has been dealt with and outbreaks occur only sporadically. "There are about 10 rooms that have been treated as prevention," she says, pointing out that there are three buildings with 120 rooms each. "There's only one that was af-

ected." The university has responded to the crisis by calling in an exterminator and sending a notice to students outlining procedures. Bed bugs usually hide near a food source like human blood, and can be transported by personal belongings such as clothes or furniture. They do not transmit diseases to humans, but can cause severe itching. They are visible to the naked eye. Cameron stresses that his extermination company receives

about 'one or two' calls a week concerning bed bugs in private residences, but says the insects can invade any type of establishment, including hotels and homes for the elderly. Even the Sherbrooke courthouse made headlines with the problem in 2011. As a precaution, Cameron strongly recommends against the common habit of placing guests' coats on a bed, even suggesting they be kept outside the dwelling, a practice that might pose its own problems. Bed bugs are not class con-

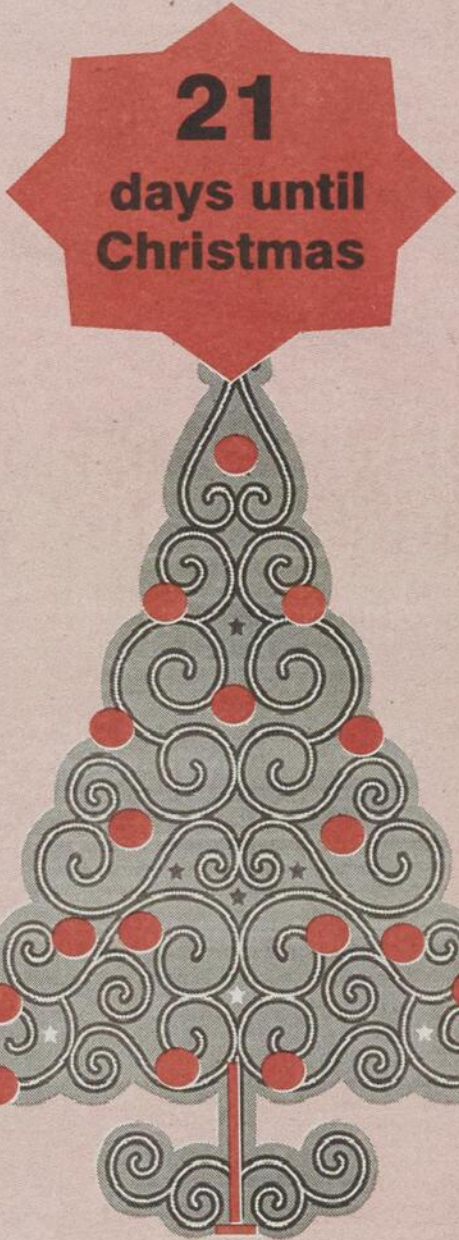
scious and can attack both opulent disadvantaged neighbourhoods, regardless of how clean a place might be. Buildings in which there is a lot of movement of furniture are at higher risk which increases with the number of apartments. "We can expect a resurgence of bed bugs in January and February, when people return from the South," Cameron adds, suggesting that travelers not put their clothes in the hotel drawers leaving them in suitcases on the luggage rack.

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Royal Canadian Legion Traditional election and installation of officers at Richmond Branch 15

By Claudia Villemaire
Record Correspondent
RICHMOND

Richmond Branch 15, Royal Canadian Legion recently held the traditional election and installation of officers for 2013-14. With roof

repairs a major project planned during the next year, executive and administration staff are gearing up for a year filled with many fund-raising projects.

Phyllis Bushey, Ann Knowles, Ann Nixon, Patsy Biggs, Mildred Holliday, Wendy Ridley.



CLAUDIA VILLEMAIRE

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EDITORIAL

We should not be confused into thinking we have made game-changing progress in creating a non-sexist, non-violent society. We haven't.

Maple Sugar and spice



Mike McDevitt

The current debate over Quebec's so-called Charter of Values touches on several different issues that resonate within our society. The tolerance of difference, the construction of identity, the role of religion, and the limits to personal rights and freedoms a society can legitimately impose represent just some of them. The government, in its push for this divisive, probably unconstitutional legislation, has increasingly focussed on one, however - the equality of women.

This focus is understandable, given the governing party's counterfactual desire to embrace its left-wing 'progressive' roots, while caving in to its ethnocentric, xenophobic inner nature, but if this is the true purpose of ripping the social fabric apart, then further discussion is needed indeed.

This Friday marks the 24th anniversary of the day a young, disgruntled Marc Lepine took out his misogynistic rage out on women students at Montreal's Institut Polytechnique. By the end of his suicidal rampage, 14 young women lay dead, another 12 people, including two men, wounded, and Quebec and Canada were left facing the tragic implications of an inexplicable event.

But it wasn't inexplicable at all. Lepine himself told us why he was doing it - he hated feminism and blamed it for the misery of his life. Female engineering students, stealing places that rightfully belonged to men, were the perfect targets for his hatred and despair.

Lepine, of course, is not representative of the attitudes of very many people, let alone an entire society, but he was, and remains, symbolic of the diffi-

culty many in a society can have in adapting to fundamental change. 'Traditional' roles for women have deep-seated roots in most societies and also in most these have included aspects of repression, isolation, and dependence. We in the west have made considerable advances in this regard, but if the level of current feminist outrage is any indication, we have a long way to go.

Following Lepine's murderous misdeed, considerable effort was made to raise awareness, and expand the protection of the rights of women. The anniversary is marked by vigils throughout the country, and our communal commitment to the achievement of equality is re-affirmed. But how far, really, have we come?

While our laws entrench the legal and civil equality of women, our societal behaviour tends to fall behind. Like the rest of North America, we pander to a hyper-sexualized female ideal where even heads of government are judged by appearance and apparel. We applaud the achievements of women in the workplace, without mediating their burdens at home.

In terms of awareness, we teach our daughters that they can be anything they want, by dressing them as princesses, entering them in 'toddlers and tiara' displays, and bombarding them with images of perfection that are both unattainable and required.

More important, and less theoretical, are the estimated 20,000 cases of domestic abuse, the sexual assaults, and revenge attacks reported to police each year in Quebec and the countless others that aren't. At the moment, thousands of Quebec women live in fear of this kind of violence and many more are informed that if it happens, they must have deserved it.

In advocating for the rights of women by limiting their personal freedom, the current Quebec government, and many of its supporters, are perpetuating a startlingly paternalistic tradition of infantilizing the female of the species - or at least that part of it that doesn't 'see the light' of a certain feminist orthodoxy. To the government, the head coverings worn by some Muslim women are symbols of their repression and debasement and must therefore be banned.



They bring up images of 'honour killings' and other manifestations of cultural misogyny that are rampant in the world.

Symbols, of course, are always subject to interpretation and one woman's cage is, it appears, another woman's freedom. In a society as culturally sensitive as Quebec's however, symbols achieve great importance and must be interpreted uniformly. Thus, the wearing of a fleur de lys or a poppy does not represent just a love of territory or a remembrance of the dead, but an aggressive political statement.

In a society that trumpets female equality and dignity, yet continues to wallow in an overly-sexualized cultural reality, it should come as no surprise that many women would find comfort in divorcing themselves from the kind of scrutiny women generally experience - even if it elicits hatred and contempt. In the eyes of many of these women, the veil serves as an expression of modesty and a rejection of the role society desires for them.

Freedom, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to express oneself in any way that does not inflict harm on

others. In no way can the voluntary adoption of a head covering - or any other religious symbol, for that matter - cause such harm. Our government, however, and a discouraging proportion of our citizenry, prefer to ignore that fact.

While we choose to call it a different name, the violence against women perpetuated in Quebec is essentially no different than the 'honour' violence we attribute to other cultures, as men continue to deny women freedom, security or the right to challenge male authority. Guy Turcotte did not kill his children to punish them, but their mother, after all.

As we mark the anniversary of the Polytechnique massacre, we should not be confused into thinking we have made game-changing progress in creating a non-sexist, non-violent society. We haven't. What we seem to have done, however, is to create an entirely new batch of expectations and demands to which Quebec women must now acquiesce.

Our daughters can aspire to be Miley Cyrus, if they choose, but not Malala Yousafzai - not unless she changes her outfit, anyway.

Saint-Denis to choose new mayor in March

SHERBROOKE

The municipality of Saint-Denis-de-Brompton will go to the polls to elect a new mayor Sunday, March 30, 2014.

Recently elected Mayor Mike Doyle died suddenly shortly after the Novem-

ber 2 election, requiring a new vote. The March 30 date represents the latest permitted by law and will allow the new council to prepare for the election and to finalize its annual budget.

Candidates desiring to run for the office will be able to register as of February 14, 2014.

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Many folks aware of Rugge Thomson's abilities have jumped on board, most recently author Louise Penny.

Filmmaker Rugge Thomson puts the lust in lustre



DISHPAN HANDS

Carol Channing belted it out on Broadway, and then Marilyn Monroe immortalized it on the silver screen in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* - "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend." Turns out they're also close to the heart of Townships-based filmmaker Rugge Thomson. That's rhymes with "mug," for those of you wondering, and that's probably many of you who aren't familiar with the tall, handsome and engaging thirty-something guy behind a movie project brewing in these here hills.

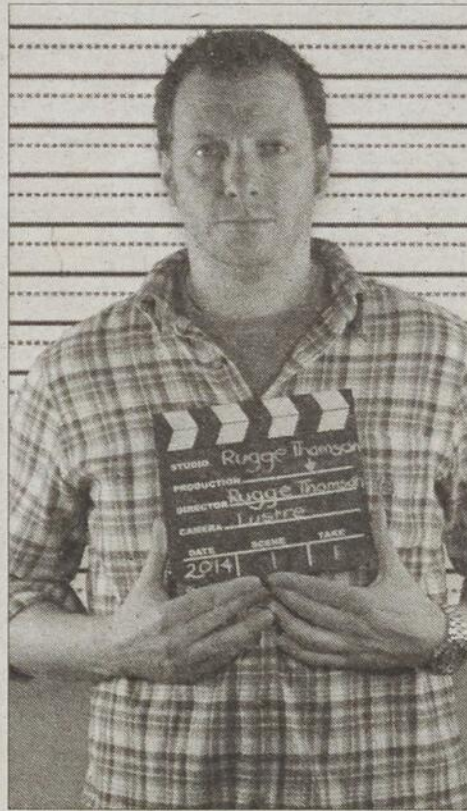
Rugge grew up in the Knowlton area, but his film-related talent (both behind the camera and in storyline and concept) landed him (oh what a pun that is) working for Carnival Cruise Lines, arranging and filming events, and seeing the world while he was at it. On board, Rugge met his wife, Tatyana, a Russian languages specialist. The two opted to make the Townships home, where they are now raising their toddler son.

It was Rugge's involvement in the Eastern Townships Film Festival that first switched me on to his talent. As one of the organizers, Rugge was present at most of the events I attended in covering the weekend-long event in August. Most impressive in his involvement was a "video-mapping" sound and light show, projected onto the side of one of the Brome-Missisquoi Historical Society buildings. The historical building was lit up, framed, appeared to crumble, and then clips of the films shown circled the surface, including spokeswoman Pascale Bussi eres appearing in one of the windows to welcome movie-goers.

Following the film festival, Autumn had Rugge's creative brain cooking, and what has resulted is the short film and crime drama, *Lustre*, set to film in early January of 2014. The backstory involves a powerful man, with a penchant for getting everything he wants (ie. money, money, money, stuff and a beautiful young thing hanging on his every word). *Lustre*'s story barges into the private lives of its characters, as well as the viewers' psyches.

Here is a basic breakdown, (thanks to Rugge Thomson):

After a few deals go bad arms dealer Victor Kovacs decides to sell some Conflict Diamonds at a private auction. On the official guest list are a scheming dominatrix, a corrupt priest, a pill pushing doctor and an Irish mob boss. Each guest has the means - but is there a way



COURTESY

Townships-based filmmaker Rugge Thomson will be on DH Radio Wednesday night.

they could get them without paying?

The Federal authorities have had Victor in their sites for a while. Receiving a tip about the private auction, suspicious about the origins of the illegal diamonds, they decide to pay Victor a visit.

When the auction goes horribly wrong resulting in a gruesome murder, Detective Frank Beckett is called in to investigate.

The beginning...

Last year, Thomson put together a short film called "Til Death," featuring local actors, including United Church Reverend Dave Lambie and Shefford farmer Rich Semmelhaack, among others. For an idea of what Thomson's work is, his sense of timing, humour and his ability to capture a shot, "Til Death" can be viewed on YouTube (www.youtube.com), as can other projects, and his demo reel. His work is featured under the username Van Rugge.

In order to make *Lustre* happen, Rugge Thomson is deep in the throes of a social media campaign. *Lustre* has a Facebook page, where you can keep up with news, including the recent involvement of designer Jodi Mallinson (of Jodi Mallinson Designs), who will create the wardrobe for the female lead, Aur elie Lachance (played by actress Karine Dashney).

More importantly, however, is the all-or-nothing Kickstarter crowd-funding campaign, designed to allow film lovers and those who wish to support local talent and Townships-based projects. The campaign is in its final week, and as of press-time is just \$1,225 shy of the \$3,500 goal set.

Many folks aware of Rugge Thomson's abilities have jumped on board, most recently author Louise Penny (le-

gitimately the queen of Townships mystery) has taken an interest and made a pledge through the Kickstarter campaign. The campaign page can be found by visiting www.kickstarter.com and searching *Lustre - The Film*. Video footage by Rugge Thomson himself, clips of *Tredilion Park*, the impressive estate acting as setting for the film, additional information on cast and crew are featured there and on *Lustre*'s Facebook page.

While this modest crowd-funding campaign is on the go, the structure and players involved have already assured an impressive soundtrack, setting and then some.

To learn more about *Lustre*, listen up for the return of DH Radio (after a month's hiatus) TONIGHT from 9 - 11 p.m. on CJMQ 88.9 FM, when Rugge Thomson joins your hosts, Sheila Q. and St ephane Bessette to talk diamonds and *Lustre*'s deadly results!

Alexander Galt Regional High School Christmas Basket Campaign



Join The Record at the
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from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
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items for the A.G.R.H.S.
Christmas Basket Campaign

Drop off a non-perishable item or monetary donation
(cheques should be made payable to AGRHS - Gift Basket Campaign).

Please be generous!
Together, we can feed many families this Christmas.

There will be coffee and doughnuts and Christmas music by Matthew McCully

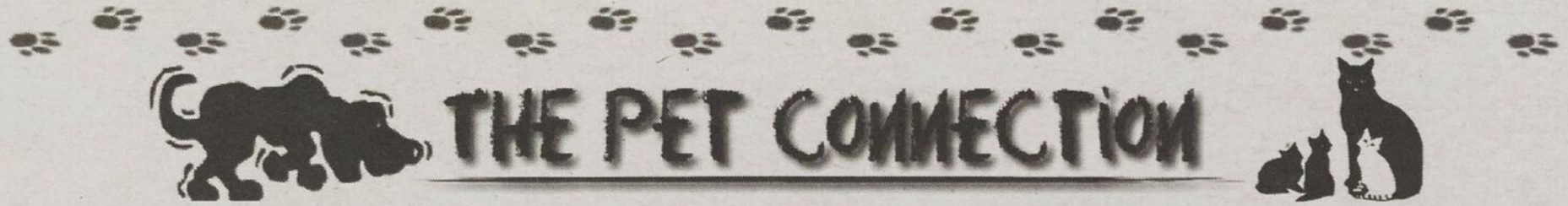


Suggested items:

- canned goods
- condiments
- rice
- sauces
- pasta
- peanut butter
- jams
- baking supplies
- cookies
- aluminium foil
- plastic wrap
- paper towels
- soap and laundry detergents
- toiletries
- combs, brushes, etc.

If you can't make it on that day, you can drop your items off at Tri-Us or Manoir St. Francis in Lennoxville or the ESTB office in Magog before December 7.

The baskets will benefit families within the Eastern Townships School Board.


THE PET CONNECTION



Jen Young

Help the homeless pets campaign back for the third year

We only have seven days to get as many gifts for homeless pets as we can. This year, the underprivileged will be going to the clinic with their pets on the 11th of December. The Department of Veterinarian Medicine at the Cegep de Sherbrooke offers low cost or free pet care for people who are homeless or down on their luck and that's when our gifts will be

handed out.

Many homeless people will be there and some of these people have adopted animals they have met on the streets. Say what you will, but these animals have someone who cares about them and someone who tries to help keep them fed and warm.

The first year we did this we gave out 36 gifts to homeless cats and dogs, last year was 39 and this year I have made up 42 gifts. I hope to beat our record, so please help.

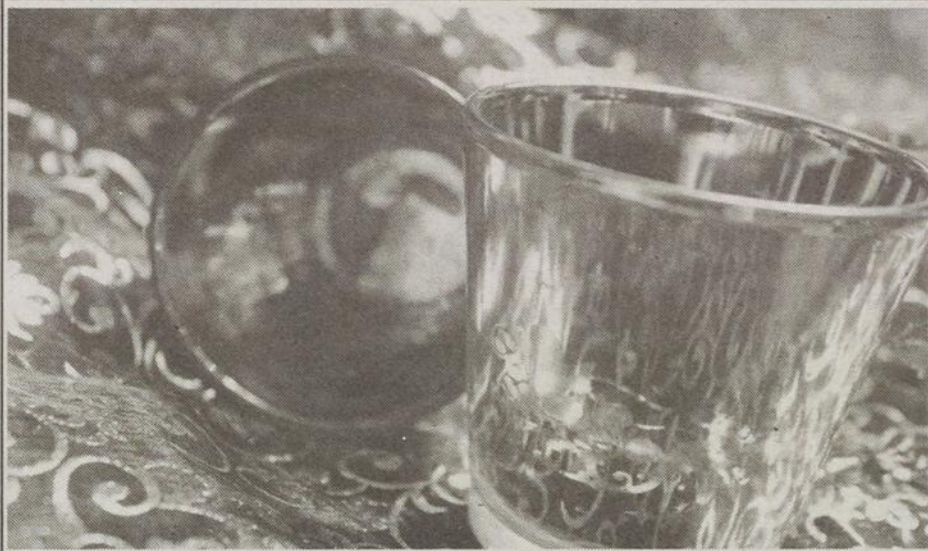
The gifts are for \$5 or \$10 and they are at COST so there is no profit being made. If people buy something else while in the store picking up a homeless gift then all the bet-

ter ;) BUT that is not the point. The point is to help as many animals as we can, as usual.

This campaign doesn't help our Pet Connections, but you know what? Our Pet Connections have food and warmth and are just waiting for someone to come along and love them. The homeless pets are the opposite. They have someone looking over them, but limited food and shelter. They need our help too!

Gifts will be available at the cash register at Blue Seal so please help make a furry fortunate's holidays a bit happier!

Thanks to everyone who have already and will help out!



Thanks to a collaboration with Yankee Candle, The Pet Connection's "Candles for Companions" campaign is underway. When you come in and buy a candle holder; 1 for \$10 or 2 for \$15, you choose your own Yankee Candle Votive to go with them for free. All profits go to help pay vet bills and necessities for our Pet Connections. Thank you for you help.



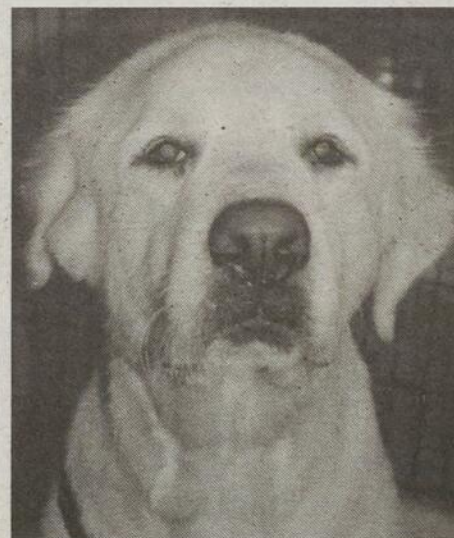
Our female boxer, whom we named Patsy, was never claimed. She was found almost two months ago in Stoke with a younger male. No one has come looking for her so now we will find her a new home. She is very friendly and obedient with humans; she would be great with kids too, but she isn't so tolerant of other dogs. She would be best in a home with no other dogs.



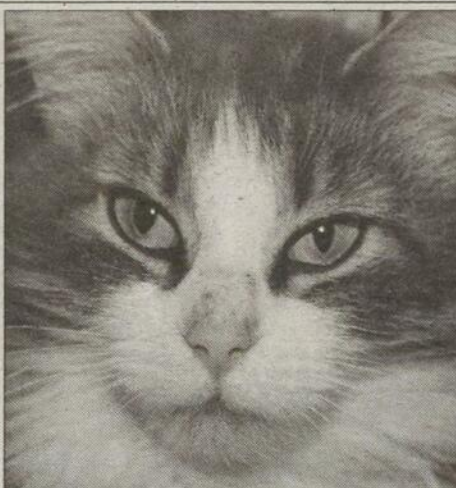
FOUND BLACK CAT: Last week, we posted a photo of a black cat that was found in Ayer's Cliff. He has a microchip, but the registered owner, Karine Menard's phone number was no longer good. We still have not found Karine Menard despite calling every one of them in the Eastern Townships. If you know a Karine Menard that lost a black fixed cat named Akeem, please have her call 819-348-1888. And remember, if your pet is microchipped, make sure you update all contact information or your microchipped pet will end up still lost.



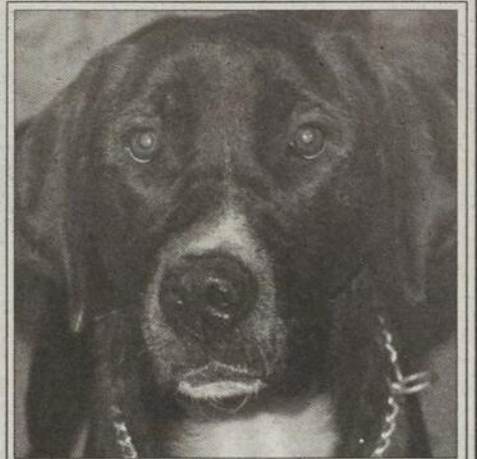
The two American Bull Dog sisters have arrived safe and sound from the pound in Montreal where they were to be euthanized on Saturday. Thanks to the collaboration of many, including Elizabeth Murray, the two are safe and sound with us. They will need to adjust and then we will get them fixed and find them their forever homes.



Avalanche is a four year old Great Pyanese and St. Bernard mix. He is a big dog, but also a big baby. He has to eat food with no grains in it or he gets hot spots but he is good with everyone. A little shy of men and kids at first but once he gets to know them, he loves them.




Fluffy is our grey and white female who was found abandoned in Coaticook. She is calm and quiet.




Gaya is one and a half years old. We saved her from being euthanized because she was unwanted. She is such a good dog. Good with others and very affectionate.


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Canadian students are high level achievers but math, science scores dip: OECD study

By Lauren La Rose
The Canadian Press

A new international study ranks Canadian students among the top of the class in key subject areas, but there has been a noticeable decline over the years in math and science scores among the country's pupils.

Canada was among 65 countries and economies participating in the assessment by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, which takes place every three years. Findings of the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment — or PISA — from 2012 were released Tuesday. Canada released its own companion report, "Measuring Up: Canadian Results of the OECD PISA Study."

More than 500,000 15-year-old students were tested on their knowledge and skills in three subject areas. The primary focus was on mathematics with a smaller proportion of students assessed in reading and science. Around 21,000 Canadians from about 900 schools across the country's 10

provinces took part. Canada's three territories elected not to participate.

Scores are taken from students assessed in each OECD country and pooled together and set at an average of 500 points, which is the baseline used for the study.

The average estimated score in math was 494. Canada had 518. Shanghai, China topped the list in math with an average of 613. Canada was also outperformed by Singapore, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Korea, Macau, Japan, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

Canada had an average score of 523 in reading and 525 in science — well above the OECD averages of 496 and 501, respectively.

Shanghai topped the list in both reading and science with 570 and 580, respectively. Canada was outperformed in both subjects by Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and Korea. Finland and Estonia also fared better than Canada in science.

While Canada was among the high-level achievers, performance of the country's 15-year-olds in math has declined, with

a 14-point dip in the past nine years. While performance in reading has remained relatively stable, the decline in science performance was "statistically significant," dipping from an average of 534 in 2006 and 529 in 2009.

Along gender lines, boys continued to outperform girls in math across most participating countries — including Canada — while girls placed ahead of boys in Canada and internationally in reading. The performance was similar among boys and girls in science.

Looking at Canada's scores in the context of being in the top 10 or 15th percentile is "good news," said Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson, chair of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC). But he acknowledged Canada has been "slowly trending down" as have a number of other nations who have been high performers, including New Zealand, Sweden and Finland.

Johnson said it's also important to keep in mind that among countries and economic regions tested, high-achieving students in Shanghai, Hong

Kong and Macau came from one country — China.

"If you look at countries on the whole, more strictly speaking, our numbers would even be higher. Still, very respectable numbers. But the one that we're paying extra attention to is the math because it's such a fundamental skill for the 21st century and because that's the area that the results have been trending downward on."

Johnson said there are several schools of thought about potential reasons for the decline in math scores, adding that he doesn't think there's "any one single bullet." However, what should be the point of discussion and focus surrounds the money and efforts needed to bolster training for educators, he noted.

"It seems from the study ... some of the jurisdictions from around the world that are doing well spend more resources on teacher quality, teacher training and making sure that their math teachers have more specialized training in math and that is paying on," he added. "We're looking at those best practices all over, and

not only from outside Canada but from within Canada as well."

At the provincial level, only students in Quebec exceeded the Canadian average. Recognition of Quebec's performance was one of the reasons the province presented and led discussions when CMEC met last July in Nunavut, said Johnson. The approach to numeracy math was one of the items of discussion among the country's education ministers, he noted.

"Every jurisdiction is going to tackle this potentially a little bit differently and not every jurisdiction in Canada has the same results, either," he said.

"It's an ongoing process, a process of continuing improvement."

Johnson said there are "a couple of silver linings" in the report: first, that Canadian students are still performing well and second, that equity among the results remains "very high."

"In Canada, it matters less who your parents were and what neighbourhood you live in than it does in many of the other countries around the world."

Coroner hopes to confirm identities of eight Lac-Megantic victims by end of 2013

The Canadian Press
MONTREAL

The Quebec coroner's office says it hopes to confirm the identities of eight missing victims in the Lac-Megantic rail disaster by the end of the year.

Office spokeswoman Genevieve Guilbault says authorities are approaching the final step in their work to identify fragments of human remains found in the Quebec town.

Forty-seven people were killed in Lac-Megantic last summer when a tanker train carrying volatile crude oil derailed and exploded in the middle of the community.

Officials have confirmed the identities of 39 people who died in the fiery disaster that wiped out part of the town.

Guilbault says the ongoing analyses are a last-chance effort because in some cases only a limited number of fragments are suitable for testing.

She also says the intensity of the heat from the fire in the Quebec town altered samples, further complicating the identification process.

Guilbault says experts are working to confirm the identities at laboratories in Montreal, Thunder Bay, Ont., and Bosnia-Herzegovina.



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Local Sports

The Alexander Galt Piper basketball teams recently tipped off their seasons in flying fashion with some impressive results.

Exciting tip-off to Piper basketball season

By Galt Media Class
Special to The Record

The Alexander Galt Piper basketball teams recently tipped off their seasons in flying fashion with some impressive results.

The Junior Girls basketball team opened their season at home with an exciting 46-40 come from behind win over Laruche in the tough RSEQ AA League.

The Lady Pipers never lead in this contest until four minutes remaining in the game when Kassandra Naylor finished off a three point play by converting a foul shot. Naylor would finish the defensive battle with a game high 10 points. Brianna Grapes kept the girls from Galt in the game in the first quarter with six points. Point guard Emily Young, forward Kelsey Burnham and Grapes would finish the game with eight points each. Rebecca Couves scored six big points off the bench and gave the Pipers some added energy.

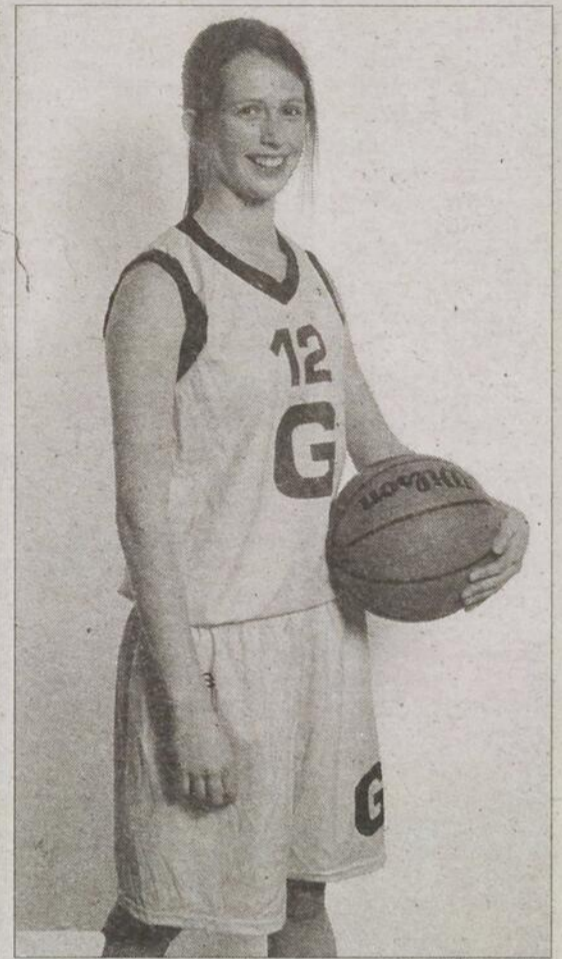
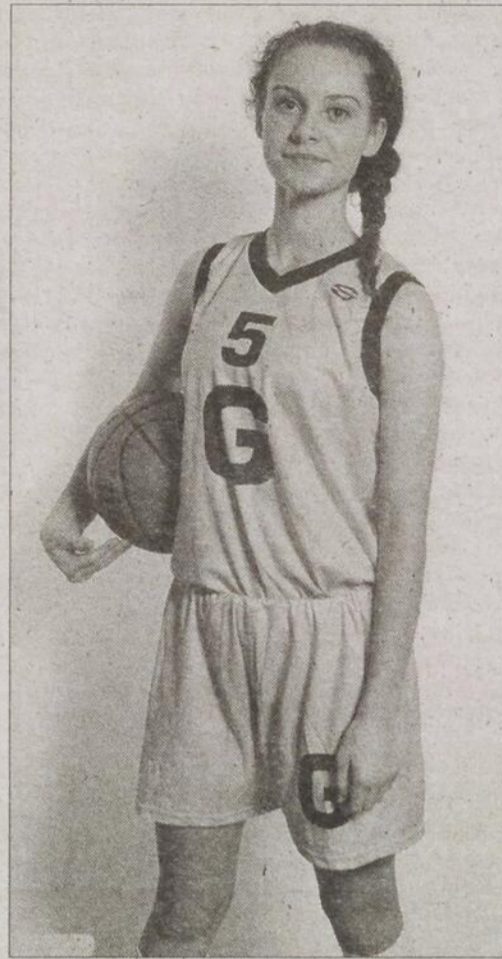
The following night the girls from Galt hosted the Stanstead College Spartans. The Pipers dominated the game from the opening tip off to the final buzzer with an impressive 48-24 victory. Guard Eliza Jane Stevens and Naylor led the Piper attack with 13 and 11 points respectively.

The Bantam Girls and Boys also won their home openers with impressive victories over the Vikings from Massey Vanier. Cassandra Palmer and Erica Smith led the way offensively with 12 and 8 points each in the lop sided victory.

Kevin Day Caron and International student Radolfo Gaonu paced the Bantam boys attack with 13 and 8 points each to lift the Pipers to a 56-25 win over the Vikings.

The Senior Girls team hit the floor for the first time since winning the AAESQ Provincial Championships in dramatic fashion last February. The Spartans put the Lady Pipers on their heels early with a 10-3 lead. However, Galt would score 12 unanswered points to take a 20-16 lead at half time. Jacki Lumley and Hannah Hornibrook paced the Piper attack with 9 and 7 points each. The girls would play tough team defence in the second half to claim a 36-23 victory.

The Junior boys would lose their home opener to a skilled squad from Marie Rivier in Drummondville 64-41. Jarod Stone kept the boys from Galt in the game with a double double of 10 points and 15 rebounds. In the end the team from Drummondville was too much for coach Jarod Sharman's club to handle in the strong RSEQ AA league.



Kelsey Burnham (left) and Cassandra Naylor of the Jr. Girls basketball team hit big shots in the final minutes of the game to lift Galt to a victory over Laruche. COURTESY PHOTO

Canadian world junior hockey selection camp features smallest ever roster

By Lori Ewing
The Canadian Press

The biggest challenge in coaching any national hockey team, says Brent Sutter, is forming an identity quickly.

"What you're about as a team, how you're going to play, the accountability has to fall into it right off the bat," Sutter said. "That always is the case when you're bringing in players from across the nation to become one."

And so Sutter said the fact Hockey Canada has named its smallest roster ever — just 25 players — to its national junior selection camp is a "huge advantage." It allows him to coach and instill that identity from the get-go, he said, rather than spend time evaluating players.

"You can run proper practices, you can just get things implemented and get going more with your team," said Sutter, head coach of Canada's world junior team.

"It's a change, it's certainly different than in the past where it's been mid-30s or over,

the amount of players that have been invited. But you know what? It's good. It wouldn't have been done this way if there wasn't a real clear direction of path."

Minnesota Wild defenceman Mathew Dumba was the lone NHL player named Monday to a roster that Sutter called a "moving target." He's holding out hope that more NHL teams will release players before the deadline, such as Calgary Flames centre Sean Monahan, who's out with a fractured left foot. Countries must submit their rosters on Christmas Day, 12 hours before the tournament in Malmo, Sweden, begins.

"(The Flames) will make the decision that's right for their organization and for (Monahan). And if they feel it's right for them to keep him, they'll keep him, and if they feel it's right for him to come to the world juniors and have this experience for the first time, and go through this experience... almost every player who's gone through this experience, it has enhanced or helped them at some point in their career," Sutter said.

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Two goaltenders — Zachary Fucale and Jake Paterson — plus eight defenceman and 15 forwards have been invited to the selection camp which opens Dec. 12 in Toronto.

This national junior team shoulders perhaps more pressure than any team before, since last year marked the first time in 15 years the Canadians didn't bring home a medal. Canada hasn't won world junior gold since 2009.

"There's no question the pressure is out there all the time, just the way it is in our country, with any major hockey event," Sutter said. "But we're not concerned about a gold medal right now, our concentration here is focusing on Day 1 when the kids get in. There's a process you have to go through to get to where we want to get to, but that can't be a focal point. The focal point is take care of the day to day things and get better each and every day and give ourselves the best chance we can."

The camp will be one of the youngest junior groups ever as-

sembled — Erie Otters forward Connor McDavid, at 16, is the youngest player invited. But Sutter isn't too concerned, saying Canada has some phenomenal young players, and he believes he has a good mix.

"It gives us a little bit of everything at every position, it gives us some older guys, a bit of experience, it gives us speed, it gives us size, it gives us skill, and now its how we mesh together to give us our best team," he said. "I'm not too worried about ages, because it is what it is, you can't dwell on it or be worried about it. To be honest, I'm excited about the group we have here."

Sutter downplayed McDavid's potential role on the roster, saying: "He's one of 15 forwards and again we still don't know what will happen at the NHL level."

"Let's see how it unfolds, he's a young player, he's 16 years of age, let's see how it works itself out, and see if there's a role there. I'm not going to go into who for sure is on the team and who isn't, that still has to work itself out to some degree."

Edmonton Oil Kings defenceman Griffin Reinhart was named to the roster, despite the fact he still has three games remaining on a suspension from last year's world junior tournament.

Reinhart didn't play in Canada's 6-5 loss to Russia in last year's bronze-medal game, as he served the first of his four-game suspension for hitting American Vince Trocheck in the head with his stick in the semifinals.

"We'll weather through it for the first three games of the tournament and then go from there with Griffin," Sutter said. "You've got to think players who played in the tournament last year, their experience is huge. You need their experience, and he's got experience. Just his past history with the program, players that have played before, it's tough not to have them because it's a unique tournament, and you've got to have experience."

Canada opens versus Germany on Boxing Day. The tournament runs through Jan. 4.

Death



Dr. Ronald SUTHERLAND
(1933 - 2013)

On November 29, 2013, Ronald Sutherland left this earth peacefully in the comfort of his home library, surrounded by family, friends and books. He was predeceased by loving wife Velma-Jean Carter in 1995.

Emeritus Professor of the Université de Sherbrooke, he was one of the founders of the Canadian Comparative Literature program and a well-known author of many published articles, humorous vignettes for newspapers, & novels. Ron will also be remembered as a talented bagpiper, avid beekeeper, relentless solver of crosswords, mentor for many, but especially as a man of generous, hospitable and non judgmental character. With great optimism he channeled intellect, wit, and mastery into all his life's accomplishments.

Patriarch of an extended family, Ron leaves to mourn his children, Janet, Katherine (Peter Raymond), Velma, Winona, Colin (Hélène Trudel), nine grandchildren, sister Margaret Wilkins, two half-brother and eight half-sisters (Bignone), many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, endless friends and colleagues.

The family wishes to thank all those who contributed to make his last days comfortable and peaceful, in particular the staff of the home care unit of the Memphrémagog hospital, caregiver, and the pharmacy.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the library of North Hatley (165 Main Street, North Hatley, QC, J0B 2C0, www.nhlibrary.qc.ca) or to The Canadian Legion #242 (95 Street Jackson Heights, North Hatley, QC, J0B 2C0) would be greatly appreciated.

The family will be present to receive the condolences of relatives and friends at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 rue du Conseil, in Sherbrooke (819-565-1155), from 14:00 to 16:00, Friday, December 6. After that, you are invited to join us at the wake for a drink to the memory of Ron, at the local Legion #242 of North Hatley.

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Death

Madeleine McKENNA

In Sherbrooke on Monday, November 25, 2013, Madeleine McKenna passed away at the age of 84. Loving wife for 51 years of the late Paul McKenna and mother of the late Harry McKenna, she leaves behind her sister Denise (wife of the late Jean-Claude Quesnel), her sons Kevin (Sylvie La Belle), John, Bob (Isabelle Cossette) and David, her beloved grandchildren Benoit, Elizabeth, Alyson, Sophia, Julia, Charles, Léo, Claude, Simon, Blanche, Shawn and numerous nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Originally from Quebec city, Madeleine and Paul moved to Sherbrooke in 1951 to start a family and to establish a flower business well known to Townshippers for nearly 50 years, perpetuating a family tradition dating back to the 19th century.

Family members will be present on Saturday, December 7, to receive expressions of sympathy at beginning at 1 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 20 Gordon Street, Sherbrooke, J1H 4Y5. A short ceremony will be held at 2 p.m.

Donations to the Eastern Townships Alzheimer Society would be greatly appreciated. Please send your donation to the following address: 375 Argyll, Sherbrooke, QC, J1J 3H5.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home.

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Mr. Randy WOOD
(1944 - 2013)

At the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital in Cowansville, November 30, 2013, at the age of 69 years, passed away Mr. Randy Wood, beloved husband of the late Mrs. Louise Boucher, residing in Cowansville.

He leaves to mourn his dear stepson Martin Claude and his daughter-in-law Marie-Hélène Cloutier, his cherished grandchildren Léandre and Orléane, his dearest sisters-in-law: Françoise (Georges Gervais), Denise (Denis Normandeau), Marie-Claire (the late René Normandeau), Mariette (Pierre Richard), Hélène (the late Joseph Abellos) and his dear brother-in-law André (Claudine Rousseau) as well as other relatives and numerous friends.

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to the staff members of the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital for their compassionate and devoted care. The family will receive condolences at LES JARDINS FUNÉRAIRES BESSETTE OF GRANBY on Friday, December 6, 2013 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The family will also receive condolences Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Trinity Anglican Church of Cowansville, followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m.

Mr. Wood will be placed at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette Mausoleum in Granby.

In his memory, a donation to the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Foundation would be appreciated. Forms will be available at the funeral home.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have not shared a birthday, holiday or special occasion with my son for the past five years, since he married. He has two children now.

We always have been close, but I'm so sad that my daughter-in-law won't let me be a grandmother. Their first year of marriage, they alternated holidays and combined our families. When they had their first child, however, "Rhonda" said it was too much, and now all holidays are spent with her family. They are wonderful people, but she is not willing to share her toddlers' time with her husband's family, including his siblings.

I do not get the privilege of babysitting or having the kids over to my house for the day. I am not allowed to pick them up or bring them places. I live nearby, but they never stop over. Rhonda is socially immature, and I believe she is naive as well as selfish. She holds all power and control and is judgmental and unkind. She gives every excuse to avoid us. Her family has tried to reason with her, to no avail.

My son is terribly hurt by this and tries his best to include me for a short visit at least once a month. I am grateful, but not satisfied. I am fun-loving, happy, giving, appreciative and accepting. I make the most of whatever time I am allowed. But Rhonda is nega-

tive, self-centered and rude and does her best to spoil the visit.

I've tried several times to discuss this with her, have prayed and have shared words of wisdom and scripture, but nothing breaks through. My son prefers to avoid a confrontation. Should I also give up? — Grandmother Missing Out

Dear Grandmother: How sad that Rhonda denies her children the privilege of knowing all of their grandparents. Would your son be willing to bring the kids to your home for a visit without Rhonda? And if you can manage it, consider inviting the entire family, including Rhonda's folks, to your place now and then. We also recommend you work on ways to warm up the relationship with Rhonda. Surely you can find something to admire about her and keep quiet about the rest. We hope, in time, she will realize that what goes around comes around.

Dear Annie: My husband and I frequently go out to dinner with several other couples. One of the wives is a vegetarian. That's fine, but she sometimes makes a scene with the server. She argues about the way things are prepared and accuses the waitstaff of lying.

It's become quite embarrassing, and some of our

other friends refuse to go out with her anymore. It recently happened again. My husband and I were mortified when she sent her meal back and accused the waiter of giving her the wrong dish. It ruined our night.

I think we should say something, but my husband thinks it will ruin the friendship. Any suggestions? — Carnivore in Florida

Dear Carnivore: It is not unheard of for restaurants to prepare vegetarian meals with chicken broth or beef stock without declaring it. However, it is rude to accuse the waitstaff of lying and cause a scene. We recommend you do a search in your area for vegetarian restaurants when socializing with this couple. Otherwise, let them know you won't be going out to eat with them because it is obviously too stressful. Dear Readers: Sunday, Dec. 8, is The Compassionate Friends' Worldwide Candle Lighting in memory of all the children who have died. Please light a candle in the evening at 7 p.m., local time, and remember them with love. For more information, log on to compassionatefriends.org.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

Danville News

The Royal Canadian Legion Danville Windsor #41 News. Just to date the month of November has been very busy for the members.

We started out with our Armistice Parade on November 2. Everyone gathered at 136 Grove Street, and under the direction of John Hill, the cadets and members assembled outside to march to the Cenotaph in the center of town. John from Legion Branch #15 had installed his sound system and was ready to assist us with our ceremony.

Bob McKeage took over the microphone and lead us through the Service of remembering our fallen Comrades.

After the service at the Cenotaph, we then marched down to the O'Hea monument situated on Daniel Johnson Street, where Ladies Auxiliary President Dorothy Evans as well as the Legion President Marlene Goodenough placed a wreath on the monument.

This monument was erected during the centennial in 1960, with a plaque commemorating the brave acts of Private Timothy O'Hea who was subsequently awarded the first, and almost only, Victoria Cross, conferred for action not in actual warfare. The accompanying diploma stated, "FOR CONSPICUOUS COURAGE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES OF GREAT DANGER." The circumstances of the case were as follows:

(During the Fenian Troubles, it became necessary to forward large supplies of ammunition, including 95 barrels of gunpowder, from Quebec City to Lake Erie under such precautions that only some of the highest railway officials were aware of the nature of the consignment. This was placed in charge of Timothy O'Hea and three other picked men from the First Battalion Rifle Brigade and placed on board a passenger train conveying some 800 German immigrants westwards.

On June 9, 1866, as the train drew into Danville, O'Hea noticed that one of the cars was on fire and gave the alarm, telling the contents and calling for assistance. According to his statement, the railway officials and a company of infantry (which was drawn up in the station yard),

as well as his three comrades, withdrew to a safe distance. O'Hea having found a bucket, a short ladder and with water not far off, mounted the burning car 19 times and single-handedly succeeded in putting out the fire; a task which required almost an hour while his comrades and others shouted for him to comeback.

The immigrants were locked in their railway cars in total ignorance of the dire peril they were in.

A Military Board sat on an inquiry into the circumstances and recommended O'Hea for the Victoria Cross which was presented to him in the presence of several regiments. He was awarded a special pension of 10 pounds per year.

Timothy O'Hea was born in Bantry, County Cork, Ireland and could have been no more than 20 years of age on the date of his remarkable exploits. On leaving Canada, he retired from military services and went to New Zealand where he served several years in the mounted constabulary.

He went to Sydney, Australia in June 1847 and two days later applied to join the Andrew Hume's Expedition to recover a survivor and relics of Leichhardt alleged to have been found in Northwest Australia.

The leader, Hume and O'Hea, V.C. perished by thirst in Stuarts Desert south of Cooper's Creek in November 1874. O'Hea's remains were found some weeks later by aborigines, not far from those of Hume, and were buried by T. Libery, Manager of Nocatunga station, Queens; and, Australia.)

After the parade, everyone returned to the Legion where some gathered to reminisce and others gathered around the piano with our Veteran Jack Hobbs and played many favorites pieces on the piano.

Entertainment by Mike Patrick, Terry Howell and Kylie was enjoyed until 5:30. Our Veterans banquet was catered to by Buffet Raiche, who served a delicious turkey supper with all the trimmings.

The cadets from Asbestos Danville were on hand to clean up after supper. During this time, President Marlene Goodenough presented the cadets with a cheque from

Branch #41.

Pins were also presented to Laurent Noel, 5 years, and Harold Willey, 10 years.

A 5 year pin will also be going to Jon Powis and 10 year pins will be going to Claude Boisvert, Jean Guy Laroche and Guy Pelletier.

On November 9, the Remembrance Day Service was held in Windsor and under the direction of Gerard Chartier the parade formed up and marched off at 1:45 to the cenotaph on Main Street in Windsor. After, everyone gathered at the town hall for refreshments. A cheque was presented to the Windsor cadets from the president Marlene Goodenough of Danville-Windsor Branch # 41.

Pins were presented to Benoit Lapierre, 15 years, Therese Lemelin-Jolin, 10 years, Aubert Leveillee, 15 years, Freda Carrier, 10 years.

The Poppy Campaign was a huge success this year. This is from the generosity of the community. With this money we are able to help veterans with transportation, meals, etc.

Each year, the Legion receives a School Program Poppy Appreciation Award.

On November 11, Veteran Jack Hobbs, Comrade Robert McKeage and President Marlene Goodenough participated at the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at A.D.S. Principal Ann Stairs opened the ceremony with O Canada, Robert McKeage read a poem about "A Veteran," Marlene Goodenough told about "The Poppy" "The Flower of Remembrance". Ms. Watson's Grade 5 class read a poem about "Flanders Fields." A video by Terry Kelly "A Pittance of Time" was shown followed by the Last Post and A minute of Silence at 11 a.m. followed by Reveil. Veteran Jack Hobbs closed the ceremony with

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them."

Jack and Bob visited a few classrooms where stories were told by Jack and questions answered.

On Behalf of the Danville-Windsor Legion Branch #41, I would like to thank all the students and staff for such a nice service.

For the past 9 years, A.D.S. Elementary School has been participating in the poster contest. This contest is where students can choose to do a color poster or a black & white. The winners go onto provincial command, where if they pass, they get to compete in the national level with participants from all provinces. The posters must represent something to do with the veterans and war.

The talent this year at A.D.S. was exceptional. The posters have been sent off and now the students are awaiting the results. Awards will be given out on awards night in June. Good luck to each and everyone who participated.

On November 13, was 2nd nominations and installation evening.

The committee for 2014 is as follows:

President - Marlene Goodenough, 1 vice - Laurent Noel, 2nd vice - Jack Hobbs, Secretary - Serge Chagnon, Treasurer - Walter Chlischczyk, Sergeant of Arms - Robert McKeage, Welfare - Ronald Evans, Directors - Pierette Fortier, Micheline Charest, Roger Chartier, Francis Saffin, Annette Mercier, Glen Wilson.

Ladies Auxiliary:

President - Dorothy Evans, 1 vice - Dorothy Cook, 2nd vice - Donna Pinard, Secretary - Rachel Willey, Treasurer - Shirley Beasley, Sergeant of arms - Peggy Dwyer.

Here are a few of our upcoming events:

November 24: Ladies Auxiliary Brunch; November 30: Dance with Dave McBurney's Band "The Wranglers"; December 14: Pot Luck Christmas Party 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., music with Mike Patrick, Kylie and Terry. December 31: New Years Eve Party 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., music with Buck Sayers. Watch The Record for more details.

At this time I would like to thank everyone who came to our Spaghetti Supper for Lac Megantic. This was a very good success.

Submitted by
Marlene Goodenough

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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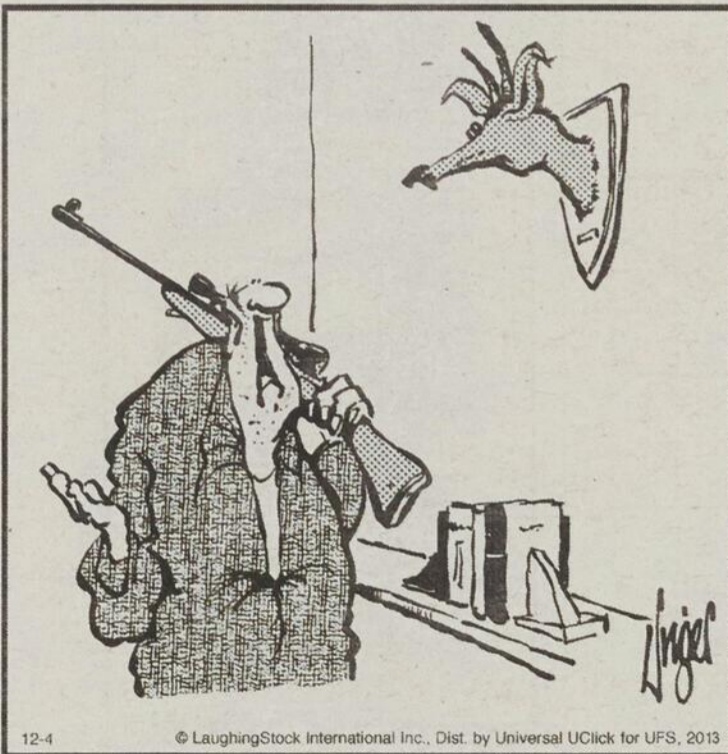
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Eight members and two guests met to prepare our Parish Hall for our soup, dessert and sale held on November 21. Tables were set in Christmas colours and decorated with miniature trees. Fran Corry decorated our Christmas tree. Once these chores were completed, we all enjoyed a welcome cup of coffee.

Erma Ten Eyck called our group together for our business meeting. The Lord's Prayer was repeated by all.

Mary LeChasseur read the minutes, which were accepted as read.

Claire Hobbs, treasurer, gave a most favourable report.

Fern Shaw reported that a get-well card had been mailed to Liz Bradford. Erma then reviewed the plans for our luncheon.

There will be an Advent Carol Service on December 1 at 2:30 p.m. Come and sing with us! The proceeds from this service will go to Helping Hands Foodbank in Cowansville.

Tea, coffee and goodies will be served by the Guild following the service. We hope that you will join us.

A Parish luncheon will follow the morning service on December 22. This is a thank you from the Guild to all who have helped us during the year.

As there was no other business to discuss, the

meeting was adjourned by Erma and seconded by Christine.

Reg and Fran Shaw, Mary LeChasseur prepared and served lunch.

We will meet at the home of Arthur and Claire Hobbs on December 10 for our Christmas meeting.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your ability to find solutions will put you in demand. Don't ignore personal problems because you are too busy helping others. Finding a balance between business and domestic responsibilities is necessary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Work diligently on important deals that must be completed before the end of the year. Make sure you have done your research before committing to something that could change your future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Network, share your ideas and win points with people who have something to offer. Your articulate and trendy way of presenting and promoting will lead to victory.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Partnerships and money matters will experience pressure. A resourceful and quick response will save the day. Re-establish a connection with someone from your past who can be of help now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't get frustrated. Keep your emotions tucked away, do your job and get on to more enjoyable activities. A change in the way you think will help you handle pressure better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — People from your past will come to mind. Make plans to reconnect before year's end. Partnerships are highlighted, and your personal and business relationships appear to be optimistic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Do your best to help those in need. Favorable changes will develop in your personal and professional relationships. Listen carefully and share equally. Balance is the key to your success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't rush. Observe first, and you'll discover what will satisfy your needs. Someone you love may become unpredictable. Take the time to plan something special that will help calm the waters.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Socialize with friends or colleagues. Be prepared to change plans at the last minute. Your ability to adapt will be appreciated. Don't feel pressured to overspend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Impress those you work with. Your efforts will be well-received. Problems at home will develop if honesty is in question. Don't give in to emotional blackmail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your ability to see both sides of an issue will help keep the peace. Domestic changes may not sit well with you at first, but in time you will benefit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You will be able to handle fine details at work and at home. Socializing and putting extra thought, time and effort into a personal relationship is favored.

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If he has too many, try for an endplay

by Phillip Alder

Judith Viorst, a novelist and poet, said, "Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands — and then to eat just one of the pieces."

Strength at the bridge table is the capacity to stop an opponent with four good trumps from winning more than one trick with them. However, doing that may require imagination.

In today's deal, South is in six hearts. West leads the spade queen. South takes the trick with his ace and cashes the heart ace. East's spade discard is a bad blow. How can South recover?

It is unusual to bid a slam after a single raise, but the South hand has few losers. His three-club rebid was a help-suit game-try. And when North jumped to four hearts to say that he had club assistance, it was a fair gamble for South to bid the slam.

There seem to be two unavoidable trump losers. However, if South can get his trump length reduced, he might be able to endplay West. This requires finding the West hand with exactly 3-4-4-2 distribution.

Declarer plays a diamond to dummy's ace, ruffs a diamond in his hand, cashes

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♣ A 6 3			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: East-West			
South	West	North	East
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3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ Q			

the spade king, ruffs his last spade on the board, trumps another diamond, cashes the club ace, leads a club to dummy's king, and ruffs the last diamond.

Everyone is down to three cards. South retains the king-jack of hearts and a low club. West has three trumps. So, when declarer leads his last club, West is forced to ruff and play away from his heart queen. Six hearts bid and made!

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- 17 Shepard in space
- 18 Plate ump's purview
- 20 Brand for heartburn
- 22 Providence-to-Boston dir.
- 23 Scraps for Rover
- 24 Unit of work
- 25 Soda for dieters
- 28 French season
- 30 Thin pancake
- 31 Violinist's gift
- 34 Move very slowly
- 36 Suffers from
- 37 In recent times

39 Mechanic, at times

- 41 "That works!"
- 42 4-Down collector
- 43 Boy king
- 44 Made a hue turn?
- 45 Suffix for records
- 46 Oater group bent on justice
- 48 Nile biter
- 49 Blush wine, for short
- 51 Short market lines?
- 54 Piedmont wine region
- 57 Erie Canal mule
- 58 __ Pipeline, Oahu surfing attraction
- 60 "She's Not There" rock group
- 63 "Ripostes" poet Pound
- 64 Overnight refuge
- 65 Theater part
- 66 Choir part
- 67 Blow some dough
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- 27 Altered mtge.
- 29 Social cupfuls
- 31 This crossword, literally for some, phonetically for all
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- 35 They're found in lodes
- 36 Reason for a medal
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- 48 Santa __ winds
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- 50 "A Doll's House" playwright
- 52 Medicare section
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- 59 Close by
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- 62 Big one on the set, perhaps

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- 1 Shock
- 2 Large grinder
- 3 Citrus shavings
- 4 Payment to 42-Across
- 5 "Thick and Rich" chocolate syrup
- 6 Rescue pro
- 7 Ones on the payroll
- 8 Freddie __ Jr. of "Scooby-Doo" films
- 9 Ship reference
- 10 Musical buzzer
- 11 Composer Stravinsky
- 12 Fourth-down play
- 13 Dates
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- 21 The Red Sox' Jon Lester, e.g.
- 26 1980s Chrysler prod-

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Richmond Melbourne Pastoral Charge

Warm Winter Greetings from Richmond Melbourne Pastoral Charge!

We had a very busy fall season with our loyal volunteers scurrying about cooking, donating their time, and working hard to make sure our annual fall events happened. The Rummage sale went well with a lot of people in attendance. The Chicken Pie Supper was held on Sept. 28 and was a time for people to visit and have a chat while enjoying a mouth-watering meal. On Saturday, Nov. 16, folks came to browse at the Christmas Bazaar and enjoy the casserole luncheon. The Simply Supper Christmas Dinner on the third Thursday of November was a big hit. We would like to take this time to thank all our volunteers, who work all year round, for your contributions to the life

of our pastoral charge.

We have many events planned for the winter months and hope to see you there. The Christmas Cantata will take place on Sat. Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. and Sun. Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. Both performances will be held at the Richmond-Melbourne United Church. Offerings will be received at the door. Our Advent service will be led by Keith Whittall at 10 a.m. on December 15. Our Christmas Eve Service is at Melbourne Ridge Church this year at 7:30 p.m. Starting in January, we plan to have two services a month on the first and third Sunday.

May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with warmth and love!

Submitted by
Cheryl Atkinson



Bulwer Golden Age

November 19, 2013 - Members met for a fun afternoon. Welcomed by President Keith wishing everyone a good afternoon. Cards were played at 8 tables (500), Crib at 2 tables. Beulah Dufferin 950. Gail & John 907, winners by 43 pts. Ann & Grayce 682, winners by 28 pts. Ed & Al 654. Bowlers 6 players. 1st game Blk 6, Red 4, 2nd game Red 2 Blk 6. Good game.

Supper: 64 members enjoyed baked ham and pineapple slices, mashed potatoes, turnip puff, marinated carrot salad, pickles, mashed potatoes, green beans, tea/coffee, carrot cake. Great meal. Thanks Peggy and her helpers.

Door prizes: Marjorie Hatch, Jean-Evans, Meryl Nutbrown, Al Doherty, Grant Taylor.

Peggy's Goodies: Ann Crawford, Ferne Herring, Allan Bradley, Jessica and Georgeline C.

Remember December 3: we're collecting non-perishable goodies for Christmas baskets for Alexander Galt.

Signing off till next time. Take care, God bless.

Submitted by
Margaret V.

Installation of Officers, Odd Fellows of Danville

Installation at Golden Rule #13, Odd Fellows of Danville. On Nov. 19, 2013 the District Deputy Grand Master #5 Linda Sayers, and her Staff visited this lodge for the purpose of Installing the Officers.

Noble Grand, Ron Evans, and members made us all feel very welcome.

After Installation a CEREMONY, (draping of the Charter) of a departed member, Norman Lockwood, was held.

Officers returned to their respective Offices. Grand Master of Grand lodge of Quebec, Ed Copping; President of Rebekah Assembly of Quebec, Joyce Copping; Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge of Quebec, Arnold Mackeage; and Warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Que., Ernestine Whipple made up the Team with Linda Sayers as Installing Officer.

All were thanked and congratulated for jobs well done and best wishes to all newly Installed officers.

After the meeting a really delicious lunch was set out, and I am sure all of it added a few pounds.

Many thanks for the grand reception and all courtesies extended to Linda and Staff.

Submitted by Ernestine Whipple

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