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Canada Post to phase out home delivery, cut positions

The Canadian Press
OTTAWA

Canada Post is saying goodbye to the door-to-door postman. The national mail service says rising costs and falling mail volumes have made it impossible to continue its traditional operations.

The federal Crown corporation plans to phase out home delivery within the next five years, replacing foot delivery with community mail boxes.

Canada Post says about 6,000 to 8,000 positions will be eliminated over the same time period, mainly through attrition.

The postal service expects nearly 15,000 employees to retire or leave the company in the next five years.

About a third of Canadian homes still receive mail to their door, it said.

The announcement comes in the midst of the busiest time of year for postal outlets, which handle a dramatic rise in both letters and packages for the Christmas holiday.

But the company says its business model is unsustainable.

"Canada Post has begun to post significant financial losses," it said in the announcement.

"If left unchecked, continued losses would soon jeopardize its financial self-sufficiency and become a significant burden on taxpayers and customers."

Last month, Canada Post announced that it would ask Ottawa for financial relief next year to help support a restructuring of its business model and pension plan framework to assure long-term financial sustainability.

The postal service has faced intense competition from couriers, as well as technology that has led to a growing popularity of consumers paying their bills and communicating online.

In the third quarter, Canada Post reported an improved, but still big, pre-tax loss of \$109 million for the period ended Sept. 28. The pre-tax loss in the comparable period a year ago was \$145 million.

Hatley resident rewarded for work with healthcare infotech

Gordon Lambie
Special to The Record

Jane Holden of Hatley recently played a key role in a Canadian first. In November, the Project Management Institute (PMI), the world's largest association for project managers, named Canada Health Infoway's (Infoway) Portfolio Management Office (PMO) as the winner of the 2013 PMO of the Year Award. Holden, an Infoway Executive Director, accepted the award on the company's behalf.

"We are not only the first government funded organization to win, but we are the first Canadian organization to win," Holden said proudly, adding, "most of the companies whose PMOs

have won this award in the past have been really large companies like IBM, and Dell, and Verizon; companies with tens of thousands of employees and a global presence. We are less than 200 people across the country."

According to Holden, Infoway is an independent, not-for-profit organization funded by the Government of Canada and co-owned by the 14 federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health. Entrusted with \$2.1 billion in public funds, the organization acts as a strategic investor in health-related projects of the provincial and territorial governments

"We play a national leadership role in improving the delivery of healthcare and the healthcare system through in-

novative digital technology solutions," the Executive director continued. "You can think about us as leveraging the power of information technology to really improve and sustain the Canadian healthcare system."

Though she pointed out that Infoway is not on the forefront of public attention, being a relatively small company that deals with healthcare primarily on the ministerial level, Holden said that the company is working on a variety of investment projects that stand to drastically improve the face of medicine across the country. The company currently oversees 628 investment projects in 12 strategic project areas, all focused on healthcare renewal.

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Cookin' up a storm in Mansonville



MABLE HASTINGS

When Allan Guilbault and his wife, Jennifer Daigneault decided to open a restaurant in Mansonville, they were hoping to give the community a place where people can stop in to have a good meal and good service in the ambiance of a family style restaurant. Turn to page 2 for The Scoop and the story by Mable Hastings.

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Santa is coming to town

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Residents of Lennoxville can look forward to a visit from a jolly old man this coming weekend, as Santa Claus will pay his traditional visit on Sunday, December 15 from noon to 4 p.m., at the fire station on Samuel-Gratham St., behind the Lennoxville Borough Offices (Town Hall).

The visit was arranged in partnership with the Lennoxville Volunteer Firefighters Association and will offer something for citizens of all ages. Several activities will be organized and treats will be served.

Planned activities include horse drawn sleigh rides, a colouring table, crafts, winter games, and face painting. Santa is expected to arrive around 2 p.m.

The Borough and the City of Sherbrooke invite all citizens to take part in this special holiday tradition.

Shane Murphy returns to Knowlton

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The arts bring diversity and expression to all those that practice it in one form or another. But you can't learn to embrace something you never experience. BellVie Productions promotes Arts in all it's forms by donating proceeds of it's concerts to Youth Programs throughout the townships.

The Shane Murphy concert with guest Adam Karch opening is no exception. Monies raised will be used to promote the Arts to the youth in our communities. Hope to see you there at the Auberge Lakeview Inn, 50 Victoria St. Knowlton, on Friday, Dec. 27.

This year the Lac Brome Carrefour Culturel, headed by

Sylvie Chartrand is helping promote this event as part of the Tournee Culturel which began in October and has featured artists of all styles throughout the MRC of Brome Missisquoi. Each event is coordinated by Jean Francois Hamelin. For more information about the tour you can visit the website at carrefoursculturels.com

Tickets are \$20 available at Brome Lake Books or by reservation with Darleen Bell at 450-243-5868. Help us send off 2013 in grand style with great music!

Of Irish descent, the Canadian-born Murphy has performed and gigged at over 1,000 shows across North America since first hitting the local Montreal music scene in

1996. He has been requested as the opener for Grammy award winner Adele, April Wine, Grammy winning British Reggae band Steel Pulse, Our Lady Peace, among others.

Murphy has appeared at dozens of local and internationally attended festivals including Canada's premier showcase for best new music, the 2008 North by Northeast conference, as well as the world renowned Festival International de Jazz de Montreal in 2006.

Adam Karch will open the show at 9 p.m. at Lakeview Inn in Knowlton. Adam discovered the guitar at age 12, an instrument that would become his best friend and musical partner. By age 14, he

was performing at various festivals and bars.

His immense talent was noted by the famous guitar player and singer, Walter Rossi who would produce Adam's first album "Crossroad Diaries" for Justin Time Records. Soon after, Adam began performing solo guitar shows, where his soulful voice was highlighted, as well as his spirited guitar stylings.

In the early days his voice was often compared to Colin James and Brian Setzer, but more recently, he has developed a range that is reminiscent of such greats as Van Morrison and James Taylor.

Source: Darleen Bell.

'Like home cooking' for Guilbault and Daigneault



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

When Allan Guilbault and his wife, Jennifer Daigneault decided to open a restaurant in Allan's home town of Mansonville, they were hoping to give the community a place where people can stop in to have a good meal and good service in the ambiance of a family style restaurant.

Allan grew up in Potton with his parents and three sisters in Highwater. He attended school at Mansonville Elementary and then at Massey Vanier High School in Cowansville. His wife Jennifer grew up and went to school in London, Ont. but she has family in both Austin and Lennoxville.

Allan worked in several

places after graduating from High School including some time at Mont Sutton Ski and then in the mid 90's in Ontario. He returned to the Townships living in Magog since 2001. They have two children, Ashton and Emma-Lynn. Ashton attends high school at Alexander Galt and Emma is at Princess Elizabeth in Magog. Allan worked at a rubber plant called "Thona Canada" for close to seven years when suddenly in 2008 they closed their doors and moved to Mexico!

"I got my licence to drive truck," explained Allan. "This gave me the opportunity to see the world, earn a good living and to support my family."

Truck driving is a demanding profession and after several injuries and feeling pressure from his employers, Allan decided that it was time to make a change. When the opportunity arose to open a restaurant in his hometown of Mansonville, Allan decided that with Jenn and his children's support, he would give it a go!

"I realize that many have tried this type of thing and failed," said Allan. "I knew

that coming into this but I am taking it one day at a time. I may not get rich but, I get to do this with my family. I get to see friends and where I used to see my dad once a month if that, now, he stops by every day."

Restaurant Missisquoi is open seven days a week, Sunday-Wednesday 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday-Saturday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. The menu has changed to some degree with Pizza being a huge seller.

"Our Double Bubba Burger, named after my good friends, Chris Lessard, one of the Restaurant's chefs, is a must," says Allan enthusiastically.

The Restaurant offers Friday night specials that include soup or salad, main dish, homemade dessert and beverage at \$15 tax included. The lunch specials are \$9 and they also have a take-out menu. All prices include taxes so there are no surprises.

Getting the restaurant up and running was a real family affair. Allan's sisters, Barbara, Penny and Pam and his niece "Becky" all helped to clean and paint the place. Jenn's brother, Kevin got the satellite working and there is now a wall mounted plasma TV for

clients to enjoy.

Being back in his hometown and close to him and Jenn's families has been the most positive aspect of the change for Allan. After the loss of his Mom to breast cancer in 2005, Allan worried a lot about his Dad who is now 73.

"My Dad amazes me," says Allan. "At 73, he does more than most people half his age but I feel a lot better being able to see him every day when he stops in at the Restaurant."

Living in Magog and driving to Mansonville to open the Restaurant may seem like a lot of travelling to some people but it is a welcome change for Allan. He credits his staff for helping to make the Restaurant run smoothly and efficiently; Chris Lessard, Rosalind (Rossy) Hardy, Brenda Whitehead, Sara Bellefeuille and Kristina Bellefeuille.

Allan sums it up this way... "It's great to be back in Potton," he says. "I hope people will come by for a coffee so we can catch up on all the news. It sure feels good to be home."

Restaurant Missisquoi is located at 377B Route de Mansonville. 450-292-3243.

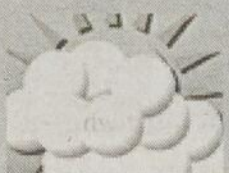
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"He got himself out of the water, but, once at poolside, he felt unwell."

Ambulance called for pool injury

Record Staff

A 14 year old Sherbrooke high school student avoided serious consequences Wednesday diving into a shallow part of the pool at the Le Phare School in Sherbrooke.

First responders from the Sherbrooke Fire Department and paramedics from Ambulance Estrie intervened around 2 p.m. at the school on Sara St. "When we arrived, the boy was conscious. We

stabilized him to protect his cervical axis," says the chief of operations at Ambulance Estrie, René Provençal.

Apparently, the boy hit his head on the bottom of the shallow end of the pool after diving in. "He got himself out of the water, but, once at poolside, he felt unwell. The teacher took care of him and contacted us," said Provençal.

Alleged kidnapper needs new lawyer

A man accused of an

alleged sexual assault in Sherbrooke last week will have to find a new lawyer before his case can proceed, following the resignation from the case of defence attorney Karine Poliquin.

Richard Pinard, 45, appeared in court Tuesday for a bail hearing, only to have his hearing delayed until Friday, following his attorney's request to be released from the case.

Pinard is charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement and sexual assault in a

case that began in a bar in Sherbrooke, where Pinard met his alleged victim. At the end of the night, he followed the woman into the parking lot and, claiming to be having trouble starting his car, somehow lured the women into the vehicle and took off through the streets until stopping on Champlain St. where the sexual assault allegedly took place. The woman took advantage of an opportunity to throw herself from the vehicle and call police.

Police-Phoenix Blood Drive attracts 393 donors

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The second edition of the Sherbrooke Phoenix and Police Department Blood Drive was a success across the board, organizers say, and welcomed 393 donors to the Delta Sherbrooke Tuesday. "We are more than satisfied," said Sherbrooke Police Officer and blood drive Honorary co-chair Philippe Dubois. "This is an increase of 195 donors compared

last year's drive. I want to thank the entire team at the Delta Sherbrooke for their warm welcome."

"On behalf of the Sherbrooke Phoenix organization and the SPS, I want to thank the people of the Eastern Townships who have answered 'present' at the blood drive today. You should know that each blood donation can save up to four lives," said Phoenix Captain Jonathan Dechamps.

Hatley resident

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It is in the management and oversight of these various different investment portfolios that Infoway was recognized by PMI.

To help clarify what sorts of projects the company is investing in, Holden offered the example in the establishment of systems for electronic medical records (EMR.)

"Think of it as a digital version of that wall of papers that you're probably used to seeing behind a reception desk at your doctor's office," Holden said, comparing the project to the transition to interac banking; "we now take it for granted that we're going to do almost all of our banking transactions electronically and almost entirely within our own homes over the internet, but it took 30 years for that interac system to reach the state that it's in today."

The Executive Director suggested that, over time, the digitization of medical records stand not just to eliminate "walls of paper" from hospitals and clinics, but build connections between healthcare professionals in the care of their patients and put more information about patients medical files at their own fingertips. She pointed to Sherbrooke as a leading area in Quebec for electronic prescription, the digital transfer of prescription information directly from doctor to pharmacist and the Quebec drug information system without having to produce a paper that could be lost, misread, or falsified.

In terms of overall results for all projects, Infoway has three main goals: improved access, meaning shorter wait times, increased practitioner efficiency,



COURTESY OF CAROL MOONEY

Jane Holden with the PMO of the year award.

and more room for home monitoring; increased quality of care, which results from all medical professionals having instantaneous access to the same, constantly updated files; and better productivity resulting from higher monetary and time-based returns on medical research. While she put the emphasis on the potential increases to patient care in the coming years, Holden did not ignore the financial side of things. She reminded that the Canadian healthcare system accounts for roughly 50 per cent of government spending, with that amount growing as the

baby boomers age. Holden is also a member of the organizing committee for the planned Centre de santé de la vallée Massawippi, to be located in Ayer's Cliff with the intent of serving as a health clinic for the entire Lake Massawippi region. In speaking about Infoway's success, she shared that it was her experience working with the company that drew her to want to be involved with the clinic project to begin with. "One of the reasons I was drawn to volunteer for the Ayer's Cliff project was the opportunity to put in action the types of things I see our invest-

ments doing across the country," Holden said, explaining that since the role Infoway takes on is essentially that of overseeing the cutting edge of medicine in the country, she sees possibilities in the world of healthcare that others might not even dream of.

"There's technology that exists today that allows you, the patient, to be a part of your own healthcare team," Holden added, "and what we've found in studies that we've done at Infoway, is that when we bring the individual patient onto the team and give him or her access to their own healthcare information, we get a much better degree of compliance with care regimen."

Holden explained that in a situation where someone has access to his or her own medical records, many more medical conditions might be self-manageable in the same kind of way that diabetics can monitor their own blood sugar levels, rather than having to go into doctors' offices to do so. She pointed out that it is already possible for any resident of British Columbia to sign up for a province-wide lab results system that gives them access to results from their lab tests. In a similar vein, she said that Infoway is invested in a project to

create a "Patient Portal" for the province of Alberta that would provide similar services.

"They can access their own lab test results and see the explanation behind them. It doesn't replace the conversation with the doctor if they still want or need to have one, but they are able to see their results just as much as their doctor is."

Asked about how digital security comes into play in granting computer access to health information, Holden explained that all projects Infoway invests in have to go through a privacy oversight assessment by a third party, and then signed off on by the provincial Privacy Commissioner of whatever province or territory it happens to apply to.

"The first thing to think about is that there's nothing more insecure than a paper file," she added, "at least with a digital record it's always possible to see who accessed what information and when; you can't do that with a paper file."

Though the Ayer's Cliff clinic is still in the works, Infoway's award winning status has given Holden further validation that the work she is doing with the company is a worthwhile endeavor.

"We're pretty proud," she said



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Sherbrooke to hold international film fest in 2014



GORDON LAMBIE

Sherbrooke will be hosting its very own international film festival in April of 2014. The first edition of the "festival cinema du monde de Sherbrooke" (FCMS) is a product of collaboration between the Hurtubise family, who own the Maison du Cinema movie theatre downtown, and the organizers of the Festival des traditions du monde de Sherbrooke, the city's annual cultural diversity festival.

At a press conference held in theatre number 12 of the Maison du Cinema on Tuesday morning, the cinema house's largest viewing room, Denis Hurtubise and Festival des traditions du monde organizer Malika Bajjaje both expressed great pride and excitement about the upcoming event.

"For 16 years, the festival des traditions du monde has had as its mission the celebration of cultural diversity," Bajjaje said, "but we have always wanted to touch on this other form of cultural expression. It is thanks to our collaboration with the Hurtubise family here at the Maison du Cinema, who share our vision and our belief in the need for a



Malika Bajjaje and Denis Hurtubise.

major cinematic event in Sherbrooke." Hurtubise, whose family organized the programming of the theatre for nine years before taking possession of the business two years ago, expressed the importance the Maison places on promoting cinema of all kinds and the significance such an event could have in the ongoing effort to revitalize Sherbrooke's downtown.

Though the programming will only be announced in full at the end of March 2014, organizers promise a diverse spread of cultural cinematic experiences in the form of 50 different films from 24 different countries. The official slogan of the festival, "Movies you will love," offers up a promise of accessible material that is backed up by organizers claiming that the shows will cover multiple genres from fiction to documentary and shorts to feature films, including a subsection

of children's films.

The festival will also include guest appearances by filmmakers and members of the cinematic industry, along with panel and round-table discussions and master-classes on elements of the world of films and filmmaking. As is the style with this sort of festival, the event will also feature a red carpet, gala opening and a grand closing ceremony with prizes to be awarded.

The festival will take place from April 10 to 13, 2014 with activities and screenings taking place at the Maison du Cinema downtown and at La Salle du Parvis on Du Conseil Street in Fleurimont. In the wait before the programming becomes available, and with the festival's website not online before February, organizers suggest that local cinephiles interested in updates follow the festival on its facebook page.

One injured in suspicious Waterloo fire

Record Staff

At around 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, emergency services were called to the scene of a shed fire on Western Street in Waterloo. A 49 year old man, inside or near the shed when the fire broke out, suffered injuries to his upper body and was transported to hospital.

Investigators were still on the scene late Wednesday afternoon, continuing their search for clues as to the origin of the fire, but preliminary information suggests the fire may have been connected to a cannabis processing operation. An investigator and a crime scene technician from the Sûreté du Québec were on the scene and interviewing witnesses.

St-Philippe still not fixed?

After the spending of almost \$3 million on renovations and decontamination, l'école St-Philippe in Windsor may still be having problems with the quality of its air. According to a report in Sherbrooke's La Tribune, teachers at the school are reporting similar discomfort to that experienced prior to the renovations, a response to a mould infestation at the school. The Work Health and Safety Commission (CSST) has confirmed that it is looking into the situation, the paper reports.

St-Philippe school re-opened in October, after having been closed for eight months while emergency repairs were undertaken to remove all traces of mold. Some 320 pupils had to be bused to Magog while work was underway. The Commission Scolaire des Sommets received \$2.7 million in subsidies to carry out the work.

Police still looking for missing man

Police have released a photo of a 2009 pale grey Volkswagen Jetta, identical to that driven by missing Magog man Marc Patenaude whose family have reason to fear for his safety. Anyone with any information regarding the case is asked to contact Memphremagog Police at 819-843-3334 or by calling 9-1-1

Traversée, promoter go separate ways

The brief partnership between the Traversée Internationale du Lac Memphremagog and Sherbrooke promoter Les Productions du Palais has screeched to an end, with the release of a communiqué announcing their agreement will not be renewed.

Les Productions du Palais says "negotiations for the signing of a new contract for 2014 highlighted the divergence of opinion between the parties." In other words, no agreement could be reached. Les Productions du Palais CEO Jean-Pierre Beaudoin says that he and the organizers of the lake crossing "did not exactly share the same vision for the short and medium term."

At the beginning of this year, the two parties signed a one-year contract, renewable at maturity. "I will continue to work with the Traversée," says Beaudoin "But it is a mutual agreement that we stop our collaboration."



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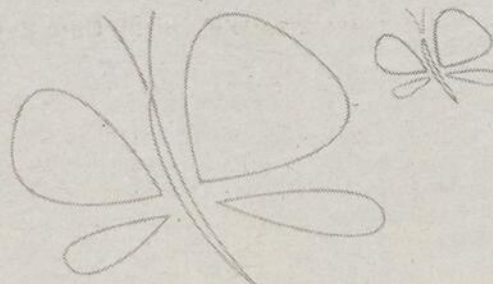
Camouflaging Entrance Doors to the Geriatric Unit

Plants, a bookcase with books, a wooden wardrobe, and an old-fashioned radio sitting on a short brick wall are just some of the things you'll see on a walk through the acute-care unit at Hôtel-Dieu hospital. Skeptics will be confused because these items are all parts of murals in the geriatric unit to conceal access doors.

By providing funding for this camouflaging, the CHUS Foundation's Brigitte-Perreault fund achieved two goals at the same time. First, it humanizes care by creating a more welcoming, reassuring, and stimulating setting for hospitalized patients with cognitive disorders, who often find a hospital stay stressful. The murals help make for a more pleasant stay. It also appears that the artwork entices some people out of their rooms, which helps them regain their independence more rapidly, among other things. In addition, since the artwork does a good job concealing the doors, patients are less tempted to see what's on the other side. As a result, the murals can help reduce the risk of patients wandering off and make it easier for staff to perform monitoring.



Two chairs and a small bookcase in front of this mural draw all attention away from the elevator. Patients sit and relax in this cozy corner.



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Sherbrooke rallies airport support

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Determined to get Transport Canada to add the Sherbrooke airport to the list of airports designated by the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA), elected officials from eight regional county municipalities (MRCs) in the region, took part in a broad mobilization effort Wednesday afternoon in Sherbrooke.

"Of the 19 Canadian urban areas with a population of more than 200,000, Sherbrooke is the

only one not served by a national airline," said Sherbrooke Mayor Bernard Sévigny, when speaking to the prefects and mayors.

"The absence of commercial air service to major economic centres in Canada is hindering the economic development efforts of our region," he continued, before turning the floor over to Nicole Robert and Colette Roy-Laroche, Prefect of the MRC du Haut-Saint-François, and Mayor of Lac-Mégantic, respectively.

"Functional airport infra-

structure is essential to the development of our region and our cities and towns, and the Sherbrooke airport is the best located to serve the large area that southern Quebec encompasses," noted Nicole Robert.

The Mayor of Lac-Mégantic also delivered a vibrant plea for the designation of the Sherbrooke airport. "After the tragedy we've experienced, now more than ever, the airport has become a vital tool for the development and recovery of Lac-Mégantic," said Roy-Laroche.

The mobilization activity

concluded with the signing of a letter addressed to Minister of Transport, Lisa Raitt, by elected officials from the MRCs of Sherbrooke, Coaticook, Haut-Saint-François, Val-Saint-François, Granit, Les Sources, Memphrémagog and Les Appalaches.

Over the past several months, the City of Sherbrooke has also obtained support from the 145 chambers of commerce that are members of the Fédération des chambres de commerce du Québec, as well as from some 30 well-known individuals and representatives of major local and

regional businesses and institutions.

CATSA designation means that passenger and baggage security screening services are provided in airports offering commercial air service. This screening service then authorizes airlines to disembark their passengers directly in the secure area of the airport of destination, thus avoiding significant delays.

Currently, CATSA has 89 designated airports and maintains that it cannot make any changes to this list.

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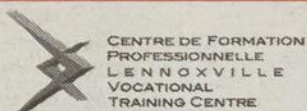
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Modern TV's unending news cycle



TIM BELFORD

The end of life as we know it came with the establishment of the first twenty-four hour television news service. We may not have known it at the time and in this 'can't-be-unconnected-for-a-minute world' may have even welcomed it. Nevertheless, like the locusts in biblical Egypt, the black plague of the middle ages or the arrival of Walmart, it was life changing.

You see, up until the bright lights at CNN decided that what the American public needed was news every minute of every hour of every day, what we got was a news 'hour' around supper time and again late at night. This gave you pretty complete coverage of all the important things that actually happened during the day. If you wanted more details you bought a newspaper or waited until the news came back on the next day.

But CNN was just the thin edge of the information wedge. Before you could say Peter Mansbridge we were inundated with MSNBC, CBCNN, CTVNC, Sun News Channel, ESPNNews (for sports junkies) and a host of others. Not only could we feast on instantaneous news, sports and business, we could do it in a multi-channel universe.

The problem, however, was and is to find enough news to fill twenty-four hours.

And the result was what you could expect: either the same story over and over again with infinitesimal changes minute by minute, or the scraping of the bottom of the news' barrel for items that in a normal world wouldn't make the back page of the Musquodoboit Daily Examiner.

A typical news run goes like this.

First the actual story. Prime Minister Stephen Harper flies to South Africa today for a memorial celebrating the life of Nelson Mandela. He's being accompanied by former Prime Ministers Jean Chretien, Brian Mulroney and Kim Campbell. This lead story will be featured at the top of every hour.

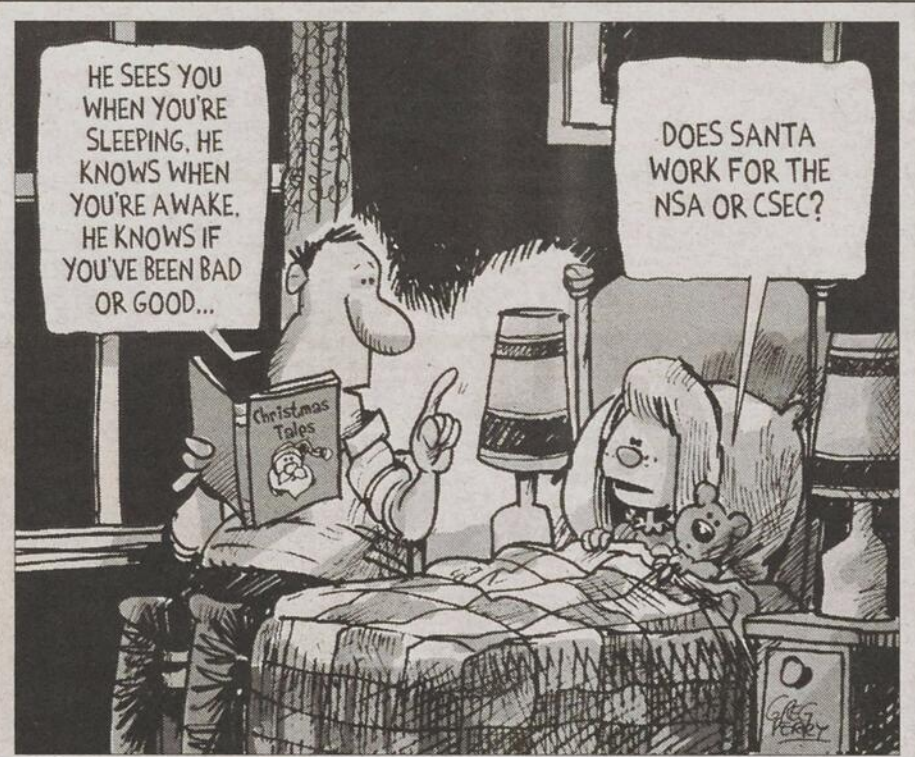
Following this will be a brief piece explaining why the former PMs are on the plane including archival clips of them meeting Mandela. Then an analyst from an international conflict think tank will be produced to talk about Canada's role in the fight against apartheid.

To give Canadian context to the event another analyst from the Ottawa press gallery will explain what Harper's appearance in South Africa could mean for increased trade between the two nations. Members of the Liberal and NDP opposition will be produced to chastise the Prime Minister for ignoring South Africa up to now. And yet again, another analyst will be produced to tell us exactly how much the trip is costing the Canadian taxpayer.

As time goes on and the above items are repeated over and over and over again, the news editor becomes desperate. Since every other 24-hour news network is doing exactly the same thing, he, or she, has to find something to make the broadcast distinctive. And that's where the bottom of the barrel comes into play.

You can be almost guaranteed to see an interview with a former South African, now living in Moose Jaw, to find out how he or she feels about the Prime Minister's trip. A history professor who wrote the definitive book on Canada's participation in the Boer War will be dragged out to explain its affect on colonial development at the end of the 19th century. And, when things get really desperate, someone will find archival clips of downtown Capetown in 1964 at the time Mandela was imprisoned on Robben Island.

By this time Stephen Harper and his guests will have arrived in South Africa and the whole thing will start all over again.



Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

I first want to say that my best hour of the day is spent reading The Record and doing (or trying to do) the crossword puzzle. I was so impressed with a recent column written by Kevin Richard titled, "The Sacred Right."

After reading Ron Ewing's column on assisted suicide, a.k.a. euthanasia, I felt compelled to write this letter to make a couple of points that were very important to me. As I know, they like us to be short and to the point, which is understandable, I couldn't say all that I would have liked to. You, Mr. Richard, on the other hand, said it exactly. My purpose in writing you is to let you know it means more than I can express to know there are people like you out there willing to express their views. Thank you so much for having the courage of your convictions.

We need more people to speak up for what are our rights. For centuries, people have been dying when God decides. A man once went to a wise old minister and said, "I am an atheist." The minister said, "Do you believe someone or something created all this?" The man replied, "Well, of course." "Then," replied the clergy, "Call it 'God,' or call it what you want, but don't say you don't believe."

Sincerely,

KATHLEEN LYNCH
RICHMOND.

DEAR EDITOR:

The A.N.A.F. Unit 318 wish to thank the Tim Annesley Memorial Hockey Tournament for the \$1,000. donation to the Renovation Fund, as well as the A.N.A.F. Cribbage players for their donation of \$300. towards the fund.

Sincerely,

GEORGE MARTEL,
DIRECTOR, A.N.A.F. UNIT 318

DEAR EDITOR:

Members of St. George's Anglican Church in Lennoxville wish to thank the local merchants for their generous support to our silent auction table.

We appreciate the continued support of the community. Thank you to everyone who worked or contributed in any way to make our Christmas Bazaar a success.

Sincerely,

FERNE MCCONNELL
FOR ST. GEORGE'S BAZAAR
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Peanut butter banking



ROSS MURRAY

I'm trying to reconcile two ideas. The first one involves a peanut. It's the single peanut that sits on the smooth surface of a freshly opened jar of what used to be Squirrel brand peanut butter and is now Skippy. I wonder how that peanut gets there.

This is a rare instance where the Internet has let me down, because I've been unable to find out the mechanics of peanut placement. Is it a huge corporate secret, like the Colonel's 11 herbs and spices? Or is it simply that no one cares? The explanation is probably out there, it's just that search queries like "peanut on top of peanut butter" won't get you too far because, as everyone knows, you can put peanut butter on top of anything and make it instantly more delicious (or deadly, depending on your allergies).

I bet once it was a real person's job to deposit the peanut in each jar, and that this person had some specific title like "nut wrangler" or "goober topper." What must that have been like, day after day plopping peanuts in place? Did the nutter (possible job title) take pride in his work? Did the people joke that the job must drive him nuts? Did he want to strangle those people?

A machine probably replaced him, and, while part of me

mourns the loss of the leguminist (could be), I can't help but marvel at the engineering and mechanics, the sheer creativity involved in devising a contraption to lower a single non-butter-molesting peanut in jar after jar. I think of that auto-popper, of getting that peanut from where it was grown to its place in the jar, and I stand amazed at our ability as a species to resolve complex problems, peanutty and otherwise.

That's one thing I'm thinking about. The other thing is my visit to the bank this past Monday, which, trust me, is not something you want to do in the weeks leading up to Christmas. You don't want to interrupt a day of damn-the-torpedoes shopping and sit in the bank to review your investments and, of greater concern, your debt. You don't want to see that sheet laid out in front of you outlining your net worth and realize that, without your house, you have negative net worth, that you are actually worth less than zero, and that, well, maybe the kids don't really need those gifts. Or food.

But we did go to the bank, Deb and I. We met with our account manager to see how we could lower our fees and better manage our payments (which I accidentally mispronounced "payments," and, yeah, that seems right). Our manager was quite helpful, but my big takeaway was that, if we do all our banking online, if we eschew the old-school bankbook, we can save \$2 a month.

That's a pack of gum a month. Maybe two if we go for the cheap-o brand.

I've never done online banking

because, quite frankly, I've never had the need. Money goes into my account on payday, it disappears over the next two weeks, and repeat. I've never awakened in the night and wondered how my account is doing. I've never thought that maybe my investments would make more sense to me when I stare at them blankly online compared to when I stare at them blankly in print.

The only benefit to online banking was that we could transfer from one account to another any time. That and the Gum Dividend.

And so our manager set Deb and me up with online accounts. We had to go to separate ATM machines to enter our codes. "I'll race you," I said. Our manager then talked us through passwords and ways to transfer and how we could give names to our accounts like "Not Much In This One" and "Even Less Over Here." I felt antique. I felt like I was our parents and someone was showing us how to record on our new-fangled VCR.

At the same time, I was once again amazed. I was amazed at the unfathomable complexity of banking. Just think about what went into that single website tab that asked me the name of my first pet in case, flawed human that I am, I forget my password. Astounding! In a world that revolves around money and, perversely, debt, in an industry that makes millions off people who fail to opt for the Gum Dividend but hang on to their old ways, it's mind-boggling that even a net-worthless person like me benefits from the creativity of the machinery that keeps it all running. I am a peanut.

Cowansville pizzeria firebombed

Record Staff

An incendiary device was thrown against the face of the Med Pizza pizzeria on South Street, in Cowansville early Sunday morning and the Sûreté du Québec is investigating the incident as arson.

Motorists passing by alerted police to the fire around 2:30 a.m. "The police, who were very close to the scene, quickly put out the flames with extinguishers they had in their possession," said SQ spokesperson Sgt Hugo Fournier. Firefighters were not called.

Fournier says an investigation has been initiated to clarify the causes and circumstances of the arson.

"No one was injured. There was no evacuation and no arrests."

MTQ says no to traffic light

The Quebec Ministry of Transport has turned down a request from citizens for a traffic light at the intersection of Beaumont and des Textiles streets and Highway 139, claiming it isn't necessary.

In recent weeks, a petition requesting the addition of a traffic light on Route 139 has circulated in District 6 and some 980 residents of Beaumont, Domain, Mercier, des Textiles, and Daigle have signed.

A meeting was held between the Town of Cowansville and the MTQ Dec. 4. "People from the MTQ went to the corners of the streets on Mar. 27 and Sep. 4 to check traffic. According to the MTQ, there is not enough traffic flow to meet their criteria" municipal Councillor Sylvie Beaugard says. "The town was willing to pay for these facilities and has had a budget set aside."

Cowansville also attached a list of accidents and collisions at the location in recent years to the citizens' petition. "Apparently, it's still not enough," Beaugard complains. "We were told that there was sufficient fluidity on the network and adding a traffic light in the 70 km/h zone would penalize users of the 139."

The MTQ claims it has still not arrived at a final answer on the question, however. "In the next few weeks we will submit to the Town of Cowansville a document containing our conclusions. We prefer not to comment on the case before making our decision known to the town," said MTQ Communications counselor Isabelle Buisson.

2013 Babies!



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The Border Report

The goal of the judging is to celebrate the pride residents have in town.

Briefs: Celebrating the Stanstead pride

By Matthew McCully
Stanstead

Volunteers from the beautification committee in Stanstead have taken to the streets to find the best decorated houses for the holidays. A prize will be awarded to the most festive looking home in each sector of town. The judges have started making their rounds, and will announce the winners in the coming weeks.

"It's simple, you don't even have to enter," said recreation coordinator Marise Trépanier. She explained the goal of the judging is to celebrate the pride residents have in town, and re-

ward the people who go the extra mile to create a festive atmosphere in Stanstead.

Community calendar to be distributed

The Stanstead community calendar is expected to be distributed to residents the week of Dec. 16. It will mark the dates for upcoming events in town, including the winter carnival, borderfest, and Halloween activities. The calendar will feature photographs of Stanstead, sent to the town by residents and visitors to the area.

Christmas festivities

were a great success

The Dec. 7 Christmas festivities were a great success, according to recreation coordinator Marise Trépanier. The Del Monty building, recently purchased by Magog Developer Marcel Hauben, was transformed into a winter wonderland. There was a market featuring artisans and vendors of all kinds, and tasty treats for sale as well. Santa made an appearance in the afternoon to hear Children's Christmas lists. Local crooner Mike Goudreau rounded out the afternoon at the Del Monty with some live music.

Other highlights of the day included cookie decorating at the Haskell Free Library, and a Children's Christmas show at Notre Dame Church.

Many braved the chilly weather to participate in the inauguration of the benches at Place Henry Seth Taylor in the centre of town. Several local families sponsored benches. One bench was dedicated to the recently retired Dr. Gilles Bouchard, in honour of 50 years of service to the community. He was awarded a plaque, and shared a few words with his former patients.

The day ended with the lighting of the tree at Place Henry

Seth Taylor, which had been decorated earlier during the day. Following the tree lighting, the newly opened Terrasses Dufferin offered a holiday dinner to patrons. "That was no ordinary Christmas dinner," Trépanier said, referring to the fine dining flare added to Christmas classics.

Christmas party this Sunday

The Stanstead Fire Department will hold its Christmas party this Sunday, Dec. 15. Over 60 firemen and family members are due to be in attendance, as well as Santa, who is scheduled to make an appearance.



Dr. Bouchard and family members seated on the bench dedicated to the doctor for his 50 years of service to the community.



Vendors and artisans turned the Del Monty building in Stanstead into a Christmas market one stop shop.

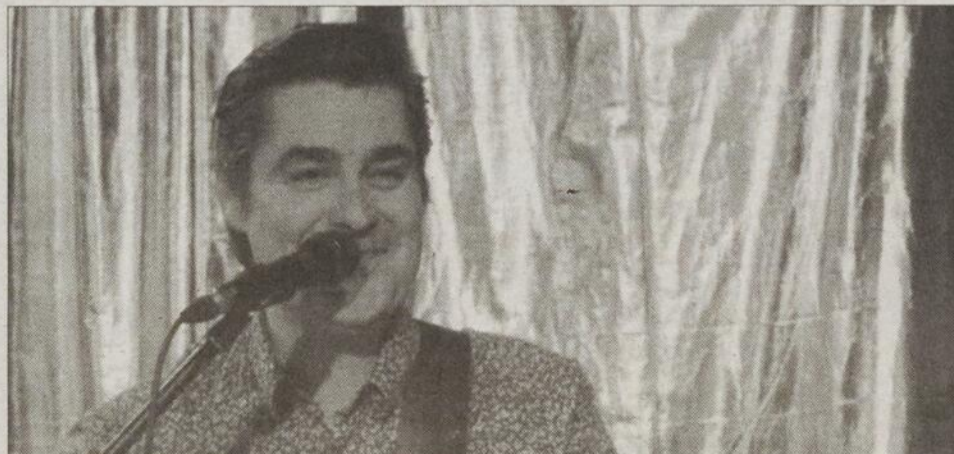


PHOTOS BY ROSS MURRAY

Kids dressed up creative Christmas Cookies at the Haskell Free Library as part of the Dec. 7 holiday activities in Stanstead.



Stanstead Children singing at the christmas show held at Église Notre Dame.



Local musician Mike Goudreau entertained shoppers at the Del Monty Christmas Market.

Winter Solstice Festivities coming

Winter Solstice Festivities will be taking place in Stanstead on Saturday, Dec. 21 beginning with a short fire ceremony at the Stanstead Stone Circle (Notre Dame Blvd, Stanstead) at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Sacred Circle Dance. As The Wheel Turns will be held at the community centre (72 rue Principale) in Beebe (Stanstead) from 8-10 p.m. with late night dancing starting at 10:30 into the night.

The Winter Solstice is the longest night of the year. In ancient cultures people gathered in large groups to celebrate the return of the light, lighting a huge bonfire to encourage the sun to bring warmth and life back to the land and her people.

Honouring this age-old custom brings a welcome break from the frantic hustle and bustle associated with the holiday season and gives an opportunity to contemplate not just the ending of a cycle but also the beginning of a new one.

Sacred Circle Dancing is a beautiful, joyous non-denominational gathering of people who dance to simple songs

and meaningful, symbolic music, sometimes holding hands, sometimes holding a candle and sometimes dancing alone within a circle of others dancing alone.

Since the dances are taught on site no experience is necessary and all are welcome. Wear something special you would like to dance in but that you don't often have a place to wear it to. It can be something flowing, with sequins, fringes or anything else you can think of.

This bilingual co-creation brings together dance facilitators from far and wide including St. Bruno, Bonsecour, Ottawa, Toronto, Vermont and New Hampshire. Live musicians are also part of the festivities. Dress warmly for the stone circle ceremony and bring water and finger food to snack on later in the evening. A \$15. donation is appreciated to cover expenses.

For more information consult the Sacred Circle Dance website: www.dansesencercle-quebec.net, www.stanstead-stonecircle.org or contact Anne Catherine 450 441-5831 or Sylvie Guylaine at 450 532-5928.

Pet of the Week



COURTESY FAS

When Tony had his turn on Santa's lap he had but one request, a family to love him. We want so much to make his wish come true. Tony is a good dog who just needs a little time to adapt to being a pampered pet. He was rescued from a remote northern community where he was lucky to have won over the heart of a resident who knew he was not suited to life on the streets. While in her care he proved to be a wonderful companion. Tony LOVES to play fetch and learned very quickly that the only way to keep the game going was to actually bring the ball back and drop it. He is smart and when engaged, he readily picks up new tricks and is eager to learn. Tony walks pretty well on the leash and he knows how to stay by your side, he just needs to be reminded now and again. He is a sweet boy and with a little time and some positive reinforcement we know he will do just fine in his new home. He gets along with other big dogs but cannot live with cats. Tony is a golden mix (maybe with Lab) and is approximately two years old. To find out more about Tony, please send an email to frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com or better yet, give our adoption coordinator Brenda a call. She can be reached any day of the week between 8 a.m and 8 p.m at 819.876.7747. You can also visit the website at www.frontieranimalsociety.ca

2013 BMW M6 Coupe



Dual personalities define this way-too-fast BMW



Justin Pritchard

Shopping for a ride in six-digit pricing territory opens the door on a tremendous selection of posh, advanced excellent performance models, and the new BMW M6 Coupe is one of the most recent. Advanced technology, performance, and everyday usability are the big draws here.

What is an M6 Coupe?

BMW's latest M-powered rocket-sled delivers lung-squishing performance, face-peeling acceleration, locked-on handling, and killer looks in a package that's surprisingly easy to drive. Effectively, the 2013 BMW M6 is two cars in one: a comfortable tourer one moment and a fire-breathing sports coupe that's absolutely track-ready when dialed into "M" mode. It's a good thing you get two cars here because the tester, with some options, wore a sticker of \$145,000.

Technicalities

The latest M-power engine motivates the 2013 BMW M6 Coupe. Specifically, it's a 4.4L V8 with targeted upgrades for durability and performance in a motorsports setting. Using turbocharging, it creates simply monstrous output as a pair of exhaust-driven air compressors blast the combustion chambers full of cooled, compressed air at a moment's notice.

The result? The 2013 BMW M6 Coupe generates a monstrous 560 horsepower, and video-game-like sound.

Drivers can expect it to dispense

with 0-100 km/h in a tick over 4 seconds, followed by a non-stop flood of torque that blasts the big two-door ahead until the throttle is released. Explosive is a good word to describe acceleration. Drop your foot and after a very brief moment of turbo lag, the 2013 BMW M6 Coupe consumes the road ahead at an absolutely startling rate. If you haven't got the self-control of Buddhist monk, this thing will be the weapon of mass destruction for your driver's license. Often, the 2013 BMW M6 Coupe is just too fast for roads with speed limits.

The transmission is the engine's partner in crime: a 7-speed twin-clutch box that completes an entire gearshift in a blink at the click of a paddle, complete with perfect rev-matching in both directions. Left in drive it functions like a regular automatic, shifting gently and easily.

Driving the 2013 BMW M6 Coupe

Drivers can have all of the 2013 BMW M6 Coupe's performance any way they like thanks to switches that adjust the calibration of the suspension, steering, transmission, and overall system response in real time.

Fully dialed up, the shocks stiffen, the engine gets louder, and the transmission and engine become markedly more responsive. Drivers feel and hear more, and it all works to pull them into the experience right down to the steering that thickens up. Set up thusly, handling dynamics capitalize on the M6's size and weight for a stable, solid, and clamped-on agility that's big on confidence.

All the while, it fully reminds you that you'll get nowhere near the limits of its grip on a public road.

When a more relaxed drive is in order, the 2013 BMW M6 Coupe is surprisingly laid-back. It proves largely quiet and comfortable

when cruising the highway in no particular rush.

Ins and Outs of the 2013 BMW M6 Coupe

Complaints were minimal, as expected of a car with pricing bordering on real-estate territory. Rearward visibility is limited, as is back-seat space. Fuel consumption is very reasonable during gentle highway driving, though it can spike as high as 17L / 100km in the city if you don't watch your right foot.

Drivers enjoy the 2013 BMW M6 Coupe from a cabin lined sumptuously with carbon fibre, leather, and gadgets; and in the case of the tester, \$6k worth of stereo upgrades from Bang & Olufsen. I have no idea what their stereo sounds like, however... Twin-turbo V8, and all.

Front seat space is generous, even for taller drivers. Numerous passengers throughout the week admitted to expecting a far stiffer and noisier ride, as did I.

And, on a personal level, I'm not a fan of such a huge array of tech-y gadgets in a high-performance car, but gadget-geek types will love it.

Comparing the 2013 BMW M6

At this price range, there's no shortage of worthy options. The Audi R8 is less powerful for the money, but arguably attracts more attention than anything this side of a half-million dollars. The Jaguar XKR is more dated and not as powerful, but it's sumptuously classy and extremely attractive — for thousands less. A Porsche 911 Carrera S is just as quick in a straight line, and feels more agile and lively to drive hard.

Ultimately, the 2013 BMW M6 will appeal highly for its size, space, high-tech flare, and all-out firepower. Having to choose a model from the above list is a nice problem to have.



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The team started every game with newfound energy and exceeded expectations game after game.

Spartan boys basketball captures Bermuda tournament

By Mike Hickey
Special to the Record

The Stanstead College senior boys basketball team rebounded from a disappointing performance at the Canadian Accredited Independent School tournament to capture the Bermuda Invitational Tournament two weekends ago.

Stanstead began the CIAS with convincing wins over Holy Trinity and Hillfield Strathallan College to earn a spot in the

championship bracket with five other unbeaten teams.

Playing St. Andrew's College in the first round of the championship division, Stanstead suffered a double loss as St. Andrew's defeated Stanstead 54-42. The Spartans' Roydell Clarke, who led all scorers with 23 points, went down with an injury. Clarke did manage to score 14 points in a 54-37 loss to Ridley College and the Spartans finished the tourney dropping a 42-28 decision to Ashbury Col-

lege. Josh Stacey led the Spartans with nine points.

It was a different story in Bermuda as the Spartans played with great heart and swept through the tourney undefeated despite facing bigger teams with longer benches.

Throughout the tournament, coaches and referees continued to comment that the SC players looked to be running out of gas and although fatigue was obvious, the team started every game with newfound en-

ergy and exceeded expectations game after game.

Offensively the team was led by Clarke, named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Stacy while the Spartans' suffocating defence was anchored by the trio of Roger Peng, Julien Charest and Merick Makila.

The team opened play with a 50-25 victory over Sultus Grammar School, upended the U19 Bermuda National team by a 54-46 score, edged the Community

All-Stars 59-53 and finished with a 71-60 win over the U19 National in the championship final.

Stanstead returned home to defeat the Alexander Galt Pipers 61-33 and then headed for another tournament last weekend when they travelled south to play an exhibition game against American powerhouse New Hampton and then played at the US Prep School Classic at St. Andrew's in Rhode Island.

A holiday tradition continues in Lennoxville

SHERBROOKE

The Bishop's Gaiters men's basketball team will be at Provigo, Robert Lafond in Lennoxville on Saturday, Dec. 14 to help bag groceries and collect funds and non-perishable food items to benefit the Alexander

Galt Christmas Basket. For the sixth year in a row the Gaiters will be on-hand, this year from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. Provigo is located at 169 Queen St. in Lennoxville.

The initiative was started by former Gaiters assistant coach Charles Kobelt in an effort to

give back to the community.

"This is something that is really important to us," said Gaiters head coach Rod Gilpin. "We have such amazing community support at our games. We want our student-athletes to experience and understand what it means to give back.

Every year this is one of the highlights for them. They love interacting with the community."

"Steve Dunn, one of our assistant coaches, works at Galt and he knows first hand how important the Christmas Basket campaign is. We are thrilled to help

out any way we can."

Stop by Provigo Lennoxville on Saturday afternoon and meet the 2013-14 Bishop's Gaiters as they help out a great cause.

Follow the Gaiters at www.gaiters.ca.

Source: Marty Rourke.

Angry organizer cancels Magog event

MAGOG

Patrick Mahony, Director of CourirEnEstrie has cancelled the Magog

Duathlon, running and skating event planned for February 15, 2014 in conjunction with city's winter festival, but he isn't going quietly railing against the

Magog town bureaucrats whom he accuses 'of cronyism.'

In a statement on Courir En Estrie's Facebook page, Patrick Mahony says "The Recreation

Department of the Town of Magog and some elected officials should examine their conscience and explain to merchants and citizens why

they are willing to sabotage a free event in Magog due to pressure from another event organizer in Saint-Denis-de-Brompton."

Revenue sharing could help small market NHL teams keep up

By Stephen Whyno
The Canadian Press

The implementation of the salary cap in the NHL was supposed to help what's commonly referred to as competitive balance.

In other words, allowing the small-market teams to swim in the same pool with the big-money ones. Rein in spending with the hope that parity keeps things interesting.

But what happens when the cap rises so quickly that the Florida Panthers and Nashville Predators of the league can't keep up? The projected upper limit of US\$71 million — and the floor between \$52 and \$53 million — for next season isn't crazy, but the lucrative Canadian-rights TV deal could lead to sharp increases in the coming years.

The NHL's past two work stoppages tried to level that out, but for the foreseeable future it's up to the small-market teams to take on the challenge as the cap

could surge well past \$80 million.

"We've got to move with everybody else," Predators general manager David Poile said. "There's a lot of components in the way this whole thing's been put together. There's revenue sharing for teams like ourselves that it always works out."

Revenue sharing is expected to help, along with a new way to calculate the cap and floor: determine the midpoint and go 15 per cent up and 15 per cent down. In theory, that should keep the disparity from getting out of control.

But if the C\$5.2-billion, 12-year agreement with Rogers inflates revenues as much as it should and business continues to boom, the floor will soon be higher than the cap at its highest under the last collective bargaining agreement. That's a difficult spot for teams with fixed budgets.

"I don't think anyone" New Jersey Devils GM Lou Lamoriello said. "But you have to be able to

afford it first."

Poile was right to point to revenue sharing as a way to assist teams that don't make money hand over glove like the Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens, but Dallas Stars GM Jim Nill still has questions.

"Every business, every team has to sit back and look at their business model now and see where it fits in, where does the revenue sharing fit in? How does that come into the model? That's a new entity too now," Nill said. "That changed in the new CBA. We'll all sit back and analyse it and go from there."

Poile called revenue sharing "something that's necessary" and something the Predators appreciate as a small-market team.

"If the cap goes up like it's predicted to go up, then it's contemplated that revenue sharing can go up," Poile said. "The formula is working."

Only the Panthers have a cap payroll under what's expected to be next year's floor, accord-

ing to CapGeek. But the real uncertainty lies in what could happen two, three or four years from now.

It's impossible to know if revenue sharing will keep up with a salary cap and floor that could skyrocket.

"How do I answer that?" Poile said. "I can't tell you what the ratio's going to be. ... That's a long way off."

So is any opportunity to alter the system. That's a good thing for the players, who ultimately benefited from the last CBA in the long term.

But paying more in the way of salaries means owners are making plenty of money, too. And labour stability isn't something to be upset about.

"We love the fact that we're on a strong foundation and we really have an opportunity to grow things even more and better than before," commissioner Gary Bettman said. "I think the future of the game has never been brighter. We and everybody in the board room is ex-

cited about that."

Even those who could see their chances for competitive balance decrease as the Leafs, New York Rangers and Philadelphia Flyers of the NHL are able to spend more and more.

"The fact of the matter is, our revenues are going up, so it's all relative," Carolina Hurricanes GM Jim Rutherford said. "Over time when you spend to the cap, you have an advantage. But not necessarily always."

Rutherford said that as the Hurricanes get more revenue from the league, they have "a responsibility as a franchise" to generate more. If that starts happening in more non-traditional markets, the NHL is in for even better times.

Right now, things are looking up.

"If the cap increases that means revenue is increasing and the pie is getting bigger," St. Louis Blues GM Doug Armstrong said. "I think we all have to be excited about that."

Datebook

Today is the 346th day of 2013 and the 82nd day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1901, the first trans-Atlantic radio transmission was received by inventor Guglielmo Marconi in Newfoundland.

In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Great Britain.

In 2000, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of George W. Bush in Bush v. Gore, effectively resolving the 2000 presidential election.

In 2012, North Korea successfully launched its first satellite.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Jay (1745-1829), first chief justice of the United States; William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879), journalist/abolitionist; Henry Wells (1805-1878), co-founder of Wells Fargo; Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880), novelist; Edward Munch (1863-1944), artist; Edward G. Robinson (1893-1973), actor; Frank Sinatra (1915-1998), singer; Bob Barker (1923-), TV personality; Dionne Warwick (1940-), singer; Bill Nighy (1949-), actor; Mike Golic (1962-), football player/radio host; Royce Gracie (1966-), mixed martial artist; Jennifer Connelly (1970-), actress; Mayim Bialik (1975-), actress.

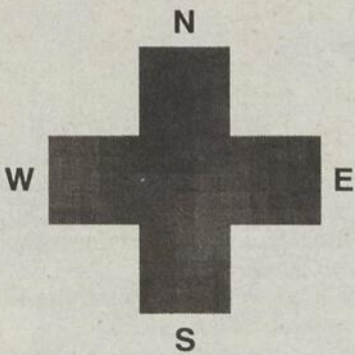
TODAY'S FACT: Frank Sinatra once wrote that rock 'n' roll music was "the most brutal, ugly, degenerate, vicious form of expression it has been my displeasure to hear."

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1965, rookie running back Gale Sayers of the Chicago Bears scored an NFL record-tying six touchdowns (four rushing, one receiving and one punt return) in a 61-20 win over the visiting San Francisco 49ers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Do not read, as children do, to amuse yourself, or like the ambitious, for the purpose of instruction. No, read in order to live." — Gustave Flaubert

TODAY'S NUMBER: 537 — popular votes by which George W. Bush officially won the state of Florida's electoral votes in 2000.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (Dec. 9) and full moon (Dec. 17).



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Death



James Alexander HUTCHISON

Passed away peacefully in his sleep at the CSSS Memphrémagog on December 4, 2013, at the age of 72.

Beloved husband of Barbara and dear father of Clifford (Tracy) and Stephen (Melissa). Loving grandfather of MacKenzie, Grace, and William. Brother of William (Louise), Peter (Jacqueline), John (Lise), and Andrew (Nancy). James will also be sadly missed by his aunt Isabel MacFarlane as well as his nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sister-in-law and many friends. A funeral mass will be held in St. Barthelemy Church Ayer's Cliff on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

The family wishes to thank the staff and Doctors of the CHUS Fleurimont and the CSSS Memphrémagog as well as the CLSC Magog for the wonderful care given to James. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, 3330 Rue King West, bureau 130, Sherbrooke, QC, J1L 1C9 or the Massawippi Cemetery, in care of Mr. Tom Schopfloch, 610 Ch. Harvey, Hatley, QC, JOB 4B0.

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Death

Edward 'Ted' ROBINSON

1922 - 2013

On December 8, 2013, at the Wales Home in Richmond, at the age of 91. Ted was the dear husband of the late Ida, with whom he spent 61 happy years in Montreal. He leaves behind his children, Lynda (Donald Pearce), Joy (Paul O'Donnell) and Doug (Mona Wizenberg), his granddaughters Aurora (Nicola) and Kate (Stéphane), his sister-in-law Irene Morrissey. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Heartfelt thanks to the St-Laurent CLSC and staff of Norton 2 at the Wales Home for their care and genuine compassion. You became like a second family to Dad and support to us during this last phase of his life.

His family will receive condolences on Thursday, December 12, 2013, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Armstrong-Rideau Funeral Home, 1640 Cote-Vertu, St-Laurent, H4L 2A2. Donations to Heart and Stroke or Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.



Death



Greg TAYLOR
(1919 - 2013)

Greg died on the morning of December 5th at CSSS Argyll Pavillon in Sherbrooke following a short illness. Dear friend, uncle and brother in law.

Greg was born in Sherbrooke; he is the last of seven siblings of the Goodhue Taylor family. He was pre-deceased by his wife Jacqueline Bourdeau.

Heartfelt thanks to his dear friend Lionel Thériault, who made it possible for Greg to remain in his home for as long as possible. This along with the healthy meals provided by his kind neighbour Doris Pope and the generous volunteers of Community aid in Lennoxville.

A celebrate to Greg's life that he lived to the fullest without regrets, will be held at a later date.

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Francis LOOMIS

June 29, 1929

December 10, 2013


Surrounded by his loved ones, Francis Loomis went peacefully to meet his Maker on December 10, 2013. He will be dearly missed by his devoted and deeply loved wife of 38 years, Susan Crotty-Loomis and his seven children: Brad (Janet), Larissa, Stacey (Eric), Jackie (Kevin), Michael (Tara), Cora and Jennie (Dan) as well as 7 grandchildren and many other loving family members and dear friends. He was a great man, known to many and loved by all.

Visitation will be held at Cass Funeral Homes, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), QC on Friday, December 13, 2013 (7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.) and Saturday, December 14, 2013 (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.).


A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at Hope Community Church, 102 Queen Street, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), QC.

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Bingo on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. sharp at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Everyone is welcome! Info: 819-346-9122.

SHERBROOKE

Christmas Supper, Dec. 14 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. #10, 971 Galt E., Sherbrooke. Turkey, mashed potatoes, veggies, dessert. Reservations or more info: 819-563-4944.

MELBOURNE

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1169 Rte 243, Melbourne, will be holding services at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 1, 8 & 15. Afternoon service on Dec. 22 at 5 p.m., followed with a potluck. Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. No service on Dec. 29.

MOE'S RIVER

The annual Christmas Service at the Moe's River Church on Sunday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Moe's River

Church. Speaker: Mathew Court.

RICHMOND

A Book Sale will be held at Richmond Regional High School on December 11 from noon to 4:30 p.m., December 12 from noon to 8 p.m. and December 13 from noon to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Brome Lake Books. Everyone welcome. There is a great selection of books.

DANVILLE

Royal Canadian Legion Danville-Windsor #41 are having a Christmas Party on December 14. Entertainment starting at 3 p.m. with Mike Patrick, followed at 5:30 with a Pot-luck Supper and then entertainment starting again from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. No admission charged.

LENNOXVILLE

The Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre will be presenting its yearly Christmas concert on December 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. This year, a variety of goodies are in store including the Estria Reed Trio playing some of our Christmas favorites, orators David Dutton and Jack Eby, giving us two distinct viewpoints on the holiday season through a variety of amusing readings and anecdotes and a wonderful new choral singing the carols of the season. Of course, Uplands' Christmas concert is never complete without the traditional sing-a-long to finish off a spectacular evening, followed by refreshments including our renowned mulled wine. At Uplands, 9

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Christmas for you. Join us for singing, fellowship and Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 25 at Hope Community Church, corner of Queen and College, Lennoxville, 11 a.m. (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome. No charge - "our gift to you." For transportation or information, call HCC at 819-822-2627 or Paul McLean at 819-820-5932.

MAGOG

Townshippers' Association's LAPPUI project to increase support for the English-speaking caregiver presents "Food for Thought" a luncheon with information and resources on Friday, December 13. Discover the surprising benefits of having a hobby while enjoying lemon dill chicken, homemade pie and door prizes at St. Paul's United Church, 211 des Pins, Magog, J1X 2H8. Small admission charged. Space is limited, a reservation is recommended. Ask for details about respite care assistance. Contact Eric Akbar Manolson at Townshippers' 819-566-5717, toll free 1-866-566-5717, or eam@townshippers.qc.ca AYER'S CLIFF Bingo on Saturday, December 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ayer's Cliff Legion Hall. Gift prizes, some turkeys, cash jackpot. Info: 819-876-7308.

WATERVILLE

Sunday, December 22, 7 p.m., the annual

Christmas Carol Service at the Waterville-North Hatley United Church, followed by a time of fellowship. Come join us in this time of Christmas cheer.

TRENHOLM

Trenholm United Church will be holding its traditional Christmas candlelight service on Sunday evening, December 15, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the joy of Christmas with us! Cookies and beverages will be served following the service.

MOE'S RIVER

This year, St. James Lennoxville is holding their Christmas Eve service at the Moe's River Church. It will be taking place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on December 24. Come and enjoy a lovely service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Merry Christmas!

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This column accepts items announcing events organized by churches, service clubs and recognized charitable institutions for a \$7.00 fee, \$10.00 for 2 insertions of same notice, \$13.00 for 3 publications. Maximum 35 words. If you have more than 35 words the charge will be \$10.00 per insertion. Requests should be mailed, well in advance, to The Record, P.O. Box 1200, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5L6, be signed and include a telephone number and payment. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Admission charges and trade names will be deleted. No dances.

He now spends four days a week with friends and comes home past midnight

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for only 18 months. Things were blissful for the first year, and then things took a drastic change. One day, he told me he has lost the "in love" feeling.

Apparently, he had felt animosity for some time, but I had no idea. He chose to hold his emotions in, and over time, the result was that he stopped loving me. He now spends four days a week with friends and comes home past midnight. I don't believe he is cheating. When he was single, he chose to live a sheltered life.

My husband is aware that his behavior is extreme. Could this be a midlife crisis, even though he is only 36? How can I help him through this stage? - Newlywed Blues

Dear Newlywed: Every married couple has a period of adjustment, but we think there is more to your husband's story than what he is telling you. You cannot expect his behavior to improve on its own. Unless he is willing to be honest and address what is wrong, there is unlikely to be any change in your relationship.

Counseling could help get to the bottom of it, provided your husband is cooperative. If not, please decide whether you want to remain in this marriage, because what is going on may not get better, and even if it does, this type of sudden coldness could happen repeatedly if the two of you do not learn to communicate more clearly.

Dear Annie: You often suggest that family members try to work out their differences if there is an estrangement. But there are two sides to every story.

My husband and I were treated horrendously by a family member, and every relative allowed it to continue even though they were fully aware of the pain it caused us. The stress was constant and created physical as well as emotional issues. After trying to work it out, we finally made the painful decision to separate ourselves from this part of the

family.

Just because you are related to someone does not mean you have to allow yourself to be abused or bullied. It is frustrating to read letters from those who "don't know why Betty won't speak to the family." I'm sure many of them know perfectly well why. They simply choose not to acknowledge the part they may have played in Betty's decision. - Tired of Being the Bad Guys

Dear Tired: In many instances, this is true. People put their heads in the sand when it is too complicated to look around and shake things up. We usually suggest people make an effort to see whether family relationships can be repaired. But we don't expect anyone to tolerate horrible behavior that won't change. You made the effort. It didn't work. You then did what was necessary for your mental and physical health.

Dear Annie: I had to laugh when I read the letter from "Perplexed in Pennsylvania," who is upset that her best friend keeps forgetting her birthday. That could be me. It could also be my best friend.

You see, in today's world, we sometimes get too busy to stop and smell the roses and remember the birthdays of those we care about. It certainly doesn't mean we care any less. I sometimes forget the birthdays of my own children and siblings. I may remember several days in advance and then forget on the actual day and feel sorry afterward. But it's not the end of the world.

Every now and then, my friends and I have a special lunch together to celebrate our friendship. We do not exchange gifts, because we all have more "things" than we need. A fun card is just that, and it's good at any time. "Perplexed" should think of what she can do for herself on her special day. - One Who Knows in Oklahoma

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

Richmond Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch #15 Military Whist card party

The Ladies Auxiliary held their monthly Military Whist card party on November 17, 2013 with a great crowd of 19 tables.

After a warm welcome, and a few announcements, play was on. All the required moves were completed, followed by lunch and prizes.

First prize, with 30 points, went to Linda Badger, Matty Banfill, Dot Thompson and Marcel Bergeron. Second, with 26 points, went to Robin Converse, Larry Frost, Amy Prior and Jamie Prior. Low score, with 10 points, ended in a tie, group one, Jackie Ross, John Sharmon, Betty Blanchette and a "dummy". Group two, was Shirley Provis, Madelyn Touloise, Suzanne Tremblay and Kelly Paterson.

Door prizes were won by Joyce Mastine, Micheline Handfield, Helen Knowles, Patsy Biggs, Marjorie Lancaster, Norma Morin, Madelyn Touloise, Jim Stevens, Loretta Irwin, Peter Boisvert, Shirley Provis, Matty Banfill, Jackie Ross, Linda Badger, Jacques Dubois, Mildred Holliday, Klea Mastine, Collette Pageau, Evelyn Fraser, Lucie Beaudin, Freda Coote, Kelly Paterson, Ruth Mountain, Elizabeth Mastine and Lise Boisvert.

Grocery boxes were won by Jacques Letourneau and John Sharmon.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone that helped in any way and for their continual support. Seasons Greeting to all, and that includes the Record staff for publishing all our events, much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Mildred E. Holliday

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by Luis Campos

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TODAY'S CLUE: *λ sgnba λ*

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Sister Linda Sayers, District Deputy Grand Master with her cake.



Grand master Ed Copping pins outgoing Noble Grand Noel Roy of Victoria #16, with congratulations.

Submitted by Ernestine Whipple, Secretary

Bulwer Golden Age

December 3: Many members came for a great afternoon and friendship. Eight tables of 500 cards, 2 tables of crib. Skip Bo - 1 table. Six bowlers - 1st game Red 9, Blk 4. 2nd game Red 3, Blk 4. The bowlers had a great time. Anyone interested should join them.

Crib: Al and Cheryl 1197, Ed and Susan 1205. Welcome to our new members, Mary Lou Burns, Gordon and Irene Humphrey. Grace was said by Grant Taylor. Supper followed. Cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, yellow beans, Caesar salad, pickles, rolls, tea, coffee, angel food cake with vanilla cream and raspberries. Thanks, Peggy and helpers.

Door prizes: Ron MacDonald, Teryl Painter, Jean Naylor, Grant Taylor.

Peggy's homemade goodies: Clyne MacDonald, Paulette Painter, Mary Lou, Norman Gill and Doreen Hodge.

Harris and Keith read some poems. Thanks guys, it added a touch of humour.

December 17 is our Christmas party. Hope you'll all be there. A fun afternoon is in the making. See you there.

Well, I'll sign off. Drive carefully. Take care and God bless.

Submitted by Margaret Vintinner

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Women's Missionary Fellowship of Grace Chapel

The Women's Missionary Fellowship met at the home of Janet Sparkes in Lennoxville at 2 p.m. Monday, December 2 for the last meeting of the year. Janet chaired the meeting welcoming all who came, especially the ladies from Stanstead and Ogden who joined us for the occasion. Janet then read a few verses of Scripture reminding us that a 1000 years in God's sight is as a day and that the Lord will come as He has promised to do. It behoves us to be ready for suddenly the trump will sound and we shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

Janet asked Beryl Beckwith to give the Treasurer's report. Gifts of fellowship had been sent to the missionaries the group supports and a small balance remained. Beryl had also received thank you notes from recipients who appreciated the fellowship with them in their ministry for the Lord.

With Edna Walker at the piano the ladies enjoyed singing some of their favourite Christmas carols for it is that time of year when we remember the birth of the Saviour of the world. Following the singing of carols Janet spoke of the importance of prayer and her exhortation was that we should remember to pray regularly for those who are out on the mission fields by asking the Lord to guide and direct them in their ministry.

Time was spent in prayer for the work carried on locally and through the summer camping season as well as remembering the missionaries who continue to labour in Colombia, Nigeria, Angola and Zambia.

Janet introduced Jennifer Dallaire who with her husband Francois having moved from Chicoutimi to Sherbrooke found a rent in the Mont Bellvue area. After settling in they became acquainted with folk in the neighbourhood. Their desire was to introduce them to the Saviour of the world whom they loved and served but how to go about this. There were many many chil-

dren playing on the streets so one night they decided to gather them together and teach them some choruses and tell them a Bible story. The children enjoyed this. That was one night a week but what about the other nights? A hockey game was organized and the children invited to come and play. They continue with one spiritual night in the week with the children and the other nights they play hockey. In this way they have made contact with the parents some of whom at least are from Colombia. These Colombian people marvel that anyone would spend time with their children in this way. Surely God's ways are past finding out. The Lord is blessing this ministry in the Mont Bellevue area and folk are learning about the Saviour of the world who loved them and gave His life to die in their place. As a result of spending this time with the children they had the opportunity of sending 47 children to enjoy a week of camp this summer.

We learn that there is a price to pay when one follows the Lord's leading but God also answers prayer.

Jennifer then led us in a devotional time reading 1 Peter 1:15,16 "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written "Be holy, for I am holy". We ask: How, why, and say impossible. God is eternal. How can I be holy?

In Genesis 1:26 we read that God

said: "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness ..." God made us in His image, in His likeness. It is important that people see God's image in us. In 1 Peter 2:21,22 we read that Christ left us an example. He committed no sin nor was deceit found in His mouth. In Romans 12:2 the apostle Paul exhorted the believers not to be conformed to the world but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds. In 2 Corinthians 3:12 we read: "as we behold the glory of the Lord we are transformed into the same image". In v. 18 we read: "from glory to glory" so there is continual progress. There is nothing more important than knowing God personally. Serving the Lord is important but it is more important that we spend time with the Lord, meditating on His Word thus allowing Him to speak to us through His Word. What gives you worth is because He is worthy. Philippians 1:6; 3:20,21. Paul in

speaking to the Philippians had confidence that God, "who had begun a good work in them would complete it until the day of Jesus Christ". Since our citizenship is in heaven the Lord Jesus Christ will transform our body to be conformed to His glorious body. It is so important to spend time with the Lord because one day we will have that glorified body as God said, Be ye holy for I am holy.

Janet closed in prayer thanking the Lord for what had been accomplished through the camping ministry during the summer in the various areas of the Townships as well as what the Lord is doing in the Mont Bellvue area.

Janet served a cup of tea during which a time of fellowship followed as we caught up on each others summer activities.

Submitted by Doris Pitman

Cribbage Christmas party

On December 8, the cribbage group met for their annual Christmas party at the A.N.A.F, "The Hut", Unit #318. Thirty-two members and 4 guests attended.

A delicious soup and sandwich luncheon was prepared and served by Gabie Duncan and helpers.

After lunch, 9 tables of cards played, 8 of crib and 1 of 500.

Results

- 1st prize: Dufferin Annsley, 726, perfect game.
 - 2nd prize: Fred Cross, 722.
 - 3rd prize: Margaret Vintner, 703.
- Gilles Masse, 703

The raffle for the door prizes were won by the following people: Judy Williams, Warren Winget, Dufferin Annsley, Gabie Duncan, Robert Hall, John Hewitt, Margaret Vintner, Clemence Masse, Ed Digby, Rupert Winslow, Trudy Rand, Al Doherty, Fred Williams, Lorinda Hadley, Suzanne Mahoux and Keith Vintner.

Colleen presented an amount of \$300 to Gabie Duncan and George Martel for the renovation fund and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Special wishes for Beulah Turnbull who will be having an operation on Monday the 9th.

Speedy recovery Beulah!
See everyone on January 9.

Submitted by Colleen Matthews

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