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Magog in recovery mode after devastating fire

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The City of Magog held a press briefing at noon yesterday to take stock of the situation following the fire that ravaged part of its downtown area on Tuesday.

The cause of the fire has been confirmed.

The Director of the Fire Department, Mr. Sylvain Arteau, indicated that the investigation identified that the most likely cause would be the fall of a Bell Canada pole on which an electrical transformer was located, which would have caused a short circuit in the electrical room of the building located at 12 Deragon Street. An official report will follow.

Director Sylvain Arteau reiterated that Tuesday's event was major. "Firefighters tackled an enormous fire in extremely difficult conditions. It's a part of downtown history that unfortunately went up in smoke yesterday."

Although a resident of downtown was saved from the flames by the fire department, two accidents involving firefighters occurred during the intervention.

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Quebec Lodge takes a big step forward



GORDON LAMBIE

Nathanael Wharry (Front) broke ground on the new Bodtker Lodge at the Quebec Lodge Outdoor Centre on Wednesday afternoon, joined by Father Giuseppe Gagliano, John Hoblyn, Carleen Knowlton, Ruth Sheeran, Tom Matthews, Barbara Matthews, Steve Stafford, Johanne Beland, and John Hay

By Gordon Lambie

The Quebec Lodge Outdoor Centre started a new chapter on Wednesday afternoon as supporters of the project and members of the Foundation broke ground on the site's new Bodtker

Lodge, named for donor and former camper Nils Bodtker. It was young Nathanael Wharry who actually turned the earth, although a professional construction team is set to take over for him as of next week.

"It will be thirteen years next month

since we embarked on this project" said Ruth Sheeran, President of the Quebec Lodge Foundation, making reference to the long and winding road the group travelled to first save part of

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In a blazer of glory



ROSS MURRAY

The last sports jacket I bought I had to ask the lady to put it aside for me while I ran home from her yard sale to find the 5 bucks. It's wool and cashmere with a rich taupe colour, and you can barely see the cigarette burns unless you're standing quite close to me, and why are you standing so close to me?

This is my alternate blazer. My go-to blazer is charcoal and goes with everything. I also own a well-worn microsuede sports jacket that cost me 3 dollars in 2005 (that's \$3.71 in today's dollars), and a green plaid Hugo Boss that has stood the test of time so well that my son recently borrowed it for a sports gala and made those wide lapels work!

Lately, though, I've been wanting to get a navy blue blazer, because sometimes a man just wants to feel pretty.

This past weekend, I found myself in Ogilvy's in Montreal. To the best of my recollection, this was the first time I'd ever been in Ogilvy's. I've never seen myself as an Ogilvy's kind of guy. I'm more of a guy-outside-Ogilvy's-playing-the-spoons kind of guy.

I ended up there while shopping with my brother- and sister-in-law and some of their clan. We were the kind of crowd that immediately puts security on alert. We definitely gave off a shenanigans

vibe.

Ogilvy's enters through revolving doors (we had fun with the revolving doors) into a hub of femininity, highlighted by the glamorous trifecta of perfumes, purses and watches. While the women browsed, the men stood about mispronouncing "Louis Vuitton" and debating the burning question: Emma Stone - hot or not?

Unlike most department stores where you can see unexplored consumer lands shimmering on the horizon, the first floor of Ogilvy's is a self-contained, scented cell. One accesses other floors by disappearing down long corridors that give the impression that they may in fact be leading people like me directly to the exit and that the real access involves a secret handshake with a well-coiffed clerk named Siegfried.

But it did indeed bring us to the "escalier mécanique" and the women's and men's wear sections on the second floor. I had already decided the blazers at the Sears bankruptcy sale were a too pricey (I mean, they were no yard sale bargains), but for fun I decided to head to men's to check out what was being worn these days by the posh man on the go.

When I shop, which is rare, I don't want the sales clerks bothering me. "Can I help you?" they ask. That's a loaded question. "Not for the moment," I usually say. "Okie-doke! If you need anything I'll be right here breathing in your ear. Hey, did you know there's a cigarette burn on your jacket?"

But this was not an option at Ogilvy's. No one offered to help. I received only the stares of the stern male clerks who looked like they'd been working there since my Hugo Boss was in style. To them, I was clearly beyond help.

It's true I was wearing jeans and a

shapeless, green sweatshirt, but that was only because it was cold outside; underneath I had a very nice cardigan in which there was only one tear. And, yes, my beard is not of the kempt variety, but how did they know this wasn't some kind of *Pretty Woman* scenario and that I wasn't coming back later with my monocle and opera spats to shout at them, "Big mistake! And Emma Stone is clearly attractive but not inherently hot!"

Unfazed, I went about feeling lapels and cuffs, making sure to do so only on the mannequins. One particular navy blazer caught my eye. So lightweight, so supple, so chained to the rack with a security cord. Then I turned over the price tag: \$3750!

Now I understood that the store clerks weren't ignoring me; they were simply keeping all eyes on my nephew carrying a doggy bag of greasy pizza.

But \$3750 for a single piece of clothing! And that didn't even include pants! Or a manservant!

I am not inherently against wealth; I would like some, please. But how can anyone justify spending that much money on a piece of clothing whose only practical benefit, at least for me, is to create the illusion of shoulders? That's \$1875 per shoulder!

It reminded me that our entire consumer system is built on illusion. Whether it's a blazer, a pair of shoes or a painting that subsequently disappears into a covert shredder, we give items value because we decide they have value, not because of their tangible worth.

If I had boundless wealth, would I buy a \$3750 blazer? Hypotheticals are hard to say, like "Louis Vuitton." But I like to think that instead I would purchase 750 five-dollar blazers and keep the very real yard sale industry alive for always.

3rd Great Sherbrooke Walk this Sunday

Record Staff

The third edition of the Great Sherbrooke Walk, Organized by the Quebec Association of General Practitioners, takes place Sunday, Oct. 21.

Sponsored by the group Le grand Défi Pierre Lavoie this walk is prescribed by family doctors. In Sherbrooke and is organized by the Association of General

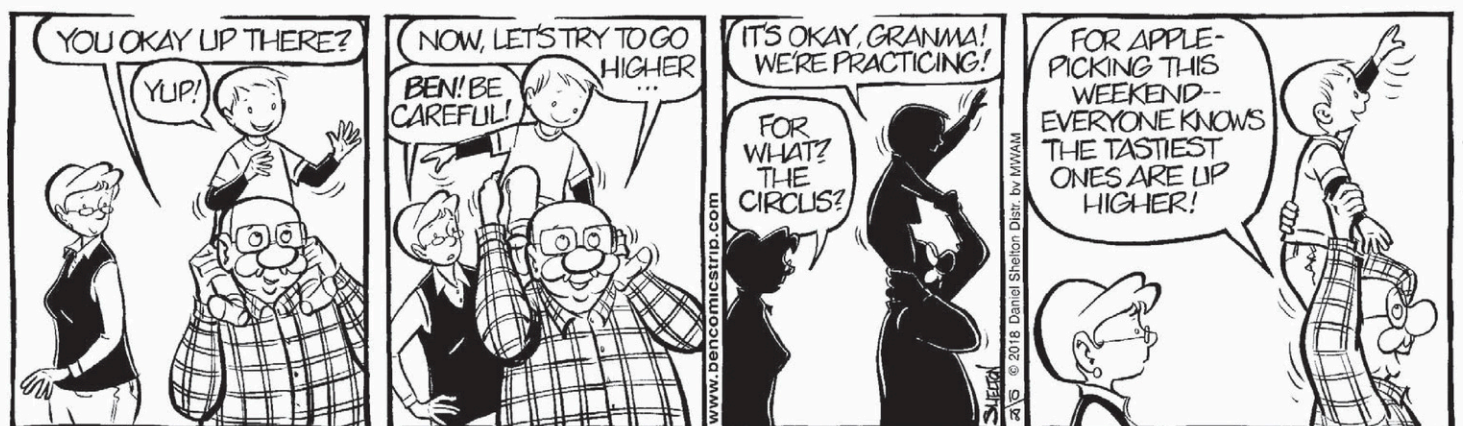
Practitioners of the Eastern Townships (AMOE). This free walk is a collective prescription for health and pleasure.

More than 75 cities in Quebec will participate in this province-wide event at the same time on Oct. 20 and 21. Last year in Sherbrooke, more than 450 people traveled the 2 and 5 km courses. This year as of Oct. 16, more than 600 registrations have been confirmed.

Walkers will have a motivational session hosted by Cardio Plein Air de Sherbrooke, who will warm up the audience and kick off La Grande Marche. A snack will be given to each participant.

The Great Walk begins Date: Oct. 21, at Sherbrooke's Lucien-Blanchard Park, 755 Cabana St.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

A total of 40 people met with the Red Cross, including 37 adults and 3 children. Of those affected, 17 people resorted to housing assistance.

Coaticook climate change session draws crowd

Record Staff

More than 65 people showed up Tuesday at the Pavillon des Arts et de la Culture de Coaticook for an information session on the Impact of Climate Change and Water in the MRC of Coaticook. The lectures presented during the evening helped debunk some myths about climate change and discussed how to adapt to these changes in the MRC. Attendees exchanged with local professionals and shared their concerns about climate changes.

The objective of the evening, which was organized by the MRC and the Saint-François River Watershed Governance

Council (COGESAF), was to inform citizens and organizations about climate change and climate change. specifically in the Coaticook MRC. One of the aims of the conferences was to mobilize residents of the territory to encourage them to adapt their homes to change and reduce their vulnerability.

The evening began with a speech by the Chair of the MRC Coaticook Water Management Committee, Johnny Pizar, who welcomed the crowd. He was followed by water protection professional Jean-Claude Thibault, holder of a Master's degree in geomorphology from U de S, who animated the evening through discussions with environment profes-

sionals.

Three lectures were then presented by Alain Malhot, researcher at INRS Water, land and environment., Charles Malenfant, an engineer at the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and the fight against climate change (MDDELCC) and Antoine Verville, Director of the Watershed Organizations of Quebec Coalition (ROBVQ) The professionals discussed the major concepts surrounding climate change, myths and several solutions to adapt to them.

Coaticook Mayor Simon Madore and member of the MRC Water Management Committee also addressed a few words about some projects put forward by the

City and the MRC regarding Water Management.

The evening ended with a closing speech by MRC Prefect and Mayor of Saint-Malo Jacques Madore, who mentioned, "the participants of the evening have certainly learned a lot about water and climate change and although changes are inevitable, it is important to develop resilience. It is obvious that these changes will have repercussions on our territory, especially in terms of floods. Fortunately solutions exist, but there is still a lot of work to do to adapt."

Quebec Lodge

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the land that belonged to the former Anglican camp, and then to re-establish regular operations on that site. "It has been a long journey, but the members of the foundation have never lost faith. We have always believed that we would be successful and that our vision would become a reality."

Camp Director Brian Wharry hailed the groundbreaking as a big step for the outdoor centre because it means that the space, which has been operating as a day camp for the last three summers, will be able to start offering residential camping in the summer of 2019.

"It is quite exciting," the Camp Director said, explaining that the plan is to

offer four weeks of overnight camping in total next year. "We're looking forward to it," he added.

Johanne Béland, the architect of the new lodge, and John Hay, the building's designer, explained that the building is meant for spring to fall operations and will be made almost entirely of wood to emphasize the rustic "camp" feeling. The building will serve as a dining hall and home for the camp office, freeing up room in the three yurts that have already been built on site, for sleeping space. Hay said that construction is set to begin next week and that the exterior of the building is due to be complete by Christmastime. Work will then stop for the winter before beginning again in the spring for a June 1 finish, inside and out.

Steve Stafford, a foundation director and co-chair of the fundraising committee, said that the Quebec Lodge Project has been important for him because of the lack of lake access for young people in the region.

"We have two major lakes in southern Quebec; Lake Memphremagog and Lake Massawippi. Neither of those lakes has a camp on it to serve the regular children of the community," Stafford said, adding that although Camp Massawippi provides an excellent service for campers with special needs, it is important for children of all ages and backgrounds to have access to a camp environment.

"This is the last chance to have a camp on Lake Massawippi," he said, adding that he is enthusiastic and passionate

about this next step.

While focused on getting the construction of the lodge underway, Sheeran also pointed out that this new development opens the doors of the camp for other kinds of outreach and promotion, specifically rental opportunities that would make the space useful and active outside of the regular camp season.

"We think we can expand the usage of the Bodtke lodge," she said, noting that the former Quebec Lodge regularly welcomed school, corporate, and community visitors throughout the year.

More information about Quebec Lodge is available online at <https://www.quebeclodge.org/>

Magog in recovery mode

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A firefighter from the Sherbrooke Fire Protection Service fell three floors. The latter is being treated at the CHUS for serious injuries, but his life is out of danger. He should be discharged shortly.

A Magog firefighter was also treated at the Magog hospital for a case of smoke inhalation. He has since been discharged.

The various services of the City of Magog are now in recovery mode.

Debris on Main Street was picked up. The hole caused by the demolition of the buildings will be barricaded shortly and the debris will be collected later. The windows of the shops located in front of the disaster are being boarded up.

The electricity service returned 1 p.m. yesterday afternoon in the area concerned. Utilities, such as cable

television, will be restored today.

Main Street is still closed to traffic but will be reopened later today.

A total of 40 people met with the Red Cross, including 37 adults and 3 children. Of those affected, 17 people resorted to housing assistance. By this afternoon, most of them will be able to return to their homes. This reinstatement will be done with teams from the City of Magog. If you have any questions about this reinstatement, disaster victims are invited to contact the Magog City Go Service at 819-843-3333.

A total of 15 dwellings and six businesses were completely destroyed by the fire. Until further notice, the tenants of the apartments will continue to be supported by the Red Cross.

Aware that many people want to help the victims, the Mayor of the City of Magog, Ms. Vicki-May Hamm, said that different agencies work with the municipality to take up collections.

People who wish to donate certain goods can do so at the following locations:

Food: Memphremagog Food Bank, 581 Sherbrooke Street (819 868-4438).

Accommodations: Municipal Housing Office of Magog, 1050, boulevard des Étudiants (819-843-4234).

Furniture: Heart on Hand / Knights of Columbus, 99 Sloan Street (819-570-1464)

Clothing: Magog Family Counter, 145 Lasalle Street (819-349-6760).

A fundraiser will also be organized by the Magog Volunteer Center. All the details will follow in the coming days.

Magog Mayor Vicki-May Hamm thanked citizens William Thériault-Venne and Sofyanna Brown once again for their vigilance and bravery during the fire. "They saved a dozen people by alerting their neighbors. They have helped save lives and it is remarkable. In honour of this gesture of kindness and courage, they will be invited to sign the guestbook at a civic reception that will be organized in the coming weeks."

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GORDON LAMBIE

The Border Report

Local fire departments in Vermont and Quebec have had mutual aid agreements for several years.

Halloween trick-or-treat food drive



By Jayme Marrotte

non-perishable items collected on Halloween night are donated to support Cab Rediker's food programs. The trick-or-treat food drive will run from 6:00-8:00 pm and will be organized through the streets in Stanstead (Stanstead, Rock Island and Beebe). Volunteer youth will be identified with orange badges. If the collection teams do not make it to your area, we invite you to drop off your

canned items at Cab Rediker or Phelps Helps (on the Notre-Dame side).

Are you interested in helping this great cause? Phelps is still seeking 15 volunteer youth to go door-to-door to collect non-perishables. Please help make this year another successful one! To participate please contact Phelps Helps at 819-704-0799 or email info@phelpshelps.ca.

Phelps was founded in 2012 and has grown organically from a single high school tutoring program to nine unique programs, providing the Stanstead area with free educational and career support. For more information or to volunteer, please email us at info@phelpshelps.ca, visit our website www.phelpshelps.ca or call our offices at 819-704-0799.

For a third year running, Phelps Helps, Border Hockey and Cab Rediker will be teaming up on Halloween night for a local canned food drive. Have your candy and non-perishables ready for the local kids who will be trading in the traditional trick-or-treating to give back to their community. The

International Mutual Aid Part of Life on the Border

By Steve Blake
Special to The Record

ments have gotten stricter regarding border crossing issues since September 11, 2001.

Local fire departments in Vermont and Quebec have had mutual aid agree-

ments for several years. Customs officials on both sides of the border respect the agreements and, for the most part, allow fire trucks responding to a fire to speed through. But firefighters stop and report

on their way back.

Chris Goodsell, the battalion chief at the Stanstead, Quebec station of the recently merged Memphremagog East Fire Department, said it has been that way for decades.

"Fire doesn't understand the term, border boundaries," he said. "Stanstead and Derby Line have a great relationship - we just go," he said, explaining that there's an understanding that firefighters aren't crossing the border to go shopping. "We're going to an emergency."

He noted that firefighters who cross the border in their personal vehicles do stop at the customs and report. They are not the first on the scene, Goodsell said.

Derby Line and Stanstead are part of a larger agreement among departments in Orleans County and the Eastern Townships called Northeast International Mutual Aid (NEIMA). It includes 17 departments in Orleans County and four in southern Quebec, including Mansonville, just across the border from North Troy, on the west side of Lake Memphremagog.

The Mansonville department called several Vermont departments to a recent barn fire, Goodsell said.

The NEIMA departments don't bill each other, Goodsell said. "I think it balances out one year to the next." But the departments can use resources from other departments that they don't have. Stanstead doesn't have a ladder truck, but Derby Line does, he said. Derby Line has one tanker, while Stanstead has two.

The U.S. government installed gates several years ago on two international side streets between Derby Line and Stanstead. Those streets were easy access for emergency vehicles. Local residents refused to allow a gate on the third

Life on the border presents some challenges. But it also has its benefits, even though federal govern-

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Ayer's Cliff Legion prepares for annual poppy campaign

Submitted by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 128, Ayer's Cliff

Legion Branch 128 held a ceremony on Oct. 15 in preparation for the annual national Poppy Campaign.

While poppies will go on sale officially next week, Branch 128 held a special poppy presentation with the Mayors of Ayer's Cliff, Hatley Stanstead-East and Magog in advance of the campaign.

This year the campaign coincides with the 100th year anniversary of the end of the First World War.

The Remembrance Day ceremony has played a major role in Remembrance since 1931. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we gather in memorial parks, community halls, workplaces, schools and homes to stand in honour of all who have fallen. Together, we observe a mo-

ment of silence to mark the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in the service of their country, and to acknowledge the courage of those who still serve. The Poppy has become the symbol of Remembrance based on First World War records indicating how thick Poppies grew over the graves of soldiers in the area of Flanders, France.

Remembrance Day ceremonies will take place first in Magog on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. in front of the monument situated at le Parc des Braves on Rue Principale street. A second ceremony will be held in Hatley at the Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. Finally, the Sunday, Nov. 11 parade will take place in Ayer's Cliff at 11h00 in front of the monument on Main Street.

As in previous years, students from Princess Elisabeth and Saint-Patrick

schools will participate in the Magog ceremony, during which they will read

poems they have prepared for the occasion.



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Featured Pet:Petal

When Petal was dropped off at our shelter, she was scared and she wanted nothing more than to crawl into a dark corner and hide. Despite her shyness, even then, we knew she was a sweet girl who just needed a little time to settle in. Petal is a gentle and sensitive young cat who is barely out of kittenhood. She is still a little timid but she so wants to be loved and she just can't help but purr when pet. When she feels safe and secure she is very affectionate

Petal will do best in a calmer home where she can settle into the household routine at her own pace but it shouldn't

take long before she makes herself at home. She has come so far at the shelter and we know that once in a quieter environment, she will feel so much more at peace. She really enjoys human attention and we know she will be an amazing companion.

Because Petal is still a little intimidated by the hustle and bustle of our larger cat room, she spends most of her time apart from the colony. She does however regularly socialize with another of our shy cats and she is clearly enjoying the company. We think Petal will do just fine in a home with other friendly cats who aren't territorial and

will accept her into their fold.

Petal is quite petite and delicate and we would love for her to find a loving home before the long, cold days of winter. Petal is too timid to be an outdoor cat so we are looking for a home where she will be safely kept indoors.

To meet Petal or any of our other wonderful cats, please come to our Cat Adoption Open House which takes place every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at 2405 Griffin in Ogden. To make an appointment to visit, give us a call at 819.876.7785 or send an email to frontieranimalsociety@gmail.com.



International Mutual Aid

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street. Church Street runs by the Haskell Free Library and Opera House, which straddles the border and is used by Americans and Canadians alike. When people, mostly from out of the area, began getting large fines for unknowingly driving across the border on Church Street, residents agreed to place large flower pots to block traffic. And the U.S. Border Patrol frequently parks at the head of the street to keep watch.

"We weren't crazy about the gates," Goodsell said, but he knows the reasoning behind them. "A number of times the streets were used for illegal crossing."

"There are border issues we don't know about," Derby Line Fire Chief Craig Ellam said.

The departments mostly use the main border crossing in emergencies, but the flower pots on Church Street could easily be moved.

The fire departments have remote controls for the gates, but they haven't used them. Ellam said he tried it once to see if it worked, but it set off alarms and several Border Patrol officers responded.

"The Border Patrol didn't know we had them," he said.

The Canadian government put up a sign last year at the top of Church Street in front of the pots, but Goodsell said he

insisted it be removed.

"I said I bet I could get up to 30 miles per hour in reverse and take it out," he said. The sign is no longer there.

Church Street could be the only alternative for emergency vehicles when there is a lot of traffic on Route 5 in Derby Line and Route 143 in Stanstead. Friday, October 5, was the beginning of the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend, and the traffic in the southbound lane of the main streets was backed up from the Route 5 customs in Derby Line nearly to the top of the hill in Stanstead. Ellam said he expected it to be the same way at the end of the holiday weekend as the Canadians returned home.

Although the customs officials don't expect the trucks to stop on the way to a fire, the firefighters are sometimes questioned when they return.

"Sometimes it's a hassle to get back," Ellam said. "They ask for IDs and passports." But, he said, when firefighters are called to an emergency they react quickly and don't think of getting their identification.

"They know what we've been doing and we want to get back."

Ellam said it's due to the turnover in customs officers.

Goodsell said he experiences the same thing returning to Canada from time to time, depending on which customs officers are on duty.

"Twenty-five years ago the customs officers were all local; they knew all the guys." Now many of the officers live out of town.

Goodsell pointed out that, unlike the customs officials, the firefighters on either side of the border are not making a living doing what they do. "They do it because they want to help."

Despite the challenges of cross-border

mutual aid it is beneficial for communities in both countries.

"We consider ourselves fortunate," Goodsell said. "We have a good relationship with our neighbors, we have the same number of trucks, and our stations are a half-mile apart. We don't expect people who don't live on the border to understand."



(PHOTO BY STEVE BLAKE)

Chris Goodsell, left, the battalion chief for the Stanstead station of the Memphremagog East Fire Department, engages in a cross-border handshake with Derby Line Fire Chief Craig Ellam. The departments are part of an international mutual aid agreement.

EDITORIAL

Although cannabis has therapeutic properties and it is acceptable for adults to use it recreationally, it can also have a serious impact on brain development and mental health.

Letters

Harvest, "One Voice"; in response to "Wanting"

DEAR EDITOR:

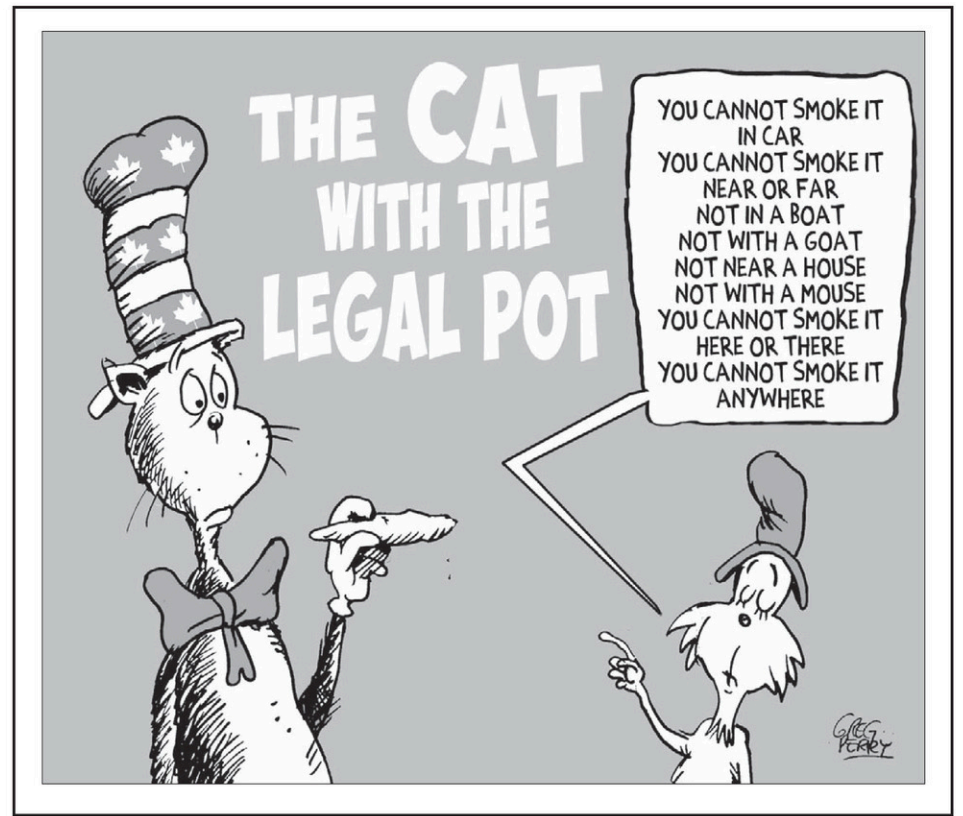
Look around you at this time in our seasonal rotations and view the spectacle of colour and produce provided for us. We have only to be gatherers and "storers" and our lives are secure and provided for another winter and spring. We will wait as the earth rests, the seeds are stored and the time of tilling the soil and planting begins anew.

Every tree has its own distinct shape of leaves and seeds and its own colour, now in full raiment. The fruit trees bear the same kind of fruit from generation to generation. In the Fourth book of Moses, 5000 years ago there is a reading: "We remember... cucumber, mel-

ons, onion, leek and garlic." Are these not familiar to our own tables (menus) and gardens? There is much joy and praising for the produce of our gardens; enough to last the winter and to share with friends.

Our heritage of awareness of the connection between the good earth and our place in it and the Provided is being eroded, erased and exited because people are very busy with priorities, prosperity and personal problems. Are people too busy "wanting" to remember Thanksgiving? Why are our churches not full of people Singing, Praising and Praying? We are a blessed people. All our wants and needs are provided. Have we forgotten?

A. H. CLARK



The legalization of cannabis in Canada

HELLO,

It's official, cannabis is now legal in Canada. But you'd be wrong to think it's just now making its way into our communities. Young Canadians were already the biggest cannabis users in developed countries. It was already easy to get from people with ties to organized crime and was of questionable, if not dangerous, quality.

Our government does not trivialize cannabis. Personally, I have never been in favour of its use, but for its legalization and regulation because I believe that this will better protect our youth.

It will force us, as parents and as a society, to lift our heads out of the sand and take concrete action to fight this scourge.

Although cannabis has therapeutic properties and it is acceptable for adults to use it recreationally, it can also have a serious impact on brain development and mental health. Cannabis use obviously dulls our faculties and can cause serious accidents on the road or at work.

Our government recognizes all this, and it is because the old system of prohibition did not work that we decided to take the bull by the horns. We are in-

creasing awareness campaigns, as has successfully been done for drinking and driving and smoking. We are improving the training and equipment available to our police officers. We are now investing in research. Cannabis is no longer taboo.

Young people are still not allowed to use cannabis. From now on, those who make the mistake of using it will be punished, but will not see the rest of their lives ruined by a criminal record. On the other hand, adults who are arrested for giving or selling cannabis to young people will face criminal prosecution and stiffer penalties.

As with any change, there will be a transition period. We must tame the beast. We need to talk to our youth, our tenants and our employees about it. Managing staff is never easy, education even less so. As adults and as a society, we must have the courage to tackle sensitive issues that go beyond our comfort zone. The time has come to do so to protect our youth from the dangers of cannabis.

MARIE-CLAUDE BIBEAU, P.C.
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR COMPTON-STANSTEAD
MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Cans and Bottles Fundraisers

We have just successfully completed the Terry Fox Fundraiser for Cancer Research; the sum of \$3972 was raised from collecting recyclable cans and bottles, donations, and sales of tee shirts. This is part of Pat Henderson's efforts in the Richmond area.

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Wales Home Foundation. Last year we collected \$ 692.10, and we would love to exceed that amount! Your cans and bottles can be dropped off at the Townshippers' Association office at # 100- 257 Queen St., Lennoxville, QC, between 9:00 and 16:00. (819-566-5717). We are most grateful to the Association and Mary Gunter for their ongoing support. For large amounts of cans and bottles,

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Please keep us in mind for your emp-

ties from birthday/ anniversary parties, family get-togethers, etc., especially over the Christmas season!

We thank the Townships community for the continued support for this and other worthy causes.

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Honours for more than 15 Des Sources companies

Record Staff

The Des Sources Chamber of Commerce and Entrepreneurship (CCES) has received the results of jury deliberations and can now announce that fifteen companies in the region are finalists in the Gala Reconnaissance scheduled for Friday, Nov. 16 at the Centre O3 in Asbestos.

This gala is the first of its kind organized by the CCES since the merger of the Chambers of Commerce in September 2016. The 2018 partnership with Caisse Desjardins des Sources and Alliance Magnesium allows the CCES to organize a gala to highlight of the dynamism of Les Sources region.

"It is very important for us to highlight the contribution of the companies and organizations of Les Sources region,

said CCES President Isabelle Lodge. "Come celebrate the work of the finalists and winners with us."

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:30 pm in the multifunctional room of the Centre O3 in Asbestos. The gala will then follow, interspersed with the four dinner services featuring local products. Priscille Bilodeau and Pium Nadeau will ensure an elegant musical atmosphere during the cocktail and the evening.

All those wishing to spend an evening celebrating the entrepreneurship of Les Sources region are invited to purchase their ticket at the website <http://bit.ly/gala2018-eventbrite> or on the website of the Chambre de Commerce and Entrepreneurship of Les Sources at ccedessources.com.



(COURTESY)

The MRCS des Sources Gala Committee has chosen the finalists for this year's Reconnaissance Gala on November 16 in Asbestos.

Lennoxville campuses ban cannabis from being consumed

By Emilie Hackett
Special to the Record

As Canada legalized recreational marijuana across the country yesterday, several education institutions established their own bylaws regarding the drug. Under provincial law, cannabis cannot be sold to minors and can only be sold at the Société Québécoise du cannabis (SQDC). SQDC stores must be located further than 250 metres from preschools, elementary schools, and high schools. Possession, illegal for those under 18, is also prohibited on school grounds and in school buildings, including adult learning centres and vocational training centres.

However, universities and colleges are not subjected to such strict laws, and legislation remains up to the institution's administration. Bishop's University has developed its policy with student consultations. Consuming cannabis in any

form, whether it be by smoking, by ingesting, or by vaping, will be prohibited on the Bishop's and Champlain College campus, according to Quebec law. Students over 18 can possess up to 30 grams of cannabis in residence, or on exterior parts of the campus, namely outside. Possession in any other building (sports complex, library, academic buildings, dining hall, etc.) will not be tolerated. Cannabis will have to be in a sealed and labeled container. Moreover, the university requires that the drug be legally obtained – students should keep their receipts and original containers for proof of purchase. Finally, only campus residents who are over 18 can have cannabis shipped by the SQDC to the Porter's Post office. Those who do not meet these requirements will see their packages be returned to the sender.

The consumption of cannabis can have negative effects, especially on those with a family history of mental illness,

so the university provides confidential support at their counselling centre for those concerned about their consumption habits. The consumption of authorized medicinal use of cannabis is permitted for staff and students, and the university will adhere to Quebec human rights legislation regarding its consideration of a request for accommodation. Requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and will be dealt in accordance to human resources produces for the university's employees and by the Dean of Student Affairs for its students.

Although Quebec is known for its leniency towards the consumption of alcohol with a legal drinking age of 18 and extended bar hours, marijuana users in the province will be subject to one of the country's strictest policies, as François Legault's CAQ hopes to bring up the legal age to purchase cannabis to 21. For now, Sherbrooke has banned the consumption of the drug in all public areas,

including streets, alleys, parks, and sidewalks, and landlords have the right to change signed leases specifically to ban tenants from smoking marijuana. Therefore, some tenants might find themselves unable to consume the now legal drug at home and in public. However, landlords cannot ban the use of medicinal marijuana.

Quoted by Le Devoir, Canadian Premier Justin Trudeau recently tried to reassure worried parents and citizens by reminding them that the federal law aims to protect young Canadians. "We are not controlling cannabis because we think that it is good for our health. We are controlling cannabis because we know it is not good for our children. We know we must do a better job at protecting our children and massively reducing the profits that go towards organized crime."

Provincial parks open to dogs

Record Staff

Sépaq, Quebec's parks and wildlife reserves management agency, will allow access to visitors accompanied by a dog in some sectors and under certain conditions in most Québec provincial parks beginning next May, after a successful two-year pilot project.

"We have rigorously analyzed the data collected in five national parks and have noted that the rules established to preserve the natural environments and foster harmonious cohabitation have been respected and that the customer experience has not been negatively affected by the presence of dogs," said Sépaq Vice President, National Parks Operations, Catherine Grenier.

Starting next spring, in most Sépaq parks, dogs will be allowed along certain camping loops and clearly defined trails. Other than in these sectors, dogs will not be allowed so as to preserve the visitor experience of those who do not wish to encounter dogs and to protect more sensitive environments.

Anticosti and Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé national parks and Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park, because of their specific biological constraints and their special characteristics, will continue to prohibit dogs.

Between now and spring 2019, the five national parks that were part of the pilot project (Oka, Jacques-Cartier, Frontenac, Aigubelle, and Lac-Témiscouata) will continue to allow dogs under the conditions already in effect.

Wildlife reserves and tourist establishments already allow dogs. An increasing number of Québec families consider their dog as a full-fledged member of the household.

The three-year pilot project revealed a high compliance rate with the rules imposed on owners to limit the impact of their dogs during busy periods. Here are some examples:

- Dogs kept on a leash: 93 per cent (summer) and 95 per cent (fall)
- Leash of no more than 3 metres: 96 per cent (summer) and 97 per cent (fall)

- Presence of feces in campgrounds: less than 1 per cent
- Customer satisfaction rate: 92 per cent (campgrounds) and 98 per cent (day visitors)

The same rules will apply everywhere where dogs are allowed. Compliance will continue to be measured and enforced by various means of monitoring, including park warden patrols.

Sépaq collaborated with an external committee of experts, including scientific researchers and animal health representatives among others, throughout the duration of the pilot project. Adjustments may be made to increase monitoring if rates of compliance with the rules begin to decrease. Dogs could again be banned for good or for a specific period of time on a trail, in a sector, or throughout an entire park if the rules are not respected.

The behaviour of dog owners has been at the heart of the pilot project. The exercise has shown that due to peer pressure they are more likely to follow the rules in the busiest areas. The concen-

tration of the paces accessible to dogs in busy sectors can contribute positively to the compliance rate, notably during the cold season.

Authorized sectors have been grouped together in clearly defined areas to promote a clear understanding among visitors and to facilitate rule enforcement. These areas have been selected based on limited potential impacts on natural environments, a capacity to enforce the rules, and the possibility for multi-purpose use.

In the months ahead, clear signposting in national parks will be unveiled, employees will be trained, and the population will be informed about these developments.

Sépaq is opting for an integrated and harmonious approach that promotes respect for natural environments and preserves the customer experience while allowing regulated access for dogs.

Authorized sectors as of May 2019 are indicated can be found at: https://www.sepaq.com/animaux/index.d?ot?language_id=1

Early rust protection pays off as cars get older

(NC) It's no secret that the older a car gets, the more rust it will have. But a new study shows that the severity of corrosion can be controlled by applying regular rust protection to a vehicle, especially if applied early in a car's life.

The University of Windsor engineering faculty compared vehicles protected with Krown rust protection to unprotected vehicles. They found a statistically significant increase in the amount of rust on unprotected vehicles that were between seven and 15 years old.

The study concluded that unprotected vehicles had 6.8 times more visible corrosion on body panels than protected vehicles. On underbody parts subjected to greater exposure of dirt, gravel, water and chemicals, unprotected cars had 3.6 times more corrosion than those that benefited from rust protection.

"Considering that the average age of a car in North America is 11 years old, our rust protection treatments have the potential to improve and extend the experience and utility you derive from your vehicle," says Craig Shuttleworth, marketing director at Krown. "What's even more important is to start the rust protection program early because you don't want to give rust a head start. It can be years before corrosion becomes visible, but by then it could be too late."

While the study didn't find any difference in visible rust between newer treated and untreated cars, other research shows that rust first appears on the inside of body panels and at spot welds where moisture can collect and not drain, often taking years before it appears on the surface as paint blisters or perforations.



Re-doing your roof checklist

(NC) Whether you're building a home from scratch or replacing the roof of an existing home, it's important to consider the range of materials available and build a budget based on your needs. With a variety of styles and colours to choose from, you can easily find a look to match your home at an affordable price.

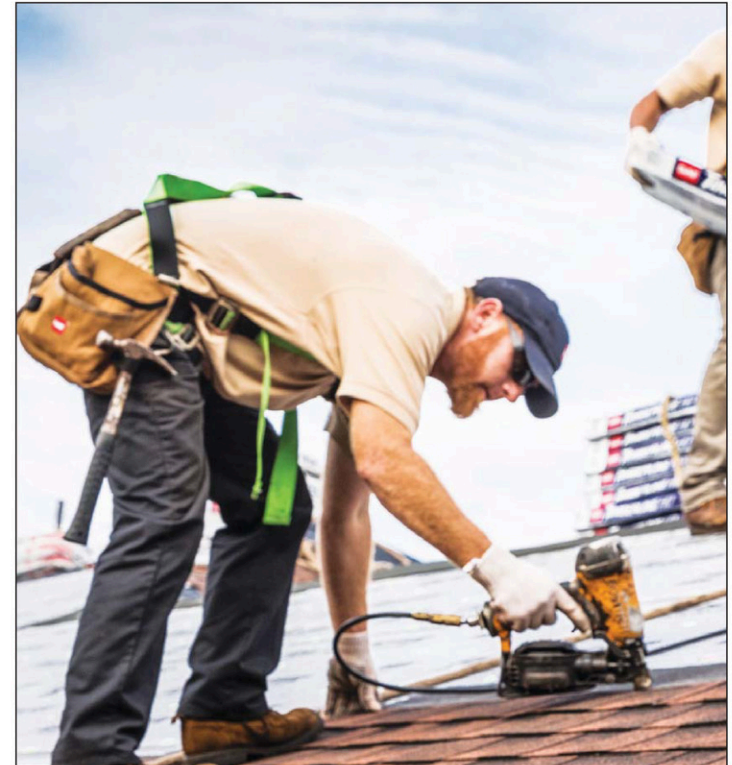
Jack Rende, senior merchant of building materials at Home Depot, suggests asking the following questions when choosing your roof materials:

How long will the roof last? The climate you live in is one of the most important factors here. When selecting roofing materials, choose one with better durability to withstand mother nature.

Does the type of roofing complement the style of your home? Bring your personal style to the exterior with a wide range of roof colours, looks and architectural shapes. The appearance of a roof can dramatically affect the look of your home, so it's important that the material be suitable to its aesthetic.

Is this roofing material within my budget? The cost of a new roof can vary drastically depending on the type of material and cost of installation. An asphalt roof is the most commonly used. It's also the least expensive and requires minimal installation. The complexity, height and steepness of your roof can also affect the installation costs.

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Home heating and carbon monoxide safety tips for winter

(NC) Home heating and carbon monoxide safety tips for winter (NC) Snow and ice create dangerous conditions for those who venture outside during the winter, but we often forget about dangers indoors, such as carbon monoxide poisoning.

Often known as “the silent killer,” CO is a colourless and odourless gas that is impossible to detect without an alarm. In fact, according to Statistics Canada, carbon monoxide poisoning is the number one cause of accidental poisoning in the country and is responsible for more than 300 deaths annually.

Here are tips to keep your loved ones safe through winter:

Eliminate CO at the source. Have a professional check fuel-burning appliances — like your furnace, stove, water heater and clothes dryer — for leaks and annual maintenance.

Never use generators indoors. In the case of a power outage or furnace failure, both gas-powered and portable electric generators must only be used outside. Never use them inside the home, in a garage or any

confined area where CO can collect.

Install alarms. Carbon monoxide alarms are the only way to detect this poisonous gas, yet a recent survey revealed over half of Canadians report not having CO alarms in their homes. Consider one that doesn't need battery replacements for the life of the alarm, like the First Alert 10-year Battery Carbon Monoxide Alarm, which uses an electrochemical sensor, the most accurate technology available.

Be mindful of the garage. Never leave a car running in an attached garage. Even if the garage door is open, emissions can leak into the home.

Clear all vents and watch stove usage. Especially after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow. Never use a stove to heat your home and, when stovetop cooking for long periods of time, use kitchen fans to ventilate the room.

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning. These include headache, nausea and feeling tired or short of breath. If a carbon monoxide alarm sounds or symptoms ap-



pear, it is important to get everyone outside to fresh air immediately and call 911.

3 ways winter is harming your car

(NC) Driving in Canada during the colder months means you need to be prepared to drive in all kinds of weather conditions. Winter driving can without a doubt pose a threat to your vehicle, so it's important to be cautious of the effects of cold weather.

Road salt. Snowstorms and cold, damp winter days combine to make driving conditions perilous. This is why tons of rock salt is used on our roads to create safer driving conditions. The problem with road salt or brine — which is a mix of magnesium chloride, salt and water — is the toll it takes on the exterior of your vehicle.

When left on your car for an extended period of time, the chemicals will eat away and weaken the chassis. You will soon see rust appearing, which can lead to costly body repairs. The key to preventing this from happening is washing the offending substance off as quickly as possible.

Tire pressure. Cold air naturally lowers your tires' PSI. Be sure to check your tire pressure once a month and ensure current inflation matches the specifications of your vehicle. Improperly maintained tires could result in some detrimental effects on your vehicle's performance and overall safety, such as irregular tire wear, tire failure, reduced fuel

economy and decreased handling.

Freezing cold. Exposure to below freezing weather every day can do a number on rubber and plastic. While you're enjoying the warm confines of your home on a -20°C night, your vehicle is exposed to the raw elements.

Rubber components such as windshield wipers, belts, and hoses bear the brunt of the damage. Frigid temperatures mean they become less pliable, increasing the chances of a rip, tear or break. These issues can create hazardous conditions as malfunctioning wipers can mean reduced visibility, while broken belts and hoses can lead to engine damage.

“To make sure your car is ready to handle this winter, we encourage a full auto service preventive inspection, along with changing or topping up all fluids,” says Darryl Croft, automotive expert at OK Tire. This includes everything from engine coolant and oil to windshield washer fluid. This should also include a verification of your, battery, brakes and belts.

“Don't ignore the warning signs. The last thing you want is to be stranded on the side of the road on a cold day.”

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Local Sports

Scott scored 12 tries in seven games. That was the second most in the RSEQ.

Scott earns RSEQ All-Star nod

Marty Rourke
Bishop's University

Anyone who watched the Bishop's Gaiters step onto the RSEQ University rugby pitch knew Erika Scott was a special player. On Wednesday, she was named an RSEQ all-star for the first time in her career.

It is the first time since 2009 a Bishop's Gaiter was recognized at the conference level, ironically Sue Magwood was the last Gaiter named an all-star. She is currently an assistant coach with the Gaiters.

"I am delighted for Erika as she has had a great season and has developed from being a great athlete into being a great rugby player," said Gaiters' head coach Tom Whyld, who completed his first year at the helm of the program. "The all-star nomination real puts testament to all the hours she puts in on and off the field trying to improve herself and the team. She will be the first to tell you that none of this is possible without the other 14 on the pitch, which shows

you how far we have come as a team. Erika also came second in the running for the player of the year, again showing how good of a season it was for her.

"With the 15's season now done for us we are looking forward to the 7's series this winter and the season next fall to continue her progression and see the impact she can make."

Scott scored 12 tries in seven games. That was the second most in the RSEQ. She also booted through four conversions and was team MVP in three games, which tied for most in the league. The third year education student was also the RSEQ Athlete of the Week on Sept. 25 and earned Bishop's Gaiters, Provigo, Robert Lafond Athlete of the Week on three occasions.

Scott and her teammates produced their best season since 2009. They played to a pair of ties, and finished in seventh place.

Stay up-to-date anytime with the Bishop's Gaiters at www.gaiters.ca or on social media by using @BishopsGaiters or #GaiterNation.



COURTESY BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

Wild game expected Friday in Windsor

Record Staff

Hockey fans in the Eastern Townships are encouraged to come to the Centre J.-A.-Lemay this Friday at 8:30 p.m. for the return match between the Windsor Desjardins Wild and the Waterloo Maroons.

The Wild will want to build on their successful season start of five points out of a possible six, while, the Maroons suffered have two defeats and have declared on their Facebook page to put an end to the carnage Friday.

Wild Coach Simon Robidas and his players are aware that Friday night's game will be far from easy. "The Maroons will come here with a knife between their teeth, that's for sure," Robidas says. "We know that there may be a bit of toughness following Saturday's game in Waterloo (a scrum was held in the second period). On the other hand, we can't fall into indiscipline otherwise it can

cost us dearly."

"We have to stay true to our game plan and work very hard for 60 minutes. That's what we want to see from the hockey team and I know that's what our fans want to see. And I know they will be numerous this Friday at home," he concluded.

Following Saturday's bench-clearing in Waterloo, only Martin Trempe will miss Friday night's game.

Wild president Benoit Lefebvre knows that a very good-sized crowd will be expected for the game on Friday. "The Phoenix and the Cantonnieres are not playing this Friday. Hockey fans from all over the region are invited to discover our level of play, which is fast, intense and spectacular. In addition, the two teams have developed a great rivalry. I know that hockey fans like this kind of game and I'm sure there will be a lot of them," he said, adding that the box office will open at 7:45 p.m.



(COURTESY WINDSOR DESJARDINS-WILD / KARINE LAMADELEINE)

Following a scuffle that occurred Saturday, the rivalry between the Windsor Wild and the Waterloo Maroons is expected to intensify.

Senators rookie winger Brady Tkachuk to miss about month with leg injury

The Canadian Press

The Ottawa Senators will be without Brady Tkachuk for about a month after the rookie winger tore a ligament in his leg.

Senators head coach Guy Boucher re-

vealed news of the injury after the team practised in Gatineau, Que., on Wednesday.

Tkachuk was not on the ice for the session.

The fourth overall pick at June's NHL draft missed the first two games of the

season with a groin injury before being held off the scoresheet in his debut on Oct. 8.

But since then, the 19-year-old had picked up three goals and three assists in three games, including the winner in Monday's 4-1 victory over the Dallas

Stars.

Off to a surprising start with a young roster, the rebuilding Senators (3-2-1) don't play again until Saturday when they host the Montreal Canadiens.

Ayer's Cliff Unity Fifty Plus

On October 2, Ayer's Cliff Unity Fifty Plus met in the Beulah United Church Hall. President Linda Grenon pleasantly greeted and welcomed everyone. Opening she thanked May and her team for setting up, and all the extra helpers who lent a hand. It is very much appreciated.

We had four guests join us for our Thanksgiving meeting, Heather Wynne, Wally and Patty Moffat and Jim Mackay. A hearty welcome to you all.

Linda asked those who wished to hand in any names for nominations for change of officers, to please do so today. Linda handed each of us a clothespin. She explained the taboo word for the day was "HALLOWEEN." Anyone who said Halloween during the day lost their clothespin to the good friend who made them say it. So they had to watch what they talked about.

Thank you to Barbara and Lois for selling the tickets for the Raffle. We agreed to buy a wreath to support the Ayer's Cliff Legion Poppy fund. This wreath will be laid on November 11 at the Ayer's Cliff Remembrance Day Service, taking place beside Beulah United Church at 11 a.m.

Fifty-three hungry people sat down for lunch to a delicious meal of Lasagne, Caesar salad, pickled beets and Rolls. A nice fall meal was enjoyed.

Finding a sticker under the dinner plate was won by Penny Fowler. The Raffle was won by Jackie Tilton, Margaret Gillam and Christine Hodge.

The Happy Birthday song was played by Ernestine Whipple to Charlotte Chamitoff, Marsha Wallis and Jan Dezan. The pretty fall Birthday cake was made and decorated by Jean Cass, cut and served with ice cream by May, Mel and Raymond.

Linda wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and adding, count your Blessings. The announcements this month was Beulah Auction, a play at Grace Village by Mead Baldwin, Beulah Roast Beef supper, be sure to put your name in. Refugee Dance with Slightly Haggard. Take these in folks; they are all to raise funds for a good cause.

Finding a sticker under their dessert plate was won by Elizabeth Redpath. Margaret Gillam won the Taboo Halloween word game, tricking five of her friends out of their clothespins.

Thank you all for bringing in a nice assortment of door prizes. Winners were Mary Lasseur, Jane Pierce, Irene Brown, Casey Vriesendorp, Rev. Lee Ann Hogle, Delma Fowler, John Dawson, John Hodge, Marsha Wallis, Mel Dustin, May Cunningham, Muriel Martin, Charlotte Chamitoff, Penny Fowler and Nancy Taylor.

Thank you to the volunteers, our cleanup crew who always show up for duty.

President Linda invited May Cunningham and Leta Dustin, the nominating committee to take the floor. Then May and Leta asked if anyone wished to submit a name for nomination for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. There being no names sub-

mitted, nominations ceased. Barbara Burrows made the motion that those presently in office, Linda Grenon, President, Phil Kerwin, Vice President, Jean Cass, Treasurer and Phyllis Dustin, Secretary will stay in place for two more years. This motion was second by Beth Anderson. All those present were in favour, no objections. The motion was passed and carried.

Sixteen members stayed for fun and games. Pin the Nose on the cute little Ghost was won by Jane Pierce, who got the nose pretty close to perfect. Ben Cunningham couldn't find the Ghost, so ended up with the Booby prize. The Ring Toss over the Witches Hat was won by Linda Belanger, with Linda Grenon being the runner up. A lucky day, if your name was Linda. Now this is a new one folks. "Toilet Paper Bowling." How funny is that? Well, Phil Kerwin with his previous Bowling experience and talent showed us how it was done. Phil knocked over seven out of the ten rolls. Phil really beat up on those little ghosts. Delma Fowler won the Booby prize. She didn't want to hurt them too badly because it's not even Halloween yet.

We all had a lot of laughs.

Linda, thank you for preparing such a fun day, while having a difficult week receiving news about the lose of your brother Pat. Our sympathies, and thank you for your great leadership.

Submitted by
Phyllis Dustin, Secretary



Winner of the Witches Hat Toss was Linda Belanger receiving prize from Linda Grenon who was also the runner up.



Pin the nose on the Ghost was won by Jane Pierce with Ben Cunningham getting the Booby prize.



Phil Kerwin winner of toilet paper bowling with President Linda awarding the prize.

Datebook

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018

Today is the 291st day of 2018 and the 27th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1767, the boundary between Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania (the Mason-Dixon Line) was established.

In 1962, Drs. James Watson, Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins won the Nobel Prize in medicine/physiology for uncovering the double-helix structure of DNA.

In 2001, four al-Qaida members were sentenced to life in prison for bombing the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Pierre Trudeau (1919-2000),

Canadian prime minister; Jesse Helms (1921-2008), U.S. senator; Chuck Berry (1926-2017), singer-songwriter; George C. Scott (1927-1999), actor; Peter Boyle (1935-2006), actor; Mike Ditka (1939-), football coach/player; Wendy Wasserstein (1950-2006), playwright; Martina Navratilova (1956-), tennis player; Jean-Claude Van Damme (1960-), actor; Wynton Marsalis (1961-), jazz musician; Josh Gracin (1980-), singer; Zac Efron (1987-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: The Mason-Dixon Line surveyed by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon in 1767 left a "wedge" of land in dispute between Delaware and Pennsylvania until 1921.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1977, New York Yankees out-

fielder Reggie Jackson hit three home runs on three consecutive swings against three different Los Angeles Dodgers pitchers, leading his team to an 8-4 win (and the series win) in Game 6 of the World Series.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A society which emphasizes uniformity is one which creates intolerance and hate." — Pierre Elliott Trudeau

TODAY'S NUMBER: \$556.37 — Herman Melville's total earnings from the 3,715 copies of "Moby-Dick" that sold during his lifetime. The now-classic novel was first published as a three-volume edition titled "The Whale" on this day in 1851.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (Oct. 16) and full moon (Oct. 24).

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RICHMOND

The Richmond-Melbourne United Church, 247 Principale South, Richmond, will be having their annual fall Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, October 20 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. A delicious meal of chicken and biscuits, squash, peas, coleslaw, homemade rolls and homemade pies will be served. Come and enjoy a meal out with good food and good friends. Admission charged. Everyone is welcome.

AYER'S CLIFF

Fall Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, October 20, to benefit Beulah United Church, 967 Main, Ayer's Cliff. Settings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a delicious meal of Roast Beef with homemade gravy, horseradish, mashed potatoes, squash and peas, coleslaw, bread, tomato juice, coffee, tea, and assorted pies. To reserve your tickets please call Wendell Cass 819-846-7180 or Dean Young 819-838-5815 Admission charged. Everyone is welcome!

LENNOXVILLE

You are cordially invited to join us for the 17th annual Music Achievement Awards Jam and Celebration at the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, "The Hut," 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville on Saturday, November 24 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

LENNOXVILLE

Gigantic Used Book Sale: Fundraiser for the Bishop's/Champlain Refugee Sponsorship program. The sale will take place at the Lennoxville United Church Hall, 6 Church Street on Thursday, October 18 (4 p.m. - 8 p.m.), Friday, October 19 (11 a.m. - 8 p.m.) and Saturday, October 20 (9 a.m. - noon), fill a bag for 5\$ from noon - 1 p.m. To donate books, please bring them to the church hall on the following days: Tuesday, October 16 (noon - 6 p.m.), Wednesday, October 17 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) and Thursday, October 18 (9 a.m. - noon). For more information, please contact: Lissa McRae 819-432-2755.

SOUTH DURHAM

Talent Show at South Durham United Church on Friday, October 19 at 7 p.m. Admission charged. Light refreshments served after the show.

LENNOXVILLE

Men's general meeting of the A.N.A.F. Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville will be held on Wednesday, October 24 at 7 p.m.

IVES HILL

Annual Turkey Supper, giving of Sher-

brooke-Compton Plowing Match results, on Saturday, October 27 at the Ives Hill Community Hall at 7 p.m. RSVP before Tuesday, October 23 by calling Felicia Kirby 819-572-2413.

RICHMOND

The Richmond-Melbourne United Church, 247 Principale Sud, Richmond, will be holding a Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 27 from 9 a.m. until noon. There will be loads of bargains and treasures, something to suit everyone, and refreshments available to purchase. The proceeds will go to the Richmond Church funds. Everyone is welcome!

KINNEAR'S MILLS

Megantic County Historical Society is having a fundraiser on Sunday, October 21 at 2 p.m. at the Community Hall. Funds are to go towards a plaque for Ross Cemetery. Admission charged. A bilingual presentation by Isabelle Matte, entitled "Stone Voices - The Distant Past from Ireland and Scotland." Light refreshments. Come and enjoy an interesting afternoon.

EATON CORNER

"Music for a fall afternoon" will be performed on Sunday, October 21 at 2 p.m. at the Foss House of the Eaton Corner Museum. Musicians Jude Cloutier, Benoit Héguay and Dave Gillies will share the bill with Crooked Pine (Janice LaDuke and Dave Gillies). You'll enjoy the music of Georges Brassens, Harmonium, Félix Leclerc, some jazz standards, folk ballads, and some original compositions. These talented musicians are giving this performance as a benefit for the Museum. Admission charged. For more information and to reserve your place (seating is limited) please call Elaine at 819-563-8700.

RICHMOND

THE RCM Library will hold Story Time at 7 p.m. on Fridays, October 19 (Halloween), December 7 (Christmas), February 1 (Valentine's Day) and April 12 (Easter). The Library would also like to thank all those who have encouraged us when we sell books. 2800 times Thank You.

LENNOXVILLE

St-George's Church Hall 84 Queen St. - 2018 Fall Rummage sale - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, October 25 & 26 with BAG SALE on Saturday, October 27 - 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Articles may be left at the Church Hall week of October 21. Further info or pick-up of articles please call 819-562-6245 or 819-346-5056. Save Your \$\$\$ - Shop With Us!

RICHMOND

Join us at St. Anne's Church Hall, 171 Principal St. South on Friday evening, October 19 from 4:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. for our annual Soup Supper. We're serving a wide variety of homemade soups and pies of all kinds. Please browse the table of Attic Treasures from 4 p.m. on; it's never too early to start Christmas shopping. Place a bid on the Silent Auction articles.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville Girl Guides Fall Cookie Day on Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., outside the Lennoxville United Church. We have both kinds!

BULWER

500 card party at the Bulwer Community Center, Jordan Hill Road, on Thursday, October 18 at 1:30 p.m. Admission for cards and lunch, prizes following the card games.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville and District Community Aid will be holding its annual general meeting and a general information session on Monday, October 29 at 1:30 p.m. at our location, 164 Queen Street, Suite 104, Borough of Lennoxville, Sherbrooke. Our volunteers, clients and the general public, interested in finding out more about our organisation, are welcome. An overview of the mandate and objectives of Community Aid will be presented at that time. Adoption for the amendments of By-laws, article 5.02.1, will also take place. The document is available at the office for consultation. The annual general meeting of the Lennoxville and District Community Aid Foundation will take place immediately after this first meeting.

DANVILLE

St. Augustine's Anglican Church Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon on Saturday, November 3 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Buffet Luncheon will be served between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be sales tables of cookies, baking, candy, crafts, knitting, sewing, white elephant treasures and more. Christmas ornaments will decorate the hall and the windows. Warm welcome and door prizes too. Come join us!

LENNOXVILLE

St. Francis Valley Naturalist Club meeting, Wednesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. at the Amedee Beaudoin Community Centre, 10 Samuel Gratham St., Lennoxville Borough. Program: Mr. Jim Ferrier will speak about "Wildlife and Woodlore: Interpreting Animal Tracks." Everybody is welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

HCC Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, October 25 at Hope Community Church, 102 Queen St., Lennoxville. Entrance from parking lot, wheelchair accessible, elevator available. Everyone welcome. The next luncheon will be held on November 29.

NORTH HATLEY/LENNOXVILLE

The Saint Francis Regional Ministry of the Anglican Church is organizing Christian Meditation sessions. The approach used is centering prayer. This is a contemplative Christian practice which involves sitting in silence, letting go of thoughts and emotions in order to rest in the presence of God. All are welcome to join us on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St Barnabas' Anglican Church, 640 Sherbrooke Road in North Hatley and on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St George's Anglican Church, 84

Queen Street in Lennoxville. The sessions have already begun. For more information, please contact Sam Borsman at 819 620 6058

LENNOXVILLE

The Saint Francis Regional Ministry of the Anglican Church is organizing a group discussion on Seeking God in a Secular age. Charles Taylor, a Roman Catholic Québécois, is considered one of the world's most important philosopher and his book, A Secular Age, will be at the center of the discussions. The group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 84 Queen Street, Lennoxville. The discussions have already begun. For more information, please contact Murray Johnston at 819 578 5801.

NORTH HATLEY

Learn about Bridges Not Borders, a volunteer group that welcomes and supports refugees entering Canada from the United States via Roxham Road, near Hemmingford. This is the most used irregular US-Canada entry point for refugees. Information session celebrating UN Sunday and focusing on difficulties faced by refugees. All are welcome. Refreshments. Sunday, October 21, at 10:30 a.m., at UUEstrie, 201 Main St., North Hatley (upstairs). Info: 819-842-4146, www.uuestrie.ca, Facebook UU Estrie.

MANSONVILLE

Mansonville Baptist Church Barbecue Supper on Saturday, October 20 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mansonville Elementary School. Admission charged, under 6 free. Caterers: Jason & Lynn Beardard.

LENNOXVILLE

Lennoxville United Church annual Christmas Bazaar and Turkey Supper will take place from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 17 at the Gertrude Scott Hall, 6 Church Street. Admission charged, youth 6 to 12 is half price, 5 years and younger is free. For supper reservations, please call: 4:30 p.m. Wendy Durrant 819-346-6448, 5:30 p.m. Frankie Noble 819-348-9118 and 6:30 p.m. Joan Gill 819-849-7202. Something for everyone at the Bazaar: Attic Treasures, Fish Pond, Wish Table, Food Table, Silent Auction, Knitting & Crocheting, Candy, Crafts, Jewellery, 2019 Church Calendars.

RICHMOND

CHEP Video Conference: Exploring Life Losses, on Wednesday, October 24, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Richmond Regional High Community Learning Centre (375 Armstrong, Richmond). Free; no reservation required. Please arrive a bit early.

BURY

CHEP Video Conference: Exploring Life Losses, on Wednesday, October 24, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eaton Valley Community Learning Centre (Pope Memorial Elementary School), 523 Stokes, Bury. Free; no reservation required. Please arrive a bit early.

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Your Birthday

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018

Make change count. Think matters through and take the initiative to turn your plans into reality. Show responsibility and a desire to work to get the results you want. An unlikely partnership will develop and will encourage you to be open to new endeavors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — An enthusiastic attitude will help you accomplish your goals. You are best off listening carefully when dealing with youngsters or a loved one. A difference of opinion could cause setbacks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Problems will develop at home or work if you change the way you do things without approval, or if someone else does the same. Communication will be important if you want things to run smoothly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you discuss your intentions, you'll find out who is and isn't likely to stand beside you to help. The support you receive will fortify your plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Look for alternative methods when it comes to taking care of your chores or responsibilities. Getting things done on time and without a hitch will lead to an unusual but interesting offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Do what's best for you, not what someone is pressuring you to do. Change must be to your benefit and not made just to appease someone looking out for his or her own interest.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you

share your ideas, you'll open up a discussion that will help you make worthwhile tweaks before you actually launch your plans. A contract or partnership is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Learn from someone with more experience and use the information you are given to help you assist others. Your beliefs and actions will enhance how others view you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't expect everyone to adhere to what you want to do. To avoid interference, you are best off perfecting your plans before presenting them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't trust someone to tell you the truth or do a job you've been given. Take care of your responsibilities and take credit for the job you do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Use your intuition to decipher who is and isn't honest. Doing something unique will give you a different perspective on who you want to collaborate with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Take the time to explain how you feel or what you want to see happen. Being up-front will give you a chance to weigh what you want to do next against the response you receive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A chance to hang out with someone new and exciting may entice you, but consider including the people who have stood by you in the past as well.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018

To lead another singleton

By Phillip Alder

Jacques Maritain, a French philosopher and author of more than 60 books, wrote, "A single idea, if it is right, saves us the labor of an infinity of experiences."

In today's deal, look at the West hand. What would you lead against four hearts after the given auction: a spade (partner's suit) or your single diamond?

South had no clue how four hearts would get on, but it took up the maximum amount of bidding space and could have been cold. It is sensible to treat a jump to game by responder in an unbid suit as to play — unless, of course, opener has such a strong hand that he can envision a slam. (In competition, a jump cue is my only splinter bid.)

Since West has the trump ace, there is a strong case for leading the singleton diamond, despite its being dummy's bid suit. But the spade three is also a sensible choice. (Lead low from a weak tripleton when partner has bid that suit, and you have not supported it.)

Here, either lead should work. After a spade start, declarer will win with dummy's ace, discard his second spade on the club ace and play a trump. How-

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		Vulnerable: Both	
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		1♦	1♠
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Opening lead: ??			

ever, it shouldn't be hard for West to take that trick and shift to the diamond nine. Then East can take two winners in the suit and give his partner a ruff to defeat the contract.

Alternatively, after an initial diamond lead, East should be confident that it is a singleton; otherwise, why lead dummy's bid suit? East plays three rounds of the suit, giving West his ruff. Then West says, "We did double, didn't we?"

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

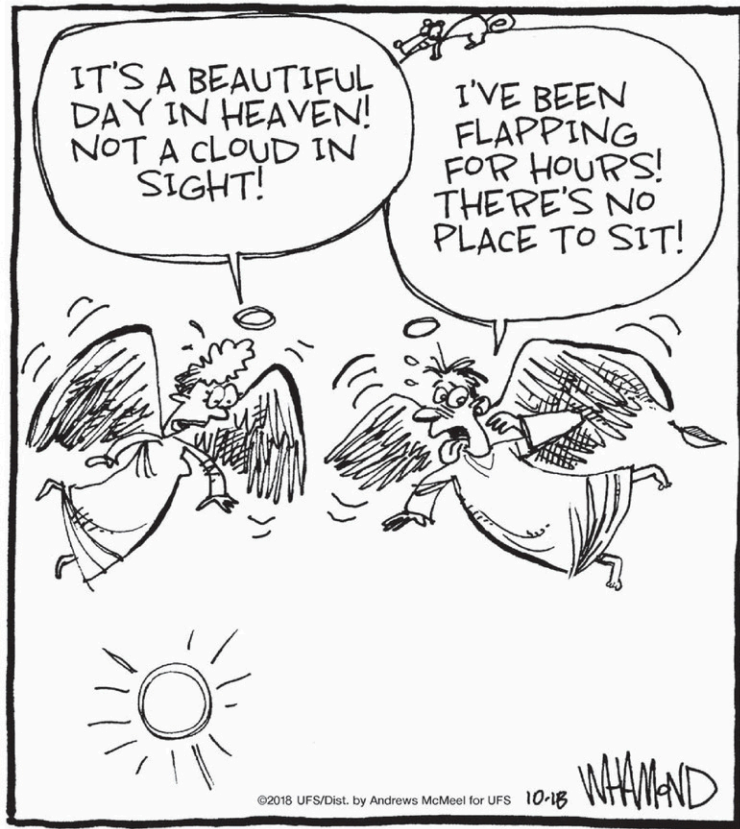
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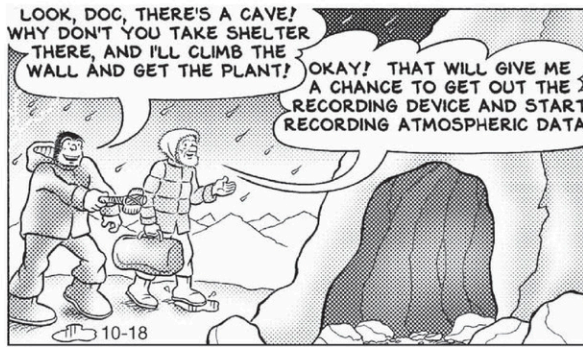


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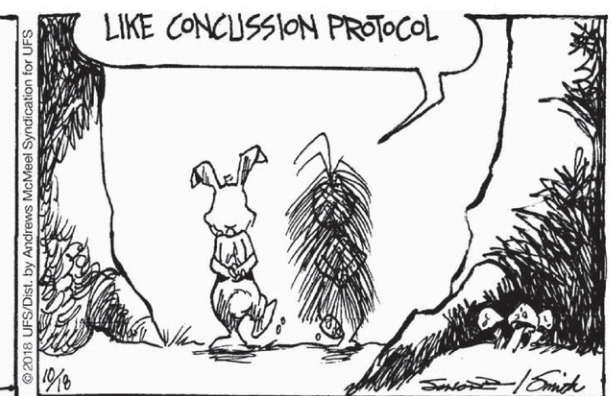
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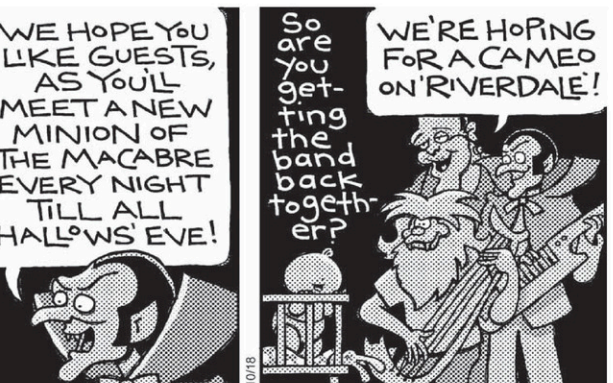
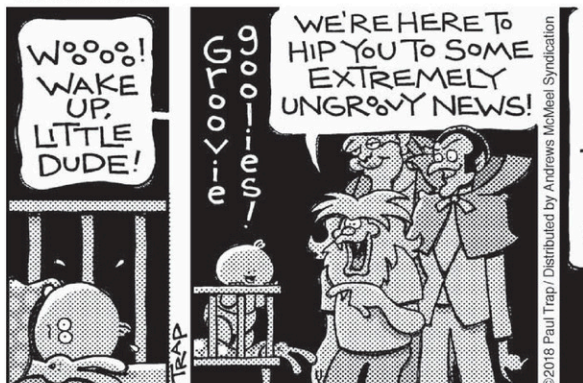
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Beef barley soup with mushrooms and thyme

By America'S Test Kitchen

The star of our beef barley soup is a rich, intensely flavoured beef stock. We were able to make a from-scratch stock in about 2 1/2 hours thanks to a lot of browned beef (we preferred shank) and a few small bones.

As a bonus, the shank meat turned soft and gelatinous, perfect for shredding and adding to the soup. Mushrooms complement beefy flavour, so we used them for an even meatier-tasting soup.

Mulling over the choice of what barley to use, we settled on pearl barley because it is a quicker-cooking grain. Adding fresh thyme early on allowed its robust flavour to infuse the broth evenly while diced tomatoes added com-

plexity and some acidity and helped balance the heartiness of the barley.

Making a beef noodle soup variation turned out to be a cinch: We simply swapped hearty wide egg noodles for the barley and simmered them right in the broth. You will need the stock and 2 cups of cooked beef (either from the shank or from the chuck) from Rich Beef Stock (recipe follows) for this recipe.

BEEF BARLEY SOUP WITH MUSHROOMS AND THYME

Servings: 6
 Start to finish: 1 hour 15 minutes

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1 onion, chopped
 2 carrots, peeled and chopped

12 ounces white mushrooms, trimmed and sliced thin
 1 recipe Rich Beef Stock (recipe follows) plus 2 cups meat, shredded into bite-size pieces
 1/2 cup canned diced tomatoes, drained
 1/2 cup pearl barley
 1 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried
 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
 Salt and pepper

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat until shimmering. Add onion and carrots and cook until vegetables are almost soft, 3 to 4 minutes. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil and mushrooms and cook until mushrooms soften and liquid evaporates, 4 to 5 minutes longer.

Add beef stock and meat, tomatoes, barley, and thyme. Bring to boil, then reduce heat to low; simmer until barley is just tender, 45 to 50 minutes. Stir in parsley, season with salt and pepper to taste, and serve.

Rich Beef Stock:

This recipe for a rich traditional beef stock delivers a stock with great body, lots of beefy flavour, and a generous amount of meat. It took 6 pounds of beef and bones to make it. Here's why: Roasting and simmering just beef bones with some aromatic vegetables yielded beef stock that tasted like bone-enhanced vegetable liquid. We figured out that it was going to take more meat than bones to get deep beef flavour. We tested different cuts of beef and shanks, a common supermarket cut with exposed marrow bones, were our favourite, followed by marrow bone-enhanced chuck.

Not only was the shank meat soft and gelatinous, it was perfect for shredding and adding to our beef soups. We used one lone onion as our vegetable and enlivened the stock with a modest 1/2 cup of red wine. Unlike other traditional stocks, ours was done in about 2 1/2 hours and was a one-pot, stovetop-only affair. Note that you

need only 2 cups of the cooked beef for our soups, but the leftover beef is delicious and also good for sandwiches. Use a Dutch oven or stock pot that holds 6 quarts or more for this recipe. Cooled stock and meat can be refrigerated separately for up to 4 days or frozen for up to 1 month before being used to make soup.

Makes about 8 cups stock and 6 cups meat
Total time: 2 hours, 45 minutes

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1 large onion, chopped
 6 pounds beef shanks, meat removed from bones and cut into large chunks, bones reserved, or 4 pounds beef chuck, cut into 3-inch chunks, plus 2 pounds marrow bones
 1/2 cup dry red wine
 8 cups boiling water
 2 bay leaves
 1/2 teaspoon salt

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in stockpot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to large bowl.

Brown meat and bones on all sides in 3 or 4 batches, about 5 minutes per batch, adding remaining oil to pot as necessary; do not overcrowd. Transfer to bowl with onion. Add wine to pot and cook, scraping up any browned bits, until wine is reduced to about 3 tablespoons, about 2 minutes. Return browned beef and onion to pot. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook until meat releases its juices, about 20 minutes. Increase heat to high; add boiling water, bay leaves, and salt. Bring to boil, then reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer slowly until meat is tender and stock is flavourful, 1 1/2 to 2 hours, skimming foam off surface. Strain stock through fine-mesh strainer and discard bones and onion; reserve meat for soup or other use.

Let stock settle for 5 to 10 minutes, then defat using wide, shallow spoon or fat separator.

Nutrition information per serving: 439 calories; 199 calories from fat; 22 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 59 mg cholesterol; 540 mg sodium; 21 g carbohydrate; 5 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 36 g protein.

For more recipes, cooking tips and ingredient and product reviews, visit <https://www.americastestkitchen.com>. Find more recipes like Beef Barley Soup with Mushrooms and Thyme in "All-Time Best Soups."

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2019 FORD EDGE ST



Sport no more, but still athletic

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By Dan Heyman

For 2019, the Ford Edge Sport is no more; it's lost the middle three letters of its name and is now just called "ST", recalling recent Fast Fords such as the Focus ST and Fiesta ST hatches. It's fitting, then, that we were dispatched to one of the homes of the 2002 Winter Olympic Games to see what this most athletic of Edges is all about.

More than a new name

Much more is at play here than a simple change in nomenclature designed to cash in on the success of previous ST models (although I'm sure there's a little of that, too). The Edge ST gets added power, new chassis upgrades and the requisite style changes, too. It's a pretty big departure from the former Edge Sport, which really was little more than a styling upgrade even though it was the first Edge model to get the 2.7L EcoBoost twin-turbo V6. That powerplant has made its way under the hood of the ST, too; it's the only way you can have it, along with a new 8-speed transmission with paddle shifters.

It's good for 335 hp and a generous 380 lb-ft of torque (up from 315 and 350, respectively, in the Sport), the latter not only making for some speedy progress, but also helping make the most of a 1,588 kg tow rating; while a tow package is optional on other Edge trims, it's standard on the ST. A look inside the engine bay reveals this particular Edge's true intentions, with "Ford Performance" emblazoned proudly across the valve cover. Tasty.

Other differentiators from the standard SE, SEL and Titanium models (those three trims return from last year) include a special Performance Blue colour, blacked-out grille with larger openings for improved airflow, as well as black trim pieces around the lower grille openings and on the door pillars.

There are also our tester's optional blacked-out 21-inch wheels (\$950) to match; two-tone silver and black 20s are standard. Canadian models get larger, vented rotors both front and back.

Inside, a monochromatic black with contrasting white stitching colourway is your only choice, brightened up by "ST" at the base of the steering wheel and on the kickplates. It's actually a very handsome affair, though the image is tar-

nished, somewhat, by the heavy use of plastic 'round the centre stack's climate and infotainment controls. The final interior touches are the more deeply-bolstered seats, though not so much so that they cause discomfort for wider hips like mine.

You'll want the extra support, though. Surprisingly, the Edge ST is actually a crossover that asks you to give it a little more welly through the bends; the chassis and steering has been given all sorts of little tweaks to make it a little more adept and tackling the twisties.

For starters, the dampers have increased in stiffness: 10% at the front, 15% at the rear, and there are larger anti-roll bars both front and back. In addition to a quicker steering rack that's been given a little more weight, the ST has turned the Edge into quite the able handler. Turn-in is properly responsive, and since the suspension has been given all those tweaks, the body roll has been reduced, too.

Heck, they were so confident in the Edge's move to ST form that they actually let us loose on a small autocross track, where I had way more fun than I thought I would. The Edge actually rewards good, confident steering inputs, just like any good performance - or even quasi-performance - vehicle should.

The powertrain is a slightly different story, however.

It's great that they're now offering an 8-speed, as the old Edge's 6-speed was getting a little long in the tooth. OK, quite long in the tooth. It's also great that the ST comes standard with paddles because I found myself making use of them quite a lot during the drive. The reason I did so, however, isn't entirely because of how "sporty" they make the Edge feel. That's part of it, to be sure, but it was more about asking the transmission to react a little quicker than it was willing to in auto mode.

Even in Sport mode, which quickens shift times and throttle response, the transmission is not the quickest I've tested at this level. VW's DSG is quicker, and I won't go too far into the luxury brands because that's not really what the Edge is up against, even in its top-spec, MSRP-just-below-50-grand ST form.

Unlike with those performance luxury models, I'd say a quick-shifting transmission probably isn't #1 on most Edge buyers' lists. Still, that doesn't change the fact that for me, that transmission just seemed to disguise - in a bad way - how much power was on offer, especially when starting from a stop or slower speeds, such as when exiting some tough uphill hairpins as we did.

Once you get going, though, the ST starts to come into its own; bear with the delay you get on tip-in and hold on tight as the power comes in a pretty sudden

surge. Once you're at that point, the ST truly starts to feel like a properly sporting vehicle. Combine that with that fantastic handling package, and you can start to see where this particular Edge gets earns its "ST" designation.

When it comes time to slow things down a little - cruising on the highway or navigating traffic in town, for example - the ST has you covered.

First of all, it's surprisingly quiet unless you're really on it; it gets an augmented engine sound over other Edges when you're giving it the beans. Otherwise, the noise inside does well to follow through on the levels of luxury promised by the ride. Secondly, the ST gets standard fitment of Co-Pilot 360 Protect, a suite of safety features that includes lane keep assist, auto high beams, forward collision warning with pedestrian detection, auto emergency braking, backup camera and blind spot assist. The \$850 Co-Pilot360 Plus package adds adaptive cruise with lane-centering, evasive steering that can automatically steer around obstacles, and voice-activated nav. It takes a little while to set it all up; first you activate lane-keep assist by pressing a button on the tip of the indicator stalk, then you activate cruise (the system works at 40 km/h-plus), then activate the auto-steering feature by pressing a wheel-mounted button. If you don't, you'll get a warning in the form of a vibrating wheel if you deviate from your lane, but no steering intervention. Once active, cameras watch the lines either side of you and keep you nicely centered; no bouncing back from line to line.

This being a semi-autonomous system, you won't be able to drive much more than 15 seconds without your hands on the wheel; first, it warns you with a visual warning in the gauge cluster. Then it beeps, eventually auto braking to a full stop, the system assuming the driver has become incapacitated.

Other new tech includes B & O Play audio, as well as standard SYNC3 with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto; those features aren't quite as newsworthy as the forthcoming addition of Alexa next year, however; when it eventually arrives, you'll be able to use her to change your climate settings, audio volume or activate your navigation.

The Edge ST highlight reel is centered fully around the excellent steering and chassis tuning that has done a remarkable job of taking a fairly pedestrian crossover and turned it into something with a little extra.

The powertrain comes up just short in my eyes, but maybe that's a case of the chassis being so good that I expected more from the engine and transmission. That's not entirely fair, of course, so it will be interesting to see if I'm just being too picky.

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