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Foster Mountain developers wish to solve gridlock

Hope to include a 250-acre nature park at the summit

By Ann Davidson

From his home overlooking a massive expanse of the Green Mountains of Appalachia, West Bolton developer Guy Lussier says that he and his partner Pierre Burel of France want to end the gridlock that halted further development atop Foster Mountain and are preparing a project that will be presented to town council before the end of 2016.

The housing project that originated in 2008 by developers Fernand Barsalou and Pierre Burel's Sud Participation Burel Canada Inc., later to be joined by Peter Marsh of TBL, Jacques Raymond, and Lussier has spawned a lot of bitterness.

Their proposal would include up to 15 lots with one as large as approximately 250 acres. It would also allow extension of the existing road within the permissible one-kilometre limit in order for the owner of a 16-acre subdivision at the west side of the mountain to build. In addition, they would like to dedicate the area encompassing and including the summit of Foster Mountain where the Scout tower was erected as park space in

perpetuity by donating the land to a non-profit organization that would take responsibility for the maintenance and management of the space.

As one of the two remaining partners left to deal with the issues hanging over the project Lussier concedes that the plan has had to be dramatically modified since its original state. Despite the challenge of dealing with two municipalities, two MRCs and the Quebec government, he and Burel are hoping to arrive at an amicable solution that would require a certain level of conciliation by all parties.

"We want to make sure that the people who have bought lots already can build on them. We believe that by integrating the land in both municipalities as a nature park for the public we can ensure future generations access to this magnificent habitat for large animals such as the moose and bears living up

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Developer Guy Lussier is hoping to present a project to both West Bolton and St. Etienne-de-Bolton that will serve to appease all stakeholders and citizens and end a four-year gridlock that has halted completion of an almost \$2 million investment.

East Bolton hosts cenotaph ceremony, exhibition, and book launch

By Ann Davidson



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April O'Donoghue, president of the Bolton Heritage Association, holding the final draft of a 32-page illustrated account of East Bolton's Colonel George Harold Baker, Canada's only parliamentarian who has served in battle.

Thanks to a grant from the federal government, the Bolton Heritage Association (PBH) will host a special Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11 at 11 a.m. at the cenotaph by the town hall in Bolton Centre and a commemorative exhibition and book launch in the council room running from November 11 to 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A lot of research and planning by members of the organization has gone into this year's Remembrance Day ceremony making sure that the event is inclusive and relevant to the community. Citizens are proud of all their ancestors who served and in particular want to celebrate the only parliamentarian who has ever served his country in battle. In recent years his memory has been commemorated but it was not always so.

Leading to the 100th anniversary of the Great War,

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Brome County Community Bulletin Board

November 11

The Quebec Womens Institute, Dunham Branch will be holding their annual **Remembrance Day service** held at the Cairn (located beside the fire hall) on Friday November 11 at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

November 11

Remembrance Day ceremonies will take place at the cenotaph in front of Knowlton Academy at 10:55 a.m.

November 11

Benefit concert for the Brome Historical Society featuring The Honeysuckle Sisters: Almut Ellinghaus, Sarah Biggs, and Laura Barr. Join us for an evening of live music at the Auberge Lakeview Inn, 50 Victoria St. on Friday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25. Call 450-243-6782 www.bromemuseum.com.

November 11-12

Church of the Ascension, West Brome, **annual craft sale and soup luncheon** on Friday, November 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Only Saturday morning a bake sale. information: 450-263-3025.

November 12

Country dance with Jimmy Edwards Country Folks Band at the Trinity Anglican Church, 409 South Street, Cowansville on Saturday, November 12 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Door prizes, 50-50 drawing, spot dance, canteen on premises. Donation \$8 each. Please support the church and food bank. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend and enjoy good old country music.

November 12

Christmas tea and bake sale will be held Saturday, November 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Grace Anglican Church, 52 Principale Sud, Sutton. Come and enjoy a hot cup of tea/coffee/juice, fabulous sandwiches, yummy squares, stock up on our homemade country baking, Cynthia's plum puddings, Hollis' apples and an array of good used books.

November 12

The Mental Health & Well-Being Support Group. Please note: The next meeting will be Saturday, November 12. Please phone Linda: 450-243-0928 or pleasantvalley001@gmail.com for the location of the meeting. Join us for an opportunity to share experiences in a safe environment and receive support, information, encouragement and acceptance. Having support makes all the difference!

November 12

Knowlton Players presents "Healing..." a benefit concert for Bevan Skerratt." Come join us for an evening of music and comedy. Fantastic local acts include Amos Joannides, In A Chord, Ralph Steiner, Donald Patriquin, The Lovely Brothers and many more. Admission is

by free will offering and all proceeds will go to support Bevan through his illness. Saturday, November 12 at 7 p.m. at Knowlton United Church (234 Knowlton Road). For information or to contribute in any way, call Laura at 579-438-8816.

November 13

The Knowlton Lions Club will hold on Sunday, November 13, at Knowlton Academy, a **Remembrance Day brunch** to honour our local veterans. This "all-you-can-eat-pay-what-you-can" event will take place from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Not only is the event an occasion to recognize the merit of our veterans but it is also a great community get-together.

November 14

Monday, November 14, **Knowlton Coffee Break** — "What's the white ribbon for?" Free 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., exploring the difference between and argument and an act of violence. Avante Women's Centre, 15 rue du Pont, Bedford, 450-248-0530, avantebarb@bellnet.ca.

November 14

Tuesday, November 15 "Potluck supper" — free, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., bring your favourite dish to share! Avante Women's Centre, 15 rue du Pont, Bedford, 450-248-0530, avantebarb@bellnet.ca.

November 15

Important **general meeting at the Cowansville Legion.** General meeting of the Cowansville Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 99, November 15, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., for the election of the candidates for the Executive Committee. Your attendance is very important. Support your Legion.

November 16

Next Messy Church is happening on Wednesday, November 16 and continuing every third Wednesday of the month. Fun! Free food! Faith! Friends! All ages welcome (adults don't have to bring children but children should bring an adult) to come together, in an informal atmosphere, to socialize, create an easy craft, celebrate God's love for all and enjoy a light supper together. 5-7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church in Knowlton. Information: 450-242-2885.

November 17

Thursday, Nov 17 "**Soup Café.**" Free, noon - 1 p.m. Enjoy a bowl of homemade soup with us! Were kid friendly! Avante Women's Centre, 15 rue du Pont, Bedford, 450-248-0530, avantenancy@bellnet.ca.

November 17

Annual holiday soup, dessert, luncheon and bake sale at the All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham on Thursday, November 17. The bake sale starts at 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon at noon. Donation \$10. Cards will be played immediately following. Reservations:

Claire 450-295-2349 or Mary 450-263-3329. Remember, "always fresh - nothing frozen."

CHURCH BULLETINS

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH - DUNHAM

Sunday services at 10 a.m. - all welcome! The Reverend Sinpoh Han. Information: 450-295-2045.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME

Services are at 9 a.m. First Sunday of the month will be at Holy Trinity, Iron Hill, second Sunday of the month will be at St. John the Evangelist in Brome, third Sunday of the month will be at West Brome Church of the Ascension, fourth Sunday St. John the Evangelist in Brome. Canon, Tim Smart, rector. Information: 450-538-8108.

BEDFORD PASTORAL CHARGE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Gathered round Christ, we are a community that searches out God's story in daily life. We worship together as follows: First and third Sundays of each month at 10 a.m. Wesley United Church is located at 51, rue de la Rivière, in Bedford. Stanbridge East: Second Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. Stanbridge East United Church is located at or near 16 rue Academy, in Stanbridge East. Mystic: Fourth Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. Mystic United Church is located at the intersection of Mystic Road and the Walbridge Road, in the hamlet of Mystic (Saint-Ignace-de-Stanbridge). The fifth Sunday of the month location can be found on our website at: bedfordpastoral.org. or contact Wendy Near at the church office on Thursday and Friday from 9 - 11 a.m. at 450-248-3044 or at home 450-248-2739 or at our e-mail address which is Bedford.pastoral@yahoo.ca.

CALVARY UNITED CHURCH SUTTON

A warm welcome awaits you at our Sunday worship service in Sutton at Grace Anglican Church at 9 a.m. followed by a coffee hour at 10 a.m. in the church hall. Information: 450-538-0530.

COWANSVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Cowansville Community Baptist Church meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m., 137 rue John, Cowansville. Everyone is welcome.

CREEK/WATERLOO PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday, November 13 - worship and music: Creek United, 278 Brill Rd., West Bolton, service and Sunday school at 9 a.m.; St. Paul's United, 4929 Foster, Waterloo, service at 10:30 a.m. Reverend Dave Lambie, minister. For information or to leave a message call: 450-539-2129.

EMMANUEL CHURCH

On this World Food Sunday come together for a thoughtful and spiritual experience and give yourself a good start to the week. Sunday worship is at 203 rue Principale, Cowansville, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school every third Sunday of the month. We serve the United Church communities of Brigham, East Farnham, Farnham, and Cowansville...but really anyone can find a home here. Give it a try and sample a Sunday. Wheelchair accessible. Worship Leader: Norman Haslam. Church office: 450-263-0204 website: emmanuelcowansville.ca.

ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE ST. ÉDOUARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

366 Knowlton Road, Knowlton. You are invited to participate in a bilingual Mass Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Christian meditation is now on Wednesday afternoons 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (side door). The group is now bilingual and has been formed to introduce meditation to newcomers. We welcome beginners and experienced meditators. Regular attendance not required. Information call Clare at 450-243-5590.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

52 Principale sud, Sutton, welcomes everyone for Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. All welcome. Canon Tim Smart, rector. Information: 450-538-8108 or visit our website at www.gracechurchsutton.org.

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ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Foster Mountain developers

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Because West Bolton closed the top of Paramount Road some years ago, developers were forced to blast through massive bedrock to create a new private access road that would extend to the 700-acre property intended for development.

here, to say nothing for the incomparable 360-degree views."

Lussier says that they are hoping that the two municipalities will compromise by opening the thoroughway that links Summit and Paramount roads at the north side of the development. By doing that, he says, the residents of the devel-

opment will be guaranteed safe exit and entrance in case of emergency. It will also allow for a few more lots to be sold for building in the future. The proposed park could then be reached by car on the north side as well as by the trails already in place that come up from Mont Gauvin on the southeast side of Foster Mountain.

Within the 700 acres that encompass the summit of Foster Mountain where the tower built by Scouts still stands, at this point the developers only have permission to build on 11 of the intended 70 lots. What they are hoping for is to at least get out of the project with a minimum of 15 building lots but that is a challenge owing to the new regulations issued by the Environment minister and the MRCs. The developers want those who have already bought to gain the right to build. Lussier admits that they are irritated with the constraints that keep being presented to them over the past years especially when he sees 36 new building lots being developed on ad-

jacent Mont Gauvin in St. Etienne. He pointed out the 28 houses built on Mason Road below the Foster Mountain development as well as the building activities in Bromont and Sutton.

The reason for the setbacks directly relate to the permissible road length in a residential area that does not have two exits. Paramount Road is the only way to get in and out of the area since the link between Summit Road and Paramount to the north had been closed years ago and is no longer recognized. Along with this hurdle, the road that they built did not conform to regulations. In a development that does not have two exits, a road can only be one kilometre long and have a maximum of 11 building lots. The Foster Mountain development road is 1.3 kilometres.

Lussier says that last July, in accordance with the Minister of Environment, he spent \$60,000 to redirect a culvert because apparently it the original work had interfered with the natural flow of the stream that would, in most sum-

mers, run toward Coldbrook.

Mayor Donald Badger of West Bolton says that following the MRC Brome-Missisquoi resolution regarding the "chemin d'aménagement,"

the rules regarding the course of future development passed in 2012, municipalities were granted a two-year grace to build new roads. In the case of the Foster Mountain development West Bolton applied for an additional year, giving the developers time to get the roads built. According to Badger, the developers did not take advantage of this and therefore ended up losing the right to fix what needed to be done. The mayor says that his council is more than willing to receive and take into consideration a project by Lussier and Burel on provision that they comply with the laws within the Ministry of Environment and the two MRCs and their two municipalities.

Lussier says that they could solve the problem by simply removing the tower and stopping all who go there from passing on private land if they would not be able to finish the now limited development.

"It's the last thing we want to do, so somehow we need the towns to work with us so that we can complete the project with at least 15 of the 70 originally planned building lots, we can protect the remaining habitat, and accommodate citizens' rights to profit from the beautiful vistas that Foster Mountain offers."

They are busy fine-tuning the proposal that would include the park idea and submit it to both municipalities within the coming weeks.

Ecocentres to close for winter

It's your last chance in 2016 to visit the ecocentres!

They will be closed from December to March Service returns in April 2017

Correction

The kicker in a story on October 25 above the headline, "Citizens demand evidence based report from government" read, "West Bolton cell tower." It should have read, "East Bolton cell tower."

We regret the error.

Church

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TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Church with a "Heart" 409 South Street, Cowansville. All Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. Come and join us as we endeavor to learn and practice God's loving will. We'd love to welcome you. Reverend George Campbell. Information: 450-955-3325 (leave message).

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LETTER

Unraveling the story of a fallen soldier

DEAR EDITOR:

Immediately after last year's Remembrance Day memorial at Knowlton Academy I performed my yearly ritual, reading all the names engraved on the two monuments. Several of the family names I recognize but sadly most I don't. I can only imagine that each name must have an intriguing story. On the First World War monument there is a name that has caught my attention and enthralled me for several years: William C. Girvan. He was my great-uncle, I knew little of him, and until 2001 I wasn't even aware that his name was engraved on the monument. I made a promise to myself on November 11, 2015 that I would unravel his story.

William Coleman Girvan was born in Liverpool, England on May 1, 1894. In

June of 1904 he arrived in Quebec City, on board the Corsican, holding a cargo of 84 children. Aged 6 to 14, from the Bernardo Home for Children, they were all destined for the distribution home in Knowlton, Quebec. William was accompanied by his 13-year-old brother, Henry Girvan. William was chosen by Walter Patch of Brome Village to help with chores on the family farm. (Years after in 1911, Walter Patch also took in my grandfather Albert Girvan but that is another story.) My great-uncle and grandfather were quite fortunate as the entire Patch family treated them as fellow family members, not as cheap labour. In early 1917, William enlisted with the Canadian Army in Farnham and was assigned to the 24th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry. Subsequently he was sent to France to participate in WWI. His mili-

tary records indicate that he survived minor gunshot wounds on two separate occasions, yet he remained on the front lines. He was then wounded a third time, and died of gunshot wounds to the abdomen on August 30 1918, only 10 weeks before the war ended. He is buried in the Ligny-St Flochel British Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France, section C, row 21, No. 3. According to the cemetery records he has never received a visitor. During my research I was fortunate enough to discover a photo of him in his military uniform. His picture is now posted on the Canadian War Memorial website along with a medal for marksmanship awarded to him during his service in France. My grandfather Albert enlisted six months later than my great-uncle; he was assigned to the 115th Infantry Battalion and also served in

France. My grandfather was fortunate to survive the war and has 68 direct descendants because of it. My great-uncle William, who made the greatest sacrifice for his adopted country, never had that chance and all that remains is his name on the monument.

I believe I have fulfilled my promise. For this year I promise to visit his gravesite in France on the 100th anniversary of his death in 2018, this way I will know that he had at least one visit.

Lest we forget.

As a side note I also researched every name on the memorials at Knowlton Academy and discovered some amazing facts.

TED GIRVAN
Brome Lake

BCHS members go to Parliament Hill

Brome County Historical Society

Last Tuesday, November 1, four representatives of the Brome County Historical Society (Donald Gray-Donald, Joanne Croghan, Ross Jones, and Chris Ward) spent the day on Parliament Hill as special guests of our Member of Parliament, the Honourable Denis Paradis. The purpose of our visit was to exhibit a downsized version of the BCHS in-house exhibit from last summer honouring Lt-Colonel George Harold Baker, the only sitting parliamentary member to be killed in action in World War I.

Born in Sweetsburg, Quebec in 1877, Baker was the Conservative MP for Brome and Commanding Officer of the 13th Scottish Light Dragoons, a regiment of cavalry formed in Waterloo as part of the Militia. He raised the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles (CMR) in Sherbrooke in January of 1915. That July, the regiment sailed for England and in October were deployed to France. Baker was killed in the Battle of Sanctuary Wood on June 2, 1916. He was eulogized by Sir Sam Hughes and commemorated with a life-sized bronze statue in the Parliament buildings in Ottawa.

In early June, the BCHS hosted a special event where a plaque honouring Lt-Colonel Baker was unveiled on the

campus of the museum. Mr. Paradis was in attendance that day and announced that he would arrange for the exhibit to be shown alongside the Baker statue located in the foyer of the House of Commons.

It was a very busy day in Parliament with the House in session and most MPs in attendance to hear Finance Minister Bill Morneau's economic update. Mr. Paradis was a very gracious host ensuring that many MPs learned the story of the man honoured by the statue that they pass by every day. He arranged for the Speaker of the House, the Honourable Geoff Regan, and the Minister for Veteran Affairs, the Honourable Kent Hehr, to drop by and hear "Harry" Baker's story and learn about the BCHS.

The BCHS is very grateful to Mr. Paradis for arranging this opportunity; he was an entertaining and generous host who was with us all day to ensure that his fellow MPs learned the story of George Harold Baker and his significance to Brome County, to the House of Commons, and to Canada. For more information, please go to www.bchs-baker.com.

Our current exhibit in the Centennial Building, "1916: Soldiers of the Somme," will be open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. until No-

vember 25 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 13.

We also want to remind all music lovers of our concert starring The Honysuckle Sisters (Laura Barr, Sarah Biggs, and Almut Ellinghaus) backed by three outstanding musicians. It will be held at the Auberge Lakeview Inn on Friday No-

vember 11 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 with all proceeds going to the museum and are available at the BCHS at 130 Lakeside. Space is limited so purchase your tickets soon by dropping by the museum during business hours during the week; or call 450-243-6782 for more information.

The Knowlton Lions support the Pettes Memorial Library

At a meeting the members of the Knowlton Lions Club agreed to give a contribution of \$1,500 to the Pettes Memorial Library. Established in 1894, the library is the oldest free rural library in Quebec. This private institution, administered by a board of directors, is open to the public. You can find: daily newspapers, magazines, wireless Internet access, novels, biographies, non-fiction, reference and children's and teens' books, books on CD, and audiocassettes

The local Lions Club has been a regular supporter of the institution.



Group of Lions Club members at the presentation of the cheque to Jana Valasek of the Pettes Library by Knowlton Lions Club President Pierre Guindon.

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Healing: an evening of musical entertainment for Papa Bevan

Knowlton Players and local musicians rally for one of theirs

By Ann Davidson

What better place than inside a church when it comes to putting on a healing performance for a friend who is known for his healing powers? The Knowlton Players are hosting an event to support of one of their own who has been struck with cancer on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. inside the Knowlton United Church. Well-known performing musicians from the region will be on deck to bring energy and support for their dear friend Bevan.

Some know "Papa Bevan" as an actor coming from the highly acclaimed National Theatre School of Canada. Others have heard his music. Everyone knows him for his peaceful, creative and spiritual presence. He has won national awards for his healing programs as an aboriginal elder and spiritual guide working inside Correctional Services Canada. His programs have been so meaningful and successful that they have served as models across the country.

With all his healing, he now needs it

too. Skerratt has developed prostate cancer. He lives alone in the rural zone. During his treatments he can no longer work. Organizer Laura Teasdale says that Skerratt has been working contracts. That means there are no benefits like insurance. And his friends want to make sure that his healing conditions are met.

Teasdale said that when first the Knowlton Players presented him with the idea of a fundraising event he humbly declined. However, knowing the time needed to undergo treatment and wanting to share his experience with others, he has agreed to be part of those who want to get the word out.

The Knowlton United Church has offered the space for this event and the Women's Auxiliary has gone as far as preparing refreshments during intermission. "Healing" will be an evening of musical entertainment featuring, Sarah Biggs and Amos, the Lovely Brothers, Daniel Hache, In A Chord, Donald Patriquin, Sheila & Bill, Gina Cenciose, Barry Dwyer, Holly Bailey, and Ralph Steiner. Teasdale says even more keep



COURTESY OF KNOWLTON PLAYERS

Bevan Skerratt, known for his work in life as a spiritual guide at Corrections Canada, acted as Friar Tuck in last years Newlywed Game performed at the Valentine dinner theatre by the Knowlton Players.

signing up for this event. Everyone's presence is bound to bring energy and love where it is most needed. It's a free concert with offerings greatly received.

East Bolton

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researcher and historian Serge Wagner wanted to especially pay tribute to George Harold (Harry) Baker, resident of East Bolton who loved his "Glenmeare" more than anywhere, and refers to him as "a genuine but unrecognized hero" in a book he has just authored. It is an illustrated, 32-page non-fictionalized account based on historical research conducted over more than two years. It has been published in both languages.

Colonel Baker's name was not placed on the monument and neither in the Brome County soldiers' list. The author set out to understand why in the earlier years Colonel Baker was not recognized publicly and was excluded from the Knowlton honour roll, how his contribution to Canada and the war effort had appeared to be forgotten. Yet the list of 63 "Brome soldiers" comprised at least 20 living out of Knowlton when they enrolled – including at least one living in Alberta with wife and children, and at least one in Ontario.

Wagner and April O'Donoghue, president of the PBH, say that the project could not have been realized without the collaboration of the municipality of East Bolton. As well they are thankful to the Brome County Historical Society (BCHS), the Eastern Townships Resource Centre, Société d'histoire du Cowansville, Library and Archives Canada and a number of private citizens for providing photos and images, many that are in colour. The book will be available for the

first 150 visitors to the exhibition. While the organization works out the details related to circulation, O'Donoghue says that they are hoping to supply BCHS and local schools with copies.

O'Donoghue and Wagner say that there will be exhibition panels, artifacts, and memorabilia on display over the four days thanks to private citizens as well as Fasken Martineau (FM) (a firm that was Chauvin & Baker in 1907, co-founded by Harry Baker)

The organizers are expecting descendants of the Baker family to be present along with Maurice Forget (member of the Forget family and former president of the Conseil des arts de Montréal) and former president of FM, and still associate, is expected to be there and say a few words.

Wagner wants also to thank the three cemetery associations of East Bolton (Bolton Centre Cemetery, Holy Trinity Cemetery and Union Cemetery) for their active contribution in helping to identify veterans of the both world wars during a meeting that, according to Wagner, Alden Peasley of the Bolton Center Cemetery Association noted should have taken place 40 years ago.

The November 11 event and what follows will be entirely bilingual and the organizers hope that members of the community and beyond will participate.

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Chloé Guibault wins local Lions Peace Poster contest

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Chloé Guibault, a student of Ecole St.

Edouard, won first place in the Knowlton Lions Club Peace Poster contest this year. The 2016 theme was unity through peace and Chloe said, "Grâce à la paix, l'environnement est plus beau, plus fort et grandit mieux." Her poster was selected by members of the club for its originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the contest theme.

Her poster will compete at the district level and if successful through all the other competitions, could possibly represent

Canada at an international level.

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From left to right Lion member Meredith Mackeen, poster contest winner Chloé Guibault holding her poster, and John Staston, vice president, Knowlton Lions Club.



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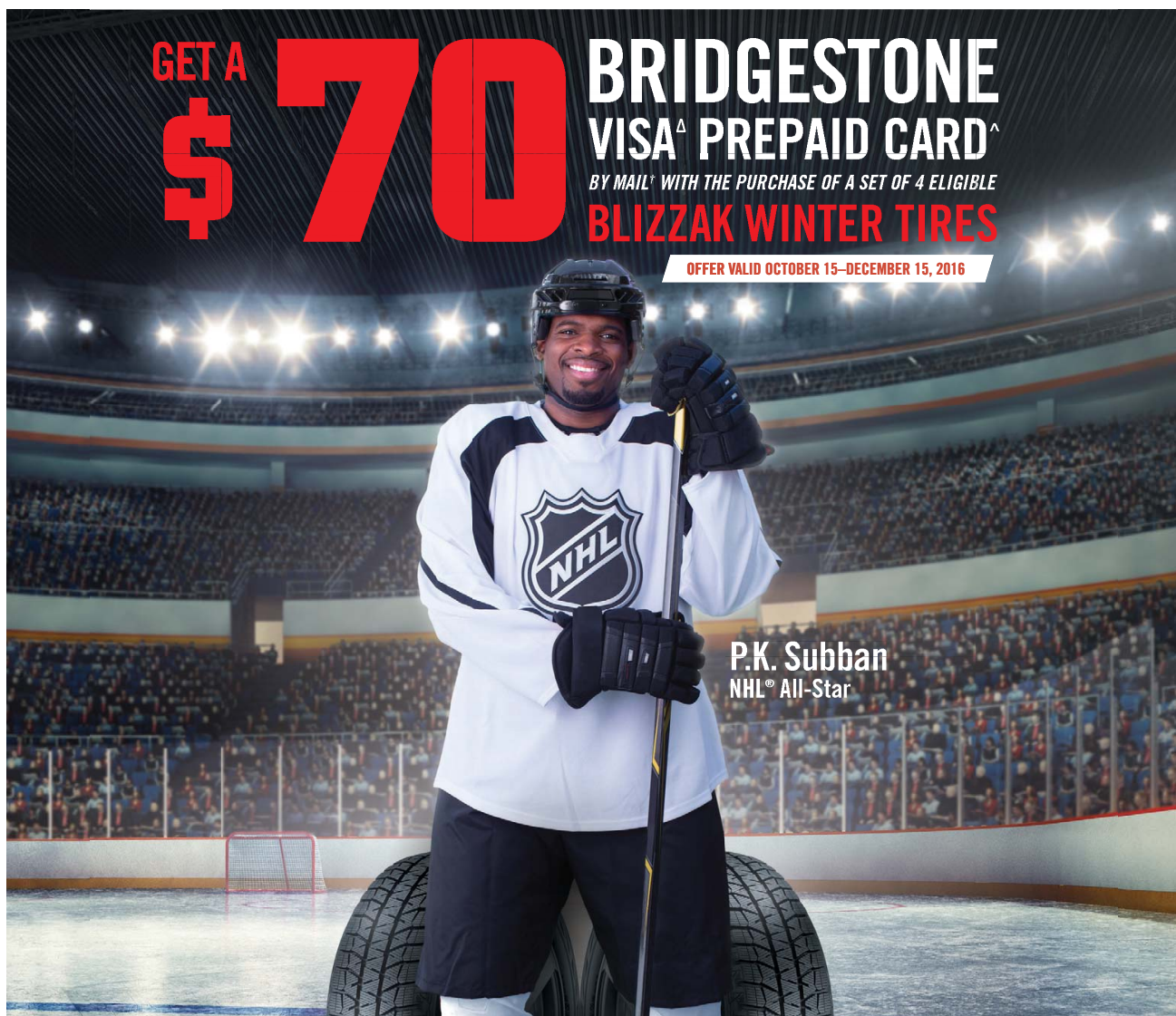


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Sutton ballet school to present *The Nutcracker*

By Olivia Ranger-Enns

beloved tale at Sutton's artistic Salle Alec et Gérard Pelletier.

The challenges have been numerous for Usenko, but that does not deter her from working hard. On the contrary. "This is not just for fun," said Usenko. "I really want the kids to understand the complexities of ballet. It's not just stretching. It's not just moving." As such, Usenko pointed to the ways in which ballet is performed: with grace, with poise and with demeanor. "You have to learn to act and learn to wear expressions on your face," said Usenko. "You have to want to tell a story. You have to make it look easy. Finally, you have to put it all together."

In order to facilitate things somewhat, Usenko decided to shorten their adaptation to a one-act version. With 16

girls and four boys in tow, Usenko has been able to bring depth and meaning to the story for the kids. "The boys love playing soldiers," she said with a laugh. "And the girls love dancing, of course." Her own son, Nikita, aged six, will be assuming the role of the Nutcracker himself.

Usenko argued that staging the performance at Sutton's Christmas market was an ideal way to attract more tourists to the region and to bring families out to enjoy the festivities. "I've always liked the idea of watching *The Nutcracker*, going out to eat pancakes, and buying some Christmas presents at the same time," said Usenko. "Now tourists and locals have the ideal opportunity to do just that."

Usenko's ballet school has come a long way in only two years. Having opened up officially in the spring of 2014, the school attracted a lot of attention. Usenko was delighted to see that many students and parents were interested to learn more about ballet in general. Today, she has 55 students under her wing. The demand is growing. For

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Pet Of The Week — Jasper



Hi! I am a 15-month-old nice guy with short black fur and tan markings. I only weigh about 55-60 pounds. Dogs, cats, and kids are my friends and I am even microchipped in case I get lost! I am only here because the landlord said I couldn't stay...?? Hey, people, what does that mean? Did I do something wrong?

Well, my job now is to find a new home. Please come and visit me/us!

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STRENGTH OF OUR NATION

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Making all of us proud

By Dale Davignon

I spent 37 years, four months, and 14 days in the military (go air force!). On November 11 my memories go back to a young man I met in the last days of my career. I was sent to teach the next generation. Learn by my mistakes, I would tell them, because you will not live long enough to make them all yourselves.

One of my first subjects I had to teach was basic armament safety. With hundreds of students coming through each year I did not remember most of them. But him, I remember, with his pretty boy looks, twinkle in his eyes, and a devil take care grin he was a

standout. If it was possible, his grin grew larger during my lectures on EOD (explosive ordinance disposal). I asked him why such interest. He was quite frank; repairing aircraft was not his greatest interest; EOD is what he wanted to do. I wished him luck, watched him pass my course, and sent him on his way.

I did not have time to think about him; another class was starting every week and I had to get ready. In time his face faded from my memory.

Five years later and promoted to sergeant and ordered to teach leadership, command, and ethics on PLQ (primary leadership qualification), a course given to those who would soon be promoted to a leadership role.

And there I saw him again. But oh how he had changed. One eye was blinded, the side of his head had multiple scars, his jaw had lost many teeth. He remembered me instantly. I asked him what had become of him after my course. He had indeed been selected to have the bomb disposal course. He went to Afghanistan as a No. 1 man – the guy in the bomb suit. And there a bomb had changed him forever.

Despite the changes I recognized him. The grin was still permanently on his face, his one good eye still had a twinkle in it. What struck me the most was his attitude – always positive, like nothing could put him down. For those who follow the Montreal Canadiens he had the look of Brendan Gallagher with that permanent half grin on his face, as if to say that the

world could not beat him.

To say the six-week course is hard is an understatement – hard on the body, mind, and the morale. My boss would say we are forming leaders who would be put in harms way, not boy scouts.

But there would probably be no promotions for him. His injuries were so severe that the Armed Forces medical review board would probably soon release him from the forces. He could have not volunteered for the course, put in his time, and left with his head held high. Yet here he was, with his big grin and positive attitude, showing everyone, even me, what it was to be a leader.

The last test was an eight-day exercise leading his men against a simulated enemy. His did superbly, completed his mission and displaying that quality that is so very hard to define – leadership!

Following the mission, I had to give him his debrief on how he did and his score. The first thing was to relieve his pressure; he had passed this last test and with that, the course. Next was his score – 100 per cent. He was the first student to ever get 100 per cent on the field exercise phase. He had done so well that even I could not have done better.

I then asked him to do something for me – to phone his parents and tell them that Sergeant Davignon wanted them to know that they should be very, very proud of their son.

A week later I attended his class' graduating

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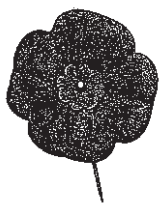


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Remembrance Day

By Al Azevedo

Every time of each year
We celebrate Veterans Day
No question about it
They deserve all the glory.

They fought very hard
Remembering the past
By taking part
Being Canadians at heart.

Training not yet developed
They were dispatched anyway
Especially to Europe
Where the war was taking place.

They had to create
A Special Force
In order to generate
One attack with good faith.

Nothing can go wrong there is war in
process
A lot of lives were lost

Because nations don't get along
Politics put at contest.

There is no advantage when a war is
going on
Provoked by the Nazis
By invading small countries
At their arrogance and displeasure.

France what a disaster
Capitulating against the Nazis
And guess what
Our Canadian soldiers
Liberating their country.

What hypocrisy
On their side
Not to be able to defend their country
With their navy and their army
They didn't even try.

Coming from a young nation
Especially from Newfoundland
They were Heroes
By joining the war in Flanders....

Thank you one and all

DEAR EDITOR:

It is that time of year again when we,
as a nation, take time out to remem-
ber those who have gone before, fight-
ing wars so that we, today, can say thank
you for your sacrifice.

The comrades of the fallen are getting
fewer by the day, and it is to them we
also say thank you for being there. Re-
membrance Day has always been in ho-
nour of the men and women fighting in

WWI and WWII, but more recent con-
flicts can no longer be forgotten. The
men and women of today deserve the
same recognition for their service in the
fight for freedom. Theirs is not an easy
task, yet they volunteer to fight the good
fight in our place.

Thank you one and all.

DAVID EDMOND
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Our Heroes

By David Edmond

Those who stood in line,
who gave up their freedom,
their lifestyle,
for those who could not
when the world was in crisis.

They answered the call
of a nation committed
to fight for the rights
of each one and all,
to live secure and free.

And not all who volunteered,
were qualified by age,
but their commitment to the cause
was greater by far
than their fear of death.

The truth of the matter
that many who served,
their life was cut short
as they gave all they had.

There are those who returned,
scarred forever, by what
they experienced day after day.
There are those interred abroad
who stand as a reminder
of the cost of our freedom.

Those who returned, and
those who did not,
stand proud and tall
in the hearts and minds
each Remembrance Day.
They are our heroes,
each one and all.

Making all of us proud

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ceremony. I shook his hand and I
asked him if he had carried out my last
order. For the first time the grin was
gone, he looked down and merely nod-
ded. Then he looked at me, all he could
get out was thank you Sergeant.

I retired the next month and re-
turned to Knowlton knowing that the

next generation would be able to keep us
secure. As Winston Churchill said: "We
sleep soundly in our beds at night be-
cause rough men stand ready to visit vi-
olence upon those who would wish us
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Death



Rhoda Ann HORN (Ross)

Rhoda passed away peacefully after a brief illness, with her family by her side, in Kanata, Ontario on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 in her 80th year. She was predeceased by her husband Walter Horn. Rhoda was the beloved mother of daughters Gillian Browning and Catherine Raven (Rick) and cherished "Gram" of Tryfan and Colleen Browning and Kelsey and Derek Raven. She was the loving middle sister of Audrey Ross and Norma Sturkenboom (Peter). Rhoda was a special lady to all those who knew her and she will be sorely missed by her family and many friends. Special thanks to Karla, Dr. Spacek and all the nurses who cared for her during her final days. Interment will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 2 p.m. at Fairmount Cemetery, Sutton. In memory of Rhoda, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the volunteer Bibliotheque Sutton Library, 7 rue Academy, Sutton, Quebec JOE 2K0 would be appreciated. For condolences or further information, visit www.blairandson.com

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ASK MR. KNOW-IT-ALL
by Gary Clothier

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The dictionary also defines chatelaine as “the mistress of a household or of a large establishment.”



DID YOU KNOW? Cate Blanchett was considered for the role of Clarice Starling in “Hannibal” (2001). The part eventually went to Julianne Moore.

Q: What’s up with Jason? He’s into murdering people for sure. Does he have a last name? Obviously I have never seen a movie with him, but his name and masked image is popular. — V.G.L., Woburn, Massachusetts

A: Jason Voorhees is a fictional character from the “Friday the 13th” movie series. He first appeared in “Friday the 13th” (1980). Jason was born deformed. His mother, Pamela Voorhees, lived and worked as a cook at Camp Crystal Lake. As a child, Jason was constantly bullied. In 1957, he attempted to swim in the lake, but drowned instead. Two years later, two camp counselors were murdered and the camp was plagued with problems such as poisoned water and unexplained fires. So far there have been 12 films in the “Friday the 13th” movie franchise.

The town of Voorhees, New Jersey, inspired Jason’s last name.

Originally, Jason’s name was to be Josh. After deciding that it sounded too nice, it was changed to Jason.

SUPER TRIVIA: Filming of the movie is at a Boy Scout camp near Blirstown, New Jersey. The camp still serves as an active Boy Scout camp.

Q: What is an Apgar score? — F.T., Burlington, Vermont

A: An Apgar score is the very first test given to a newborn — it is a measure of the physical condition of an infant. The score is determined by adding points for heart rate, respiratory effort, muscle tone, response stimulation and skin coloration. A score of 10 represents the best possible condition. The Apgar score was developed in 1952 by an anesthesiologist named Virginia Apgar, and is also referred to as an acronym for Appearance, Pulse, Grimace, Activity and Respiration.

Hearty Minestrone warms you up on cool Fall evenings

KITCHEN SCOOP
by Alicia Ross

Ever year about this time I start contemplating the comforting, steady feeling of a bowl of hearty soup or stew at the end of the day. For me, autumn means soup weather. I believe nothing beats soup for dinner when the weather turns cooler.

Soups and stews often improve over time, so they are the perfect make-ahead or intentional leftover meal. Most can be frozen for even more flexibility and serving options. Today’s recipe is a variation on classic minestrone, but made with prepared broths, canned beans and quick staples. Best of all, it can be ready for dinner tonight or later. You are sure to enjoy the hearty vegetables, nutritious bean proteins and soul-satisfying comfort of this Mainstay Minestrone.

Suggested menu:
Mainstay Minestrone
Cheese biscuits
Crisp Chardonnay

Mainstay Minestrone

Start to finish: less than 30 minutes
Yield: makes about 10 (3/4 cup) servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 8 ounces sliced fresh mushrooms, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 2 cloves minced garlic or 1 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
- 1 cup low-sodium V-8 juice
- 1 cup low-sodium, low-fat beef broth
- 2 cups low-sodium, low-fat chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup uncooked short pasta, such as macaroni
- 1 can (15 ounces) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) red kidney beans, rinsed and drained

- 1 can (2 1/4 ounces) sliced black olives, drained
- 2 cans (14 ounces each) chopped tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, or to taste
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 10 teaspoons grated or shaved parmesan cheese, optional for serving

Heat oil on medium-high in a soup pot. Add onions, mushrooms and carrots. Cook, stirring frequently, until carrots are crisp-tender and mushrooms begin to lose their liquid, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Add garlic, V-8 juice, both of the broths, water and pasta to pot; raise heat to high. Cover pot and bring broth to a boil. While soup is heating, lift lid to stir from time to time, as pasta will begin to stick to the bottom of the pot.

Rinse and drain chickpeas, kidney beans and olives, and set aside.

When soup boils, reduce heat to medium-high. Uncover pot and add tomatoes with their juices, chickpeas, kidney beans, olives, Italian seasoning, sugar and black pepper. Stir frequently, adjusting heat if necessary to make sure soup maintains a vigorous boil.

Cook until pasta is just tender, about 5 more minutes. In last 2 minutes of cooking, stir in frozen green peas. Serve, garnishing each bowl with 1 teaspoon parmesan cheese or more to taste.

Approximate values per serving: 388 calories, 6 g fat (0.7 g saturated), no cholesterol, 22 g protein, 66 g carbohydrates, 17 g dietary fiber, 12 g sugar, 242 mg sodium.

(Alicia Ross is the co-author of “Desperation Dinners!” (Workman, 1997), “Desperation Entertaining!” (Workman, 2002) and “Cheap. Fast. Good!” (Workman, 2006). Contact her at Kitchen Scoopby email to tellus@kitchenscoop.com or visit the Kitchen Scoop website at www.kitchenscoop.com.)



Q: I was watching a detective show on TV with an older, wiser detective and his assistant, who is much younger and impatient. They are investigating a murder. The young man has many theories that he shares; the older man calms his thoughts and tells his partner to be aware of someone’s razor. What kind of razor do you suppose he meant? — M.J., Palm Springs, Florida

A: I’m sure he was talking about Occam’s razor. The principle states that one should not make more assumptions than the minimum needed. Occam’s razor helps us to “shave off” those extra concepts; by doing so, you created a model that is much easier to deal with, thus, taking less of a chance of introducing inconsistencies, ambiguities and redundancies.

The concept is named after William of Ockham, who was born in the village of Ockham in Surrey, England, about 1287. He was the most influential philosopher of the 14th century and a controversial theologian.

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In the U.K., they say “candy floss”; in America, we say “cotton candy.”

In the U.K., they say “Alsatian”; in America, we say “German shepherd.”



DID YOU KNOW? William Hurt turned down the role of Dr. Alan Grant in “Jurassic Park” (1993); the part went to Sam Neill.

Q: I was watching “Antiques Roadshow,” and one of the items brought in was a chain that was worn around the waist with other chains and objects hanging on it. I don’t recall what it was called, but now I’m curious. — B.L.K., Waco, Texas

A: It’s called a “chatelaine.” A chatelaine is a decorative belt with a series of chains suspended from it. Each chain is mounted with a household item such as scissors, thimble, watch or key, among many possibilities.

There is also a chatelaine bag, which

Home Base at Massey-Vanier – a safe place

By Louise Smith

Home Base opened in 2009 and it has been expanding ever since. It now encompasses three classroom spaces. Forty-four students are associated with Home Base and on average, five to seven new students are added every year. Many of their students are on the autism spectrum but not all. Some are on the language disorder spectrum.

There is always someone on duty in Home Base with two or three technicians following student groups in the classrooms. Most of the students are able to go to class and they are all encouraged to participate in physical education classes and in school activities like the RC Club, Carnival, Spirit Day, and field trips. The goal is inclusion wherever possible.

Home Base is a safe place. It is a fluid

model of service that provides support when needed. It is committed to providing a safe environment for each student. It promotes structure through visual schedules, assignment checklists, the development of organizational skills, and individualized hand-timetabled schedules. Small pullout groups from classrooms come to Home Base for academic help after instruction time in the regular classroom.

Within the room is a separate area known as the Blue Room. There is a bed and a weighted comfort sack and a large ball and a calming atmosphere where students can go when in crisis or needing time out by themselves.

Reynolds is the resource teacher attached to Home Base. She says that the entire staff deserves “gold stars.” They are awesome, dedicated, and hard working, and they each go above and beyond



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Captions: Get Attachment: The Home Base family. Back row: Jacqui Swennen, Bernard Messier, Carolyn Reynolds, Karen Crandall. Front row: Pauline Sornberger, Karen Ferraz, Kelli Hackett.

The Nutcracker

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In the last few months, Usenko has been busy choreographing the dancing while sharing professional videos of *The Nutcracker* with her students. Usenko makes sure that the students are required to practice about three to four times a week.

Why should you go see *The Nutcracker*? It's quite simple. “The story is

just beautiful,” said Usenko. “Magic and dreams are involved. The movements are spectacular. The rhythm is easy for the kids to act out. I just love it.”

Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$20 per child under the age of 12. For more information, please contact Usenko at balletsutton@gmail.com. To reserve your tickets, call 450-531-3315.

what is expected of them. Bernard Messier, the psychoeducator, is also a support for the centre.

Preparation for these students happens before they even enter Massey-Vanier. The feeder elementary school fills in a transition profile. The students are visited in their elementary schools in the spring and then they have a visit to Home Base and Massey-Vanier before the end of the school year. They also come in

early in August again. All this leads to a positive transition.

Many students connected to Home Base can stay in the day system until the age of 21 if they are on the autistic spectrum. It allows for academics to be spread over an extended time and successful completion of a high school diploma, where possible, is the goal.



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