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Thirty nature parks highlighted for recreational, touristic development

By Evan LePage

Destination Sherbrooke has highlighted 30 parks and natural sites in the city that they hope to turn into recreational or tourist areas.

The list of parks, which was presented to the city council during a plenary session Monday, included Jacques-Cartier Park and the Lac-des-Nations walking path, the municipal beach park, and the Bois-Beckett Park, all listed among the prioritized sites to be developed and enhanced. Other prioritized parks and locations were instead listed as sites to be preserved and enhanced, while seven of the 30 were simply put on reserve.

"There are reserve zones that have potential but it is a potential that still needs to be developed," commented executive committee president Serge Paquin, noting that activities can still be completed in these areas once they become recreational or touristic in nature.

Lennoxville parks and locations were largely absent from the list with the exception of the Saint-Francois ponds, which are only a reserve site, and of the Massawippi River and St-Francois River corridors which run through the borough. The Ascot Miné was also listed as a reserve site.

In 2010, the city mandated Destination Sherbrooke to create a network of

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Saint-Romain trial postponed for third time



RECORD ARCHIVES

Pascal Morin was back in a Sherbrooke court room Wednesday morning, but his appearance was brief as the trial was postponed.

The trial of Pascal Morin, the accused in three murders in the small Estrie community of Saint-Romain earlier this year, has been postponed for the third time at the request of Dr. Pierre Gagné, who is evaluating whether the suspect is fit to appear.

Morin was back in a Sherbrooke court room Wednesday morning, but his appearance was brief as once again the trial was postponed, this time until

Apr. 12.

"It was a request for the extension of the order to determine his capacity to stand trial and the psychiatrist asked for an additional delay until Apr. 12," explained crown prosecutor André Campagna, who officially requested the postponement. "On Apr. 12 we will have a final report in this regard with the (psychiatrist's) conclusions, and we will see if there are other steps to take on

that level."

With the trial postponed for the third time, it appears unlikely that Morin will ultimately be found fit to stand trial.

"If he was apt this time the psychiatrist would have told us in his report that he was apt to appear, which is not the case," Campagna said, referring to the psychiatric report presented to both

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New York loves Ross Murray

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Auberge La Caravane

North Hatley

Trio Manouche
Friday, March 16
8:30 p.m.
Admission: 12\$

Matthew McCully
Saturday March 17
8h30 p.m.
Admission: 12\$
www.matthewmccully.ca

Born and raised in Quebec, Matthew completed his music studies at Bishop's University in Lennoxville before relocating to Vancouver to develop his song writing.

His independently released 2009 debut album, *Matthew McCully and the matter of Principle*, includes richly orchestrated and powerful melodies, as well as very delicate, paired down guitar and vocal songs, to display the full spectrum of McCully's talent. And this strength and fragility presents itself again in his truly poetic song writing, likened to Paul Simon and Ron Sexsmith.

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Matthew will play a selection of Traditional Irish tunes in addition to his original music, and everyone in a festive spirit will be more than welcome to sing along.

Auberge La Caravane is at 4500 Capelton Rd. in North Hatley. 819-842-2364.

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'This Will Also Change' at Sporobole Art Centre

Susan Kordalewski

Exposition and vernissage

Taken from a Buddhist story in which two brothers inherit rings, one inscribed with the phrase "This will also change", this exhibition includes eight works, including six that have never before been exhibited. Driven by questions of ontology, Susan Kordalewski mines her personal history to create works of art that document the personal in a way that emphasizes the ephemeral nature of the subject. This Will Also Change features photographs, prints, sculpture, installation, and craft-based artwork dealing with the emotionality and temporality of relationships, memory, and events.

Driven by a desire to contain, categorize, and represent the emotional, Kordalewski engages in a pseudo-scientific archival process that emphasizes the ephemeral and momentary, representing an obsessive need to arrive at some empirical, fixed truth. Kordalewski moves past the questions, "What, how, where and why does it mean?" to explore what we feel compelled to do with meaning, at the most intimate and personal level.

At Sporobole, the viewer is invited to experience a series of enigmatic propo-



COURTESY

sitions expressed in a wide range of media. The artworks in the exhibition take several forms: *My Cells Are Rearranging Themselves* is a photographic diptych that uses a mundane household moving box in a metaphor for change; *The Sentence Project* features a chronology of aphorisms, acting as a self-portrait highlighting the impermanence of self and experience; *Rumination* is an audio installation of five voices, each reading an encyclopedia article that attempts to explain an emotional condition from a psychological or biological

perspective; and *My Misery Is A Gift* is an edition of greeting cards featuring tearful photographic portraits.

The viewer is left with the residue of a deeply personal struggle—Kordalewski's critical, diary-like work creates structures for understanding, attempting to materialize the ephemeral, to give structure to the intangible.

Susan Kordalewski holds an MFA from the Slade School of Fine Art (London, UK) and a BFA from Concordia University in Montreal. Her work has been exhibited in North America and Europe and is represented in private and public collections. In 2011, she was shortlisted for the Art Gallery of York University's Artists' Book award. *Space vs. Place*, an installation of her work at Gallery 44, was a featured exhibition in the 2011 Contact Photography Festival in Toronto. In 2012 her work was exhibited at the Institute of Contemporary Arts (London, UK) in a performance work curated by Am Nuden Da. *This Will Also Change* at Sporobole Centre en Art Actuel is her first solo exhibition.

The Susan Kordalewski exhibition runs from March 22 to April 22.

Centennial Theatre

BU Drama announces: Two Tales by Count Gozzi

Bishop's University Drama announces its upcoming Centennial Theatre production, two fantastic 'tales' for the theatre by Carlo Gozzi, a misanthropic nobleman of eighteenth-century Venice and the writer of *Useless Memoirs*. The plays were written on a dare (according to Gozzi) and became wildly successful. For future generations, his plays' grotesque imagery would inspire the German Romantics, operatic composers (Turandot the most famous of these) and today have enjoyed renewed success on the stage, attracting star directors including Julie Taymor.

The two plays, *The Love of Three Oranges* and *King Stag*, were written for a famous Commedia dell'Arte troupe and

Gozzi's twisted genius reinvents the famous masked theatre for the audience of its time. These fiabe or tales reflect political and societal fears of the eighteenth century in fantastic form. All of them use the human/beast transformation to explore the instability of identity and to celebrate the transformative power of theatre.

The senior acting and production students will take on these physically demanding transformations in a hilarious and sinister theatre duo. The cast includes Risa Kastelic, Joe Coleman, Renee Myers, J. B. Vanier, Rielle Williams, David Fuerst Ackles, Samantha Adams, Stephen Adekolu, Emily O'Kane, Tucker McDougall, Emily Reviczky, Ben Gravel,

Helen Monroe, Christina Furino, Alyson Wener, Jessica Hawkins and Hillary Bushell. First year student Shauna Akkermans is taking on the challenge of Stage Management.

For this project, Bishop's University welcomes two exceptionally talented guest artists: Chris McGregor and Carmen Alatorre. You can read more about them on our guest-artists web page at <http://www.ubishops.ca/academic-programs/humanities/drama/guest-artists.html>

Performances take place from March 15 to 18 at Centennial Theatre at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 regular/\$8 student. Call the box office at 819-822-9692.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

"The Canada Research Chairs Program helps to position Canadian postsecondary institutions as world-class research centres."

Three UdeS researchers share \$2.4 million in government funding

Three professors at the Université de Sherbrooke have together received \$2.4 million from the Canada Research Chairs Program to continue their research into the study of bacteria and various illnesses, it was announced Tuesday night.

"The high quality of research of our faculty has enabled the University to acquire an excellent reputation, whether in engineering, in science, in health or social sciences," said professor Jacques Beauvais, vice-president of research at UdeS, in a statement. "By 2015, the University intends to maximize the use of chairs to play a leading role in research, as announced in our strategic plan on success."

Rona Graham, a researcher in the faculty of medicine and health sciences, was awarded \$500,000 to conduct research on the pathogenesis of neurodegenerative diseases, or how the aging process affects proteins involved in cell death. Since neurodegenerative disor-

ders like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's increase with age, Graham will also research how the proteins are modified by the neurological diseases in an effort to help identify treatments that could delay or help prevent brain degeneration, according to a press release.

Vincent Burrus, a researcher in the faculty of science, holds the Canada Research Chair in bacterial molecular genetics and was also awarded \$500,000 to pursue his research into ICEs, large segments of DNA carried by bacterial chromosomes that can "spread by casual contact between a donor cell and a recipient cell," which in turn facilitates the spread of genes resistant to antibiotics.

Bacterial strains resistant to multiple antibiotics are a global threat to health, including within Canada as illustrated by the *C. difficile* outbreaks. Consequently, Burrus hopes to establish practices which will limit the spread of the resistant genes in hospital or the nat-

ural environment, which would in turn conserve the value of existing antibiotics.

Burrus' research will also target *C. difficile* specifically, in the hopes of better understanding how the bacteria adapts to its environment and ultimately finding new therapeutic means to block its spread through the intestines using antibiotics.

The final research chair, Nathalie Rivard, was awarded the largest sum of financing, \$1.4 million, for her research into how to improve the treatment of intestinal diseases.

Rivard, a national and global leader in the field and researcher in the faculty of medicine and health sciences, is aiming to use her research to improve the detection and treatment of colorectal cancer and inflammatory bowel diseases like Crohn's disease. In Canada digestive illnesses represent 15 per cent of the economic burden of healthcare costs and 12 per cent of all hospitaliza-

tions.

The research itself will focus on the analysis of signaling pathways that control the various responses of cells within the intestine.

A total of \$124.5 million is being allocated to 132 research chairs at 36 different post-secondary institutions by the Canada Research Chair Program, including \$28.6 million in Quebec alone.

"The Canada Research Chairs Program helps to position Canadian post-secondary institutions as world-class research centres," said Dr. Chad Gaffield, president of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and chair of the Canada Research Chairs Program Steering Committee, in a statement. "With this funding support, researchers are gaining insight about, and developing innovative solutions to, today's social, health and economic issues, and are training the next generation of top scientists and scholars."

Saint-Romain trial

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lawyers.

He noted that after a 60-day period, treatment options can be considered in order to try and rectify the situation however.

"For someone who is declared unfit to stand trial, there are treatments that can be applied, a forced treatment that can be requested of the court to make him fit to appear," he said.

The 35-year-old Morin first appeared in court on Monday, Feb. 14, at which time both the crown prosecutor and defence lawyers agreed to postpone the

trial until Feb. 23 so that the suspect could undergo a psychiatric evaluation. The evaluation, taking place at the l'Hôtel Dieu location of the CHUS, was also to be used to attempt to determine the suspect's frame of mind at the time of the incident.

The ten-day period did not prove to be enough time, however, and another postponement was requested and approved for this week.

In addition to the postponement, both parties appeared in a Superior Court Wednesday morning to discuss

certain conditions Morin must abide by until he appears in court again.

Campagna requested that Morin be banned from communicating with six individuals close to the suspect or victims at their request. The prosecution also requested a publication ban on the names of these people, which the judge approved.

"The objective was to prevent him to communicate with certain people," Campagna stated, though he would not discuss their reasons for not wanting to be in contact with the accused. "I won't

say any more in light of the publication ban which I asked for to protect the privacy of these people."

Morin is accused of three counts of first degree murder of his two nieces, eight-year-old Juliette Fillion and 11-year-old Laurence Fillion, and his mother, 70-year-old Ginette Roy-Morin, whose lifeless bodies were found in the elderly woman's home on the evening of Feb. 10.

The suspect was arrested later that night.

Nature parks highlighted

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parks as part of a larger project to promote recreational development focused on the environment.

In response, the paramunicipal organization created a document called "The network of recreational and tourism nature parks" outlining the concept and role of the network, as well as the management model.

"The concept of the network of recreational and touristic nature parks will be organized, on the one hand, around common attractions where every location will become a component and, on the other hand, around the unique or distinct character of a location," reads the document. "Thus, the network of recreational and tourism parks, by its infrastructure and quality planning, will improve and diversify the recreational and tourism offer of Sherbrooke, benefiting all citizens and visitors while contributing to economic growth."

As for management of the network, Destination Sherbrooke and the city will each have a role to play.

"The notion of development, preservation, of management, as well as promotion and activities, are the responsibilities of Destination Sherbrooke," explained Denis Bernier, the tourism organization's director general. "However, what's important to note is that the maintenance will stay under the responsibility of the city for the parks presented."

Additionally, Bernier proposed that squads of people be created with the purpose of visiting the sites to determine if they are of a good quality and inform the city services what could be improved in matters of maintenance.

The lengthy document was presented to city councillors Monday, but not without much questioning and confusion.

Certain councillors expressed uncertainty about how the work would progress and at what cost.

Others, like Mont-Bellevue councillor Pierre Boisvert, expressed uneasiness with approving the document when he did not understand the selection process

for the parks. "To my knowledge, there's no one in Mont-Bellevue who went and told you, 'this is what we can do with Mont-Bellevue,'" he said, noting in particular the borough's biggest site, Mont-Bellevue Park, was only marked as a reserve site.

When Destination Sherbrooke president Dany Lachance responded that they had not reached that consultation stage yet, a frustrated Boisvert replied. "But you've already given us your prioritization and we're at the bottom. If you invite me three years from now I won't even still be here. It's useless. I need to vote right away on a paper that says the prioritization was an objective, but I don't see the objective evaluation."

Lachance reiterated that no timetable had been

presented to the council for approval, just their first analysis of the sites presented to them, and that all the classifications could change.

With the selection of the priority sites, the organization will now look to move forward with the planning stages of the network. Destination Sherbrooke presented the city council with many propositions and possible actions to take, and the council will not debate on how to move forward with these plans, which will likely take a substantial amount of time to put into motion.



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Meds and information dispensed in English

By Barbara Lavoie
Special to The Record

Pharmacist Daniel Desruisseaux believes in dispensing prescription drugs along with plenty of information and he's so intent on putting his belief into practise that he's put together a travelling road show for Sherbrooke and area.

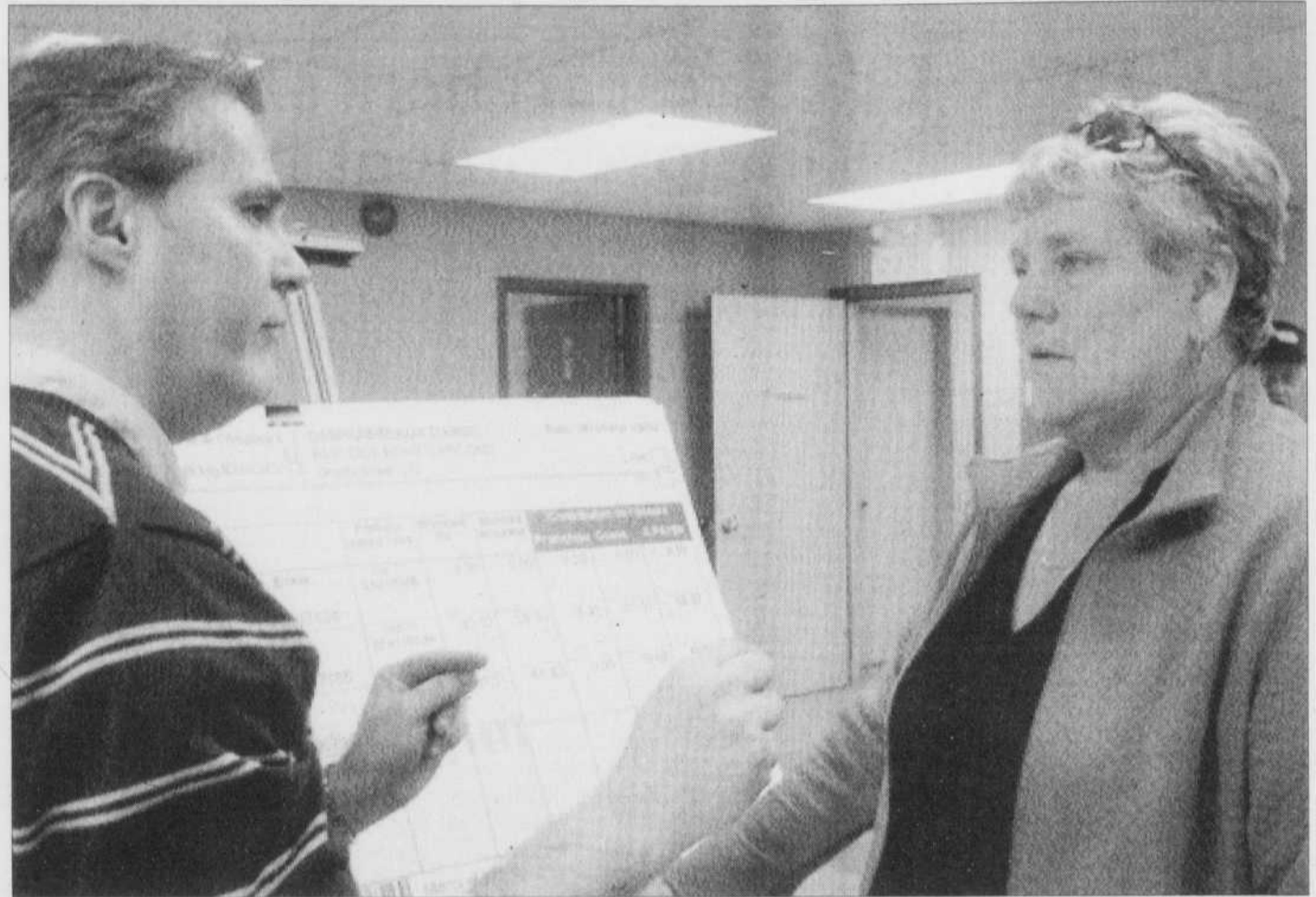
The most recent stop on his information highway was this past Monday afternoon at a free public information session in English held at 210 Principale East in Cookshire and billed as Medications...pills...pills...pills, organized by the Centre d'action bénévole du Haut-Saint-François (CABHSF).

"One of the questions we are asked at the pharmacy, often many times each day, is why the same medications are not the same price every month," said Desruisseaux.

Using several enlarged easy-to-read prescription receipts as props (you know those perforated printed strips of paper stapled to the white paper bag with your medications that we quickly rip off and discard), Desruisseaux slowly walked the avid audience of 15 participants through each item column by column.

While the answer depends a lot on chance (the order the pharmacist begins to fill your prescriptions) he was able to show exactly how the government billing system works. For those who love mathematics you're in your element here.

"It's similar to house insurance, we all pay into it but only those who have their house burn down benefit financially," said Desruisseaux, stressing the fact that everyone in Quebec is a member of the drug insurance plan.



BARBARA LAVOIE

Pharmacist Daniel Desruisseaux consults with Edith McBurney of Saint-Isadore-de-Clifton after the public information session in Cookshire.

With the complicated portion of the session clear in everyone's minds and a detailed handout in everyone's hand, Desruisseaux moved on to field a lengthy yet very informative question and answer period.

Questions ranged from differences be-

tween generic and brand-name medications, why some drugs are not covered by the government and are called exceptions, why it can take several days to have a medication we take regularly renewed, pharmaceutical marketing strategies, drug interactions, to the new

changes allowing pharmacists to prescribe and renew medications.

"Being informed is critical if we are to be partners in our own health care. Patients should always ask why they are taking a particular drug," said Desruisseaux. "It (the partnership) can be what keeps us at home longer (not in a care facility)."

With a promise to share his wisdom on natural health care products and information in a book he showed the group that was at least the size of two city telephone directories put together, the session closed with individual consultations, healthy snacks, tea and coffee.

"I found it very interesting. There was quite a bit of information," said James Dougherty, 75, of Bury, who attended with his wife Betty, 73.

Denis Chapman, 75, also of Bury, was proud to point out Desruisseaux is his pharmacist. "He's been taking care of me since he first began as a pharmacist in Cookshire," he said. "He is so accommodating. He always takes the time to explain things to me, and I've had many health care issues."

A native of Warwick, Desruisseaux graduated from the Université de Montréal in 1989 with a B. Pharm. and began his career in Cookshire, then moved on to East Angus before eventually co-owning both these PROXIM outlets with three other pharmacists.

"This presentation was very informative," said Rachel Garber, assistant for services in English for the CABHSF. "We really hope we can hold another one on natural products. We've been holding information sessions as a way to reach out to Anglophones."

For more information on the Centre d'action bénévole du Haut-Saint-François (CABHSF) and its services, telephone Rachel Garber at 819-560-8540.

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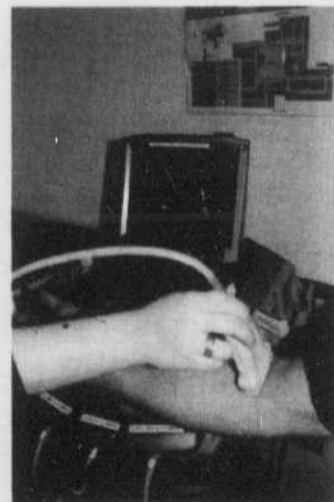
Ultrasound for Intensive Care

Your donations have enabled the CHUS Foundation to acquire an ultrasound device for the critical-care staff at the CHUS Hôtel-Dieu.

The prime use of this device is to guide physicians when inserting central-venous catheters. It can also be used to image the heart and abdomen right at the patient's bedside.

In addition, the CHUS Foundation's Brigitte-Perreault fund has made it possible to develop training for nurses to enable them to use the ultrasound equipment to guide insertion of peripheral catheters in difficult cases.

Ultrasound imaging allows nurses to view the surrounding structures to make sure the needle is inserted at the right place the first time. In addition to considerably reducing the risks of insertion complications to patients, ultrasound also shortens the time the nurse needs to perform the procedure. This also considerably lowers patient anxiety levels.



A nurse uses ultrasound to observe venous access in a patient.



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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Cowansville contract negotiations stalled

Patrick Lacroix
Record Correspondent

At a general meeting held last week, Cowansville's blue-collar workers rejected the Town's latest proposal in on-going contract negotiations. One of the biggest sticking points is the duration of the prospective agreement; while Town representatives hope to sign a one-year deal, on account of fluctuations in retirement plans, the union is seeking a three-year agreement.

"In our opinion, it makes no sense to accept a collective agreement that has such a short span, since as soon as it is signed, we will have to resume the negotiation process, considering its expiration in December, 2012," says union representative Bernard Cournoyer. "The employer also wants to impose a weekend work schedule while we believe that the current mechanism on weekend

hours has proven itself in the past. Finally, we are disappointed by the employer's sustained refusal to recognize [the seniority of] workers who have been in the Town's service for three to five years, even though these employees have fixed hours."

A press release from the CSD [Centrale des syndicats démocratiques], to which Cowansville's municipal workers are affiliated, revealed that 96 per cent of voting members opposed the Town offer and endorsed pressure tactics that could eventually include a strike.

Out of 66 employees in various capacities, the Town expected, at the end of 2010, 14 potential retirements over the course of the following five years. Salaries and benefits jointly rose by \$450,000 from 2011 to 2012 and currently account for one third of total operating expenditures.

Townships blood drives; Sherbrooke and Cowansville

Blood donors who made a contribution at least 56 days ago or first timers looking to make a deposit to the lifesaving provincial supply, will have a few opportunities to give at one of Héma-Québec upcoming drives.

A two-day blood drive has been scheduled in Sherbrooke at the central court of the Galeries Quatre Saisons in Fleurimont, 930 13th Ave North. The aim is to collect from 100 donors between 1 and 8 p.m. on March 15 and 16.

On March 26 the Église Baptiste Évangélique de Sherbrooke has a goal to collect from the same amount of donors during their 2 to 8 p.m. collection at the church on 930 du Haut-Bois St. south.

Sante Globale ambassadors and the De la Montée High School are looking for 185 blood donors to participate in their drive on March 27, in the school's gymnasium, 825 Bowen St South from

1:15 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Séminaire de Sherbrooke and the Sacré-Coeur College have joined forces to host a drive on March 28 with a goal of collecting blood from 225 donors. That drive takes place from 1:30 to 8 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Seminaire, 195 Marquette St.

Cowansville

On March 23 a blood drive scheduled by the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella of Cowansville will take place at the Le Domaine du Parc restaurant area, 175 Principal St. Organizers have set a goal to collect from 175 donors during the 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. drive.

For more information on upcoming blood drives or to see if you meet the requirements to donate call Héma-Québec at 1-800-343-7264 or visit the web site.

Shortage of drugs worrying anesthesiologists

The Canadian Press

The drug shortage gripping Canada has anesthesiologists across the country worried they won't have enough drugs to perform surgery or the sedatives and painkillers needed to keep patients comfortable before and after their procedures. "I've been getting a lot of emails from colleagues right across the country," said Dr. Rick Chisholm, president of the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Association.

"What I've heard from the rest of the country is (hospitals are) sort of taking stock of what inventory they have, what their typical usage is, trying to figure out how long their stocks are going to last, looking up what supplies Sandoz has told them they're going to be able to

ship."

Sandoz Canada is at the centre of an escalating drug shortage, resulting from the company cutting production of more than 100 medications after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration raised concerns about quality standards at the company's Boucherville plant.

A fire March 4 also affected the plant, which makes 90 per cent of injectable medications used in Canada, among them anesthetics, painkillers, cancer drugs and antibiotics. The drug protamine is the only drug anesthesiologists have to reverse the effects of the blood-thinner heparin, which is given during heart bypass surgery. Sandoz is one of only two companies that makes the medication and the primary supplier to Canadian hospitals.

Delta to go dark for Earth Hour

In 16 days businesses locally and around their world will show their commitment to taking action against climate change by switching off all lights and electrical devices for 60 minutes in honour of Earth Hour.

From coast to coast Delta Hotels and Resorts are gearing up to power down for the third consecutive year in support of the global movement, which takes place at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 31.

The hotel chain announced that its 43 properties have committed to show their support in a number of ways from hosting receptions featuring cold appetizers, raw and sustainable

snacks; providing guided star gazing and puppet show classes; or offering Earth Hour themed menus and cocktails.

The Delta Sherbrooke will make its eco contribution by shutting off its signature "Delta" signage and featuring a special candlelit dinner in the Le Murville restaurant.

Earth Hour was launched in Sydney, Australia in 2007 by the World Wildlife Fund, 2.2 million individuals and more than 2,000 businesses turned their power off for one hour.

Last year hundreds of millions of people across 135 countries participated in the initiative.

Traffic Alert: Sherbrooke and Valcourt

Slowdowns can be expected today as the City of Sherbrooke shuts down lanes on a portion of Galt St. West to repair a broken aqueduct.

The work will take place before block 525 and Dufresne Park, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will require the closure of two westbound lanes. The eastbound traffic will not be affected

Meanwhile Transport Quebec has announced it will be conducting an inspection today of the bridge that crosses the Brandy River on route 222 in Valcourt.

During the work, an eastbound lane will be closed from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 15. Flaggers will direct traffic.

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EDITORIAL

Ignoring what is happening with regard to asbestos in public and private buildings and what will happen as a result of the asbestos we produce is an officially untenable position.

Should we subsidize and export cancer?

There has been much discussion in the media lately regarding the status of asbestos in Quebec. The province is at a historical juncture: For the first time in 130 years, it no longer produces this mineral resource. This break in production is an opportunity to put an end to the use of a recognized carcinogen. Indeed, there is no safe application of asbestos, which has already claimed too many lives, here and elsewhere.

All forms of asbestos cause cancer, including lung cancer, pleural and peritoneal mesothelioma, laryngeal cancer, and ovarian cancer. Yet, the government of Quebec is set to assist in the reopening of the Jeffrey Mine in Asbestos with loan guarantees of \$58 million, quashing public discussion of this critical issue in the process.

The Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) is firmly opposed to all investment of public funds in asbestos mining. The CCS believes that greater effort must be made to manage asbestos wherever it is present (registry of buildings, asbestos removal). It also believes that workers in Quebec's asbestos industry must be supported through direct investment designed to transform their regional economy.

Voices in favour of an asbestos ban continue to be heard. Reports by recognized researchers and medical associations in May 2011 (on modifications to the Mines Act), a letter signed by 16 public health directors in January 2011, campaigns by Coalition pour que le Québec ait meilleure mine, repeated calls by victims, and statements by five MNAs on February 23 all deliver the same message: stop supporting the asbestos industry.

But our governments are playing deaf: They privilege short-term economic considerations and fail to consider the resulting costs and the impact on people's health and lives. Even worse, Canada is delaying progress at the international level by refusing to allow the addition of chrysotile asbestos to the list of hazardous substances recognized by the Rotterdam Convention, a U.N. treaty that has been in effect since 2004. How can you act with caution when you

refuse to face reality and admit a particular product's toxicity?

The reality of asbestos-related diseases is a cruel one, and yet such diseases are preventable. On Feb. 9 of this year, Enquête reported on the poignant story of a woman and her daughter who contracted mesothelioma, a particularly aggressive form of cancer, from washing work overalls belonging to her husband, who worked in the asbestos industry. La Presse reported on the case of a woman who succumbed to mesothelioma due to exposure to asbestos at her workplace, a cafeteria at a high school, which illustrates the urgent need for a registry of buildings (expected since 2002) that contain asbestos and public access to this information.

At the same time, two communities (Asbestos and Thetford Mines) are hoping for a recovery in this industry in order to sustain their economic development. In a spirit of solidarity, the Quebec government should invest the funds earmarked for the asbestos industry (\$58 million) in projects designed to promote diversification, creativity, and local initiatives. Health Canada is not the antithesis of economic development; instead, this is a matter of contributing to the economy by supporting public health.

Every year, over 100,000 people worldwide die of asbestos-related diseases. As a consequence of past negligence, 70 per cent of deaths for which a claim is filed with the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail are asbestos-related. Ignoring what is happening with regard to asbestos in public and private buildings and what will happen as a result of the asbestos we produce is an officially untenable position. The Canadian Cancer Society is calling on the government to take cogent and courageous action on this issue and to stop supporting an industry whose product is a recognized carcinogen.

Suzanne Dubois
Executive Director,
Canadian Cancer Society
Quebec Division



Letters

DEAR EDITOR:

Thank you so much to Corrinna Pole for the wonderful article about the Daffodil Days in Wednesday's Record and on the front page too. It is so well written. We could not have had better publicity. I will definitely let you know if we are successful of making more money than last year. Again, thank you so much,

MAUREEN QUIGG
LENOXVILLE

DEAR EDITOR,

Regarding St. Patrick's Day - March 17:

For most people St. Patrick's Day is a day of parades, parties, leprechauns and green beer. But just as Christmas is about more than commercialized fun, so too does St. Patrick's Day have a deeper meaning.

St. Patrick's Day began as a religious holiday honoring St. Patrick - a holy bishop sent to Ireland in 433 A.D. by Pope Celestine I to draw its people into the fold of Christ's universal church. Upon his arrival at Ireland's shores St. Patrick encountered many setbacks and persecutions by the superstitious Druids who had employed magicians to maintain their sway over the Irish race. Despite severe trials, St. Patrick was able to convert all of Ireland and conquer paganism. He is thus credited with driving the Celtic "snakes" out of Ireland.

St. Patrick is credited with many miracles and is responsible for the building of several Catholic schools, monasteries and churches throughout Ireland. He is known for his powerful expositions of the principles of the Catholic faith. He even employed the ordinary, little, three-leaved shamrock plant to teach people about the Blessed Trinity. He was called to his heavenly reward on March 17, 461.

St. Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose total love, devotion and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us.

With respectful and cordial best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

PAUL KOKOSKI
HAMILTON, ONTARIO

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COLUMNIST

Here in the self-proclaimed greatest city in the world, the natives wear their emotions on their fashionable sleeves.

New York ♥s me



ROSS MURRAY

"Maybe we'll see someone famous," said one of the kids as we approached New York.

"It's possible," I replied, but I was doubtful. It's like those "Watch for Moose" signs on the highway; knowing they're out there doesn't mean you'll necessarily see one.

Yet, here we were, a half hour in Manhattan, strolling along 79th toward Central Park, and who do we pass but David Duchovny. "The X-Files" star was walking with his kid and carrying a baseball bat.

Of course, we didn't stop him. A) I was never a huge "X-Files" fan; B) much like

moose, celebrities are fun to spot at a distance but not so fun to run into; and C) did I mention the bat?

I wonder, though, how an exchange would have played out. Duchovny is a native New Yorker, after all, and, based on what I learned about New Yorkers during our visit, I think he might have either barked at us or been charmingly breezy and familiar - and then tried to sell us something.

Either way, it would not have been bland. New Yorkers don't do bland. Here in the self-proclaimed greatest city in the world, the natives wear their emotions on their fashionable sleeves. They express the joys and angers of the moment, and always with intensity.

For example, there was the woman who yelled at a blind man after some tussle with his seeing-eye dog. "You're dog's fine; you're the apple," she said (except she didn't say "apple").

Or the woman trailing me on 6th Avenue who said, "Mmm, I like your pants. Nice and loose." When I turned, she laughed good-naturedly. "It's good to laugh sometimes, right?"

Or the staffer in the Madison Square Garden men's room whose sole job appeared to be to wave his hand under the electronic sensor of the paper towel dispenser so that a fresh sheet would be ready for the next customer. He looked bored, vacant, and yet he scanned with such focus. He was in the zone!

Or the dreadlocked hustler who approached me on the corner, fist-bumped a greeting, then tried to push a bottle of cologne on me by grabbing my wrist and spraying the back of my hand, rubbing the stuff in with his rough knuckles. "I'm a promoter," he said. "This costs \$69 at Macy's. It's my gift to you. You just give me what you feel is right. Now rub that on your cheek."

I balked. "I don't like scents," I said. "You... you don't like scents? Why not?" he said.

"I just don't," I said, and we parted, leaving me with a stinky fist for the rest of the day.

But the hustle was performed so good-naturedly, with such brash and panache, I felt privileged to have been so would-be bamboozled. In fact, I felt like

the first person he had ever scammed!

This is what makes New York City what it is. New Yorkers make you feel special. New Yorkers make you feel like you've been pals for years - or could be. New Yorkers make you want to shave every morning even though vacation rules dictate that you don't have to, but you do anyway because you want to look good for New Yorkers.

I love New York, sure, but more important, New York loves me!

New Yorkers do such a great job of selling themselves because they truly believe their own publicity. Even in a country increasingly unsure of itself, New Yorkers' core belief never wavers: "I am a New Yorker. I am great. I am here. So don't even think about honking at me when I cross against the light, apple!"

Canadians could never pull this off - poor, self-doubting Canadians. All that time in the woods has left us with too much socialism in our bloodstream, resulting in debilitating deference, chronic self-effacement, quasi-liberal queasiness. Friendly, sure, but needy.

RRHS is a Community Learning Centre



COURTESY

Community Learning Centres (CLC's) were created to improve student learning, family engagement, and to build stronger communities. Richmond Regional High School (RRHS) is the third school in the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) to receive a grant to become a CLC and to join the network of 37 other CLC's in Quebec. The CLC initiative is to promote English language education and community development.

Each CLC offers videoconferencing. This is a virtual meeting space for teachers to open up educational opportunities for students. RRHS combined two classrooms to form its CLC room which includes videoconferencing equipment, a drop ceiling for better acoustics, new tables and

chairs, new flooring, and an inviting blue coat of paint on the walls.

Ms. Hamel's Grade 7 class is planning on taking a virtual tour of the Royal Tyrell Museum in Alberta. Mr. Côté celebrated Black History month with a collaborative project with four other CLC schools: Centennial Regional, Parkdale Elementary, Gault Institute and Mary Gardner Elementary. RRHS's science classes are also working with Concordia University's Back to the Roots program. It is an initiative promoting hands-on activities for students to learn about plants, growing food, food security and the environment.

Other schools that have CLC's have noticed that this local focus engaged students academically by

pairing real-world relevance with classroom learning. It also promoted citizenship by creating respect for people in other communities.

A steering committee has been formed of: Isabelle Beaulac (RRHS principal), Mischa Schuler (RRHS staff), Darlene Keenan (RRHS student services), Tony Taylor (RRHS volunteer), Shannon Keenan (Townshippers' Association), Patricia Keenan (ETSB commissioner), Kirk Robinson (ADS Principal), Jeremy Goertz (local businessman), and Mike Pezzi (St. Francis parent). This committee will decide on future plans for the RRHS CLC.

- Submitted by Laurie Hannan

Call for nominations; \$100K for theatre designers

After a successful decade of recognizing those who have advanced Canadian theatre, the Elinore & Lou Siminovitch Prize in Theatre is coming to an end but before the curtain drops, organizers want to bestow one final award.

Created in 2001 in the memory of distinguished scientist Lou Siminovitch and his late wife Elinore, a playwright, the annual award has honoured professional directors, playwrights and designers by acknowledging the excellence of their work.

The award, which comes with a total prize of \$100,000, also rewards their ability to influence and inspire younger theatre artists to explore the Canadian theatre community.

"The Founders are proud of what the Prize has achieved and are pleased to have played a role in honouring the sig-

nificant contributions made by Elinore and Lou Siminovitch to Canadian society, in a way that would reflect their mutual life-long love for the arts and, in particular the theatre," stated Joseph Rotman, Chair of the Canada Council and one of the Founders of the Siminovitch Prize.

For its final call, the prize founders are seeking the most talented and influential theatre designers in the country who have used lighting, sound, costume and sets to enhance the theatre going experience.

Short listed nominees will be revealed in Sept. and the award recipient and their protégé will be announced at a ceremony in Nov.

For details and nomination form, which must be submitted by June 8, visit www.siminovitchprize.com.

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The Border Report

"With the arrival of the Pat Burns Arena, we will be holding major events in Stanstead. We want to be able to accommodate our visitors locally. . ."

Stanstead recreation news



MATTHEW FARFAN

The annual 5-km run at Border Fest is always a popular draw.

Matthew Farfan

The town of Stanstead has decided to sponsor the Border Softball League this year. The sum of \$500, not previously allocated in the town's annual donations budget, which was passed just last month, has been voted to purchase municipal publicity on two four by eight foot panels which will be displayed by the league along side the town-owned softball fields in Stanstead and Beebe.

The town has also opted to sponsor a hole at an upcoming golf tournament being organized by Stanstead College. The amount of the sponsorship is \$375. The tournament will take place on May 25 at Dufferin Heights Golf Club. The town logo will appear on a sign at the hole.

Stanstead has voted to support the Circuit des Arts, the annual Memphremagog MRC regional arts and crafts tour. The town's contribution will be the nominal sum of \$100. It has not yet been announced whether any artists in Stanstead will actually be featured on this year's tour.

As it has for many years, Stanstead will be collaborating with the organizers of the 5 km race that takes place each year as a part of Border Fest. Typically the town donates pins, assists with logistics, and furnishes the town hall for the morning of the race. Border Fest usually takes place early in the summer.

The town has signed an agreement with the Stanstead Recreation Association for the hiring of a coordinator and monitors for its summer camp program.

And finally, recreation agent Marise Trépanier now occupies an office in the old post office building at 10 Phelps Street in Rock Island. Trépanier is responsible for overseeing many of the town-sponsored leisure activities.

Flowers coming

Matthew Farfan

For many towns around Quebec, the annual rites of spring include the preparations for the purchase of flowers for municipal gardens and suspended pots. Spring must surely be around the corner, because Stanstead, like a number of other towns, has allocated its yearly flower expenditures.

As it does every year, the town will be hanging pots of flowers on the poles along its main streets - namely, Dufferin and Principale in Beebe. Council has authorized the purchase of \$800 worth of

flowers for the hanging pots. That sum is down from last year's \$2,200.

In addition to the pots, the town has once again hired gardener Nicole Doyon to look after the flower beds in the various parks. For a number of years now, Doyon has been gradually improving the look of gardens around town, and her efforts have paid off.

This year, Doyon has been awarded a contract for \$3,000. That sum (again, down slightly from last year's \$3,500) will include labour as well as shrubs, annuals and perennials, mulch, manure and fertilizer.

Imperial's days numbered

Local landmark to be torn down



MATTHEW FARFAN

The Imperial's days are numbered.

Matthew Farfan

The Imperial Motel, a 1960s-era landmark at the north end of Stanstead, will soon disappear from the landscape. With its furnishings and equipment already auctioned off a few days ago, and the building owned by the Petro-T gas station chain, the fifty-year-old motel and diner will soon be joining its long-gone neighbour to the west, the Motel 55, in the place where all good roadside motels eventually seem to end up: the landfill.

According to reports, the Imperial will likely be demolished by the end of this month. One media report cited Petro-T real estate director Roger Gougeon as saying that "we are not hotel specialists; we don't want to act as hotel promoters. But if we can make things easier, we will."

Gougeon was reacting to statements made by Stanstead general manager Guillaume Labbé who was quoted in the Reflet du Lac as saying that the town is now armed with a market study on the subject of a hotel near Autoroute 55.

"With the arrival of the Pat Burns Arena," Labbé is reported to have said, "we will be holding major events in Stanstead. We want to be able to accommodate our visitors locally, which at the present time is impossible." The proximity of the autoroute, according to Labbé, along with the growing number of people who come to visit Stanstead College and local industries, make the construction of a new hotel even more of a necessity.

This is not the first time that officials at the town of Stanstead have fantasized about the possibility of a new hotel being built in town. The idea

has been bandied about for at least ten or fifteen years.

What is definite, at least for now, is that the Imperial will go. It is also apparent that a facelift is in the near future for the existing Petro-T gas station. It is also highly likely that one, and possibly even two, new restaurants will be installed on the motel property, once the Imperial has been demolished.

Rumours have been swirling around Stanstead for weeks now that a Tim Horton's franchise will soon be setting up shop. That, of course, would no doubt be welcome news for some travellers, and certainly for local donut fans, but the effect of another fast-food competitor on existing restaurants would remain to be seen.



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How many men does it take to change a lightbulb?

A Haskell chandelier story

Matthew Farfan

One of the gems of the border communities has just got a bit of its sparkle back. For years, the great antique chandelier in the Haskell Opera House in Stanstead had not been as twinkly as it should have been. Most of the thirty bulbs in the massive brass fixture, which has illuminated the famous performance venue since it was built over a century ago, were burnt out.

The bulbs were rarely changed. And rightly so, since the only way for staff to change them was to climb up the narrow joists that hold up the tin ceiling above the chandelier, taking care not to step through the ceiling, and to painstakingly lower the fixture by hand to the floor many feet below, where the bulbs could then be changed. It was a difficult, dangerous task that has been outlawed at the Haskell for some time.

So bulbs have been burning out one by one – and not being replaced. Until this year, that is. Thanks to a little group of volunteers, changing those bulbs has gotten a whole lot easier – and safer.

Dennis Ziegler, Rick Gosselin and George Lague, all from the Vermont side of the border, and all friends of this

beautiful old opera house, decided one day that they could help. The first task at hand, according to Ziegler, was to construct a work platform in the space above the tin ceiling of the opera house.

Then the ingenious trio lowered the chandelier to the floor below, modified and relocated the supporting pulley, and installed a winch onto the new work platform. Next, they changed all the bulbs, rewired the chandelier, and attached a brand new steel cable. Finally, they routed the new cable to the winch and hoisted the massive fixture back into place.

According to Ziegler, all of the lumber for the platform was donated by Poulin Lumber in Derby, Vermont, which he said was happy to help. The materials for rewiring, re-lamping, and hanging the chandelier were purchased with funds from a USDA grant for technical upgrades, and by QNEK, the resident theatre company at the Haskell. Ziegler himself donated the winch.

As for the chandelier itself, it was purchased by Colonel Horace Stewart Haskell who, along with his mother Martha Stewart Haskell, funded the construction of the Haskell Free Library and Opera House from 1901 to 1904. In 1903, Haskell paid seventy-two dollars for the



COURTESY WHIPPLE STUDIO

The Haskell Opera House in all its glory. The chandelier is directly over head.

fixture to the firm of McKenney and Waterbury Company of Boston. The company's slogan was, "We Light the World – Gas, Electric and Oil Fixtures."

Opening night in the opera house took place on June 7, 1904. On that occa-

sion, the Columbian Minstrels played before a packed house. 2012 marks the Haskell's 108th season, and preparations are already well under way for a full schedule of performances which are set to begin in May.

Stanstead Fire Department holds benefit dance



COURTESY

By Iain Stark, Stanstead F.D. Special to The Record

Spring has sprung, and what better way to celebrate the changing of the seasons than with some great music and good friends at the annual Stanstead Fire Department dance.

The fundraising event has grown into a fire department tradition for the benefit of its members and the community at large. It's just one of the ways the local department can touch base with the community and create a more personal connection with local citizens.

Along with giving us all a chance to unwind, the event helps put a human face to the serious and sometimes stern image firemen have had to use during interventions.

This is the perfect chance for the department to show off some of our gorgeous uniforms and smiles while not

taking ourselves too seriously. Did you know St. Paddy was a fireman?

Once again graciously hosted by Stanstead College and with live music from local band "Slightly Haggard", who never fail to deliver a good time, the dance also helps the department to raise funds for local charities.

All are invited to celebrate a safe and happy winter past, and future spring and summer with an evening of laughter, music and dance.

Door prizes are ready to be given away, drinks are only available on-site and alternative transport arrangements can be made if needed.

The benefit dance takes place this Saturday, March 17 at Stanstead College's Lebaron Hall, 450 Dufferin, and begins at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 pre-dance and can be bought from any of the Stanstead firemen, or \$8 at the door.

Quebec court authorizes civil suit against Pharmaprix

The Canadian Press MONTREAL

Quebec Superior Court has authorized a class-action lawsuit on behalf of members of Pharmaprix's popular Optimum fidelity program.

Members have seen the value of their points drop since changes were instituted to the program on July 1, 2010 by the parent company, Shoppers Drug Mart, which the pharmacy chain operates in the rest of Canada.

The changes to the program have de-

valued accumulated points.

Marie-Anais Sauve, a lawyer representing the plaintiffs, says that lowering the value of points without the consent of consumers is abusive and illegal.

The class-action suit aims to compensate members for the loss of the value of their points as well as reinstating the old values.

The class includes all Pharmaprix Optimum members who were living in Quebec on June 30, 2010, of which there are an estimated 1.4 million members.

A trial would only begin in a few years

5,400 Quebec sex offenders on registry, coroner's inquiry hears

By Postmedia News

There are 5,400 people on the federal sex-offender registry in Quebec, an expert has told a coroner's inquiry.

More than 4,000 offenders are out of prison, said Sgt. Gaetan Ruest, one of two police officers mandated to access the database in Quebec. The federal database was set up in 2005.

The registry is part of the discussion in a coroner's inquiry being held in Laval into the death of 16-year-old Julie Surprenant. She disappeared in 1999 and her body was never found. Richard Bouillon, a man with several convictions for sex offences in 1999 and who lived above

Surprenant's family, confessed to killing the girl just before he died of cancer in 2006.

Ruest confirmed that even if Canada's register had been available in 1999, an ordinary citizen such as Surprenant's father, Michel, would not be able to access it. Ruest said people can access who is on the register in New York, as an example, simply by using a search engine, such as Google.

Bouillon confessed to a nurse and an auxiliary nurse at Cite de la Sante Hospital in Laval, to having killed Surprenant. However, those confessions were only passed along to police years later.

Local Sports

"During the last season, every team in the league helped support the work of local organizations in the communities where they operate."

New Sherbrooke Phoenix hockey club may benefit the city in more ways than one

By Jesse Feith

With the new major junior hockey team, the Sherbrooke Phoenix, coming to the Townships next season, the league's commissioner, Gilles Courteau, visited Sherbrooke's Chamber of Commerce recently to discuss the economic impact that these franchises have in the markets where they operate.

The league recently completed a study of not only the economic impacts their franchises have on their markets but also put together a full report of the social responsibilities that come with having a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League team in your city. The studies revealed that with an estimated 40 million operating budget, the league and its teams generates significant direct and indirect economic benefits for its markets as well as creating quality job opportunities.

Using the 2009-2010 season as a frame, the studies indicated that in one season alone, the benefits amounted to more than 86 million dollars in production while 651 full-time jobs were either created or maintained. The study also showed that within five years, the league generates an overall economic impact of 1.15 billion dollars between all of its franchises, producing about 12,000 jobs throughout Quebec and the Maritimes.

"The results show that our league is a real economic power in both Quebec and the Maritimes. In its 42 years of ex-



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Part owner of the QMJHL Phoenix, Jocelyn Thibault. The team announced earlier this week that season passes for every one of their home games will go on sale as of March 25.

istence, it has brought countless young hockey players to hockey's highest level and today, this study shows that we have also contributed to the prosperity of our society," said Courteau.

In terms of the social implications that the new team may have on the City of Sherbrooke, Courteau explained the invaluable importance of the community engagement that comes with having a team in your region. "During last season, every team in the league helped support the work of local organizations in the communities where they operate. Each one of them has spent an average of 325 volunteer hours to these activities during the year."

"Our players were likely to visit schools and meet students from pri-

mary or secondary schools to encourage them to continue their education. Some were also active in organizations that work with children, and others have not hesitated to sponsor local activities of organizations like United Way, Héma-Québec, ORN or the Canadian Red Cross. They always do their part to support their communities," added the commissioner.

In addition to providing a springboard to the National Hockey League (NHL) and other professional tours, the league also properly supervises its athletes and makes sure that their education is always a priority. For the 2010-2011 season, 97 per cent of North American players in the league were enrolled in school or engaged in learning

utilities. The rate of success during the same season for athletes enrolled in high school was almost 99 per cent. For players enrolled in college, the success rate drops to just under 85 per cent. "School attendance is required by the league to make sure that players continue and successfully complete the program in which they are enrolled. Our rates of academic engagement are much better than the statistics gathered in Quebec in terms of dropouts," said Courteau.

The league's scholarship program has also dished out more than eight million dollars to athletes wishing to continue their education after their athletic careers have come to an end. In 2010-2011 alone, the league gave out close to half a million dollars in scholarships to 129 former players.

The Sherbrooke Phoenix organization announced earlier this week that season passes for every one of their home games will go on sale as of March 25, available that day at the Carrefour de L'Estrie, where they will have a kiosk set-up in front of Sports Experts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fans who buy their passes before May 30 will benefit from a special discount. Adult passes will go for \$399, senior passes for \$340, student passes for \$199 and those for children will only be \$129. After that date, the regular prices will be charged for anyone looking to buy tickets; they will be available at the Phoenix offices located at de Palais des Sports in Sherbrooke.

Michael Waltrip Racing ready to join the Chase

By Peter James
Postmedia News

Michael Waltrip's season started on a sour note as a driver, but as an owner it's been as sweet as can be.

A crash last month in the qualifying race snapped Waltrip's 25-year streak of racing in the Daytona 500. He said at the time he felt he let everyone on his team down, but his drivers have picked him right back up with an impressive start to the 2012 NASCAR Sprint Cup season.

Michael Waltrip Racing has been solidly in the second tier of teams since its founding in 2007. It has only two race wins to its credit - both by David Reutimann, who was let go after the 2011 season - and has never qualified a driver for the Chase for the Sprint Cup.

Yet three races into the 2012 season, MWR has three drivers in the top 14 in points - something powerhouse teams Hendrick Motorsports and Richard Childress Racing can't boast.

"Our season is off to a very encouraging start," Martin Truex Jr., driver of the No. 56 NAPA Auto Parts Toyota for MWR said this week. "I see some areas of improvement that are still needed, but all in all, everyone at MWR is working hard

and together to keep the strong momentum going."

Truex is leading the way for the team with 98 points, good for eighth in the standings. He finished 2011 on a roll, with top-10 finishes in four of the final five races - including a third-place in the season-ending Ford 400.

Also off to solid starts for the team this season are newcomers Mark Martin (10th place, 97 points) and Clint Bowyer (14th place, 86 points).

Waltrip himself is racing a partial schedule in the No. 55 Aarons Dream Machine Toyota, splitting time with Martin and Brian Vickers. He also has a TV studio gig with FOX in weeks he's not racing.

He's taking pains not to cheerlead for his drivers on the air.

"My role is to be objective," Waltrip told USA Today. "I understand people are going to be more critical of me (on-air) than anyone else - but if anything I'll err in not talking about my team."

The two-time Daytona 500 champion is hoping this is the year his team will finally break through. Signing veterans Bowyer, Martin and Vickers in the off-season showed the team is committed to shelling out for big-name talent.

Waltrip said even though Martin is

only running in 24 races this year, he could be the key to the team's success.

"Even at 53 years young, (Martin) has a youthful enthusiasm and is just so thrilled to continue to race," Waltrip wrote in his column on FoxSports.com. "Whether you are a team member or one of our other drivers, you can't help but be inspired by Mark."

Yet, Truex - the only holdover from the 2011 team - appears to be the driver poised to make the most noise.

Truex has one career Sprint Cup win, but it came when he was driving for Dale Earnhardt, Inc., in 2007.

"I really think we are close to getting our first win (for MWR). Our car has had speed in every race so far," Truex said. "That's the hardest thing to find, and we have had it the last 10 races. If we can continue to run fast each week, one of these days it is going to work out for us."

Truex's next chance will come Sunday at the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee. Truex led 63 laps at this event last year, but finished 17th. However he was second in the Bristol night race in 2011.

Bowyer is keen to get his first win for his new team. He's taken the checkered flag five times in his career, all with Richard Childress Racing. He parted

ways with that team after last season.

Bowyer finished sixth last week in Las Vegas, the best result from a MWR driver this year. He's hoping to improve on that finish at Bristol this week.

"I've come close there quite a few times in the Cup Series and I have a win in the Nationwide Series," Bowyer said. "To get a win at Bristol is a very big deal. I'd love to add a Cup win at Bristol - and I think we'll have a pretty good shot this weekend."

Naturally, Waltrip is excited as well. "We have great momentum right now at MWR," he wrote, "and as long as we continue to give our drivers fast race cars, there is no reason that momentum can't carry us into victory lane."

• He said it: "It took me about nine or 10 years of laps over there to finally figure it out. So, I'm just trying to remember that rhythm that you drive there. It is a very different race track to drive." - Jimmie Johnson, driver of the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet on the challenges of driving at Bristol.

• This week: Teams head to Bristol, Tenn., for the first short-track race of the 2012 season.

The Ford EcoBoost 300 event on the Nationwide Series is Saturday.

Death



**Gabrielle
JENNE (NÉE LAVARIÈRE)
(1923 - 2012)**

Passed away at the CHUS-Hotel Dieu in Sherbrooke on Monday, March 12, 2012 at the age of 88. Gabrielle Lavarière Jenne was the wife of Ronald F. Jenne of Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), Qc. Mrs. Jenne was the loving sister of Normande (Robert Audet), the late Raymond Lavarière (Dolorès Maclure), the late Norbert (the late Yvette Bonin) and the late Arthur (the late Antoinette Roy); dear sister-in-law of Ross 'Teddy' Jenne (Judy) and the late Frank Jenne (Lina). Also left to

mourn are many nephews, nieces other friends and relatives.

Those wishing to pay their respects are invited to the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil Street, Sherbrooke, Que, J1G 1K4, tel: 819-565-1155; fax: 819-820-8872; e-mail: info@steveelkas.com, on Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Followed by a service at the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home Chapel at 4:00 p.m.

The family would like to thank the entire intensive care unit of the CHUS-Hotel Dieu for their kind and professional care given to Mrs. Lavarière Jenne. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Quebec Lung Association, 5790 Pierre-de-Coubertin Ave, Montreal, Qc, H1N 1R4 would be appreciated.

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Death



**Narcisse
AMIRAULT
(1929 - 2012)**

Passed away at the CHUS-Hotel Dieu in Sherbrooke on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the age of 82. Narcisse Amirault was the son of the late Narcisse L. Amirault and the late Edith Lombard; dear brother of Alice Amirault-Jutras (the late Jean V. Jutras), uncle of Louis Jutras (Aline Royer), Marc Jutras (Hélène Fournier) and Edith Jutras (Roger Chouinard). Also left to mourn are many great-nephews and nieces other friends and relatives.

Those wishing to pay their respects are invited to the Nativité-de-Jesus Parish, St-Boniface Church (75 Morris Street, Sherbrooke), on Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 9:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by burial at the St-Michael's Cemetery, Sherbrooke.

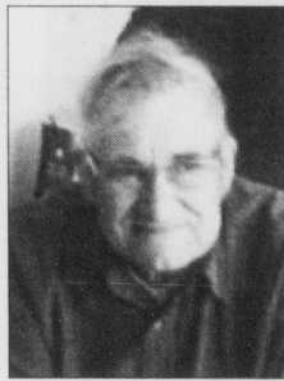
The family would like to thank all the CHUS-Hotel Dieu staff as well as those of the C.S.S.S.-IUGS Youville Pavillion for their support and care given to Mr. Amirault. A special thank you to Georges and Lily for their help and kindness.

Funeral services entrusted to the Steve L. Elkas Funeral Home, 601 Conseil Street, Sherbrooke, Que, J1G 1K4, tel: 819-565-1155; fax: 819-820-8872; e-mail: info@steveelkas.com

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Death



**Royce Allison DUSTIN
(1931-2012)**

At the BMP Hospital in Cowansville, on March 10, 2012, in his 82nd year, passed away Royce Dustin, loving husband for 58 years of Valerie Piercy. Beloved son of the late Helen Mayhew and late Rufus Dustin of Ayer's Cliff. He also leaves to mourn his son Brad Lee (Beverly), Tiny ON and his daughter Penny Lynn Rodrigues (Paul), Ottawa ON. He will be sorely missed by his grandchildren Christopher Dustin, Toronto ON, Blair Reany (Carla), Grande Prairie AB, Tyler Dustin, Coldwater ON, Devin Reany, Grande Prairie AB and his great-grandson Joshua, his sisters, Phyllis

Baldwin of Consecon ON and Roberta Wark Baldwin, Lennoxville QC. Royce was predeceased by his brothers Randolph (Gladys residing in Sweetsburg QC) and Garnet (Brenda residing in Trenton ON)

Royce was an avid farmer and enjoyed working 56 plus years at Shadybrook Farm in West Brome, retiring at 80 years of age. His family would like to take this opportunity to show their appreciation and give heartfelt thanks to the staff at Shadybrook for their outstanding loyal support, day and night and a special note of thanks to Diane Sirois, Claude Gauvin, Lloyd Wright and Laurence Pathy. Thanks also to the administration and staff of Manoir Lac Brome, in Knowlton, the doctors and nursing staff of the BMP Hospital, especially the I.C.U who studiously remained at his bedside during his final days.

Family and friends will be welcomed at the

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on Thursday, March 15 from 12 noon to 2 p.m., followed by a celebration of his life from the funeral home chapel. Donations in his memory to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family (Forms available at the funeral home).

"Watch over us dad
Your work is done;
Rest in peace now
Your struggle won"

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Death



**McKEE MIZENER, Margaret RN
1924 - 2012**

Surrounded by her family, Mom (Grandma) passed away peacefully on March 10, 2012 at the Manoir Lac Brome, Knowlton, Quebec, in her 88th year.

Devoted mother and mother-in-law to Wes (Joan Campbell), Greg (Debbie Lyons), Marlane (Bill Wetheral) and sister to Arthur Mizener (Diana Mc Intosh). Sister-in-law to Neil Connor. Margaret is pre-deceased by her husband Blane, brother Roscoe Mizener, and sister-in-laws, Stella Mizener and

Armina Connor.

(Nurse McKee) was a graduate from Sherbrooke Hospital in 1944 and pursued her love of nursing at St-Anne's, became the neighbourhood nurse, worked nights at Lachine General and finished her career at Lakeshore General Hospital where she retired as Head Nurse of Obstetrics.

Grandma will be held close in the hearts of her ten grandchildren, Margaret, Dylan, Asa, Katie, Stephanie, Brendan, Cara, Bethan, Nathan and Kelsey, each one having very special memories.

The family extend their sincere appreciation and thanks to all of the staff at Manoir Lac Brome and Linda Allen for her compassion and care of Mom over the past few years.

Cremation was held in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette Crematorium. Under the direction of Les Résidences funéraires Bessette, 5034 Foster Street, Waterloo Quebec JOE 2N0. Tel: 450 539-1606 or 1 888 730-6666. Fax: 450 539-3035. www.famillebessette.com A service will be held, Saturday, March 17 at 1 p.m. at the Creek United Church in West Bolton, Quebec. Family and friends are to meet directly at the church. Interment at the Duboyce Cemetery at a later date.

In her memory, donations to the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.

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Death



June
(NEE AMY) LODGE

Passed away peacefully at the Wales Home in Richmond, on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at the age of 88.

Loving wife of the late Stanley Lodge, and loving mother of Barbara (Merrick Morrill), Beverley (Lloyd Findlay), Robert (France), Gordon (Eileen), Jeannie (Ronald Mastine), Mary (Merlin Gunter), Harry (Hélène), Louise (Gilles Dallaire), Alan. June also leaves to mourn her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her great-great-grand-

son, along with her sisters Joy and Dawn, brother Raulin, sisters-in-law Phyllis and Betty and her brother-in-law Henry Lodge along with many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Resting at the Dupuis Funeral Home, 148 Daniel-Johnson St., Danville, where friends may visit on Sunday- March 18 from 2 to 4 and 6:30 to 9 p.m., and on Monday from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. A celebration of June's life will be held in the Danville-Asbestos Trinity United Church on Monday at 2:00 p.m. followed by the interment in the Danville Protestant Cemetery.

Donations to the Danville-Asbestos Trinity United Church, Box 68, Danville, QC J0A 1A0 or to The Wales Home Foundation, 506 Rte 243N, Richmond, QC J0B 2H0 would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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I have told him clearly that I need more attention and affection

Dear Annie: A year ago, my daughter met a man over the Internet. That's fine, but I have the following issues:

1. She wants to marry him without actually having met him in person.

2. He is from a foreign country where the customs are vastly different from ours.

3. I worry that he will take advantage of her just to remain in this country.

My daughter says I am concerned for no reason. She is 30 years old and has lived in a small town most of her life. How do I deal with this appropriately? — Unsure Mom

Dear Mom: All of your issues are valid and worth discussing. However, your daughter is 30 years old. If she chooses to go into marriage without meeting the man or learning more about him and his culture, there's not much you can do to stop her. Stay neutral. Suggest that he come for a visit, saying you are eager to meet him and want to give them an engagement party. Then do so. We hope he is everything she dreams of because the downside is rather unpleasant to contemplate.

Dear Annie: Is it acceptable for kids to send thank-you notes via email?

I was brought up in a more traditional way, where thank-you notes were always handwritten. Of course, back then, emails were not an option. Frankly, I think any thank you is better than no thank you, and getting my kids to sit down and write notes by hand takes forever, and I'd like them sent in a timely fashion.

I'm sure my kids would be more willing to send a quick note via email, but I'm conflicted as to whether that's acceptable or not. — Mom in Connecticut

Dear Mom: Good news! Yes, email thank-you notes are acceptable, especially if that is the best you're going to get. Please make sure your children understand that the note still has to be appropriate and appreciative. But we also hope you will continue to demonstrate

Annie's Mailbox

to your children how much nicer it is to receive a personal handwritten note. This should

not be a dying art.

Dear Annie: "John" and I have been married for 15 years. He is a wonderful person and a great father to our two young girls.

Our relationship is fine on the surface, but it's emotionally empty. There is little intimacy, which has been an issue throughout our marriage. It manifests itself periodically in arguments that never seem to get resolved. John refuses to go to counseling. He wonders why I cannot "just be happy," because from his perspective, everything is fine. I have told him clearly that I need more attention and affection, but I have come to the realization that he is "just not that into me."

I have tried counseling on my own, but I was told to accept things as they are or end the marriage. Annie, I love my family. I am not asking for a magical romance. I don't think it's too much for a woman to need occasional loving physical gestures from her husband. I can't figure out why it's so hard for him to express his love if he cares for me as much as he says.

I don't want to leave, but things could be so much better if John would only put a little more effort into our marriage. Any suggestions on how to improve things? Or am I just destined to have an emotionless relationship? — Lonely in the Ville

Dear Lonely: There is a variety of reasons why a man may not show any interest in his wife: He could be gay, asexual, not attracted to you or having an affair. He could have low testosterone or other medical or emotional issues. The real problem is that he refuses to address it. Start with the approach most likely to get results. Ask John to see his doctor to have his testosterone levels checked. If he refuses or it doesn't help, move on to the other possibilities. Talk frankly with him. He needs to understand the level of your unhappiness.



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BURY

St. Paul's Guild and A.C.W. will hold a Military Whist on March 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. To reserve a table, please call Serena at 819-875-5210 by March 22.

LENNOXVILLE

Rummage & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ANAF Unit 318, 300 St. Francis Street, Lennoxville. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary.

LENNOXVILLE

The Ladies' Auxiliary ANAF Unit 318 will hold their pre-Easter Supper (ham and all the trimmings and pies) on Saturday, March 31 with 1 setting at 6 p.m., at the Hut, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville. Please reserve by March 26 by calling Doreen Morissette at 819-821-2967.

LENNOXVILLE

The Lennoxville-Ascot Historical & Museum Society (LAHMS) invites you to its current exhibit: "Chores of Yore in the Great Outdoors". Visitors can revisit the lives of their parents and grandparents by exploring the tools and equipment that were used in daily chores throughout the seasons in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Come by Wednesday to Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Uplands: 9, Speid St., Borough of Lennoxville). Entrance is FREE. For more information call: (819)564-0409 E-mail: lahms@uplands.ca or visit our website: www.uplands.ca

AYER'S CLIFF

500 card party sponsored by St. George's ACW on Monday, Mar. 19, Apr. 2, 16, and 30 at the Legion Hall on Rosedale St., Ayer's Cliff. We begin at 1:30 pm. Prizes, raffle, lunch. Bring a friend. All welcome.

AYER'S CLIFF

St. Patrick's Day Brunch on Sunday, March 18 at Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy a delicious meal of bacon, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, real maple syrup, homemade baked beans, toast, jam, fruit salad, coffee, tea and juice. All are welcome!

RICHMOND

The Richmond Royal Canadian Legion Br. 15, 235 College N. Richmond, is holding their St. Pats Brunch, Sunday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We welcome all to a hearty Brunch before the St. Pats Parade. Our Brunch consists of eggs, ham, sausages, pan fried potatoes, homemade beans, pancakes and other condiments. Admission charged.

RICHMOND

St. Pat's Day Parade, March 18 at 2 p.m. along the Green Line Route. Everyone welcome.

DANVILLE

The Danville-Asbestos Trinity United Church UCW will hold a Military Whist on Thursday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome. To

reserve a table, call 819-839-2552.

LENNOXVILLE

All new weekly Saturday flea market, craft sale, and homemade baked goods. Come check it out, March 17, 24, & 31 at 269 Queen, Lennoxville, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Something for everyone.

LENNOXVILLE

The Uplands Chamber Players are pleased to present SHUBERTIAD (Franz Schubert) on Saturday, March 17 at 8 p.m. in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church located at 256 Queen Street in Lennoxville. The trio performing in the series is made up of Pauline Farrugia (clarinet), Erich Kory (cello) and Cheryl Stroud (piano) with guest pianist Daniella Berstein. Tickets for the concert may be reserved by calling Uplands at 819-564-0409 or purchased at the door.

LENNOXVILLE

Uplands is pleased to announce that there will be a St-Patrick's Day Tea on Saturday March 17. Special Tea prices and lots of green! Tea will be served between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Uplands is located at 9 Speid Street in Lennoxville. To reserve, please call 819-564-0409.

AUSTIN

MS Country Dance, Theme "St. Paddy's Day" with Jimmy Edwards & the Country Folks. Sunday, March 18, from 1:30 to 6 p.m., Municipal Hall, Millington Rd, Austin. Admission charged, with or without supper. Snack served at 4 p.m. Sandwiches \$1.50, available at the cash, soft drinks and chips \$1. Half and Half, door prizes, raffle. A hearty thank you to our faithful friends across the border for your support. Info: 819-823-7167. If you wish to, wear something Green for St. Paddy!

AYER'S CLIFF

Bingo, March 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall, to benefit Stanstead County Horticultural Society. Gift prizes and a cash jackpot.

LENNOXVILLE

Cribbage tournament at the A.N.A.F. Unit #318 "The Hut", 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Profits to go to the Renovation Committee at "The Hut". Everyone welcome, bring your partner.

COWANSVILLE

The Knights of Colombus and Filles d'Isabelle of Cowansville are holding a blood drive, Friday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Commercial Sector, 175 Principale, Cowansville. Everyone wishing to donate blood must present a photo I.D. with their name and signature.

LENNOXVILLE

SWEET, the Student Writing Weekend in the Eastern Townships, is an exciting new event to be hosted at Bishop's University from March 16 to 18, 2012. The weekend will feature intimate workshops, delivered by professional authors and lectures by writing professionals to deliver students with the tools to improve their creative literary endeavours. The weekend will also include readings by our guest authors, a reception and a poetry slam. The weekend is going to be kicked off with a reading by Anne Michaels at 8 p.m. on March 16 in the Cleghorn Lounge.

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by Luis Campos

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PR'W JSHR FVO XZHUZ AZSPMK FVO
JSZM FVO YV." — EHMKF REHUPW

Previous Solution: "Chess is the most elaborate waste of human intelligence outside of an advertising agency." — Raymond Chandler

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St. Anne's Military Whist Party

On Thursday evening, March 8, the rain started and then the winds howled, but still eighteen tables of players came out to enjoy an evening of Military Whist at St. Anne's Church Hall, Richmond. Games got underway right on time and all too soon, everyone was ready to enjoy the delicious buffet lunch, which seemed to carry a green theme for St. Patrick's Day. When the scores were finally tallied, the table with high score was that of Ross Davidson, Raymond Mastine, Raymond & Hugh Lancaster. Donna Ham, Bob Dunn, Carol & Peter Boisvert were the players in a close second. Low score went to Dot Thompson, Pearl Armstrong, Matty Banfill & Annie Day. Pearl Armstrong had had all four sevens in one hand and was awarded a prize.

Door prizes went to Marcel Tremblay, Helen Gallup, Freda Coote, Sharon Millar, Ian Smith, Raymond Mastine, Janine Gosselin, Carol Boisvert, Ross Davidson, Donna Ham, Marcel Bergeron, Donat Morin, Judy Saffin, Ghyslaine Redburn, Jeannine Lancaster and Mary Cassidy. Grocery bags were selected by Robin Converse and Beverley Jones.

Cleanup was accomplished lickety-split by the usual generous volunteers and everyone rushed to get home out of the storm, vowing to meet again on April 12, with an Easter theme to that Military Whist Party.

Submitted by
Loretta Irwin and Jean Storry

Ladies Auxiliary Br. #77

The results of the "500" card party held on February 6 are:

- 10 no trump - Bernie Lefebvre and Josy Streule
- 1st - Bernie Lefebvre and Ola Streeter
- 2nd - Doug Talbot and Margaret Royea
- Booby Prize - Everet Arnot and Yolande Gelinas
- Game Table winner - Ron Talbot
- Raffle - groceries - Janice Gordon
- Block of Note paper - Bernie Lefebvre
- CD Collection - Annette Lepage
- Change purse - Linda Dalpe

The winners of the March 5 card party were:

- Game table - May Banks.
- 1st Ladies - Louise Lowry
- Men's - Herb Riti
- 2nd Ladies - Josy Streule
- Men's - Dave Willey
- Consolation, Ladies - Yolande Gelinas
- Consolation, Men's - Doug Talbot.
- Raffle: Grocery Box - Josy Streul; Watch - Sadie Talbot; Soap Dispenser - Annette Lepage; Glasses - May Banks.

Our next "500" party will be held on Monday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m., at 77 Lewis St., Waterloo

Heather Willey
President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Br. #77

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