

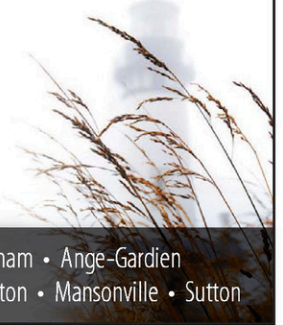
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Community presentation and consultation of 'Coeur villageois'

Identifying the assets, realizing the challenges

By Ann Davidson

With nary a place left to sit last Wednesday evening the TBL Community Centre was brimming full of passionately concerned citizens who came to learn about the town's tourism plan for the next three years. Amidst a certain amount of skepticism and despite the absence of a budget for the detailed proposal, the steering committee of the "Coeur villageois" plan received much enthusiasm, support and suggestion. The consensus within the presentation is that the TBL "Coeur villageois" has many distinctive features, as well as some serious problems that need to be addressed.

In keeping with the municipality's effort to consult citizens on important matters, the objective of the meeting was to explain the action plan that has been developed over many months of meetings with a 16-person steering committee. The presentation allowed for three periods of questions, concerns, and opinions from the floor. It is slated to be presented at the next council meeting for approval, a step required to attain the "Coeur villageois" certification.

Coeur villageois helps a municipality to develop its living environment in a harmonious way while enhancing its tourist attractiveness while retaining its personality and characteristics. The development of a tangible plan to beautify and enhance its existing distinctive features is central to the concept. The object to strengthen local identity and

develop a personalized welcome to visitors is key to sustainable tourism that includes ecology and economy.

The certification is an authorized recognition by Tourism Eastern Townships within its promotional campaign and serves as a tool to enhance the village in order to attract visitors.

The committee, strongly represented by the Brome-Missisquoi CLD and members of the TBL community involved in commerce, tourism, development, and municipal politics, conducted an in-depth analysis to identify geographic boundaries of the "Coeur villageois."

The area in consideration to become part of the "Coeur villageois" program runs north of Knowlton Road on Lakeside as far as Douglass Beach, along Knowlton Road between Spring Hill Road and Pine Street, south on Mont Echo Road to Royea Street and along Maple Street up to the trail that starts from Star Café on Lakeside. According to Councillor Louise Morin, who delivered the presentation, "The 'Coeur villageois'

geographic boundaries include the marina and Brome Lake Ducks. Although not part of the 'Coeur villageois' per se, they are important to local tourism."

Based on site beauty, history, culture, nature, and quality of life in TBL the committee has identified ten distinctive features of the TBL "Coeur villageois."

The heritage of the people who built this community over a period of two centuries integrates well with the landscape and adds to the beauty of the natural site. The design of the area and the various architectural styles of the buildings illustrate the history of a community with a different origin and culture than the rest of Quebec, giving the TBL "Coeur villageois" the edge on offering visitors a rare look at the spirit of the Loyalist presence in Quebec. Strong in showcasing its heritage and culture, the town boasts the county's museum as well as having a long history of theatre. It is also the home of the oldest English rural



ANN DAVIDSON

TBL Councillor Louise Morin at last week's community consultation and presentation regarding a proposed three-year plan that would boost tourism in both the municipality and the region.

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Spring has sprung



Spring has sprung at the Cowansville Public Library. Artist France Brassard has produced a spring window painting for all to enjoy.

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April 19

Weekdays in April and May the BCHS special bilingual exhibit, **"The Road Past Vimy"** is open from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Centennial Building, 130 Lakeside in Knowlton. Admission is free; donations are appreciated. Information 450-243-6782, or bromemuseum.com.

April 22

Brome Bolton Fish and Game Club general meeting will be held at the Fairview Hall, 343 Stagecoach Rd. in Brome Village Saturday April 22 at 7:30 p.m. Bring your club card to be eligible for door prizes. All welcome! Registration/weigh station: Knowlton Tool Rental 541 ch Knowlton, Lac Brome (450-242-1644). Club cards are available at Petits Moteurs AR enr. (Arnold Royea) 490 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton (450-242-0218).

April 22

Country dance with variety at Trinity Anglican Church, 409 South St. Cowansville, Saturday April 22, 7-11 p.m. Music by Jimmy Edwards Country Folks band. Door Prizes, 50-50 drawing, support the church and food bank. Donation \$8.

April 22

The Random Chance Band will host a **"Rock and Roll Dance Party"** fundraiser for the BCHS at the Lakeview Inn, 50 Victoria in Knowlton. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Show starts at 8 p.m. Information: 450-243-6782, or bromemuseum.com.

April 22

Every Saturday! Come **square dance** with us every Saturday at the Beebe town hall, 72 Main St., Stanstead (Beebe), from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Info: 819-876-2021.

April 24

Monday, April 24, Knowlton Coffee Break, **Health Matters revisited**, "High Blood Pressure" Free: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Brome Lac community centre, 270 rue Victoria, 450-248-0530, avantebarb@bellnet.ca.

April 28

Creek United Church 278 Brill Road West Bolton. **Annual spring rummage**

sale. April 26 bring in clean rummage. Friday April 28 rummage Sale 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday April 29 \$5 Bag Day 9 a.m. - noon.

April 29

Spreading the Word, an exciting new tool from the Blue Metropolis Foundation to help retirees discover English-language writers in Quebec and start creating traditional and virtual book clubs. Catch one of the two free sessions on Saturday, April 29, 1:30 p.m. at the North Hatley Library, 165 Main St., or at 6:30 p.m., Centre Lac-Brome, 270 Victoria St., Knowlton.

April 26

Sunshine House Mansonville invites you to our **annual general meeting**, Wednesday April 26 at 6 p.m. at the Mansonville Baptist Church, 84 West Hill, corner Rte. 243 in Mansonville (Potton). Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. Please RSVP to Lucette Field at 450 292 5058.

May 1

The Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley. **Spring luncheon** at noon. (Members \$27 - non members \$35.) Prices subject to change. Contact Claire Hobbs: 450-295-2349 for reservations. Annual meeting: 2 p.m. May 1, at the Auberge, West Brome on Rte.139 Speaker: Terry Mosher (Aislin), political cartoonist - The Montreal Gazette. Topic: "My Fifty Years in the Business" Non-members \$10. Information: 450-372-4562. Lunch reservations at the Auberge call 450-266-7552/1-888-902-7663. Please visit our web page <http://www.canadianclub-yamaskavalley.ca>.

May 21

Creek United Church 278 Brill Road West Bolton. **Evening of outstanding entertainment.** The Honey Suckle Sisters - Laura Barr, Sarah Biggs, Almut Ellinghaus, Michael Hynes on piano, Stanley Lake on Trumpet 30s and 40s swing music. Sunday May 21 at 7 p.m. Advance tickets \$15 per person or \$20 at the door. Contact Rod 450-243-0881 or May 450-243-0280.

CHURCH BULLETINS

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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 - no service; second Sunday of the month - St. John the Evangelist, Brome; third Sunday of the month - Church of the Ascension, West Brome; fourth Sunday of the month - St John the Evangelist, Brome; fifth Sunday, - Holy Trinity, Iron Hill. Canon Tim Smart, rector. Information: 450-538-8108.

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You are warmly welcomed to join us each Sunday for an uplifting spiritual experience. We welcome you and your ideas as we provide a safe place where individually we seek out a greater purpose for our lives. Every Sunday at 10 a.m. join our community in either Bedford, Stanbridge East, or Mystic. Services in Bedford and Stanbridge East are followed by coffee and snacks. The address for each church can be found on our website, bedfordpastoral.org. For more information please contact Wendy Near at the church office on Thursday and Friday from 9-11 a.m. by phone 450-248-3044 or call 450-248-2739, or by e-mail at 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, April 23 - 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 UNITED CHURCH

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. We will celebrate Holy Communion during this Sunday's worship service being led by Rev. Tom Edmonds. Sunday school will be held this Sunday. 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. 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.

GRANBY UNITED CHURCH

Where God Unites all Children. Be a part of the family. 101 rue Principale, Granby. Please call 450-372-1417 for information and to confirm time of our services. guc-eug@bellnet.ca.

KNOWLTON-MOUNTAIN VALLEY PASTORAL CHARGE

Serving the regions of Knowlton, Bolton Centre, Mansonville, and Vale Perkins. Worship service at 11 a.m. at Knowlton United Church, 234 Knowlton Road (450-243-6078). A warm welcome is extended to all. Handicapped access available.

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

130 Principale, Granby, welcomes everyone for Sunday service at 11 a.m. All welcome. Bienvenue a tous. Reverend Richard Gauthier, rector. Information: 450-372-2197.

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

24 St. Paul's Road, Knowlton. St. Paul's - a dynamic, diverse community pursuing and serving Jesus in the Eastern Townships 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday services (traditional, contemporary, and modern music and format). Please check out our new website: www.stpaulsknowlton.ca. Messy Church every third Wednesday of the month from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Telephone: 450-242-2885.

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Local authors to celebrate Indies Day at Brome Lake Books

An all-day event to support independent bookstores and to inspire readers of all ages

By Ann Davidson

Owners of Brome Lake Book Store in Knowlton, Danny McAuley and Lucy Hoblyn want everyone to join them in a nationwide celebration of independent bookstores on April 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's a chance to meet two local authors, have your books signed, and to soak in the atmosphere during this fun-filled, one-day event.

"Bookstores are the fabric of Canada's literary community," explained McAuley. "We anchor neighbourhoods. We provide space and ideas with which to expand. We make sure that Canadian voices resonate. On April 29, independent bookstores across the country, along with the authors we love, will celebrate as a part of Canadian authors for Indies."

The all-day, in-store lineup that is certain to inspire readers of all ages will give people the opportunity to meet revered and much loved mystery writer Louise Penny who is on the home stretch with "Glass Houses," her thirteenth book in the internationally acclaimed Detective Gamache series. Penny will be at Brome Lake Books from 11 a.m. to noon. Danish-born Canadian author of histori-

cal fiction and Emmy winning documentarian for co-producing "Fire And Ice: The Winter War Of Finland And Russia," Anne Fortier holds a Ph.D. in the History of Ideas. Visitors to the store will find her there between noon and 2 p.m.

Suzon Baron's scones and artisanal tea from Knowlton's own Le T-Room will be served at 11 a.m. as well. The Georgeville Theatre Troupe will be on deck at 11:45 reading scenes from Penny's "Still Life," the radio play.

While throughout the day members of the Knowlton Literary Festival will be on hand to discuss guest authors past and future, following Fortier's visit to the store the ever-glamorous and spunky reader extraordinaire Sheryl Taylor will lead a book club discussion by briefly speaking about her favourite books, and in particular books and respective authors who have or will participate in the annual Knowlton Literary Festival.

Capping the day off at 3 p.m. young readers will find parent activist and community leader Jennifer Muir, who will read a book on Jim Henson, the boy who loved to make people laugh, and how he changed the world by creating the Muppets. Muir will then be leading a sock puppet craft where all the chil-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Anne Fortier, left, and Louise Penny.

dren will make their own puppets.

McAuley says that the day will be interwoven with drawings, contests, prizes, and surprises.

Indies Day is a nationwide event organized by authors to celebrate the important role that independent bookstores play in our communities, our everyday lives, and the promotion of Canadian voices in literature. This special day gets people out to local bookstores, showcases local writers, and gives us all a

chance to support Canadian bookstores and authors.

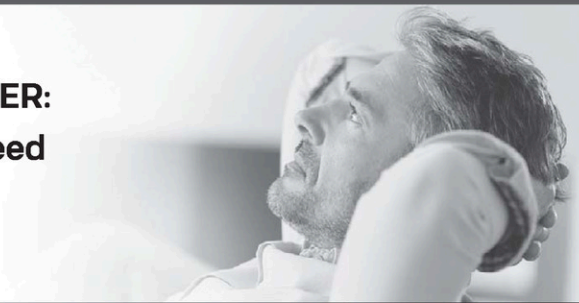
So far, nearly 500 authors and 100 bookstores across the country have signed up to participate.

Brome Lake Books is at 30-D Lakeside Road, Knowlton, 450-242-2242. blb@b2b2c.ca www.bromelakebooks.ca

To learn more about Canadian Authors for Indies and to find a participating bookstore in your area, visit authorsforindies.com.

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You are hereby convened to the Annual General Meeting, which will take place:

Date: Tuesday April 25, 2017

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: La Maison de la Culture de Waterloo
441, rue de la Cour, Waterloo

At the Meeting, members will receive the Caisse's annual report and the Board of Supervision report. They will decide on the distribution of annual surplus earnings; decide on the interest payable on permanent shares and on surplus shares; decide on the project concerning surplus shares; elect members to the Board of Directors and the Board of Supervision; and address any other items on the agenda. There will be two question periods, one directed to the Board of Directors and another to the Board of Supervision.

ELECTIONS

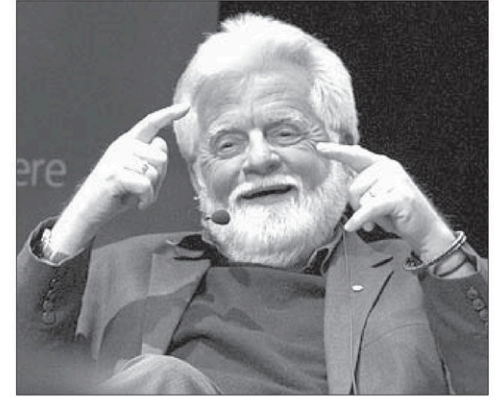
Any physical person who is a full member of the Caisse shall be considered eligible, as long as that person has been a member for at least 90 days and is not ineligible under the terms of the *Act respecting financial services cooperatives* and that they do not hold a position that is incompatible with the Desjardins Group Code of Professional Conduct. All candidates must consent, in writing, to a security check and a credit check and should begin to develop the knowledge and skills required to carry out the duties required of an officer. Nominations may not be submitted to the Annual General Meeting unless written notice, signed by a member and countersigned by the candidate, has been submitted prior to the closing of the Caisse on Friday April 21, 2017. Nomination forms are available from the Caisse.

All members of the Caisse are cordially invited to attend and participate in this Annual General Meeting.

Signed on February 27, 2017

Pierre-Luc Hébert
Secretary

Aislin to speak at Canadian Club of Yamaska Valley



Terry Mosher, also known as cartoonist, Aislin, will be the speaker at the annual spring luncheon of the Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley on Monday, May 1 in Auberge West Brome. Terry Mosher's tongue-in-cheek manner of poking fun has earned him much recognition. He has been awarded the Order of Canada, National Newspaper Awards, and international Salon of Caricature recognition. As well, he has been awarded an honorary degree from McGill University and membership in

the National Cartoonist Hall of Fame. He is best known for his cartoons in the Montreal Gazette and most recently published a collection entitled "Trudeau to Trudeau" to mark 50 years of political cartooning. In addition there is presently an exhibit of his work at the McCord Museum in Montreal. Over the years, he has published more than 12 books, has had his artwork selected for covers of magazines such as MacLean's, New York Times, Time magazine, and Punch. He is a graduate of

Ecole des Beaux Arts. He comments, "A good cartoon sums things up very neatly as opposed to reading a lot of articles." This May meeting of the Canadian Club includes the annual spring luncheon at noon at Auberge West Brome and tickets may be purchased from Claire Hobbs at 450 295 2349. The speech begins at 2 p.m. and non-members are welcome for a fee of \$10.

Mary's World

By David Edmond

Through evolutions and revolutions,
Our world has shed its habit,
No longer is it seen to be
Our ancestral Garden of Eden.

The landscape at its inception
Has drastically changed shape,
Through innovation over time
By an ever expanding population.

For man was born, to first take
charge,
Of all of God's creation.
And to that end he was empowered
To think and be creative.

And man has used that power all
through the generations
To do great things in terms of moving
forward.
But that same power used to create,
Can also be used to devastate,
As not all minds can work in har-
mony.

There is no end to man's ability,
To think, to invent, to improve our lot.
Our planet has not shrunk in size,
But technology today has improved
communication
Such that time and distance is not a
factor.

But with all these changes
In our modern world
There is a price to pay.
Some appear in financial terms,
While others will take a human toll.

Life today is one of instant gratifica-
tion,
There is little time to stop and smell
the roses.
The need to keep abreast of change
Is always at the forefront.

The race, the competition to succeed,
Has wrecked the lives of many a man.
The stresses imposed upon the mind,
And body, are greater than before.

It is into this world contrived,

We find a need for calming hands.
For evolution is but a wrecking ball
That takes no prisoners, just leaves
bodies in the dust.

And what of these calming hands we
have,
A body that can sit and dwell
Upon the damage inflicted on our
minds.
Someone who can sort the facts from
the chaff.

That special someone who can hear
our cries,
Who can separate our thoughts and
deeds,
A person who can help relate the past
to the present
And open our eyes and mind to where
we are.

And once established,
What will we do?
For only we can change for the future,
Those calming hands were but a tool
Available for our use.

The need to focus on ourselves,
Is paramount to our existence
The world exists to be enjoyed,
And to that end we each must take
The time to recognize that fact.

And that my friends is Mary's world,
She's there to listen, to relate
The problems in our life.
And she lays bare the telling facts
And helps us recognize the truth.

For she is there to help facilitate,
A change within ourselves.
She makes no choices,
for that my friends is left to us,
For only we control our destiny.

And who is Mary?,
you may well ask.
She is simply one among us,
trained within the field of medicine,
an expert in the world of social work.

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Canada's east coast, and Quebec, a dance, workshops, Irish sessions, Celtic open mics, school visits, and of course, activities to reconnect with nature.

We are accepting proposals from interested musicians and dancers. To apply, please send us your bio, sound files or CD, videos, reviews, and contact information, before April 30. If you come from afar, please note that we favour those who are touring.

If you have creative ideas on how to celebrate and reconnect with nature through Celtic music, dance, spoken word, or visual arts, we would love to hear from you!

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Spreading the Word

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tion offers a wide range of educational and social programs.

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Presented by Canadian Heritage, Quebec Writers' Federation, Seniors Action Quebec, Amazon.ca, and TD Bank Canada Trust, a free information session is being held on Saturday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Centre Lac-Brome, 270 rue Victoria, Knowlton.

Éducaloi: know your rights – updated
Éducaloi is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inform Quebecers of their rights and obligations by providing quality legal information in everyday language. On Friday, April 21 the free Health Matters information session will welcome Éducaloi's Sarah Doherty with updated information to help you understand your rights.

Hosted by the Avante Women's Center and Townshippers' Association, this interactive presentation will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the CLSC Cow-

ansville, 397 de la Rivière. Participants will have ample time to get answers to their questions.

Health Matters is a part of CHEP (Community Health Education Program) offered by the Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN), which aims to provide health information to English-speaking communities across Quebec. Visit CHEP online at www.chssn.org. This CHSSN initiative is funded by Health Canada through the Roadmap for Canada's Official Languages 2013-2018: Education, Immigration, Communities.

For further information about this session, please contact Kate Murray at Townshippers', 450-242-4421, km@townshippers.org.

For more information on Townshippers' Association and our activities, keep reading this About Townshippers' column in Brome County News and visit us on Twitter @Townshippers, Facebook.com/Townshippers and our website www.Townshippers.org. Connect with Townshippers' offices in Sherbrooke at 100 – 257 Queen, 819-566-5717, toll free: 1-866-566-5717, or Lac-Brome at 3-584 Knowlton Rd, 450-242-4421, toll free: 1-877-242-4421.



TOWNSHIPS EXPRESSIONS

There are many English-language writers in Quebec. Townships Expressions, Townshippers' Association's online and in office boutique, features many them. Discover even more fascinating stories, and storytellers, and learn the art of reading out loud at Spreading the Word, a free information session on April 29 in Knowlton.

Pet Of The Week — Anaelle

Yes, we have cats too! Hello from a 3-year-old female feline! I am one of the first to greet you when you walk into the cat room – I am a purring machine!

"Affectionate, but also independent" is how they describe me. I do have beautiful, multi-coloured fur and gorgeous green eyes, but my beauty comes with a price – I need regular brushing. How fun – more opportunity for "bonding time!"

There are lots and lots of wonderful dogs and cats here waiting for their big chance at a new home. Come and see! We live at the SPCA Montérégie, 178, ch. du Vide, Ste-Angèle-de-Monnoir (exit 37 on autoroute 10). Adoption hours are 2-4 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays.

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Celtic Harmonies

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We also need volunteers. If you love this festival and Celtic music, and you have talents to offer for this planning phase (to help find sponsors, negotiate partnerships, help in the office, format documents, etc.), please e-mail or call me as soon as possible.

We will unveil the program in mid-July.

Tickets will be on sale online and by phone as of August.

Please spread the word! Invite your families and

friends. They won't be disappointed!

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For more information, please contact:

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‘Coeur villageois’: The proposed action plan

By Ann Davidson

TBL’s “Coeur villageois” steering committee has set out an ambitious action plan that includes undertakings from simple to complex, inexpensive to costly. The eight-step strategy would serve to increase the allure of the “Coeur villageois” and improve access to its unique attractions.

1. Creation of a real public space downtown where locals and visitors can congregate year-round. This would involve significant changes to the current design of the downtown area, some of which are already part of TBL’s strategic plan. A new multi-purpose building would house a tourist office, a regional agri-food cooperative and interpretation centre and other activities. Contrary to the TBL idea of moving the public market to the area by the old fire station, the committee was advised that it would be more advantageous to position it in a more central location. As well, it would allow for more stalls than at current location on Maple Street. A member of the audience suggested that one of the vacant buildings renovated could serve as the housing for this project rather than building a new structure.

Redeveloping the Mill Pond embankment, the waterfall, and the banks and trail of Coldbrook Stream to highlight the site’s beauty is a big consideration. An image of a mock modification to include a large boardwalk across the dam was presented to the audience in order to tease everyone’s imagination as to how it could look. Another member of the audience suggested that the town start with lighting the falls at night.

The committee suggests that additional signage and street furniture consistent to the look of “Coeur villageois” be positioned at the entrance to the trails. Several suggestions from the audience included framed artwork of local artists and children.

Much of this plan would require the hiring of more specialized companies to develop a detailed and integrated plan for the space and all of its components

2. Lake access and activities: The lake



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The overhead photo of the area of Knowlton that is the target of the “Coeur villageois” plan shows the streets and geographic boundaries in consideration.

is a central feature of the “Coeur villageois” and should be considered as a playground. The plan recommends promoting it as an ideal place for all season activities.

To achieve that end the committee suggests to organize or attract two major events, one in summer and one in winter, and to improve the winter facilities on the lake. Further consideration to understand the desirability of developing Tiffany Beach should be studied. And connecting Douglass Beach to the Argyll-Foster trail is another positive consideration. Pierre Beaudoin of Renaissance Lac-Brome reminded everyone about the

proposed project to buy the golf course in Foster, that by doing so, many more people would have access to the lake. Stuart Bacon, former president of the Chamber of Commerce commented on the swing of vision by many municipalities to purchase land that would attract visitors while serving residents. Citing the recent acquisition of lakefront by Whistler, B.C. he feels that the RLB proposal demonstrates vision while the investment is not that costly overall.

3. Extension of the existing network of hiking trails: The suggestion of the committee outlined a five-step process to complete the municipality’s existing net-

work of hiking trails and to include the Estriade and the Sentiers de l’Estrie project. It also proposes the complete redevelopment of the Coldbrook/Maple trail segment in 2017, the completion of the Jolibourg trail segment, and building walkways to cross Trestle Cove. Again, signage and area maps would be updated for the entire network in keeping with the style of the “Coeur villageois” signs. And landscaping that would include flower boxes and shrubs to increase visibility of trail access points would be done.

4. Landscaping and seasonal décor:

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library in the province which hosts famous literary festivals. An area where the local scene reflects a healthy integration of the two linguistic communities, there is strong evidence of a bond that has been forged by Canada’s two founding cultures.

With the Douglass Beach facilities falling inside the outlined geographic area of the proposed “Coeur villageois” there is the added advantage of being able to offer a wide range of aquatic activities. Similarly the “Coeur villageois” serves as the starting point for the network of hiking trails that is currently

being completed.

It was determined by the committee that TBL offers an enviable quality of life with these features that also include a number of restaurants and shops, many that sell “sought-after vintage finds (antiques, decorative items, art and crafts).

The steering committee has identified a number of hurdles that require attention, such as the Blackwood Dam, waterfall, and trail by Coldbrook Park, and wants to create a more clearly defined public place. At this point, the location and size of the public market are deterrents for growth. The commercial area is

also poorly defined with vacant storefronts, some that are not properly maintained. This makes it hard to attract new businesses.

“In spite of the progress made last year, there still is a lack of signage for points of interest and parking,” Morin said. “Operating hours of business are not consistent and vary from one establishment to another.”

Another challenge relates to not having enough business attractions for late fall, winter, and early spring. And there was a feeling by the committee that local gourmet products should be better pro-

moted in restaurants and stores.

According to a number of people in the audience, several attempts to recharge the commercial district of TBL have fallen flat. It is their concern that this will follow suit unless there is strong leadership. However, the difference with this plan is that there is professional support from the regional level and a willingness to build assets region-wide within the domain of tourism, not solely for any one municipality but for the region.

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Spring into home maintenance



(NC) Renovating is great for increasing the value of your home, but regular home maintenance is the easiest way to preserve your investment. As the weather warms, it is a perfect time to do a quick inspection of your home and catch up on simple seasonal chores.

With a little effort, you can keep your home looking great and functioning well for years to come. Here's a few tasks you should check off your to-do list:

Outdoors

- Clean out the gutters and remove any debris.
- Repair siding and peeling paint.
- Inspect your chimney and roof. Replace or repair loose or damaged shingles.
- Trim overgrown shrubs and trees, keeping branches two feet from the house.
- Inspect deck boards for

possible deterioration and rot. Replace damaged boards and seal or re-stain, as necessary.

- Turn on the water supply to hose bibs and exterior faucets. Check for leaks.

• Clean windows and window tracks. Replace any damaged screens.

- Check around doors and windows for cracks and gaps. Caulk, as necessary.

• Clean your outdoor spaces (driveway, deck, porch, etc). Fix any damage. Reseal the driveway, if needed.

- Fertilize and aerate the lawn. Seed to fill any patchy areas.

Indoors

• Inspect the attic for poor ventilation, pests, damaged sheathing, mould or insufficient insulation levels. Top up insulation, as needed, with a mould and moisture-resistant product made of inorganic materials like Roxul Comfortbatt. Aim for a depth of 16 inches and an R-value of 50.

- Replace the furnace filter. Clean air vents, as needed.

• Clear out the dryer vent, removing any lint or debris which can pose a fire

hazard.

• Check the washing machine and dishwasher fill hoses to make sure there are no cracks developing.

• Test ground fault circuit interrupters in the bathroom, kitchen, outside receptacles and on the electrical panel.

• Inspect and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Change the batteries and replace units more than 10 years old.

Since your home tends to be your biggest investment, maintenance is time well spent!

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Cast a new light on a drab basement

(NC) A few changes to lighting treatments can drastically improve a dark and dated basement. With the right choices, you can transform this often-neglected space into a chic and dramatic area for your family to enjoy.

“Opt for lighting choices that highlight the best features of your recreation space and take the focus off the less attractive ones,” recommends Norm Jensen, from Royal LePage Network Realty in Red Deer, Alberta. He recommends three types of lighting to enhance the ambiance throughout:

Soft and soothing lighting. Table lights, standard lamps and wall and valance lights can be used to wash walls in light, creating more flattering glows, while minimizing any flaws. Dimmer switches are a great option and can provide added flexibility to the lighting experience.

Task lighting. This will help you to concentrate in those areas where you need light for specific purposes, such as game tables. Angled lighting, halogen spotlights and reading lamps are some examples of task lighting.

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Lighting. Rather than one main light source, multiple lighting fixtures that highlight key areas of the bathroom are popular today.

Natural elements. Be sure to include green, living plants as part of your bathroom vibe. They add to the ambiance and bring life and oxygen to any space.

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NC) Bathroom designs have come a long way. From the ice cream-colours and wallpaper under applied in the 1980s to the bold and temporary choices of the 2000s, styles continue to evolve while incorporating the latest materials.

This year, Todlynn MacPherson, of Royal LePage Truro Real Estate, recommends keeping your design decisions simple. Here are some key trends to watch:

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Five organization tricks to make your home feel twice as big

(NC) Organizing your home is just a natural part of spring cleaning, but sometimes, you end up with odds and ends you are not sure where to keep, or how to sort. Once you are done scrubbing and dusting, try out these tips to clear the clutter and help prevent a new mess from forming.

1. Use kitchenware in unexpected places. Bathroom and beauty supplies are often a hassle to organize, so think outside the box and use items you keep around the kitchen. A tiered cake stand makes for a great, compact sorter of cotton ball jars, hair clips, creams and other odds and ends. Meanwhile, cutlery organizers are perfect for arranging makeup and wine racks are ideal for storing hair products in tight spaces.

2. Label everything. Get rid of bulky packaging in the kitchen, linen closet and your arts and crafts box by keeping everything in neat, stackable containers. Easily find what you are looking for by creating customizable labels with paper crafting products from Stampin' Up! Add your own personal touch and decorate with the many stamps, paper, ink pads, ribbon, tools and markers the

company offers.

3. Develop a spice rack strategy. These versatile little jars have more uses than simply storing paprika. Sort nuts and bolts in the garage; buttons, beads and thread in your craft room; or rings and bobby pins at the vanity. A spice rack is a great way to neatly store jewellery, nail polish, and books or magazines.

4. Create picture-perfect frames. Up-cycle old frames to declutter your mind and space. Get rid of post-it notes everywhere by painting the glass with chalkboard paint and use as a message board. Or, remove the glass and put a corkboard backing to tack up mail and grocery lists. Create a DIY white board by putting a piece of Stampin' Up!'s Designer Series Paper where the picture would normally go, and replace the glass. Have a dry erase marker nearby to make the board easy to use.

5. Choose minimalist furniture. Furnishing your home with items that have simple lines and few nooks and crannies will ensure you are constantly editing what you own, donating or discarding things you no longer need, and only keeping what you use on a regular



basis. For example, try shelves instead of enclosed bookcases and a stool or planter for a nightstand. www.newscanda.com



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5 simple tips for loving your laundry room

(NC) Considering how many hours you dedicate to washing load after load of clothes, its a surprise that more time and effort is not spent on the design and decor of your laundry room. Looking to update your space? Try these five simple tips:

1. Unique Flooring. Flooring does not have to be dull or boring. Use your laundry room floors to make a statement with fun pattern tiles or - for a quick-fix - use a chic area rug to give the space added warmth.

2. Consider colour. Do not be afraid to bring colour into your laundry space with a fresh coat of paint, fun accessories, or even the appliances themselves. GE Appliances recently launched their GE Designer Line laundry pair in diamond grey - a beautiful dark grey finish that can bring classic sophistication to any laundry space.

3. All in the details. Bring items that you love and cherish from throughout

your home into your laundry space for an added personal touch. Try elegant decanters filled with laundry detergent or vintage laundry baskets as decor items.

4. Beautiful storage. Incorporate design-friendly storage throughout your laundry room that delivers on both style and function. Try adding a sophisticated armoire with interior shelving, or install a built-in ironing board that can easily be tucked away.

5. Think sink. If you are renovating your laundry room, now is the time to think about plumbing. Consider installing a beautiful utility sink alongside your washer, for easy access. In addition to being functional, a beautiful sink can become a laundry room showpiece.

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Springtime professional organizing tips



TAYNA BARDATI

Spring is a time for renewal, cleaning and decluttering. Most people will start an organizing project and eventually give up because they get discouraged. Here are a few tips from professional organizing experts to help in the process.

Kitchens

Group like items together in your pantry as you do in your fridge.

Install sliding shelves in your pantry so you can pull out and see what you have.

Do a full clean-out of your pantry, fridge, and freezer once a season and throw away items that are expired.

Install a magnetic strip on the inside of a cabinet door. This is useful to store commonly used metal tools such as screwdrivers, scissors, and knives.

Use an over-the-door shoe pocket organizer to store items on the inside of the pantry door, like snacks or bottles.

Closets

Flip all the hangers around so they are backwards, when you wear an article, put it back the right way around, if in a year's time you have hangers that are still backwards, throw away or donate those items in your spring cleaning.

Use one of the pillow cases of your sheet sets to store the rest of the folded sheet set. This way, you never lose track of your sheets and everything is nicely organized in your linen closet.

Use shower rings on a hanger to tie up ties, scarfs, baseball hats, and belts. They take up less room in your closet or drawers and you can easily spot what

you want.

Use the space between the fridge and wall to install a thin sliding shelf to store cans.

Kids' rooms

Get some under-the-bed roll-out containers. These are perfect extra storage spaces that can hide away.

Instead of folding your shirts and putting them in piles in your drawers, fold them then roll them leaving the front logos on top, then place them in the drawers in rows. You will be able to fit a third more shirts in your drawers and you will be able to see all your shirts at a glance when you open the drawer.

Use an over-the-door show pocket organizer to store toys over the closet door.

Install shelves in a section of the closet to store toys or other items.

Make a deal with your kids that if they bring in a new toy, they must choose an old toy to donate or give as a gift to a friend. This will help in keeping you from being overwhelmed by toys. The same should be true for books and stuffed animals.

Bathrooms

Install a hotel-style towel rack with shelving above to maximize the space available to store towels.

Use baskets to store facecloths on these shelves.

Install a magazine rack on the inside of the cabinet door and store curling iron, flat iron, and blow dryer in this out-of-the-way place.

Use a Mason jar rack to store items such as cotton tips, sponges, cotton balls, and hairpins. Many DIY sites have tips on how to make your own.

Use a corkboard with hooks to display your jewelry on a wall. For smaller items, use a craft box with separations to store like sized pieces together.

Install a magnetic board and tape small magnets to your makeup containers and tubes to have an easy-access wall-mounted makeup storage unit.

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The proposed action plan

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With the popular notion that flowers and seasonal décor help make a place more inviting the "Coeur villageois" would develop a landscaping plan with a theme and plant colours and types for municipal infrastructure, businesses, and residents. A garden would be added to the library grounds. The town would seek to obtain the "Fleurons du Québec" certification. This is another element to attract tourists.

5. Stimulation of commercial activity: The steering committee believes that creating a public space is the key to revitalizing the downtown area. Its recommendation is to further act on the Demarcom report by consulting with downtown building owners in order to identify a common issue. That way a joint strategy and approach would serve to attract new businesses. At this point already there is a cluster of businesses featuring antiques, second-hand items that could draw others and would serve to support TBL's commercial positioning.

6. Improvement of local gourmet product by increasing the number of farmers at the public market, extending the market's open season and hold promo-

tional activities in the fall, winter, and spring, and promoting coordination among restaurant owners to increase the offering of TBL gourmet products on local menus (duck, lamb, wine, etc.). With industry stakeholders, look at creating events (food day or week) centred on local artisans and culinary specialities. A suggestion from the audience was for the town to support an exclusively local produce boutique for local wines, duck products, meats, preserves, etc. that would be open year-round and hence demonstrate the will of the town to support local economy.

7. Five major themes including cultural, historical and heritage, nature and sports, food, commercial for the "Coeur villageois" tourism promotion. It also gives an example of "An Unforgettable Day" that would be a program offering packages to visitors with a choice of specialized tours. Several members of the audience, including Richard Pilon, owner of Star Café, like the idea but on condition that the town change the terms of parking. Pilon says that a two-hour parking limit is not very welcoming to those who would want to go for a hike, have a meal, and get in a

show at the theatre, for example – for that matter any other combination of activity within the "Unforgettable Day."

8. Creation of a standing tourism committee made up of members from the "Coeur villageois" committee and representatives from the tourism industry, to advise the municipal administration on various tourism-related issues and serve as a link between the municipal administration and industry stakeholders. Councillor Louise Morin anticipates specialty sub-committees will develop in order to focus on specific facets of the plan as well as special activities.

The action plan will be submitted to the town council for approval. Once adopted, it will become a municipal policy. Tourism Eastern Townships certification would be granted in the weeks following approval by the town. The planned measures will be carried out according to the strategic plan or a schedule set by the town council.



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Millie Boudreau, from Heroes' Memorial, to compete with international students in Montreal

By Louise Smith

La Dicteé PGL from La Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie is a project involving francophone countries from around the world. Sylvie Turmel was the teacher who organized the project at the school level. Students collected money over a

Millie Boudreau, from Heroes' Memorial, will compete in Montreal in May.

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month-long period. Over \$900 was raised. Half of the money stays at Heroes' Memorial School for any educational project or materials that the school chooses and the other half goes to fund educational projects in needy francophone countries.

Another part of the project was to compete in a contest where a dicteé was given and the student with the fewest errors was declared the winner. Millie Boudreau fin-

ished in first place from Heroes' Memorial, and she has been invited to participate at La Grande Finale Internationale in Montreal on May 21. She will represent a student in the français langue seconde section. She will compete with students from francophone countries around the world. It will be an exciting adventure. Imagine what contacts she will be able to make with people from around the world!

Congratulations go out to Millie!

Star Café — Knowlton's hub for live music

By Ann Davidson

It's not unusual to find a packed house at Star Café in Knowlton on any Friday or Saturday night because Richard Pilon has made a point to offer his space for live music performances and now it is renowned as the hub of live music.

One would think that the 200-year-old rock structure of the Star Café would cause a rough edge to the sounds of music. However, with all the wood beams and framework, the sounds are mellowed and perfect for those who come to showcase their raw talent.

Last Saturday Pilon welcomed a flock of Amos J followers who came to support him during his big journey on Quebec's version of The Voice. As many who are watching TVA's La Voix, know, Amos J's career has ramped up substantially in the Quebec world with his continued success and exposure. He loves to strum and sing and entertain, and clearly does not want to leave his home community behind amidst TV and his own recording gigs.

Pilon loves the blues. He loves music. And he has been dedicated to building his business by supporting local business and community effort in the true sense. He buys from local producers of meat and vegetables for his kitchen. But he is all about music and that's why he agreed to house The Acoustic Village in his building several years ago.

Thirty-four shows under its belt, The Acoustic Village is starting its fourth year since establishment. Its home base is the Star Café. The non-profit organization aspires to provide a warm and intimate concert space to showcase local musical talent from the Townships as well as to introduce musicians from outside of the region to the area.

"The consistent positive reception we have received not only from the patrons attending our shows, but also from the musicians, many of whom have played much larger venues than the 60-seat capacity upstairs at the Star Café, has been very encouraging," says Donald Finigan who is a founding member and remains on the organizing committee. "One of the challenges



COURTESY OF THE ACOUSTIC VILLAGE

Bill Duke, Donald Finigan Darlene Bell, Debbie Johnston, Donald O'Hara of The Acoustic Village based at The Star Café in Knowlton are excited with the upcoming lineup of performers as they enter their fourth year.

we do encounter is in trying to provide a well-balanced variety of performers both in terms of musical styles and also a healthy mix of local and non-local performers."

Always angling to appeal to both linguistic communities, the organization has created a bilingual website and recruited a board member who has been deeply involved with organizing the annual Fêtes Nationale.

Finigan says that many of the musicians from the Montreal area who have performed have shared their positive experience with others in the city and that has helped there be a fairly regular stream of musicians contacting the committee to play.

The Acoustic Village shows take place on the second Saturday of every month, except July and August, and are held upstairs at the Star Café. Dinner reservations are required as the show is free of charge (donations are requested during the show) and reservations are accepted starting only on the Monday two weeks prior to the show by calling 450-558-6557. Actual dates can be found on the websites, theacousticvillage.ca or levillageacoustique.ca.

Meanwhile, between Acoustic Village shows, Pilon has organized a special evening for the long weekend in May with Adam Karsh, whose



ANN DAVIDSON

Richard Pilon, right, owner of Star Café in Knowlton, gave Amos J a warm welcome on Saturday night when Amos, during his hectic schedule of live performances on La Voix as well as recording a new album, gave a live homecoming performance to his friends.

raw talent for playing a hybrid acoustic blues that consists of precise fingerpicking is famous.

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Abstract art exploration at Heroes' Memorial

By Louise Smith

In March the Secondary One students participated in an art activity called "Autour d'une exposition". It was initiated by the Val des Cerfs school board

and it was held at the Gabrielle Giroux-Bertrand public library in Cowansville on John Street.

The students did a preparatory activity at the school and they watched a video about the artist's approach and the tech-

niques used in abstract art using acrylic paint. They then went to the library where artist Lucie Champoux led the students through the exhibit by William G. Kinnis. Then she presided over a workshop at the library where the students

made their own creations in the abstract style. The result was a collection of beautiful art which is on the bulletin board outside of Sylvie Turmel's French classroom at Heroes' Memorial.



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Secondary One students produced abstract art through an art program at the Cowansville Library.



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 SPECIAL SITTING
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A special sitting of Council will be held on
Friday, April 21, 2017, at 12:30 p.m., in
 the activity room at the *Centre Lac-Brome*,
 located at 270, Victoria Street, Brome
 Lake. The agenda will be posted at Town
 Hall and published on the town's website
 at www.ville.lac-brome.qc.ca.

This special sitting of Council replaces the
 one that was scheduled to be held on
 Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 12:30 p.m.,
 in the activity room at the *Centre Lac-
 Brome*, located at 270, Victoria Street,
 Brome Lake, and having been the subject
 of a publication to that effect in the April
 11, 2017, edition of the Brome County
 News.

In accordance with section 325 of the
Cities and Towns Act, the deliberations at
 that sitting must deal exclusively with
 items on the agenda, save if all the mem-
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Given at Brome Lake
 April 18, 2017
 Edwin John Sullivan, B. Sc. LL.B.
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3. This by-law received the approval of the
*Ministère des Affaires municipales et de
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4. This by-law comes into force in accor-
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Interested persons may consult said by-
 law at the Town Hall, 122 Lakeside Road,
 during regular business hours.

Given at Brome Lake
 This April 18, 2017
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
 FILING OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT
 AND THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT
 FOR THE YEAR 2016**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with section
 105.1 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, the treasurer of Town of Brome
 Lake shall file the financial report and the external auditor's reports
 at the regular sitting of Council to be held on Monday, May 1st,
 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Salle du Club de la bonne humeur, 5 Mill
 Road, Brome Lake.

These documents may be consulted at the office of the treasurer,
 Mrs. Caroline Cusson, during the Town Hall's business hours, at
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Ham it up at Easter

STIR IT UP!
By Marialisa Calta

“Someone defined eternity as a ham and two people,” Irma S. Rombauer and Marion Rombauer Becker wrote in the old “Joy of Cooking.” That’s bad news if you are one of the two people, good news if you are cooking for a crowd at Easter.

Buying a ham involves many choices. The most important tip comes from Bruce Aidells, a nationally known authority on meat. Look for meat labeled simply “ham” (no added water) or “ham with natural juices” (less than 10 percent added water), Aidells says. These superior hams are worth the extra money. Remember that when buying “ham, water added” or a “ham and water product” (up to 50 percent water), you are paying for water and getting spongy, inferior meat.

Even though most hams are already fully cooked, you still want to cook them. Baking not only warms the ham but also removes excess moisture, concentrates flavor, improves texture and allows you to add a glaze and sauce, Aidells notes.

Because bones add flavor and conduct heat more evenly, I prefer bone-in hams, but Aidells’ recipe works for any type or size.

BAKED HAM WITH GLAZE AND SAUCE
Yield: half ham serves 10 to 12; whole ham serves 15 to 20

- 1 fully cooked bone-in or boneless half or full ham, any size
- Glaze (double the recipe for a whole ham):
- 3 cups apple cider or apple juice
- Water as needed
- 1/2 cup pecans
- 1 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsulfured molasses
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dry mustard
- 1/4 cup bourbon
- Thickening (optional):
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water

Position an oven rack in the lower third of the oven. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Trim any skin from the ham and trim external fat to a thickness of about 1/4 inch. Place fat-side up on a work surface and score the fat to a depth of about 1/4 inch in a 2-inch diamond pattern.

Place ham in a roasting pan. Insert a cable-type, continuous-read thermometer (if you have one) in the center of the ham and set it for 115 degrees. Add 2 cups of cider to the pan, plus water as needed, so at least 1/4 inch of liquid covers the bottom of the pan. Place ham in the oven. If you have only an instant-read thermometer, use 10 minutes per pound as a rough estimate of when to begin checking the internal temperature. As ham bakes, continue to add water so the bottom of the pan is always covered to a depth of at least 1/4 inch.

Meanwhile, make the glaze: Heat a skillet over medium. Add pecans and toast, shaking the skillet frequently, until pecans begin to color and give off a nutty aroma, about 5 minutes. Remove, let cool and coarsely chop. Place nuts in a small bowl and stir in brown sugar, 1 tablespoon molasses, mustard and 2 tablespoons bourbon. Set aside.

When the internal temperature of the ham reaches 115 degrees, remove it from the oven and increase heat to 425 degrees. Add more water to the pan, making sure there is now about 1/2 inch covering the bottom. Smear glaze generously over the top of the ham. You won’t use it all; save the rest for the sauce. Return ham to the oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the glaze bubbles and begins to darken and the internal temperature reaches 130 degrees.

Remove ham from oven, transfer to a carving board and let rest, loosely covered with aluminum foil. It will continue to cook, and the temperature will reach the recommended 140 to 145 degrees in 20 to 40 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the sauce. Pour pan juices into a heavy 2-quart saucepan and spoon off all grease. In a small



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Glazed ham makes a succulent centerpiece for Easter dinner.

saucepan, combine remaining 1 cup apple cider and remaining 2 tablespoons bourbon. Bring to a boil and cook to reduce by half, about 10 minutes. Pour this mixture into the saucepan with the pan juices and stir in the remaining 1 tablespoon molasses, along with any remaining glaze. Bring to a boil and cook 5 to 10 minutes to concentrate flavors. For an optional thicker sauce, combine cornstarch and

water and whisk into the sauce about 30 seconds, until it reaches the consistency of maple syrup.

Carve ham and arrange the slices on a platter. Pour sauce into a small serving bowl or gravy boat and serve.

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