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## ✓ Checkpoints Brief items from around the Valley

### Orchard damage makes itself known

Only recently have local apple-growers in the Hemmingford through Franklin area begun to see the damage caused by an early May frost that they didn't even think would affect their trees.

Many blossoms were frozen while they were just tightly wrapped buds still forming on branches.

Frost is a tricky thing, explained long-time Hemmingford apple-grower Charles Petch. It can occur on a hit-and-miss pattern, depending on orchard location and elevation. Even in the same orchard, some sections, "cold spots," will experience heavier damage while others will be relatively untouched.

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### Summer Festival planning meeting Thursday evening

Though the program for Huntingdon's four-day Summer Festival (July 8-11) is filling up nicely, organizers say there is still room for other activities.

On the agenda so far are the annual Bingo, the parade of clowns and decorated bicycles, a puppet show, horse-drawn wagon rides, folk dancing, barbecues and canoe races.

"We're hoping that with more people and groups involved, this year's Festival will be even better than last year's," said Guy Lachance, who along with Peter Partridge, is in charge of the scheduling.

Partridge will supervise the finances, promotion and program, while Alain

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### Ormstown Bridge work continues

Bit by bit, Ormstown's damaged Centennial Bridge is being brought back into alignment.

It might even be re-opened to traffic by the end of this week, but don't hold your breath.

As of last week, new supporting beams were in place, but daily adjustments are still going on to straighten out the arc of the 30 year-old span, first on the west side, where the sagging was most noticeable, and then on the other side, a Town Hall source said Monday.

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## Nearly 47 per cent turnout for school board vote

Judith Taylor  
THE GLEANER

Voter turnout in five wards of the New Frontiers School Board averaged nearly 47 per cent on Sunday, as English-language voters came to the polls in record numbers for the first-ever elections under the linguistic board system.

In Ormstown, the only contested ward in the Upper Valley region, Debbie Bourget Rosenbaum defeated Eunice C. Hicks by a margin of 281 to 123. Forty-six percent of eligible voters cast ballots at the

Ormstown Elementary School during the final (rainy) day of the Ormstown Fair.

In other wards, Rona Cupak easily defeated Emile Langevin (288-68) in Vaudreuil-Soulanges; Lynn L'Esperance-Claude took a tight 101-86 win over Sharon Hancock in Ward 10; former Ormstown Elementary School principal Ian Rennie won easy, 450 to 228 over Linda Morai in Ward 13; and William Flynn defeated Anselma Julien in Ward 17. (The last three wards are in Chateauguay.)

Results will be declared official only next Saturday, as four full days are

allowed for requests for recounts or other procedures, returning officer Hubert Lauzon told The Gleaner Monday.

### Few problems

Lauzon said that perhaps 40 or 50 people showed up at the polls asking to have their names placed on the electoral list, after last-minute directives from Quebec last week made this possible.

"I haven't got the exact figures yet, but I would assume that only about one per cent of the 4,000 eligible voters had last-minute requests to be included," Lauzon said.

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Icicles and batteries brought back the days of January's ice storm, as Howick Elementary School took first place in the Ormstown Fair parade with its El Nino float. (Photo: VF)

## Weekend of rain cuts gate at 84th Ormstown Exhibition

(Gleaner staff)

"Just say it rained," said weary Ormstown Exhibition secretary Dawn Elliott on Monday, after three consecutive days of wet weather dampened the annual agricultural fair.

Which is not to say that those hundreds of visitors who trooped out for the Saturday night truck-and-tractor pull and Sunday's muddy Demolition Derby had a big problem with the weather — unfazed, they crammed themselves under the grandstand, inside the refreshment tent, or sometimes stood out under heavy downpours.

"True fans will come out even if it snows!" said one spectator.

However, about 800 fewer paid admissions were collected Saturday and Sunday (compared to last year), after an optimistic hot start under sunshine on opening

night, when numbers were up to see the "El Nino" parade (best float was Howick Elementary School), children's pig roundup, pony potato race and horse reining classes. Rain forced the cancellation of Friday's Woodsmen Competition.

### Winners

While by no means an inclusive list of people who "did well at the fair," some major prize winners known as of press time were (in Domestic): Gail Fairhurst (baby afghan), the Sherbrooke Quilters Guild (quilt) and Gloria Peddie (floral arrangement) each won Helen McCormick Special ribbons.

### Cattle show

The Open Cattle Show saw Howick's Terrace Bank Farms win Ayrshire Premier Breeder and Exhibitor; Ormstown's Rapid

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## MRC tries to smooth path for discussion on bicycle trail plan

(Gleaner staff)

What seems to be a communications break-down is hampering further debate on the contentious issue of bicycle trails in the Valley.

Faced with an intransigent farmers' union which is refusing to join in the latest committee set up to study the issue, the MRC du Haut-St-Laurent is trying to reassure the Union des Producteurs Agricoles that it has by no means shut the door on routes other than the disused rail lines for the recreation trail.

In a June 11 letter to the St-Jean-Valleyfield UPA, MRC secretary François Landreville stresses that "the various possible routes" are to be discussed and that the object of the latest study group is to come up with "a solution which is acceptable to all parties and benefits the residents of the Haut-St-Laurent".

The new consultative body is meant to include representatives of the MRC, the Transport and Municipal Affairs ministries, the Société des Parcs Linéaires du Sud-Ouest (a cycling group) as well as the UPA. But the latter group has steadfastly refused to take part.

In the MRC's letter, Landreville summarizes the history of the debate, pointing out that the UPA had in the past acknowledged the support of the region's mayors, who gave majority support to the farmers'

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## EARLY PUBLICATION

Since both the St-Jean-Baptiste and Canada Day holidays fall on a Wednesday this year, The Gleaner will appear one day early during those two weeks.

The newspaper will be distributed on Tuesday June 23 and Tuesday June 30, and advertising deadlines for the two editions will be moved up to Friday (June 19 and 26) at 5 p.m. News material also should be submitted early for those two editions.

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## This and That in Town

**WELCOME EVERYONE** — to our new telephone area code of 450. The change took place last Saturday, and we know it works, because we had occasion to both receive and make calls using the new number. The old 514 designation is now reserved for Montreal Island.

**A CALL** — from the office at Chateauguy Valley Regional High School informed us that the name of one prize-winner has been inadvertently removed from the printed prize list for last week's high school graduation. Melissa Duheme was the winner of the Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Enriched French, and deserves to be recognized along with the other accomplished graduates listed in last week's article.

**SAD NEWS** — for everyone in the Valley is the impending departure of Rev. Neil Wallace from Huntingdon United Church and the associated congregations of Rennie's United and Dundee United Churches. The Wallace family will be leaving in August for the Ottawa area after more than a decade in this area, one of the longest tenures in the United Church in this area in recent years.

**A FAREWELL PARTY** — will be held on Saturday June 27 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Rockburn Church Hall, when dessert and coffee will be served, giving local people a chance to say good-bye and thank-you. (See ad elsewhere.)

**IN ORMSTOWN** — a Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic is going on even as the newspaper appears on Wednesday. Hours are 2:20 to 8:30 p.m. at the local Recreation centre. The goal is 200 donors, and the need is great especially as vacation time looms. So come and bring a friend! New head of the Ormstown-Franklin Red Cross group is Nancy Westerman.

**DON'T FORGET** — that Huntingdon's annual Fiddling and Step-Dancing Contest kicks off this Saturday June 20. The two-day event, the sixth to be organized by the local Rotary Club offers door-prizes and a 50-50 draw as well as great entertainment and a chance to join in with your own instruments or your dancing feet as the action always spreads to the corridors of Arthur pigeon School, and even to the parking area, where a rousing good time is on offer to anyone who drops by. (DF)

**A CHILD-SIZE PICNIC TABLE** — raffled off at Ormstown fair by the Chateauguy Valley Association for Community Living was won by Joanne Cunningham of Huntingdon, who has in turn passed it on to the Kindergarten class at Huntingdon's St. Joseph's School. The beautifully crafted table is just the right size for the five-year-olds, says Joanne.

**COMMUNIC-ACTION** — the Huntingdon-based service project for the



### 99 years young!

Stanley Peddie celebrated his 99th birthday May 30 with a party at Ormstown's Centre d'Accueil, attended by about 85 family members and friends who had pleasant chats with Mr. Peddie, who still enjoys reasonably good health and keeps up on current happenings. Among his interests are card-playing, listening to music and going for drives in the Chateauguy Valley countryside, especially to the family farm on the English River Rd. outside Howick, operated by son Jack and his wife Gloria. Also present for the celebration were Mr. Peddie's daughter Margaret and her family; grandchildren; and sister-in-law Helen McKell and nephew Ross McKell of Montreal. Esther Lang's accordion playing was the special entertainment for the festivities. (Photo: VF)

elderly and shut-ins, will hold its annual general meeting of Monday June 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the CLSC Huntingdon, 220 Chateauguy St., in the large meeting room near the entrance.

**A REVERSAL OF FIGURES** — in the report on youth employment in the Valley by the Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi (which appeared in last week's paper) was rectified this week by the agency, which says that 33 of its participants found full-time jobs, and eight, part-time employment, rather than the other way around as their report stated. That's a good thing.

**IN HEMMINGFORD** — the Shoestring Theatre Grippe-Sous will hold its annual general meeting in the Hemmingford Town Hall council room on Saturday June 27 starting at 1 p.m. All theatre members, past and present are asked to come and discuss plans for the coming season. Anyone wishing to stand for election to the Board or to nominate someone else should call 247-2267 at least a week before the meeting, says Elaine Ransome Hodges.

**IN HUNTINGDON** — the Catholic Women's League is holding a Strawberry Social on Sunday June 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Take-outs will

also be available. (Watch for ad next week.)

**FATHER'S DAY** — will be marked at Wesley-Knox United Church on Covey Hill with a special 9:30 a.m. service and Sunday School. A Hymn Service accompanied by Liz Morgan is planned, says Margot Brom. Everyone is welcome to come out and join in.

**AT RENNIE'S CHURCH** — a Strawberry Social is coming up on Friday June 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Rockburn Church Hall. (See this week's ad for more information.)

**A DRAMA CAMP** — for children aged seven to 12 will be held in Chateauguy's St. Andrew's Church between July 6 and 24. Two New Frontiers teachers will instruct during the 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily sessions. For more information call Elsie Salter; at 692-5074 or Dianna Salter (691-4278).

**C.V.R. GRADUATE** — Marie-Andrée McSween, who already tried for the Conservative nomination in the last federal election, will now try to get the nod from the Quebec Liberals in the neighboring riding of Salaberry-Soulanges. Also vying for the nomination is Béatrice Lajoie of Côteau-du-Lac, who works right here in Huntingdon. So Valley people can watch this race with interest.

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### Set for a ducking

Ormstown Lions Club's annual Duck Race on the Chateauguy River got off to its usual start on Sunday June 7 with the undignified dumping of thousands of toy ducks from a loader on the Island Rd. bridge. An hour or so later, when the speedy ones had arrived at the Centennial Bridge, the winners were announced: first prize (\$3,000) went to Nathalie Sagala of Ormstown; second (\$1,000) Manon Fontaine of Chateauguy; third prizes of \$250 each, Robert Montpetit (St-Stan) and Gaetan Yelle (Ormstown) Winners of \$100 each were Germaine L'Ecuyer, François Benny, Valerie Leduc, Patrick Chapman, Crevier Gas Bar, and Philippe Labelle. (Photo: JT)

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## General news

### New Ormstown commissioner knows schools at first-hand

Ormstown's newly-elected school commissioner on the New Frontiers board is in a position to understand at first hand how our education system works.

Debbie Bourget Rosenbaum, who has lived in the community for 25 years, currently has children in the system all the way from pre-school through elementary and high schools to the post-secondary level.

"And I went to high school here myself, added the mother of four whose husband Don is a teacher and resource person for the school board.

"I first tried to persuade someone else to run, because I didn't want any feeling of conflict of interest, but when no one else volunteered, people began suggesting that I run for the commissioner's job," she told *The Gleaner* Monday.

"I was working at the Ormstown Fair on the weekend, and people kept dropping by to discuss education and the school



**Debbie Bourget : new Ormstown school commissioner.**

board.

"It's all new to me, and I plan to learn a lot," she admitted. "One long-time commissioner told me it takes about three years to really get a grasp of all the issues. But I'm quite outspoken and I don't plan to be a 'rubber-stamp' commissioner."

Bourget won the Sunday election in Ward 1 of the New Frontiers English-language school board, defeating Eunice C. Hicks by a margin of 281 votes to 123.

(JT)

### Vote heavy in Ormstown... from page 1

Percentage of eligible voters who turned out to vote ran from 43 per cent in Ward 1 to 55 per cent in Ward 13. Pre-election statistics from the Chief Electoral Officer in Quebec City showed a total of 13,340 voters registered overall for the New Frontiers board. Of these, 4,046 were registered in the five wards where elec-

tions for school commissioner were held. The other 12 seats were filled by acclamation at the end of May.

The New Frontiers statistics were in line with high voter turn-outs in English-language boards across Quebec. In the French sector, the voter turnout was only around nine per cent.

### Fair is fun despite rain... from page 1

Bay was Premier Jersey Exhibitor and North River Farm, Premier Breeder; Ferme Lolisee swept Premier Holstein Breeder and Exhibitor.

#### Horse show

Highlights of four horse-show days included the first-ever Reining competition Thursday night, a strong heavy-horse entry and a great Saturday evening Costume Class for youngsters and their mounts. Winner was the Nancy Carr entry on a jungle theme, followed by Rebecca Ovans as El Nino.

Pony Potato Racers from the distant past heaved themselves aboard their mounts for the Alumni Potato Race Saturday, won by Donna (Riel) Darragh, who triumphed when Brigitte Beausoleil dropped her spud and faded to second. Third-place winner Blake Hooker made his own victory lap in memory of his lengthy racing career on his pony Connie.

Included among local riders placing well in the more serious events were the Lewis Murphy family with veteran Appaloosa Prince's Mac Image; Sarah Brisebois (the junior potato race champ), Nancy Carr, Brigitte Beausoleil, Debbie Rennie and Rebecca MacDougall.

#### Demolition Derby

Probably nothing short of an earthquake could deter Demolition Derby fans, who filled the grandstand Sunday afternoon while torrents of rain pounded the fairgrounds.

The dampness meant that many a



Undeterred by almost constant rain, the youngsters still clamored for more midway fun at Ormstown Fair on the weekend.

(Photo: VF)

smoking radiator or engine, which could have erupted into flames for the Ormstown firemen to douse, simply smoldered a while and eventually went out as tractors dragged the losers from the pit after each heat. Commentator Dean Hooker kept the energy level high and the enthusiasm going.

"And at least there wasn't any dust," said a die-hard fan.

(Complete results to come)

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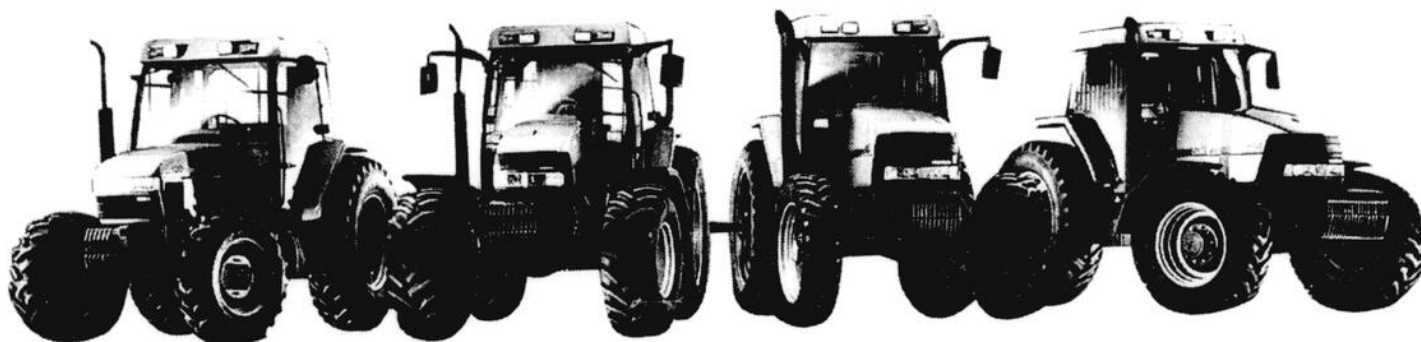
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## KEEP THE BALL ROLLING

Final figures show that over half the eligible voters province-wide turned out for English-language school board elections on Sunday — an absolutely unheard-of turnout.

Taking our voting privileges seriously is becoming a way of life for more and more people, as we realize the consequences public apathy can bring. If you believe in something, you darn well have to get out there and vote for it.

Now, even though some court challenges are being mounted against the methods used to facilitate the switch from confessional to linguistic boards, it seems more than likely the new school board configuration will be in force starting July 1.

There will also be new governing councils for each school, wielding a great deal of decision-making power at the local level (more than current school and parent committees). On these councils will be parents and community representatives as well as educators.

So continuing the impetus will mean taking a more active rôle in education on a daily basis, whether by serving on a council or committee, or by letting the appropriate people know what you need and how you feel about your schools.

The shaking-up and waking-up we have all undergone for the school board vote doesn't need to stop now. Making participation a habit can only be a good thing.

(JT)

## FROM GLEANER ARCHIVES . . .

### 120 years ago

June 13, 1878

... a robbery, under strange circumstances, was committed in Franklin. On the farm of D.M. Parbam there lives a Canadian named John Patenaude and his family, represented to be a quiet, inoffensive people. On the night in question, about half past twelve, they were aroused by shouts and the smashing of the door and windows. On getting up, they found two men, who called upon them, under dire threats, to leave the house. Thoroughly frightened, Patenaude and his family hurried out. After leaving, the cries of the youngest child, who was forgotten, was heard, and the oldest girl returned to get it. The two men allowed her to pass in, and after securing the child she thought of the money — some \$40 — which her father had saved and after which she conjectured the intruder had come. The money was lying loose in a trunk, into which she thrust her hand, and snatching it, left. The

frightened family made its way to Mr. Parbam's who at once proceeded to the assailed house and found that the men had left. On counting the money taken by the girl, it was found that she had missed, in the dark, to grasp a \$4 bill and a \$1, and these two bills were gone. Some silver at the bottom of the trunk the men had missed. Nothing else in the house had been taken. So far as we can learn no effort has been made to ferret out the perpetrators of the crime.

... a well-known cattle buyer of St Remi met with his death at Beech Ridge. He was on his rounds and, on getting into his buggy, finding the horse had twitched its tail over one of the lines, leant forward with one hand on the animal's back to pull it out. While in this posture the horse started, when he lost his balance, and the dash-board giving way with his weight fell to the ground, when the horse flung out its heels in terror, killing the poor man instantly.

### 60 years ago

June 22, 1938

#### DR. CLOUSTON TO DISCLOSE RESEARCH

Dr. H. R. Clouston ... will address a medical convention on the subject: "The Major Forms of Hereditary Ectodermal Dystrophy." ... He will speak about two types of conditions affecting skin, hair, nails, sweat and oil glands, lining of nose and throat and the nervous system and certain internal glands which descend according to certain laws of heredity. ... "Being born without Air Conditioning is one of the causes of death in infancy, in one of the conclusions of the paper Dr. Clouston will deliver. ... Before the air reaches the lungs nature intends that it should be warmed, moistened and washed relatively germ free by the secretions of the upper air passages. ... With lantern slides, Dr. Clouston will show "for the first time on any screen" that certain babies are born without this apparatus. He also will show that these

same babies have no sweat glands. ... A curious feature is that it is confined to males and that Nature is so serious that she even takes away the male breast. ... Dr. Clouston will also review ... a family originally from France in which the severest cases have no nails and no hair. He estimates that there are more than 7,000 in North America.

**BUFFALO TO BE SHOWN H'DON FALL FAIR**  
... arrangements were completed with T.L. Irving for the showing of his five buffalo at the fair... a small admission fee charged for the viewing of same.

**H'DON STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL IN 1ST YEAR ARTS AT MCGILL**

George Lefebvre, winner of the Lord Atholstan Scholarship in 1937 at Huntingdon Academy and Myrna Wheeler, formerly of Huntingdon have successfully passed the May examinations ...

### 30 years ago

June 19, 1968

#### BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H ACTIVITIES ONE OF MAIN ATTRACTIONS AT ORMSTOWN EX

The 4-H activities quite probably attracted more spectator interest than any other classification. Entries in all classes were at an all-time high and Judge Clifford Cook of Burke, N.Y., performed his duties justly ...

**Showmanship** — Boys and girls 10 - 12: Class A: Mark Templeton, Bobby Tolhurst, Larry Ness ... Class B: Roy Templeton, Michael Duncan, Larry McCaffrey ... Class C: Kenneth Marlin, Aubry McDougall, Heather Irving ...

**13 and 14 years old** — Class A: Danny Templeton, Janice McFarlane, Donald Whyte ... Class B: Andy Tolhurst, Bobby Scoble, David Edgerton ... Class C: Daniel Payant, Keith McAdam, David Marlin ...

**15 to 20 years old** — Class A: Carolyn Templeton, Ralph Templeton, Lynn

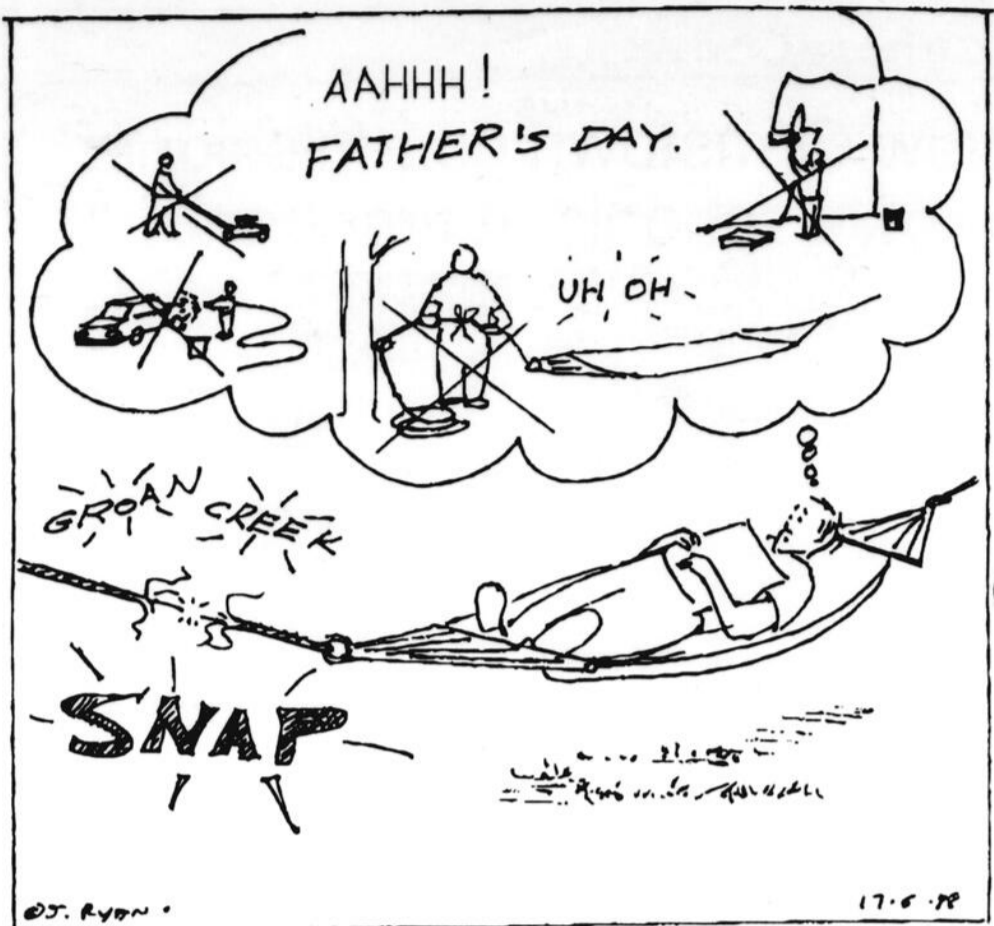
MacFarlane ... Class B: Chris Ness, Don Bryson, Wayne Sproule ... Class C: Gordon Campbell, Donald Campbell, Andrew Whyte ...

**Judging** — 10 to 14 years: Brent Hooker, David McKellar, Mark Templeton ... 15 to 20 years: Lynn MacFarlane, Jenny Van Winden, Chris Ness ...

**The Green Giant Calf Scramble winners:** Gerald Brown, Jim Bryson, Morris Craig, Wayne Sproule, Ken Whyte, Ronald Winter, Allister McNaughton, Glen Moore, John McCaig, Ronnie McCaig.

**MEMO TO A PEEPING TOM**  
To the Peeping Tom who seems to come back time and time again around our house on Fairview Rd.: Would you at least be more careful and stay out of the flower bed? — Discouraged Gardener.

[t/j]



## General news

### Local officials "powerless" to stop increase in municipal tax burden

I feel this information is relevant to all taxpayers in the 15 municipalities of the MRC Haut-St-Laurent, as well as other residents of small municipalities (fewer than 5,000 people) in Quebec.

This year Quebec's Municipal Affairs minister Rémy Trudel passed on a \$375 million bill to payers of property taxes. This is highway robbery since small municipalities pay 5.8 per cent of the municipal budget while two of the province's six big cities pay only 2.6 per cent and on top of that will get grants of from \$25-50,000 from a new tax on cellular phones.

As well, Trudel plans to cut transfer payments (\$287 million or \$103 per inhabitant) to those small municipalities which refuse to amalgamate according to his plan. At the same time he awards \$407 million or \$161 per inhabitant to big cities and urban communities.

Why is the government picking on small regional municipalities? Minister Trudel has been saying he wouldn't use coercive measures, but this is not true — he is blackmailing our property-owners.

Elected municipal officials are the creatures of the provincial government; we cannot push for greater fairness all by ourselves. We need your total support to stop Quebec constantly picking on small municipalities (and on you, as taxpayers).

I would ask you to register a protest by writing the minister of Municipal Affairs (Edifice Chauveau, 20, rue Pierre-Olivier-Chaveau, 3e étage, Bureau secteur B, Quebec, QC G1R 4J3).

You might tell him that you've already paid enough for past errors in Quebec and that if Ottawa passes on unfair bills to Quebec, that's no excuse for Quebec to do the same thing to municipalities.

Citizens are more powerful than elected officials. Without grassroots support, I can just imagine the provincial government's tax policy in the year 2,000.

Already you are paying 18 cents per \$100 evaluation under Law 145 for police services and 14 cents for road maintenance under Law 142, when Quebecers are already paying over \$4 billion for roads. The government is only spending \$380 million on roads. And we just received the bill for another \$375 million, 5.8 per cent of the municipal budget.

It's no joke, and only you can help. It could mean the difference between keeping your house and having to give it up. Your municipal representatives are doing all they can but it's not enough. The coming crisis in municipal finance will be worse than the ice storm.

**Paul-Maurice Patenaude, Prefect MRC Haut-St-Laurent**

### Letter to UPA... from page 1

position. Pressure from the government, which demanded changes to the MRC's new zoning plan, forced the MRC to designate the railbeds as "public lands", he said, adding that the MRC had never designated the land as agricultural.

The UPA recently issued a detailed report claiming that the railbed trail plan would be costly, impractical and even hazardous, advocating the use of scenic secondary roads as a bicycle route.

(HT/JT)

### Bridge still closed... from page 1

"We were told that the bridge is now safe to walk over, but all the heavy equipment makes that difficult. Last week, the foreman said it might take another week, but he couldn't be sure," said Solanges Gervais, assistant municipal secretary-treasurer.

The process is rather like straightening a child's teeth with orthodontic bands and

cannot be hurried.

Although it originally had been hoped to re-open the flood-damaged bridge by the end of May, delays in receiving materials caused a delay of at least two weeks, forcing visitors to the Ormstown Fair, as well as local traffic, to detour via the Route 138A.

(JT)

### Festival planning starts... from page 1

Fournier take charge of the July 8 Bingo. Tiffany McNaughton will collect \$25 membership fees from merchants and community groups. (Her phone number is 264-2641.)

Next meeting of the Festival Committee will be held Thursday June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Huntingdon Community Learning centre, 24 Lake St. At that time, the final

touches will be put on the program and a work-list will be drawn up. Anyone thinking about organizing an activity should contact either Partridge (264-4224) or Lachance (264-3273) before that date in order to get their event included on the program; they are also welcome to attend the meeting.

(JT)

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## Community news



### Bowling for Cancer

Some 400 bowlers at Huntingdon's Quillorama lanes raised \$4,815 for the Canadian Cancer Society during the recent Bowl-a-thon (\$1,600 in gifts, \$2,400 by the bowlers' efforts). Shown are: (seated) Suzanne Taillefer; Marc and Annie Allaire (of the Quillorama); (standing) Alma Corriveau, Rollande Dorais and Gertrude Nadeau.

(Photo: courtesy S. Taillefer)

## 64 boys attend May 30 Cuboree at Powerscourt

One of the high points of the year for Valley Wolf Cubs (and their younger counterparts the Beavers) is the annual Cuboree, held this year on the weekend of May 30 and 31 at Dunn Memorial Camp at Powerscourt.

A total of 64 Cubs took part this year, signing the Great Book at the Frontier Outpost, while the Beavers gathered Saturday for special activities at the Pond.

For eight third-year Cubs, the weekend was marked by their induction into the "Knights of Dunn", giving them the right to be addressed as "Sir" while on the territory of the Dunn Memorial Camp.

They are: Sir Corey Duncan, Sir Brandon of St-Denis, Sir Kevin La Coste, Sir Michael Vickers, Sir Florent Vergnas, Sir Jérémie Cron, Sir Taylor Lamb and Sir Bobby Ovans.

Officiating at the ceremony were Amelia Dunn, representing the family, Duty officers Brodie Rember, Ashley Cameron and Andrew Nitsch, District Commissioner Diane Furey, Beverly Watson, David and Deborah Robertson and George McKell.

The weekend raged until the rains came down Sunday morning. The camp was closed after the Scouts' Own Service.

(GM/JT)



Cubs on the move at the Cuboree weekend.

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# CVR honors top athletes at Sports Awards Banquet

**Valerie Furcall**  
THE GLEANER

Chateaugay Valley Regional High School's annual Sports Awards Banquet on June 4 recognized the accomplishments of more than 40 young athletes.

This year the Juvenile and Midget Girls Field Hockey teams, the Girls Ice Hockey players and the Cross-Country participants brought back four Provincial Championship banners. The Bantam and Midget Girls Cross-Country teams and the Juvenile Girls Basketball team won Regional Championships, while six other South Shore victories and five Greater Montreal successes resulted in team banners.

**Major Awards**

Kevin McKell won the Hans Newman Trophy for Outstanding Male Athlete and a Most Valuable Player (MVP) award for juvenile boys basketball.

Rebecca McCaig received the Zephyr Trophy for Outstanding Female Athlete and was the juvenile girls basketball team's MVP and rugby's Most Improved Player (MIP).

Billy Price and Kelly Faubert were selected for the Spartan Trophy for Desire, Dedication and Determination. Billy was the juvenile boys volleyball MVP.

Brent Chisholm and Sarah Rennie were accorded the Gleaner Trophy for Sportsmanship. Brent was football's offensive team's MVP.

James Furey received the Champ

Memorial Trophy for Contribution to the School's Athletic Program.

Stephen Atkinson and Ashley Hlusko were the Most Promising Midget Athletes. Stephen also won a Track & Field MVP. Ashley won a basketball MVP.

Conrad Marcotte and Tanya McDonagh were the Most Promising Bantam Athletes. Conrad was a Track & Field MVP; Tanya was her basketball team's MVP.

Megan Hlusko, a graduating senior who spent only her senior year at CVR but made noteworthy performances in various sports, received a plaque.

**Dynamic programs**

CVR's resurrected football program, led by eight coaches under teacher Marc Brindie, now has 40 players on the roster, including 13 who will attend CEGEP training camps this summer; three are accepted to John Abbott's football team; and two are headed to Vanier College, which boasts the top provincial team. Volunteer coaches from the community who assisted CVR staff members received plaques of appreciation.

**Other awards**

**Football:** MVPs (defence) Al Finlayson; Spartan Award: Al Finlayson and Asterios Babanicos.

**Golf:** Andreas Green.

**Soccer:** Bantam Boys MVP: Shawn Blair; MIP: Chris Neverett. Midget Boys MVP: Tyler Waller; MIP: Kent Erskine.

**Field Hockey:** Bantam Girls MVP: Cindel Chartrand; MIP: Megan Duheme. Midget Girls MVP: Lisa Derepenigny; MIP: Kacie Sproule. Juvenile Girls MVP: Marie



Major award winners named at CVR's Sports Awards Banquet were (front) Kevin McKell, Rebecca McCaig, James Furey, Kelly Faubert, Billy Price; (back) Megan Hlusko, Ashley Hlusko, Stephen Atkinson, Brent Chisholm, Sarah Rennie, Conrad Marcotte, Tanya McDonagh, Leslie Marcotte. Missing from photo: Jason Burton.

(Photo: VF)

Shewchuk; MIP: Kari Erskine.

**Cross Country:** MVPs: Sarah Brisebois and Leslie Marcotte.

**Basketball:** Bantam Boys MVP: David Reddick; MIP: Matthew Rochefort. Bantam Girls MVP: Tammy Harrigan. Midget Boys MVP: Matthew Bryson; MIP: Michael Furey. Midget Girls MVP: Cindel Chartrand. Juvenile Boys MVP: Philip Seguin. Juvenile Girls MVP: Penny Vaillancourt.

**Volleyball:** Midget Boys MVP: Tyler Waller; MIP: Brian Miller. Midget Girls

MVP: Natalie Collins; MIP: Crystal McCormick. Juvenile Boys MVP: Derik Coutu. Juvenile Girls MVP: Johnnie Cluff; MIP: Wendy Roskies.

**Hockey:** Girls MVP: Marie Shewchuk; MIP: Jessica Duheme.

**Rugby:** Boys MVP: Todd Lane; MIP: Jessie Whyte. Girls MVP: Ruth Anne Grant. Cleat & Ball Award: Lynda Whyte.

**Track and Field:** Bantam: Meredith Eades. Midget: Monica Healey. Juvenile: Leslie Marcotte and Jason Burton.

## Over 100 youngsters sign up for day camp

Over 100 Huntingdon-area children have registered for the new Summer Daycamp program, which begins June 29 at the Huntingdon Academy School.

Children from Huntingdon (43), Hinchinbrooke (32), Godmanchester (17), Elgin (6), St-Anicet (3), St-Stanislas (2) and Cazaville (1) were enrolled for periods ranging from one week to the program's end (August 21).

A program of sports, arts and cultural activities is planned and will be run by Melissa Quinn, coordinator, and animators Kim Baranowski, Jake Morrissey, Stephanie Legros and Marc-Antoine Mainville.

The project was created by a volunteer

group of parents who received administrative help from A Family Affair, which hired April Donnelly-Arthur and Nicole Poissant to organize registration and set up the groundwork for the new program.

In addition to the registration fees, several municipalities have committed financial support: Huntingdon is giving \$10 per local child per week; Hinchinbrooke and Godmanchester have both approved \$10 per local child; while Elgin has not yet decided.

There is still space for additional children, says Donnelly-Arthur, who may be reached at 264-3784.

(VF)

## BIRTHS & DEATHS

CARD OF THANKS, IN MEMORIAMS, ENGAGEMENTS.

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**GREEN-SMITH** - Arrival of Tristen Adam, weighing 8 lb. 15oz. Proud parents are J. Green and J. Smith. Grandson to M. and D. Smith and L. and B. Green.

**DIED**

**LEFEBVRE, Monique** - In Huntingdon on June 13, 1998 at the age of 62 years, passed away Mrs. Monique Lefebvre, daughter of the late Victor Lefebvre and late Lorenza Riel. She leaves to mourn her sisters and brothers Aline, Mariette, Jean-Charles and Yves. Funeral will be held on Tuesday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m. in St-Joseph's Church, Huntingdon. Interment cemetery of same place. Funeral arrangements Rodrigue Montpetit & Fils Inc., 170 Chateaugay St., Huntingdon.

**STANFORD, Rachel Kay** - Formally of Covey Hill Road on June 9, 1998, aged 77 years Rachel Kay Rumbolt beloved wife of the late Fred Stanford. She leaves to mourn Peter (Donna), Allen (Lorna) 5 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews in Newfoundland and Toronto. Rested at the J.M. Sharpe Funeral Home, 461 Champlain, Hemmingford. Funeral service was held Saturday June 13 at the J.M. Sharpe Chapel at 11 a.m. Interment Wesley Knox Cemetery on Covey Hill.

**YELLENIK, Maria** - At the Barrie Memorial Hospital on June 12, 1998, Maria Olipity aged 93 years, beloved wife of the late Anton Yellenik, dear mother of Herb (Patricia), Mary (Ross), Susan (Don). Cherished grandmother of Michael, Steven, Gregory, Andrea, Ross and Deari and great grandmother of 6. Rested at the J.M. Sharpe Funeral Home, 461 Champlain, Hemmingford. Funeral service was held Monday, June 15 in St-Romain Church at 11 a.m. Interment St-Romain Cemetery.

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**MOFFAT, George** - There will be a Funeral Service for Mr. George Moffat who passed away on January 21, 1998 after a long illness. The service will be held at Wesley Knox United Church on Covey Hill Rd., at 1:00 p.m. on June 20, 1998.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**CAVANAGH, Patricia Ann** - In memory of a dear daughter and sister who passed away June 18, 1993  
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A special thank-you to all who helped in any way to make my retirement party on June 4 a memorable, happy time that I'll always cherish.  
Jean Lawrence

I would like to thank Dr. Blonde, all nurses and staff of the Third Floor Barrie Memorial for the loving care I received while I was in hospital. For flowers, cards and gifts and all my family, friends and neighbors who did so much for me while I was in hospital and after I came home, thank you all.  
Muriel Hamilton

I wish to thank Dr. K. Aikin, Dr. J. Hortop, Dr. G. Thompson from the Barrie Memorial Hospital, also J.L. Rodrigue & family and F. Ratté & Fils, Ormstown.  
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# Millennium computer bug will not strike Huntingdon

*(Gleaner staff)*

Huntingdon will spend nearly \$50,000 for new computer equipment in order to avoid being struck by the infamous "millennium bug".

The year 2,000 is expected to present major problems for the internal workings of computers not equipped to deal with the change into the 21st century, so the Town is taking advantage of the need to cope with this and at the same time replace its outdated computers.

"Our equipment is out-of-date — we have some computers manufactured as early as 1992," said municipal secretary-treasurer Diane Taillon.

Five new work-stations will be set up at the Town Hall for municipal administrators. The cost of the upgrade has been included in the Town's 1998 budget.

### Other business

In other business at its June 1 meeting, the Town approved the purchase of a

new 50-seat grandstand and players' benches for the Arthur Pigeon School ball park.

A new salt-storage facility will be built at the Municipal Garage at a cost of \$5,000, to replace the old one, which was built 30 years ago and is in terrible shape. The work will be carried out during the month of June.

### Donations

The Council decided to grant \$2 for each Huntingdon child registering for the Summer Day Camp.

Huntingdon's Summer Festival, to be held in July, will benefit from a \$750 municipal grant, and the Huntingdon Fair will receive \$300. As well, the Town will clean up at the fair grounds.

Finally, a \$200 contribution will be made to the fund-raising drive of the Suroit Regional Hospital in Valleyfield.

*(HT/JT)*

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# St-Malachie agrees with UPA on location of Valley bike trail

St-Malachie's municipal council has come down on the side of the Union des Producteurs Agricoles position favoring a bicycle path along scenic country roads rather than on the former rail line through the Valley.

A motion to this effect passed unanimously at the June 2 meeting, following a presentation to the councillors by a UPA delegation.

Copies of a detailed UPA report on cost of the railbed trail and suggestions for the alternative route have been distributed to each Haut-St-Laurent mayor.

### Ice-storm expenses

Another major segment of the meeting was taken up passing resolutions about ice-storm expenses, in order to ask

## Accused couple must undergo counselling before June 29 trial

A Davignon Park couple, accused of criminal negligence in the 1996 death of their two-month old baby, have consented to undergo counselling through the Huntingdon CLSC while awaiting trial.

Daniel Kraft and Deana Richards will return to the Valleyfield Courthouse on June 29 for their preliminary hearing. At their May 28 bail hearing, they were released on condition that Kraft take addiction counselling which Richards enrol in a parenting course. One of the Huntingdon CLSC nurses will monitor the family's situation on an ongoing basis, including the welfare of the couple's five remaining young children.

Meanwhile, Kraft and Richards returned to court on June 5 and June 9 to present documentary proof that they had registered with the CLSC.

The criminal negligence charges laid in connection with the death of their two-month old daughter Francine in November 1996 carry a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. An autopsy showed the infant had died of malnutrition.

(HT/JT)

## Frost... from page 1

Between branch breakage from January's ice storm and this early frost, some growers are expecting to lose up to two-thirds of an average crop this fall, Petch added.

(VF)

Quebec's Public Security ministry to reimburse St-Malachie for amounts paid out to contractors removing ice and fallen trees, overtime for municipal employees, and interest on money from the municipal surplus used to cover such expenses while waiting for refunds from Quebec, a process which is taking many months.

The Parish and Ormstown Village are getting together to present retiring municipal library co-ordinator Louis Beauchamp with a gift of thanks.

The meeting was adjourned to Tuesday

June 9, as many agenda items remained to be dealt with.

### Adjourned meeting

At the June 9 adjourned meeting, the 1997 financial statement was approved, and St-Malachie agreed to pay \$128.84, its share of the cost of a study on the English River drainage project.

Two bills from Gravier Ormstown Inc., which had been sent to the Transport ministry and re-addressed to the municipality will be sent back, since the rental of a back-hoe and a mechanical shovel dur-

ing the spring flood period resulted from the MOT's need to protect its own bridges on Rte. 138A and the Island Rd.

A majority decision (Councillor P. Finlayson voted against it) passed a Hydro-Quebec project for power lines on Rte. 138A.

Since no one showed up to protest a by-law change involving commercial zones 171 and 172, that by-law was passed.

(JT)



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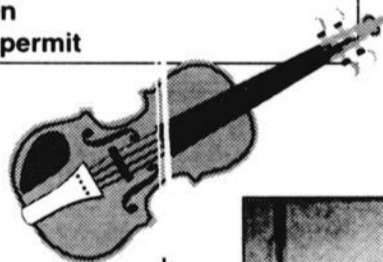
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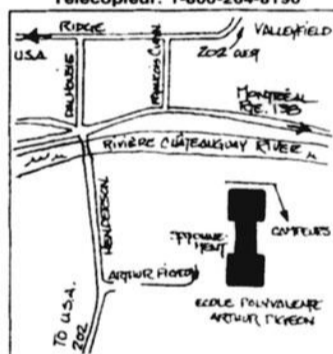


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## Community news



Rita Steele (seated at centre) with her family during the reunion.

## 40 gather at Ormstown for Steele family reunion

The weekend of May 16 and 17 was a busy but happy time for Mrs. Rita Steele of Ormstown, when 40 members of her immediate family met for "The Homecoming".

Her family consists of her 10 children and their spouses, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

There was lots of visiting, picture-taking, music, and, of course eating — each family had brought lots of food, and there were two decorated cakes, one bearing the message "Happy Homecoming".

Family members who attended were: Irene and Richard Maynard of Dannemora NY; Dean and Mary Maynard, Justin and Melinda; Renee Hutti, Kayla and Jesse, all of Plattsburgh NY; Joyce and Bill Lindsay, Jason and friend Dawn Marie of Prescott Ont.; Larry and Derick Dear of Huntingdon; Alec and Judy Dear, Micah and friends Danielle and Andrew of Ormstown; Mona and Jim Matthews, Mandy and her fiancé Jeremy and Jaime of Toronto; Faye and Kenny Simpson, Ashley and Braden of Hemmingford; Darlene and Stéphane Bouchard, William and Oliver of Huntingdon; Donna and John Robichaud, James and Kevin from Mississauga Ont.; and April and John Maisonet of Chateauguay Que. Laura Steele of Calgary was unable to attend the party.

The weekend was so successful that they all plan to come home again next year for another "Homecoming".

(J. McEwen/jt)

### Ormstown

Jean McEwen - 829-2704

#### Sunday School picnics

The weather wasn't too kind on Sunday June 7 when it came time for picnics. St. James' Anglican Church members, along with St. John's members from Huntingdon, met in Ormstown for a joint service conducted by Rev. Sinpoh Han.

During the service, some of the Sunday School pupils performed a Liturgical Dance they have been learning.

After service, everyone brought out their lunch and some were brave enough to sit outside to eat. Games had been organized for the young folks, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Members of the Presbyterian Church met at Kim and Karyn Cullen's home, where Rev. John McPhadden conducted the service and the junior class performed their "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord".

The Cullens had set up tables and prepared a delicious salad lunch along with hot dogs, also a decorated cake.

The children had fun playing soccer, bean-bags, basketball and running sack races, also blowing up balloons and bursting them. In spite of the cool weather, they enjoyed popsicles.

The adults got in on the fun by playing "Name that Hymn" as Nancy Cullen played the music.

Special thanks went out to Kim, Karyn, Kent, Kane, Kyle, Kirk and Kohl for their hospitality.

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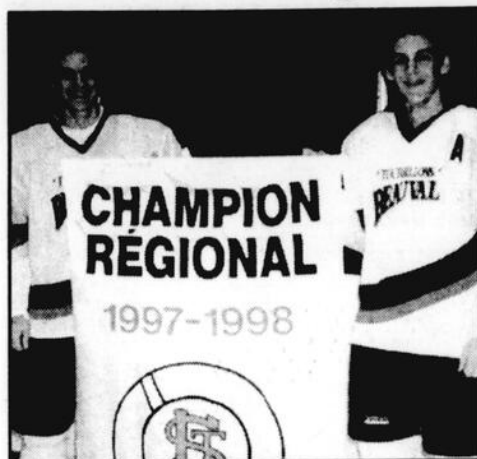
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## Sports

### Regional Winners



Etienne Quenneville of Orms town and Jean-Christian Mainville of Huntingdon were members of the Midget AA Beauval hockey team which won this year's league championship with a 22-2-3 record. After winning the league play-offs, the Tourbillon squad went on to play well at the Provincial championships held in the Trois-Rivières area.

(Photo: M.B.)



Two Huntingdon Minor Hockey Association players, Sébastien Boucher and Mathieu Crête, both of Huntingdon, played for the Tourbillon de Beauval team in the Atom BB division of the regional hockey league, which won the championship in the Lac-St-Louis region for 1998. Both are defensemen.

(Photo: J-L.C.)

### Hemmingford bowlers honor last season's award winners

The Wednesday Night bowling League's annual banquet was held May 23 at the Legion hall in Hemmingford, where the Ladies' Auxiliary served a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

#### Awards

After dinner, money prizes were given out:

Teams: 1st place, Langille; 2nd, Lapierre; 3rd, Bickes.

#### Ladies prizes:

High Single with handicap: Mary Lapierre, 258; High Triple with handicap: Taunia Vallée, 690; High Single: Carmen Langille, 202; High Triple, Ann Lapierre, 561; High Average, Teenie Wallace, 154.

#### Men's Prizes

High Single with handicap: Tony Lapierre, 269; High Triple with handicap: Les Thompson, 712; High Single: Maurice Rodrigue, 243; high Triple: Glenn Bickes, 669; High Average: Michael Mangarillo: 190.

Ladies Most 69: (tie) Hélène Mathys and

Mary Lapierre.

Mens Most 69: (tie) Gerry Langille and Michael Mangarillo.

Game High Single and Triple: Langille Team.

600 Triples: Les Thompson, Michael Mangarillo, Glenn Bickes.

Most improved bowlers: Ladies: Hélène Mathys; Men, Tony Lapierre.

Perfect attendance: Ladies: Mae Deneault, Ann Lapierre, Rita Hebert, Teenie Wallace; Men: Guy Leboeuf, Tony Lapierre, Maurice Rodrigue.

#### Officers

During a short meeting, officers for 1998-99 were elected:

President, Les Thompson; Vice-president, Teenie Wallace; Secretary-treasurer, Maurice Rodrigue.

Anyone willing to bowl next year may contact any of the above people.

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### Ken Hamilton heads new CLD

(Gleaner staff)

The soon-to-be Haut-St-Laurent Centre local de développement (CLD) elected officers at its first general meeting on May 19.

Ken Hamilton, president of the local Economic Development Corporation and Claude Bergevin, president of the Fonds d'investissement local (FIL), both from the Business and Industry sector of the board of directors, were elected president and vice-president respectively of the new Local Development Centre.

Jean-Pierre Brunet (co-operatives sector) and Marcel Leclerc (health sector) were voted in as treasurer and as secretary respectively.

The MRC mayors' council adopted a May 13 resolution approving which sectors would comprise the board. Its recommendation will be forwarded to the Quebec Minister of Regions.

The final step formally setting in place the CLD will occur in June when the management-agreement is signed.

(HT/tr.VF)



### Restocking the pantry

Huntingdon's La Bouffe Additionnelle, a community kitchen and emergency food bank which serves all 15 Haut-St-Laurent municipalities received a total of \$750 from the Bank of Montreal (the employees foundation donated \$250; the Bank gave \$500) to restock the shelves after 247 baskets of food were handed out in January's ice storm crisis. Accepting on behalf of La Bouffe is co-ordinator Pearl Gendron; representing the bank were Huntingdon director Daniel Lacroix (left) and Montérégie Marketing Director Luc Laramée (right), who saw first-hand the services provided at the Prince St. centre. (Photo: VF)

### Orms town

Jean McEwen - 829-2704

The booth at the Orms town Fair sponsored by the Chateauguy Valley Association for Community Living was once again a success, with a lovely assortment of hand-knitted articles, baked goods, plants and "books and more books".

Tickets on the raffle were drawn Sunday afternoon. The winner of the quilt

was Lois McCaig of Orms town; the child's picnic table went to Joanne Cunningham, Huntingdon; the chips-and-dip set was won by Margaret Madson of Roxboro; and the baby afghan went to Joanne McAdam, Orms town.

President Jean Cavanagh and the group are grateful for the support.

**Community news**

## Subsidized day-care helps local low-income families

Trained baby-sitters who stay home to look after a small number of children: this is the idea behind the nine-year-old Do-Mi-Si-La-Do-Ré project which has just received a \$30,000 grant.

The money comes from the Fund against Poverty helping people to get back to work, and allows welfare and low-income families to have access to free or low-cost child day-care. The cost of care for a child aged three or four (as of September 30) is only \$5 daily, and free for welfare families or people working fewer than 23.5 hours per week.

Centre director Renée Guernon explained that some two dozen caregivers throughout the Haut-St-Laurent are permitted to take up to six children at a

time in their homes. They must complete 45 hours of training as well as a first-aid course.

Help from a qualified Assistant, who takes 12 hours of training, increases the quota to nine children, Guernon said.

Within the next few years, the subsidized day care program should become available for children aged under three years. For now, for infants under two years, and for older children, aged five to 12, parents can benefit from the child tax credit and other funding programs.

The head office of the project is in the Huntingdon Post Office building on Prince St., and the phone number is 264-9766.

(HT/JT)

## Accessibility prime concern at H'ford Library brainstorming

On May 9, Hemmingford Community Library held a successful Brainstorming session, to find out from members what they do or do not like about the library and to receive directives for the future.

Some 35 members attended the meeting, moderated by Frances Ravensbergen, a Community Development consultant who currently teaches at Concordia University.

The main concern was the difficult access to the library for the elderly and disabled, and mothers with toddlers in strollers. Since the Library is not in a position to find other accommodation and is very happy with the services provided by the Town Councils, it was felt that some government help might be available to provide easier accessibility. One member will attend Council meetings and address this problem.

The time is approaching to look into the

possibility of hiring a part-time employee to help with the administration of the library. This would depend on financial help being available and the issue will be discussed with the Councils.

Adolescents must be encouraged to use the library by providing books and software specifically for them. A cosy corner for toddlers to sit and read was also suggested.

Emily Castine, a member from over the border and a high school librarian herself, suggested a "Friends of the Library" group to handle publicity and fundraising for the library.

This idea was warmly received and anyone in the community interested in joining such a group should give their name to the library — they will be holding their meeting soon.

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## Community news

### HCH Ladies' Auxiliary reports successful year's activities

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Huntingdon County Hospital was held May 25.

President Audrey Bannon welcomed the group and thanked members for the get-well card during a hospital stay.

Recording and corresponding secretary June Todd noted that four meetings and a successful December bake sale were held. The Hospital Staff put on a spaghetti luncheon which brought in \$2,048.46, a big boost to the group.

Thanks went to Christiane Meloche, for the dedication to residents. She buys Christmas and birthday gifts and other articles to make life more interesting and happy for them.

There were 74 memorial donations and five others from people who stayed in the hospital during the ice storm. All money

received goes towards residents' needs. The Auxiliary is grateful to the public for all their support.

Treasurer Jeanne Smith reported the following revenues: food sale, \$2,423.14; donations, \$847; memorials, \$2,757.63; memberships, \$287.10.

Expenses: gifts and other items for residents, \$2,419.87; stamps, office supplies, printing, \$277.34; two Candy-stripers, \$400; advertising, \$157.62. Total operating expenses were \$5,913.31.

Membership convener Margaret Thornton reported 508 names (including 18 men); and 20 life members. At the bake sale, 32 members signed up and 58 new ones joined. A big bonus was due to the staff luncheon which brought in a larger number.

### Record-high \$27,000 raised from "Hip, Hip Hooray" walk

Despite inclement weather, the fourth annual Orthopedic walk went ahead as scheduled on Sunday, May 31.

The day, which started out sunny, rapidly deteriorated by 10 a.m. — the scheduled time for the walk — as heavy clouds and severe thunderstorms rolled in.

Approximately 320 walkers, including friends and relatives bravely participated in the one-kilometer walk through Park Sauvé, many with canes or crutches, some with wheelchairs. All were in raincoats and carrying umbrellas as the cold, wet, rain fell in buckets.

This did not dampen spirits however, as they sloshed along the route led by the organizers who had put so much time and effort into this important event. President Renée Gaspard and husband Dr. Antoine Gaspard, Mario St-Onge, this year's honorary president, Raymond Rousse, Gerry Butt, as well as nurses and staff from the Valleyfield Hospital all volunteered time to help out.

Besides Valleyfield, there were also many participants from the Huntingdon, Ormstown and Howick areas. At the end of the walk everyone returned to the Club Nautique, for hot coffee and hot dogs. Speeches were given and many door prizes were drawn, donated by local stores and businesses.

Then came the big moment for the announcement by Renée Gaspard that the event had raised \$27,000 from donations and sponsors. Resounding applause greet-

ed the news. This amount was well over the \$22,000 goal and the best ever for this area.

Half of this money is donated to the local hospital in the form of special equipment to aid in orthopedic surgery for local patients, while the other half is donated to the Canadian Orthopedic Foundation, to aid in research and improve equipment and techniques.

Having benefitted from great strides in this type of surgery in recent years, with two artificial hip joints, one knee and one shoulder replacement, I feel I am a good example of what has and can be achieved by so many other people.

I am able to be fairly mobile, and do many things I would not have been able to without this surgery.

The intention this year is to donate the Valleyfield share of the money towards the purchase of an osteodensitometer for our Regional Valleyfield Hospital. This machine, which costs about \$90,000, can detect at a much earlier age people who in later life would be prone to Osteoporosis, and thus allow for preventive medicine to halt the disease, which cannot be cured once it make its presence known.

Until next year, let us all think about what this simple annual walk across our great country can mean to so many Canadians.

(E. Melanson/vf)

### Hemmingford

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During the June 14 Sunday morning service at St. Andrew's United Church in Hemmingford, the son of Graham and Lynn Thompson (née Anderson) of Nepean Ont., was baptized by Rev. Birgit Neuschild.

The baby received the names Richard

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1. On April 27, 1998, the MRC Le Haut-Saint-Laurent, with administration status, adopted bylaw 108-98 in relation to a loan of \$375,000, amount necessary to the purchase of an industrial building.
2. The amount of the projected loan is \$375,000 and this sum necessary to the purchase of a building situated at 857 Notre-Dame Street in the municipality of the Parish of Saint-Jean-Chrysostome.
3. Any taxpayer addressed by this public notice has the right to oppose the adoption of this bylaw by the minister of Municipal Affairs, by transmitting to him a written opposition within a 30 day period from the publication of this notice.

The bylaw may be consulted at the office of the MRC Le Haut-Saint-Laurent, during regular office hours, 23 King Street, Huntingdon, Quebec.

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