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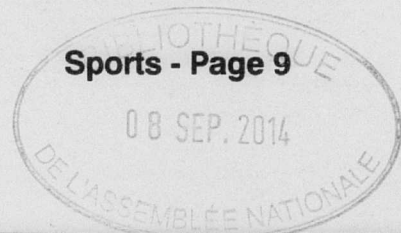
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IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

**Julie Edwards
looking to fine-
tune MVHS**

By Gordon Lambie

Julie Edwards is no stranger to Massey-Vanier High School, but she has a different perspective this year after taking on a new challenge as the high school's principal. An Eastern Townships School Board veteran of more than 20 years, Edwards comes to the new position with a range of experience, and a recent connection to the school that she hopes will help to keep Massey-Vanier at the head of the scholastic pack.

"We were already going in the right direction when I was here as a vice-principal," Edwards said, explaining that the school was considered a leader when it came to integration of student services into the classroom when she left two years ago to become principal of Parkview Elementary in Granby. "Now we need to work smarter, not harder, to make the most of what we have."

The new MVHS principal expressed that she sees in the school and its staff a powerful work ethic and a spirit of collaboration that is already exemplary.

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**Green Mountains Nature Reserve
plan unveiled**



MATTHEW MCCULLY

Following the Friday press conference, Julien Poisson, project manager for the Nature Conservancy of Canada, led attendees on a hike through one of the trails within the Green Mountains Nature Reserve. Read the story on Page 3.

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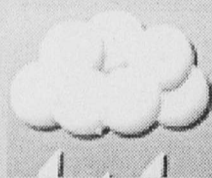
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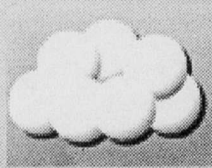
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FROM THE ETRC ARCHIVES:

The Orford Mountain Railway

LENNOXVILLE

The Orford Mountain Railway Company received its railway charter in 1888 with the aim to establish a railway between Eastman and Lawrenceville in Brome County. It was intended as a local line, chiefly dedicated to encourage the development of the forest and mineral industries in that area. This railway venture was headed by Judge Samuel Willard Foster, who had long had an interest in railway development in the Townships and approached his leading role with enthusiasm.

Although surveying and construction on the Orford Mountain Railway's initial line began in the summer of 1889, it was not until October 1891 that the inaugural OMR train made its way from Eastman to Lawrenceville.

By the spring of 1893, the OMR line had been extended to Kingsbury and ran regular service from Kingsbury to Eastman, where it connected with the Canadian Pacific line. At the time, the trip took one hour and 45 minutes.

Over the following 15 years, a branch of the OMR was built to reach Stukely Lake (then called Bonnallie Lake), the line was extended north and then along the St. Francis River to Windsor Mills, as well as south to Mansonville.

The decisions on the direction of the OMR's extensions were determined



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Orford Mountain Railway excursion group at Stukely Lake, ca. 1910

largely by the potential of lumber freight since forest products, such as logs, pulp wood and sawn timber, formed the bulk of its shipments. In particular, the sawmills of Williamson and Crombie in Kingsbury were the railway's biggest clients.

Unfortunately, the forest industry along the OMR was not enough to keep this small, independent railway in the black and, by 1909, the situation had become acute.

This financial crisis led to the deci-

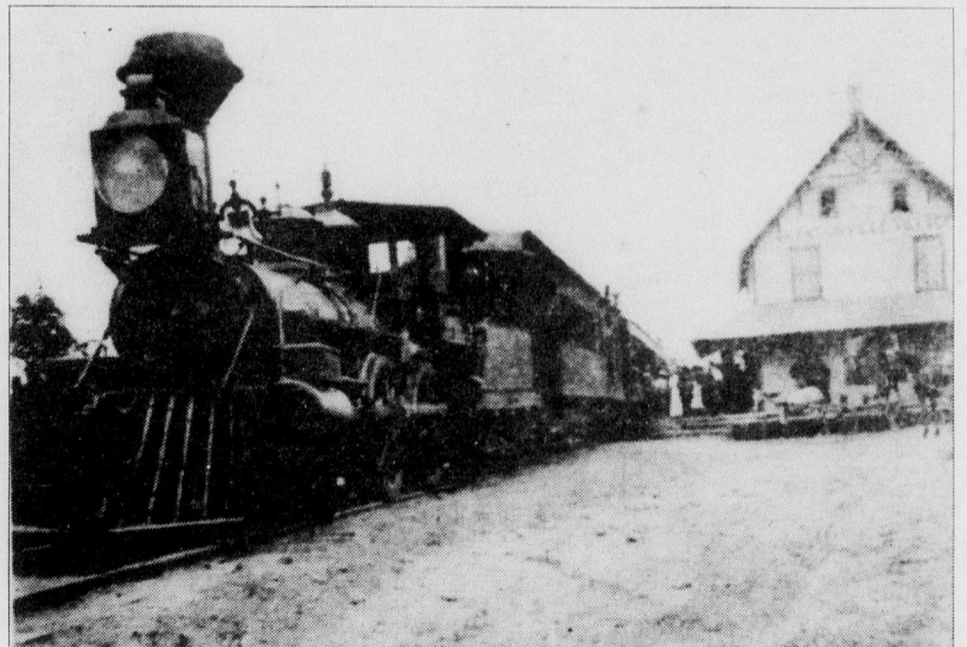
sion to lease the OMR to the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1910. While the CPR did fulfill plans to extend the line to North Troy in Vermont, the line continued to struggle financially. Finally, it the closure of the sawmills in Kingsbury in 1928 that began the gradual abandonment of the OMR tracks over the following 37 years.

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Judge Samuel W. Foster, ca. 1900



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OMR locomotive at the Mansonville station, ca. 1909

Ben by Daniel Shelton



LOCAL NEWS

Basically in the Eastern Townships, precipitation hovered around normal, but in Sherbrooke it was a little less.

Green Mountains Nature Reserve plan unveiled

By Matthew McCully
Special to The Record
SUTTON

More than 50 interested parties and media were present at a press conference held at the Town Hall in Sutton on Friday, explaining the master plan for the Green Mountains Nature reserve, an area covering close to 70 square kilometres in the Eastern Townships.

The plan was years in the making, and will be implemented by seven partners: the Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Appalachian Corridor, Les Sentiers de l'Estrie, Tourism Eastern Townships, Parc d'Environnement Naturel de Sutton, the Brome-Missisquoi local development committee and the Sutton economic development corporation.

Over the next five years, the partners will work to meet 32 objectives related to conservation, research, exploration and promotion, while maintaining the primary objective of protecting the land and wildlife native to the area for generations to come.

"It's more about the people than the conservancy," said Joel Bonin, vice-presi-

dent of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, who credited the common vision of a number of municipal and regional partners for the development of the plan.

"The region is a hiking destination," said Vickie Villeneuve, representing Tourism Eastern Townships. Villeneuve spoke of the economic benefits of attracting naturalists to the region to enjoy the pristine landscape.

Sutton Mayor Louis Dandenault also spoke at the event, and discussed the balance that must be struck between development and conservation, as well as the growing interest of protecting green spaces in the Sutton area in recent years.

Julien Poisson, project manager for the Nature Conservancy of Canada, offered a brief history and timeline of events leading to the Green Mountains Nature Reserve.

Going back over 20 years, he referenced studies evaluating the bio-diversity and fragility of certain species of plant and wildlife in the region, and the acquisition of the first property by the Conservancy in 2001, which has since expanded to include green space spanning four municipalities, Sutton, Potton, and

East and West Bolton.

The topography of the reserve is varied, offering a wealth of research opportunities in a number of different ecosystems, from marshland, to mountain peaks.

Four main summits are included in the reserve. Mount Singer at 771 metres, Mount Echo (747 m), Mount Gagnon (865 m), and Round Top (962 m).

The master plan, according to Poisson, takes into account the future of the reserve.

"What do we want the reserve to look like in 2060?" he asked.

Following Poisson's presentation outlining the master plan, the seven main partners of the Green Mountains Nature Reserve signed a contract as a symbol of their commitment to carry out the master plan, years in the making.

A question period followed the conference, where reporters asked if the economic benefits of the reserve as a hiking destination had been quantified. Poisson said that no numbers were available yet.

Alain Larouche, director-general of Tourism Eastern Townships, added that a hiker in the Eastern Townships represents between \$60-\$100 to the local econ-

omy.

Recent estimates suggested that roughly 35,000 hikers visit the area per year.

Larouche went on to say that the priority was conservation, and the fact that hikers will be able to enjoy the reserve is a bonus.

Another question was asked regarding adding structures in the reserve, lean-to's or shelters for hikers wishing to camp for the night.

Poisson said that with the exception of deer stands and structures already existing in the reserve, no new buildings would be added. Any development will take place on the periphery. The use of the trails, having a low impact on the environment, is the extent of the tourist development planned within the reserve.

When asked whether hunting and fishing would be permitted, Bonin said that in some areas the activity would be welcome, but that the Nature Conservancy would control access and manage any hunting and fishing closely.

The master plan for the Green Mountains Nature Reserve is available online at www.conservationdelanature.ca/rnmv

Councillor's first-time fist-making kicks off successful blood drive

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

Organizers are saying "mission accomplished" for the Coaticook mayor and firefighters blood donor clinic with 173 donations collected on Wednesday.

The director of the Coaticook fire department, André Lafaille, said he was

pleasantly surprised by the response of the public to the call to generosity.

"We were somewhat skeptical about the chosen day, but finally everything went really well. No doubt our goal of 175 donors would have been reached had the clinic had been open a little longer," he said.

Among the donors, was Councillor Raynald Drolet, acting for absent mayor

Bertrand Lamoureux, Drolet took his role seriously and took the opportunity to make his first-ever donation.

"It's been several years that I've thought about it, but I never really took the time to do it," he said. "This is often the case for many people. Still, it's pretty fast as a process and it is not more painful than a blood test. For next time, I encourage people to take the time to

come and make a difference."

Meanwhile, in Sherbrooke, the blood drive at the Carrefour de l'Estrie wound up on Friday afternoon.

Bruce Porter, a Sherbrooke firefighter and honorary president of the drive, said that the two-day total was 548, just short of their goal of 600 units. Porter thanked all those who showed up to the drive, including 60 first-time donors.

CHUS legionnaire's decontamination completed

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

The management of the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Sherbrooke has determined that decontamination of the water system in Wing 5 of the Fleurimont hospital has returned the situation to normal. The procedure was necessary because of the identification of a patient suffering from legionnaire's disease in the hospital.

"The results of samples taken after decontamination of Wing 5 demonstrate that the risk is under control, which is very reassuring," said public health director, Dr. Melissa Genereux. "The situation has returned to normal in CHUS Wing 5 - Fleurimont."

Now that corrective actions have been carried out, the CHUS will ensure that its maintenance and monitoring process are adapted to the recommendations of experts so that this situation does not happen again.

As a precaution, and according to recommendations from infectious disease experts, the CHUS conducted thermal decontamination of the water network

in Wing 6 despite no other cases of the disease having been confirmed. Due to the complexity of the architecture of Wing 6 and the nature of the care provided, the decontamination was split into two phases.

The first was started Thursday afternoon and was finished early Friday morning. The second phase is planned for the coming weeks and will target key areas - the main operating room, the emergency room, and some outpatient clinics. The decontamination of Wing 4 will also be undertaken.

The temperature of the CHUS water system, which has until now been maintained at 55 C, will be raised five degrees to 60 C. This will be carried out gradually due to peculiarities of the systems.

The reopening of the unit is planned to begin today.

"We would like to thank all our technical, clinical,

and administrative teams, who were able to mobilize quickly to move forward and monitor the decontamination work. Through their commitment and dedication, the protection and safety of patients were at the forefront," concluded the CHUS director of professional services, Dr. Colette Bellavance.

The regional public health directorate will announce the results of the investigation of pneumonia cases acquired at the CHUS in the last six months when the results are known.

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Joy in the garden

By Mary Hill
Special to The Record
LENNOXVILLE

The question I put to the Wednesday workers was "What brings you joy in the garden?" I had been pondering the four principles upon which Foundations for Farming is based, they being: on time, to standard, without wastage, and with joy.

The first three are clear to me, and appeal to my desire (rarely fulfilled) for order and productivity and control. But what about this "with joy"? Can joy be commanded, ordered up, like timing of planting, or spacing of seedlings? Can one go to the shed and pull out the joy, along with the hoses and spades?

Helen and Shirley love to see things grow. "My joy comes from working with the soil," Helen said. "It is a miracle to see the plants grow." Shirley likes the sun, the fresh air, and the quiet time to think.

Francine reports that fellowship is her primary joy. She loves to work alongside others, exchanging stories and memories. Time flies when in fellowship, and labour shared is not labour at all. "Everybody is always smiling," she said, "and they all have something to talk about."



COURTESY FOUNDATIONS FOR FARMING CANADA

Helen MacDonald looks for joy in the Foundations for Farming community garden in Lennoxville.

Sammy Jo agreed. "People find things in common in the garden. They talk easily. I knew nobody here, and they all started talking to me."

Steve also finds joy in fellowship, especially when people share what they know. There is a huge learning curve in gardening, and the experience of others

is precious gold. He loves to learn what works and what doesn't. When one's joy is in the learning, then even a disappointing crop result can bring joy, because something is learned. He would, however, prefer a crop that is a success.

Laura has three gorgeous girls who come to help. Her delight is in their de-

light. To them there is no labour, only discovery and pride in the harvest. They want to help with any task, and harvest with glee, or explore the beds. "They are way more adventurous eaters when they have picked it themselves," Laura reported. "They will happily consume things from the garden, which they would refuse if I presented it to them on a plate." Sammy Jo agreed, and reported that her 17-month-old will snack continuously in his grandmother's garden. It does a mother's heart good to watch a vegetable go down her child without fuss.

The children also learn what a vegetable looks like away from its "natural" habitat of a Styrofoam tray and cellophane wrapping. "I know how to pick veggies in a supermarket!" Laura commented, as we watched in awe as Helen declared the onions ready to pick.

So it appears that joy does not have to be rustled up in a garden. It may not be possible to avoid it! It seems to fall as a blessing from above. The biblical concept of joy includes a condition of genuine well being, worked by confidence, hope and trust. And like all such blessings, it is experienced differently by each person, and then, like the produce, we can all share.

New MVHS Principal

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Though this will be Edwards' first turn in the principal's office at the high school, she spent seven years as a vice-principal, giving her a great familiarity with how things work. In addition, she said that she felt her experience in Granby over the last two years has only served to give her an even better understanding of what it means to be an administrator.

"I wouldn't trade my two years at Parkview for the world," Edwards said. "It was a wonderful environment for learning the skills involved in being the one person making the decisions. There's not a team at an elementary

school the way there is in a high school and I learned a great deal about the business side of the education system."

Edwards shared that Massey-Vanier's outgoing principal, Tom Hamer, was the one who initially approached her about the job, and that the idea interested her from the start. As in the case of Galt's Peggy McCourt, Edwards expressed that she sees there being an important exchange of understandings and approaches that takes place when teachers and administrators move between the elementary and secondary levels.

As an example, she cited bringing some of the student services strategies at work in the high school with her to Parkview when she made the change,

and called Massey-Vanier a model of integration in a school board that already puts a strong focus on the approach. She underlined the way that the school's staff consistently works to incorporate new teaching strategies into the learning environment, to enhance all students' experiences.

"We're looking at bringing in the techniques of relaxation and meditation with all students," Edwards offered, as an example. "It helps out a lot with students who have special needs"

The principal was also enthusiastic about the school's approach to student monitoring. Whereas in the past, each cycle has an associated Vice-Principal, Massey-Vanier now assigns students al-

phabetically, giving students' files more continuity over their high school careers, rather than having to get to know a new person every couple of years. This, Edwards said, offers a greater opportunity for students and staff to develop concrete and positive relationships.

"When we split them by cycle there was always time lost getting to know the students between Secondary 2 and Secondary 3," she continued.

On a similar vein, Edwards said that the fact that all of the school's administrators are located in one accessible central office puts the principal on a level where she can also get involved with the students, and not be tucked away just looking at the big-picture elements of running the school.

Clearly proud of her school and the work that is being done there, Edwards called the start of this school year a time for "fine tuning" current practices.

"We can't move forward until we become more efficient with what we've been given," she said. "Personnel come and go, but the school needs to be able to continue with what we believe in and with the structures in place to best serve the needs of students in a way that is sustainable."

Asked what her greatest hopes were for the coming year, Edwards was briefly without words, stating that, "At the moment I'm in the moment." After a brief pause, she said that everything she would have highlighted as needing improvement when she left the school for Granby has moved in a positive direction. Finally, moving further with the thought, she settled on the matter of the work the school's teachers are doing together.

"I'm really impressed with the collaboration," she said. "It's not just people working parallel to each other, it's real collaboration, and I would love to see that continue because that's how we develop the best education."

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Petit Freres fundraiser set for Sept. 14

By Gordon Lambie
SHERBROOKE

The Petits Frères of Sherbrooke, a Fleurimont-based organization which offers accompaniment to people living on their own from age 75 to the end of life, will be holding a fundraising challenge on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. The Défi de Nage des Petits Frères, the first of its kind, will see twenty swimmers from both competitive and recreational backgrounds gathered together at the University of Sherbrooke Sports Centre for a competition focused on raising funds and having a good time. Funds raised will go to ward funding the work of the organization and renovations to their Jean-Besré resource centre.

For this first edition of the challenge, the Petits Frères have named two honorary presidents, Anne-Marie Boire-Lavigne, a general practitioner with the local health and social services centres (CSSS-IUGS), and Louise Bourgault, Vice President and Director General of the Sherbrooke Chamber of Commerce.

"What the Petits Frères do in Sherbrooke is very precious for our elders," Boire-Lavigne said, "from my work with the elderly in long-term care, I know that it is not rare for those of advanced age to no longer have any kind of social network."

Bourgault identified three goals for the swimming event: to promote and demystify the organization, to raise funds (with a goal of \$5,000), and to encourage physical activity in people of all ages. A variety of local personalities have already signed up for the event including Pierre Cosette, dean of medicine at the University of Sherbrooke and Réjean Hébert, doctor and former MNA for St. Francois.

"We have 20 swimmers, we would like more," Bourgault added, stating that the event is open to participants with varied levels of ability. She then issued a challenge to local businesspeople in her capacity as director-general of the Sherbrooke Chamber of Commerce, stating that she will be holding a "seau de nage," or "swimming bucket," challenge. The idea to the challenge is similar to the infamous ice bucket challenge, except it will call on local businesses to donate to the cause of the Défi Nage if they are unable to come and present themselves in person on the day of.

Diane Breton, director of the Jean-Besré centre, thanked Bourgault for the initiative and expressed great pride in the work of the Petits Frères.

"The founder of the Petits Frères referred to the organization as the little brothers of the poor," Breton said, "because he understood that the greatest form of poverty was long solitude."



GORDON LAMBIE

Anne-Marie Boire-Lavigne (honorary president), Collete Vigeant (Petit-Frères client), Diane Breton (director of the Maison Jean-Besré), Louise Bourgault (honorary co-president), Christopher Beaulieu (swimmer), pose in front of the Maison Jean-Besré on Thursday.

Fake US bills found in Sherbrooke

Record Staff
SHERBROOKE

Sherbrooke Police are warning the public that counterfeit \$20 and \$50 US bills have appeared in Sherbrooke On Friday, a few Sherbrooke businesses complained to police after discovering that they had been victimized.

Police are asking the public and merchants to be vigilant, particularly if someone tries to pay with American currency. Some in eastern Sherbrooke were hit, including at the Galeries Quatre Saisons, as well as others downtown.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact police at 819-821-5555.

\$3K for QBCF from Leisure Days

By Matthew McCully
Special to The Record
SHERBROOKE

On Saturday afternoon, Garry Guillette, of Leisure Days RV dealership in Sherbrooke, handed over a \$3,000 cheque from recent fundraising initiatives to the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation.

"I don't think there is anyone who has not been touched by cancer," Guillette said, explaining his motivation for the fundraising endeavour.

The funds were raised by setting aside \$100 per RV sold during a "pink slip" initiative in mid-July. The Leisure Days team also sold cupcakes and buttons, and Guillette said RV manufacturers got on board and made donations as well.

"I'll do it again next year," Guillette said, stressing the importance of supporting a cause that has affected some many people.

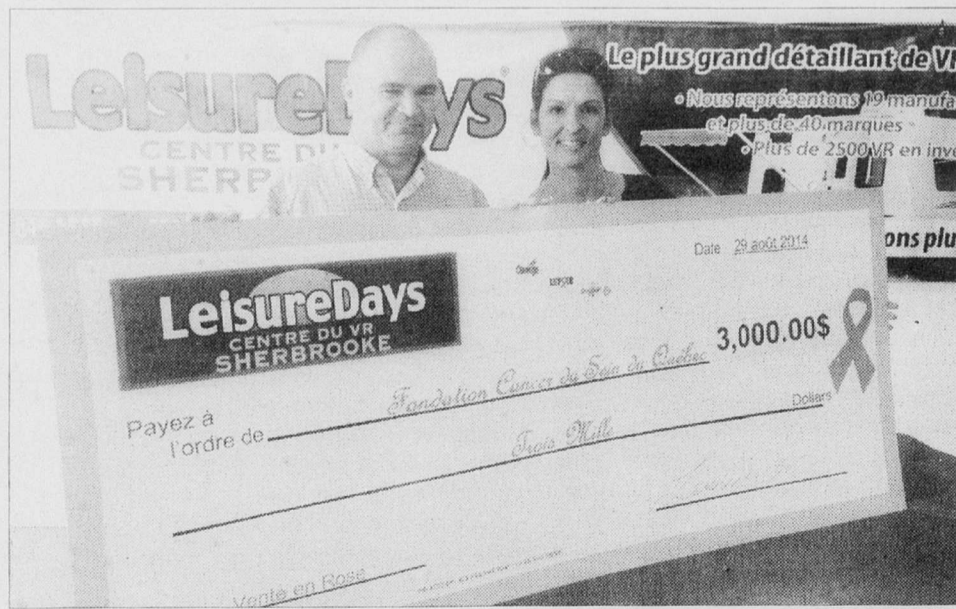
The show of generosity didn't end with the donation to the Quebec Breast cancer Foundation.

Guillette was also nominated for the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which he accepted.

"We are the biggest RV dealership in Canada, I couldn't just go with a five gallon bucket," he joked, having dried off after an epic dumping of ice water.

He also donated \$100 to ALS.org, and challenged 19 regional directors from Leisure Days to do the same.

Staff and onlookers enjoyed a corn roast and barbecue following the fundraising fun.



MATTHEW MCCULLY

Leisure Days manager Garry Guillette presenting a \$3,000 cheque to Pascale Doré of the Quebec Breast Cancer Foundation.



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EDITORIAL

What's important is to look ahead... to the potential for enjoyment just around the corner.

Looking forward



SUSAN MASTINE

Many around us are lamenting the end of summer. Where did it go they ponder?

I dare say it doesn't matter. What's important is to look ahead... to the potential for enjoyment just around the corner.

The last agricultural fair of the season is coming right up, in Richmond, this Thursday to Sunday.

It's a great occasion to catch up with friends and acquaintances, while watching animal competitions, coming up close and personal with furry and feathered creatures, admiring creations by young and old, checking out this year's crops of vegetables, fruits, flowers, maple syrup, and honey, wandering through the midway, and eating fair fare (the locally made chocolate-coated fresh fruit is a real treat).

Also on Sept. 6 and 7, the Magog/Orford fall harvest festival – the Fête des Vendanges – continues, showcasing regional wine, cider, and food products (including cheese, apple fudge, deer, lamb, teas, breads, jams, cranberries, and much more) in a festive atmosphere. Surely your taste buds will lead you there.

Next Monday, Sept. 8, is the date that the hard copy of the 2015 edition of *Harrowsmith's Almanac (Written for Canadians by Canadians)* becomes available in stores.

This publication has had a strong link with the Eastern Townships since its inception, through its editor, Bridget Wayland, and article authors including Amy Tector, Alex Roslin, and former *Record* reporter Maurice Crossfield.

The tradition continues, with Crossfield having taken over the reins as editor for this about-to-be-released edition.

What does the coming year have in store for us weather-wise? What tips on country living will the new almanac feature?

Can't wait to find out!

Saturday, Sept. 13 is Townshippers' Day, an all-day family event that, for the past 35 years, has been calling together residents of the Eastern Townships, past and present, from across the region and beyond, to celebrate the English-speaking community and its talents, heritage, and culture, while highlighting a specific Eastern Townships town – this year Coaticook.

There are some mighty picturesque rolling hills to view along the way, then music and singing, arts and crafts booths, and kids' activities to enjoy, along with the chance to reconnect with folks from other corners of the region, plus an all-too-rare occasion to sing our national anthem at opening ceremonies, the launch of a book featuring the works of Townships writers and visual artists, and much more.

Local fall festivals, plowing matches, and church suppers will be starting soon, focusing on this year's harvest and demonstrating different abilities. It looks like a full late-summer and autumn agenda is on tap.

See you at the fair or Townshippers' Day or at some adventure in the region, perhaps savouring wine gelato at Stefano's in Dunham or tasting ice wine from Les Vallons de Wadleigh in Ulverton.

Bah, humbug – sure, winter's coming, but there's clearly a lot to see, taste, and do before then. Lots to look forward to; lots to be proud of; lots to celebrate – all within driving distance.



Letter

DEAR EDITOR:

The extraordinary meeting of the Sutton Town Council on Aug. 11 turned into a debacle and a farce, thanks to the Mayor's demonstration of his obvious anxiety and inability to cope with ongoing questions about his team's complete about-face on the issue of the Sutton town hall!

Mr. Eddie Vos asked two councillors to explain what made them change their minds on the town hall between the election campaign and immediately following, whereby they almost immediately commenced the town hall expansion/renovation project, including ramming through borrowing bylaws of \$4 million (all without any final confirmation of a government grant for any part of all this). The answers were almost gibberish. The mayor nevertheless deemed them to be acceptable in his opinion and put a stop to Mr. Vos' requests for further clarification.

I then asked the mayor why they were trying to avoid the fact that they had changed their position, ignoring the promise to keep it an administrative building and to act in a fiscally prudent manner, undertaking repairs step by step and as affordable, over several years if required.

The mayor stated that the Quebec government had only commenced offering the potential grant for infrastructure projects after the current council was elected.

I responded that this was completely untrue and that indeed the mayor himself had been a councillor on the previous council, the council that made the initial application for the grant to expand the town hall! I reminded him that the previous council was even in possession of a preliminary acceptance of the grant request. The letter is even posted on the town website.

A heated exchange ensued whereby the mayor continued to deny the existence of the infrastructure programme prior to the election of the current council and whereby I refused to retract my statements. Suddenly, the mayor slammed his gavel down on the block several times and declared the meeting adjourned! He ordered all four attendees to leave within one minute. He instructed the town clerk to call the police if we were not out of the building. I, and two others, left immediately. Mr. Vos was not as close to the door and therefore was a bit too slow to suit them. One of the councillors, Mme. Beljaars, actually took Mr. Vos by the arm and led him firmly from the council chamber!

This is completely unacceptable and she should be heavily reprimanded, to say the least. Furthermore, there was no justification in adjourning the meeting. The other two attendees also had questions to ask but were deprived of their rights to ask them in light of what can only be seen as the mayor's extreme actions to avert further potential questions!

Needless to say, we were stunned, angry, and frankly somewhat frightened by this "meltdown" (for want of a more vulgar word) by the mayor as he and his team were called to account for their actions.

What is happening here? How are we to deal with this arrogance and refusal to be accountable to those who pay the bills now and for the next twenty years (both town and provincial taxes), to those who voted them into power? If the police are called in because a taxpayer, a citizen, points out a misstatement of the facts, then what next can we expect?

This should be a warning to all taxpayers! Complete power corrupts and power corrupts completely.

ANN DYER-WÄGELI
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Once a case of united minds, Eamonn and I are now drifting apart.

Eamonn, sailors and beliefs



TOM CAVANAGH

Many years ago on our first trip to Africa, I became close friends with Eamonn Delaney, an Irishman who worked for Lloyd's of London. We are still friends today and he has sent me two invitations to join him in celebrating the honour conferred on him by Pope Francis — his investiture as a Papal Knight of St. Gregory the Great. There is another fairly well known but less prestigious Catholic organization called the Knights of Columbus. A Papal Knighthood is sort of the pinnacle.

I have written Eamonn to congratulate him. It is no small achievement and follows from his work over years with the organization Stella Maris / The Apostleship of the Sea. It is a Catholic service group that works for the welfare of sailors all over the world — regardless of nationality, beliefs, or race. It began back in 1922 in Glasgow. Things can obviously go wrong when you think about the complexity of ships arriving and leaving from ports around the world. Think only of piracy as depicted in Tom Hanks recent film, "Captain Philip." Just a few weeks ago in the Port of Montreal there were sailors in difficulties who found themselves abandoned in a foreign (for them) port without language skills, recognition, money, passports, etc. Such crises are not normal, but they do occur

and when they do The Apostleship of the Sea will come to their rescue in as many as 60 countries.

Eamonn is Chairman of the Apostleship of the Sea / Stella Maris. He helps others. When we arrived in Ghana in the sixties we encountered problems and Eamonn helped us.

To me he seemed simply a convivial individual with a great sense of humour and an unusually strong attachment to Catholicism. He was younger than me but our similar religious backgrounds drew us together. Criticism of the Church was never a part of our backgrounds. Although from different countries, Ireland and Canada, we really were cut from the same cloth. Things that are heard and read about today were unthinkable for us in the sixties and seventies. I say cut from the same cloth and it is true — and rather weird. Only Catholics ever get to heaven. Ouch. Senseless, but I sort-of believed it. Eamonn had no doubts — except perhaps about me. I was never as accepting as he was of church authority.

Before going on, I must speak about Eamonn's sense of humour. One time, blocked in a hot motionless line after landing in Accra airport I heard a voice bellowing out from the midst of a large group of awaiting friends and relatives. "Cavanagh! Hold everything. You've still got your pyjamas on. Can't have people coming in here without pants. Stop that man."

He kept yelling and laughter broke out as I was identified as the culprit. Still, it was the sixties with long hair and stranger forms of attire. My dark blue bell-bottom trousers with wild splats of rainbow colours were just too much for Eamonn.

Fast-forward 20 years to where we are

having breakfast in Eamonn's garden in London with their son Gavin, home from university, and their two daughters. It so happened that back in the house, Eamonn had a very voluble parrot (Paddy) he had taught to talk. A bright summer morning, flowers in bloom, quietly sipping tea and coffee. Then, suddenly, from the kitchen came a noisy outbreak of shouting quacking sounds. What is it? Wait. Clear as a bell. "Gavin is a twit!" Over and over. Gavin was bamboozled and enraged — or appeared to be. We laughed like we never laughed before as Gavin, shouting at Polly, raced back up to the house. When he returned he was smiling too. Somehow, Eamonn had taught Polly to call out "Gavin is a twit!"

Finally, Eamonn was fun to travel with. At one point, he leapt out of the car at a border crossing in Lome to harangue soldiers about the way they were standing at attention. They thought he was crazy but soon joined us together in laughter. He had a gift for bringing out the best in others.

Back to religion. Once a case of united minds, Eamonn and I are now drifting apart. Or I am. We're almost in different worlds. I wobble now on ideas about God and heaven, but if heaven exists, it is not just for Catholics — to put it mildly. The pedophile scandals shook my convictions and, for me, turned Catholicism on its head. Goodbye moral credibility. Goodbye authority. The role (or lack of one) of women disturbs me. I can give notional assent to the concept of forgiveness — but for institutions? Pope Francis strives to address the issues but with limited success. It is hard to pick up on hope when things seem to be slipping away.

The big questions about how we

should live our lives are always with us but I now feel close to the late Ronald Dworkin's position of religious atheism. Remove religion from the equation and those big questions are still sitting there. The implacable answers are vital as ever, but nigh on inaccessible.

How easy it was in years gone by when a church provided the answers. Neither Eamonn nor I noticed the road diverging in the yellow wood ahead of us. For me religion just moves questions further into the bush. The old book with tales about Jonah and Abraham just clutter things up. I do not see the answers as undiscoverable but it is up to us. Not institutions. I have no argument with religion and religious leaders. No conflict. If people wish to subscribe and sign up, good on them.

Going to mass on Sunday is not going to do me any harm. But there was a time when I believed missing it meant eternity in hell. I think Eamonn still does. He goes down his different road. I go mine. And God bless.

So, it looks like we have to develop our own ten commandments or whatever we need to guide us. Beliefs, yes, but not necessarily the religious crutch. We face huge societal and personal issues in our world but finally it is up to us to work them out based on our lives and experiences. If religion helps, go for it. But the religious atheist is not in that game any more. Like the old hippie "he ain't trying to change nobody, he's just trying real hard to adjust."

I will not be joining Eamonn's celebration of Papal Knighthood. I sent congratulations, best wishes, and mentioned plans for a later meeting. We have things to discuss. Like the biggest influence Catholicism leaves on us: Guilt.

Public sector pension plans: the disinformation continues

By Richard Perron

Two years ago, when pension plan solvency was under serious threat in the wake of the 2008-2009 financial crisis and a run of poor market returns, certain financial columnists had a field day. We all remember the headlines: "Gold-plated retirement for civil servants," "Millionaire public servant on a pension," "Fat cats of the system," and so on. It would seem that bad-mouthing civil servants is a great way to sell copy (or boost ratings).

The order of the day was to question the very existence of defined benefit pension plans. Yet these plans not only provide much-needed income to hundreds of thousands of retirees, they also benefit society as a whole. People who have paid into these plans throughout their lives acquire a level of financial independence that makes them much less dependent on government assistance in old age. So let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater.

The solvency of defined benefit pension plans has improved markedly over

the past two years. For example, the employee-funded portion of the Quebec government's largest pension fund—the Government and Public Employees Retirement Plan (RREGOP)—posted a net return of 13.6% in 2013. As of Dec. 31, 2013, the market value of the fund stood at \$49.9 billion and its actuarial value at \$46.5 billion (with deferred gains of \$3.4 billion). With the actuarial value of accrued benefits currently pegged at \$48.6 billion, RREGOP members are near 100% capitalization of their portion of the pension fund.

Capitalization of the employer portion of the RREGOP fund is also up significantly. Since 1994, the government has gradually accumulated assets in a special fund called the Retirement Plans Sinking Fund to assume its 50% share of pension obligations. By last year, it had the funds to cover about two-thirds of its obligations. RPSF assets are invested by Quebec's Caisse de dépôt et placement.

It should also be noted that the pension benefits paid under the government plan are hardly a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The average annuity

received by RREGOP retirees in 2013 was \$19,027.

But let's get back to the issue at hand, and that is the ongoing litany of attacks, this time aimed at municipal pension plans. No later than August 21, a newspaper headline trumpeted "Nearly \$1 million to live as a municipal retiree."

The article came up with this figure based on the retirement income of an average municipal employee. If he or she retired at 65 with an end-of-career salary of \$50,000, this hypothetical employee would receive \$35,000 annually—\$22,540 from their municipal pension plan, and \$12,460 from the Quebec Pension Plan. So far, so good.

But the article then proceeds to lead the reader down the garden path by affirming that to enjoy an equivalent annuity, the average Quebecer would need total savings of \$896,000. The 25,500 professionals who we represent refuse to let this blatant miscalculation go unchallenged.

First of all, the average Quebecer is also entitled to Quebec pension plan benefits since, like the municipal em-

ployee, they will have paid into the plan throughout their working life.

Second, those without a pension plan will need to have saved a significant sum to enjoy access to an equivalent to our municipal employee (\$22,540). But \$896,000 is still a little steep!

The actual amount required is estimated at around \$350,000 for RRSP savings, and \$250,000 for savings accumulated in another vehicle such as a TFSA. Money taken from a TFSA is not taxable upon withdrawal, which is why less capital is required to obtain the same after-tax annuity as with an RRSP or registered pension plan.

Using real numbers as a starting point for this debate would be a good idea, don't you think? Because to paraphrase an old expression, figures can be to the pundit like streetlamps to the drunk: something to lean on when they can't see straight — instead of a source of illumination.

The author is President of the Syndicat de professionnelles et professionnels du gouvernement du Québec (SPGQ), a public-sector union.

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"We executed all our plays, and we're pretty happy with how it worked out today."

Local rivals meet for pre-season practice

Gaiters and Vert & Or duke it out in a hard-fought scrimmage

By Brian MacIver
Special to The Record
SHERBROOKE

The Bishop's Gaiters met with crosstown rivals from the University of Sherbrooke in a friendly, but still competitive, pre-season scrimmage.

The event was a joint initiative by both head coaches, the Gaiters' Kevin Mackey and the Vert & Or's David Lessard, who both wanted to have their teams see game-like action before their regular seasons kick off next week.

"When you want to share a scrimmage like we had today, your first reflex isn't to go to your rivals," said the Sherbrooke head coach. "But the fact that me and Coach Mackey are getting along great made it possible. [We] were on the same page from the start when we first talked about having a combined practice. And it was a great event for the fans and the greater Sherbrooke area."

While the coaches may get along great, on the field the rivals had to put their animosities aside for most of the practice, as the coaches wished to avoid injuries during the positional drills.

Players were asked to not drag opponents to the ground, quarterbacks and kickers were protected, and no hits below the waist were thrown.

Gaiters quarterback Shane McDonald was impressive in drills, making good reads and finding open receivers. This translated well into the scrimmage, as the veteran completed all but one of his passes and scored the Gaiters' only touchdown, finding Jerome Mercier in the end zone.

"Overall, offense went really well," said McDonald. "We executed all our plays, and we're pretty happy with how it worked out today."

As for the Vert & Or, it was their run game that stood out. Two of the team's three touchdowns were scored on short running plays. The other touchdown came after the Gaiters fumbled in the red zone, leading to a 109-yard return by Mathieu Quirion.

The Gaiters added a single point on a missed field goal, and ultimately were on the wrong side of a 21-8 scrimmage.

"There were some positives and negatives... Obviously fumbling the ball on



BRIAN MACIVER

Vert & Or Running back Isaac Lauzon (8) was able to punch through the Gaiters' defensive line, scoring his team's third touchdown in Saturday's 30-minute simulated game.

the one yard line and having them return it for a touchdown is frustrating. But we're happy with what we saw from some of the younger players," said Mackey. "Timing and tempo are things we're going to clean up this week and

hopefully we'll play a good game versus [Concordia].

The Gaiters will be visiting the Concordia Stingers next Saturday in their season opener, while the Vert & Or will play host to the McGill Redmen at 4 p.m.

Phoenix win despite offensive struggles

Strong defence leads Sherbrooke to 2-1 win over Armada

By Brian MacIver
Special to The Record
SHERBROOKE

We were able to limit the damage." That was what Phoenix head coach Judes Vallée had to say after his team pulled out a win in their fifth pre-season game, beating the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada 2-1 at the Sports Palace in Sherbrooke.

While they played a strong defensive game, the Phoenix did miss several chances to add to their lead, especially on powerplays. They finished 0-for-6 with the man advantage in the game.

"We had a lot of chances, but we just need to work harder in practice to finish," said Vallée. "In practice things were going pretty well, but we're going to have to get the same results when the pressure is on during the games."

In the first period, although the shots were fairly even (11 by the Phoenix and 10 by the Armada), the scoring chances mostly came from the home team, who managed to capitalize on their chances.

The first goal of the game was scored with just under two minutes played in the game. Sherbrooke native Thomas Grégoire scored the Phoenix's first goal of the game on a pinball shot that deflected off a few bodies in front of the net that still managed to find the back of the net. David Storto and Nicolas Poulin were both credited with assists on the play.

Storto showed off his playmaking ability five minutes later, dancing into the Armada's zone before feeding Gabriel Fontaine on a great give-and-go play that saw the latter beat Samuel Montem-

beault five-hole. Nicolas Poulin also got an assist on that play.

The start of the second spelled more of the same for the Phoenix: lots of shots on goal, pressuring their opponents to make mistakes, and just flat out being the better team.

That is, until Liam O'Brien took two minor penalties on the same play: a holding call deep in the offensive zone and a roughing penalty for extra-curricular activities after the whistle calling his first infraction. He added a 10-minute misconduct to his stat line for unsportsmanlike conduct while in the box.

The Armada did not waste time to capitalize on their opportunity to get back in the game, scoring just 19 seconds into the first power play. Centre Danick Martel got his team on the board on a pass from Dominic Talbot-Tassi.

That goal gave new wind to the visitors, allowing them to gain momentum and start applying pressure to their opponents. The Phoenix were able to fend off their opponents thanks to some great defensive efforts to block shots by several players.

The third period saw both teams trade scoring chances, but none resulted in goals. Again, blocked shots by the Phoenix was the key to their managing to keep their slim lead and escape with the victory.

"I'm very happy with how we sacrificed our bodies. When you look at a guy like Simon Desbiens who threw himself face first in front of the puck, you can't help but be happy with how the guys held themselves today," said the Phoenix


head coach.

The Phoenix will have another chance to make things right in their next pre-

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(1928-2014)**

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Peter was a longtime employee of CN rail, a job which he loved. During his retirement years Peter was a tireless volunteer in many Mansonville/Knowlton organizations. Peter was loved and respected by all who knew him and worked with him.

Peter was a cherished uncle to Susan (Alan), Sandy (Mike), Robert (Patti) and Ted; and beloved GUP to two generations of great and great-great-nieces and nephews.

On Wednesday, September 3 at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Mansonville Qc the family will receive condolences at 10 a.m. followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11 a.m. Following the service all are welcome to join the family for light refreshments.

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Death

**Helen
GILLMAN (nee Goodman)**

It is with the deepest sadness, we announce the passing of Helen Gillman on Sunday, August 31, 2014 at Sunnybrook Hospital Palliative Care in Toronto at the age of 89.

Helen Goodman Gillman was born in Montreal, moved to Sherbrooke, Quebec when she married and years later moved to Toronto. Devoted wife of 58 years to the late Sam Gillman, loving mother of Celia (Ron Kobric), Lynn (Robert Kaminsky), and Zachary (Lisa Stern). Beloved grandmother of Kira, Bram, Rachel and Deena. Helen is predeceased by her sisters Lily Selick, Ruth Rosenthal and brothers, Dave, Lionel and Paul Goodman. She is survived by her many nieces, nephews and great friends.

The funeral will be held at Paperman and Sons, 3888 Jean Talon West, Montreal at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 and burial to follow at Sherbrooke Jewish Community Cemetery at rue De Souvenir.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Helen and Sam Gillman Scholarship Fund at the Canadian War Amps at (800) 465-2677 or to Canadian Hadassah-WIZO www.chw.ca or (866) 937-9431. The family wishes to extend a sincere thank you to caregivers Donna, Eden, and Onnette.

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Death

**Ruth
MOUNTAIN**

Passed away peacefully at the Foyer Richmond on Sunday, August 31, 2014, Mrs. Ruth Mountain (nee Adams) at the age of 84.

Beloved wife of the late Neil Mountain, and cherished mother of Adair (Heidi Barrington), Ann (Chris Wilson) and Marilyn (Mark Murphy). Special Gran to Alex and Amber (Brian Craswell) Mountain, Jordan, Aaron, Karla and the late Angela Wilson, and Chelsea, Pamela (Yannick Dubois), Shevon and Ryan Murphy. Ruth also leaves to mourn her great grandchildren Aleah, Scott and Stella, her sister Margaret (the late Galen Coote), her brother-in-law Hugh (Wilma) and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Visitation will take place at the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principale S., Richmond on Tuesday, September 2nd from 7 to 9 p.m. followed by the funeral service on Wednesday September 3 at 11 a.m. at the South Durham United Church, with the Rev. Mario Sassi officiating. Interment in the South Durham United Church Cemetery.

Donations to the Angela Wilson Memorial Fund c/o the John Abbott College Foundation, 21275 chemin Lakeshore, St. Anne-de-Bellevue, QC H9X 3L9 or a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principale S., Richmond, QC 819-826-2502 \ www.casshomes.ca

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Death

**Constance
(nee Provencher)
WHITTINGHAM**

Passed away peacefully at the Wales Home, Richmond QC, on Thursday July 31, 2014, Connie Whittingham in her 102nd year.

Loving wife of the late John Whittingham and dear mother of Carol (Mike Steddy) and Barbara (Chuck Moore). Dear Gramma of Martin (Jess), Carolyn (Simon), Jordan, John and Sarah (Phill), Great grandmother of Zoik, Ékel, Dylan and Myles and sister-in-law of Ruth Gillies. Connie was pre-deceased by her parents Jean Baptiste Provencher and Anna Guay, and also by her sister Jeanne-D'Arc and brother Vincent Provencher. She will be missed by her many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Visitation will be held at the Cass Funeral Home, 295 Principale S., Richmond, on Saturday September 6, 2014 from 1 to 2 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Eric Lukacs officiating. Interment in St-Andrews Cemetery.

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Uplands is delighted to be hosting a collection of works by aboriginal artist, Ena Greyeyes, titled "Windows on a Life". The exhibition will showcase Ms. Greyeyes' life as an aboriginal woman from her early childhood to today. The vernissage will be held on September 7, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on display until October 26, 2014. Uplands, 9 Speid Street, borough of Lennoxville is open Wednesday to Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info: (819) 564-0409.

STANSTEAD

Fall Leaf Fair, Saturday September 6 at Christ Church 548 Dufferin St., Stanstead, 9 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. Tables with Attic Treasures, Crafts, Home Baked Goods, (New) Christmas Gift Corner. Come shop early. Thrift Shop open. Drawing for a bag of groceries. Come join us for tea or coffee, bring along a friend.

BURY

Saturday September 6. Inauguration of the new 175th anniversary Gazebo to take place in the gazebo situated at the Bury Memorial Park 3 to 5 p.m. A four piece saxophone band will play as well as an ice cream social. All are welcome. If rain, it will be held in the Victoria Hall in the Town Hall Building. Bring your own lawn chair.

LENNOXVILLE

Cribbage Tournament to be held at A.N.A.F. Unit #318 "The Hut", 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Sunday, September 7. Registration at 1 p.m. Profits to go to the A.N.A.F. Water and Sewage Fund. Everyone welcome, bring your partner.

EUSTIS

St. John's Anglican Church, Waterville will host a 500 card party at the Eustis Hall in Eustis on Friday, September 5 at 1:30 p.m. Please, come and join us.

LENNOXVILLE

Hope Community Church in Lennoxville is hosting a Neighbourhood Block Party for the entire community on Sunday, September 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Food, live music by Mike Goudreau, bounce houses, games, face and parking lot painting, and more! Everything is free and everyone is invited.

SAWYERVILLE

Sawyerville United Church's annual Turkey Supper will take place at Notre Dame de Ste. Rosaire Church in Sawyerville on Thursday, September 4 from 4 p.m. on. Menu: roast turkey with all the trimmings, vegetables, homemade rolls and pies, tea, coffee and juice. Sales tables. Prices unchanged. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Sawyerville U.C.W. and the church congregation.

BURY

Bury United Cultural Center. Advance Notice of Fall activities: Two 500 card parties will be held on September 8 and September 15 at 2 pm. with the usual great lunch, prizes and grocery box. Our Family Fun Day on September 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. includes activities, BBQ lunch, magician, silent auction, home baking, book exchange, etc. On September 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is the painting exhibition with local artists. Lunch is available. Please note that our annual harvest supper on October 4 is cancelled. We are sorry about this cancellation but hope to see you at the many other events.

WATERVILLE

There will be a Rummage Sale at the Waterville/North Hatley United Church, 160 Principale South, on Thursday, September 4 (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.), Friday, September 5 (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Bag Sale on Saturday, September 6 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Sponsored by the U.C.W.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

(1960-), football player; Keanu Reeves (1964-), actor; Lennox Lewis (1965-), boxer; Salma Hayek (1966-), actress; Katt Williams (1973-), comedian.

Today is the 245th day of 2014 and the 74th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1666, the Great Fire of London began as a small fire in a bakeshop, ending three days later after destroying more than 13,000 buildings.

In 1789, Congress created the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt made his "speak softly and carry a big stick" speech on American foreign policy.

In 1963, Alabama Gov. George Wallace stationed state troopers around Tuskegee High School to prevent integration.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Romare Bearden (1911-1988), artist/author; Nathaniel "Tiny" Archibald (1948-), basketball player; Terry Bradshaw (1948-), sportscaster/football player; Christa McAuliffe (1948-1986), teacher/astronaut; Mark Harmon (1951-), actor; Jimmy Connors (1952-), tennis player; Eric Dickerson

TODAY'S FACT: The first automatic teller machine in the United States debuted at Chemical Bank in Rockville Center, New York, on this day in 1969.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1960, Wilma Rudolph ran the 100-meter dash in 11 seconds to claim the gold medal at the Summer Olympic Games in Rome. She was awarded the world record for her sprint, only to have it revoked because wind speeds were higher than allowed.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you're any kind of artist, you make a miraculous journey, and you come back and make some statements in shapes and colors of where you were." — Romare Bearden

TODAY'S NUMBER: 3.4 million — automated teller machines in use worldwide, according to the World Bank Group.

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter moon (Sept. 2).

Death



Lucy Martha Helen TAYLOR (nee Healy)

Passed away peacefully, from this world, to be with husband, Errol and son, Ray.

Born in 1925, Lucy was the daughter of Egbert and Elsie Healy and sister to Arnold and Henry. She was loving partner to Errol (1924-2004) for 57 years and proud mother of William (Joanne), Helen (Bernard), Ray (1953-69), Roy (Marjorie), John (Lidwina), Richard (Jennifer) and Martha (John). Grandma Lucy was loved and admired by grandchildren (and their partners) Leah, Camille, Karen, Brendan, Eric, Kevin, Leanne, Jeffrey, Stephanie, Pamela, Michael, Mark, Ian, Seth and Evan and great-grandchildren Tyler, Madison, Catherine, Henry, Nathan, Seth, and Carter.

Lucy was the centre of her family, modeling love, strength and goodwill to all. She enjoyed interaction with her students and colleagues for many years and held many volunteer roles within the church and community. Recently, Lucy enjoyed reminiscing about the old days with friends at Foyer Wales Home, where she received outstanding care.

A celebration of Lucy's life will be held in the Richmond-Melbourne United Church on Tuesday, September 2 at 11 a.m. Donations to the Wales Home Foundation, 506 Rte 243N, Richmond, QC J0B 2H0, would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Cass Funeral Home, Richmond.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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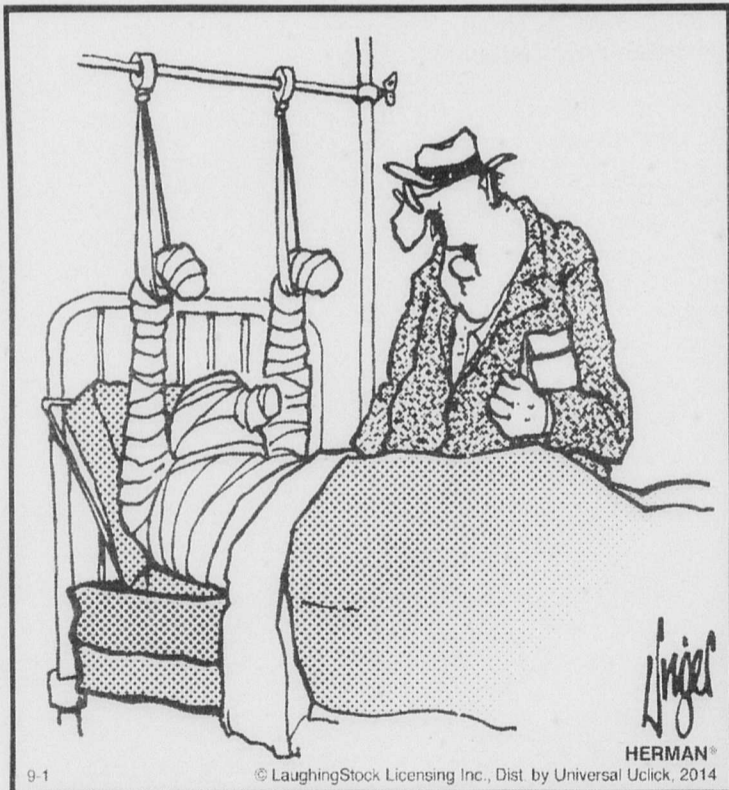
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— JGDBF TEBR

Previous Solution: "Prove the cynics wrong. Pity them for they have no imagination. The sky's the limit. Your sky. Your limit." — Tom Hiddleston
TODAY'S CLUE: X sjenbe A

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HERMAN



"You're looking a lot better today, Ralph."

ALLEY OOP



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THE BORN LOSER



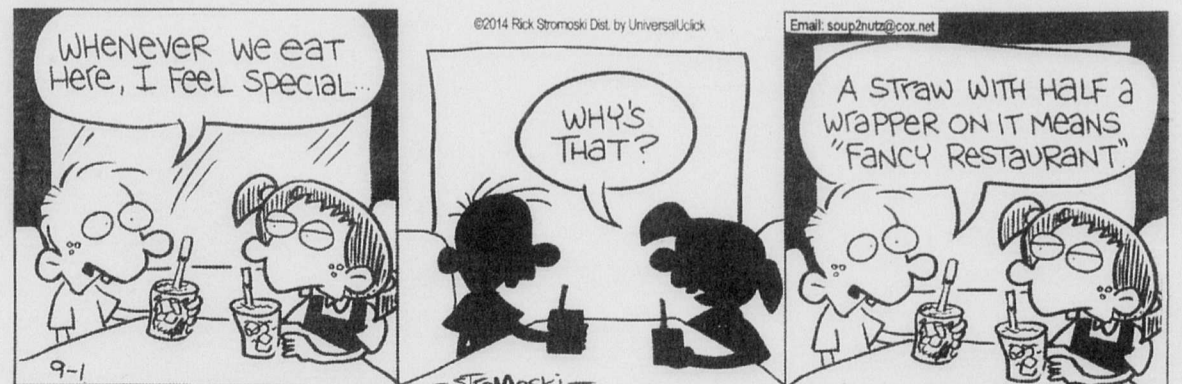
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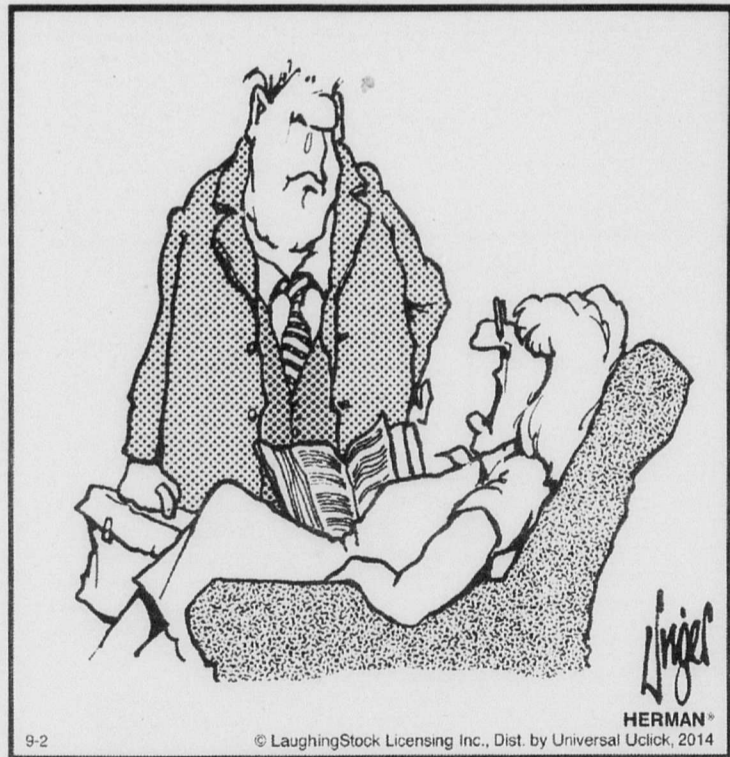
Previous Solution: "There is joy in work. There is no happiness except in the realization that we have accomplished something." — Henry Ford

TODAY'S CLUE: 3 5 1 2 6 9

KIT N' CARLYLE



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"Whaddya mean, 'nothing to do'? Who do you think defrosts the fridge?"

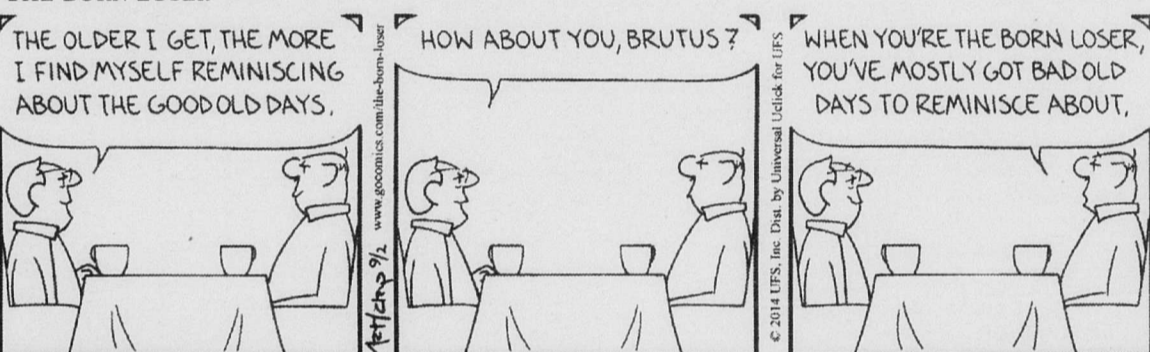
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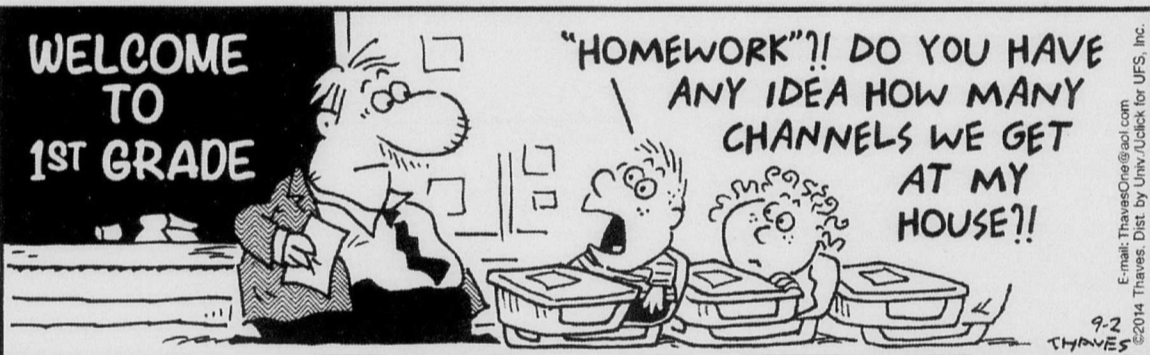
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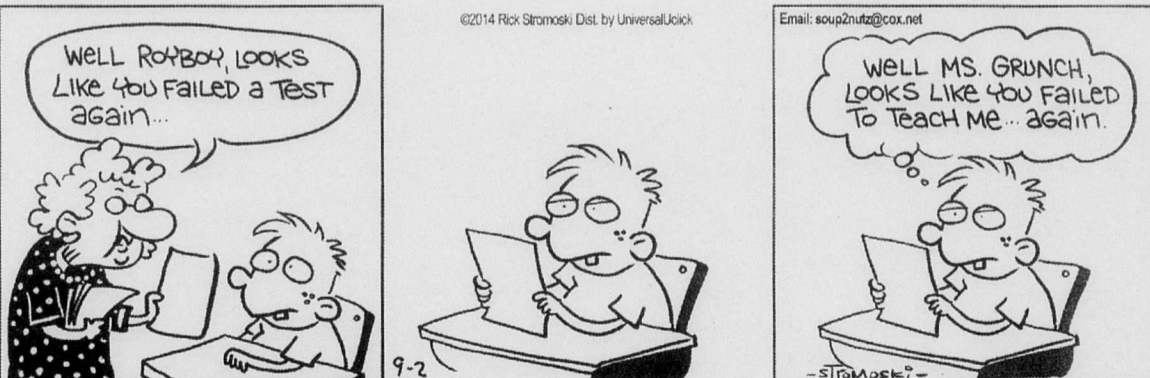
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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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Before saying yes to everyone, it will be necessary to get your priorities straight. Your high energy level will cause you to miscalculate how much you can accomplish this year. Put your responsibilities first and foremost to avoid jeopardizing your health or your position.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone close to you will cause disappointment. Speak up if you feel you've been taken for granted. Harboring resentment will not solve the problem. Deal with such matters openly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A travel opportunity is apparent. Check out locations that you find interesting or that could lead to a lifestyle change. A break from your routine will give you a fresh start.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be resourceful when it comes to impressing people who can help you further your career. Networking will lead to an interesting conversation with someone influential. Share your ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Prepare to face not only your troubles, but everyone else's grievances as well. Don't allow someone's bad mood to get to you. Plan an activity that brings you joy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Expect to face some dishonest dealing. Keep your plans and intentions a secret to avoid having someone take credit for your ideas. Don't take sides if an argument breaks out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your

ability to absorb and utilize information is the key factor that will help you reach your goals. Your skills, insight and innovative approach will generate positive attention and recognition.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't get drawn into a battle of the wills today. Keep a low profile and avoid a situation that could explode in your face. Stick to your own agenda.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you join a variety of groups or participate in numerous activities, you will get to share your feelings and beliefs with interesting individuals. A day trip will help you gain perspective regarding future employment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Moneymaking opportunities are within your reach. An unexpected windfall is apparent. Real estate or investment ventures have the potential to yield a tangible return.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Don't let a negative person dampen your spirits. Get out and socialize or do some entertaining with lively, fun-loving people, and see how quickly your mood turns around.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Changes are happening in the workplace. Sign up for a business course or conference that will help further your vocational goals. If you want something, you have to go after it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Participate in activities that are conducive to expanding romantic opportunities. Whether you want to spice up an existing relationship or start a new one, now's the time to act.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

When in a hurry, run for home

By Phillip Alder

A.A. Milne wrote, "Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day."

Bridge players know that sometimes there is no hurry, but on other deals, speed is essential.

Now look at today's deal. How would you analyze the auction? And what should West lead against three no-trump?

North's two-spade cue-bid, in the modern style, showed at least a game-invitational hand with diamond support. However, North should have made a negative double, to show his four-card heart suit. We must check for major-suit fits before falling back on the minors.

Here, if North had doubled, South might have rebid three diamonds. Then North could have cue-bid three spades to ask his partner to convert to three no-trump with a spade stopper. North, with an aceless wonder, should not be thinking about five diamonds unless South cannot bid no-trump.

Note that after that auction, West, knowing dummy has heart length, would be likely to lead his fourth-highest spade. Then South hurries to take the first 11 tricks: one spade, six diamonds and four clubs.

When North cue-bid two spades,

North 09-02-14			
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♣ K Q 4 3			
West		East	
♠ A J 8 7 4 3		♠ 6 5 2	
♥ A K 4		♥ Q J 7 6 3	
♦ 6		♦ 8 4	
♣ J 8 5		♣ 10 7 2	
South			
♠ K Q 9			
♥ 2			
♦ A Q 10 9 7 3			
♣ A 9 6			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1♦	1♠	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ??			

South decided, debatably with such a good hand for diamonds, to rebid two no-trump. Then North cue-bid again to ask if South really could control spades.

At the table, West led the spade seven, but he should have started with a high heart. He should have had a sense of urgency to take the first five tricks — and here East-West could have won the first six: five hearts and one spade.

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| <p>Across</p> <p>1 Gather for oneself</p> <p>6 __ accompli</p> <p>10 Brontë or Boleyn</p> <p>14 Video game hedgehog</p> <p>15 Up to the task</p> <p>16 Cambodia neighbor</p> <p>17 1971 road film co-starring James Taylor</p> <p>20 Cozy stopover</p> <p>21 Golfer McIlroy</p> <p>22 Shaggy</p> <p>23 City SW of Bogotá</p> <p>24 Prefix meaning "loving"</p> <p>26 Treachery</p> <p>30 Church organ features</p> <p>31 Two-masted vessel</p> <p>32 "Do You Know the __ to San Jose?"</p> <p>34 Got older</p> <p>35 Gets hot under the collar</p> | <p>37 Taste, as of a sandwich</p> <p>38 Mangy mutt</p> <p>39 Tight-knit family</p> <p>40 "Funeral Blues" poet W.H. __</p> <p>41 Spectacles</p> <p>45 Hearty meals</p> <p>46 Ugh-producing</p> <p>47 Assume the role of</p> <p>49 Poet Pound</p> <p>50 New Deal agcy.</p> <p>53 Status of a multiple passport holder</p> <p>57 Longfellow's bell town</p> <p>58 Indian princess</p> <p>59 R&B singer Sam</p> <p>60 Flat-topped hill</p> <p>61 Fencing weapon</p> <p>62 County in SE England</p> | <p>24 Ring loudly</p> <p>25 Partner of hems</p> <p>26 Unearth</p> <p>27 Big names at the Met</p> <p>28 Fading away</p> <p>29 Garden swingers</p> <p>30 Source of some D.C. funding</p> <p>33 Strong desire</p> <p>35 Low __: cheap shot</p> <p>36 Clumsy sorts</p> <p>37 On a tight schedule</p> <p>39 Getting gradually louder, in mus.</p> <p>40 With suspicion</p> <p>42 Bologna's land</p> | <p>43 Tin __: Model T</p> <p>44 Parcel of land</p> <p>47 Sandler of "Grown Ups" films</p> <p>48 Like kitten videos</p> <p>49 Berlin article</p> <p>50 Start of a "Knock, knock" response</p> <p>51 Toll road</p> <p>52 Mountain climber's goal</p> <p>54 Wrath</p> <p>55 Sink feature</p> <p>56 Sailor's distress signal</p> |
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- 13 Catch sight of
- 18 Hall of Fame NFL coach Chuck
- 19 Kick back
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