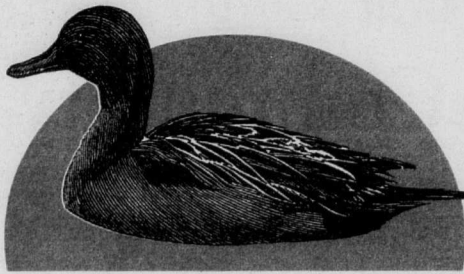


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TBL Wellness Centre still serving its seniors

By Ann Davidson

It's possible that there would be confusion when it comes to what is happening to the TBL Wellness Centre given the recent closure of the Seniors' Day Centre. However, despite the close relationship they had with each other, the two operated as two distinctive bodies. And president of the Wellness Centre, Louise Gelinas, along with the entire

board of directors wants all to know that unlike the Seniors' Centre run by the CSSS La Pommerai, all services managed by the non-profit organization are still up and running.

With the mission of assisting seniors to maintain their autonomy the board wants to thank all the volunteers and sponsors who have ensured the continued delivery of services such as the Emergency Alert program, Meals on Wheels, friendly visits, volunteer driving, and special activities.

The board is proud of the role that the Wellness Centre has played as one of the supporting partners of the CSSS La Pommerie's Seniors' Centre that operated, thanks to the generosity of the Town of Brome Lake. Along with the TBL Community Services, the Wellness Centre is hoping that a solution to bridge the gap inherent from the CLSC's decision to close its Seniors' Centre at the complex on Victoria St. will be forthcoming. It is hoped that another program would be put into place under the close supervision of the health care agency. The Wellness Centre is prepared to resume its volunteer



ANN DAVIDSON

Louise Gelinas, president of the TBL Wellness Centre in Knowlton, explaining the many services it offers in order to support autonomous seniors living at home.

support once something would be determined. Of course, said Gelinas, "with government cutbacks and the proposed health reform nothing is certain at this

point."

Thanks to the selfless and noble actions of its volunteers the Wellness

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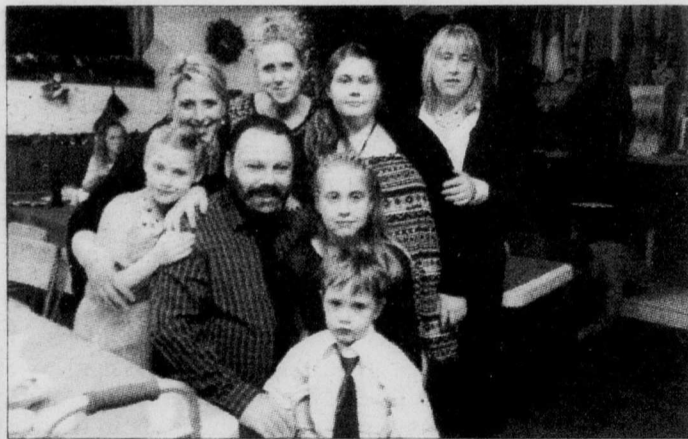
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Let me list it. Let me sell it.
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Spaghetti supper brings light to ease the burden

By Ann Davidson



ANN DAVIDSON

Mike Bouchard at the Sutton Legion surrounded by (clockwise from left) Emma Bouchard, Vicki St. Amour, Connie Davies, Hayley Bouchard, wife Katina Domingue, Mya Bouchard and Aiden Bouchard.

Charles Dickens said "that no one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." Not that Connie Davies and Vicki St. Amour would ever be considered useless. But there is no question that the two ladies brought light to a family that has suffered what seems an eternity of darkness since 2009. They refer to each other as workhorses who made their plan become success beyond anticipation. No regular spaghetti supper was the one that they organized in Sutton just over a week ago. When Mike Bouchard's insurance company failed to come through, these ladies made sure to get the community to step in.

The spaghetti supper that fed over 160 people, along with a silent auction, a Dutch auction and a half-and-half raffle brought in support for the family that has struggled to cover regular monthly costs.

"All the merchants in town were so generous," exclaimed

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Brome County Community Bulletin Board

December 7-13

Sutton Food Bank's **Christmas food drive** will take place from December 7 to 13. Non-perishable foods or money donations. Sunday, December 7: Door-to-door food drive by the Knights of Columbus. December 8 to 12: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Drop off donations at the Sutton Volunteer Centre (7 Academy). Christmas baskets distribution at the Sutton Volunteer Centre on Saturday, December 13 (10 a.m. to noon). Please sign up for your basket before December 3. To donate online, visit www.cabsutton.com. Sutton Volunteer Centre at 450-538-1919 or 450-538-4153.

December 10, 12

Bingo every Wednesday at the Sutton Legion, 2 Curley St., Sutton. Jackpot of \$200 or more. Start at 6.30 p.m. Bring your friends and lucky charms. Info: 450-538-2864 also social night every Friday at the Sutton Legion. Come and play cribbage and bridge. Donation of \$2. Come and have fun. Hot dogs and hamburgers now available. info: 450 538-2210.

December 13

Listen to your favourite Christmas songs and carols by the **Knowlton Harmony Band** between 7 and 8 p.m. while sipping hot chocolate. We will be beside Le Relais at the former Pappa Spiros between 7 and 8 p.m. kindness of Signy and Michel. Hope you will stop by for a few relaxing minutes!

December 21, 23, 24

Bedford Pastoral Charge of The United Church of Canada. Schedule for December. All services officiated by Reverend Phyllis Smyth. December 21: Mystic at 10 a.m. December 21: Philipsburg at 7 p.m. December 23: Stanbridge East at 7 p.m. (communion service). December 24: Bedford at 7 p.m. (family oriented service). There will be no service in Philipsburg on December 28.

December 9

Surviving the Holidays - Divorce Care. Help for the divorced and separated during the holidays. If you're separated or divorced, the holidays can be a lonely, stressful, and depressing time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar to discover how to enjoy the hol-

idays again. Tuesday, December 9, 7-9 p.m. For information call: 450-242-1673 Seminar location: St. Paul's Church, 24 St. Paul's Road, Knowlton.

December 12, 13, 14

L'Harmonie des saisons, vocal and instrumental ensemble with international guests presents "A Baroque Christmas" with the Canadian rising star Hélène Brunet, soprano. The program, especially prepared around her marvelous voice, will feature works from great composers of the period such as Haendel, Bach and Telemann. Friday, December 12, at 8 p.m. St-François-Xavier's Church, Bromont, Saturday December 13, at 8 p.m. Notre-Dame's Church Granby, and Sunday December 14, at 2 p.m., St-Édouard's Church Knowlton. Tickets available at Brome Lake Books and Depanneur Rouge in Knowlton and at the door the nights of the events. Regular \$30, Students: \$10, free for kids under 12. www.harmoniedesaisons.com.

December 13

Creek annual Christmas carol service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 13: Choir under direction of Laura Kerr and John Barr. Service officiated by Reverend David Lambie. Social time after service with refreshments. Creek United Church, 278 Brill Rd., West Bolton. Please come and enjoy.

Country dance with "Country Folks Band" (six musicians and guests) on Saturday, December 13, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church, 409 South Street in Cowansville. Door prizes. Cantine on premises. Donation: \$8.

The Mental Health & Well-Being Support Group. Please note: The next meeting will be Saturday, December 13. Please phone Linda: 450-243-0928 or pleasantvalley001@gmail.com for the location of the meeting. Join us for an opportunity to share experiences in a safe environment and receive support, information, encouragement and acceptance. Having support makes all the difference!

December 14

All-you-can-eat brunch will be hosted at the Sutton Legion on Sunday, December 14. Eggs your way (omelettes are our

specialty). Donation of \$8 for adults, children 6 to 8 yrs \$4, little ones are always free. 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., everyone welcome. 2 Curly St Sutton Qc. Info: 450 538-2210.

Stanbridge East Music Coffee House will be held on Sunday, December 14, at St. James the Apostle Church Hall from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Information: 450-243-0645.

The Knowlton Pub will be serving **free turkey dinner** for all the residents of Town of Brome Lake on Sunday, December 14 from noon to 6 p.m. Cost: A donation of non-perishable food or cash donation to our local food bank. Reservations required please! Children are welcome. (Proof of residency may be required). 450-242-6862.

December 15

Knowlton Coffee Break: "Game of Emotions." Free. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Free. Originally a therapy tool, this card game is a fun, new way to identify how we're feeling. Brome Lac Community Centre, 270 Victoria, Knowlton. avantebarb@bellnet.ca.

December 24

Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 120 Iron Hill Rd. The right Reverend Bishop Barry B. Clarke, Bishop of Montreal, presiding. Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first service at Holy Trinity. All are welcome.

CHURCH BULLETINS

CREEK/WATERLOO PASTORAL CHARGE

Saturday, December 13 at 3 p.m. - Creek Christmas Carol Service. Sunday, December 14 - worship and music: Creek United, 278 Brill Rd., West Bolton, service and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.; St. Paul's United, 4929 Foster, Waterloo, service at 11 a.m. Reverend Dave Lambie, minister. For information or to leave a message call: 450-539-2129.

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ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH - DUNHAM

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

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME

First Sunday of the month service will be at Holy Trinity, Iron Hill, second Sunday of the month will be at St. John the Evangelist in Brome, third Sunday of the month will be in West Brome at Church of the Ascension, fourth Sunday of the month: St. Aidan's, Sutton Junction. All services are at 10 a.m. Info: Evelyn Best 450-243-6739.

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

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PHK House update

Judith Duncanson, who headed up the save and restore the PHK House that is now in the hands of the BCHS Museum, reports that, "The windows to go in the gables at either end of the building will be installed now that the roof work is done. They have been custom made out of cedar and will replicate what would have been in place originally. Once done we put the dear little

house to bed for the winter. In the meantime considerable funds have been raised for the remaining windows and those will be constructed along with the doors over the winter months so as to be on hand for installation as soon as the snow goes. Otherwise all is on track."

Stonework on foundation as well as possible cladding are other considerations for the spring of 2015.



ANN DAVIDSON

Glen Whitehead's Proconstruc Inc. crew last Thursday with one day left to finish the cedar-shingled roof of the Paul Holland Knowlton House at the BCHS Museum grounds in Knowlton. Brome County Historical Society and the PHK House committee will continue to raise necessary funds to complete the restoration required in the spring. Left to right: Lee Richardson, Jonathon Wheeler, Jeff Whitehead, Eric Jalbert and Stephane Bois.

Pet of the week — Bo



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Correction

A story in the December 2 issue of *Brome County News* said the next major fundraiser for the Brome-Missisquoi Youth Foundation's "Houses of Hope" is on February 13. The correct date of the dinner is February 12 at 6 p.m. It will be held at L'Entre-deuce at the Brome-Missisquoi Campus cooking school. (180 Adelard-Godbout, Cowansville).

Brome County News regrets the error.

Church Bulletins

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will. We'd love to welcome you. Reverend George Campbell. Info: 450-955-3325 (leave message).

SUTTON - DUNHAM UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

A warm welcome awaits you at the Sunday worship services led by Rev. Gayle Chouinard in Dunham at the Martins' home at 9:15 a.m. and in Sutton at Calvary United Church (in our new home in Grace Church) at 11:30 a.m. Information: 450-295-3251 (Dunham) or 450-538-0530 (Sutton).

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BEDFORD PASTORAL CHARGE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Schedule for December. All services officiated by Reverend Phyllis Smyth. December 7: Bedford at 10 a.m. (intergenerational and White Gift Sunday). December 21: Mystic at 10 a.m. December 21: Philipsburg at 7 p.m. December 23: Stanbridge East at 7 p.m. (commu-

nion service). December 24: Bedford at 7 p.m. (family oriented service). There will be no service in Philipsburg on December 28.

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ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

130 Principale, Granby, welcomes everyone for Sunday service at 11 a. m. All welcome. Bienvenue a tous. Canon Wm. Terry Blizzard, rector. Information: 450-372-2197.

COWANSVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Cowansville Community Baptist Church meets Sundays at 11:30 a. m. , 112 John Street, Cowansville. Everyone is welcome.

LETTERS

Bravo to all participating in Peter Pan

DEAR EDITOR:

Peter Pan was an absolute delight. Laughter was the main ingredient and the cast had the audience eating out of their hands. And what a performance by all the children and adults.

Special mention for Bianca Beauline (Wendy) and Tristan Lahaye (Peter Pan) and I loved Smee wonderfully performed

by Jodi Meacher. Tinkerbell (Rebecca Wiebe) was adorable, and Tiger Lily was his usually fab self (how you remember all those lines Danny, beats me). Emma Stevens incredible as ever and Juli Peasley as choreographer extraordinaire. And such wonderful participating audiences. Bravo to all!

SHERYL TAYLOR

Peter Pan insensitive to First Nations

DEAR BROME COUNTY NEWS:

Last weekend my family, friends and I went to see the fifth annual pantomime, and I would like to express my appreciation for all their effort at engaging the community artistically and promoting celebration in our small corner of Quebec. It's so important that our children (and adults) have access to diverse creative forms to stimulate the imagination.

At the same time, I'd also like to tell you about the uneasiness that I felt with this year's production of Peter Pan and its depiction of First Nations communities, or as they referred to them in the general as "redskins." While I understand that this was the term employed by the Scottish novelist J.M. Barrie a century ago, this designation today, in Canada, is highly inappropriate. First Nations communities have suffered from centuries of theft, torture, rape and murder at the hands of European settlers and their descendants. As a humanities professor working in a multicultural CEGEP setting, I have listened to my Native American students pour their hearts out to me (both personally and in the classroom), detailing the trauma and horror that is passed down from one generation to the next.

Contemporary mainstream media reporting and entertainment, including the production of Peter Pan, marginalizes and makes invisible the history and present day reality of racism, especially towards First Nations communities. Art, especially theatre and film, is such a powerful medium for shaping people's beliefs, values and behaviours. Thus, depicting a group of people, as the Knowlton Players did, in such a derogatory manner, especially to an audience of children that have little personal contact with the realities of First Nation peoples, does little more than condition young minds to see those who are different as backward, stupid and savage. In this case, and others like it, harmful and unrealistic stereotypes are perpetuated

rather than destroyed. And art, with its unlimited potential for uniting diverse peoples is reduced to an ethnocentric expression that merely perpetuates discord and ignorance.

Today, when most Canadians of European descent think about native people they think drugs, alcohol, crime, domestic violence, illiteracy, and so forth. These problems are social, economic, educational, and political problems; not cultural. It is essential to understand that the problems that these communities face today have nothing to do with race, ethnicity or religious beliefs, but are rooted in diverse forms of inequity that serve as barriers to dignified human development. Moreover, most Canadians do not recognize that First Nations people are, and always have been, a vital part of Canadian life. This vitality is demonstrated by First Nations achievements and contributions to Canadian art, democratic political structure, and agriculture. This lack of recognition was all too obvious in Peter Pan as the indigenous people were portrayed as a group of ignorant clowns whose role served little more than an easy target for tasteless jokes. Given the history of physical and psychological abuse that the First Nations communities have faced in Canada, sticking the knife deeper into the wound, so to speak, merely reinforced negative stereotypes and disregarded the systemic, institutionalized racial oppression that still exists today in our multicultural society.

While I understand that the pantomime does not necessarily need to be a venue to discuss the issues outlined above, I do think it would be a kind and wise gesture for Knowlton Players to publically address the error of cultural appropriation and insensitivity. Or even better yet, use the stage in the future to put forth messages to our children of love, hope, acceptance and happiness.

Sincerely,

KORY GOLDBERG
Dunham

COMMENTARY

The Brome County Museum in action

By Brome County Historical Society

This regular column is designed to provide timely information to BCHS members and to the public at large. This space is graciously offered by the Brome County News.

A sneak preview of our 2015 programming

There are a number of fun and educational events being planned for 2015 at the BCHS, including programming designed for children and young families, historical lectures, special exhibits, and new events. The complete list of events will be posted on our website in January but here's a preview of some of what's to come in 2015!

The Marion L. Phelps Memorial Lecture Series will begin again in January and will include six fascinating lectures by historian Jim Manson. Please see our website to learn more about the topics to be featured this winter.

A series of Historical Crafts and Toys Workshops designed to teach our younger generation about the crafts, hobbies, and toys of the 19th century will be introduced in 2015. The workshops will be held once month in the Children's Museum, and will enable children to learn about a different historical craft, hobby or toy, such as weaving, basket-making, printing, tin punching, and toy making, and then give them the opportunity to make their own to take home. The complete workshop schedule will be posted in early January.

Several major events are being planned for 2015, including a Winter

Festival and Exhibit in February, our opening day picnic in May, Harvest Day in October, and a Victorian Christmas in December. This summer, a celebration of the 200-year anniversary of the PHK House will take place, as well as a picnic dedicated to Morning Glory, Brome County's own war horse. Next year (2015) marks the 100-year anniversary of Morning Glory's departure for Europe with her owner Lt.-Col. George Harold ("Harry") Baker. Though the two were soon separated and Harry was sadly killed in action in 1916, Morning Glory survived the war and came home to Brome County in 1918.

Special exhibits on a variety of topics, including winter in Brome County, wildflower paintings by Deborah Rotherham, love and courtship in Brome County, WWI: 1915, and Remembrance Day, are also planned.

Paul Holland House project

If you went by the museum grounds last week, you surely appreciated the advancement on the PHK roof. Our contractor Glen Whitehead picked up old barn boards locally. He also picked up appropriately aged beams in Ottawa brought them to the site to be notched and pre-cut before installation. The roof rafters were then put in place. The roof boards went on top of these rafters. The end gables were framed in. And late last week, the wood shingles were nailed on. This completes the first phase of the PHK restoration process. Scaffolding should come down this week. Work will resume in the spring. Windows and door will continue to be boarded up for security

reasons and to protect the interior from the elements.

December activities

December 13:

Christmas bake sale! Pick up some tasty homemade treats at our annual bake sale on Saturday, December 13 at

130 Lakeside, Knowlton (Lac-Brome).


BCHS holiday schedule:

The BCHS offices will be closed from December 19 to January 6.

Membership

It is that time of year to renew your annual membership to the BCHS. Members have received their renewal form. It is easy to become a member; the annual fees are \$20 per individual and \$30 for a family. The BCHS adheres to the Donors Bill of Rights. Find out more on our website.

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No dampened spirits when Santa's around



PHOTOS BY ANN DAVIDSON

The Peasely family float demonstrated a clear message of hope for world peace.

By Ann Davidson

The wet and gloomy weather on Saturday did not dampen the spirits of onlookers and participants in the Lions Club's annual Santa Claus parade Saturday in Town of Brome Lake. With representation from Sutton and Town of Brome Lake fire departments and First Responders, local businesses and organizations, the fabulous floats and costumed walkers and many horses with Christmas regalia led Santa's procession by the heavily lined streets of Knowlton and no sooner here, in a blink the jolly wonder was on his way. On his way, that is, to Knowlton Academy to have hot chocolate, more treats and a photo-op with more than 200 of Santa's little friends.

Congratulations to the first place



No sooner here, then on his way to meet the children at Knowlton Academy for chats, hot chocolate and photo taking.

winners of the four categories: Le Passerelle Mouse, Shana Hadlock, TBL Sparks-Brownies-Guides and Bob Derby's Carousel Farm. The Lions were grateful to all who made the happy day a reality.

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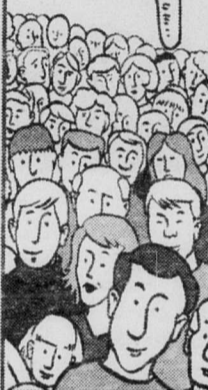
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given of the following:

The Municipal Council will hold a special sitting to adopt the Town's 2015 budget as well as its three-year capital expenditures program for 2015, 2016 and 2017.

At that sitting, the deliberations of the council and the question period must deal exclusively with the budget or the three-year program.

This meeting will be held on Monday, December 22nd, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at Buchanan Hall of Centre Lac-Brome, 270 Victoria Street, Brome Lake.

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Death

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Dr. Barbara Julia LIPOWSKI (née Przygodzka) (1922-2014)

Passed away peacefully on November 30, 2014 at Foyer Sutton: Dr. Barbara (Basia) Lipowski, 92 years strong. Much loved mother of Christopher (Lisa) and Anne (Michael), grandmother to Alexander, Cortney, Justin and Kathlyn, she is further mourned by extended family in Canada and Poland, as well as many cherished friends.

Born in Milanówek, February 1922. Dr. Lipowski was a decorated veteran of WWII, participating with Polish resistance forces (AK) in the Warsaw Uprising of 1944. She escaped Soviet-occupied Poland with husband, Zbigniew, in '46, going on to complete her medical degree (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland) while also starting a family. Fellowships in Medical Oncology (Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, Boston) and in Hematology (Royal Victoria, Mtl.) followed. An elected member of the American Society of Clinical Oncologists as of 1970, Dr. Lipowski was part of the Montreal General's Oncology team in the early days of cancer treatment. She went on to teach at Dartmouth Medical School, later joining the staff of Ste Anne de Bellevue Veterans' Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital Center (Montreal).

Retired since 1994, Barbara had reconnected with her artistic side in more recent years, mastering the watercolor brush under the tutelage of Gunther Scherrer, and rekindling her passion for music. She divided her time between Montreal, the Eastern Townships and Naples, Florida taking great pleasure in the distinct attributes and friendships afforded by each. Appreciated for her determination, fair-mindedness, sense of humor, her spirit of openness and readiness to help - for the sensitivity and insight she brought to every relationship - Dr. Lipowski/Basia/Bubbi/Mama will be profoundly missed always. A memorial celebration of her gifts is planned for summer 2015, when it is hoped that loved ones from overseas may attend.

Interment (private) at Johnson Cemetery, Abercorn. Donations in her memory to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF-Canada) gratefully appreciated.

The family offers its heartfelt thanks to Dr. Camirand, the staff and volunteers at the Sutton Foyer for their support and compassionate care. Arrangements entrusted to the Desourdy Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, QC.

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Cemetery Meeting

SWEET CEMETERY

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LETTER

TBL pool project a PR stunt

DEAR EDITOR:

The glossy information letter recently sent to TBL residents by Mayor Richard Burcombe and the presentation made by Councillor Lee Patterson at the public information meetings touting an indoor swimming pool were PR stunts. In my opinion, the two elected officials sounded more like a snake oil salesmen loosely pitching any kind of information with absolutely no accurate dollar numbers of any kind.

This is what the two elected officials should have been telling you.

The CARKE Foundation has only \$1 million in the bank, according to its

2013 financial statement. They are relying primarily on government handouts to raise the remainder of funds required. They are also relying on the agreement of unsuspecting and uninformed TBL taxpayers to go along with this foolhardy venture.

Cost of building an indoor pool: \$4 million, plus the usual 28 per cent cost overrun (1.2 million), total \$5.2 million.

Annual pool maintenance cost: \$600,000, according to a CARKE study in 2008. It is not \$300,000, as mentioned at the presentations.

Where will the revenues come from to offset the \$600,000 in annual maintenance costs?

We now know from town supplied information through access to information and other reliable sources that in 2014 only 129 people from TBL used the pool facilities in Cowansville. Out of these 129 persons, only 29 attended on a regular basis. The rest visited the pool occasionally. They could have very well been the same people.

During his power point presentation, Councillor Patterson frequently came up with the words, "when we build the pool," etc. Sir: This was supposed to be an information meeting and not a sales presentation.

The cost of the pool needs to be presented more truthfully and not pre-

sented by amateurs. You are in the process of spending our tax dollars, gentlemen. You are not telling us the correct amounts.

Previous studies have told you time and time again a town of our size is unable to support such a facility. Studies by other towns of our size have proven to be the same, our neighboring Bromont, for example. This is a nice project but not within our means.

Let the CARKE Foundation find private investors and let them pay for this harebrained pool project.

LARRY INGOLE
Knowlton

Spaghetti supper brings light — TBL Wellness Centre

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Davies. "Everybody wanted to contribute to this cause. What we want most is for the family to have a break, to ensure that they have a fun family time doing something together. They have not been able to do that for years. And we want everyone to have a perfect Christmas. It has been so hard for them for such a long time. They are a really great family and don't deserve what has gone down."

Fondly referred to as "Moose," Bouchard served in the Canadian Navy for almost seven years as air traffic controller on a guided missile frigate, he worked at NAPA Auto Parts for five years, and now the Sutton community is rallying around him and his family in the wake of decision rendered by his group insurance company from the job that he can no longer hold. Little did Bouchard know that the fully loaded insurance premium that he opted for at his NAPA (auto parts) workplace would not be upheld.

At a quick glance one would say that he is a strapping man with lots of strength. But since 2009 when he was diagnosed with a non-cancerous brain tumour he has fallen onto bad luck that has prevented him from being able to return to work. As if the initial 10.5 hour surgery wasn't enough to manage in terms of rehabilitation, Bouchard was faced with a second surgery to relieve the spinal fluid that was being blocked from its normal course within the spinal canal and brain. The fluid was backing into his brain, causing massive swelling in his neck and brain.

Left with a certain level of traumatic depression along with compromised attention and memory, frequent severe migraines, nausea, dizziness Bouchard has not been able to get back to work. And he has had the added stress of not being compensated by the insurance company he signed on with for almost two years.

"I went for the full package because I have a beautiful family with four kids and I wanted to make sure that if any-

thing happened to me, they would be looked after. My policy stipulates that I am entitled to almost 60 per cent of my salary until I am 65 years old," he explained. "All I want is for it to cover me until I am really ready to go back to work. I was not well enough after the second surgery. Three different lawyers have been consulted on this matter. They say I have a solid case against the company, but that costs money that I don't have. Right now, thanks to a friend who helped me get it, I am on disability pension. I am thankful for that but it is not as much as I would have received through the policy that I paid into."

Despite repeated efforts by Bouchard that included assessments from a number of medical specialists, the insurance company insisted that he was capable of returning to work. That he did not comply, they cut him off. In September 2014 Bouchard suffered an intracranial bleed that required another surgical procedure that has left him with paralysis in his left eye, loss of depth perception and little balance, hence needing a walker for support. He cannot be left on his own for reasons of his own physical safety because he tends to fall. Recently released from the rehabilitation center, Bouchard spends many hours sleeping. He must have a lot of rest during this third post-operation period.

He worries that he can't adequately contribute to the financial responsibility of four children under 12 years and his wife of 18 years, Katina Domingue. He knows the burden she bears and is anxious that it has become too much for her. He knows that she is exhausted from working all the time, getting the kids to school and activities, and making sure his medical needs are taken care of. Given that he can no longer drive because his vision is often double, he lives with the frustration of owning a home that requires driving a car. Yet in all of this, Bouchard carries a positive approach to life.

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Centre gave more than 3,000 hours of their time this past year. Their efforts included ensuring the security of almost 40 individuals living at home in the event of sudden illness, delivering 1,329 meals to many seniors who were recovering from surgery or medical treatment and those who find meal preparation too difficult, driving and accompaniment of 21 seniors to special appointments that resulted in 68 trips, countless friendly visits, and weekly contribution to the now defunct Seniors' Day Center.

Knowing the value of social interaction, the Wellness Centre also hosted three special luncheons to celebrate Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and the autumn harvest. As well it organized a Musical Christmas Tea.

In addition to the generous time given to the organization and its clients the Wellness Centre has subsidized a program called "Balance for Seniors," an exercise class that helps seniors to maintain vestibular stability when mobility has become a challenge.

Gelinas mentioned that the board of directors is grateful to all the Wellness volunteers and sponsors whose altruism extends beyond this season of giving and wants to extend its best wishes their families and also to all the Wellness clients.

Seniors needing support may call the Community Centre at: 450-242-2020.

Anyone who would like to join the volunteer team can contact Louise Gelinas at: 450-243-5317.

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Outreach

Are you interested in helping with events and programming, or do you have an idea for an exhibit? We would love to hear from you! Please contact us at bchs@endirect.qc.ca or 450-243-6782.

Website

For more information about our activities or events, the BCHS and its museum, visit our website at:

www.bromemuseum.com.

Season's greeting

As this is our last regular column of 2014, the board of directors and staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in 2014 and to wish to you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please support your local museum!

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