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The little school with the big heart

Alanna Fahey
BROME COUNTY NEWS

CORRESPONDENT — MANSONVILLE

Mansonville, Quebec, that oft underappreciated village in The Eastern Townships, is home to one of Quebec's most endearing elementary schools. The Mansonville Elementary School, referred to lovingly as The Little School with the Big Heart, is home to 23 students, ranging from pre-kindergarten to Grade Six.

There are two classes, one from pre-kindergarten to grade two and the other, grade three to grade six. The school is very similar to a one room school and often the classes come together to do lessons and special events.

Rachel Massicks, the school's head teacher heads up a team of three employees, Margaret Hopps, Sylvia Mckergow and Fanny Boulais. Renalee Gore, the principal, shares her time between two schools, Mansonville Elementary and Waterloo Elementary.

"The school is a gift. It really is," said Gore. "The kids are wonderful and we have a very good Parent Committee and Governing Board. The school receives quite a bit of community support. The Optimist Club recently gave the school a donation so that we could continue our Book Bag Project."

The school also offers a Wellness and Homework program. "The children are able to get help with their homework while they are here, in the school and the Wellness project this year is a special activity headed up by local musicians Laura Teasdale and Ralph Stiner. They come to the school and teach the students ukulele." Tiny Tim would be proud.

There are a few disadvantages to the reality of the school, such as the school is located in a fairly isolated community and sometimes, especially in winter, the students don't get to leave Mansonville. However, on the up side to those few disadvantages, the isolation leads to creativity and because the students don't travel far in the winter, they get to ski four times a year at



Mansonville Elementary's kids with big hearts.

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the 'Award Winning' ski hill, Owl's Head.

"When our children go onto Massy Vanier, the Junior/High School. We often see stellar results, not only scholastically, but socially. Our kids are grounded and with the attention that we are able to give them, no one falls through the cracks," said Gore.

The kids had some very interesting things to say about their very special school. The following is an interview with the kids of The Little School with the Big Heart.

Brome County News: "What do you like best about your school?"

Cassidy-Ann, Kindergarten said, "Playing on the computers."

Sahara, Kindergarten said, "Sliding because we all have crazy carpets."

Taylor of Grade 1 said, "Because my friends are at school."

Violetta, Kindergarten stated, "When Mrs. Gore reads us stories, it's nice to be together."

Ethan, Grade 6 said, "I like having nice kids to play with. At a bigger school it's hard to know all the other

kids, in a small school you get to know kids better."

Justin, a student in Grade 6 said, "It's fun; it feels like a family but it's not. I like all the field trips."

Liza, Grade 4 said, "I like having kids to play with and stuff to learn and doing projects."

Skyler, Grade 4 answered, "I like the laptops they help us do research for projects."

Ryan, Grade 5 said, "The laptops make it easier to learn. It feels like a private school."

Dusty, Grade 3 stated, "It is fun learning to play the ukuleles."

Ethan, of Grade 6 finished the question with the answer, "We get to express our opinion and the teachers listen. We can make choices."

Brome County News: "What are your favourite subjects?"

Sydney, Grade 5 said, "Art and Gym."

Sarah, of Grade 5 said, "Art, Math, gym L.A. We have lots of good books."

Josh, of Grade 6 stated, "Reading my book baskets. I choose what I read."

Brome County News: "Do you like it when the classes come together?"

Kyle, Grade 4 said, "I like going on trips. It is fun to help the little ones."

Brome County News: "Is there anything you would like to say to other kids in other schools?"

Megan, Grade 3 said, "The teachers pick out nice projects for us."

Craig, Grade 4 said, "We have nice people in our school; students, teachers and principal."

Skyler, of Grade 4 stated, "We have fun days like Fancy Nancy Day and Fancy Hat Day and Sports Day and we go skiing in February four times."

Mansonville Elementary, a school that is exciting, small and big of heart. If you looking for that little extra in a school for your child this may be the school for you.



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Jan. 24

Sutton Royal Canadian Legion will be serving a B.B.Q. Chicken supper at 5:00 p.m. \$10.00 a person, \$5.00 for children under 7. 2 Curley St. Call ahead to reserve tickets: 450-538-2210 or Nathalie 450-538-2956. Tickets will also be available at the door. Take out is also available.

Jan. 25

Every Sunday Music with Smokin Country at the Legion Royale Canadienne #99, 120 Davignon, Cowansville (450) 263-3543.

Breakfast at the Roayl Canadian Legion, Branch #99, 120 Davignon, Cowansville on Sunday, January 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$6.00 Adult. \$3.00: 5 to 10. Free - under 5. Everyone welcome.

Supper & Dance at the Austin Town Hall, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. \$10 supper includes sandwiches, soup, desserts, tea and coffee. (Dance only \$7.00) Music: Brian Allen and "Home Grown Country" Brian Allen, John Biuhmuller & Stanley McKelvey. Door prizes and half and halves.

Jan. 27

3 Cs Club Join this group of 4 community organizations for breakfast & light-hearted conversation, chat with both Francophone & Anglophone members. Please RSVP your spot for daycare and/or

transportation one week in advance. Tuesday, January 27th, 9:30 to 11:00 am, Avante Women's Center, 2 Adhémar-Cusson, Bedford, 450-248-0530. avantenancy@bellnet.ca

Jan. 27

Tuesday, January 27th. Talented Tuesday. "Carryall Bag". Cost: \$2.00. Please call to register. Starts at 6:00 p.m. Located at 2 Adhemar-Cusson, Bedford. 450-248-0530. AVANTENANCY@BELLNET.CA.

Jan. 29

Afternoon Delight Thursday January 29th at 1:00 pm. Flavour of Mexico with Elizabeth. Cost \$2.00. Please call to register. Avante Women's Center, 2 Adhémar-Cusson, Bedford, 450-248-0530, avantenancy@bellnet.ca

Jan. 31

Sutton Royal Canadian Legion, 2 Curley St. The "CountyLine" band with Arnie Davis, Jimmy Edwards, Shirley Spencer and Barry Newman. 8:00 p.m. till closing time. A donation of \$8.00 a person and \$15.00 a couple at the door. Bring your friends.

CHURCH SERVICES

KNOWLTON/CREEK PASTORAL CHARGE

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GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

52 Principale sud, Sutton, welcomes everyone for Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m. Canon Tim Smart, Rector. Info: 450-538-8108.

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Sutton. Pastor Alex Lobach and the congregation welcome all to worship with us each Sunday at 11 a.m. Mid-week youth group and Bible Study. Tel: 450-538-5225.

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4929 rue Foster, Waterloo. Beginning January 4th, Sunday services will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the reception room at Place Primavera, 1973 Leclair Street, Waterloo, during January, February and March. Everyone is welcome. No services will be held in the church January, February and March. Rev. David Lambie, Minister. For messages or information, call 450-539-2129.

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We warmly welcome everyone to come and worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and Friday at 7:00 p.m. We are located at 6 Massicotte, Bedford. Information: Pastor Paul Gibson: 1-514-667-2292 or 450-296-4135.

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Winterfest forges family fun

Wendy Denman
BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Sutton celebrates families with a Winterfest on Saturday, February 7th, followed on Sunday, February 8th, with a special treat for all ages at Salle Alec and Gerard Pelletier.

"At Winterfest there's going to be something for the whole family, young and old, outdoors in the park and it's all free," says Kelli Ferrigan.

"And for our family Sunday the next day we've invited Henry the Juggler as our special guest. I predict a great turnout and can't stress enough that reservations will be necessary."

The Winterfest takes place in the park on Western Street, beginning at 1 p.m.

"There'll be a giant snow slide, free skating, hockey and soccer games for kids and their parents, snow painting for kids, maple taffy on snow and hot chocolate for everyone," said Ferrigan. "We're having a family snowman making contest and telling people to bring their own accessories to make their creations great and it will all be accompanied by music."

"The next day is our monthly family Sunday activity at the Salle and we decided to make it part of the Winterfest event by presenting New England artist Henry Lappen. As Henry the Juggler, Lappen is considered armed and legged and dangerous!"

Lappen, a twenty-five year veteran performer, travels up and down the East Coast entertaining at theatres, schools, festivals and town events. He studied

physical comedy at California's Del-l'Arte School and is a member of the International Jugglers Association.

He speaks little, but says a great deal through his expression and body language. He plays with balls, rings, clubs, torches and other apparatus of his trade. He is known to cause spontaneous outbursts of laughter and be warned, he involves innocent bystanders in his act.

Ferrigan, a young mother, proposed setting aside one Sunday morning every month as family Sunday. The board that runs Salle Alec and Gerard Pelletier thought it was a great idea and the first event was held in November 2007. Since then, family Sundays have hosted storytellers, puppet shows, craft activities, exclusive film screenings, rock bands for kids, local authors, circus workshops, movement and dance.

"We also hosted a whole week of morning activities during last summer's Tour des Arts," says Ferrigan. "It is a golden opportunity for young people of all ages to view productions and familiarize themselves with all aspects of culture and creation in a gentle, welcoming and community atmosphere."

"Families come from the surrounding community to meet and exchange and some adults come without any kids in tow just for fun. Long live the family Sunday!" Said Ferrigan.

Henry the Juggler performs at 10 a.m. on February 8th at Salle Alec and Gerard Pelletier, 4C Maple Street, Sutton. Tickets are \$7, available at Sutton's Livre d'Or and Au Naturel or reserve by calling (450) 538-0486.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLI FERRIGAN

Henry Lappen aka Henry the Juggler will perform at Family Sunday on February 8th.

Post your address

It could save your life and save you a bundle

Jessica Brown
BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Nobody expects something to happen to them. We don't expect to choke on a vegetable during supper; we don't expect a 43-year-old to have a heart attack; we don't expect to wake in the middle of the night fighting for breath and we don't expect a baby to lose consciousness. We don't expect our chimney to catch on fire or our house to burn down or unexpectedly to need the police. Unfortunately, these are all situations that our Brome Lake First Responders, Fire fighters and the Surete du Quebec have dealt with.

The problem is getting to your house fast enough. Not enough people have clearly marked civic numbers that are visible from the road. This is of the utmost importance if you need any of our emergency teams or an ambulance to get to your house.

"The situation is so severe now, with people's addresses not properly marked that we are now going to be giving out tickets," says Fire Chief, Pierre Laplante. "We don't want to do this, but emergency services are losing a crazy amount of time getting there."

Every week TBL emergency workers get called to a scene and have to waste precious

time trying to identify the proper house. In our rural area and even in town where people are so privacy driven it has become extreme. The municipal by-law states that civic numbers have to be clearly marked and visible from the street at all times of the year. If it is in a location that gets snow covered or leaves, that is an offence.

If saving your life or the life of one of your family members wasn't enough to push you into action, maybe this will; the price of a ticket for not having those numbers visible is \$300.



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Star Cafe serves up special meal

Jessica Brown

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

How do businesses thrive in an economic slump? By listening to their customers. Richard Pilon of Star Cafe is doing just that. His successful cafe on the top of England Hill is almost always busy with locals and visitors alike, providing cafe style meals and drinks. But he wanted to offer his customers a little something more.

"I saw there was a demand for fine cuisine at affordable prices," he said. "So once a month I am doing a special three or five course sit-down meal."

Reservations for the once-a-month event fill up quickly. Already his January supper is full and for St. Valentine's Day he already has four reservations.

"It has all been local clients, who come," says Pilon. "This is the fourth time I've had the supper and it's often the same customers who come back. As soon as the dinner is finished, they

book for the coming month."

What's special about the meals is that Pilon tries to use as much local meat and produce as possible.

"We have to support local businesses. It keeps people working in the region, it keeps our businesses open. We must buy local."

During the months the farmers market is open, Pilon buys organic vegetables from local farms. The meat he serves is Badgers organic Highland from West Bolton. The fish is fresh from Cowie's Fish Market. The coffee is from the local Virgin Hill roasters. Pilon also stocks St. Benoit cheese and Veaudoise sausages, fair trade coffees and teas.

This June will mark Pilon's fifth year as owner of Star Cafe.

"We were renting a house in Austin and I was looking for a place to offer a table champetre," he said. "But we found the Star Cafe instead and we've signed on for another five years here."



JESSICA BROWN

Richard Pilon, owner of Star Cafe, serves up a once-a-month five course special.

Saving the world one plastic container at a time

Jessica Brown

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

So you're recycling...good job! But have you ever stopped to wonder what happens to those containers that don't make it to the recycling bin? The water bottle you threw out at the park, the soda cans at work, and everything else in between that is recyclable but just doesn't get to the bin? Well CONSIGNAction wants you to start thinking about it and do something about it.

The campaign, MOI? was launched on Monday.

It is all about getting us to think about recycling more and more, especially outside the home. According to Normand Bisson of BGE, a recuperation company, fewer than 50 per cent of recyclable containers are recovered from outside the home.

"Annual losses of refundable containers are estimated at approximately 58 million for industrial buildings, 42 millions for restaurant facilities and 19 millions for office buildings. In the academic institutions, 20 millions containers are thrown into the garbage, while close to 10 millions are thrown away in parks, camping sites, public and tourist places," added Bisson.

If you are still not convinced how important it is to recycle all those reusable containers, maybe some of these statistics will rattle you into action; one plastic bottle can take up to 400 years to decompose, and it takes between 200 and 500 years for aluminum cans to decompose. Non-returned refundable containers represent a 20-million-dollar loss for the consumers and tonnes of garbage end up in landfill sites or in nature.

"It takes 95 per cent less energy to produce an aluminum can from discarded cans than from raw materials. Why throw them into the garbage then?", asked Édouard Darche, BGE President.

The message CONSIGNAction wants you to think about is, if you don't do it who will? If you are interested in having recycling facilities at your workplace, you can call 1-877-CANETTE. CONSIGNAction will be providing free recycling bins to businesses for the duration of the campaign.

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Knowlton music festival finds permanent home

Jessica Brown
BROME COUNTY NEWS
CORRESPONDENT

The Bel Canto opera festival, soon to be known as the Festival de Knowlton, is moving to a new home. Thanks to a generous donation by a member of the Brome Lake community, a large property has been purchased on Centre road between Tibbit's Hill and Frizzle road. This is to become the new permanent residence for the music festival. The home used to be the residence of the McConnell family, the former owners of the Montreal Star.

This year's festival will run again for two weekends from August 7th to

the 16th with 12 full concerts taking place in the open air at the new property. Maestro Kent Nagano will be directing seven of the concerts. Organizers expect to sell 12,000 tickets this year compared to last year's 5,000.

There will also be many more free concerts going on throughout the village of Knowlton this summer encouraging lots of new visitors into the heart of the town.

Chamber of Commerce president, Cam Brown, is encouraged by the growing festival and it's new residence.

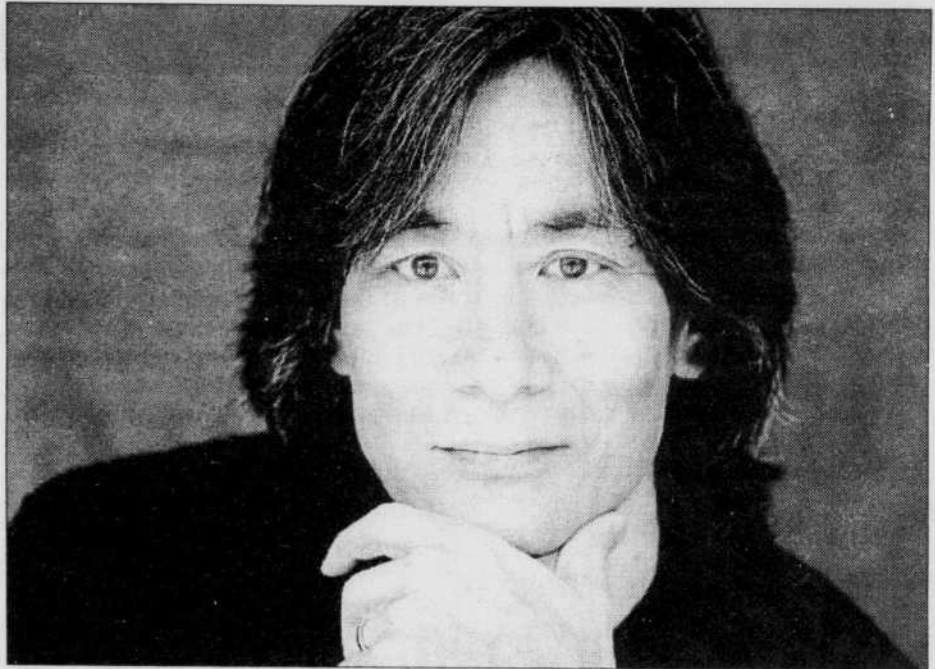
"This offers wonderful possibilities for the future of Brome Lake," he said.

The Mayor of Brome Lake, Richard Wisdom is

also positive about the news, "This is absolutely terrific," he said.

The town has promised to give labour in kind for the event which will likely include leveling out the ground at the new property so that concert-goers can park at the location instead of having to be bused in as they were last summer. The leveling will also include a place for the massive tents for the concert. Some of the wiring that can be easily moved from the last location on Tibbit's Hill, will be rather than paying for it again.

One of the reasons the festival had to be moved from its picturesque location is the home where it was in 2008 is now up for sale.



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The Montreal Symphony Orchestra, and conductor Kent Nagano, were part of the Bel Canto festivities last year.

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Community Forum

LETTERS

"Shop Locally?"

DEAR EDITOR,

I ran out of water two days before Christmas. I phoned two plumbers from Knowlton. When I called them they said they would come for emergencies only. I guess they don't consider having no water at Christmas an emergency because neither one of them called back even after the holidays were over.

So I took my business to Waterloo where I got excellent service. The thing is, after reading your ad "shop locally" in the paper, encouraging us to shop locally and then not getting my calls returned for an emergency, would you shop in Knowlton?

The only place that has ever returned my calls is The Record.

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DEAR EDITOR,

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All well and good that these new cars don't give off polluting fumes into the air, but has there been any thought about all that water that is emitted in it's place.

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- Fact - It gets cold in Canada
- Fact - Water Freezes in the cold

If all these cars were on the roads dripping water on the cold freezing blacktop, the end

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results would be disastrous. Black Ice!

We drivers have all have experienced Black Ice at one time or other. Black Ice kills and if this problem is not solved, Hydrogen fuel cell cars will kill more people than air pollution.

Think about it a bit!

It's not just the roads that would ice up, but your driveways, your shopping mall parking lots. Pedestrians crossing the street would be in peril and on and on.

Salt it down? This would be almost impossible to do all winter, all the time, day after day on every road and driveway. Salt would certainly add more pollution and contaminate our already endangered waterways and farmlands.

Studded tires? Not very practical especially when laws have to be passed now to force drivers to use snow tires in winter.

With all the talk of air pollution and global warming, hybrid cars are a great way to cut down on hydrocarbons, yet, I have heard nothing from the designers and manufacturers on how water-emitting autos could be used safely in Canada during the winter.


I can't imagine anyone buying an expensive hydrogen powered car only to use it six months of the year in the warm weather.

I feel that the alternative to these dangerous cars would be electric renewable energy cars. Recharging these cars would be done from non-polluting electricity generated by windmills to lessen the impact on our environment.

Things to ponder in the great Canadian North eh!

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Fix this town

I have an idea for a show on one of the networks like TLC or HGTV. You know the cable networks that feature so many shows like Restaurant Makeover or What Not To Wear or Flip This House, but they could call it, Fix This Town. A team of gung-ho workers would arrive with cool logos on their shirts, a little budget and a whole lot of creativity and in a weekend they could get Knowlton back up and on its feet again and make it a town that is self-sufficient; a place where you could get what you need, when you need it while maintaining its beautiful country charm.

The star of the show would work with town hall. Together they would create a subsidy program to encourage new businesses to move into the village; a men's clothing store, a shoe store, a children's clothing store for all budgets, a place to buy stuff like underwear and socks so we don't have to go to that big bad W-store, a family restaurant, a depanneur, a

health food store and the big coup...a big brand name outlet, like Gap or The North Face coming to town as an additional draw to our already great outlet stores.

But that would only take us so far. The next thing the crew from Fix This Town would need to do is a thought-makeover for everyone living here. For all the people who go out of town to buy their groceries and other goods that can be bought in town, they would have to be explained very carefully that the only way more products and cheaper prices will ever be available

will be when people start buying all their products locally, with only very rare exceptions. Business owners would need to be explained that the only way people will come to the town to shop all year round, every day of the year, is if you are actual-

ly open every day, all year. (Obviously with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day.) Guess what folks? It actually works.

Everyone would need to understand that yes, products may be marginally cheaper elsewhere, but how much gas did you spend getting to that other destination? And what else did you spend thoughtlessly, just because you were there?

OK, none of us are perfect. And even if our town had everything we needed, it wouldn't mean we wouldn't need to get away sometimes to see what

else is out there. Since Fix This Town doesn't exist, maybe we can work together. No more paperwork and meetings-real concrete action. Let's get our town back. Trust me, this is possible and it is in our hands.

I need some guinea pigs to help me try this experiment. If there is anyone in the Town of Brome Lake who will commit to buying only locally for yourself or for the whole family, for one month to three months please email me; jessicasvoice@gmail.com. That means you will commit to buying everything from gas to underwear in the TBL. Yes, you may need to be creative, but sharing that information with others may make everyone realize what we do have available right here. Let me know!

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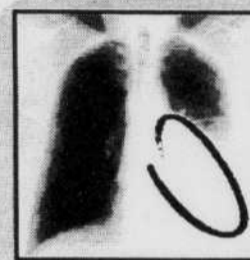
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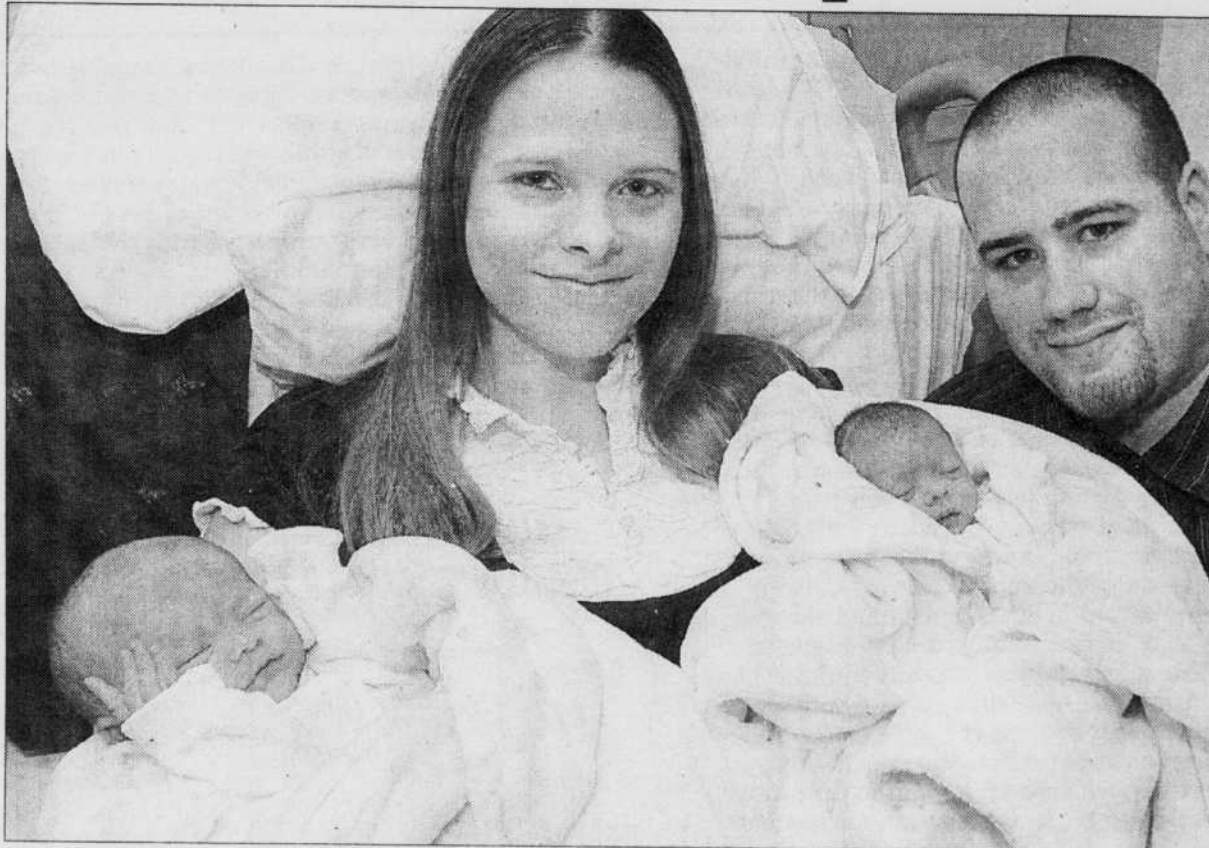


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Born with silver spoons as first BMP twins



The Elston's girls were the first twins born in Cowansville this year.

DAVID ANDERSON

By David Anderson
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
COWANSVILLE

Glowing parents, Sandra Couture and Timothy Elston, were photographed by The Record with two new members of their family, baby Geneva Jo'Ella and Hailey Velvet. The two girls are the first twins to be born in 2009 at the BMP Hospital in Cowansville, and thus given each a card and silver spoons.

Geneva, with her blond hair, was first to be born at 8:40 p.m., weighing six pounds and three ounces and was followed by Hailey, with dark hair, at 8:50 p.m., weighing five pounds and four ounces. The twin babies were delivered by Dr. Chagnon on January 15th.

Mom and the girls should be back home in Waterloo Monday morning to join their dad and very happy family members and friends.

The first baby born at the BMP was Antoine Gingras-Roy, born 12:53 a.m. on January 01, 2009. He weighed in at 7.7 lbs., born to Madelaine Roy of St-Jean Sur Richelieu.

BRIEF

Supper and Dance

On January 25th from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., at the Austin Town Hall, the Multiple Sclerosis Branch 2000 will be hosting a supper and dance.

The supper costs \$10, and includes sandwiches, soup, desserts, tea and coffee.

The Dance alone costs \$7.

The dance includes musical performance by: Brian Allen and "Home Grown Country," including band members John Bihmuller and Stanley Mc Kelvey.

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The 2009 Toyota Venza: Bold new model offers Canadians value through efficient engine performance, innovation and versatility

The new 2009 Toyota Venza was officially unveiled in Canada at the 2009 Montreal International Auto Show. The all-new Toyota Venza couples the styling and comfort of a passenger car with the flexibility of a sport utility vehicle (SUV), with a starting MSRP of \$28,720.

With its excellent engine performance and efficiency, fresh-thinking innovation and design, and no-compromise versatility, Venza raises the bar for ride comfort and performance.

"Venza establishes an exciting new direction in vehicle design that combines the finest attributes of Toyota's diverse model lineup," said Warren Orton, Director of Toyota Canada Inc.

"The Venza offers bold and expressive styling, excellent engine performance and efficiency, and a refined and comfortable interior."

Ease of entry and exit is achieved by lowering the rocker panels and narrowing the doorsills. As a result, the sweeping integrated rocker panels give unparalleled ingress/egress.

Venza combines these attributes with amazing versatility through features like all-wheel drive (AWD), foldable rear seats, a large cargo area, a higher driver sightline, and a towing capacity of up to 3,500 lbs.

Venza's power is generated by one of two available engines:

- An all-new 2.7-litre four-cylinder engine that delivers 182 horsepower at 5,800 rpm and 182 lb.-ft. of torque at 4,200 rpm, providing capable performance and excellent fuel efficiency;
- A 3.5-litre V6 engine that produce 268 horsepower at 6,200 rpm and 246 lb.-ft. of torque at 4,700 rpm.

Both engines are available in front- and all-wheel-drive configurations, and are mated to a six-speed sequential-shift electronically-controlled automatic transmission.

The new Venza is extremely well-equipped with an assortment of standard features on all models. Among the many features are:

- Power adjustable heated exterior mirrors;
- Windshield wiper de-icer and electric rear window defroster with timer;
- Integrated fog lamps;
- Front and rear splash guards and rear bumper protector;
- Chrome exhaust tip (dual chrome exhaust tips on V6 models);
- 3.5" LCD Multi-Information Display (MID);
- Optitron instrumentation featuring tachometer, water temperature and outside temperature gauges;



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The all-new Venza boasts excellent engine performance and sleek designs.

- 12-volt auxiliary power outlets (2 front, 1 rear);
 - Rear privacy glass;
 - Rear door with easy-close power function;
 - 8-way power adjustable drivers seat;
 - Tilt and telescopic steering wheel;
 - 60/40 split rear fold down seat with recline;
 - Power windows with auto up/down function and jam protection on all four doors;
 - Auto-dimming rearview mirror with compass;
 - Dual zone automatic climate control with air filter and rear seat heater ducts;
 - Interior chrome accents and door handles;
 - Cruise control;
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 - Tonneau cover;
 - Cargo area tie-down rings;
 - All-position vertically-adjustable headrests;
 - Active front seat head rests;
 - 7 airbags including driver knee airbag;
- Venza 4-cylinder models come standard-equipped with 19-inch aluminum

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alloy wheels, while Venza V6 models come standard-equipped with 20-inch aluminum alloy wheels and dual exhaust. All Venza models offer an available Leather Package, featuring leather

seat surfaces with heated front seats. Venza also offers innovative features sure to please Canadian drivers looking for the ultimate in driving refinement. Many are new to the Toyota line up and add new levels of fresh-thinking innovation to the vehicle.

Available features include:

- High intensity discharge headlamps with an Automatic High Beam feature: detects oncoming vehicles and automatically switches the headlamps from high- to low-beam;
 - JBL Synthesis audio system with DVD-based navigation: system now supports voice commands in English, French or Spanish, and offers XM(R) NavTraffic capability (XM(R) NavTraffic services are geographically restricted and subscription is required at additional cost. See dealer for details);
 - Panoramic roof with power tilt/slide function: includes a separate fixed glass panel over the rear seats.
- Available on the Venza 4-cylinder AWD model is the Premium Package, featuring:
- Leather seats and simulated interior door trim, featuring leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob;
 - Heated front seats;
 - 4-way power adjustable front passenger seat;
 - Satin mahogany woodgrain-style interior trim;

• Power rear door with jam protection;

• Backup camera with 3.5" Thin-Film Transistor (TFT) multi-information display with customizable font size and language (English, French and Spanish);

• Panoramic roof with power tilt-slide function and a separate fixed glass panel over the rear seats.

Venza V6 FWD and AWD models offer Canadians an available Premium Package, featuring:

• Power rear door with jam protection;

• Backup camera with 3.5" Thin-Film Transistor (TFT) multi-information display with customizable font size and language (English, French and Spanish);

• Panoramic roof with power tilt-slide function and a separate fixed glass panel over the rear seats;

• Anti-theft system.

Finally, the Venza V6 AWD adds an available Touring Package, offering the Premium Package features, plus:

• Leather seats and simulated interior door trim, featuring leather wrapped steering wheel and shift knob;

• Heated front seats;

• 4-way power adjustable front passenger seat;

• Satin mahogany woodgrain-style interior trim;

• Smart Key system and push button start;

• Auto-levelling High-Intensity Discharge (HID) headlamps with the Automatic High Beam system;

• Chrome-accented exterior door handles.

An available Navigation and JBL Package adds to the Touring Package with:

• JBL Synthesis audio system with 13-speakers;

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• Bluetooth capability with wireless MP3 connection.

The 2009 Toyota Venza is available in dealerships now (V6 models only).

With the choice of a 4-cylinder or V6 engine, both with starting prices below \$30,000, Toyota adds value as a key chapter of the Venza story. The Venza carries an attractive starting Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of just \$28,720, while the Venza AWD model starts at \$29,720. The Venza V6 starts at \$29,970 and the Venza V6 AWD starts at \$31,420.

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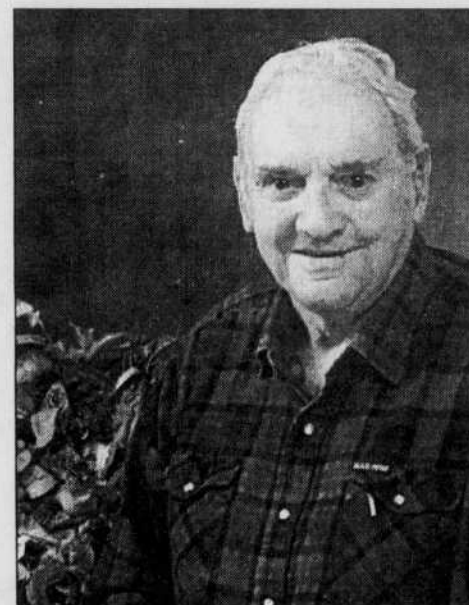
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ROLAND PAGE

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Death



FOSTER, Eric (1918-2009) - At the Centre d'Accueil Cowansville, January 15, 2009, at the age of 90 years, Mr. Eric Foster, husband of the late Bernadette Bissonnette of Brome. Survived by his children Lionel (Rose Doiron), Randall, Muriel (Robert Watson), Maureen (late Stanley Ashton), Wesley (Brenda Wilson), the late Susan, Elaine (Wayne Meyer), Donna, Eric Jr.; his 22 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; his brother and sisters Shirley, Steve, Betty, Eileen. Also survived by many other relatives and friends. The family wishes to thank Dr. Lalla for his kindness at this difficult time, the staff at Knowlbanks for their help and genuine caring, as well as the staff at the Centre d'accueil Cowansville for the special attention given during his stay. Cremation was held in Granby at the Jardins Funéraires Bessette crematorium. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at St. John's Anglican Church in Brome at 2 p.m. Family will receive condolences, Thursday, day of the funeral, from 1 p.m. directly at the church. Interment at the Brome Cemetery at a later date. Funeral arrangements: Les Résidences Funéraires Bessette, 5034 Foster, Waterloo, Tel: 450-539-1606 or 1-888-730-6666, Fax: 450-539-3035, www.familiebessette.com.

A Brief History of All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham, Quebec. 1808 - 2008

Two hundred years have passed since the work of the Church of England was established in the township of Dunham.

The first rector, Charles Caleb Cotton, came to Dunham in March of 1808. For two years he boarded at the home of Andrew TenEyck in a two-room house where he lived with eight others. While boarding with the TenEyck's, Priest Cotton held services in their home, in Squire Stones's house, in a Union Church, and in the Free School; these latter two being at Chapel Corner, Dunham. When Priest Cotton first came to Dunham, an acre of land was donated (where the present church now stands) with the hope of building a church with a burial ground for all denominations. It took time, but a committee was formed and on September 26, 1821 the new church was opened with Rev. Micajah Townsend preaching sermons. This first All Saints Church was a large building, fifty by forty feet, and capable of seating 390 people. Priest Cotton was rector of All Saints Church for forty years.

As time went on, dreams and hopes to replace the first All Saints Church (an ill arranged and unsightly structure) were talked about. It was not until Rev. Joseph Scott was inducted that a building committee was formed. The new church was constructed of stone, plain and simple in style, at a cost of 1000 pounds.

Box pews and a furnace were installed, fences and horse shed were built and a tower erected. A little pipe organ was presented by William Baker, and a set of Communion Service was bought at a price of five shilling, ten pence. The total cost of the structure was 1100 pounds.

All Saints was opened for worship in 1849 and was consecrated by Bishop Fulford in 1851, along with the old burial ground.

During Rev. Scott's Ministry, a parochial Sewing Society was organized. Over the years, this organization has made many contributions toward the church building and its upkeep. In 1866 they gave money toward the building of the spire, and later to buy the new bell, and then the slate roof. At the turn of the century they contributed toward replaced the old box pews with the present oak ones. In 1899, the Parochial Sewing Society became the Ladies Guild and this dedicated group continued to play a very important part in the life of the parish with many contributions to its present day upkeep. To mark the 200th anniversary, the Ladies Guild has arranged to have the church kneeler upholstered.

Following is a list of the rectors of All Saints Church up to the present time.

- The Rev. Charles Caleb Cotton 1808 - 1849
- The Rev. Archdeacon Joseph Scott 1849-1865
- The Rev. John Godden 1866-1872
- The Rev. William Henderson 1872 - 1878
- The Rev. R.D. Mills 1878-1879
- The Rev. George Forneret 1879 - 1881
- The Rev. John Ker 1881- 1889
- The rev. George Johnson 1889- 1893
- The Rev. N.A. Bourne 1893 - 1899
- The Rev. Henry Plaisted 1899 -1916
- The Rev. Herbert Coffin 1916 - 1941
- The Rev. Thomas Millman 1941 - 1949
- The Rev. G. Basil Jones 1949 - 1950
- The Rev. G.N. Standish 1950 - 1954
- The Rev. Fred Beal 1954 - 1956
- The Rev. H.J. Isaacs 1957 - 1959
- The Rev. M.F. Cutts 1960 - 1963

- The Rev. Richard Toase 1964 - 1978
- The Rev. Ivor Patterson 1978 - 1984
- The Rev. Mary Irwin Gibson 1984 - 1991
- The Rev. Andrew Sandilands 1991 - 1994
- The Rev. Arnold Godsoe 1994 - 2004
- The Ven. J. Wallace Sparling 2004 - 2006
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Former nurse turned artist expresses tenderness

Vernissage set for February 7th

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Artist Suzanne Molleur seeks to express tenderness in her mixed medium paintings; she finds this tenderness in the faces of women of African descent. "To me painting is all about expression and communication. In my art I want to express pride, joy, tenderness, hope, serenity, solitude and love," said Molleur.

"These sentiments can be expressed with a gesture, with a posture and a look. It really is true that a look is worth a thousand words. I have been painting for

about twenty years, and almost exclusively for the last seven years. To me the faces of black women, many, I am told, typical of the African country of Senegal, contain the emotions that I wish to express, particularly tenderness and pride."

With a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing Science, Molleur worked for many years in hospital administration. But following her passion for art, she returned to study design, art history and sculpture at the University of Quebec at Montreal and Bishop's University.

Molleur now works from her studio in Bedford. She held the position of provisional counsel for ARC the artist and artisans cooperative in Brome-Missisquoi in 2002 and as the co-op's administrative counsel in 2004. She is a member of RAAV Regroupement des Artistes en Arts Visuels du Quebec and Boréart in Granby.

"When doing the portraits I don't use photographs or models. I paint from my imagination, I invent these women, they come from my view of the world. I find their expressions, the images, within myself," said Molleur.

"I love muted colours, I work with ink and acrylic, mixing to achieve the effects I seek."

She has won a number of prizes including the public prize at Art Contemporain in Montebello in 2005 and a Silver Medal in 2003 at Centre d'Art in St. Jean. Her paintings are on permanent display at Arte-Bella on Crescent Street in Montreal, Galerie Viell'Art in Alma and the Farfelu Gallery in Sutton. Molleur has been a yearly exhibitor at Frelighsburg's Festiv'Art since 1996. She's also taken part in numerous symposiums and group shows.

Her choice of subject has earned Molleur a certain prestige in the black community and she was invited to take part in the Montreal's Rallye-Expo Africain for



Black History Month last February.

"I was very pleased to be invited into this group show. I received very positive comments and it encouraged me."

This year, the Missisquoi Historical Society invited Molleur to help them commemorate Black History Month, taking place every February in the U.S and Canada to remember the events and people in the history and present of the African Diaspora.

"Suzanne's paintings will be on display at the Missisquoi Museum for a week, we're holding the vernissage the same night we show the important film *The Descendant*, another way we are marking Black History Month," said Judy Antle, archivist.

"Her paintings pay homage to African American women, she treats her subjects delicately with real respect. We're delighted to be able to show her work to the public here."

The vernissage of Suzanne Molleur's art takes place at the Missisquoi Historical Society, 2 River St. Stanbridge East, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 7th, followed by Philippe Spurrell's film *The Descendant* in English, at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall, 20 Academy, Stanbridge East. Tickets for the film are \$9. The art exhibit continues until February 15th.



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Painting (above) by Bedford artist Suzanne Molleur (top-right).

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