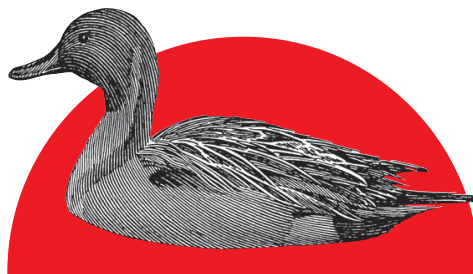


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Local teenagers win international dance competition

'Teenagers' hip-hopped to gold in Las Vegas

By Ann Davidson

The five-member dance troupe called "Teenagers" from the dance school, Tendance Dance Studio out of Granby soared to the podium with a gold in the junior division at the 15th annual International Hip-Hop competition in Las Vegas in August after a rousing and energetic dance routine.

The team has been working out together since September 2015. Their effort paid off in a defining moment when in June 2016 they qualified at the national competition to represent Canada at the world championships in Las Vegas. While most audiences were glued to the Rio Olympics coverage of the world's top

athletes, few were aware of the competition happening amongst the world's top dancers. One of the members explained that it didn't matter because their competition felt just like they were at the Olympics in consideration that 50 countries were being represented by dancers, and opening ceremonies were similar to the Olympics with dancers proudly flying the national flags as they entered the arena. And the winners are expected to stand on the podium to receive their medals while the national anthem of first place is played, à la Olympics-style.

On the Canadians' heels in second place was J.B. Star Varsity from Japan while New Zealand's The Bradas took bronze.

The celebrated seven-day event that is responsible for MTV's "America's Best



COURTESY

Left to right: West Bolton resident Alison Frendo and her teammates, Coralie Dubois, Kiliannne Rufiange, Isanne Fleury, and Alexia Hébert.

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KLF president excited about guest lineup

By Ann Davidson

As the Knowlton Literary Association gears up for the seventh annual celebration of work written in the English language by local and out-of-town authors, president Philip Lanthier is thrilled with the lineup of guest speakers who will be in attendance for the weekend event on Octobers 13 to 17 inclusive.

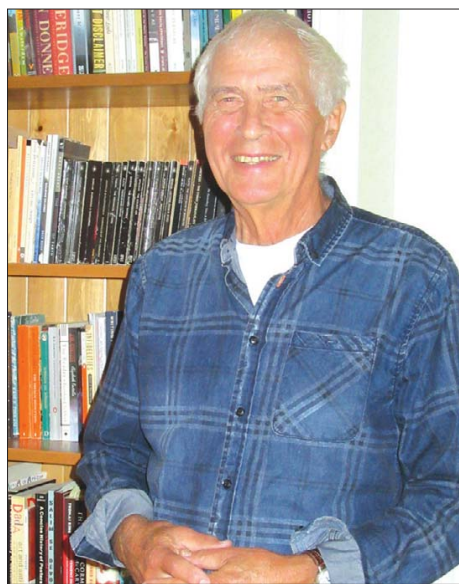
Acclaimed as one of the best literary festivals in the country during a season when autumn foliage and rural vistas are a premium to the experience, the organizing committee is inviting everyone to join them. With a mission to involve the community in celebrating written works, the organization strives to foster verbal creativity through workshops for people of all ages and backgrounds. It also actively supports the Yamaska Literary Council that offers services to indi-

viduals seeking to expand their reading skills.

Over the five days, the festival will feature the 12 guest authors, kicking off the event with a special screening at the TBL Community Centre of film director Brian D. Johnson's documentary, "Al Purdy Was Here," the portrait of an artist driven to become a great Canadian poet, despite the lifestyle he endured at a time when the category barely existed. Known to be "a charismatic tower of contradictions: a sensitive man who whips out a poem in a bar fight; a factory worker who finds grace in an Arctic flower; a mentor to young writers who remained a stranger to his sons, Purdy has been called the last, best, and most Canadian poet".

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September 14

Bingo every Wednesday at the Sutton Legion 2 Curley Street, Sutton. Jackpot of \$200 or more. Starts at 6:30 p.m. Bring your friends and lucky charms. Information: 450-538-2864.

September 16

Social night every Friday at the Sutton Legion 2 Curley Street, Sutton. Come play cribbage and bridge. Donation of \$2. Come and have fun.

September 16 and 17

Knowlton Players presents: Try To Remember....A 25th anniversary celebration. All are welcome to this musical comedy show that takes us back through some of your favourite songs, scenes and dances from our theatre troupe's past. It's at Theatre Lac Brome, September 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. Call 450-242-2510 for tickets and info. Please come and party with us!

September 17

The Mental Health & Well-Being Support Group. Please note: Saturday September 17 meeting is cancelled. Please come see us at Townshippers' Day at the Brome Fairgrounds. For information Linda: 450-243-0928 or pleasantvalley001@gmail.com

September 17

37th annual Townshippers' Day, Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Brome Fairgrounds, 345 Stagecoach Road. Celebrate the English-speaking community, rain or shine, with 10 entertainers, 90 artisans and exhibitors, silent auction, activities, food, historical tours and more. Thank you for leaving your pets at home. Parking \$2. Details: TDay.ca, 1-877-242-4421.

September 17

An old-fashioned chicken and biscuits supper at St. James Parish Hall, 40 rue du Pont, Bedford, September 17, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The menu includes chicken and biscuits, mashed potato, peas and carrots, coleslaw, assorted pies, tea, coffee. Tickets: adult, \$12; child under 12, \$6. For tickets call 450-248-7281, or pay at the door. Information: 450-248-7319. Everyone is welcome!

September 17

Dancing party for CIBC Run for the

Cure. Live music of the 50s, 60s, 70s and today. September 17 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Mont Sutton chalet, Sutton. Door prizes, silent auction, bar, dancing and fun. Info and tickets CIBC 450-534-3331, 450-243-6115 or 450-538-2234.

September 18

All you can eat brunch will be hosted at the Sutton Legion. Eggs your way (omelettes are our specialty). Donation \$8 for adults, children 6 to 8 yrs \$4, and little ones are always free. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. 2 Curly Street, Sutton. Information: 450-538-2210.

September 18

Join us at 7 p.m. on Sunday September 18, for **"Hymn Sing"** at St. James Anglican Church, 725 Lakeside, Foster. Those present choose the songs we sing so if you love to sing and make a joyful noise, this is the place to be. Everyone is welcome and we invite you to join us for refreshments afterwards in the hall.

September 18

Soup luncheon at Memorial Hall 20 Academy Street, Stanbridge East. Fundraiser for Maple Leaf Chapter No. 2 Order of the Eastern Star on Sunday, September 18 from noon to 2 p.m. Donation \$8. Luncheon includes homemade bread, tea or coffee. Bake sale table - proceeds go to Butler Elementary School breakfast program. Also, it is the Apple Pie Festival in the village. Come for lunch then to the festival for apple pie. An enjoyable day for all!

September 18

St. Paul's in concert Yves G. Préfontaine, Organist on Sunday, September 18 at 4 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church 24 St. Paul Road, Knowlton. A freewill offering (\$10 suggested) will be received benefiting a local charitable project.

September 23

All Saint's Church Main Street, Dunham. Popular **"meatballs" dinner** is back on Friday September 23 at 6 p.m. Donation \$16. BYOB. Bring your friends and enjoy a delicious meal. Reservations: Peter Riordon 450-538-4306 or Claire Hobbs 450-295-4349.

September 23 and 24

Brome Hall rummage sale - 330 Stagecoach Road, Brome on Friday, September 23 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, September 24 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Doors open for donations Monday, September 19 and Friday, September 23. Information: 450-242-1085, 450-522-6443, 450-243-5742.

October 1

Township Toddlers annual benefit Saturday, October 1 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Roast beef and pork BBQ. \$12/person, \$8 for 12 yrs and 6 yrs and under free. Auction (arts/crafts) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Dance with Smokin Country from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$5/person. Salle des Chevaliers de Colomb 224, rue Christophe Colomb, Cowansville 450-263-5080. Reservations (Ross) 450-266-1716.

October 2

Walk for Women's Cancers organized by the Yamaska Valley Optimist Club, a fundraiser to purchase equipment for the Oncology unit at BMP Hospital in Cowansville, QC., will take place on October 2, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ville de Lac Brome Community Centre, 270 Victoria, Lac Brome. Walkers have a choice of a 5k or 10k path, leaving Ville de Lac Brome Community Centre (270 Victoria) at 9:30 a.m. BBQ lunch and prizes. A great family activity! Registration at 8 a.m. Minimum contribution or donation of \$20 requested. Walkers are encouraged to collect extra donations. Info: 450-243-5317 or 450-777-9172 or www.bmpfoundation.ca.

October 12

Fall soup luncheon sponsored by Parish of Brome will be held on October 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Church of the Ascension, West Brome. Admission \$7. includes soup, crusty bread, dessert, and coffee or tea.

CHURCH BULLETINS

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BEDFORD PASTORAL CHARGE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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CALVARY UNITED CHURCH SUTTON

A warm welcome awaits you at our Sunday worship service in Sutton at Grace Anglican Church at 9 a.m. followed by a coffee hour at 10 a.m. in the church hall. Information: 450-538-0530.

COWANSVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Cowansville Community Baptist Church meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m., 137 rue John, Cowansville. Everyone is welcome.

CREEK/WATERLOO PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday, September 18 - worship and music: Bring a friend to church! Creek United, 278 Brill Road, West Bolton, service and Sunday school at 9 a.m.; St. Paul's United, 4929 Foster, Waterloo, service at 10:30 a.m. Reverend Dave Lambie, minister. For information or to leave a message call: 450-539-2129.

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Pelletier seeks more access to water activities at Brome Lake

An invitation to take in a rowing demonstration and tour by non-motorized watercraft

By Ann Davidson

At the September TBL council meeting, resident Marc Pelletier asked council why the town has no on water activities at Douglass Beach. Pelletier, an avid outdoorsman and founder of the community based walking club "Amis des sentiers," proposed to the town that he would be willing to take responsibility for getting started with developing activities from Douglass Beach with non-motorized watercraft.

"I want to start another grassroots project that will allow residents greater access and participation to the lake because, after all, the lake is at the heart of the community's villages surrounding it."

I am trying to do what I did with Amis des Sentiers by starting slowly. I'd like to attract people who have a sport that is linked to the lake. I am looking to get a group together to brainstorm about what we can do to increase these kinds of activities on the lake.

As a lure to attract interest to local residents living in the town's seven villages, Pelletier, on his own volition, has personally lined up Gavin McKay, a highly accredited coach of the rowing team operating from the marina, to give a demonstration on Thursday, September 15 at Douglass Beach. Pelletier is inviting people to bring their kayaks, canoes, SUPs so that they can take a tour to Trestle Cove at 5 p.m. to go on a 20-minute. He has emphasized that this not a town-sponsored event.

Pelletier and friend Michael Kaloury spoke about the lake being the heart of the seven villages within TBL and say that so little of it is being used. When the town reported that the experiment to have a rental service for kayaks had failed, both said that it was unaffordable for most families. To go out for a period of two hours with just two people it would amount to \$80. They say that there is nowhere easy to launch privately owned boats and think it possible for the town to have a few racks to provide storage and easy access to owners who do not live by the lake. Pelletier sees the number of things that can be done on the lake during the summer as well as winter (ice fishing, kite-skiing, X-country skiing, skating). Pelletier wants to see activities that are environmentally friendly and navigable in shallow water that is characteristic of much of Brome Lake.

Kaloury feels that Douglass Beach could be used by residents a lot more. It could serve as the town's outdoor community centre. "For example, weekly outdoor concerts could be held here at the beach, or like at the community centre, people wanting to run programs like Tai chi or yoga or dance, maybe even crafts, could apply to the TBL Community Services and offer them as outdoor activities based at the public venue located on Lakeside Rd.

Because of space restrictions, there would be a limited number of watercraft that might be stored at the beach. In terms of safety, Pelletier underlines that



ANN DAVIDSON

Marc Pelletier sees Douglass Beach as more than simply a beach to go swimming and have a picnic. He is inviting people to join him with their canoes, kayaks or SUPs (stand up paddle boards) to take a tour to Trestle Cove and to hear Gavin McKay, lauded coach of a national training program for rowers, while he provides a demonstration on rowing. Thursday, September 15 at 5 p.m.

it is always safer to participate in these outdoor activities when there is more than one person involved. "Whether on water or on ice we will be as a group with several people around to give a

gency calls."

Anyone interested in getting involved with Pelletier's project can contact him at 450-243-6677 or e-mail at: marcpelletier@live.com.

Church Bulletins

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ing and serving Jesus in the Eastern Townships. Please note that there will one blended service at 9:30 a.m. on September 4 returning to our regular 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services (traditional, contemporary and modern music and format) on September 11. Please check out our new website: www.stpaulsknowlton.ca. Messy Church every third Wednesday of the month starting September 21!

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

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LETTERS

A necessary expense?

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to bring attention to the Town of Brome Lake's Public Notice published in the Brome County News on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 page 11. The town will be holding a referendum on borrowing \$635,000 to construct footbridges and paths. Anyone opposed to this must vote at the town hall, 122 Lakeside Road on Wednesday, September 14 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The notice states; "The number of requests that is required in order for a referendum poll to be held regarding By-law 2016-03 is 500. Failing such number, this by-law shall be deemed to have been approved by the persons qualified to vote."

Is this a necessary expenditure?

JACK LEMAIRE
Town of Brome Lake

Using our lake – Douglass Beach

DEAR EDITOR:

There is still plenty of fun to be had on water as one can judge from the full parking lot last weekend at Douglass Beach. Our lake is the heart and soul of the town and that beach is the only good and safe access for residents and visitors alike. The picnic tables, washrooms, grass, and flowers are there for us.

Yes, sticking out sometimes as a sore thumb, are the aquatic plants on the shoreline and the even sandy part. But that should not stop us from benefiting from our great resource year-round. Let

us therefore plan activities and have fun together.

A proposed activity: The clean and warmish water encourages us to use it. Let's use the opportunity to paddle and explore areas close by. Join me this Thursday evening (15th) at 5 p.m., with your "craft" (canoe, kayak, or board) and life jackets to go out and discover. What do you think? Have you ever paddled to Trestle Cove, a wonderful serene spot 20 minutes away? See you Thursday!

Best regards

MARC PELLETIER
Lac-Brome

Are TBL residents for, or against, the Douglass Beach-Foster path (Part 2)

DEAR EDITOR:

This is a continuation of my letter in last week's BCN, written to refresh residents on the history of the path and to help TBL readers make up their minds about whether or not to sign the register this Wednesday (Sept. 14) at Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Signing would indicate you are opposed to TBL borrowing \$635,000 'for building footbridges connecting sections of Quilliams path and development of said path.')

Some early history of the path

In 1991, TBL accepted the old CPR railroad bed to serve as a recreational path. Most of the bridges had been removed and needed replacing. Map #1 shows one contractor's plan for new bridges over the Quilliams.

In 1995 a project to build five bridges, two floating docks, 14 vehicle barriers and a graded, gravel surface, seven-km long and eight-ft. wide from Douglass Beach to Foster, costing \$596,000, was turned down by 60 per cent of those voting in the ensuing referendum.

Sutton Township's suggestion for a Foster-Sutton bicycle path

In 1996, TBL council was asked to consider a proposal for a bicycle path between Foster and Sutton passing through the center of Knowlton.

The route:

- Foster to Argyll Rd. - railroad bed
- Argyll Rd. to Douglass Beach - unidirectional cycling strips (on Lakeside)
- Douglass Beach to Victoria St - exist-

ing path

Victoria St. to Moffat Rd. - designated path on Victoria; then along Route 104; with left turn on Moffat Rd.

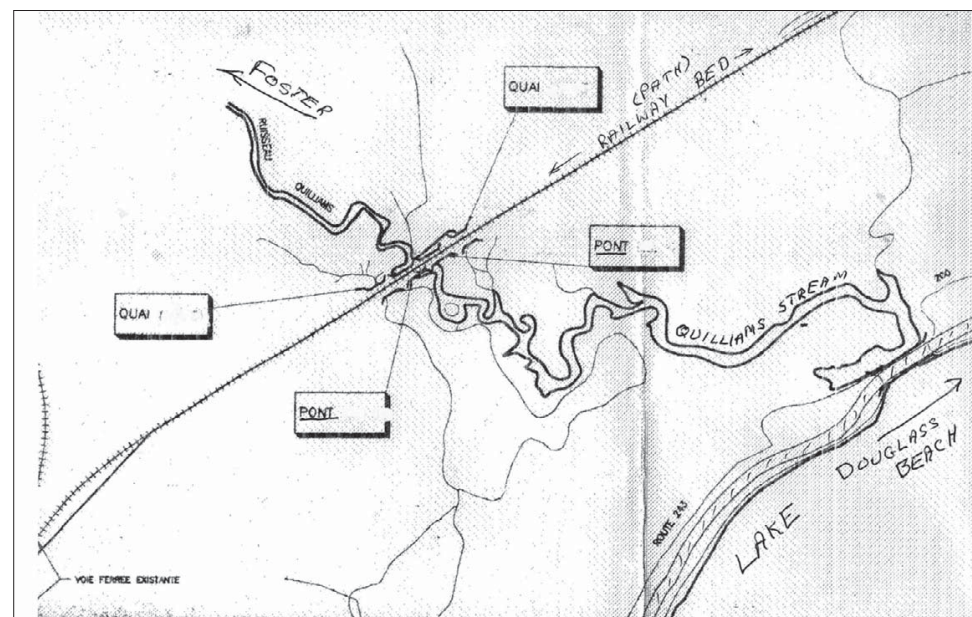
Moffat Rd. to Sutton - via railway bed, back roads and Route 215

Route Verte countered in 1997 with a more acceptable north-south route, starting in Bromont on Brome Road and continuing to Sutton and beyond (with an exit on Mill St. to Knowlton).

Reflections on TBL's lack of progress in completing the path

Since the railroad bed was acquired, eight TBL councils have been involved in the path project, most of whom have seemed to operate on the path file without the benefit of any 'corporate memory' as to what had passed before. Progress has foundered due to: (1) poor planning (partly, in my opinion, as a result of unclear objectives), (2) disapproval of adversely affected residents, (3) the high cost of replacing bridges, leading to resident rejection of projects, causing council to withdraw them, (4) poor communication with residents.

While progress has been tortuous, 25 years later parts of the path are currently being enjoyed. Since the early days, the path from Route 243 to Quilliams Stream has been maintained by the town for walkers. Then in 2001, the town committee of resident volunteers (who earlier had created the Coldbrook path) started work, with the help of public works, to prepare the section of the railroad bed from Douglass Beach to



One contractor's solution for bridges over the Quilliams stream.

Trestle Cove (see Map #2).

All went well until the team reached Trestle Cove. A high trestle bridge for trains had been removed, leaving two 100-ft. crossings over the water to be bridged. Estimates were obtained for two low-level aluminum bridges at a total cost of \$25,000. There were two problems with this solution, however: (1) the path would not have then been suitable for bicyclists due to steps leading to and from the top of the island, and (2) lake access to the property behind the island was required. The only solution, assuming that these obstacles could not be overcome, was a high trestle bridge esti-

mated to cost \$1 million. At this point, work to prolong this section of the path stopped, leaving the remainder of the railroad bed to Route 243 unfinished and basically unused. It is worth noting, however, there was definite unhappiness on the part of Lakeside property owners when the path was continued across their lawns (and sometimes through their badminton courts).

Issues requiring resolution

Failure to develop the path on the railroad bed has been due, in my view, to an apparent reluctance (or inability) on the part of TBL councils to settle the difficult issues that have appeared. These include:

- The purpose of the path (recreational use by residents and their guests only? Or should it also serve as a conduit for heavy traffic of outsider bicyclists passing through from north to south?) One categorical decision was 'no motorized vehicles'; however, no patrollers were ever assigned to enforce it, even though it was often violated. In September 1995 council even granted the Wa-

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Penny's 'A Great Reckoning' No. 1 on New York Times Best Sellers' list

Three Pines author ecstatic with the reviews

By Ann Davidson

Louise Penny, author of the Detective Gamache murder mysteries that have captivated readers worldwide has just returned home from a ten-day, whirlwind, promotional tour in the United States for her recently released book "A Great Reckoning." She is clearly overjoyed and giddy at having made No.1 on the New York Times Best Sellers list and the Globe and Mail. It is also No. 1 on eBooks and audio and the beloved TBL author gleaned positive responses everywhere she has stopped on her way.

New York Times calls Penny's twelfth novel "disquieting...powerful...artful" while the Washington Post refers to it as "Deep and grand and altogether extraordinary...Miraculous." and USA Today's lead in its "New and Noteworthy" section touts it as "one of the hottest books on sale this week." From suspenseful, to superb and chilling, to splendid and lyrical, Penny continues to storm the literary world with her murder mystery

series. She admits she is in love with Detective Armand Gamache and has, no doubt become the reigning monarch of Three Pines village, in fiction and in life. Penny has dubbed Knowlton as the official Three Pines Friendly village. The Seattle Times says of Penny that, "Her work is rich with luminous prose, complex but uncluttered plots, and profound compassion," and the Charlotte Observer calls it "nothing short of addictive." The Kirkus review speaks about "A Great Reckoning" as a chilling story that's also filled with hope."

Penny wants her readers to realize that this is not simply about morbidity and tragedy so much as it is about life and love and the choices people make.

In this book Armand Gamache receives an intricate old map from villagers who found it stashed in the walls of the bistro in Three Pines. It eventually "leads him to shattering secrets in a place the former chief of homicide for the Sûreté du Québec to places even he is afraid to go. He finds four young

cadets and a deceased professor." One of the cadets, Amelia Choquet, bedecked with tattoos and piercings and with a guarded and angry personality, was a protégé of the murdered professor.

Whetting the palates for her readers, Penny says that the "focus of the investigation soon turns to Gamache himself and his mysterious relationship with Amelia and pointing to his possible involvement in the crime. The frantic search for answers takes the investigators back to Three Pines and a stained glass window with its own horrific secrets. The time has come for a great reckoning. There is so much more to this book."

The popularity of her books keeps snowballing. They are available worldwide in myriad languages. Penny's readers admit their addiction and before the thirteenth edition of her ongoing series is even complete, they are clambering with anticipation for it to be ready for them to devour.



COURTESY

Louise Penny, author of the Detective Gamache murder mystery series, has just returned home from a ten-day promotional tour for her recently released "A Great Reckoning." The TBL resident is ecstatic with the reviews she has received for this, her twelfth novel.

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Are TBL residents for, or against, the Douglass Beach-Foster path (Part 2)

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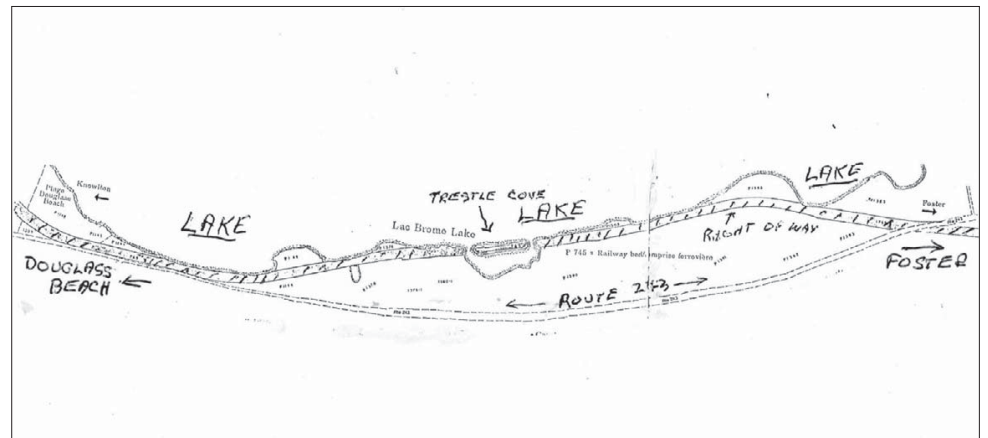
terloo Club de Motoneige a 1,000-foot right of way on part of the railroad bed in Foster where snowmobiles have apparently been a perennial problem.

•An issue associated with the projected use of the path by bicyclists (local or outsiders) is the cost of a bridge (or bridges) allowing passage over Trestle Cove (see map #2). It is conceivable that an ingenious plan with low-level bridges would allow walkers to cross up and down the island and still permit water access to the property behind it. This would save most of the \$1 million required to build a trestle bridge over the island — but bicyclists would be 'out of luck.'

• How to deal with the opposition to public use of the path by owners of property on Route 243 (Lakeside) where the railroad bed passes between their residence and the lake.

• How to provide a corridor for bicycle associations like Route Verte who wish their members to pass through TBL territory, resulting in heavy bicycle traffic and extra costs.

My conclusion



A view of the right-of-way from Douglass Beach to Route 243 demonstrating the need for a way over Trestle Island.

After working through this analysis, my conclusion is that the project to complete the bridge across the Quilliams stream should be allowed to proceed since it is necessary for the path to be of any value. Consequently, I will not be signing the register on September 14 at town hall. I will, however, continue to have concerns about a project to spend \$1 million for the bridge at Trestle Cove,

should this be proposed by the town without a credible feasibility study which addresses the above concerns, outlines the costs and benefits which justify it, and facilitates informed public discussion.

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Fresh start at Heroes' Memorial

By Louise Smith

The new school year began on Wednesday, August 31 for all students attending the Eastern Townships School Board. There is always a special energy that surrounds a new school year.

Liane Flynn, a grade two home room teacher, who also teaches math in the grade one and the grade one-two, had rearranged her classroom to make it more spacious and inviting. She loves the "fresh start" feeling that comes with day one of school. Mary Ann Murphy, the school secretary, has the smiling faces of children happy to be at school as her

favourite part of the return to school. Michelle Beaulne was at Waterloo Elementary last year and she is here this year in the grade one-two class. All the staff was ready to welcome the students in the school yard. Melissa Carter was there to get photos already preparing for the year end slide show!

Many parents were with their children for that first morning. Students, staff, and parents all had smiling faces. For some parents and students the summer seemed too short, but for others it was too long. Heroes' Memorial is like a second home to many. And so a new year begins!



Mary Ann Murphy, the school secretary, and Anne Stairs, the principal, were smiling and ready to welcome everyone back.



Above: Parents and students gathered on the first day and Mrs. Murphy was there to wave at them, welcoming them back.

Right: Liane Flynn was ready with a newly organized classroom to welcome her new and returning students.

Left: Melissa Carter, the grade three-four teacher, was ready to capture smiles the first day of school.



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Massey-Vanier ‘re-energized’ for the new school year

By Louise Smith

Not only at the elementary schools, but at Massey-Vanier too, the first day is one of smiles and a fresh start. Marty Roberts, a Cycle One teacher, was echoing how the first day is always a fresh start. He said that last year ended on a good note and he was optimistic that the re-energized school with new teachers and returning teachers, new students and returning students, would continue on this positive path.

Some former Heroes’ Memorial students were in the Cycle One area contemplating the start of a new stage in their education. They found the building bigger and were both excited and anxious about following a nine-day schedule.

Vivian Beaulac and Joshua Desrosiers are entering Secondary Four. Vivian can’t believe there are only two years left to go at Massey-Vanier. She wants to study to be a teacher when she leaves. Joshua is following all advanced courses this year. When he finishes M-V, he will go to British Columbia to do a grade 12. He hopes to go into either aerospace or mining engineering.

Anthony Noiseux is in his final year at Massey-Vanier. He has been into sports heavily during and since his days at He-



Julie Edwards, principal of Massey-Vanier, happily shows off the welcome sign for all on Day One.

roes’ Memorial. He is happy and can’t wait for sports to begin. He is into soccer and basketball and hopes that volleyball will be offered this year. He is contemplating going into video game design in his future.

The administrative team is made up again of Julie Edwards, Dave Scott, and Petra Bardon. They were all smiles on Day One, ready to welcome the students.



Former Heroes’ Memorial students contemplate the changes on their first day in the high school.



Dave Scott and Petra Bardon are the vice principals at M-V again this year.

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Avante Fall Newsletter

Barbara Bellingham
Program Director
Avante Women's Centre

Avante is back in action! After a quiet, but steady summer of creating, planning, and making contacts, we have some exciting events and activities coming up.

Avante's fall 'kick-off'

We are pleased to report that a record number of 64 women attended our first event of the season when we announced our new fall programming! Along with a delicious spaghetti supper, we were enlightened by two guest speakers, Camille Beland from La Phare, and Barbara Jack from the CHSSN. Camille spoke about a new program in English called Zoo Therapy, and is looking for participants. Please call 450-266-3464 for more information. Barbara Jack is offering assistance to anyone with issues about accessing health care services in English. She can be reached at 450-522-1184.

It's also time to renew memberships and a great time to join. A \$5 annual membership fee entitles you to advance notice and reminders for all our activities, as well as personal invitations to special events. In support of Avante's mission, the Pizzeria in Bedford and the Café Florale in Knowlton offer a 15 per cent discount to card holders.

Our new fall newsletter has been sent by mail to last year's members, so if you don't receive it within the next few days, please get in touch with the centre at 450-248-0530.

Take Back the Night

The Coalition of Women's groups from Haute Yamaska and Brome Missisquoi invites you to a rally to demonstrate our commitment towards the fight against sexual violence. "Take Back the Night" is a commemorative walk, raising awareness of the efforts being made to end all forms of sexual violence. This year's theme is, "We Believe You." We understand that speaking out is a big hurdle for assault victims. To help them regain power over their lives, we must give them choices, offer them adequate support, and actively listen to them. A two-kilometer walk is planned and will start at Parc Davignon in Cowansville (215 Place Municipale) at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome, rain or shine, we walk! Carpooling is available from Avante. Please call the centre for more info (450-248-0530).

September Activities

Activities at Avante start with a "DIY" class with Barb on Tuesday, September 20, from 6-8 p.m. Member Terry Lynn Bourdages will be our guest instructor on how to paint on glass. A \$2 contribu-

tion would be appreciated, and there is a maximum participation of 12, so registration is required. Because of its popularity, a second class has been opened up on the following Wednesday, September 28, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., so there's now a choice between morning or evening.

Crystal is back on Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 6-8 p.m. to guide and assist with crocheting. If you have a project you need help with, or would like to learn, please join us, and bring a hook if you have one.

Thursday, September 22 is our monthly "Soup Café," from 12-1 p.m. Drop in and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup with some great company!

Nancy will be hosting a potluck supper on Tuesday, September 27, starting at 6 p.m., and on Thursday, September 29, Gayl will be here to help you with any kind of quilting or sewing project from 3-5 p.m.

Services

Barb will be going to Knowlton twice a month starting this fall, and will be available for information, assistance, private consultations, or just a friendly ear on the dates of our afternoon activities at the Lac Brome Community Centre. We have added "Health Matters Revisited" as our second monthly activity, which is a DVD presentation of videoconferences

concerning health issues, done before in Cowansville.

We would like to remind you that carpooling from Bedford to our activities in other municipalities is often available.

We would also like to remind you to bring your empty ink cartridges to the centre to help with the MIRA dog training program.

Avante Women's Centre has been operating since 1997 with the mandate to reach out to anglophone women in the Brome-Missisquoi area. Our services include monthly workshops and coffee breaks, popular education programs and special activities aimed at encouraging women to expand their limits of experience. In a largely rural community, Avante offers an opportunity to meet other women, and discuss issues that concern them, where they can feel comfortable socializing in their own language. We aim to assist English women reach their fullest potential, empowering themselves to become all they wish to be. Please drop in at 15 rue Du Pont, Bedford or call at 450-248-0530 to keep in touch with our services being offered. You can also visit our webpage - www.avantewomenscentre.org, or find us on Facebook.

Local teenagers win international dance competition

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"Dance Crew" drew 3,000 dancers and choreographers to Nevada. The prestigious event claims to adhere to the values of hip-hop culture. Hip-hoppers went to the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas to compete for the world title sponsored by Paul Mitchell Sports.

According to HHI, the organization has emerged as the world's largest and most respected street dance organization. With an international judging panel exercising a standard procedure the competition allows for a level playing field and the event serves to launch dancers into professional careers in entertainment. Cirque Du Soleil holds cast-

ing sessions during the championship each year and hires choreographers and dancers for its shows worldwide.

Clad in black T-shirts, khaki jackets, camouflage pants, and shining gold boots, the energetic young ladies killed their routine in front of 10,000 spectators and clearly won the approval of the judges who apply a standard procedure to evaluate the competition and thus allowing for a level playing field.

Twelve-year-old West Bolton resident Alison Frendo, who is one of the team, is no stranger to dance having taken up dancing at the age of four with lessons at the TBL Community Centre. From there she went on to Tendance in Granby

and more recently became a member of the Massey-Vanier dance concentration

program under TBL's Tamara Burcombe's supervision.

KLF president excited

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people in attendance as well as a dramatic lineup of notable authors from across Canada as well as from Maine this year," Lanthier said. "And we are thrilled to have our own Louise Penny, internationally acclaimed crime writer, as our honorary patron of the event."

Lanthier is also delighted with the number of notable guests who will be in attendance. Alexandre Trudeau, revered journalist and film maker and brother of Canada's Prime Minister will be on hand to speak about his first book "Barbarian Lost: Travels in the New China."

Strong in storytelling abilities, Trudeau will share insights on the current dynamic changes in China's society as well as the history of its codified society.

A special element is the annual writing workshop to be held at the Bishop's University Knowlton campus when Elizabeth Copeland, author of the award-winning novella, "Jazz" and other short stories will offer a two-part program called "Write Right Now...There Will Be Time Enough."

The organizing committee has made sure to have as many students capitalize on the event as possible. With the permission of Knowlton Academy Principal Renalee Gore, Sharon Jennings, creator of the popular Franklin series, is sure to captivate the youngsters Monday, October 17.

From humour to history and everything between, the organizers want to welcome visitors from the region to come and enjoy!

For more information on the loaded itinerary please refer to <http://www.knowltonliteraryfestival.ca/>.

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Meet 'Mary' as she begins a year in Canada at M-V

By Louise Smith

Mary will have an Italian "sister," Martina, who is attending Secondary Five on the French side of Massey-Vanier. Both girls will be staying with Sabrina Theberge, who is a former Heroes' Memorial and then Massey-Vanier student. She will be their host mother for the school year.

Mary apologized for her English, but it was really quite good. She had not had much time to go around the area yet, but her first impression of the Eastern Townships is that it is a very beautiful area. I am sure that she will have a good year and a wonderful cultural experience.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LOUISE SMITH

Mary will be attending M-V for a year from China. On Day One she came to school with her mom.

Mother Nature leaves her mark at Heroes' Memorial

By Louise Smith

Mother Nature put on quite the show on Saturday night, September 10. The nearly hour long storm started out with a quiet lightning display that soon turned into a full blown thunderstorm complete with loud bangs along with strong winds. The power flickered for many households and across the province thousands were without power for an extended period.

In the parking lot at the front of Heroes' Memorial

in Cowansville, on Rue Sud (South St.) half of one of the mature trees was sheered off in the storm and it came to rest across a large portion of the parking lot. Thankfully it was a time when no cars were parked in front of the building. None of the garden project initiated last spring was damaged.

This tree falling brought back memories of a few years ago when another tree fell in a storm and that time it rested on the building. This is a reminder that nature is always a force to be reckoned with.



Mother Nature shows her strength. Saturday night, half of a tree was downed in the storm, and it came to rest across the parking lot at Heroes' Memorial.

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Following a fire that occurred on July 16, and destroyed the Brome Lake Ducks processing plant and farm shop, 113 employees now find themselves without work.

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First by-law projects #146-2011-16-1 Urban Plan, #147-2011-16-1 Zoning, #149-2011-16 Construction, and #150-2011-16 Permits and Certificates in order to incorporate dispositions and to conform with the development plan of the MRC Brome-Missisquoi.

- 1. A public consultation meeting will be held on September 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at 330 Stagecoach, Brome, QC.
2. The by-law projects can be consulted at the municipal office located at 330 Stagecoach in Brome Village during regular office hours, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
3. The by-law projects do not contain dispositions susceptible to approval by referendum.
4. The by-law projects do not create new zones in the municipality of Brome Village.
5. The main objective is to adopt by-laws of concordance and conform to the development plan of the MRC Brome-Missisquoi.

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- 1. At the regular sitting of Council of September 6, 2016, By-law 2016-04 (By-law amending the Code of ethics and good conduct of elected municipal officials) was adopted.
2. The purpose of this by-law, whose draft version was presented at the August 1, 2016, sitting of Council presided by Mayor Burcombe, is to prohibit any member of the municipality's council from announcing at a political fundraising event, the realization of a project, the conclusion of a contract or the awarding of a grant by the municipality, unless a final decision on this project, contract or grant has been made by the competent authority of the municipality.
3. Any person may consult this by-law at town hall, located at 122 Lakeside Road, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.
4. This By-law comes into force in the manner provided for by Law.

Given at Brome Lake This September 13, 2016 Edwin John Sullivan, B. Sc. LL. B. Attorney Town Clerk

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Persons interested by this application are invited to attend this meeting and communicate their observations.

Application no. 321 4, Sugar Hill Road, lot 4 267 305, zone RF-11-M16, East Hill district.

Nature and effects of the application: Request to rebuild an agricultural building located at 3.51 metres from the front property line. Zoning By-Law number 596 requires a minimum front setback of 18 metres for this type of agricultural building.

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Card of Thanks

JOHNSON - I would like to thank all my family and friends who attended my early Birthday party on August 14, at the Waterloo Legion. This was to celebrate my 100th birthday on November 26. The party was given by my sons: Erwin (Jeannine), Allen (Betty), Wesley (Rose) and granddaughter Jennifer (Réjean). Also attending were my granddaughters - from Alberta: Linda Jones, Bonnie Kane, Elaine & Brien, from Montreal Linda & Steve. Thank you to all the friends and relatives from Waterloo, Mansonville, South Bolton, Sutton, Cowansville, Edmonton and other areas who attended, sent cards, brought flowers, and gifts as well as the many telephone calls afterwards. The best gift was to see all of you. Thank you to my family for all you have done over the years. Thank you to friends who brought food to help with the party and the Legion members who prepared and catered the party. Many thanks to all. Bless each and everyone.

ELVIA JOHNSON

No easy answers to Big Easy question

ASK MR. KNOW-IT-ALL
by Gary Clothier

Q: Where did the name “the Big Easy” come from, and how did it get applied to New Orleans? — M.Z., Torrance, California

A: The origin is somewhat obscure. Newspaper columnist Betty Guillard is credited with popularizing the name, which she said was created to favorably compare the laid-back pace of New Orleans to the fast pace of New York City.

Some sources say the name came about because of the rich musical heritage of New Orleans, where a good musician could make a living from performing. The name might have come about with reference to the ease with which a struggling musician could find work.

The relatively low cost of living in New Orleans, in comparison to many major United States cities, has also been suggested as the origin of the nickname. Musicians were not the only professionals who could easily find work in the city. Coupled with affordable housing and plenty of fresh food and drink, even a modest paycheck would allow a relatively comfortable standard of living.

A final suggestion for the name comes from the fact that during the time of Prohibition, the entire city of New Orleans was like a giant speakeasy.

Let's learn English

In the U.K., they say “face flannel,” while in America, we say “washcloth.”

In the U.K., you’d drive on a “dual carriageway”; in America, it’s a “divided highway.”

Q: Quite some time ago, I was reading about tire manufacturer Michelin. A man named Michelin did not start the company. I have been curious about the origin of the corporate moniker ever since. — J.N.M., Roseburg, Oregon

A: Nicolas Edouard Daubree and Aristide Barbier created the company in 1832 in Clermont-Ferrand, France, to manufacture agriculture equipment, not car tires. That all changed when Charles Goodyear developed vulcanized rubber in 1839; the following year, the company began making not only tires, but other rubber products as well. When the founders passed away, brothers Andre and Eduard Michelin took over the business and changed the company name to Michelin et Cie in 1889.

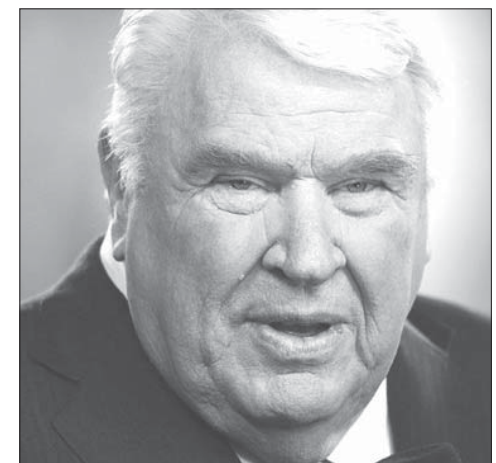
Q: Many years ago, I watched a

movie on TV about a fella driving through the desert. He passed a slow-moving tanker truck. The truck driver, who is a wacko, felt offended and tried to chase down the car to kill the driver. What is the name of the movie? Who starred in it? — H.R.M., Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

A: The movie is “Duel” (1971), starring Dennis Weaver. Weaver played salesman David Mann; his wife, known only as Mrs. Mann, was played Jacqueline Scott — these are the only two characters in the film that have a name. The film is directed by Steven Spielberg and is available on DVD.

Extra Trivia: At one point in the movie, Weaver attempts to flag down a car that looks like a squad car. It turns out to be service vehicle for a exterminator named Grebleips, which is Spielberg in reverse.

Did you Know? Andy Rooney was considered for the role of Archie Bunker on “All in the Family” (1971); the role went to Carroll O’Connor.



John Madden

Q: I have a question about former Oakland Raiders football coach and TV color commentator John Madden. Was he ever married? Did he have any children? — M.R., Woburn, Massachusetts

A: John Madden was born April 10, 1936, in Austin, Minnesota. He has been married to Virginia Fields since Dec. 26, 1959. They have two children.

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Fulford news

Congratulations to Massey-Vanier High School graduates Brittany Pegg and Mahalia Robinson who will attend Champlain College, St. Lambert campus, where they will share accommodations.

Fulford Community Club announces that the annual Harvest Soup Lunch will take place on Saturday, October 15.

Congratulations to David Binning and Josee Labonte who recently married.

A Baby Shower was held for Liana Kohlap, in Sherbrooke.

Unfortunately, residents and others have had mishaps, surgery, etc., and it is hoped that all will recover soon.

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