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Local Church Honours the Laguerre Ruins with Restoration

Over the course of three years, the Dundee Zion Church has repaired the walls of the Laguerre ruins.

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CULTURE. For the last three years, the Dundee Zion United Church has been restoring the ruins of the Laguerre church, working alongside stonemason Claude Caza in an effort to repair the stonewalls of the historic landmark.

Thanks to a sizeable grant funded by the PACT Rural program of the MRC Du Haut-Saint-Laurent and countless donations from locals and fundraisers alike, the walls and floors of the ruins are nearly restored. A popular spot for picnics and photography ops, the site caught the attention of Montreal's St. Andrews Scottish Society in 2013, who reached out to the Dundee Zion Church about restoring the crumbling structure. Following this inquiry, the church formed a committee to take responsibility for the repairs.

Over the past few summers, the church has been hosting picnics at the site of the ruins. This year, the church was set to hold a service between the walls of the historic ruins on August 14th, but the ceremony was cancelled due to rainy weather. Former local and historian David Fraser, who now resides in British Columbia, had travelled to Dundee to speak to the congregation about the history of the site.

A HISTORY

Established in the 1800s, Laguerre grew so fast that pressure was exerted to build a Presbyterian Church on the clergy reserve. Due to a number of variables, the church was not officially built until 1847. According to Fraser, "... the first stone of the Calvin "Free Presbyterian Church" of Laguerre was laid by stone mason John Leslie...the first kirk session of the Calvin



Repairing the ruins of Laguerre.

Richard Moisan

Free Presbyterian Church at Laguerre met on October 1, 1853, twenty-one years after Dundee, with Rev. D. Gordon and with Elders James Fraser and William Gordon in attendance. Rev. Gordon was an interim pastor at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Dundee as

Rev. Duncan Moody was in poor health and had resigned his position."

Unfortunately, flood waters decimated the value of the majority of Laguerre by 1850, causing many residents to relocate by 1851. By 1931, the church closed due to a

lack of attendance. These days, the site retains a portion of its former glory, its beautiful structure standing tall in modern times.

For any inquiries, please contact Dundee Zion United Church or visit the "Save the Laguerre Ruins" Facebook page.

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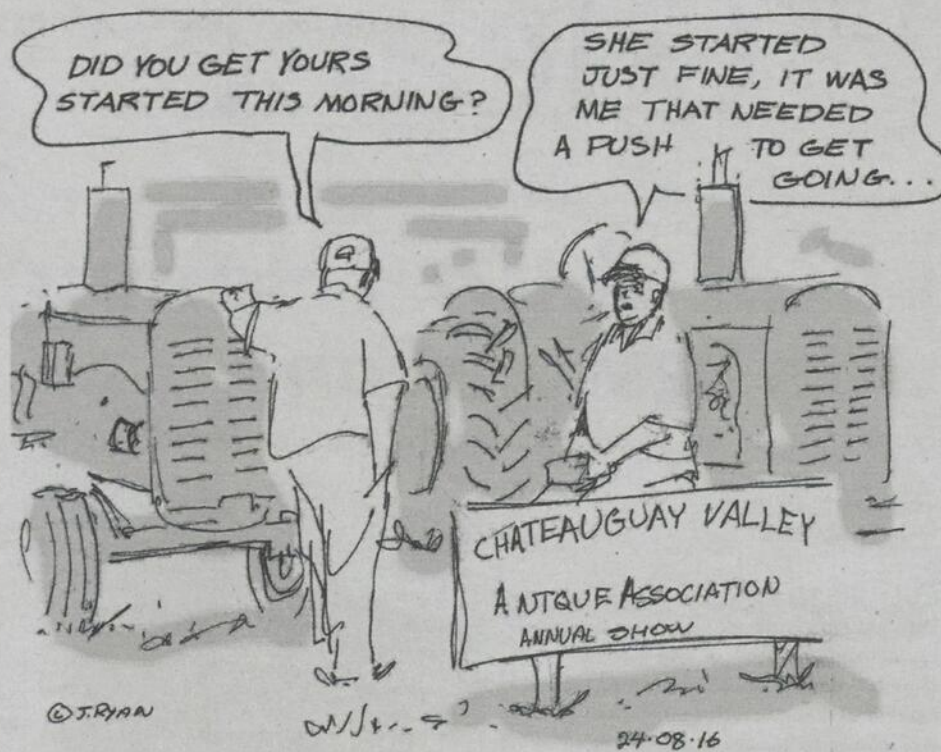
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OPINION. I didn't come from a religious family. Yes, we attended church—I even went to Christian camp for a couple of years. Our priest moved away at some point and my parents weren't fans of his replacement, so there went church on Sundays. As an adult, I will admit that my church attendance record has been a wee bit spotty.

Regardless of whether or not I attend church on a regular basis, the presence of religion in my life has provided me with a solid base—it also blessed me with an education

that can't necessarily be taught in school today. As a result, I think that it is important to understand religion, regardless of what you personally believe. Attending church and learning about the books of the bible provides perspective, and discipline—it also provides one with the knowledge he/she needs to make an informed decision in regards to what he/she chooses to believe.

This past weekend, we hosted our daughter's christenings at St. Joseph's church in Huntingdon. While it was a quick ceremony, it was also beautiful—an entire family gathered together to welcome an innocent child into the world that we share with one another. It was a solid reminder of the importance of providing perspective to our children—an essential tool as they make their way in this big old world.



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Howick's Georgetown Presbyterian Church will host Vacation Bible School from August 22nd to August 26th from 1:30 P.M.-3:30 P.M. Children from 5 to 12 years will enjoy crafts, singing, stories, games and snacks. This is a free activity. For more information, call Dianne at 450-826-0230

Ranger on Saturday, August 27th at 8:00 P.M. A \$7 donation is appreciated.

HUNTINGDON HOSPITAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Huntingdon County Hospital will hold its annual golf tournament on Wednesday, August 31st at the St. Anicet Golf course. Call Heather at 450-264-4901 before Friday, August 26th to make reservations. Event profits will help the residents of the Huntingdon County Hospital/Centre Hébergement Huntingdon.

CVAA ANNUAL SHOW

The Chateauguy Valley Antique Association will host their 31st annual antique show and antique tractor pull on August 27th-28th. This year's theme will be Wood and the Pioneers. Please note that there was an error in last week's admission amount. Admission is \$5 per person, and free for children under 12. For more information, contact 450-829-3962.

CHICKEN BBQ

The Hemmingford Legion is hosting a chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 27th at 5:00 P.M. at the Legion Hall. The meal includes a large half BBQ chicken, baked potato, gravy, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert. A \$13.00 donation is requested. All are welcome. Take-out available. Reservation is encouraged by calling 450-247-2962.

RENE LE RANGER

The Huntingdon Royal Canadian Legion will host an evening featuring Rene Le

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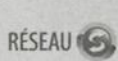
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The family of the late Hazel Aikman would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation for the kindness and support shown prior to and following Hazel's death on June 1st, 2016.

We would like to extend a special thank-you to the nurses at the CLSC and the staff at Les Aidant Naturels for always being there when we needed them. Thank you also to the third floor staff of the Barrie Memorial Hospital, as well as the Oncology department at the Anna-Laberge Hospital; we are forever grateful for the caring attention shown to Hazel during her stay.

Hazel will be greatly missed by many. Thank you for being part of both her life and ours.

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Chateauguay Valley Antique Association
1743 1st Concession, Rockburn, Qc
August 27 - 28, 2016
Admission \$5 per day (No Dogs Allowed)

AUGUST 27 SATURDAY

Randall Finnegan, Antique Consignment Auction 11:00 AM
Antique Tractor Pull 12:00 PM
Agricultural Exhibits and Displays
Vintage Snowmobile Center & Flea Market:
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Theme: Wood and the Pioneers

AUGUST 28 SUNDAY

Pioneer Breakfast 7:30 - 9:30 AM
Pioneer Church Service 9:30 AM
Agricultural Exhibits & Demonstrations All Day
Antique Garden Tractor Pull 11:00 AM
Judging of Cars & Displays 1:00 PM
Parade of Tractors 3:00 PM
Award Presentation 3:30 PM
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Wild Parsnip: A Growing Problem

The poisonous plant is increasingly abundant along the Chateauguay River.

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ENVIRONMENT. Wild Parsnip, also known as Giant Hogweed, is a fast spreading poisonous

plant that Chateauguay Valley residents should be aware of.

Often confused for Queen Anne's Lace, the yellowish-green flowering umbrella plants are now extremely common along roadsides, in ditches, and along streams and rivers. The weed can be found on public and private property, and as such, locals should know that this plant can cause severe burns and ought to be approached and handled with care.

As the plant has spread significantly throughout Quebec and Ontario in recent years, scientists are currently researching whether the weed, which originated in Europe and Asia, is suppressing native plants. What is certain is that because of its danger to humans, individuals should know how to spot it. If the sap in the plant's leaves comes into contact with skin, and is then exposed to sunlight, it can cause third degree burns. Contact with the eyes should also be avoided at the risk of irritation and even, in severe cases, blindness.

The City of Ottawa recently implemented a strategy to monitor and manage the problem with selective herbicides and mowing, as well as a public awareness campaign of the plant's dangers. The plant, which is more common in rural, agricultural areas, has also been increasingly spotted in Montreal and highlighted on CTV. Upper Saint Lawrence municipalities do not currently have a protocol for how the plant should be dealt with, but are certainly aware of its existence and the accompanying concerns.

The removal guidelines, outlined by The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, are to wear protective clothing (long sleeves, pants, gloves and glasses) and to dig the plant up by the roots




Wild Parsnip Emily Southwood

with a shovel. Wild Parsnip has long taproots and repeated digging, as well as mowing in protective clothing, will likely be required. Sources recommend collecting the dug up plants in black plastic bags and leaving them in the sun for two weeks before collection.

For further information on how to deal with burns or removal in your area, contact: Info Sante: 811; Poison Control: 1-800-463-5060; The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks: 418-521-3830

Cullen, Harry George
April 25, 1934 - August 11, 2016



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Harry Cullen, loving husband to Jean (nee Mason), dedicated father to Tracey (Paul) Gallant and Lisa (David) Robinson, and caring grandfather to Danica, Caprice, Bailey, Isabel and Angus.

Harry was raised in Howick, Quebec, and attended Bishops University. He taught high school in the Chateauguay Valley and ended his teaching career while principal of the Intermediate School in Franklin Centre. Harry and Jean married in 1964, and a few years later moved to Fredericton where he attended UNB Law School. The family moved to Vancouver's North Shore in 1970 and Harry began his law career. A kind and patient man, with a dry sense of humour, Harry's interests included tennis, curling and hiking in his later years. But always most important to Harry was his family, who will miss him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to UBC Hospital, Purdy Pavilion, 2221 Westbrook Mall, Room M36, Vancouver, BC V7T 2B5, would be appreciated. All funds raised will be used for Parkinson's Disease research. No service by request.

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The Little Green Library to Host Vernissage

Local library to host the work of two local artists.

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CULTURE. On Saturday, August 27th,

Huntingdon's The Little Green Library will host an art exhibition featuring pastels by Judith Stockwell Taylor and Céline Lemieux.

Both artists are longtime students of Elgin resident Pat Walsh, a well-known arts teacher and exhibiting artist that teaches at the Visual Arts Centre in Westmount, as well as at the Huntingdon Adult Education and Community Centre (HAEC).

Céline Lemieux worked as an elementary school teacher for the Commission Scolaire des Grandes Seigneuries until her retirement 12 years ago, while Judith Taylor previously worked for The Gleaner, and as an Adult Education Coordinator for the Chateauguay Valley Regional School Board until retiring in 2003.

The vernissage will be held on Saturday, August 27th from 2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Open to all, the library is located at 4 Lorne street in Huntingdon. The Little Green Library hosts exhibitions regularly in order to shine light on local artists—a collective effort of the library's Cultural Committee, which focuses mainly on the library's artwork.



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Melissa's Sunshine Camp Hosts Second Annual Fundraiser Rally

Local non-profit's event invites families to explore the town of Huntingdon.

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LOCAL EVENTS. On Saturday, September 17th, Melissa's Sunshine Camp will host its Second Annual Fundraiser Rally.

Last year the non-profit, which enriches the lives of those living with intellectual difficulties in the Upper Saint Lawrence, raised funds toward their programming with a car rally. This year's event will take place on foot, bike or rollerblade around the town of Huntingdon, promising a morning of fun in support of this great community resource.

The rally will kick off at 9am and last until lunchtime, and is free and open to everyone. The concept of the rally is to create a team and complete the challenges at various pit stops around Huntingdon. Teams can be made up of families of all ages. Last year the organization was pleased to have 87 participants and this

year the organizers are hoping for even more involvement.

There are multiple goals for the fundraiser, explains organizer and special educator Sonia Viau, "The idea behind the event is for participants to discover the various businesses and services in Huntingdon, to offer a fun activity that promotes a healthy lifestyle, and one that also encourages people to work as a team. We also aim to educate people about our organization, which has been offering services to handicapped people since 1993."

Melissa's Sunshine Camp currently runs a Daily Activity Service for clients 21 years and older, as well as many family support and recreational activities throughout the year, including: bowling, weekend and summer camps, movie days, seasonal parties, and field trips. Mary Shewchuk, Sue Irving, Lorraine O'Connell and Nancy Gunion are the founders of Melissa's Sunshine Camp. The organization is named after Mary Shewchuk's daughter

Melissa and was originally operated from their family farm in Hinchinbrooke before moving to its current location at 24 York Street at the Huntingdon Adult Education Community Centre (HAEC).

Organizers would like to remind participants that bikes and rollerblades are available to be borrowed from the Sport Depot. Snacks

and T-shirts will be for sale and the public is invited to attend, participate, and make donations of any amount.

The event will take place on Saturday, September 17th at 9am at 24 York St (the start and end location). For more information about this event and other programming call 450-264-6340 or visit: www.campsoleildemelissa.weebly.com



Melissa's Sunshine Camp Rally 2015. Sonia Viau



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