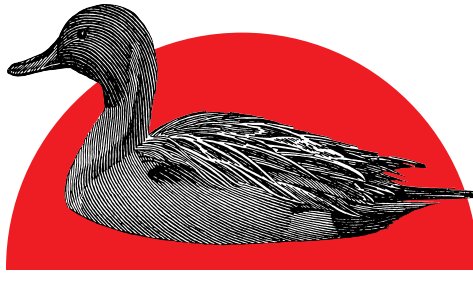


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Catherine Lusson will run for NDP in Brome-Missisquoi

By Ann Davidson

Catherine Lusson will be running for NDP MP in the Brome-Missisquoi in the next federal election that will be held by the end of 2015.

On Saturday, April 18, the NDP riding association held its investiture at the Lakeview Inn in Knowlton. Knowing that Brome-Missisquoi's elected official NDP Pierre Jacob is not planning to run again, three candidates stepped up for the responsibility of representing the party. Having a membership of just over 145 individuals, there was a showing of 54 registered voters to nominate Lusson.

For many Lusson is no stranger to the riding office because she has been Pierre Jacob's assistant for the past four years, and during his three-month absence since an injury to his hip that has required arduous rehabilitation, she has

stepped up to manage the challenge of not having a representative in the present in the House of Commons. She knows the importance of having someone in the region to respond and react to issues that are presented to her and to serve as a go-between when it comes to dealing with government. She wants all Brome-Missisquoi constituents to be assured that they "will be at the heart of any decision that she makes."

Born and raised in Alberta, Lusson has an academic and work track record that has taken her to a number of different countries and provinces. The tri-lingual Bromont resident received a degree in Comparative Development and Sociology from Trent University in Ontario and went on to France where she gained a diploma in organic agriculture from École d'Agrobiologie de Beaujeu.

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Marc-Olivier Letendre, vice-president West, Catherine Lusson, NDP candidate, Graham Weeks, vice-president East, and President Marcel Lapierre at the investiture of the NDP riding held at the Lakeview Inn at the Town of Brome Lake this past Saturday. Lusson will be running in place of Pierre Jacob, who will resign at the end of his term.

Fire in Dunham wipes out home

By Ann Davidson

Four fires went out of control in under a week, forcing 15, 30, 25, and another 20 volunteers respectively

into action in the Dunham and Town of Brome Lake (TBL) areas.

Nobody was hurt in any of them but Jim Wilson, lifetime resident of Beattie Road in Dunham, lost his home and all

its contents. While the community rallies to support Wilson, Pierre Laplante, fire chief of TBL says that the worst excuse they hear is people saying "we didn't know." He was referring to people not conforming to the bylaws about outdoor burning. In each of the cases, the fire department was not consulted prior to the burning. People must understand that they need permission first.

People must obtain permission from the fire department before burning open-air fires

Laplante says that citizens intending to burn outside are obliged to advise the fire department before going ahead. He says that there are times when it is simply not okay to have a fire. "We will tell you if it is ok or not." That means people need permission of the local fire department before going ahead with the plan.

The first TBL fire on Sunday, afternoon was the result of a small campfire at a home on Wells Road that spread to last year's thatch and all it took was a puff of wind to make it sprint out of con-

trol. This event brought 30 volunteers with eight fire trucks, including two tankers from neighbouring Sutton and Cowansville, out to make sure that no harm or further damage was done. Other houses were at risk and the fire was in an area where there is no water access to replenish the pump trucks. The second one that same afternoon was a brush fire on Foster Road and the Waterloo Fire Department was called in as a precautionary measure. According to a witness, light damage to a wooden fence and lots of grassed area was burned.

Dunham's fire chief, Patrick Cournoyer, says last Thursday was rough. The first call was for a grass fire that they were able to put out just as it had reached the tree line. He commented that it would have been a disaster if the woods had caught on fire. Two hours after that had been taken care of, his volunteers were dispatched to Beattie Road where the house could not be saved. It

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April 22, 24, and 25

Annual spring rummage sale! Creek United Church, 278 Brill Road, West Bolton. April 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. bring in clean rummage. April 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. sale of rummage. April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 Bag Day.

April 23

"Soup Café." Enjoy a bowl of homemade soup with us, all Women welcome. Noon to 1 p.m. Free! Avante Women's Centre, 15 rue du Pont, Bedford, 450-248-0530. avantenancy@bellnet.ca.

April 24-25

Quilt exhibition and sale to be held at Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue Principale, Cowansville from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Morning coffee break with snack: \$5; sandwich luncheon, tea/coffee and squares: \$8. Along with all the beautiful quilts there will also be a bake sale table. On Saturday only, the East Farnham quilt store "Fil amis" will have a table on-site, a great opportunity to check out new materials, notions and other quilting supplies.

April 25

Covered dish supper at the Richford United Methodist Church. Starts at 5:30 p.m. until all are served. Adults \$8. Children 6 to 12, \$4. Children under 6, free. 86 River St, Richford, Vt. Reservations are appreciated but not required, call 802-848-3477 or 802-848-7678.

Brome Bolton Fish and Game Club annual general meeting will be held at the Fairview Hall, 343 Stagecoach Rd. in Brome Village, at 7:30 p.m. Bring your club card to be eligible for door prizes. All welcome! Club cards sales at Petits Moteurs AR enr. (Arnold Royea) 490 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton (450-242-0218) and Rodney Wright Archery, 14 Allen St., Waterloo (450-539-5350).

Caregivers' Café. An opportunity to come together to exchange resources and learn from others. Saturday, April 25, St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, 24 St. Paul's Road, Knowlton, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Discussion will continue on the theme of "being prepared" with practical ideas and suggestions that can help manage care. Sometimes the best ideas and solutions for taking care of a loved one come from another caregiver who understands. For more information, e-mail mycaregiverscafe@gmail.com.

April 26

Pancake breakfast to benefit Karnack Shriner's and Club Estrie at the Sutton Legion, 2 Curley St. Sutton. From 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. On the menu: pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, baked beans, crepes bretonnes, toasts, jam, juice, maple syrup, tea and coffee, etc. Donation: \$8 for adults, kids under 8 are free. Please come and encourage your local Shriners who support the Shriner's hos-

pital.

Breakfast at the Cowansville Royal Canadian Legion, Sunday from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Come and enjoy with family and friends. Donation \$7. Children 6-12 \$4. Children under 5, free.

April 27

The Parkinson peers and caregivers group invites you to a Trager therapy workshop presented by Catherine Mecille. Trager is a form of manual therapy which helps to promote relief of joint stiffness and muscle rigidity. Free! 2 p.m. at Centre Lac Brome, 270, Victoria St. For information contact 450-242-4413 or 450-243-6678.

April 28

"Topic Pot Luck." Talking, laughing and learning over delicious home cooking! 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free! Avante Women's Centre, 15 rue du Pont, Bedford, 450-248-0530, avantenancy@bellnet.ca.

The general meeting of the Cowansville Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The annual general meeting of the Waterloo Cemetery Company, which includes Waterloo and Frost Village cemeteries, will be held on Tuesday April 28, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the home of Shirley and Doug Beakes. Everyone welcome.

April 29

Recycling and composting free workshop. Learn what to put in your blue bins, what to bring to the ecocenters, and how to easily compost at home. Sutton City Hall (Hotel de Ville de Sutton), second floor, Sutton.

April 30

Sunshine House Mansonville invites you to our annual general meeting, Thursday, at 6 p.m. at the town hall in Mansonville (Potton). Find out about the first six months of Sunshine House's existence! Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. Please RSVP to Lucette Field at 450-292-5058 or via e-mail at lucettefield@outlook.com.

May 1-2

L'Harmonie des saisons instrumental ensemble presents "Duo Recital" with Mélisande Corriveau, viola da gamba and Eric Milnes, harpsichord (NY). The program will offer a travel into the exquisite music played in the Parisian salons of the 18th century, for Friday May 1 at 8 p.m., St-Édouard's church Knowlton and Saturday May 2 at 2 p.m., Cultural center St-Matthew, Stukely Sud. Tickets available at Brome Lake Books and Dépanneur Rouge in Knowlton, call 450-539-1309 for Stukely, and at the door the days of the events. Pre-sale \$25, regular \$30, students: \$10, free for kids under 12.

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May 4

Canadian Club of Yamaska Valley meets on Monday at noon in Auberge West Brome, #128 Route 139, West Brome for a spring luncheon. Speaker at 2 p.m., Roger Williams, Shakespearian lecturer at Bishops and CEGEP. Topic: Nobody's Fool — Shakespeare and his clowns. For lunch reservations call C. Hobbs at 450-295-2349. Non members welcome to lecture for a \$10 fee.

May 7 and 21

Annual luncheon and bridge card parties at Church of the Ascension, West Brome, Thursdays May 7 and May 21, starting at noon. Suggested donation of \$10 per person. Reservation only. To reserve your table call Shelly: 450-538-2589.

May 8

Seniors Mother's Day luncheon at the Centre Lac Brome. TBL Wellness Volunteer Centre invites all TBL seniors on Friday, May 8 at noon. Limited seating. Reserve by Monday, May 4 at 450-242-2020. Transportation available if needed. Donation of \$5.

CHURCH BULLETINS

CREEK/WATERLOO PASTORAL CHARGE

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2015 - worship and music: Creek United, 278 Brill Rd., 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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ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME

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ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE ST. ÉDOUARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Church with a "Heart" 409 South St. Cowansville. All Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. Come and join us as we endeavor to learn and practice God's loving will. We'd love to welcome you. Reverend George Campbell. Info: 450-955-3325 (leave message).

SUTTON - DUNHAM UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

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

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Debate over NuHab Centre in Knowlton heats up

Business interests, residents' concerns clash over rehab

By Frank Nixon

Many members of Knowlton's business community with a financial interest of one kind or another appear to be wholeheartedly backing the NuHab Centre's proposed move to the center of Knowlton, at 17 Victoria St., between Maple Street and Lakeside Road.

For example, the town's local real estate concern, Les immeubles Coldbrook Inc., which has an interest in purchasing the three-acre property on behalf of NuHab, is painting a reassuring picture of the move.

Coldbrook's agent Reg Gauthier said recently on a social media website that people who think a drug and mental health rehab in the neighbourhood will decrease property values have it all wrong.

Instead, Gauthier says worried residents should rely on his considerable expertise, having worked "35 years in real estate, with 25 of those years as a broker/owner of Les Immeubles Coldbrook Inc."

"I can tell you I have never once seen a decrease in real estate values due to having homes providing help for those in need or sanctuaries for families in crisis," added Gauthier, in part.

NuHab is an English-language residential and rehabilitation facility which provides education and treatment for people with substance abuse and mental health conditions and says it wants to move to 17 Victoria St., possibly as early as this summer.

The centre is currently located in rural Ascot Corner, which is some 12 kilometres northeast of Sherbrooke.

The property at 17 Victoria has a municipal evaluation of \$804,600 and is currently zoned as "single-family

residential." The sale price is currently listed at \$1.15 million.

However, Gauthier's assurances, along with the assurances from other members of the business community, have not swayed many residents living in the vicinity of 17 Victoria.

This includes Julien Lapierre, who lives on Maple Street. Lapierre was quite blunt and to the point concerning NuHab's proposal to move to 17 Victoria.

"Sorry, I don't want you there," said Lapierre to the NuHab spokesmen at the April 11 public consultation meeting. An overflow crowd of some 150 gathered at Centre Lac-Brome to attend the TBL public meeting concerning NuHab Centre's desire to open their operations in Knowlton.

Lapierre added that he moved to Knowlton about six years ago and said if NuHab succeeds in relocating to 17 Victoria, his property will be worth considerably less. He also worries about his personal safety while at home should a breakout occur in the middle of the night.

Lapierre said he is not against what NuHab does but is of the strong opinion that the NuHab facility should be located in a more rural area.

Louis Marquis, who lives on Saint Paul Road, is another vocal opponent of NuHab moving into the center of the village and is planning to arrange a residents' meeting with TBL council.

"We are planning a meeting of these affected zones with council," said Marquis last week, in part.

9 Victoria St.

The owner of a residential property next to 17 Victoria is also concerned about NuHab moving into the neighbourhood.

Peter Tetreault, representing the owner of 9 Victoria, brought up the issue

of increased parking, trucks, noise and congestion on Victoria should NuHab be allowed to move there.

NuHab operations manager, Murray Brohman, said all parking for NuHab's staff and clients would be within the 17 Victoria grounds.

The question of whether NuHab could eventually purchase the property at 9 Victoria was also raised by another concerned resident. The implication is that NuHab could expand their operations to 9 Victoria, or that there could be two rehabilitation centers in this zone, in the future.

Daniel Colson, vice-chairman of NuHab, said at the public meeting on April 11 that NuHab has no plans in the works to purchase the property at 9 Victoria. The property has a municipal evaluation of \$371,700 and is currently not listed for sale.

However, the property on 9 Victoria is subject to the same zoning change for usage as 17 Victoria.

Lucy Edwards, TBL assistant director general and director of land management, said the property was lumped together with 17 Victoria in order to get around the accusation or criticism that TBL officials were doing an illegal "spot zoning" manoeuvre on behalf of NuHab.

Spot zoning is when a local zoning authority accommodates a private interest by rezoning a parcel of land within a district. Then the private interest may be allowed to develop the land where before the zoning regulations prohibited such a land use.

TBL council is expected to read the "second draft" of the zoning bylaw change for 9 and 17 Victoria, at the next



PHOTOS BY FRANK NIXON

Julien Lapierre, who lives on Maple Street, is one many residential property owners who have strong objections over the proposed NuHab Centre moving to the center of Knowlton

regular council meeting on May 4, which will be held at Prouty Hall, in Bondville. At that meeting, council will either vote to adopt or reject the amended bylaw.

If the second draft of the bylaw is adopted, the town clerk will publish a notice in the local newspapers indicating the process involved for those eligible voters who wish to oppose the zoning bylaw.

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The residential property at 9 Victoria in Knowlton. The property is subject to the same zoning change for usage as 17 Victoria.

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COWANSVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

LETTERS

Are they hiding something from us?

DEAR EDITOR:

The public assembly that took place at the Community Centre on Saturday, April 11 gave us a more precise idea on the NuHab project in Knowlton. Indeed, we now know that many questions we had remain unanswered.

Are they hiding something from us?

Following the appearance of an article in *Le Guide* on March 11, which mentioned according to their website, that the NuHab center in Knowlton could welcome up to 40 people, the organizers changed the information on the site lowering the number of expected patients. Why this sudden change? Was it to appease people from fearing that as many patients could end up at the center of our village?

Following the public assembly last Saturday, the same organizers decided to simply shut down their website that is now inaccessible. Why this sudden closing? Is it to hide the evident contradictions between what the NuHab organizers are saying and what they intend to do? Until now, the website was full of bucolic imagery representing green fields and vast meadows, far from urban centers, venting the merits of peace that should reign in NuHab for the benefits of the patients. Let's not forget about the horse therapy that seemed to be such an important element. All of this disappeared as if by magic. What should be understood from this?

During the assembly, not only was the acquisition of 17 Victoria raised, but also, news to me, that 9 Victoria could potentially interest promoters of the center. What are we talking about here? Is the project that is presented to us really the project the organizers have in mind? In total, how many patients are we talking about?

But then again, in an article from Sherbrooke's *La Tribune*, of last February 3, a journalist reported that the cuts in social aid announced by the government of Quebec could affect certain rehabilitation centers in the Eastern Townships and name the NuHab center like one of them. In the context of budgetary restrictions, why continue financing a property that would cost over a million dollars and that would necessitate significant renovations when other properties in the area could offer the same type of space at lower cost? So why persist on building in the middle of a touristic village? Who will assure us that the NuHab center will truly have the funds in terms of financing the project and establishing security and support for all its patients?

With so many unanswered questions, I remain perplexed...and you?

I continue to support the work of the employees and the director of the center, however not the unreasonable projects of their promoters. It simply doesn't make any sense...

If you are a business owner or a resident living in the zones bordering 17 Victoria Street (Victoria, Maple, Manson, Lakeside streets) and you are opposed to NuHab moving to 17 Victoria, please contact your local councillor to express your opinion: Lee Patterson for Knowlton-Victoria at lee.patterson@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca or Louise Morin for Knowlton-Lakeside at louise.morin@ville.lac-brome.qc.ca. Or call town hall at 450-243-6111.

We are planning a meeting of these affected zones with council. For information, please contact Louis C Marquis at louismarquis@gmail.com. Or call 450 204-7657.

LOUIS C. MARQUIS
Knowlton Citizen's Working Group

Reality and fear

DEAR EDITOR:

Fear may lead some of us to deny reality, to do foolish things. In fact most people will react with knee-jerk fear when challenged by that which they know nothing about: if suddenly met by a stranger with three eyes, we all would quickly react with fear.

We react this way because, from the outset, we pre-judge what we see without knowing anything about it. We succumb to the fear, but remain unable to articulate precisely what real danger, if any, may exist. Our opposition is strong, but it is also irrational.

Collectively such pre-judging is simply called prejudice. While no one can reason away fear [you can't order a child not to be afraid of the dark] but we can inform adults that what they don't know is of no threat to them just because they don't know it. The answer is obviously a liberal education, a source that can spread light by asking and answering questions and finding our reality, the truth.

Prejudice is an evil that's born of pride. It fosters people to think they are better than those "beneath them" for whatever reasons. The discomfort that exists in welcoming a care center in Knowlton, that helps paying patients return to society is fear. A fear of something that doesn't exist.

No one can be ordered not to fear something, but we should be able to allay private misconceptions by informing adults that are willing to listen to what is actually being done or being proposed. There will always be a very few loud and unhappy residents claiming the sky is falling unless they are put in charge, however the majority will be glad to hear what NuHab has to say (and already said to some) and they need to do that ASAP. After that's done, the bulk of us can settle down to love our neighbors both in rehab and those think they need to judge them.

BRIAN TIMMINS
Knowlton

COMMENTARY

At Question: Zoning change to accommodate NuHab

Town of Brome Lake
Taxpayers Association

The proposed NuHab Centre planning to locate at 17 Victoria in Knowlton, was brought to a public consultation meeting by the Town of Brome Lake (TBL) on Saturday, April 11. NuHab represents significant challenges and opportunities for the town; it has been a major surprise for the residents of the town; it affects the town's zoning and strategic direction; and it is divisive and controversial.

There is no denying that the NuHab Centre, and other such rehabilitation centres are essential to the society in which we all live. However, our citizens raised valid concerns, including apprehension of unpredictable events associated with a centre treating drug and alcohol addiction afflicting individuals with mental health conditions.

In general, at the public meeting, those in favour of the centre expressed compassion for the people in need of such a treatment centre; those against also expressed compassion but opposed the location of the facility in the center of the village.


NuHab did not prepare a formal presentation of their programs, services, professional staffing, eligibility criteria, business model or financial overview. Nor did they explain the rationale for the centre's move from Ascot Corner to Knowlton. There was no written handout for the citizens or visual power point display.

Knowlton resident, Kathryn Lexow wrote a letter to the *Brome County News* on April 7, posing a series of important questions to both TBL and NuHab. NuHab representatives, Daniel Colson and Murray Brohman used the questions as a framework for their presentation to the public. At the request of a resident, Dr. Barakett provided a translation of the questions and answers in French. He also provided an outline of the medical aspects of the treatment and the patients at NuHab.

What exactly is being proposed? The number of live-in residents could be 20, but 40 was also mentioned. What is the correct number and might there be an expansion of the operations in the future? We lack clarity on important elements:

- the ratio of staff to residents during the day and night;
- the type of professional staff and jobs;
- how the existing buildings will be upgraded or rebuilt for accommodation of both men and women, dining room, therapy rooms, activity rooms, greenhouse, and exercise;
- parking arrangements for staff and visitors;
- water and sewer capacity required to operate the centre;
- proposed government social aid

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New projects and old treasures: Professional organizing tips



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Spring is a time for renewal, cleaning and decluttering. Most people will start an organizing project and eventually give up because they get discouraged. Here are a few tips from professional organizing experts to help in the process:

Closets

One of the best tricks that I came across to help you purge is this one: flip all the hangers around so they are backwards, when you wear an article, put it back the right way around, if in a year's time you have hangers that are still backwards, throw away or donate those items in your spring cleaning.

Use one of the pillowcases of your sheet sets to store the rest of the folded sheet set. This way, you never lose track of your sheets and everything is nicely organized in your linen closet.

Use shower rings on a hanger to tie up ties, scarfs, baseball hats and belts. They take up less room in your closet or drawers and you can easily spot what you want.

Kitchens

Group like items together in your pantry as you do in your fridge.

Install sliding shelves in your pantry so you can pull out and see what you have.

Do a full clean-out of your pantry, fridge, and freezer once a season and throw away items that are expired.

Install a magnetic strip on the inside of a cabinet door. This is useful to store commonly used metal tools such as screwdrivers, scissors and knives.

Use an over-the-door shoe pocket organizer to store items on the inside of the pantry door, like snacks or bottles.

Use the space between the fridge and wall to install a thin sliding shelf to store cans.

Kids rooms

I was so excited when they invented

under-the-bed roll-out containers. These are perfect extra storage spaces that can hide away.

Instead of folding your shirts and putting them in piles in your drawers, fold them then roll them leaving the front logos on top, then place them in the drawers in rows. You will be able to fit a third more shirts in your drawers and you will be able to see all your shirts at a glance when you open the drawer.

Use an over-the-door shoe pocket organizer to store toys over the closet door.

Install shelves in a section of the closet to store toys or other items.

Make a deal with your kids that if they bring in a new toy, they must choose an old toy to donate or give as a gift to a friend. This will help in keeping you from being overwhelmed by toys. The same should be true for books and stuffed animals.

Bathrooms

Install a hotel-style towel rack with shelving above to maximize the space available to store towels.

Use baskets to store facecloths on these shelves.

Install a magazine rack on the inside of the cabinet door and store curling iron, flat iron and blow dryer in this out-

of-the-way place.

Use a Mason jar rack to store items such as cotton tips, sponges, cotton balls, and hairpins. Many DIY sites have tips on how to make your own.

Use a corkboard with hooks to display your jewelry on a wall. For smaller items, use a craft box with separations to store like sized pieces together.

Install a magnetic board and tape small magnets to your makeup containers and tubes to have an easy-access wall-mounted makeup storage unit.

Write to me with your decorating questions and problems and I will be glad to answer these as best I can. Photos are always welcome; I cannot guarantee though that these will be published. Please send your questions and decorating problems to me at tayna@creationstayna.com, preferably before the end of each month. If I cannot include your decor questions in my column, I will be sure to answer your questions directly.

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At question

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cuts cited as a financial challenge for the centre.

At the writing of this column, there is no longer any public information available on the NuHab website as the site was shut down on April 12.

The zoning bylaw amendment (Bylaw 596-1), adopted by council at the first reading, changes a low density zone URA-21-K15 to one of "other uses" for "rehabilitation centres only." There are no special conditions or controls in the amended bylaw, no real size restrictions, no definition even of "rehabilitation centres." Often, municipal bylaws are not specific enough to control issues of expansion or usage, and this one is by no means specific. Have all parties fully understood all the lets and hindrances of the bylaws? Town hall should not be faced with a series of requests for minor derogations from NuHab, nor another lawsuit because of contradictory interpretations of the bylaws.

In short, the amended bylaw is open-ended. Regardless of what is said verbally, only what is written in the bylaws is enforceable. Consider the position of property owners and residents in zones adjacent to this property, given that they do not fully know the present or long-term scope of the project.

The second reading of the bylaw is likely to be on the agenda of the May 4 council meeting and would be adopted, if council is in favour.

We congratulate the town for having sent fifty-two (52) letters to the owners of the sixty-six (66) affected properties concerning the zoning. It was not a legal municipal requirement. In the event that council adopts the second draft bylaw, a public notice, required by law, will be published in the newspapers advising people who is eligible to vote and the steps they can follow to oppose the bylaw.

However, there are not many in the affected zones. If adopted by council, the citizens who have a legal vote on the zoning changes can then sign an application/petition requesting the town to hold an official register to oppose the changes. Only those on the electoral register in the zone in question (numbers 9 and 17 Victoria), and those on the electoral register in the bordering zones can sign the petition. At least twelve (12) eligible voters must sign and if the number of signatures is sufficient to convince council, the council may vote to reject the amended bylaw, thus avoiding a register, which is a costly

process.

If the town continues the process and holds a register, the purpose of signing is to demonstrate opposition to the project and to request a referendum.

Finally, if the zoning changes are adopted and upheld by council following a petition, a register and a referendum, the amended bylaw must be approved by the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi.

While a small mental health and addictions facility may succeed in the centre of Knowlton, unpredictable incidents and security risks cannot be ruled out. As a community, we are compassionate, but we have a right to be fully informed and our interests protected. Imprecise bylaws lead to unpredictable consequences.

For further information, go to the Taxpayers Association website at tblta.com (English) or acvlb.com (French).

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Amos and Sarah rock the full house at benefit concert

By Ann Davidson

It was another slam-dunk for the BCHS Museum on Saturday night thanks to Gibb Rotherham, who promoted a special concert at the Lakeview Inn in Knowlton to benefit the financial needs of the organization. The popularity of Sarah Biggs and Amos Joannides

and their unsurpassable talent drew in a full house with standing room only, and raising a net upwards of \$3,000.

Each singer performed separately with a set between where they accompanied each other. While Biggs' pitch-perfect mellow voice and acoustic folkly lyrics took away people's breaths, Joannides' energetic switch-ups between

acoustic and electric guitars along with his live recording background tones marvelled all ages. Joannides teased the audience with a couple of numbers from his unfinished album that he is hoping to complete by the end of May.

Nobody left disappointed and Rotherham was repeatedly thanked by all for his effort in putting together such a great evening.

It was Rotherham's hopes that he could attract a younger crowd to an event that would support the museum.

He wants to find a way to spark their interest in the institution that guards the history of those who built the communities that they live in today.

Rotherham was delighted with the outcome even though the seniors outweighed the youth in attendance. He mentioned that all proceeds from the ticket sales were going to the museum thanks to a couple of generous sponsors who covered the cost of the performing artists, their sound technician, as well as the cost of the space.



PHOTOS BY ANN DAVIDSON

Sarah Biggs and Amos Joannides live at the Lakeview Inn in Knowlton storm the full house with a medley of their own music as well as renditions of others.



Not a straight face in the house when musician extraordinaire, Amos Joannides, entertained the crowd attending the fundraising concert for the BCHS Museum on Saturday night.

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Amos Joannides, Chris Wright, treasurer of the BCHS board of directors, Sarah Biggs, Eastern Townships singer-songwriter, and Gibb Rotherham, promoter of the fundraising concert held at the Lakeview Inn to benefit the BCHS Museum.

TBL Chamber of Commerce lands tourism mandate

By Ann Davidson

At a special meeting of the Town of Brome Lake council on April 16, a resolution was passed giving the Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce the mandate to manage and implement the tourism plan for 2015.

With a budget of \$126,000 the Chambers' mandate is similar to that of 2014. For a second year, Michel Fournier will be project director responsible for implementing the tourism plan along with managing its day-to-day activities. The Chamber will be paid in increments of \$25,000 monthly and in turn will provide the town with monthly statements.

Chamber President Owen Falquero is determined that the Chamber play a central role with the town in terms of attracting more people to TBL. It is the board's hope to eventually fill every weekend throughout the year in future years with something special that will interest not just outsiders but all who live in TBL as well.

Already the committee is working on five separate activities for this year (side-walk sale during summer tourist season, repeat of the Sand Castle project, Pumpkin Festival to be held in October as a competition between the villages for the best autumn decorations, and Festival of Lights, a continuation of the longstanding event during the Christmas period.) It is the committee's intention to expand the Christmas event to all the villages in

2015.

These activities will be in addition to those that will be organized by others who have already been issued budgets to work with. For example Jessica Brown will once again be managing the annual Brome Lake Duck Festival. Canada Day in its 20th year, St. Jean Baptiste Day, and Tour de Lac-Brome are other events that, for this year, do not fall under the Chamber's mandate because the money from the town was allocated before resolution about the tourism mandate. And not to be forgotten are the "Knowlton Literary Festival" and "Les Printemps Meurtriers". The Chamber is eager to help promote and support when possible all these other events that are not within its direct mandate for 2015.

Meeting on a regular basis, a permanent committee has been put in place with representatives from both the town and the Chamber in order to review the implementation of the tourism plan. It is the Chamber's intention to highlight all seven villages by creating several tourist routes throughout the seven villages of Brome Lake, a way for all to discover TBL's hidden treasures.

Chamber Vice-President Jean-Luc Marcil said, "We are working on what we have and that is a lake and beautiful villages. That's why our theme this year is 'A lake and its villages'."

Falquero explained "These routes will expose visitors and residents to different

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Town of Brome Lake Mayor Richard Burcombe, Jean-Luc Marcil, vice-president of the Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce, Chamber President Owen Falquero, TBL councillors Ron Myles and Karine Fortin, and Suzanne Tremblay, general manager of the Chamber after the special council meeting on April 16 where resolution was passed mandating the Chamber of Commerce to manage the tourism portfolio for TBL.

Pet of the week — Banjo



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Caregivers' Café upcoming meeting

The upcoming session of Caregivers' Café on Saturday, April 25, will continue on the theme of "Being Prepared" with practical ideas and suggestions that can help manage caring for a loved one. Sometimes the best ideas and solutions for taking care of a loved one come from another caregiver who understands.

In recent meetings we have had guest speakers on the topics such as services available from the Brome-Missisquoi Caregivers Support Group, financial matters, legal issues, the options of home care, and emergency preparedness. Our meeting this month will allow those present to ask questions about these topics and more.

Life can be a juggling act for those taking care of a loved one with a range of responsibilities — providing hands-on care, meal planning, coordinating appointments and much more. Caregivers' Café was formed to create an opportunity to come together to exchange resources and learn from others. We are all caregivers in one way or another and

everyone can benefit from learning how to be prepared. Join us on Saturday, April 25, at St. Paul's Church Hall, 24 St. Paul Road, in Knowlton from 10:30 a.m. to noon (please note the time change).

Prostate cancer: External radiation or brachytherapy?

The Procure Conference series takes a look at "Understanding My Diagnosis and Radiotherapy: What Should I Know and Why?" on Monday, April 27, 2015, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Lac-Brome.

Led by Dr. Daniel Tausky, MD, radio-oncologist with the Notre-Dame Hospital of CHUM and associate professor, Montreal University, the presentation will take place in English followed by a question and answer period.

Please join our Brome-Missisquoi Prostate Cancer Support & Awareness Group to watch and participate in the live conference webcast at Centre Lac-Brome, 270 Victoria Street, Lac-Brome. info@procure.ca or visit procure.ca

Save the date

The next Health Matters session takes place on May 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at

the CLSC in Cowansville, 397 Rue de la Rivière, and will be on the topic of Diabetes — the Sugar Factor. Health Matters is a collaborative program between Avante Women's Center, Townshippers' Association and CSSS La Pommeraiie. It is made possible by the financial support of Health Canada and the Community Health Education Program of the Community Health and Social Services Network.

For more information on Townshippers' Association and our activities, catch our columns in the Brome County News, listen to Townshippers' broadcast on radio CIDI 99.1 FM every Friday at 5 p.m., visit us on Twitter @Townshippers, Facebook and our website Townshippers.org. Connect with Townshippers' offices in Sherbrooke at 100 - 257 Queen St. 819-566-5717, toll free: 1-866-566-5717 or Lac-Brome at 3-584 Knowlton Rd, 450-242-4421, toll free: 1-877-242-4421.



PUBLIC DOMAIN

Open to all, the Caregivers' Café is helping caregivers improve the quality of life for their loved ones and themselves. Join us on April 25 as we continue on the theme of "Being Prepared" with practical ideas and suggestions that can help manage caring for a loved one.

TOWNSHIPERS'

Lusson will run for NDP in Brome-Missisquoi

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In terms of federal issues that affect this riding, Lusson is preoccupied with Bill C-51, an enactment that will amend the Food and Drug Act, Canada Post services that are essential in this rural area, and the safeguarding of CBC Radio Canada.

Lusson says the top priority in Brome-Missisquoi is related to environmental regulations and agrotourism. "There needs to be a balance when it comes to protecting the environment and being able to find ways to make a living," she said.

Referring to the issues around the proliferation of cell towers, in the Eastern Townships she said that the NDP proposed a bill in 2012 that would include stricter regulations and impunity to the telecommunications companies who do not respect regulation. "Unfortunately," she said, "that bill was squashed by the Conservatives. All sorts of issues on this matter need to be addressed. Bring back scientists that are funded to present unbiased results. There need to be laws to respect the will of the local population. Local municipalities must be allowed to have a voice and a certain amount of self-determination." She went on to say that the Fed-

eration of Canadian Municipalities adopted a protocol with stricter regulations than what Industry Canada proposes, but many of the municipalities do not have the time or know-how to implement them when it comes to fighting against these kinds of issue situations.

In the wake of Liberal leader Justin Trudeau's adamant refusal to consider a coalition government, Lusson says it was her leader, Tom Mulcair, who held out his hand but was refused. She doesn't understand the rationale because "coalitions are very interesting and open the doors to a lot of solutions and result in less bickering and whining. Europe has a long history of successful coalitions. Why not here?"

Lusson will continue working as Pierre Jacob's assistant although there are the certain activities she will have to forfeit. She says for her to leave at this point when they are already short one staff, it would become an impossible situation. The riding is so big in geographic area that there are two offices to run, one in Magog and one in Cowansville. She will continue to be at the office to help people and to manage the day-to-day demands, but as an official candidate, she will no longer be able to attend community activities on behalf of the elected representative. She knows that campaigning in this vast rural area will be a challenge but she is up for it and plans to get to the small villages as well as the towns.

TBL Chamber of Commerce

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areas of Brome Lake that deserve to be better known. It will be possible to travel these routes by car, bicycle, or even by foot in some cases." The plan is to make them available electronically as well as in hard copy.

Another goal that the Chamber has in mind is related to the management of the tourist offices located in Foster and Knowlton as well as promoting and publicizing the tourism plan

on a wider scale.

Falquero and Marcil were delighted to learn that Auberge Knowlton/Bistro le Relais joined the Chamber because it is the cornerstone business of the commercial centre. Auberge Knowlton carries the prestige of being not just the oldest continuing hotel operation in the Eastern Townships since it was established in 1849 but the location where a special meeting was held to organize the first-ever Brome Fair. Owner Signy Stephenson spoke of the importance of being involved with the tourism portfolio. "It is natural fit to participate where the tourism file is mandated."

Brown says that she is "thrilled that something is being done and hopes this is the start of a serious long-term commitment by the town to take a tourism mandate to heart." She emphasized that this is just the beginning of what is needed.

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Quilt Show at Emmanuel United in Cowansville

By Louise Smith

On Friday April 24, and Saturday, April 25 there will be a quilt exhibition and sale at the Emmanuel United Church on rue Principale (next door to the Giant Tiger parking lot), in Cowansville. Morning coffee break with snacks is \$5 and a sandwich luncheon will be \$8. On Friday and Saturday it will open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days.

This show has been a success in the past. A variety of quilts will be on display. It is amazing to see the stages of making a quilt, from choice of design, to choice of materials, to choice of finish-

ing. The time to make a quilt makes one understand the value of these items. Quilting can also be used for clothing, decorative items, bags, and many other things.

Some items will be for sale and The Grandmothers to Grandmothers (Stephen Lewis Foundation) and others will have tables. A perennial favourite, the "bake table," will also be there to tempt you! On Saturday, representatives from "Fil Amis," a quilting store in East Farnham, will have material and patterns available for purchase.

Come out and see the work from the talented people in our region!

Fire in Dunham

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took 30 volunteers to deal with it. Because of the high winds other houses needed to be protected. Again, other fire departments from Bedford, Cowansville, Frelighsburg, Sutton, and TBL were on standby because of the water situation

In all four cases, nobody had contacted the local fire department advising of their intentions, nor had they obtained a permit. Both chiefs say that it is key to have a permit, to make sure there is a responsible person on-site while the fire is burning, and to make sure that it is not windy on the day of the burn. While the first emergency call for any location is not charged the owner, it is important that a second one will be.

Know the consequences of not conforming to the bylaws

Though Paul Robitaille, chief of the Austin Fire Department, says that it has been quiet in Austin, East Bolton and Mansonville, it is important for citizens to understand their responsibility in these matters. If they don't get a permit and something goes wrong with other people's property, it could become a matter of criminal negligence. The person responsible for the fire could be in a lot of hot water legally. Robitaille believes that people are getting wiser when it comes to open-air burning. He says that last year he received more than 2,000 calls for permits and noted the appreciable reduction in emergency incidents. Robitaille added that these kinds of emergency interventions cost the taxpayers a lot of money. It's never about one fire department acting. It's about a network that stands by. It's about mobilizing many volunteers and making sure there is enough equipment. The fire trucks are expensive to operate.

Also mentioned by several firemen is the issue of insurance. Should there be damage to insured property, don't count on your insurance company covering it when the fire department would not have been advised beforehand.

Help for Jim Wilson

Virginia Wilson, niece of 65-year-old Wilson, says that her uncle had been burning brush on April 16 when the field caught on fire.



ANN DAVIDSON

Routine cleanup immediately on return. In case they get another call they must always be prepared. In Sunday's case, this cleanup fell between the two Sunday afternoon calls at Town of Brome Lake.

Jim Wilson is devastated. He is not employed and had no insurance. It is unlikely that Wilson will rebuild. And the Red Cross was able to provide for temporary shelter while alternative measures would be figured out. Virginia says that the community has been donating items. A family in Highwater lent her uncle a trailer for five months to allow time to find more permanent solutions. Wilson's big concern is making sure to find a place for her uncle to live with his beloved dog Zuke. He will be staying on the same lot as his house for the summer with Zuke.

Virginia Wilson says that the community once again has shown incredible support during a time of need. Her Uncle Jim was sad to have lost all of his photos and memories. "For now he is focused on collecting necessities for himself and Zuke until things become more stable." She says that they are using a closed trailer to pick up items. Anyone wanting to help Jim Wilson can contribute in a number of ways. There is a Go Fund Me page set up.

www.gofundme.com/HelpforJimWilson

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Death



Gillian MARAK
 (née Sharpe)
 (1939-2015)

Passed away peacefully at the CHUS Fleurimont Hospital in Sherbrooke, QC, on April 15, 2015, at the age of 76. Beloved wife of Danny Marak. She leaves to mourn her children, Andrew, Tracy (Richard) and Sandra, her granddaughter Roxanne, her sisters, Patricia and Lynette, her stepdaughters, Tracy (Tony) and Kelly, her grand-stepdaughters Tiana and Tiffany, many nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends.

As per her wishes, cremation took place at the Désourdy Crematorium in Farnham. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donations can be made in her memory to the Canadian Cancer Society (forms available at the funeral home). Arrangements entrusted to the Désourdy Funeral Home, 31 Principale sud, Sutton, QC.

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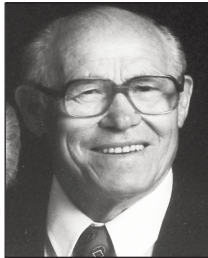
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MULLARKEY FAMILY AND NORMA SAYER

Cemetery Meeting

Waterloo Cemetery Company
 The annual general meeting of the Waterloo Cemetery Company, which includes Waterloo and Frost Village Cemeteries, will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the home of Shirley & Doug Beakes. Everyone welcome.

Death



Paul KNOBL
 (1919-2015)

Peacefully at the Hebergement, Magog Hospital, February 6, 2015, in his 96th year, passed away Paul Knobl.

The funeral service to commemorate his life will be held on Saturday, April 25, at Saint-Cajetan Catholic Church in Mansonville at 11 a.m.

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EAT IN & SAVE

Maple Muffins
 By Marialisa Calta

Ingredients

- 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- softened unsalted butter, for the pan
- 2-1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1-1/2 cups pure maple syrup, preferably Grade B
- 12 tablespoons (1-1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 large egg plus 1 large egg yolk, at room temperature

Position a rack in the center of the oven, and preheat the oven to 350 F. Spread the nuts in an ovenproof skillet or baking pan with sides, and bake until toasty, eight to 12 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven, and remove the nuts from pan to stop toasting. Set aside.

Increase oven temperature to 400 F. Brush the insides of 12 muffin cups with the softened butter, then brush the top of the pan.

Whisk the unbleached flour, whole-wheat flour, baking powder and salt together in a medium bowl. Whisk the maple syrup, melted butter and milk together in a large bowl, then whisk in the whole egg and the egg yolk. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, and stir just until smooth. Stir in the

walnuts. Let the batter stand so the dry ingredients can absorb the liquids, about five minutes.

Using a 2-1/2-inch-diameter ice-cream scoop, portion the batter, rounded side up, into the prepared muffin cups.

Bake for 10 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 375 F, and bake until the tops of the muffins are golden brown and a wire cake tester inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean, about 15 minutes more.

Cool in the pan for 10 minutes. Remove the muffins from the pan, and cool completely.

Yield: 12 muffins

Recipe from "Sarabeth's Bakery: From My Hands to Yours" by Sarabeth Levine

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

65th Birthday

Happy 65th birthday Gary!

Love,
 Elisha
 Bob
 Tyler
 Lance
 friends and family



These muffins, from Sarabeth's Bakery in Manhattan, showcase the sweet, rich flavor of real maple syrup. Credit: Photograph by Quentin Bacon for "Sarabeth's Bakery: From My Hands to Yours" by Sarabeth Levine (Rizzoli, 2011)

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