

## An afternoon tea party with friends



### THE SCOOP

#### MABLE HASTINGS

June Peacock loves a good party. She and her husband, Russell host a houseful of guests every Christmas and in mid-summer, the two are likely to be found in their garden hosting a barbecue.

"I've always wanted to host a tea party," June stated one day while we were out shopping together. "I want to spend time with friends and make memories," she added. "Life is just too short."

A few weeks later when the post arrived one fall morning, I and others found an invitation complete with a Peacock feather on the cover inviting us all to an afternoon tea. The event took place on Friday, September 20 starting at 1:00 p.m. We were encouraged to wear a hat or a fascinator but this was not mandatory.

The social gathering found seventeen women in attendance arriving in a variety of colors sporting hats and fascinators made of feathers, netting, lace and bows. I opted for a teacup and saucer fascinator surrounded by flowers and ribbon...très chic!

An "afternoon" tea has become quite an elegant affair, apparently, and June had prepared sandwiches (no crusts), cut in a variety of unique shapes placed on trays in a multitude of levels. Miniature brightly frosted cupcakes and squares as well as freshly baked scones added to the fare. Homemade jams and two different types of tea steeped to perfection



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wrapped in a tea cozy and served in bone china teacups as well as trays of sugar cubes, lemon slices, butter and cutlery adorned the two large tables.

A constant chatter erupted from the two adjacent rooms and the occasional burst of laughter danced through the air. There were faces both familiar and new as friendships were sweetened while others were freshly made promising the opportunity to meet again and blossom further.

I was the last to leave and as June and I sat to enjoy our fifth cup of tea, I could not help but watch her as she pattered around her kitchen, happy with the afternoon.

"I do believe it was a success," she chirped. "I think this will become another of my annual gatherings," she stated.

If you haven't held or attended a tea party recently, I highly recommend it. It is less stress than a dinner party and it

allows one the opportunity to be creative, delicate and innovative in selecting, preparing and displaying an afternoon treat conveniently timed after lunch and before dinner. It is such a rare event that guests are quite thrilled with the invite. The guests attending the Peacock Tea were a real mixed group that found themselves in the best of company and being hosted by a wonderful friend. What do you say June, same time next year?



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# Brome County Community Bulletin Board

## September 25

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

## September 28 & 29

**Richmond Regional Autumn Artisan Art Craft Sale!** September 28 & 29. Located at Richmond Regional High school, 375 Rue Armstrong, Richmond, From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Entrance for the craft sale is free. Door prizes and contest. There will be a brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$10 and 6 & under \$5. Over 70 exhibitors, for information contact 819-349-4490.

## September 28

**You are cordially invited to join us for the 18th Music Achievement Awards Jam and Celebration at "The Hut," A.N.A.F Unit 318, 300 St. Francis, Lennoxville on Saturday, September 28 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.** The recipients are Willie Fisk and Bubba Lacroix.

## September 28

**Chicken Pie Supper - Saturday, September 28, starting at 5:30 p.m. until all are served.** Richford United Methodist Church. Adults \$10 (US)/\$13 (Canadian) US Funds Appreciated. All Children 6 - 12 years \$4 Children under 6 are Free. Reservations appreciated but not required. Call 848-3477 (no answer please leave message).

## September 28

**The Mental Health & Well-Being Support Group.** Please phone Linda: 579-488-1450 or send an email to [pleasantvalley001@gmail.com](mailto:pleasantvalley001@gmail.com) for the location of the meeting. Join us for an opportunity to share experiences in a safe environment and receive support, information, encouragement & acceptance. Having support makes all the difference!

## September 29

**All you can eat brunch will be hosted at the Sutton Legion.** Eggs your way (omelettes are our specialty) Donation of \$10. For adults, children 6 to 12 yrs \$4, little ones are always free. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., everyone welcome. 2 Curley St., Sutton Qc. Information: 450-538-2210.

## September 29

**St. James Anglican Church - Foster.** We invite you to a service of Holy Communion, Rev. Tim Smart officiating. The service begins at 9 a.m. on September 29, at the little church on the hill, 725 Lakeside in Foster. Join us for refreshments and conversation afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

## September 29

**St. Paul's In Concert - Music and Poetry.** Poems by: David Chennell, Gloria Leney, and David Edmond. Music by: Tom Ransom, Shirley Spencer and Pierre Cabana. Sunday, September 29 at 4 p.m. St. Paul's Church Knowlton, 24 St. Paul's Road, Knowlton, A free will offering (\$10 suggested) will be received to finance the upgrade of our Hauptwerk organ system.

## September 30

**Monday, September 30: Knowlton Coffee Break "Mental Load: myth or reality?"** at 1:30 p.m. Women's centres across Quebec are raising awareness with #ThisIsWorkToo - the "invisible work" women commonly do - unpaid, unrecognized and a huge mental load that we don't factor in when we're calculating our stress levels. Join the debate on the seriousness of this issue! Lac Brome Community Centre, 270 rue Victoria, Knowlton  
Email: [avantebarb@hotmail.com](mailto:avantebarb@hotmail.com)

## October 1

**Your community wants you!** If you have a few hours a week - or even a month - and a desire to help others, stop by the Wellness booth at Seniors' Day on October 1 and ask about becoming a volunteer. Or call 450-242-2020.

## October 5

**Township Toddlers Annual Benefit Saturday, October 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Roast beef and pork BBQ. \$15/person, \$8 for 7-12 yrs and 6 yrs and under free. Auction (arts/crafts) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dance with Smokin Country and Friends 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 11

**The Town of Brome Lake Wellness Volunteer Centre invites all seniors in the Town of Brome Lake to celebrate Thanksgiving.** We are serving a full Thanksgiving dinner at the Centre Lac Brome on Friday, October 11 at noon. Musical entertainment will be provided by the always popular, Frost Village Brass Band. Transportation is available upon request. Please call the Community Centre at 450-242-2020 by Monday, October 7 to reserve a place. Donation \$5. We look forward to seeing you there!

## October 12

**BBQ Steak Supper! Cowansville Legion.** Saturday, October 12, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets \$17; Legion members \$15. Tickets available at the legion. Legion Cowansville, 120 Boul. Davignon.

## October 13

**A shout out to all who would like to learn how to dance Scottish Reels!** Sunday October 13 Celtic Harmonies Festival

will be hosting a Scottish Country dance! From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Knowlton Pub (Upstairs). Holly Boyd, one of the most celebrated teachers in Canada of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is coming from Montreal to teach an introduction to Scottish Country Dancing! Easy and fun! Discounts for men in Kilts. And don't forget to wear comfortable flat shoes! 10\$ for adults, \$8 for 65 and over & under 12. \$15 at the door. Space is limited please call 450-292-3456 ext. 227.

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

### ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME

Sunday Services are at 9 a.m. - all welcome! First Sunday of the month - Holy Trinity (Iron Hill); second Sunday - St. John the Evangelist (Brome); third Sunday - Church of the Ascension (West Brome) and the fourth Sunday - St Aidan (Sutton Junction). Rev. Tim Smart, rector. Information: 450-538-8108.

### BEDFORD PASTORAL CHARGE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

You are warmly welcomed to join us each Sunday as we gather in worship. We welcome you and your ideas as we provide a safe place where all can seek a greater purpose to life. Services taking place: September 1&15 in Bedford, September 8 & 22 in Stanbridge East, September 29 in Mystic. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and is followed by coffee and snacks. For more information please visit <http://www.bedfordpastoral.org/> or call 450-248-3044.

### 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 10 a.m., 137 rue John, Cowansville. Everyone is welcome.

### CREEK/WATERLOO PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday, September 1 - Guest Worship Leader Don Seaman; worship and music: Creek United, 278 Brill Rd., West Bolton, service and Sunday school, at 9:00 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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### ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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### TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

409 South Street, Cowansville. All Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. First and third Sunday of month is communion service. Second, fourth and fifth Sunday of month is morning prayer service. Minister available Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come and join us as we endeavor to learn and practice God's loving will. We'd love to welcome you. Information: 450-955-3303 (leave message).

# Open House at the Joseph-Gallagher Fire station

BCN Staff

The Waterloo Regional Fire Department invites its citizens as well as those from surrounding regions to its first open house at the new Joseph Gallagher Barracks, located at 400 Bernard St. in Waterloo. The event will be held on Saturday, October 5, between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. To promote safe behaviors to adopt daily, several activities will be held. This special day will launch Fire Prevention Week, which will take place across Quebec from October 6 to 12, with the theme "The first person in charge is you!"

## Activities

For this first open house, the fire service personnel take out the heavy artillery. In addition to a tour of the barracks, it will be possible to visit the various trucks, but also to get on and take a ride in a real fire truck. There will be a demonstration and fire extinguisher workshop held to demystify the use. Firefighters will also give a demonstration of the use of the jaws of life. A prevention kiosk with an "All Risk" house will make it possible to learn more about potential risks to be identified and avoided in residences.

For the little ones, Burny, the official mascot of the regional fire department will be on hand to entertain children. The firefighters and Burny will be available for photo shoots with the kids. An inflatable game and an electric cart circuit will also

be available to entertain young people. The more daring will have the chance to practice on a course that firefighters train on to prepare for fires. Snacks and refreshments will be available to children after all these activities.

## Kiosks and conferences

Every half hour, it will be possible to attend a conference given by a firefighter. The themes of these conferences include the installation of smoke detectors, the use of carbon monoxide detectors, the evacuation plan of a residence in case of fire and a portion will deal with "Predicting the unpredictable".

A lesser-known facet will be highlighted during the interactive conference that will spotlight the involvement of a firefighter in his community. A firefighter does more than just put out fires: he is actively involved in his community by being present at various popular high-profile events, for example.

Information and awareness kiosks will be hosted by the Canadian Red Cross Haute-Yamaska/Brome-Missisquoi section, the Haute-Yamaska Rescue Unit and the Cowansville Lions Club. Representatives from the Sûreté du Québec will verify the installation of baby/child seats in visitors' vehicles.

To view the full open house schedule, visit the Waterloo Fire Safety Facebook page by following this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/casernedewaterloo/>.

**Caregivers' Café**

Saturday, September 28 from 10 a.m. to noon  
St. Paul's Anglican Church, 24 St. Paul, Knowlton


**Advance Care Planning**

**Speaker: Sue Britton, R.N., Psychotherapist, Palliative Care Nurse** with 41 years experience in home and hospital care, is a pioneer in the field of palliative care. Sue is a member of the McGill Council of Palliative Care, and a frequent presenter of workshops to community groups on many topics related to end-of-life care.

*Advance Care Planning* is a way of expressing one's wishes. A person who is capable of giving consent to care specifies in advance the medical care that they will agree or refuse to receive in the event that they become incapable of giving consent to care in specific clinical situations. Sue will give some examples of consequences when there has been no advanced care plans, the three levels of care at the end of life, and the reviewing of the Speak Up (Advance Care Planning Workbook) which is available on line. It's about conversations.

*Please join us, all are welcome.*

Further information: **CHSSN**  
**(Community Health & Social Services Network)**



# Ann-Marie MacDonald to open 10th Knowlton Literary Festival

Submitted by  
Philip Lanthier

Noted author, playwright, actor and television personality, Ann-Marie MacDonald, will be in Knowlton this fall to help launch the 10th anniversary edition of the Knowlton Literary Festival.

Her reading from new work will follow the reception which opens the Festival at 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 18 at the Ville de Lac-Brome Community Centre, 270 Victoria in Knowlton. Entry fee for the event is \$20 and includes wine and catered hors d'oeuvres.

Ann-Marie Macdonald is author of several novels including the best sellers *Fall on Your Knees* and *The Way the Crow Flies*. She is also co-creator of a number of original theatrical pieces and sole author of the comic play *Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)* which won a Governor General's award for English Language Drama in 1990. She is perhaps best known to Canadians as host of the *Life and Times* documentary series and as host and narrator of CBC's *Doc Zone*.

Her most recent work, *Adult Onset*,

like her two earlier novels, has strong autobiographical elements and was, she says, the hardest to write. *MacLeans* magazine found the novel "intricate and gripping...a master class in turning the personal into the universal through art." The narrative centres on two gay women and the challenges they face in raising children while pursuing their own creative lives. The re-emerging past complicates their lives and threatens their precarious world. Readers interested in getting a taste of *Adult Onset* can access the ingenious "trailer" available on Ann-Marie MacDonald's website.

This year's festival will also feature something new: a master of ceremonies. Roger Williams, retired teacher from Marianopolis CEGEP in Montreal will act as the voice of the festival, introducing authors and ensuring that the events move along smoothly. He divides his time between Sutton and a cottage on Lake Memphremagog

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# Pet of the Week: Shiloh

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR:

I dropped in to see the new kitchen at Knowlton Academy last weekend, and my jaw just dropped. The transformation of the weary old kitchen into a state-of-the-art 2019 kitchen was a miracle. Volunteering for the breakfast program, Kirk Lawrence was the driving force behind this miracle, together with his team Renalee Gore, Joan McKinnon, Judy Martin, Susan McKinnon Bell and of course Kirk. From idea to fruition this all came to pass over the summer. All I can say is WOW. You must drop in to see it.

SHERYL TAYLOR



Hello! I am a guy who is just over 2 years old with nice short fur - black, gold & white - and weigh 55-60 lbs. I am happy and friendly (they call me 'Mr. Wiggles' around here) and I put all my heart and soul into everything I do - communicating with people, walking, sniffing, playing with other dogs and then when all that is done, I like to retire to a corner and relax for awhile! Just teach me the rules you want me to follow and I will fall into place and become your perfect companion.

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## Go faster alone, go farther together

Submitted by  
 Wellness Volunteer Centre  
 and Pettes Memorial Library

Want to be part of a dynamic team, meet new people, and help others? Stop by the Wellness booth at Seniors' Day on Tuesday, October 1 at Centre Lac-Brome in Knowlton and ask about becoming a volunteer.

The Wellness Volunteer Centre and Pettes Memorial Library are working together, pooling ideas and resources to develop new programs aimed at increasing literacy, reducing isolation and breaking down the barriers that keep people from moving forward and living life to the fullest. It's a collaboration that will benefit many in the community, from tots to seniors, but volunteers are needed to make these programs possible.

If you have a few hours a week - or even a month -

and a desire to help others, this could be an opportunity for you. Recruits will receive training and tips at a workshop conducted in French and English by Wilma Falconer, a specialized oncology and palliative care nurse.

To find out more, look for the Wellness booth at Seniors' Day, Tuesday, October 1 at Centre Lac-Brome in Knowlton, or call 450-242-2020.

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# Missisquoi Community School's courses start Thursday at Heroes' Memorial

By Louise Smith

cafeteria downstairs.

A list of courses can be found on Facebook: Missisquoi Community School or else you can come in and browse and find something of interest. There are returning courses and new courses. There is something for everyone over the next ten weeks at a very reasonable cost of fifteen dollars. See you there!

As mentioned in detail last week, course registration and the first night of courses will start on Thursday, September 26. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and people will register in the gym. Classes will begin at 7:30 and end at 9 p.m. with a social hour in the

# Heroes' Memorial School library on the move once more

By Louise Smith

It is hoped that it will be finished in a few weeks time. Volunteers are opening bags and restocking shelves. Annie Needham, who had done a lot of the artwork when the library was last updated downstairs, has transferred the artwork up to the new area.

Volunteers are the backbone of many schools. They are much appreciated.

The library at Heroes' Memorial has been located in several places. Its last residency was in the basement beside the music room, which this year is the new art room. The library is in the process of being relocated to the area where the principal's office once was and including part of the photocopying area.



PHOTO BY LOUISE SMITH

Annie Needham is one of many volunteers relocating the books for the Heroes' library



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# The passage of the Wartime Elections and Military Voters Acts

Submitted by  
Brome County Historical Society

Anniversaries of major historic events are tremendous opportunities to look back into history. Last week marked the one hundred and second anniversary of an important milestone in Canadian political history: the passage of the Wartime Elections and Military Voters Acts on September 20, 1917 that granted Canadian women the right to vote in federal elections.

Canadian women had been fighting for the vote since 1883 and the birth of the Women's Suffrage Society. The passage of the Wartime Elections and the Military Voters Acts was thus a victory thirty-four years in the making. Unfortunately, the two acts did not grant all women the right to vote. Only direct relatives (wives, mothers, and daughters) of Canadian soldiers serving in the First World War and women serving as nurses could vote – two groups chosen for a very specific reason.

Although Robert Borden, Prime Minister since 1911, promised there would be no conscription when the First World War began, ever-increasing casualty rates pushed Borden to change his position in 1917, tearing apart his coalition government and forcing elections in December. To increase his chances of winning, Borden pushed the Wartime Elections and Military Voters Acts that, among

other voting reforms favorable to Borden, granted suffrage to women likely to support the issue of conscription. Borden calculated that female relatives of soldiers already in Europe would support conscription as conscripts would act as reinforcements for their loved ones.

The political calculus behind both acts was made evident by clauses that only granted women suffrage until the end of the War. Nonetheless, once women's suffrage was granted, it proved difficult to retract and with another act of Parliament passed in December 1918, Canadian women over the age of 21 – with the notable exception of Indigenous women – acquired full voting rights.

It is worth remembering that although women in Quebec could vote in federal elections as of 1919, Quebec's legislature would not grant women suffrage until 1940 – the last Canadian province to do so. With the Catholic Church exercising tremendous influence and fearing that women's suffrage would undermine a husband's alleged authority over his wife, political rights were difficult to come by for women. Ultimately, even though many women in Brome County who had relatives fighting in Europe were among the first federally enfranchised women in Canada, they would be the last to be able to vote in a provincial election.

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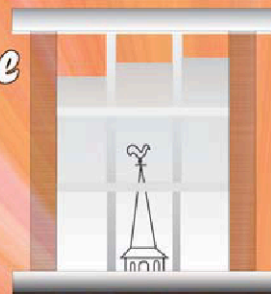


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# Heroes' Memorial's Terry Fox Run Friday, September 27

By Louise Smith

Every year the students at Heroes' Memorial participate in the Terry Fox Run. It has its rightly earned nickname, "The Little School That Can". For its population, it is one of the high-

est earners, per student, of all schools in the province. Terry Fox is recognized as a true hero by the students, staff, parents, and the community. His mother and his brother have both visited the school on separate occasions.

This upcoming Friday afternoon the

students will be running around the school grounds for the Terry Fox Run. The school site is QC 1135. Donations can be made at the school or online. Thousands are raised each year.

The money goes towards research and making breakthroughs in the fight

against this disease, which affects so many. Much has been done, but there is still more to be done until cancer is conquered.



LOUISE SMITH

The students at Heroes' Memorial actively participate in the annual Terry Fox Run. These are scenes from last year's run at "The Little School That Can".



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# Digital Literacy Program Breaks Digital Divide in Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska



In 2018, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada launched a contribution program to support training geared towards improving essential digital literacy skills; the Digital Literacy Exchange program (DLEP). Many economic communications and transactions are migrating to a primarily digital platform, which has generated a need for more accessible training programs to support this area of knowledge development. Through the DLEP, individuals from across the country have access to a range of training designed to increase their digital competencies.

The MRCs of Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska are among the fortunate communities to benefit from this funding program. In partnership with Yamaska Literacy Council and Espace Idées, Townshippers' Association has received funding to offer training opportunities in these MRCs. Three municipalities will benefit from three separate workshops that address various levels of digital literacy knowledge development. Each of these workshops are offered in both official languages, at separate times, in each of the three municipalities. The DLEP program has run English-language workshops in Waterloo and Cowansville and will conclude the English-language workshops in Granby. The French-language workshops are scheduled for the fall and winter months and will also take place in Waterloo, Cowansville, and Granby. In support of digital literacy knowledge development, the work-

shops offer information and support ranging from basic interactions with and manipulation of your digital device, online safety, and critical evaluation, to creating digital and online content.

After the completion of six workshops, the feedback has been very positive. The scope of digital knowledge is vast, and the interests and needs being identified in our community are representative of the growing demands and social benefit of a flourishing digital economy. Although the DLEP program will conclude in Brome-Missisquoi and Haute-Yamaska in March of 2020, community service providers will continue to work to identify needs and provide information on pertinent topics related to digital literacy. If you would like more information on the current workshops, please contact Maggie Severs at 450-242-4421 or ms@townshippers.org.

Last month, Townshippers' NPI agents, Lisa Payne and Maggie Severs, had the pleasure of interviewing Miranda Cote, one of this year's Outstanding Townshippers award recipients. This poised young woman spoke eloquently about her goals and the importance of community involvement. Miranda is a familiar face around the Knowlton area. She has been involved in various committees and projects for children. Notably, Miranda has helped manage the Salamander Summer camp in Lac-Brome. Her team, under her watchful eye and leadership, delivered an incredible experience for all campers. As one of her nominator's worded it, "From organizing our neighbourhood play dates to organizing the whole entire town's day camp, it has always been her talent to bring people together." At just 23 years old, Miranda is also a cancer survivor; having conquered cancer with perseverance and a positive attitude. When faced with this horrible diagnosis, she was brave enough to video blog her journey, documenting the process, raising awareness of blood cancers, helping fellow cancer patients and survivors, and sharing her journey. Miranda's university studies were interrupted by her battle, but now that she is strong and healthy again, she has returned to studying teaching at Bishop's University and she is currently a substitute teacher in the area. We thank Miranda for her continued involvement and support of local initiatives as an Outstanding Townshipper!

About Townshippers is Townshippers' Association's radio show on CIDI 99.1 FM. Tune in every week Fridays



Maggie Severs & Lisa Payne at CIDI radio show

at noon and Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. The program is designed to keep our listeners informed and up to date on cultural events and fundraisers, local health and social services, and news from community partners. It's an hour dedicated to highlighting amazing initiatives and the devoted individuals that support English-language events, activities, and services in our area.

This monthly column keeps you in touch with Townshippers' Association's activities and news. Other ways to keep in touch:

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## Celebrations ongoing for 75th Anniversary of Royal Canadian Legion, Branch no. 99 Cowansville

By Louise Smith

The Cowansville Legion had a special parade in August to celebrate its 75th year of operation. At the parade were three active members of service, three reservists, UN NATO veterans, more than eight Afghanistan veterans, Isabelle Charest, the mayor Sylvie Beauregard, and many others. It was also a day to officially unveil the refurbished cenotaph, which now has two additional towers recognizing Afghan veterans and members in active service. The three benches on one side of the walkway leading up to the cenotaph are in place and a stone poppy has been

added into the walkway itself.

Past President, Don Wells, was able to retell the Legion's early history. Veterans first gathered in Knowlton where they met in a garage. An early Legion was built there but it was torn down. Then veterans met in Magog. The land for the present Legion was donated by Miss Nina Nesbitt, who, in her later years, lived alone in the big Nesbitt house. Don remembers going to visit her several times.

The original building was cement blocks covered in stucco. There were plans for a second storey but a lack of funds meant it was only to be one storey. The bar



PHOTO BY EDWINA BOUGIE

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# Avante October News

Submitted by  
Avante Women's Centre

Avante officially started our fall program with our Open House a few weeks ago, when we welcomed more than 50 women throughout the day, renewing memberships and catching up on all the news. The Fall Newsletter has been mailed to all our members, so if you haven't received it, please call us to make sure we have the correct contact information for you.

## #THISISWORKTOO

Women's Centres throughout Quebec have chosen the theme of invisible work, and more specifically mental load, for this year's Quebec Women's Centre Day awareness. Invisible work refers to the unpaid, unrecognized tasks required to run a healthy, happy home. Mental load is the stress of managing these tasks, largely done by women. But this is not considered work when calculating wealth creation within our society by our labour force. With women now representing half of the labour market, should it be recognized? Undoubtedly, women need to be aware of this and recognize that they may need more coping tools to continue their lives as "super

moms"! Avante will be offering several workshops addressing these concerns, titled #thisisworktoo.

On Monday, September 30, Barb will be hosting our first workshop at the Lac Brome Community Centre. "Mental load: myth or reality?" Join us for a debate on this issue! The first part of our coffee break will be catching up on the new programs being offered in Knowlton this fall and introducing our Outreach Worker, Christine. Starts at 1:30.

On Tuesday, October 1, Gayl and Christine will be celebrating Quebec Women's Centre Day with a light supper at our centre at 5:30, followed by some fun and interactive activities based on #thisisworktoo.

The theme continues the following week with Christine "Doing Groceries the Smart Way" on Tuesday, October 8 at 6 p.m. Groceries seem to take so much of our time (figuring what to cook, what to buy, what's on special? We end up buying whatever we're hungry for that day and just wasting it in the fridge! We'll learn when to buy fruits and veggies so they're fresh! How to save money and not waste food!

#thisisworktoo continues for our Bedford Coffee Break with Barb on Wednes-

day, October 9 at 10 a.m., who will explore the "5 Simple Steps to Lighten the Load". Mental load can be defined as the stress of organizing, planning and maintaining your life and that of those dependent on you on a daily basis. Learn easy ways to handle this particular stress so that life has more "want to's" than "have to's".

## OPEN TIL 8

Gayl and Caroline will be looking at ways to support zero waste with a workshop on Tuesday, October 15 at 6 p.m. called "FOLDABLE POCKET BAGS". All materials will be supplied, but a sewing machine required and there's a \$2 suggested donation. There's a maximum of 10 participants, so register quickly!

Nancy will be hosting a very special presentation with Andréanne Larouche from JAM (Justice Alternative et Mediation) on raising awareness about senior abuse. Learn to recognize the signs and how to take action. Tuesday, October 22 at 6 p.m.

To finish up the month, Christine invites you to join her on Tuesday, October 29 at 6 p.m. for a Hallowe'en DIY workshop "Having fun with glue sticks". Let's just go back to our childhood and do some decorations, because we too can

have some fun gluing things! \$2 suggested donation and children are encouraged to come.

## HEALTH MATTERS

The partnership with Townshippers' Association for Health Matters starts up again on Friday, October 18 at the Cowansville CLSC. The topic this month will be "Better Bowel Health" - A DVD presentation of a videoconference done in May with Myra Siminovitch from the Montreal Glenn Hospital. An information session on how our digestive system works, with a focus on the intestines. Join us at 10 a.m., followed by a free light lunch. Everyone welcome.

Health Matters: Revisited is a repeat presentation of a health videoconference, but offered at the Lac Brome Community Centre. "Bone Health & Osteoporosis Updates" will be the subject for this month's session on Monday, October 21. 1 of 3 women will suffer from an osteoporotic fracture during their lifetime. And the older we are, the higher the risk for loss of autonomy. Find out how to maintain an active lifestyle and ensure good bone health by understanding the causes and risks of osteoporosis. Starts at 1:30.

# 75th Legion anniversary

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was downstairs and there was a fireplace. It was quite smoky for two reasons! The hall upstairs was used as the gym for the Cowansville High School (now Heroes' Memorial) and the bar side had a walk up stage that included a grand piano. The Legion continues its close ties with Heroes' Memorial through donations to its breakfast program and through support for students art and writing at Remembrance Day time, and through awards at the end of the year. A big flood in the 1960's in the

basement wiped out many photos and records stored there.

Right now the Legion is starting its food campaign for Christmas baskets. They are collecting cash and canned goods and dry goods. Donations can be dropped off during business hours, every day after 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the coffee "hours" between 8 a.m. and noon. Collections are made until the end of November.



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Many came to participate in the celebration parade for the 75th Anniversary of the Cowansville Legion, branch no. 99. The cenotaph has had two extra columns added, one for Afghanistan and one for active service



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**LAC BROME Moving Sale**, 35 Mill Road, Lac Brome on **Sunday**, September 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 4 ft. maple sugar rig (bring 2 helpers); 1940 Chevy sedan car parts: 2 bumpers, hood, alternator, fuel pump, head lamps, door handles and other parts, sold as a lot; 2 ft. Chinese vase; new crib mattress; oil filled electric heaters; gardening and misc. tools (some antique); Poulin power saw; various collectible wood boxes, tins and cans for collectors; bead display case; antique weigh scale; jeweller's lathe wheel, bee hives and much more.

Obituary



**Kathryn Idell Pettes Crandall**  
 March 20, 1915 - July 25, 2019

Memorial Library in Knowlton, the oldest free rural library in Quebec. Niece of Ellen Florence Pettes (1850-1926), and Judge William Warren Lynch (1845-1916), Francis Carrie Pettes (1855-1933) and John Edward Fay (1853-1937), Effie Lavonia Curtis (1863-1948) and Ernest Everett Philbrick, (1965-1948), Almon Henry Curtis (1865-1871), Geniver Tyler Curtis (1870-1945) and Martha Rose Stockwell 1870-1945), Hettie Eliza Curtis (1872-1950) and Baxter Maurice Cleveland (1902-1979), Lena Maude Curtis (1878- 1946) and Sewell Franklin (Frank) Belknap (1879-1920).

Kathryn was always intrigued that some of her Pettes ancestors had been Huguenots (French Protestants) who had fled persecution in France during the 17th century, often changing the spelling of their names as they settled all over Europe, including England. Some of Kathryn's ancestors moved to the United States, then eventually, as United Empire Loyalists, chose to moved to Canada, some of them settling in the West Brome area. Kathryn enjoyed visiting cemeteries in New England and the two local Pettes Cemeteries, most frequently the Pettes Cemetery in West Brome, where some of her ancestors tracing to James Pettes (1759-1833) and Kathryn (Kate) Olney (1759-1853) are buried. Many of her Curtis family relatives were from the Danville area and she always expressed regret that she did not have opportunity to know her Curtis relatives more closely. Kathryn endeavored to locate, reach out to and stay in touch with relatives by letters, phone calls and emails and was always pleased when relatives contacted her.

With sorrow, disbelief, and gratitude for her amazingly good and long life, we announce the gentle, graceful, dignified passing of Kathryn Idell Pettes Crandall, peacefully at her home in Knowlton, Quebec, with her cherished daughter, Deirdre Susan Elizabeth Crandall, holding her tenderly in her arms.

Predeceased by her beloved husband, Norman MacDonald Crandall (1915-1982), and cherished son, Tyler Jay Crandall (1944-1990), and cherished siblings Mary (Molly) Louise Pettes, (1889-1953) (Guy Mason, Laurence Delmar MacClintock), Jeremiah Curtis Pettes (1896-1918), Evelyn Maude Pettes (1901-1985), (Howard Davison Hyman, Frank MacDonald), Florence May Pettes (1899-1988) (Charles Porteous Thornton), Heber Austin Pettes (1905-1978) (Marion Bell McLaughlin).

Grandmother of Scott MacDonald Marks (Kelly Jean Purkis), and Ted Jay Marks (Rebecca Jane Marks). Great-grandmother of Michael Lisle Bynoe, Kathleen Jennifer Boynoe, Logan John Donald Marks, Summer Jayne Marks, Samuel Ross Marks, and great-great-grandmother of Payton Boynoe.

Kathryn was born in Knowlton, Quebec and proudly lived her entire life there. She was the youngest daughter of Austin Wheeler Pettes (1858-1941) and Delilah May Curtis (1874-1937), granddaughter of Jeremiah Charles Pettes (1820-1914) and Susan Charlotte Wheeler (1829-1905), granddaughter of Tyler Baxter Curtis (1837-1912) and Delilah May Colton (1839-1912), great-niece of Nathaniel Pettes (1816-1889) and Narcissa Farrand Pettes (1821-1912), who in 1894 established the Pettes

The nuances of Kathryn's relationships were expressed in the proliferation of names she was fondly and teasingly referred to: "Kathryn, Kay, Aunt Kay, Katie, Ma Tante, Ma Tante Kathryn, KP, and Queenie." Narratives abound. Kathryn cherished and was cherished by her Pettes relatives and by her Crandall family by marriage, for which she was always grateful.

Kathryn was fluently bilingual in French and English, having been educated for the first six years of her schooling by Les Soeurs St-Joseph de St Hyacinthe at the St-Edouard Parish in Knowlton. Her memory for people, narratives and dates was clear, vivid and astonishing. She was an avid reader, bird watcher, gardener, lover of nature, ardent environmentalist and an engaging conversationalist on almost any topic, a raconteur and oral historian with special interests in history, local history, genealogy and current affairs. In recent years, she was an eager follower of the excavations and adventures underway off the shore of Nova Scotia, as televised on "The Curse of Oak

Death



**May Elizabeth (Kirby) Young**  
 (May 22, 1937 - September 22, 2019)

Following a courageous battle with cancer, May Elizabeth Young passed away peacefully, on September 22, 2019 at the age of 82.

May was a sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend. She was always someone you could talk to and hear the truth. May worked as a book-keeper and as an aid at the CLSC and Butters. Later in life she took courses to become a Reflexologist. She loved to watch her birds and her beautiful flowers. She enjoyed her annual trips to "Apple Country" with her sisters and extended family and in later years was accompanied by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May was predeceased by her parents, Robert Kirby and Helen Bullis and by her husband Benjamin Young. She leaves to mourn her life companion Roger (Sweet Pea) George, her four children, Sherry (Daniel Fontaine), Dean (Susan Cunningham), Jeffrey (Judy Annetts), Aulden (Anita Lewis ) her grandchildren; Nathan Fontaine (Emily Miller), Nelsha Fontaine (Daniel Royea), (late) Michel Fontaine, Lindsay Young (Toufic JeBailey), Kirby Young (Chad Bobbitt), Samantha Young (Dylan Bryant), Emily Young (Marie-France Poulin), (late) Karley Young, Shawn Young (Monica Nanni), and Derek Young; her great-grandchildren Benjamin, Preston, Rowen, and Kamryn Fontaine, Bishop, Eviana, and Claire Royea, Alice and Charlotte Cox, and Albert and Vincent Young, She will be sadly missed by her siblings and their families; (late) Mable (Harold Boyce), (late) Lydney (Iris Armstrong), (late) Lester (Audrey Hillis), (late) Mary (Philius (Chick) Hamelin), (late) Marjorie (Arnold Kirby), Margaret (late Rudolphe Lessard), (late) Lindsey (Mike) (Merlin Derby), Mina (Norman Kirby) Visitation will take place at the Mansonville Baptist Church (359, rue Principale) on Saturday, September 28th at 1:00 p.m. with the celebration of life to follow at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be at the Mansonville cemetery following the service.

The family wishes to sincerely thank the Drs. and staff at the CHUS Fleurimont, and the caregivers at the CSSS Memphremagog for the excellent care they provided.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations in her memory to the Mansonville Baptist Church, Leucan, Children's Wish Foundation.

Death

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Island” on the History Channel. In early January 2017 she marathon watched 13 hours of back-to-back rerun episodes and was able to recount details from each episode as well as the context for each and was still following new episodes this year.

Kathryn was a long time and active member of St. Paul’s Anglican Church, a Trustee of the Narcissa Farrand Pettes Trust Fund at the Pettes Memorial Library and a Board member, Lifetime Member and Honorary Director of the Brome County Historical Society. In 2014 she was a recipient of an Outstanding Townshippers’ Award.

In 2012, shortly after her 97th Birthday, Kathryn was interviewed for CIDI Radio by Pamela McNair and Brian Eddington, and was introduced by them as “an example of living history of Knowlton and Brome County.”

Articles about Kathryn published in the Town of Brome Lake Tempo in 2015 (on the occasion of her 100th birthday), and in the Obituaries section of the Tempo August 28, 2019, can be found at <http://tempolacbrome.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2017/02/tempo201504.pdf> (page17), <https://tempolacbrome.ca/kathryn-pettes-crandall/>

By nature shy and reticent, yet able to really enjoy “working the room” at social events, Kathryn is admired and remembered for her unwavering commitment to her family, her loyalty to friends, her intelligence, love of language, feisty spirit, wit and charm, quirky, effervescent sense of humor, and her calm, quiet faith, humility ever-deepening wisdom.

Her longevity (104.4 - we playfully added each month after the year) offered her the rare and precious opportunity to reflect on herself, her life, and her faith. She chose to set-aside difficult experiences and painful memories, to trust an increasingly reveal herself to others, and to express her warmth, tenderness, love and compassion ever more openly and freely. She treasured her close friendships with Juliette Brouillette, Bill and Nicole Patterson, Norma Lowe, Barbara Northrup, Ann Northrup Fowler, Brian Eddington, Martha Crandall, Tony Eldridge, Austin Pettes, Ronald and June (Spencer) Pettes, Noreen Pettes Duross, Maxwell Pettes, Louis and Bernadette Page, Maryse Lavigne, Carol and Deanna Draper, Lise Valois, and Lettie Cox (d.), and she greatly enjoyed and was enlivened by Respite visits from Carolyn Derby, Maureen Woods, Val Dymond and Barbara Burbank. Her special bonds of love with her daughter

Deirdre Susan, and especially her loving relationships with her nephew Gary Crandall and his wife Bev Crandall and their grandchildren Nolan, Hailey and Brendan Russell brought her immeasurable joy.

Kathryn was proudly independent, disciplined and precise. With support from Gary and Bev Crandall, and increasingly frequent and lengthier visits from her daughter, she lived alone in her own home, maintaining her home, cooking, baking, doing laundry and light housework, reading, tending her flowers, caring for her cat Pépé, feeding the birds, shopping for groceries - many people will remember Kathryn zipping around the entire IGA with a small grocery cart until mid-January 2017. When asked by her daughter if she was nervous living alone at age 101, Kathryn replied emphatically, “Yes, at times I am nervous, but I refuse to be controlled by my fear.”

On January 31, 2017, 2 months prior to her 102 Birthday, Kathryn suffered an Ischemic Occipital stroke, at which time her daughter returned to live with and care for her full time, supporting Kathryn to maximize her independence and a high quality of life for an additional 2 1/2 years.

Kathryn’s vitality, will and capacity to recover was remarkable, and she continued to thrive, enjoy her life, enjoy visits from friends and family and attend some local social events, including Frank Matthews 90th birthday celebration, Christmas Dinner at the Knowlton Pub, the celebration of Arlene Royea’s 40 years with the BCHS, and a Christmas concert at St. Paul’s Anglican Church. She attended Brome Fair in 2017 because she wanted to see Rod Crandall’s Gladiolas in the horticultural exhibit (they won in every category). She visited with Rod’s children at the livestock barns and toured the entire fair grounds with pleasure and excitement, enjoying the displays, chatting with friends, acquaintances and vendors, and she purchased her membership for CIDI Community Radio. She was planning to attend Brome Fair again this year, looking forward to watching the Sunday parade and was already planning her baking for the St. Paul’s Anglican Church and BCHS Christmas bake sales and talking about a day trip to Bonnally Lake at Orford to view the changes since her husband had a cabin there.

Kathryn’s decline was gradual and graceful. She experienced several more Transient Ischemic strokes (TIA) over

the past several months, from each of which she recovered partially, but each of which also gradually weakened her. Apart from these Ischemic strokes (and an entirely successful surgery for cancer in 2010 from which she healed completely), in all other respects, she was blessed with and enjoyed extraordinarily excellent health for all of her life.

Years ago, Kathryn had mentioned to Dr. Barakett that she was “old.” He had teasingly replied, “Kathryn, you are not old, you are positively ancient.” This designation pleased her greatly and we have repeated this anecdote for the past 15 or so years, embellishing and embroidering freely and we did so recently: Kathryn knew and was pleased that we were already planning her 105 Birthday. Five days prior to her demise, her daughter Deirdre had suggested to her that it would be pleasing to all of us if she would aim for 108 and thus become not only “ancient,” but also a “legend.” Although Kathryn totally enjoyed this humor in the moment, apparently the idea was not appealing, and she chose to depart much sooner than we anticipated and much sooner than we could ever have hoped for.

Kathryn will be greatly missed by family, friends and neighbors, too numerous to mention everyone. Predeceased by so many of her relatives and friends, Kathryn always greatly missed, spoke fondly and frequently of her immediate family and her closest friends.

Reflecting on the frequency and fondness with which Kathryn spoke of beloved family members, friends, neighbors, and community members, offers us a nuanced sense of how quietly and tenderly Kathryn cared for these people, and how deeply she valued her varied relationships with them. We are also reminded that her gift of longevity also entailed her enduring many losses, requiring her to adapt to challenging circumstances.

Kathryn and her husband Norman were married for 34 years. He died in 1982, at age 66. Her son Tyler died in 1990, at age 45. At age 67, when some feel jaded, uninspired and passé, Kathryn began the next stage of her life, an adventure really. She began to live alone and for the first time in her life began to make her own decisions. Kathryn lived alone for 35 years, longer than she was married. At times it was difficult and at times she was lonely. She redirected her loneliness into activities within the community and within her home, modifying these within the parameters of her strength and capaci-

ty. Kathryn was respected and admired for her cheerful attitude, her poise, courage and stoic resolve to adapt gracefully to the challenges she faced, to create new relationships, to find pleasure in simple things, to do all and whatever she could do for as long as she could, and for philosophically choosing to “embrace change, for change is inevitable.”

Kathryn chose to balance herself adeptly in the present moment with a long view of the past and she looked forward and welcomed every new day with enthusiasm for the fresh possibilities offered.

It was Kathryn’s long expressed wish that she be able to live at home for all the days of her life, and with the support of her daughter, family and a remarkable team of caring, compassionate professionals, her wish was fulfilled.

Until her final days, Kathryn expressed gratitude to God for “the goodness of her life,” and she received visitors until an hour prior to her passing.

Kathryn and family have greatly appreciated the continuous prayer support of the Creek Church, St Paul’s Anglican Church, the Knowlton United Church, the St Eduard Church, the prayer group of St. Mary’s Episcopal church, Bellville Florida, Rev’d Canon Ian L. Bockus, Chaplin Catherine Klapstein, family members and friends near and far.

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A service to celebrate Kathryn’s life will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Knowlton. Visitation 1 p.m., service at 2 p.m., followed by a light reception in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, should anyone wish to, donations in Kathryn’s memory will be gratefully accepted by the Pettes Memorial Library, the Brome County Historical Society, or other charity of your choice.

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help  
My help cometh from the Lord,  
which made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121 KJV

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