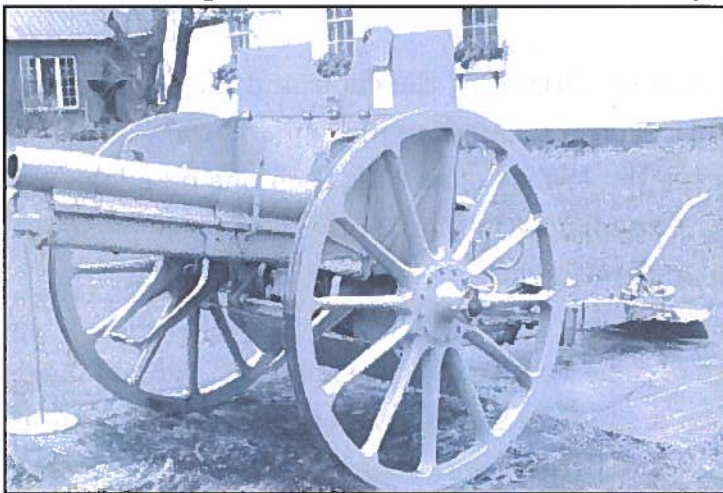


Heroes' Memorial lives up to its name

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To commemorate the centennial anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I, the Brome County Historical Society has opened an exhibit that explains Canada's role with particular attention paid to soldiers from Brome County.



Entitled, "The Path to Peace: Canada's Hundred Days," the exhibit is curated by Jeremy Reeves and Abbey Lacroix and describes the final battles in France that ended the Great War. The exhibit opened for the first time on Monday, November 5 although the museum waited to hold its official opening gala until November

9. It will remain on display until March

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Reeves and Lacroix have spoken to 250 students in elementary and secondary schools, Reeves said, adding that the museum has 450 artifacts from WWI. The German items like mortars, shells, and helmets, were given to the museum by the Canadian government, whereas descendants of local soldiers donated the Canadian items in the collection.

The exhibit includes panels with information about the Canadian troops and the progress they made as they fought to liberate France from German occupation. Don Wells, Michael Rychar, Leon Nowacki, Robert Bouthot, and Sylvain Hamel, who have all served in the armed forces, were all guests at the **Heroes' Memorial Remembrance Day Ceremony** last Thursday

On Thursday, November 8th, **Heroes' Memorial School** held its annual Remembrance Day commemoration assembly. It was one of the best that it has ever held. It began with Legion members bringing in the flags of Canada, Quebec, and the Legion, behind students waving

flags of peace. The students were respectful and appreciative of the veterans and guests in attendance and during the two minutes of silence at eleven o'clock and while six wreaths and a cross were laid on a table at the front of the gym.

Sixth grade Students from Ecole St. Leon came. They have been visitors for over ten years to the Remembrance Day assembly. Some of them joined with Heroes' students to recite the French version of "In Flanders Fields" by John

Mccrae. Before that students in grade four recited it in English. It was very fitting that this poem was used as it was written on the battlefields of World War One. Liam Allen and Emberly Decellesdaniel, from grade four, read out poems that they had written. Gabriel Neil, a student from Heroes', was dressed as a member of the Air Cadets. Lorianne Charest and James Piette were in scout uniforms.

Ms. Laura Barr had inspiring musical pieces performed by the choir and the school band. The theme of the day was that people all want peace. Surrounding the gym, on the walls, were the photos of the 158 Canadians who fell during the Afghanistan War, each one on a large red poppy. It was also mentioned that since 1947 Canadian Army, Air Force, and Navy personnel have completed 72 international missions. At any time eight

thousand men and women are in active service.

Before the two minutes of silence the use of "The Last Post" was explained. It was a bugle call first used with the British infantry. It meant the final sentry post of the day had been inspected and the camp was secure for the night. The fighting was done and the men on the battlefield were to return to rest. It is now used at Commonwealth military funerals and at Remembrance Day ceremonies. It is usually followed after a two-minute silence by Reveille. Since 1928 the Last Post is played every evening at 8 p.m. at Ypres in Belgium at the Menin Gate.

Ypres was a major battle site in World War One. During the four years that the Germans occupied Belgium in World War Two, the ceremony took place at a

"The Canadians were in the forefront," Reeves said. "They were known as the best troops in the British Colonies."

The One Hundred Days Campaign began on August 8, 1918 and ended with the signing of the armistice on November 11. The Canadian Expeditionary Corps, trained by Commander Arthur Currie, advanced quickly with machine gun teams, tanks, artillery, and aircraft, according to the panel entitled, "Rapid Advance." In fact, the panel reads, they moved so quickly that the Allied Forces couldn't keep up, leaving the Canadians exposed. Nonetheless, the corps managed to take thousands of German prisoners.

As the Canadians relentlessly advanced, German morale dwindled, and German officials notified US President Woodrow Wilson in early October that they wanted to negotiate a surrender.

Cowansville Legion parade

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The air was nippy, as usual, but that did not stop people from bundling up to come out to the parade and ceremony held outside the Royal Canadian Legion, branch no. 99, on Davignon Blvd. in Cowansville on Sunday. When one considers the conditions under which military personnel must serve, a little discomfort is a small price to pay on Remembrance Day to honour those who have given their time, and sometimes their lives, for our country.



A parade of Legion members and Air Cadets and the Lions Club and various other guests walked up Davignon Boulevard and then the ceremony of commemoration began. They were supposed Norma Sherrer is accompanied by a member of the RCMP to lay a wreath in Cowansville on Sunday. to be led by a piper like many years in the past, but this year the piper became ill just before the parade date. The mayor of Cowansville, Sylvie Beauregard, was also in attendance.

Numerous wreaths were laid on the cenotaph. They start out on the grass and end up filling in all around the base of the cenotaph. Small crosses line the path that those who are laying a wreath walk on up to the cenotaph. Members of the RCMP form an honour guard to accompany those who lay wreaths.

Brenda Scott also visited her father's grave after the ceremony. Keith Scott served in World War Two. The graves of those who served deserve special reverence, especially on Remembrance Day.

TBL observes Remembrance Day Sunday



Mayor Richard Burcombe lays a wreath



The Knowlton Harmony Band under the direction of Susan Reiniger



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After the ceremony, the wreaths remained in front of the World War I memorial in front of Knowlton Academy Sunday

Empty Bowls gives food banks a boost

Victoria Vanier
Lennoxville

Bishop's University and Champlain College held their sixth annual "Empty Bowls" event on Saturday, November 10th, at the Hope Community Church in Lennoxville. During an Empty Bowls dinner, events that take place worldwide, people buy an empty bowl, usually handcrafted by local artisans, and it is then filled with soup prepared by local chefs. The money raised through the selling of the soup and the bowls is then donated to help feed those in need.

Lucy Doherty and Michael Loomis created about two hundred and fifty bowls for last Saturday's Empty Bowls dinner, in Lennoxville.



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"We had good attendance and sold most of the bowls," said Lucy Doherty, the Academic Advisor at Champlain College who organized the event along with Jessy Dymond, the Bishop's University and Champlain College Pastor. About seven volunteer students and six volunteers from the community also helped with the dinner.

A local artist who works in pottery, Ms. Doherty began making bowls for the event last July, finally creating a total of two hundred and thirty handmade, unique bowls. Champlain pottery teacher Michael Loomis also created about twenty bowls for the fundraiser. "There aren't a lot of potters in the area but in the past some have donated bowls for the event. I've also had glazing bees to help finish the bowls, but I didn't have time to organize one this year. But it was fun to make them and every one was different," added Ms. Doherty.

Empty Bowls fundraisers are collaborations between potters and chefs and all the money must go towards fighting hunger. The dinner consists only of bread, soup, a fresh

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fruit and a glass of water, a full meal for people who often don't have enough to eat. "We serve a very simple meal and water to get people to think about those who don't have enough to eat," said Ms. Doheny.

Local chef Billy Lidstone, of the "Chef a domicile" catering service, made the soup for the dinner from ingredients that were provided by the catering company at Bishop's, Sodexo. The Lennoxville Provigo provided the apples and butter for the bread.

"We raised about \$5,000 and will be giving it to the Lennoxville Elementary School breakfast program, The Lennoxville and District Women Centre's (LDWC) food bank, the Cornerstone Food Bank, and the Bishop's/Champlain food voucher program. Many of our students are single parents or supporting themselves," concluded Ms. Doheny.

Parents concerned about chronic school bus delays

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Bus 59 strikes again,” is a common refrain for parents with children on the Eastern Townships School Board bus route to Lennoxville Elementary.

“A lot of parents are fed up,” said Geneviève Dubois, whose child takes Bus 59 to school.

According to Dubois, the bus is routinely late, sometimes between 30-40 minutes, which is a concern for parents with young children waiting outside for pickup.

Until a few years ago, the bus had a driver experienced with the route. When that driver was transferred to a different run, the problems began.

“I don’t blame the drivers at all,” Dubois stressed, believing they are doing the best they can under the circumstances. With traffic, construction and detours to consider, Dubois said there is already a lot to contend with.

The problem is organization, not the drivers, according to Dubois.

“They (the board) are probably working with a limited budget, trying to do

the best they can,” commented Dubois, but with a route that is chronically late, she believes more should be done.

Dubois pointed out that there have even been occasions where some children on the route were not picked up at all.

Heading home is no better, she added. On two occasions this year, the bus was late picking up the children after school. The students were sent to Centennial Park to wait for the bus to arrive.

Teachers from the school, while technically off duty, stayed to supervise the children until the bus arrived, Dubois said.

“If it was just once,” Dubois said, she would be more understanding.

With a child in Kindergarten, Dubois isn’t comfortable unsure every day when the bus will arrive.

“I don’ put any of the onus on the bus driver,” commented Dubois, suggesting the route should be reorganized, or there should at least be better communication with the parents so they are aware of delays.

“A tweet, or a Facebook page or something,” Dubois said, suggesting that in this day and age, there must be a way to keep parents abreast of the situation.

After contacting the board on several occasions, Dubois said she doesn't even bother anymore when the bus is late.

"I feel like I'm talking to a politician. They are telling me what I want to hear and trying to get me off the phone," she said. "Things are in the pipeline," she was told.

Sharon Priest, Communications Consultant for the ETSB acknowledged that concerns have been brought to the attention of the board.

"We are aware, we are working on it," Priest said, explaining that the situation is being looked at with personnel on the route in question as well as the transportation department. Priest pointed out that Bus 59 includes two different runs of 45 minutes each, going to two different schools. A portion of the route is urban, which can involve higher volumes of traffic.

There can always be unforeseen circumstances that can lead to delays, Priest added. In those situations, the bus driver contacts the transportation department, and parents on the route are called to inform them of the situation.

"We are always looking at better ways," Priest commented, explaining that with new technology the board is exploring more efficient ways to communicate with parents. She stressed, however, that there is a security factor to consider.

The precise whereabouts of a bus at a given time is not information the ETSB would be comfortable making accessible to the public, Priest explained.

The board would need to be sure they were connecting directly with the parents, she said.

ETSB staff recognized for fostering student success

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On Tuesday evening, the Eastern Townships school Board held a special ceremony recognizing staff members who have demonstrated excellence in fostering student success.



Nominated either by school principals or collaborations with other individuals, the awards highlight not only teachers, but all staff members working in a school environment who play a positive role in student success.

This year the nominees included a handicap student attendant (HAS), a special education technician (SET), librarian, student supervisor, lab technician, secretary, guidance counselor, caretaker, daycare employee and several teachers.

Here is the full list of this year's honourees:

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