



MABLE HASTINGS

On Sunday, April 6 Mavis's children hosted an open house at the Reilly House in Mansonville in celebration of Mavis's 90th birthday. Organized her daughter, Lorna Lamothe and with over 100 people dropping by for a piece of cake and to extend joyous wishes, Mavis was surrounded by family and friends. Her son Roger and his wife came from Ontario and her son David and his wife who live locally and their family also attended. Mavis's son, Arthur Jr. and his wife were unable to attend as they were away on vacation.

"I received over 75 cards," said Mavis!



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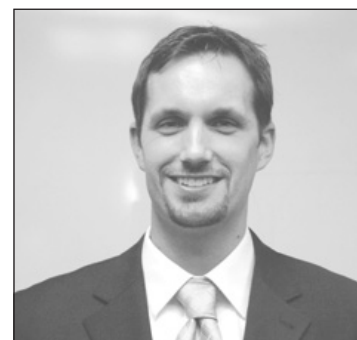
*Surrounded by family and friends, Mavis Fullerton Aiken enjoyed the Open House Celebration of her 90th Birthday held on April 6th at the Reilly House in Mansonville.*

Held at the Reilly House, a place where Mavis has been implicated for over 25 years, the location was the perfect one for such a special celebration. During the open house, the Reilly House unveiled a plaque in the Tea Room that has been named in honour of Mavis and the many years she has given in support of the place. "Mavis's Tea Room," is a gathering place for all and Mavis continues to volunteer weekly where she enjoys visiting with those who drop by for a homemade lunch, cup of coffee or to share a pot of tea.

"I am so grateful to my daughter Lorna and my sons, Roger and David for organizing this open house," said Mavis. "I thank everyone who came, both old friends and new and especially my grandchildren and great grandchildren... who remind me how wonderful 'family' time truly is," she added.

90 years may sound like a lot but, Mavis Aiken is still going strong. She is an inspiration to everyone as she continues to reside in the Potton Residences on the backstreets of Mansonville with her two Siamese cats, Alkie and Misty. Reilly House remains her home away from home where you can find her most every Wednesday.

## APPOINTMENT NOTICE



It is with great pleasure that the Board of Directors of Massawippi Christian Retirement Homes announces the appointment of **Mr. Michael Page** as **Executive Director** beginning Monday, May 5, 2014.

Mr. Page resides in North Hatley with his wife Lori and their six children. Mr. Page will be leaving his long time employment as a sales representative of Val Estrie Ford but will continue to serve the community of North Hatley as Mayor. One of Mr. Page's first jobs was working on the grounds of Grace Christian Home. He is very enthusiastic about rejoining our MCRH team, meeting with our residents and staff, and beginning work towards the realization of our vision for the renewal of our two Homes.

Major infrastructure improvements have begun in both our locations, Sherbrooke and North Hatley, in preparation for our vision which will involve the construction of new facilities. A team of committed, local leaders has been working tirelessly on a capital campaign that will be unveiled to the public in the month of May. The Board is excited that Mr. Page has joined MCRH at this pivotal time.

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work represented his father's opus. He said that his father was quite the environmentalist, and that he was pleased that his father was able to see the finished product.

Both Downing Bardati and Boisvert-Marsh said that they very much enjoyed the film from their own respective points of view.

Downing Bardati explained that the interconnectedness and complexity of the relationships presented in the film appealed to her, as she and her husband believe in the closed-loop system of agriculture. The model revolves around the idea of the farm drawing all it needs from itself, using plant and animal waste to renew the soil, and saving seeds from one generation to the next.

“We really think that monocropping is a part of the problem,” said the Bulwer-based farmer, referring to large-scale farms of a single crop or animal, “we need to sit down and have dialogues and work together.”

Boisvert-Marsh presented a display of plant photography in the theatre lobby, but explained that her interest in photographing the flora comes from her background as a plant ecologist.

“Earth day is a really great initiative,” the ecologist said, “we don’t always think so much about the earth, so it’s a

good opportunity to spend the day considering how nature and environmental issues really affect us.”

Boisvert-Marsh's past work has focused on examining how plant distribution in Quebec has changed as a result of climate change.

We don't really know how (climate change) is going to affect biological systems like natural habitats," she explained. "Parks are trying to do a lot of planning to anticipate how warming conditions might change plants, but

there's still there's a lot of things we don't know."

The film screening was followed by a picnic lunch which, due to rain, took place in the theatre lobby. Despite the weather and complications with parking brought about by flood-rescheduled exams at Bishop's University, Quinn seemed pleased with the results, and indicated that she is already planning to book the space for Earth Day 2015.

"I totally see it as a success," Quinn said.



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