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Curling anyone?

Sutton club turns 60

By Jessica Brown

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Curling is one of those sports that upon first glance looks a little odd; sliding glistening granite rocks down the ice, yelling at your team mates to "Sweep! Sweep!"

I would have never expected to like it. But there is skill, strategy and even sweeping techniques that go far beyond what you've ever done in your kitchen. Not only that, but just about anyone can do it without needing to be a great athlete. A good arm, a steady gait and a decent aim are all you need to start.

So where can you go to have a go?

The Sutton Curling Club is one of the oldest in the Townships, celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Club president Tom Chaplin says they are always eager to recruit new members. "Twice a month we hold Friday night curling socials. For \$5 you can curl and socialize with the other members, getting a feel for the game and getting to know the other members."

The Sutton club has some members who compete, but the club really focusses on having fun. "We have curling leagues on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and offer a ladies afternoon and men's night," says Chaplin. Plus there's a Thursday afternoon ladies bridge club and suppers throughout the season.

A wide cross section of younger and young-at-heart members allows the club to flourish. The retired members have the time to help with the upkeep of the old building, while the younger members keep the interest growing in the area.

The membership has been growing steadily more bilingual over the past half-century as the landscape of the area has changed. Although curling possibly originated in Scotland as early as in the 1500s, its popularity is growing across Canada.

For now, the Sutton Curling Club is hoping to increase membership enough to keep operating many more years. The club is open from mid-October through early April. "The club used to be a main focus in the community," says Chaplin. "But now there is so many distractions, with the ski hill, television and video games." But it's a great family sport.

Now you know what happens in the big white barn-like building on Pleasant street. Curling anyone?

The next Friday evening curling socials are March 14 and 21. For more information call 450-538-3226.



COURTESY

A local wintery scene painted by artist Rachel Dennis.

The beauty of a landscape

By Alanna Fahey

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

This Easter weekend, when you find yourself a little tired of the slope-side bravado, treat yourself to a visit to an art gallery that runs a little contrary to the contemporary, abstract side of the Sutton art scene.

Though Galerie D'art les Imagiers is located on main street, from the sidewalk it appears to be more like a homey cottage, a haven for elves or an inn for wayward bunnies.

Owner Rachel Dennis is one of area's most popular artists. Her work is in demand by people seeking the beauty of a simple Sutton landscape: "The artists I show tend to want to paint simple things, such as the hills, the fields, the mountains. We love to paint and mostly my artists are not attempting to make a statement. Other than, this is beautiful, this is what I see."

Rene Tardif, one of the artists showing in the

gallery, has work hanging in Montreal and Quebec City, plus landscapes and seascapes showing in Charlottetown's Pilar Shepard Gallery.

"I paint in all kinds of weather. I want the observer to see what I see, to feel my interpretation and to get a sense of the grandeur that I feel when I paint what nature is showing me," says Tardif.

The Gallery is open from Thursday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. But on Wednesdays, Dennis and other artists get together to paint. "It is a workshop that I started in order to encourage artists to gather, to share, to paint, to relax and explore the dynamics of painting within a group setting. It helps those people who have just started to paint, to keep them inspired, to add to their experience."

Dennis said all are welcome, and it's free. The gallery also offers different courses to those aspiring towards the visual arts.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 12

Avante Women's Centre 'Drugs & Alcohol'. Drugs and alcohol affect everyone more than we realize! There will be a video presentation on this subject at 2 Adhemar-Cusson, Suite 2, **Bedford**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Snacks will be served! 450-248-0530.

March 13

Spring/Easter Bake Sale sponsored by the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital Auxiliary, **Cowansville** (in the lobby), 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 14 through April 3

We Can Act Cabaret. Townshippers' Association, in collaboration with local foundations, CSSSs and writers Laura Teasdale and Doug Hooper will present a FREE Cabaret that promotes public health programs and services. Circus performer, refreshments, door prizes and healthy snacks!. CSSS Health info. Groups welcome. Performances: March 14 at 7 p.m. Parkview Elementary School at 50 Lorne, **Granby**; March 19 at 7 p.m.: Knowlton Community Center, in **Lac Brome**, March 20 at 7 p.m. Butler Elementary School, at 19 Rix, **Bedford**; March 29 at 2 p.m. Waterloo Elementary School, 5 Clark Hill, **Waterloo**; March 30 at 2 p.m. Sutton Elementary School, 19 Highland, **Sutton**; April 3 at 7 p.m. Cowansville United Church, 203 Principale, **Cowansville**. George Courville at Townshippers 450-263-4422 or 1-866-263-4422

March 15

The Craft Guild of St. James the Apostle, **Stanbridge East**, will sponsor a series of 10 **Card Parties** every Saturday until March 15. Parochial Hall, 17 Maple, Stanbridge East. **Supper:** Soup, bread, dessert, tea, coffee served at 5:30 p.m. followed by cards, 500 and cribbage. Prizes, admission \$6. Benefit of "Meals on Wheels". Info: Audrey, 1-450-

248-2407, Jeannine, 1-450-248-2782.

Mental Health & Well-Being Support Group - Meetings held at United Church, 234 Knowlton Rd., **Knowlton**, 2 p.m. Having difficulty coping? Not sure how to support someone suffering from mental illness? Or maybe you just want to be more informed? Info. 450-243-0928 or pleasantvalley@sympatico.ca.

Potton Heritage Association Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. **Snow-shoeing**, easy: private trails in **Dunkin**. Meet: 2658, Missisquoi Valley Road. Leaders: Rudy & Hilda 450-292-3754. NB: Most excursions are free for members of the Potton Heritage Association, \$5 for others. Excursions are canceled when the weather does not cooperate. If there is not enough snow, we walk! Generally, you are invited for a hot soup by a member of the association after the excursion. But bring your wine please. For more information on the Potton Heritage Association, please call: Édith Smeesters, 450-292-0547.

1st Knowlton Venture's **Wood Cutting contest** at **Thirsty Boot**. 25 Bolton Pass Rd. All day activities registration before, 10:30 a.m. Cut, split and pile team. \$30, Registration; Fastest Cut, single, \$15, Registration. Door prizes on site. For information contact, Mike Ellis, 450-243-1819, Chelsea St. Onge, 450-292-4439.

Country Dance with music by Gary Darling at the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 77, 77 Lewis St., **Waterloo**, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. \$6 per person. Come on out, have a dance and socialize with us! Info: 450-539-3436.

Chicken Pie Supper, Brome Village Hall, Saturday, March 15. 1st seating, 5 p.m.; 2nd seating, 6:30 p.m. Proceeds to St. John's and Stone Cemetery Committee. Everyone Welcome. Price, \$10. Call Bobby, 450-243-1999, Barbara, 450-243-0366.

Trinity Anglican Church, **Cowansville, Pancakes, Sausages and Fruit**, 10 a.m. Adults, \$6, children, \$3. Reservations, 450-263-3329.

March 16
Stanbridge East

Coffee House will be held March 16 because of Easter Holiday falling on March 23.

Open House. Townshippers' Association's Cowansville office is the place to be on March 19, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 203 Principale, Cowansville. Enjoy a fruitful networking opportunity, see information display on the association's and partners endeavours. Organized in collaboration with the Emmanuel United Church. A warm welcome to all; a light buffet. Info: 450-263-4422 or toll free 1-866-263-4422. Kate Wisdom, kw@townshippers.qc.ca. or George Courville, gc@townshippers.qc.ca.

Sunday, March 16 at 10 a.m.: **General Assembly at Mansonville Town Hall**. 12:30 p.m.: **Sugaring off time buffet**. \$24 per person. Reservation: Édith Smeesters, 450-292-0547. N.B.: Most excursions are free for members of the Potton Heritage Association, \$5 for others. Excursions are canceled when the weather does not cooperate. If there is not enough snow, we walk! Generally, you are invited for a hot soup by a member of the Association after the excursion. But bring your wine please. For more information on the Potton Heritage Association, please call.

Jam Session & St. Patrick's Party at the **Bolton Centre Town Hall**, 2-6 p.m. \$5 donation. 50-50 draw and door prize. Complete home cooked meal for an additional \$5. Bring you voices and instruments and come join the fun. Hosted by A Salute to Quebec Seniors! Everyone welcome!

Country Breakfast at the Royal Canadian Legion, 77 Lewis Street, **Waterloo**, Sunday, March 16, 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

March 17

Avante Women's Center 'Coffee Break in Knowlton' - **What is Diabetes with Edwina Garrick** - 'What are the signs & symptoms?' Monday, March 17, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Lac Brome Community Centre, 270 Victoria, **Knowlton**. Free daycare and/or transportation upon request. 450-248-0530.

March 18

Avante Women's Center '**Life Inside Out**' - Documentary, going behind the walls of a federal women prison. Potluck, 5:30 p.m. Movie, 6 p.m. 2 Adhemar-Cusson, **Bedford**. Free daycare and/or transportation available. 450-248-0530.

March 19

Avante Women's Center '**Special Craft Wooden Easter Bunny Lawn Ornament**' Cost \$5. Please call to reserve, 15 places only! Wednesday, March 19, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call us if you need daycare and/or transportation, 2 Adhemar-Cusson, Suite, 2, **Bedford**, 450-248-0530.

March 20

Brome Lake Soccer Club, important general meeting! March 20 7 p.m. at Centre Lac Brome. If you have children registered for summer soccer or if you have budding stars that may play in the future, please come to this meeting to find out how you can help ensure the clubs long term success. A soccer background is not necessary, we need people to help organize and run the club. Come out and get involved, your kids are counting on you.

March 21

Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel United Church in **Cowansville**, the Grand Finale Players will present the **Good Friday Passion**, told in a series of reflective stories. Stephanie Depelteau, internationally renown soprano, will perform a variety of pieces from the sacred repertoire. The words and music will draw you straight to the heart of the crucifixion of Christ. The doors of Emmanuel United Church (203, rue Principale) will open at 6:30 p.m. Reserve early at 450-263-5068. Free-will offering.

March 22

The First Knowlton Scouting movement are holding a **bottle drive** on March 22. We will be going door to door. We will be collecting returnable bottles; the proceeds will be used toward Knowlton scouting activities. You will be able to see our MEMBERS in action in our community. Thank you in advance. **The First Knowlton Scouting Movement**.

March 28

Love to Travel? Join **Senior Tours Canada** at **Arts Knowlton**, to learn about exciting tours for the 50+. River boat and barging cruises will be highlighted. 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Call 1-800-268-3492 to register. Admission free.

March 29

Waterloo Royal Canadian Legion Fundraiser. **Pork'n'Beef Mechoui BBQ & Dance** to American Country Music by Gary Darling. Dinner 5 to 7 p.m. Dance 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Cost: \$15 for 12 years and older. \$7.50 for 6- to 11-year-olds. Free for kids up to 5 years. Tickets sold in advance, call, 450-539-0005 or 450-539-3436.

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KNOWLEDGE AND KNOW-HOW.

Getting the kids to write stories

Brome Bright Lights

By Wendy Denman

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Art, in all its forms, is the heart and soul of a community and encouraging creativity especially in the young is fundamental to being an artist, says Julia Rohan. For the second year, she is organizing the Brome Bright Lights story contest for elementary school children in Brome-Missisquoi.

"My husband and I bought a house near Brome Village in 1997 and got to know the people. We found that many very creative people live here and how important the arts are here and what an active and thriving community it is," says Rohan. "At the same time I came to realize that many of the English schools here are at a disadvantage as far as budgets go for extra activities. Just the thought of there being a sort of second-class feeling really bothered me.

"We're at a point in our lives when we have the means to do something to contribute back to the community. So we thought why don't we do something to help kids get a taste for writing in English. Last year we began the Brome Bright Lights contest and had 60 entries, this year we are again sponsoring the contest and hope for even more entries.

"All the English elementary schools in the MRC have been sent application forms. But the contest is also open to English children in French schools and children being home schooled, as long as they are writing in English."

Rohan is an artist with her own studio, a member of the Tour des Arts for four years. She also holds a degree in English literature from Concordia University, has recorded a CD of her own compositions and is currently writing a children's trilogy. "I started composing songs and writing stories when I was 11, just around the age this contest is aimed at. Writing has been a great pleasure all my

life," says Rohan.

"My experience from last year showed me that the children were very happy about the contest. We give a \$50 prize to the winner in each grade level, and then from those winners an additional \$200 is given to a grand prize winner.... For a young child, \$50 is a lot of money. It's very encouraging for them to feel that they would be singled out for this kind of attention."

As well winners receive a certificate and have their story published on the Internet. Rohan has instituted a few changes since last year. "We didn't have any entries from grade one last year, so we gave honourable mention prizes with the money, but this year we won't do that. If we have no entries from a grade we will give that money to the Children's Wish Foundation.

"But there's no reason that a grade one student couldn't write story at that level, so we are hoping they will. We have also cut down the maximum number of words allowed from 1,000 to 800 - because more is not necessarily better. Shorter stories often get to the point faster."

Rohan hopes that parents will become involved in the contest, taking an interest

and encouraging their children, which she feels is very important. "You can tell which parents had a hand. Spelling and grammar are important in the judging, as well as the content. You can tell which stories had been read and some gentle suggestions made of 'You might want to check that spelling.'"

All the entries are judged anonymously. "We have a panel of local judges who have very kindly contributed their time. None of the stories should contain a name or any other identifiers on any of the pages, only on the entry form itself. We number the stories with the form so it's all anonymous, which I feel is very important in judging.

"Our winners will again be published on the web. Eden Muir is donating our web site and is extremely helpful to me in this regard," Rohan says. "It is very satisfying to encourage children in something that is a real passion for me."

Information can also be found on the web at www.pivot.ca/bromebrightlights. Children must submit their stories at the schools, or by mail, by Friday, April 25. Winners will be announced at the end of June. In addition to the local schools - Knowlton Academy, St. Edouard's in Knowlton, Sutton Elementary, Heroes' Memorial, Butler Elementary, Farnham Elementary and Mansonville Elementary - application forms can be obtained by emailing bromebrightlights@yahoo.ca.

SOCIAL NOTES

Fulford

The movement to reinstate passenger service between Montreal and Sherbrooke deserves support. One hopes, too, for the return of the convenience, comfort and camaraderie that once existed on board the trains. Fulford was a flag stop, but Foster was the hot spot - even the "Halifax" stopped there.

Fulford residents are among those who enjoy the third-Sunday-of-the-month breakfasts at the Royal Canadian Legion, Waterloo. The gleaming, heated, self-service counter is laden with a variety of tasty treats.

Crystal Badger has now recovered from a bout of pneumonia.

- Margaret Fordham
450-539-0713

Valentine Tea



COURTESY

A Happy Valentine Luncheon, hosted by The Wellness Committee, was enjoyed by 100 seniors on Feb. 13 at The Community Centre in Knowlton.

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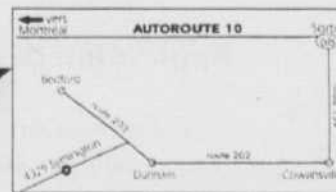


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Like most folks, I have equated gas mileage with how eco-friendly a vehicle is. It's a simple approach, where a hybrid car is better for the planet than say, a gas-guzzling SUV.

Wrong.

According to US-based CNW Research, those high-tech, high fuel mileage cars and trucks are in fact worse for the environment than their low tech cousins, if you stand back and look at the big picture. That's what they did, looking at some 300 vehicles as they go from the drawing board to the assembly line to life on the road and off into oblivion. Or from "dust to dust," as they said.

CNW did the kind of mind-numbing research that would drive most sane people crazy, looking at over 4,000 vari-

ables in the life cycles of each vehicle. There's a lot of energy used to design, build, sell and operate a vehicle, and at the end you have to dispose of it. They really got into the details: The US made Honda Accord is built by folks who drive to work, at an average cost of \$1.92 per day. Meanwhile their Japanese colleagues building the same car take public transit, at a cost of 18 cents per day.

There are other considerations: How much of the car is made from recycled materials? Where is it made? How far does it have to go to get to the consumer? How specialized are all the doohickeys and thingamajigs? How expensive is the energy used to build it?

The bad news is that the hybrid vehicles cost a lot more, consuming up to 10 times more energy over their lifespans. It starts with a lot of energy going into designing the things, and those costs

(easily over a billion dollars per model) haven't been absorbed yet by the number of vehicles made. The result: Development energy costs for a Toyota Prius are about \$29,000, compared to \$2,600 for a Toyota Corolla, because the Corolla has been around for about 40 years or so.

To make it understandable, CNW calculated it out in cost-per-mile. The damage: A Toyota Prius costs an average of \$2.62 per mile, while the Corolla costs 72 cents a mile. A Mercedes-Benz Maybach costs \$15.84 per mile.

On the low end, the Jeep Wrangler, in all of its boxy, clunky glory, costs 71 cents per mile, the cheapest available in Canada. Because it's been pretty much the same for the last 60 years little energy is spent on design, and almost all of its parts can be recycled.

Others on the top 10 list include the Toyota Corolla and Echo, the Chevy Aveo, Hyundai Elantra and Accent, Kia Spectra Ford Focus and the Honda Fit, which comes in at number 10, at 91 cents per mile driven. Other than the Wrangler these are all small cars that sip fuel.

And none of those on the list waste a lot of time and effort on high tech doodads.

I'm still not sure what to make of all of this, except to say that appearances can be deceiving. That and the fact that while the car dealers are trying to play the green card on their customers, I think I'd be better off stretching a little more life out of the car I have until I figure this out.

For a look at the report go to www.cnwmr.com.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Brome Lake Soccer

DEAR EDITOR

The Brome Lake Soccer Club has been organized and run primarily by the same six individuals for the past five years. If the club is to continue to provide a place for over 175 children to play soccer it is important that we have new volunteers.

Without new help, soccer in TBL is in jeopardy for the future.

Apart from the necessary coaching

positions, the other positions that need filling are administrative – managing the club, attending league meetings, registration, scheduling referees, ordering equipment and bookkeeping all need to be done.

It is vitally important that you attend our next general assembly meeting at the Centre Lac Brome on Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m. Please come and get involved.

IAN BRYSON,
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ARTS CALENDAR

March 16

Bromont - Sunday 16th March - **Les Jaaks**, a lively Barber Shop Quartet, will be the 2nd of the 'sons & brioches' series presented by the Cultural Committee. The concert begins at 11:45, doors are open at 11:15 a.m., at the Centre Culturel, 593 Shefford St. No charge, but limited seats. For information, 450-534-4414.

CHURCH SERVICES

KNOWLTON/CREEK PASTORAL CHARGE Worship & Song. Creek United, **Foster**, 9:30 a.m., Knowlton United, **Knowlton**, (handicap access), 11 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 24 St. Paul's Road, **Knowlton**. Sunday Services - Traditional 8 a.m. service and 10

a.m. with music, Sunday School and Nursery. For more info: 450-242-2885. The Rev. Tim Wiebe and the congregation welcomes everyone.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME SERVICE - Sunday, March 16, 10 a.m. **ST. AIDAN, SUTTON JUNCTION** - Holy Communion - The Rev. P. Tidman.

SAINT-EDOUARD CATHOLIC CHURCH, 366 Knowlton Rd., **Knowlton** - Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. (Bilingual).

COWANSVILLE AREA PASTORAL CHARGE UNITED CHURCH Worship at Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue Principale, **Cowansville**. Worship 10:30 a.m., Choir practice, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Wendy McLean officiating. 450-263-0204. Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel United Church in Cowansville, the Grand Finale Players will present the Good Friday Passion, told in a series of reflective stories. Stephanie Depelteau, internationally renown soprano, will perform a variety of pieces from the sacred repertoire. The words and music

will draw you straight to the heart of the crucifixion of Christ. The doors of Emmanuel United Church (203, rue Principale) will open at 6:30 p.m. Reserve early at 450-263-5068. Free-will offering.

TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, 409 South St., **COWANSVILLE**. Join us for Sunday Worship one Service only at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Info: 450-263-2662.

WATERLOO, ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, 4929 rue Foster. Sunday service at 10 a.m. at PLACE PRIMEVERE, 1973 Leclair, Rev. David Lambie, minister. For messages or information, 450-539-2129.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BEDFORD/PHILIPSBURG & FARNHAM - Parish of Bedford/Philipsburg/Farnham and Members of the Borders Regional Ministry - Services will be held at St. James Church, **Farnham** at 9:30 a.m., St. Paul's Church, **Philipsburg** at 9:30 a.m. and St. James Church, **Bedford** at 11 a.m. each Sunday, and also in **Clarenceville**

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BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE - Sunday Service March 16, **Bedford**, 10 a.m. All are most welcome to attend. 450-248-3044 for information.

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Chocolate to break the fast

By Alanna Fahey
BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

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Muriel gives every customer personal attention: "We have been in business for four years and each day brings us joy and the opportunity to treat people to a product that sets the standard in the business of chocolate," she says.

Belgian chocolate is the standard.

In 1912, Jean Neuchaus discovered a method to produce a special chocolate called Couverture. From this special version of a chocolate, he developed a cold chocolate shell which he called praline. These pralines could be filled with creams and nougats and this is where Muriel excels.

Her husband, a sculptor, hand forms the chocolate into works of art. This Easter they have decided to fill the shop with their own brand of whimsy. Says Muriel: "We have eggs that are filled with chocolates that are filled with surprising tastes. We have bunnies and roosters and each piece is like a snowflake: Individ-



DAVID ANDERSON

Norka Muriel and her husband Marek Latzmann show off their wares.

ual."

Marek Latzmann seems to be at his best when the holidays demand his expertise. Easter, the time of year when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the idea of eternal life, is also the time that they celebrate the end of the Lenten season, a time of fasting. This is done with the giving of chocolate, a sweet reward.

Latzmann, who works in a pristine kitchen, can be seen through a large window that looks out onto a lively stone walkway.

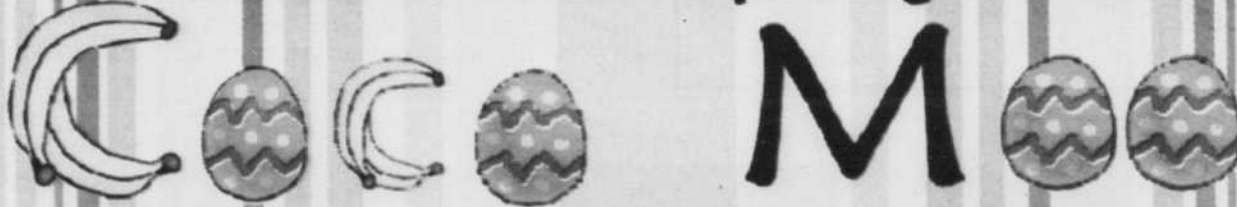
Often I have stood outside the shop and watched, as he works away at his art of shaping chocolate. When he is finished a piece, he will look up and wave, or give a nod. Watching him work is a joy for many people familiar with his kitchen window.

I have friends who will take a coffee in the restaurant across the walkway of his window, just to watch Latzmann. His work has been celebrated within the chocolate world across Canada, with one of his sculptures gracing the pages of Gourmet magazine.

From the moment you find yourself outside the well-appointed shop, you will be swept away with the simple pleasure of allowing yourself to feel the history that a single piece of chocolate may impart.

Once on the lips, like a favorite lover, the taste of one morsel of good chocolate will forever raise the bar on your expectations — and that's a good thing. For lovers of life and chocolate, Chocolaterie Belge Muriel is at 8 Principal Street, in Sutton; call 450-538-0139.

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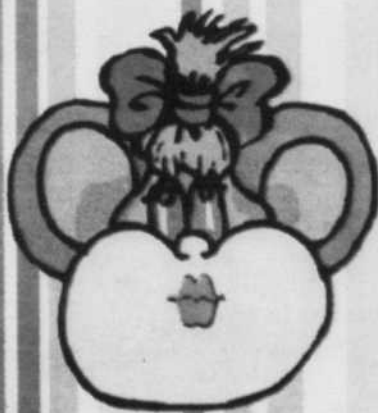


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Good Friday play and a sunrise Easter service

By Wendy Denman

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Emmanuel United Church in Cowansville is inviting the community on Good Friday for a celebration of the Passion of

Christ with sacred music, song and story. "We are very excited about this," says Rev. Wendy MacLean.

"The wonderful soprano Stephanie Piercy will be singing, our own Susan Reininger playing the organ and directing and Bee Santori and his Grande Finale Theatre performing.

"Our church has wonderful acoustics; secular groups often rent it just for that reason."

Piercy is an internationally

known opera star, singing with some of Canada's most prestigious ensembles and as guest soloist, including with the Toronto Operetta Theatre and Eastern Ontario Symphony.

Though she still travels and sings internationally, several years ago she and her husband Denis Depelteau bought Auberge Chez La Mere Poule in Bolton Centre and they operate it together. "There are some wonderful musicians here in the Townships and great places to perform," says Piercy. "It is very rewarding to be able to do what I love so close to home."

Piercy has sung to Susan Reininger's accompaniment in the past. Reininger is both a musician and director of the Pot Pourri Choir and the Brome Lake Concert Ensemble.

"Susan has become our organist and we have been very blessed having her here, she has brought a wonderful talent to our worship services," says MacLean.

The Good Friday celebration will follow a script written by the Iona Community in Scotland.

This ecumenical Christian community centred in an abbey on the Island of Iona works for peace, social justice, the rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship.

"It's all Scripture-based, but with a definite

Celtic flavour to it. The material we are using on Good Friday tells the story of Christ's passion in a very interesting way.

"It's a play really with a narrator, a part which I am taking; there's narration, then dialogue, then songs which takes the story forward. It's a good balance," MacLean says. "We're doing the play very minimalist, it is the totality of what happens rather than a fancy set or extravagant costumes. Bee Santori and his group will be playing all the characters in the script."

Santori, known to many as Grampa Bob, is a local storyteller and author, one of the founders of the West Brome Storytelling festival. Lately his efforts have been focussed on a group of young people, the Grande Finale Theatre, teaching them the traditions and the art of the story.

"We're very pleased to have young people involved. This is a drama for all people, all ages. The Easter story is a story of such good news, something we need today so badly with all the injustice and oppression in the world. When we take part in something like this together, it brings us together and that is so important. The audience participates as well. During the action a cross is passed throughout the congregation.

"Good Friday is hands-on for us all."

To complete the Easter Story, Emmanuel along with all the United churches in the Yamaska Valley will join together for an outdoor Sunrise Service March 23. "I always find it quite remarkable to join together at that hour and watch the sunrise (around 6:30). We really warmly invite the community to join us, all denominations, and celebrate this time together."

The celebration of Good Friday takes place at Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue Principale, Cowansville, at 7 p.m. on March 21. The Easter Sunday sunrise service will be held on the Price-Plouffe property; for directions call 450-263-0204.

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A Mystery in Mansonville

It seems my poem Love, caused quite a flutter.

People are looking for me, like a hot knife through butter.

Ron Conway doesn't exist.

Said one lady, with a clenched fist.

I want to say I didn't plunder.
And try to steal another's thunder.
I'm not trying to play a game.
But Ron Conway is just a Pen name.

I do exist I'm glad to say.
But not as Ron Conway.
I hope this gets me off the hook.
I really am not in the phone book.

So I'm going to let the tongues wag.
And I'm not letting the cat out of the bag.

Rob Conway, Mansonville
450 292-4533

In Memoriam

ADDIS-GIBSON: In loving memory of sister, Ruby Addis (nee Gibson), who died March 14, 1990; brother, Gerald Gibson, died March 21, 2002.

*Like falling leaves
The years go by,
But memories of you
Will never die.*

Sister
BERTHA

Wedding announcement



Eric Gauthier - Danielle Jacobs

Daughter of Chad Jacobs and Marilen Coswell, son of John and Micheline Gauthier, are proud to announce the upcoming wedding of their children, Danielle and Eric, on July 5, 2008 at the Anglican Church Sutton.

Best wishes.
With love from
Parents, Family and Friends.

Dunham UCW meeting

Six members attended the February meeting of Dunham UCW in the afternoon of February 13 at the home of Anne Lipowski.

The President, Shirley Vaughan thanked everyone for coming out on such a stormy day. The UCW Purpose was repeated and Anne for devotional, read "O God, Who Am I" taken from the book 'The Flowing of the Soul' (A book of Prayers by Women).

Barbara Harvey, Convenor of Sunshine, passed around cards to be signed by each member, to shut-ins.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The secretary was asked to send notes of thanks to June Taylor and her two daughters for their great help with serving at the Pancake Supper as well as Stacey Vaughan. Also a note to thank Céline Daignault for giving us a rebate on sausages purchased for same.

Correspondence received was a card with good wishes to everyone with cheques enclosed for the church and the Cemetery Fund.

An acknowledgement of thanks and appreciation from Philip L. Joudry, principal of the United Church Theological College for our donation to the Craig Chaplain Memorial Fund was read.

A letter was read from Marcel Poirier, mayor of Dunham (with form included) to attend the 21st Appreciation gala, when volunteers or organizations are recognized. Shirley Vaughan was appointed from our group.

An annual appeal from Quebec-Sherbrooke Youth workers was read. A motion was made and passed to send a donation as part of our outreach.

Joyce Procter-Martin received an e-mail from Mary Nelis (Avanté) re: a special camp for children suffer-

ing with the same illness as her daughter Monika, known as MPS (Mucopolysaccharide), requesting financial and to send a person for a week.

After discussion, it was considered (since to date we do not expect to have anyone to sponsor to Frontier Lodge this year), we consider helping towards sending Monika.

Joyce P. Martin gave the treasurer's Annual Report and mentioned Beverley Hebert had reviewed all the books and since she would not charge a fee, a motion was made to send her a complimentary amount.

The Pancake Supper proved to be a success and the secretary was requested to also send thanks to Bev de la Mare (who volunteered to make a pot of beans). All were sincerely appreciated.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. at the home of Shirley and Doug Vaughan, Shirley Robinson will do the devotional.

Submitted by
Barbara E. Harvey
Dunham UCW secretary

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H&R BLOCK



For the last nine years Linda Domingue has successfully operated the H & R Block franchise in Cowansville, and is now going into the second year in Magog. She has now expanded by opening a Kios at the WalMart store in Cowansville, as well.

Linda is looking forward to meeting old and new clients at the new location.

The store hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday as well as from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday.

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ARTIST:

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Dennis is looking for ways to attract talented new artists to the area, therefore she is considering making her gallery more of a cooperative endeavor. She is looking for a group of five to six artists who are interested in working together to present a gallery dedicated to the nature scene. Dennis is open to receiving portfolios from artists who know they have what it takes, not only to paint, but to help run the business side of art. "Promoting the gallery and attracting the art buyer is in itself an art form, a discipline that takes energy and time and one that I would like to share with a small group of people," says Dennis.

Galerie D'art les Imagiers, 12 Principal Street, Sutton; call 450-538-1771.

EVENTS:

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School at 9:30 a.m. - All welcome! The Rev. Sinpoh Han. Information 450-266-0392.

SUTTON - DUNHAM PASTORAL CHARGE: Welcome to Palm Sunday Worship Services with Rev. Susan Tilleman officiating, at DUNHAM UNITED CHURCH at 9:15 a.m. and at CALVARY UNITED CHURCH, Sutton, at 11:15 a.m.

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Lukacs. Come experience it all on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. All Services at 11 am.

COMMUNITY

AU DIAPASON SUPPORT UNIT - Support groups have been found to be helpful to many people dealing with cancer. The support team Au Diapason has groups for patients-survivors in both English and French. You may find other people who are going through a similar experience are better able to understand your feelings and concerns. English meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings of each month, and the French meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of each month. For further information, please call 450-266-4342, option 5,

ext. 5322. These meetings are free and confidential.

Recycling buffs and enthusiasts: Frustrated with seeing houses that don't recycle - or not properly? Here's an opportunity to have an effect where it really counts - with the kids! The **Green Club at Knowlton Academy** has set up a really good recycling program in the cafeteria. However to be able to keep the work going we now need some adult volunteers to share the supervision, so if you could give one noon hour every second week please contact us - it's really

quite inspiring and fun! Gail Watt 450-242-2892.

Wanted **35 year + Male Softball** players for Legion Inter provincial Team.

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Advertorial

YOUR KIDS ARE STARTING TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE.

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