

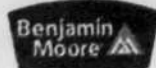
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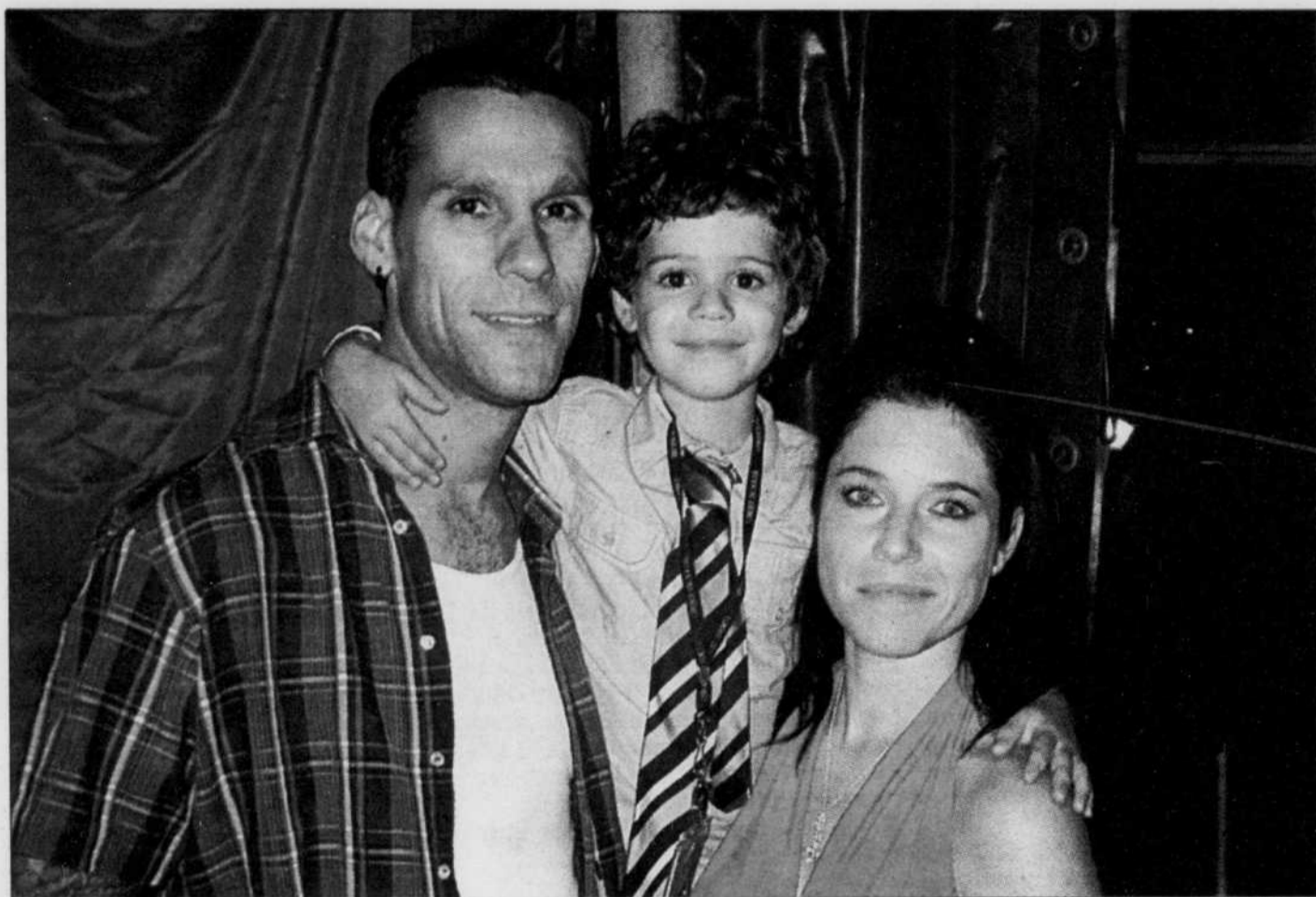


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ALANNA FAHEY

BRIEFS

Outsiders go on vandalism spree over weekend

(JB) Five teenagers from Blainville and St. Jerome took an axe to 11 cars over the weekend. The Surete du Quebec received calls from several Cowansville residents in the night from Saturday into Sunday. All reported vehicles that had been severely damaged by axe blows to their windshields, hoods and headlights. Witnesses describe seeing a small white car flee the different areas with five young men aboard.

"A patrol car spotted a vehicle that matched the description of the car," says Sgt Hugo Lizotte, "Inside were five young men and an axe. They brought the axe to one of the cars and it matched the axe blows."

All the teenagers were brought to SQ headquarters. They were apparently under the influence of drugs and alcohol at the time of the attacks. The young men were all friends visiting for the weekend. One of their fathers has a second home around the lake in Cowansville. None of them had a previous criminal record.

"They admitted to their crime right away," says Lizotte, "The father of the one boy where they were all staying came to the police station to pick them up. You could say he wasn't happy with them. He collaborated fully with police."

Not all of the boys committed the acts. The prosecutor will decide what charges will be laid against the three 16-year olds and two 18-year olds.

Sutton Vandalism

Police in Sutton were quick to react to another act of vandalism. Neighbors on Bernier street on the mountain heard windows breaking and called police. When the squad car arrived the two suspects were still inside the house. The 18-year olds were visiting for the weekend from St. Bruno and Ste-Julie.

"There was about \$4,000 of damage to the house by the time police arrived from broken windows and furniture," says Sgt Lizotte.

Both were arrested on the scene and will appear in court to face charges.

A year with the Cirque...before Kindergarten

Alanna Fahey
BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Veronique Bourbeau and her partner Frederic Blanchard made a bold decision last year. Looking at the future and knowing that their son would be starting school in the fall of 2009, they decided to pack up the family and head to Australia, to join the circus. Not just any circus, but the circus that has the world captivated with its charm and mystique, The Cirque de Soleil.

"Fred has been working for the Cirque for seven years on a contract basis as an acrobatic rigger and we decided last summer to go on tour before our son Eliyan turns five and enters school. We just did it. We spent the last 10 months in Australia on the show Dralion. We travelled to Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane, Perth and Melbourne," said Bourbeau.

Not long after they arrived in Australia, the artistic director, who was aware that Bourbeau was an oriental dance instructor/choreographer asked her to lead some dance classes for the artists. "He knew that this sort of dance would help them move different groups of muscles, the ones that they don't use much on a daily basis. Because of the performances they do, they are always using the same muscles, show after show, so I designed a series of classes that made them work. They were tough, but the classes allowed a lot of the artists to open up, to all sort of experiences," explained Bourbeau.

Shortly after moving to Brome in 2005, Bourbeau set up a dance studio with the help of Blanchard. She has been teaching women in the local area dance, dance history and the womanly art of self esteem. Her students range in age from 5 years old to 65 years old.

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June 4

Reilly House Mansonville. Annual General Meeting, Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 7 pm at the Reilly House, 302 rue Principal. Refreshments will be served. For more information: 450-292-3109 or www.maisonreillyhouse.org.

The Descendant: Thursday, June 4 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. English Version at SUTTON CABARET CINÉ- Alec et Gérard Pelletier Hall, 4-c Maple, Sutton Reservation : 450-538-0486.

Neil Diamond Tribute Show presented by The Royal Canadian Legion in Sutton. Featuring Joey Purpura. Thursday evening at 8 p.m. \$20, For advanced tickets and \$25, At the door. Call ahead and reserve now. 450-538-2210. 2 Curley St.

June 5

Royal Canadian Legion Summer BBQs. Come BBQ with us every Friday night from June 5 until August 28. 77 Lewis Street East, Waterloo. Burgers, Dogs, Fries and Poutines.

June 6

3rd Annual Chicken Pot Pie Supper, Knowlton-Creek Pastoral Charge, Knowlton at United Church, 234 Knowlton Road, Knowlton, Saturday, June 6, 2009.

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Mental Health & Well-being support Group Meetings held at United Church, 234 Knowlton Road, Knowlton, from 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.

Knowlton Lions' Club Annual Community-Wide Garage Sale will be held on June 6, 8 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Oddfellows' Hall, Knowlton Rd. Items for the sale may be delivered to the trailer on Victoria Street on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

The Farmers' market on Maple Street in Knowlton will open weekly starting Saturday, June 6 at 8:30 a.m. with new fresh produce and a variety of other products.

County Line Band at the Royal Canadian Legion in Sutton. Come and dance the night away with the You'll enjoy listening to Shirley Spencer sing and play with Arnie Davis, Barry Newman and Jimmy Edwards. Starts at 7 p.m. till 11 p.m. Bring your friends. Donation of \$8. A person and \$15 a couple. 2 Curley St. Info: 450-538-2210.

Schubert, Gospel & Jazz, a concert by Pot-Pourri Choir to benefit the Women's Auxiliary Foundation of the BMP Hospital. 3pm at Emmanuel United Church, 203 Principale, Cowansville. Tickets \$10 - may be purchased in advance at the BMP gift shop.

All you can eat brunch, and eggs the

way you like them at The Royal Canadian Legion in Sutton. Donation of \$6. And \$3. For children under 10 years old. Starts at 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 2 Curley St. Info: 450-538-2210. You won't leave hungry.

Acoustic music, 4 p.m. with Danny Brown and friends at The Royal Canadian Legion in Sutton. Country Blue Grass, Old Time Blues, Jazz and Traditional. Donation of \$5. If local musicians would like to join in. Please call Danny. 450-263-1563. 2 Curley St.

BBQ Beef and Pork Supper at Mansonville Baptist Church. Serving times: 5p.m., 6p.m. and 7p.m. Cost: Adult: \$12; 12 and under: \$6; 3 and under: free. To reserve call: 450-292-5765

Spring Tea will be held at Wesley United Church, Bedford on Saturday, June 6 from 2:30 to 4 pm. Adults \$5. Children \$2.50 Door prizes for the lucky draws. Come and bring your friends

June 8

There will a general meeting of the royal Canadian Legion in Sutton at 7 p.m. All members are encourage to come and participate. If you are interested in joining Sutton Legion please contact Ron or Joanne. Info 450-538-2210. The Legion is proud to announce that they have received a beautiful trophy for the highest new memberships this year.

Coffee Break Knowlton, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. A discussion on the 100 Mile Diet book & Perennial plant exchange Bring in a few of your Perennials. 450-248-0530. Lac Brome Community Centre, 270 Victoria, Knowlton. avantenancy@bellnet.ca

June 11

Waterloo Elementary School presents it's "Performing ARTS Program" end of year show on Thursday June 11 at 6:30 P.M. Come, see and enjoy what the students have learned through this new exciting program. The community is most welcome! Admission is a looney for our "Pennies for Peace" program.

June 12 & 13

Quilt and Art Show at Emmanuel United Church, 203 principale, Cowansville, 10a.m.-3p.m. Salad lunch

(11:30-1), Afternoon Tea (2-3 p.m.) Salad luncheon \$8. Afternoon tea: \$5. Home baking. Come and see beautiful quilts and art work by local citizens. Some will be for sale.

June 13

There will be a Horse Shoe league taking place in the afternoon at The Royal Canadian Legion in Sutton. Come and join a friendly game. Contact J.C. Marchand for more info: 450-538-3047. 2 Curley St.

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Another big success for the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay For Life:

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An impressive \$185,000 was raised in the Eastern Townships at the 5th Cowansville Relay For Life organized by the Canadian Cancer Society.

This year, some 45,000 Quebecers are expected to take part in the 73 Relay For Life events taking place across Quebec, with a view to raising \$11 million.

The Relay For Life is the Canadian Cancer Society's No. 1 fundraising event. The money raised through the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay For Life is used to fund promising research projects, provide services and support to those touched by cancer, disseminate up-to-date infor-

mation, help prevent the disease through the promotion of healthy lifestyles, and advocate for public policy.

The Relay is a celebration of life with three major objectives: Participants celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones who are living with cancer, and fight back in the hope of finding a cure for this dreaded disease. On May 30, 76 teams of 10 people (families, friends and co-workers) and 144 survivors spent the whole night (from 7 am to 7 pm), taking turns walking around a track at Cowansville to raise money for cancer research.

Mr. Jeremy Forget was delighted to serve as spokesman of the Cowansville Relay For Life. He encouraged the 1300 or so participants on hand and reminded them that this one-of-a-kind

event provides a unique opportunity to demystify cancer, to face it head on, and to give hope to those touched by the disease.

For information on the Relay For Life, you can log on www.cancer.ca, phone the Society's Cancer Information Service at 1 888 939-3333, or write or call the Sherbrooke Canadian Cancer Society office at 3330, King Street West, Suite 130, 819-562-8869.

Organized by the Canadian Cancer Society, the Relay For Life is sponsored by a number of regional organizations, including the Celebrate Partner: Caisse populaire Desjardins Brome-Missisquoi, the Remember Partner: Résidence Principale And the Fight back Partner: Canadian Tire.

Kindergarten Cirque

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In 2005, Blanchard took a leave of absence from the Cirque to open a cafe in Sutton. However it wasn't long before this young man knew his heart needed to be in a more creative, exhilarating atmosphere, therefore he went back to his career as a rigger. Blanchard is great at his job and to reward him, the Cirque has taken him around the globe.

Blanchard's job with the Cirque requires a great deal of concentration, strength and a high level of precision work. Working, often at heights well over 50 feet, Blanchard installs the equipment for the acrobats.

Working with heavy equipment in 40-50 degree celsius temperatures, 10 to 16 hours a day, Blanchard has to maintain a high level of physical fitness throughout the entire tour.

"Fred's job was to help the acrobats attach their harnesses. Attaching them to a cable or rope before putting them above the stage ready for their cues. He was responsible for the security of everyone and everything that was coming down from the aerial structure to the stage floor," said Bourbeau.

Bourbeau said the family was happy while on this tour. "I am so grateful to have had this precious time with my partner, Fred and our son, discovering Aus-

tralia with the Cirque. We had time to enjoy each other which is a great opportunity as a family, just being with our son, and happy," said Bourbeau, adding, "Our son loved it. He was the only child on tour for a long time and he was the center of attention. His favourite things about the tour were the chocolate fondues, opening nights and rock star parties."

With the family back in the Knowlton area, Bourbeau, known in The Townships as Sasar, will be conducting dance classes from her studio in Brome. For information contact Bourbeau, better known as Sasar at 450-242-1238 or by email at sasarbelydance@yahoo.ca.

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From the specialists who do the cutting and fixing, to the general medical personnel, other professional staff, employees at large, the dynamic and seemingly indefatigable foundation, and successive waves of volunteers in the field, nothing says "yes we can" like the

greater BMP Hospital community.

Continuing in this spirit, a press conference was held in the hospital's main lobby on Friday, May 29, to mark the official kick-off (or maybe kick-stand-off) of the latest version of the Velothon, a fun, healthy, outdoors family and community event.

This year's event will take place on September 13, with the goal of raising \$100,000, to go towards the purchase of an ophthalmological scanner.

This type of scanner is used to diagnose and monitor various types of retinal pathologies. Advancements in recent years have opened many doors in the treatment of these diseases, but none is more important than the early

detection of ocular disorders, in order to properly identify and remedy.

In the past, the BMP hospital has had to refer patients with ocular pathologies to Montreal or Sherbrooke; the purchase of this



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scanner will enable the Cowansville hospital to identify and treat the diseases on site and in a non-invasive manner in line with the most up-to-date medical technologies of the day.

This year's Velothon offers participants of all ages and skill levels the opportunity to assist the hospital in reaching its goal. A 12 km family oriented route through the streets of Cowansville provides safety and ease for children while the 60 or 90 km ride through the Wine Route in Cowansville, Dunham and Frelighsburg provides a

scenic tour for the more experienced rider.

Registration forms are available at the BMP Foundation office, the BMP Auxiliaries Boutique and at Uniprix outlets in Knowlton and Cowansville as well as online at www.velothonbmp.ca. Credit card donations are also accepted online and participants are encouraged to generate pledges from neighbors and friends to further this noble cause.

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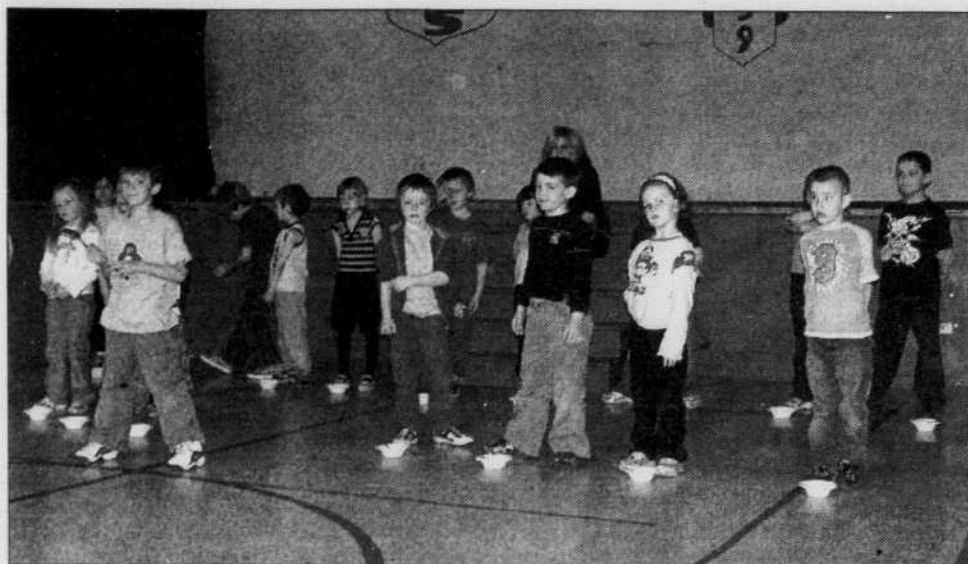
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Arts program underway Waterloo Elementary



RICHARD ALLEN

The arts program at Waterloo Elementary allows children to be involved with all aspects of the shows, from acting and dancing to production and set design

By Wendy Denman

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Seeking to engage and challenge her students beyond the standard curriculum, Renalee Gore, principal of Waterloo Elementary, instituted a performing arts program this spring.

"We chose the performing arts because they give children a wonderful sense of self, of accomplishment; it sparks their creativity and is something they carry with them their whole life," said Gore.

"We are a small school, our registration is down with only 72 students this year. We have great staff, but the school is unknown, something was missing. I feel at this point it's important to make this school something special, something that will make us stand out. I want to attract kids back, to offer them an attractive alternative."

For the inaugural program, Gore hired Mary Harvey to animate drama, Laura Teasdale to coach singing and dance, Ralph Steiner to instruct in set and design and Ed Degan to introduce the students to keyboard and sound effects. Harvey, Teasdale and Steiner are all accomplished professional performers, members of local theatre groups, well versed in all aspects of the performing arts, all with experience working with children.

Beginning after the March break, Friday morning was devoted to the performing arts. Students were assembled into four groups: kindergarten and grade one; grades two and three; grade four; and grades five, six and seven. The four groups alternate, rotating through the sections for forty-five minute sessions.

"We put this program together very quickly. I am hoping that next year we can start in September and hopefully have a performing arts person here for a whole day," said Gore.

The program culminates on June 11 with a public performance. "Every student is involved and on stage; each of the four groups has its own show," said Mary Harvey. "We began the program a little more formally. We wanted to impart some learning as well as just producing a show. Then we worked into coordinating the different aspects, Laura and I working together with each production and Ralph with the kids in the art room creating everything we need in the shows, props, and sets. He's doing fabulously with them. Ralph is very open to ideas and the kids love it. "We've tailored the shows to the groups, creating shows with them that will both challenge and really interest them."

Kindergarten and grade one are performing Stone Soup, a story set in the 1930s where all the neighbours bring together ingredients to make a large soup. "It's really fantastic, the kids are so enthusiastic, they all love being on stage, they all have their lines down and they love singing with Laura," said Harvey. "We encouraged the kids to look up different versions of the story, so they'd realize it's really universal story of working together."

Grades two and three will be performing Poppy Seed Cakes. "It a musical, the songs are great and the children love them, you can hear them singing through the halls.

"With the grade four we decided to do something a little different. This group is becoming aware of the state of things and all the doom and gloom around them, so we introduced them to all the aspects of comedy and how comedy and the ability to laugh is very important in difficult times.

"The show is real Vaudeville. It took the students a while to get into it, to realize that in comedy anything goes; they can be silly, be dumb, be loud, tell teacher jokes, and that slapstick, pushing and falling, is really a legitimate

form of comedy - it's all good. Now, they're starting to make each other laugh out loud and loving it."

The older group - grades five and six and secondary one are producing a story of bravery and honour in the style of classical Chinese theatre. "It's a massive challenge for all of us, but we wanted to do something that no one would expect, something to make the audience of parents sit up and take notice," said Harvey.

"The movement is very formal, the words are ones most of them have never heard before; it's way beyond their world. The students have really risen to the challenge and are doing a lot of work."

Harvey sees many advantages to teaching the performing arts at the elementary level. "You have the same range of personalities as with adults, shy,

abrasive, the whole range, but kids are more flexible, more likely to try on something new. Another good thing that happens is that the social hierarchy of the group is shaken up, individuals shine in different ways."

The public is invited Waterloo Elementary's Performing Arts Show on Thursday, June 11, at 5 Clark Hill, Waterloo, beginning at 6.30 pm. Entrance is a \$1 for the school's Pennies for Peace project.

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Avante June Newsletter

With the nicer weather and longer days, there's more to do outside so activities at Avante are slowing down for the summer. June will be the final month for regular programming until the fall, although we are planning a few trips over the summer, so keep an eye out for special announcements.

Annual General Meeting

As is the practice with most organizations, Avante

holds a public meeting to review its past year's activities. This is also when we hold elections for available positions on our Board of Directors. We encourage our members to attend this meeting, as they are the only people eligible to vote. The meeting starts at 6pm, Tuesday, June 2.

Dove Project Follow-up

Last March, Dr. Lucy Gilbert presented her pilot project from the McGill University Health Centre. For her research to develop an early detection tool for ovarian cancer, she needs hundreds of subjects for her study. In turn, she offers a personal assessment that immediately determines if the patient has this type of cancer or not. Several participants from this presentation followed up and were very pleased with their treatment.

Avante will be setting up an appointment day for several of our members so that they can travel together. If any woman would like to be part of this trip, please call Barb at the Avante office.

Bedford Coffee Break

On Tuesday, June 2, Kathleen will be leading a discussion based on current affairs during our monthly coffee break here at the Centre in Bedford. One particular issue to be evaluated is the proposal to have tracking devices implanted in children, sparked by recent cases of child abductions. A light breakfast will be available, starting at 9:30.

Knowlton Coffee Break

Is it actually possible to live completely on a 100 mile diet? It's a principle that many have tried and written about, and on Monday, June 8, Barb will be at the Lac Brome Community Centre to explore what it takes to only eat food produced within a 100 mile radius. What are the benefits, and what would be the sacrifices? Can it be done? Anyone who has actually tried this is welcome to share the experience with us.



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9, Kathleen wraps up her mother/daughter group meetings, which have been very successful for the participants. On the following Tuesday, join Gayl and Annie for "Car Care 101"; learn hands-on basic upkeep of your vehicle. Participants are welcome to a potluck supper with Barb at 5:30 or join us at 6 in the Avante parking lot.

Montreal Comedy Nest

We still have tickets available for the June 20, Saturday night performance at the Comedy Nest, which has been designated as a fundraiser for our Centre. We will have a bus leaving Avante at 4:30, with tickets at \$20. If you would like to drive in yourself, we have tickets for just the performance for \$15. Call ahead to confirm your spot.

Summer Salad Luncheon

If you, like many of us, get tired of the same old stand-by summer salads, bring one to our potluck summer salad luncheon and try something new! It's one of our traditional events to welcome the summer and celebrate the end of our official programming. The fun and games start at 11am on Thursday, June 18.

Computer Room

Introduction to Computer classes will continue in June on Wednesday and Friday mornings, with Internet Café on Friday afternoons, but over the summer, the computer room will only be available for personal use (no assistance or classes) Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10am-3pm.

Avante Women's Centre is open from Monday to Friday from 9-4pm. We can be reached at 450-248-0530, or by email at avantegayl@bellnet.ca <mailto:avantegayl@bellnet.ca>. Our centre is located at 2 Adhemar-Cusson in Bedford and offer services, programs and referrals for English speaking women from

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COURTESY CORDES-A-VENT

Cordes-a-Vent Presents Two Summer Concerts

Alanna Fahey
BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Almost 25 years ago, Francois Turcotte, local Sutton music teacher and conductor, had an idea that from the local population she would be able to encourage musicians of classical music to come together to form an ensemble. As she cast her baton over the area, she knew she would be able to entice a few musicians to come together, but, what she got instead of a little group, was a rather large group of people looking to hone their skills, build their skills and have fun. With the assistance of Chantal Bouvier, Turcotte breathed life into an orchestra that continually gives concerts that audiences love and cher-

ish. Without missing a beat, Bouvier and Turcotte, formed the lovely Cordes-a-Vent Orchestra.

Over the years Turcotte has seen many people pass through the chairs in front of her, most notably David McAdam. McAdam, also a music teacher of some renown in the Knowlton-Sutton area, came to The Townships from South Africa. Not only did McAdam bring his extensive knowledge of music, he brought to his many students the love of learning. "Practice makes permanent, not perfect", was one of his favourite things to say, and he wasn't only referring to music. McAdam, an avid mountain climber, would often remark, "There is certainly no shame in going backwards. Practice is like that. It is better to go back a step or two, and look at the situation again, just to get a better view of things." McAdam, who now resides in New Brunswick was one of the most memorable musicians to fall under Turcotte's baton.

This year the membership of the orchestra is 22 ranging from 10 years old

to 70 years old. "It's really nice to have all these different people from different ages mingling together. We are always looking forward for new musicians," said Serge Levertu, guitarist/percussionist.

Levertu who has been with the orchestra since 1988 said, "Depending on the level of the musician, sometimes we will have a little audition just to see where we will place the musician in the structure of the orchestra." The orchestra has proven to be fertile ground for many young students. Many of Turcotte's younger members have gone on to study music. Many students that have been mentored in the orchestra continue to have music play an important part of their lives.

Historically, the orchestra has presented concerts that range in depth and character. Turcotte always keeps the audience in mind when she is selecting the program for the concert series. For the more seasoned members of the orchestra Turcotte will have her musicians playing pieces only tackled by Menuhin or Chrysler. However, because she is a musician herself, she knows of the abundance that encouragement may yield. She constantly keeps her mind in tune with her less experienced musicians and because she wants to develop in them a love of music she peppers the program with music that is lively and light. She yields to the pixie that screams to be let out of every violin and cello, while keeping the Vivaldi in all of us happy.

The summer concerts will be held on Sunday, June 7th at 3:30 at the St. Francis-Xavier Catholic Church in Bromont and on Sunday, June 14th at St. Andre Catholic Church in Sutton, Quebec, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are available at La Librairie des Sommets in Bromont, Livre d'Or, Sutton and La Librairie Cowansville and at the door. \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 students and \$2.00 children.

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June 20

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Laugh it up at the Montreal Comedy Nest on June 20. Avante Fundraiser, Cost is \$20. for the show with bus ride or \$15. for the show only. Tickets are available at Avante Womens' Center, 2 Adhémar-cusson, Bedford, 450-248-0530. avantenancy@bellnet.ca

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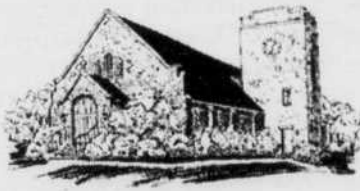
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This inventory may be examined by any interested party at the office of Mtre. Marie J. Gagné, notary, located at 35 Victoria, Town of Brome Lake, Quebec JOE 1V0.

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The 1st prize winners, with 39 points were Captain George Wilson, June Call, Gerald Coupland, Barry Heatherington. Prize #2 for 38 points went to Captain Helen Slachta, Shea Lord, Shirley Robinson and Anne Foster. Tables #15 and 2 tied for the booby prize and the winners, with 17 points were Captain Doreen Gibbs, Ethan Perkins, Stanley O'Brien, Sheila Hadlock.

The prize for having four 8's went to Yvette McElreavy and for four 9's to Georgette St. Pierre. Bev and Ronal Page won the 13 trick prize.

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The lunch was great - we'll see you all again next week at Knowlton.

Edna Badger

Card of Thanks

HEATH - A special thanks to my family and friends for their support following my recent surgery. The many cards, phone calls, flowers, visits and other thoughtful acts were much appreciated. Difficult times are somehow made easier when encouraged by those who care. Thank you so much.

ELLEN HEATH

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Death



PREMONT, Marcel (1934-2009) - At the B.M.P. Hospital in Cowansville, QC, on Friday May 29, 2009, at the age of 74, passed away Marcel Premont, beloved husband of Dorothy Jones. He was the son of the late Albert and late Arsélie Premont. Dear father of Martha (Denis), Doris (Kelly), Victor (Judith) and Lisa, cherished grandfather of Karen, Kristy (Robert), Lee (Nyne), Philip, Megan (Martin), Shawn (Anne), Stephanie (Sylvain), Addison, Renata (Josh), Faith, Shane and the late Bryar-Leigh, loving great-grandfather Dakota, Savannah, Olivier, Jacob, Antoine, Ludovik and Serenity, nephews and nieces, many others relatives and friends. Predeceased by his brother; Lawrence (late Dorothy), George (Peggy), Richard (Guyla), Victor, Beatrice (Roland), Ronald, Arthur, Adrienne (late Hébert) and John. He also leaves to mourn, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Roma (Dale), Eugene (Annie), Late Glenna (Roland), Myrna, Norman (Kemeth), Roger (Lynn), Inez (Barry), Joyce (Rene) and Donna (Alfred). Family and friends will be welcomed on Friday June 5, 2009, from 1pm to 2pm at St-John's Anglican Church in Brome, QC, followed by the service at 2 pm. Interment at the Cemetery of Brome. Donations can be made to the St-John's Anglican Church, 333 Stagecoach, Brome, QC, JOE 1K0 would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Désourdy Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell St., Cowansville, QC, J2K 2N5, Tel: 450-263-1212, Fax 450-263-9557 e-mail: salondesourdy@desourdy.ca

Memorial Service



MASON, Dorothy Ida (Mullin) - Friends of Ida Mason are invited to join her family in a celebration of Ida's life which is to be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Knowlton on Saturday, June 13 at 11 a.m. Ida passed away on March 7 in Aurora, Ontario in her 91st year. She was the wife of the late Ralph (Paul) Mason, former Mayor of Brome, and loving mother of Bishop Peter (Carmen Ruddock), Andrew (Ann McKim), Richard (Lucie Mondoux) and Nancy (John Lester). Ida was also grandmother to Patricia, Sarah, Paul, Tim, Jennifer, Stephen, Gillian and Jessica and great-grandmother to Daniel, Tom, Matthew, James, Noah and Benjamin. Those who knew and loved her will always miss her kind nature, her wonderful cooking and her beautiful smile. Following the service and reception, burial will take place at St. John's Anglican Church, Brome.

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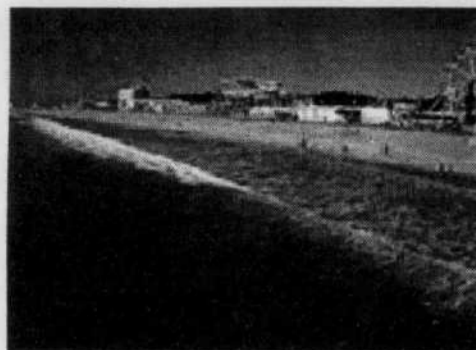
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