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Teacher seeks to offer education alternative

Peace School will open its doors in Bondville

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
BONDVILLE

Education may be society's most important priority, yet the question of how to best educate its youth remains hotly debated. A reform movement rooted in the 19th century originally gave rise to a host of alternatives to traditional models.

Now, in 2002, teacher Melanie Whitham will offer her own vision of alternative elementary education through the Peace School (Petite École Communautaire des Cantons de l'Est), for Brome-Missisquoi children ages five to 12.

Whitham holds Bachelor of Elementary Education from McGill University and recently completed a Master of Arts in Alternative Education through Goddard College, located in Plainfield, Vt.

She taught French Second Language at Waterloo Elementary in 1998, and occasionally works as a substitute teacher for the Eastern Townships School Board.

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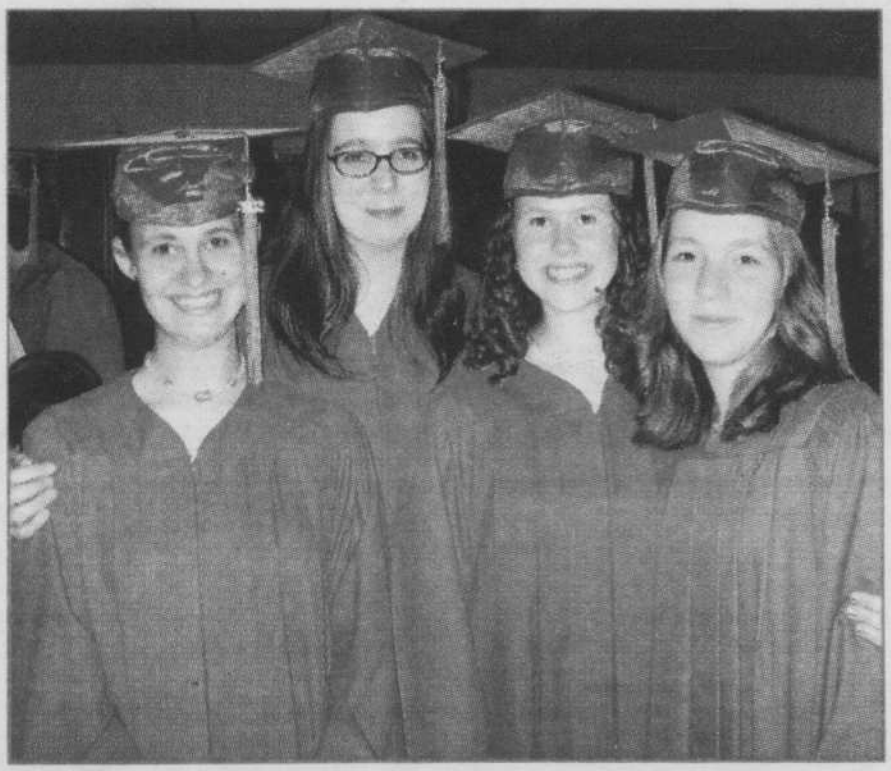
CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

Teacher Melanie Whitham will offer her own vision of alternative elementary education by opening the Peace School, designed for Brome-Missisquoi children ages five to 12.

Graduating High School



Graduating seniors Cecily Van Horn, Ashley McCaffrey, Melissa Broadhurst, and Geneviève Baker, shown here before graduation exercises, also received awards at the Massey-Vanier High School's annual academic awards ceremony. See Pages 5, 7 for more.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 15

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING MEETING at St. Paul's Church (basement), **Knowlton**, 2 p.m. Do you or someone you know suffer from some form of depression? Are words like Schizophrenia, Manic Depression, Bipolar Disorder confusing to you? Do you have difficulty knowing how to cope with these conditions or to support someone who struggles with them? Info: Call Linda, 450-243-0928.

Creek United Church, **UCW ANNUAL SPRING BUFFET SUPPER,** Brill Road, **West Bolton,** 4:30 - 7 p.m. Adults, $9, children under 12, $3.

Royal Canadian Legion **HALF BBQ CHICKEN SUPPER** at 120 Davignon, **Cowansville**. Supper $10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Info: 450-263-3543.

June 16

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST at Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon St., **Cowansville**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Baked goods prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary also on sale. Info: 450-263-3543.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #158, **WESTERN BREAKFAST,** All You Can Eat at 2 Curley St., **Sutton**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. $5.50 per person, children under 10 yrs., $2.50.

June 22

ADVANCED NOTICE: Flea Market at St. Paul's United Church, **Waterloo,** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tables: $10. Info: 450-539-3135 or 539-2129.

SUMMERS' EVE DANCE at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch, 77, 77 Lewis St., **Waterloo**, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Music with Gary Darling. Admission, $5. Info: 450-539-0005.

Knowlton First Responders **FUNDRAISER SUPPER** at 51 Lakeside, **Knowlton** sponsored by Frostys Pub, 5 - 7 p.m. Entertainment, 6 p.m. Roasted beef, wild boar roast, lamb and turkey. Adults, $12; under 12, $8. Info: 450-243-0495.

ARTS CALENDAR

June 16

KNOWLTON HARMONY BAND PARK CONCERT 2002 at Coldbrook Park, by the dam in **Knowlton** at 6:30 p.m. Free concert. Alternative United Church if raining. Info: Lois Hardacker, 450-242-2000; Wade Johnston, 243-5432.

July 3 - 16

SUMMER WORKSHOPS at Bishop's Knowlton Centre, 235 **Knowlton** Rd. Modeling with clay, on July 3; collage and mixed mediums, July 9 - 11; Ceramics, July 15 & 16. Info: Louise Jamet, 450-242-1518.

CHURCH SERVICES

KNOWLTON/ CREEK PASTORAL CHARGE: Worship and song by members & Rev. Burn Purdon. Creek United, Foster, 9:30 a.m. Knowlton United, Knowlton, 11 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH: 24 St. Paul's Rd., Knowlton. We wish to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known. Sunday services: 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday school and nursery, 10 a.m. The Rev. Ralph T. Leavitt - Pastor.

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WATERLOO ST. PAUL'S AND FULFORD UNITED CHURCHES: Weekly Sunday worship and song in Waterloo at 11 a.m. Fulford worship on second and fourth Sundays at 9:30 a.m. May through October. Zone team ministers Rev. Lilian Patey and Rev. David Lambie.

COWANSVILLE AREA PASTORAL CHARGE UNITED CHURCH: Worship and Sunday school at Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue Principale, at 10:30 a.m. Choir Practice at 9 a.m. Rev. Mary MacPherson officiating.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH SUTTON: Come, let Jesus know you love Him. Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m. at 52 Principale Sud. The Rev. Canon Tim Smart, Rector.

SUTTON-DUNHAM UNITED: Everyone is cordially invited to attend services at 10:30 a.m. in Sutton on the first and second, Sundays and in Dunham on the third and fourth Sundays of each month.

BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE: We invite you to come and worship with us. Joint Summer Service 10 a.m. in Philipsburg (Communion) with Rev. Cogswell, Father's Day Brunch at Legion.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

BRIEF

Dunham painter to exhibit at BCHS

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Dunham painter Mary S. Martin will be exhibiting at the Brome County Historical Society Courthouse from June 22 to 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This is the 22nd consecutive year of exhibition at the BCHS for Martin, whose oil and watercolour paintings hang in galleries across the U.S. and Canada. Much of Martin's work is also part of the Canadian Watercolour Society's annual traveling show.

This distinguished local artist will exhibit 50 new watercolours and 25 oil paintings of pastoral landscapes from Maine, Vermont and England. For more information, contact the Brome County Historical Society at 450- 243-6782.

Also on the museum grounds of Brome Country Historical Society on Sunday, June 23 is the organization's annual antique and craft exhibition and sale.

Craftsmen and artists will exhibit and sell works in wood, jewelry, weaving and antiques at this year's show/sale, which will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 130 Lakeside, Knowlton.

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The rules have changed on the water

By Lee Patterson
Special to The Record

Are you ready for the 2002 boating season? If you thought all you had to do was put your docks in the water or clean the leaves out of your boat, think again.

There are new federal regulations that have been put into effect concerning boating safety across Canada.

So you ask, what's new? For starters, powered pleasure craft operators must have a boaters competency certification. This competency requirement is being implemented in three stages.

Important dates

- Sept. 15, 1999: Operators of motorized pleasure crafts born after April 1, 1983.
- Sept. 15, 2002: Operators of motorized pleasure crafts less than four meters in length (Including personal watercrafts such as Jet Skis and Sea-Doo).
- Sept. 15, 2009: All pleasure craft operators will be required to carry their proof of competency.

Common questions concerning regulations

Q: Why do smaller crafts operators have to have their competency certification before the others?

A: The majority of pleasure craft accidents involve smaller crafts. The lifesaving society mentions that small open power boats under six meters in length, as well as canoes, are the most often involved in the more than 100 deaths related to recreational boating in Canada, each year.

Q: I've been boating for over 20 years, why do I have to take a course to prove I can navigate a pleasure crafts?

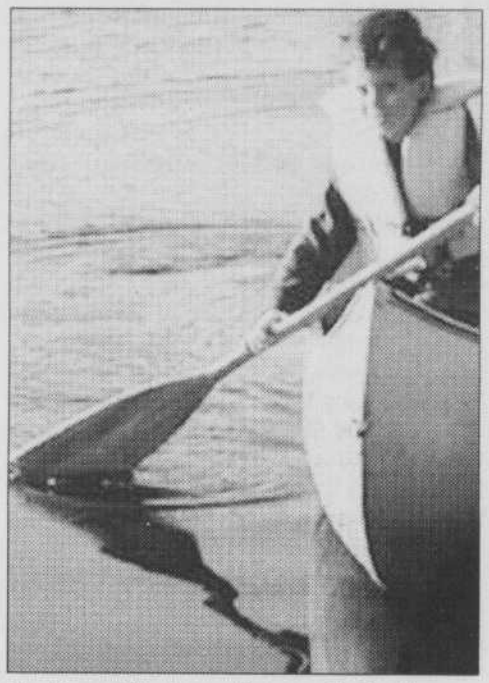
A: You do not have to take a boating course to obtain your proof of competency. You have to successfully complete an accredited exam. The course that we provide helps prepare candidates for the exam. We have not yet had a participants that has taken our course and has not learned a few new things related to boating.

Q: What information or material is covered in the course?

A: The purpose of the boating safety course is not to turn you into a professional navigator. What the Coast Guard realised was that their are more than eight million "boaters" in Canada. That's a large number of people interacting on our waterways, especially since many have never learned the basic rules and regulations. Therefore, it was understood that general boating knowledge should be known by pleasure crafts operators.

A good basic boating course will include the rules of boating, the collision regulation, understanding the basic buoys and beacons, how to handle emergencies afloat and what boaters should do before heading out on the water.

Hopefully this has given you a good idea of what some of the new boating regulations mean and why they are changing. I hope boaters will leave the boat course with an understanding that the waterways belong to all, boaters, residents and the environment. Let us also keep in mind that it does not matter what type of boat you operate but how you use it.



Boating safety is an often overlooked issue.

Next week, we will take a look at some other elements of boating safety. For course information or questions regarding boating safety, feel free to contact Lee Patterson at 450-242-2844 or via e-mail at lee@endirect.qc.ca

Note: Lee Patterson is an accredited boating safety instructor with the Life Saving Society for the past three years. He was the lake patroller for five years on Brome Lake. His duties included enforcing federal, provincial and municipal regulations regarding boating safety.

Unveiling new library sign

CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

Stanbridge Station's Maison du Livre received a new sign on the occasion of its first anniversary, June 4, 2002. The sign was a gift of building owners Michel Lavoie (left) and Alice Nadeau (seventh from left), who joined friends of the library in a celebration of the centre's first year of operation. The sign was made by Nadeau's son, Jean-François Landry, a Montreal graphic arts student and will soon be mounted on a post visible from route 202. The Maison du Livre is the fourth library founded by Normand Paquin and the Corporation d'Initiatives Communautaires (CIC), a list that includes the Pike River Library (now a municipal lending library) and Philipsburg's Missisquoi Public Library. On June 28, the CIC will launch its fourth library, Bibliogare in St-Armand.

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Home stretch: A long Maine weekend concluded

THE COUNTRY SQUIRE

BRIAN EDDINGTON

Jeff Foxworthy's material, predicted upon the now-familiar phrase "You know you're a redneck when...," strikes close to home for many rural dwellers.

Those who feel they don't fit any of his numerous and all purpose definitions at least know folks who do. A personal favourite is, "You know you're a redneck when you've got a home that's mobile and six cars that aren't."

With this in mind, we rolled the large disabled vehicle to the far side of our spacious campsite, where it could be used as emergency rain shelter, storage unit, and dog house. If it were older, smaller, and less of an investment, the temptation to turn it into a giant permanent planter might have been irresistible.

With matters mechanical out of mind, we prepared for the oft-postponed hike up the aforementioned 1000 foot point of land rising sharply beyond the north bank of the Magalloway. Geologically, it seems similar in structure to Mount Echo at the eastern end of the Sutton ridge back home.

A brief scouting effort had been made on the stormy Saturday; out point man decided that a small cleft in the undergrowth a few hundred feet upstream would be a logical starting point. Sporting my winter hiking boots in deference to lingering dampness and the high probability of off trail slogging, we headed across the river and into the trees.

The apparent opening closed up in a hurry. We'd spotted several red paint blazes on a number of trees, which seemed promising. But it appeared the wielder of the spray can had become disoriented, like the chap who painted the wandering yellow line along Winder Street between Lennoxville and Huntingville a while back, as if he'd got bored keeping his Ministry of Transport truck going straight all the time.

A more likely explanation, from our leader who had real forestry experience, was that someone attempted to help mend damaged bark on young trees struck by large ones toppled in successive wind storms. In fact, as we proceeded slowly uphill, the number of trees in the horizontal position began to almost equal those still upright. (Difficult as it is, I'm avoiding the usual unflattering comparisons between dead wood and many employed in government service.)

The steeper the terrain, the harder it was to make progress through type jumbles, tangled mess. There's nothing like a blood-letting stab from a broken spruce branch to remind a hiker to exercise caution. The few small open areas we traversed offered little respite; a thin covering of wet moss and organic debris made footholds unreliable.

The real trouble appeared about the 800-foot level. A large rampart-like outcrop of fractured rock blocked the way ahead. The structure is not evident from the campground, which is too close to the base to allow a direct sight line. More adventurous types would rise to the challenge of finding a way over the obstacle; there appeared to be ample foot and hand holds, and a small chimney split the face down the middle.

We decided, however, that lateral exploration was the more prudent course. After all, we're walkers, not climbers. If we could move from the end of the ridge around to either of the more gently sloping sides, access to the top should be easier. Unfortunately, we were stopped in both directions by steep pitches. Only by going down several hundred feet could we maneuver onto one of the flanks of the ridge.

Discussion was brief. With late afternoon approaching and cold-looking clouds thickening overhead, we would boogie back down to camp. The top would be the objective of another outing, with a revised plan.

The kayakers took a bonus run on the morning of the last day. After fetching them back from the take-out, we lingered over an extended brunch, finishing up the food that no one wanted to repack. Our burnable garbage went up in smoke with the last of the firewood. With no clock to punch the next day, and my passenger having secured a new ride, I insisted the others keep to their original schedules and depart.

With borrowed tools and assorted loose nuts, I attempted a stop-gap repair job on the downed vehicle. It didn't work. The thing had to be towed after an almost four-hour wait for the wrecker. The driver explained how he'd come from eighty miles away and had taken a wrong turn over the Maine line.

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Staff

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Bursaries are in memory of Elizabeth Ann Beach and Ella Beach Brown. Application forms are available by calling Bursary Chairperson Mrs. June Lamey at 450-263-6940. Forms must be returned by Aug. 15 to June Lamey, 214 St Remi, Cowansville, QC J2K 1C2.

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Massey-Vanier students pick up annual awards

CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

Cecily Van Horn receives some last minute instructions from Pastoral Animator Sally Meyer at last Friday's Massey-Vanier High School graduation ceremony.

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
COWANSVILLE

More than 70 graduating students at Massey-Vanier High School were rewarded for years of hard work and dedication in the classroom and beyond last Tuesday as they received more than $43,000 in scholarships, bursaries and prizes at the school's academic awards ceremony.

Graduating senior Kate Gasser took home the evening's top honour, being awarded the Governor General's Bronze Medal for Highest Academic Standing. Fellow senior Derek Allen also captured The Record/BCN Award, given to the student who best exhibits excellence in writing. Other award recipients (by category) are as follows:

MEMORIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Sarah Badger (Geraldine Stockard Barr Art Memorial), Kate Gasser (Lily Butters Scholarship); Rikki Bowles (Charles Downie Memorial), Julia Haas (Barry Gage Citizenship); Benjamin Glauser (Darcy Smith Memorial); Andrée-Anne Bourque, Rikki Bowles, Glen Goodhue and John Page (Dale Corey Memorial); Christopher Gagné and Genevieve Baker (Eugene and Phyllis Jousse Memorial); Mathew Bellhouse-King, Simon-Pierre Bédard, Rebekah Bergeron, Shaun Huet-Hunt, Kimberley Kerr, Jaime Moar, Natasha St-François and Alexander Wisdom (Derry Ward Lindsay Memorial); Erin Cook (Kimberley and Melissa Wright Memorial); Jaime Moar and Kenny Spracklin (Brian Charby Memorial); Amélie Pelletier-Ménard (René Lavasseur Memorial); Deborah Lenaerts and Nichola Lobach (Stanley and Viola Gage Memorial); David Persons and Amanda Deyette (Doris Welch Memorial Scholarship); Rikki Bowles (William Thomas Ward Memorial); Kevin Beauregard and Karine Lavoie (Brian Graveline Memorial).

AWARDS, PLAQUES AND PRIZES

Julia Haas (Lieutenant Governor's Certificate); Jennifer Roy (Diana Dyer Art Bursary); Shanna Pagé (Runner-up, Level 5 Diana Dyer Art Prize); Julia Haas (Demers Family Memorial Language Arts Prize, Language Arts Prize and J. Porter English Prize); Julie Bazinet and Rikki Bowles (Mathematics Prize); Kate Gasser (Chemistry and Physics Prize); Jessica Harvey (Biology Prize); Cynthia Elston (Dance Prize); Kim O'Donnell (Dance Bursary); Tiffany Hunting and Matthew Skinner (Missisquoi Historical Society History Prize); Kate Gasser (Science Fair Prize).

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS EDUCATORS' SCHOLARSHIPS

Ashley McCaffrey (District of Bedford Commissioners' Scholarship); Julie Bazinet, Andrée-Anne Bourque, Erin Cook, Sandra Ducharme, Kate Gasser, Julia Haas, Karine Lavoie and Matthew Skinner (ETSB Commissioners' Scholarships); Derek Allen (ETASA of AAESQ Christine B. Hadlock Scholarship); Melissa Heyligen (Massey-Vanier PPO Award); Julia Haas (Massey-Vanier Governing Board); Kristin Haney and Jessica Harvey (Appalachian Teachers' Association); Stacey Cusson (Contact 20 Award); Crystal Coulombe (WHYMEE PPO Award); Trish Last and Kara Stowe (Heroes' Memorial Homecoming Scholarship); Melissa Broadhurst and Jason Larose (Knowlton High School Reunion Bursary).

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS SUPPORTED AWARDS:

Shanna Pagé (Tag Team Scholarship); Jodie Cuplinskas (Beaulieu Canada); Matthew Skinnner (Kiwanis Club of Granby); Emilie Guignard, Jessica Harvey, Angela Jetté and Natalie Robitaille (Graduor); Timothy Croteau (Waterloo Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Branch #77); Stephanie McBride-Durrell (Royal Canadian Legion, Brome Branch #23), Jaime Moar (Cynthia and Wm Clinton Scholarship); Tiffany Hunting (F.W. Jones Ltd Social Studies Award);

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senior's day was super

DEAR EDITOR,

On May 22, the Sainte-Thérèse Catholic Church was buzzing with activity. Some 600 people attended the Cowansville Happy, Healthy & Aging Information Day! As project coordinator, I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of a number of people.

This event would not have gotten off of the ground if it were not for a tireless and dedicated Happy, Healthy & Aging Committee. Your suggestions, ideas and support helped make the day the success that it was. I would also like to thank my co-workers at both the Lennoxville and Cowansville offices, who once again pitched in and cheerfully helped throughout this project. Your help was invaluable. Many thanks to all of you.

Once again, a large number of exhibitors provided useful and fun information to seniors and their families. Almost 50 of you took time off from busy schedules to come out and talk to the numerous visitors who passed by your booths. Your friendliness and professionalism really shone through!

Thank you very much to all of the day's volunteers. You welcomed people at the door, provided assistance to exhibitors, and kept your smile and sense of humor all day! Many thanks to our wonderful emcee, who kept us informed of all of the activities.

I would like to thank Meals on Wheels, who supplied a simply fabulous lunch as well as muffins and coffee throughout the day. Judging from the line-up at lunchtime, I am confident that I was not the only one who enjoyed the food.

Entertainment was as wonderful as it was varied. I know that it was enjoyed by many, as volunteers scrambled to add more and more chairs around the stage for seating. Thanks to everyone who sang, danced, and/or played a musical instrument for our listening and visual pleasure.

All of this work would have been for naught if not for the day's visitors. Approximately 600 of you came out to the Information Day. It was a pleasure to see the number of people walking around with bags full of information. Your attendance and participation solidifies the fact that today's seniors are vibrant members of the community who are informed and know how to have fun!

It was a real pleasure as well as an invaluable learning experience for me to coordinate the Happy, Healthy & Aging Project. Who knows – maybe we'll do it again in a few years...

Once again, thank you for making the May 22nd Information Day such a success!

EVELINA SMITH
Information & Referral Coordinator
Townshippers' Association

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

DEAR EDITOR,

At the annual convention of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows held in Granby last from May 24 to 25, Everett Arnott of Waterloo Odd Fellows Lodge # 27 in Warden was elected as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, IOOF.

Gloria Green of Adina Rebekah Lodge # 40 of Shawville was also elected as the president of the Rebekah Assembly of Quebec, IOOF. Both will be working in harmony to encourage Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the communities where fraternal lodges are established throughout Quebec to promote the principles and projects of the fraternity, while making their lodges more visible in their respective communities.

The Grand Master's project is the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. The president's projects are for cancer research and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Lloyd Shelvey, a past sovereign Grand Master from Winnipeg, Man represented the Sovereign Grand Lodge IOOF. Gail Weatherhead, a past president from Massachusetts represented the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, IOOF. Other leaders in attendance were from the neighbouring northeastern states.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a fraternal organization with more than 10,000 lodges established in 24 countries. The membership works together to promote the principles and projects of the Fraternity, as well as public national projects on community and international levels.

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Candlelight concert at Odelltown Church

Record Correspondent

The Odelltown United Methodist Church will hold its annual candlelight concert featuring the German Men's Choir under the direction of Roger Desbien on Friday, June 21 at 8 p.m

The choir will perform a cappella choral works in German, French and English. Admission is $5.

The church, which is the site of the Battle of Odelltown — the last major battle of the 1837-38 Patriot Rebellion — was declared an historical site and remains largely in the condition in which it was built.

Since the mid-1950s, a single service has been held annually to maintain the site's status as an active church. This year's service — which will be given by Reverend Philip Gaudine, the Pastor for Lacolle Odelltown Parish in the 1950s — is on Sunday June 30 at 11 a.m.

The church is located at 243 route 221S. For more information, call 450-246-3549.

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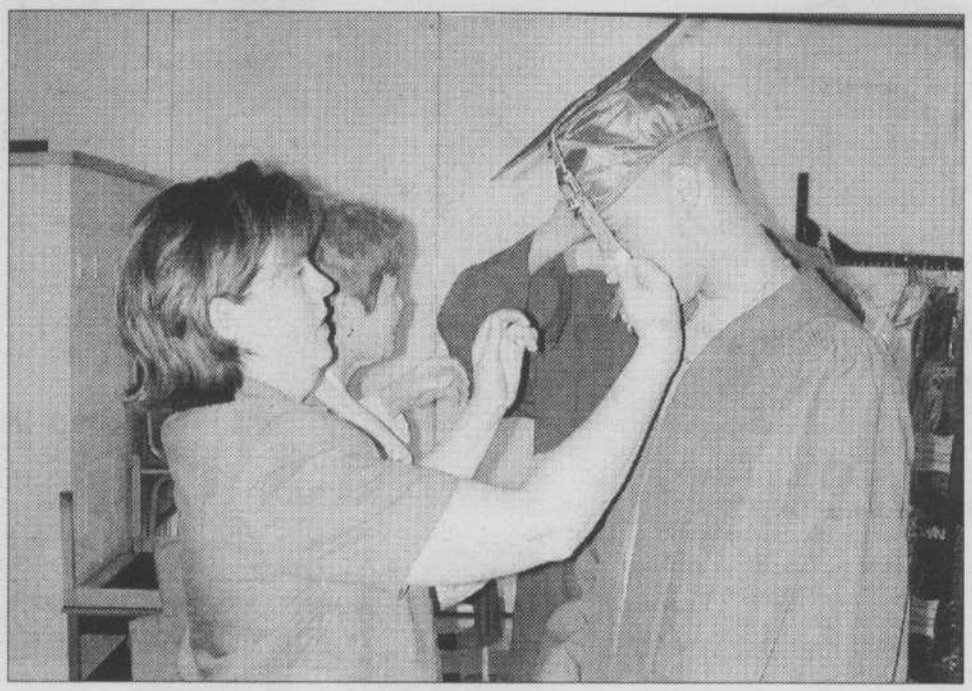

CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

Students undergo a last minute fitting of their caps and gowns.

GRADUATION:

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Crystal Beaucage and Samantha Jenne (Wesley Gage Memorial Scholarship Stanbridge Masonic Lodge #19 A.F. and A.M.); Julia Haas (St.John's Lodge No. 7 A.F. and A.M.); Ashley Martel Soucy (Brome-Missisquoi Historical Society Fessenden Scholarship); Jeremy Frizzle (Royal Canadian Legion Branch #99 and Ladies Auxiliary Cowansville); Véronique Needham (The Charette Special Merit Award: Bourse du savoir-vivire); Sarah Badger (Consoltex); Alison Kenny (S.D.C. Knowlton); Erika Cousens and Mathew Bellhouse-King (Colfax Rebekah Lodge #20); Kate Gasser (Fermes Gasser Ltée); Cynthia Couture, Trish Last, Jenna Macey and Ashley McCaffrey (Albany International Canada Inc.); Meagan Smith (Emballage Performant Inc.); Matthew Skinner (Champlain College Lennoxville); Julie Bazinet (Bank of Montreal, Cowansville); Cynthia Couture (Collins & Aikman Ltd.); Meagan Smith (Knowlton Lodge #28 I.O.O.F.); Genevieve Baker and Melissa Heyligen (Ingersoll-Rand Inc. Torrington Division); Cynthia Elston, Shanna Pagé and Vanessa Pagé (Les Emballages Knowlton Packaging); Briska Lagacé (Sutton Fish and Game Club Inc.); (Benjamin Glauser Girardet, Melissa Heyligen and Jennifer Persons (U.P.A. Knowlton Sector); Natacha Racicot (Cowansville Lions Club); Stacey Cusson (Aramark Inc.); Julie Bazinet, Rikki Bowles, John Page and Jason Smart (District of Bedford Masonic Lodge #19); Steven Clement and Natasha Racicot (Club Optimiste de Cowansville); Ashley McCaffrey (Butters Foundation); Michael Fiset and Kara Stowe (Yamaska Literacy Council); Derek Allen (The Record/BCN Award); Jaime Moar (Knowlton Lions Club); Tiffany Hunting (Moore North America); Natasha St-François (Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital Foundation Award and Caisse Populaire Desjardins-Cowansville); Simon-Pierre Bédard, Annie Bourgea, Stephanie Campbell, Luke Cummins, David Evans, Melissa Heyligen, Stuard Larochelle, Karine Lavoie, John Page, Tiffany Sherrer, Matthew Skinner, Natasha St-François, Kara Stowe, Cecily Van Horn and Jessika Willis (Awards, General Funds, Bursaries and Scholarships); Derek Allen, Jenna Macey and Amélie Pelletier-Ménard (Ansell Canada); Steven Clement, Sandra Ducharme, Kenny Spracklin and Kara Stowe (Royal Lepage Action Ltd); Erin Cook (Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital).

TOWNS AND MUNICIPALITIES

Erin Cook and Kristin Haney (Municipalité de St-Armand); Christopher O'Neill (Ville de Bromont); Julie Bazinet (Ville de Cowansville); Jenna Macey (Ville de Sutton); Cecily Van Horn (Municipalité de Venise-en- Québec); Lacey Hébert (Ville de Dunham); Benjamin Glauser Girardet (Municipalité de St-Pierre-de-Véronne-à-Pike River); Vanessa Pagé (Ville de Lac Brome).

GRADUATION

On Friday, caps and gowns were the order of the day as nearly 170 Massey-Vanier teens took a major step toward adult life at the 2002 graduation ceremonies.

Kate Gasser gave the Valedictory Address following remarks by invited guests ETSB Council of Commissioners Chairperson Margaret Faulks and Director-General Ronald Canuel. Students Kevin Macfarlane, Cecily Van Horn and Steven Woodward gave the Benediction.

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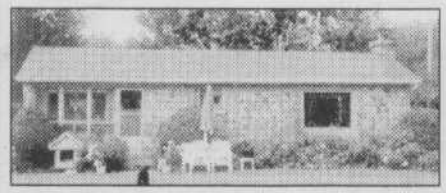

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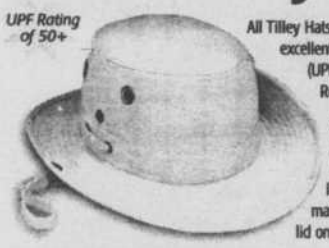

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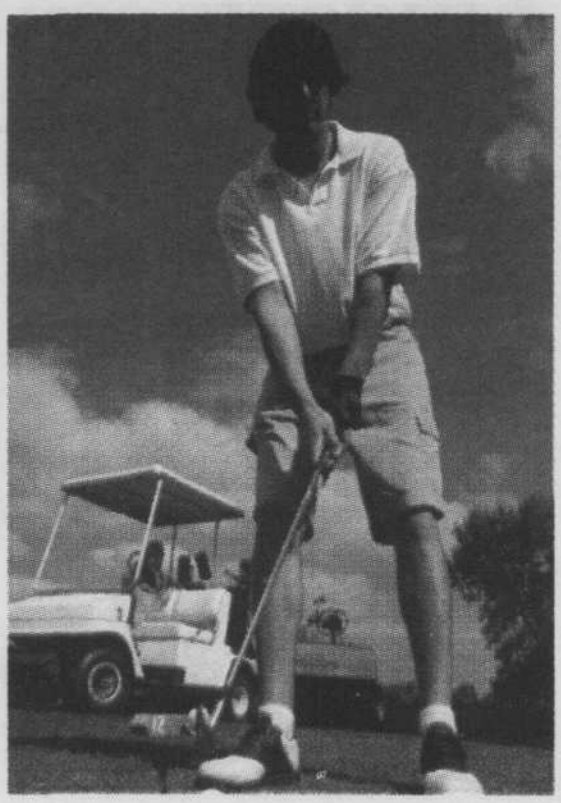

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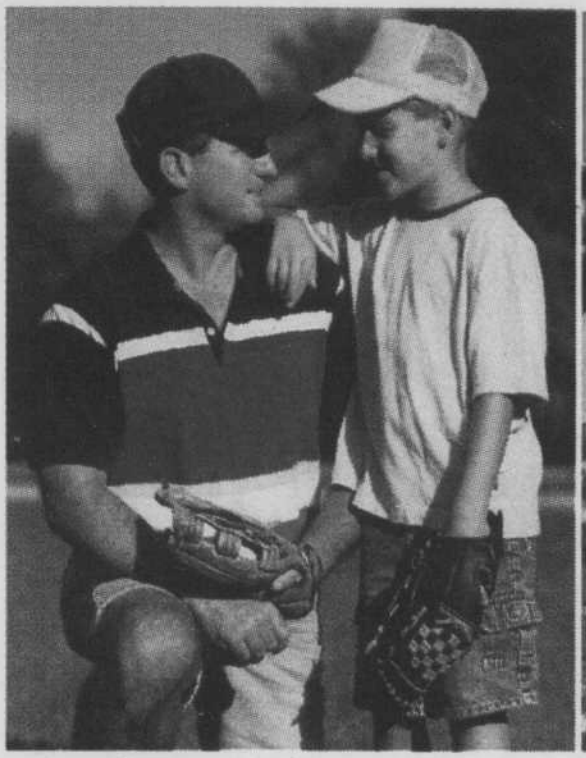

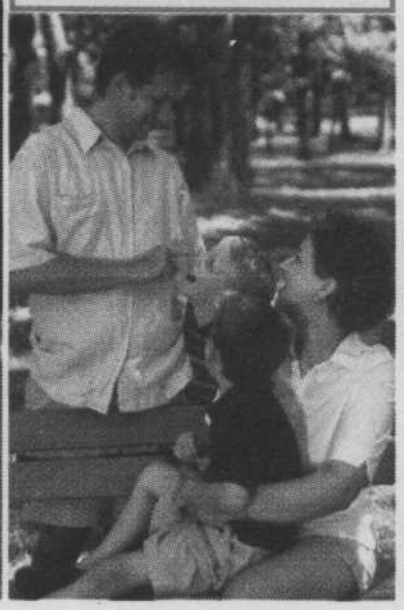

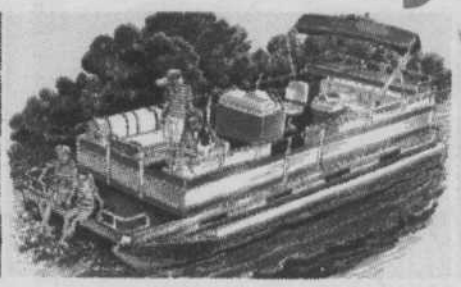

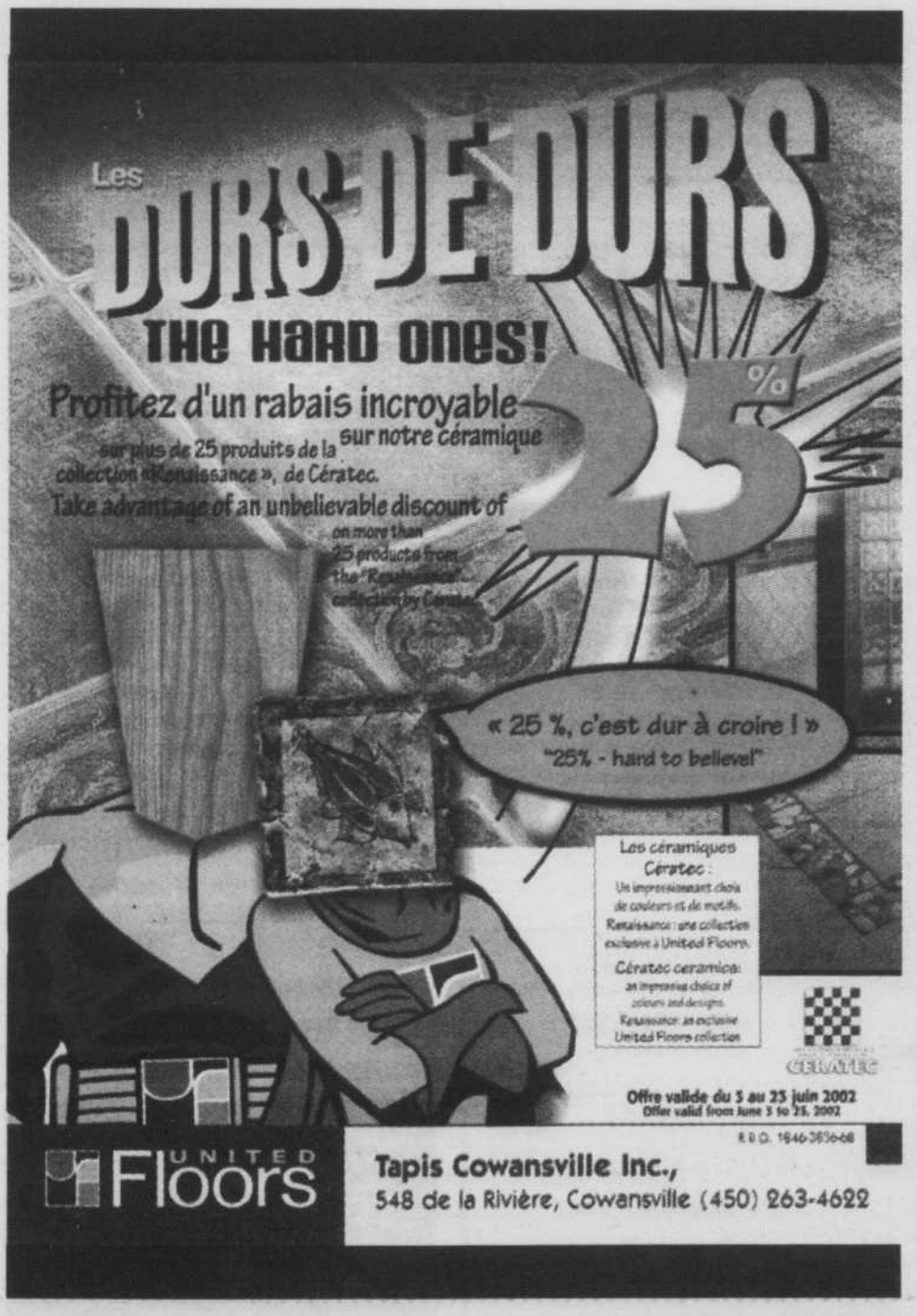

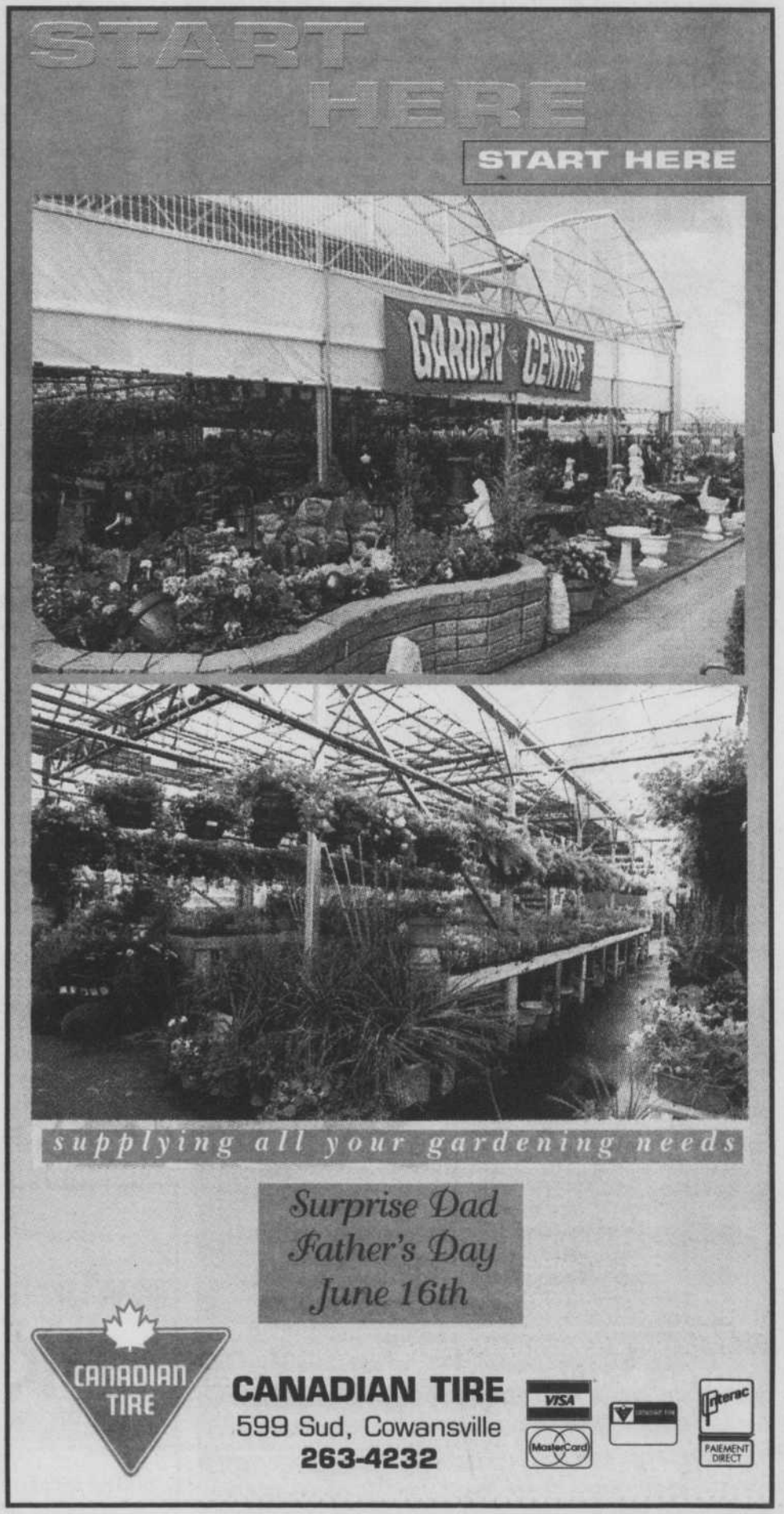

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Celebration of Love

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On June 9, in Bromont a very special celebration of love and commitment was held at St. François-Xavier Parish Church, dubbed "La Fête de l'Amour." On this occasion 51 couples, one nun and one brother celebrated their commitment to vows taken from five to 60 years ago. Celebrants were driven to church in horse-drawn wagon and carriages for the parish mass at 10 a.m.This "Fête" is an important event in the parish and many parishioners participated in the preparation and the brunch that followed the mass.

Grimm tale hits Sutton stage

Adaptations of The Hunter of the Hunter, Water Nixen explores power of women

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
SUTTON

Avant-garde actress and puppeteer Almut Ellinghaus will stage an original adaptation of the Grimm fairy tale, The Hunter of the Hunter and the Water Nixen on June 20.

The Sutton resident, whose performances explore feminism through the mystical lens of mythology, will be joined by nine members of her puppetry workshop in the free, bilingual performance at the Grace Anglican Church, located at 52 Principale S. in Sutton. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m.

The 40-minute play is the product of Ellinghaus' 12-week puppet theatre workshop that pulled together nine women from Sutton, Mansonville and Bromont.

The workshop, open to anyone regardless of theatre experience, will culminate in the June 20 performance using Ellinghaus' surreal, larger-than-life puppets in the main roles.

The tale describes the plight of a hunter who, having seen a water sprite in her bath, is drawn into her watery kingdom and later, returned by his determined wife.

Ellinghaus and partner/puppeteer Felix Mirbt have performed on stages in Canada, U.S. and Germany. She is currently at work on a children's production that will be staged July 15 as part of the Tour des Arts.

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'I was so convinced this was the way': Whitman

PEACE:

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However, Whitman now spends most of her time fulfilling the administrative and logistical requirements to start a small school.

Her exposure to practical alternative education originally came in 1999, following her first year as a teacher in a traditional classroom setting. She accepted an offer to work for a Maine community school, founded by Emanuel Pariser.

"I wanted to learn about how kids learn differently, but I didn't want to go back into the traditional system," said Whitham. "I found the community school and was so convinced this was the way."

Pariser's residential school serves 15 and 16-year old students who are at risk for dropping out of high school. The teens work at a paying job by day, acquiring on-the-job skills and discipline, followed by evening schoolwork and one-on-one tutoring. Teens earn a high school diploma, acquire work experience, but also gain life skills including time management, cooking, housecleaning and following a budget.

According to Whitman, these "at risk" students, who otherwise may fail in the conventional system, are not only highly motivated, but thrive in the supportive environment. Whitham said students also emerge with the life skills necessary to make the transition from the classroom to the workplace.

After returning to Quebec, Whitham participated in discussions with a group of Sutton parents interested in starting an alternative school of their own, an event that convinced her of a small but definable demand for an alternative to traditional education.

In January 2001, Whitham went back to school, enrolling in Goddard's Masters program. There, she wrote a thesis that would serve as the blueprint for an alternative school for Brome-Missisquoi.

As part of her research, Whitham conducted a survey to quantify the demand for such a school. The 32 respondents placed high priority on personal development, providing independent projects, a natural setting, bilingual environment, multi-aged groupings, shared governance and above all, small class sizes.

Whitham explained that there are many alternative teaching models available, the two best known of which may be the Waldorf school (the first of which was founded in Basel in 1906 by educator/philosopher Rudolph Steiner) and the Montessori method, developed by Dr. Maria Montessori, Italy's first female physician.

Steiner's curriculum placed the child's spiritual, physical and moral well-being on equal footing with academic progress. Montessori's methods, however, are based upon the belief that children learn best by doing rather than by memorization. She also believed in multi-age classrooms, where children of various stages of development were free to learn at their own pace and to interact with one another rather than segregated in artificial age categories.

Although Whitham regards both Waldorf and Montessori models as too rigid, her description of the Peace School shares many of their fundamental concepts, such as an emphasis on socialization, art and movement, multi-age groupings and shared governance. Whitham said her school will emulate the "project-based" model popular in Quebec's approximately 30 alternative schools.

"Each individual discovers their way of learning through their experiences, by observing others' work and with help from their teacher who is constantly supporting them," she said, adding that this approach allows children to make real choices at every stage of the learning process. She added that student progress is assessed by self-evaluation.

Whitham expects to receive the Ministry of Education permit necessary to open the school by the end of June. She has already received a start-up grant from the CLD Brome-Missisquoi for $20,000, and has recruited a second paid teacher, Francine Bonin.

The teaching staff of Whitham and Bonin will be supplemented by two unpaid volunteer teachers, Lucie Cormier and Éloise Simoncelli-Bourque (Cormier's daughter Gabrielle is currently enrolled in a Montreal alternative school and Simoncelli-Bourque is a graduate of an alternative elementary school).

Last December, Whitham also began organizing a core group of families who will play an active role in the pedagogical and administrative lives of the school, helping to plan workshops and fundraising.

Classes will be held on the second floor of the Plein Air Amitié recreation centre, located on 57 Papineau Rd. in Bondville (Lac Brome). The Peace School will have at its disposal teaching space and the weekend camp's outdoor and indoor facilities, including an indoor basketball court. The building is surrounded by 106 acres with forests, fields and a pond.

With an expected class size of 25 and four fill-in and part-time teachers, the student to teacher ratio is six to one. French will be the official language of instruction (two-and-a-half hours per day in the morning, followed by two hours in English).

Although Whitham believes any child would benefit from the individualized attention at the Peace School, alternative education, like any private education, requires a special commitment from parents. Transportation, food, tuition and shared governance (administrative responsibilities, fundraising, etc.) are the parents' responsibility. Active parental participation is considered vital. Whitham explained that by choosing an alternative school, it is the whole family, not just the student, who goes to school.

The alternative school concept is, of course, not without its detractors. Critics point to an over-emphasis on the arts at the expense of science and lack of objective evaluation of student progress. However, even the strongest proponents of traditional classroom-based education concede that the system can and will never meet the needs of every student. Whitham believes that in this multi-age setting with plenty of individual adult attention, children have a greater opportunity to be creative.

The school is actively looking for parents with children between the ages of five and 12 years of age for the fall class of 2002. Total class size will be limited to a maximum of 25 students. For more information, visit the Web site at www.ecolepeace.ca, or call 450-539-4644.

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CPSD is an approach directed at addressing personal, social and economic risk factors that may place individuals at risk of becoming involved in criminal acts or becoming victims. These risk factors can include things such as drug/alcohol abuse, violence and a lack of positive social supports. Please note: The National Strategy cannot contribute to, or support, the ongoing operations of an organization or the duplication of existing programs and services.

Deadline: Letters of intent must be received by July 12, 2002.

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Storytellers tell tale in benefit

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Ten storytellers will spin their tales in a Montreal benefit for the Festival "Les jours sont contés en Estrie".

Le Conseil des arts et lettres du Québec refused the request for funding for this year's festival, one of the oldest storytelling festivals in the Eastern Townships as well as in Quebec, so storytellers will give their time to raise money for this unique Eastern Townships festival.

Participants include Jocelyn Bérubé, Mike Burns, Michel Faubert, François Lavallée, André Lemelin, Claudette L'Heureux, Jacques Pasquet, Fred Pellerin, Joujou Turenne and the storyteller/animator of Dimanches du conte, Jean-Marc Massie.

The event will take place on Monday, June 17 at 8 p.m. at Sala Rosa, located at 4848 Boulevard Saint-Laurent in Montreal. Entry is $10. For additional information, call Productions Littorale at 819-820-2632.

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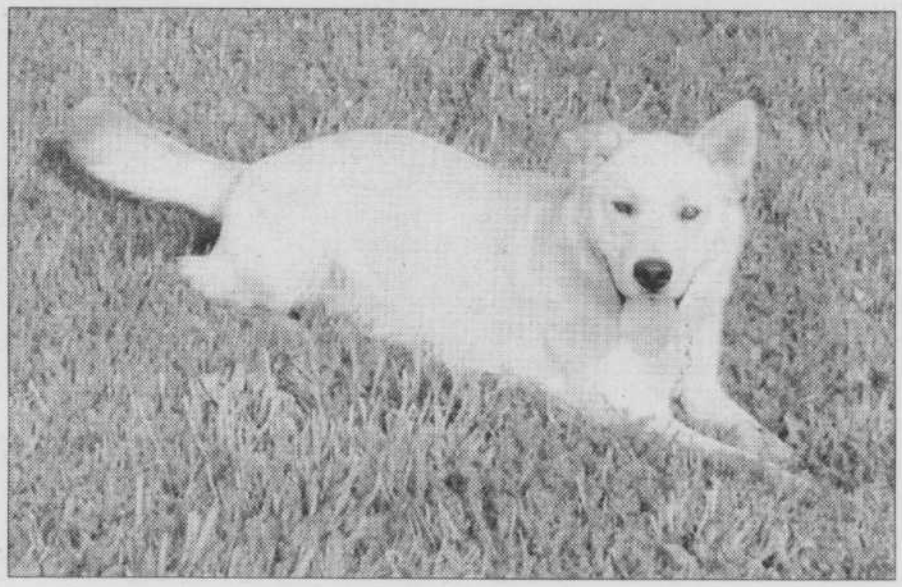

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BMP Hospital launches car raffle

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Tickets will be on sale throughout the summer, and can be purchased at various stores, businesses, activities and events throughout the Brome-Missisquoi region. Tickets are $5, books of 11 are $50.

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Baptism

Lauren Kathryn was baptized on May 12, 2002 at the Knowlton United Church by the Rev. Burn Purdon.

Lauren is the daughter of Kimberley Jenne and Duane Avery of Kanata, Ontario. She is also the granddaughter of Wayne and Diane Jenne of Brome, Que., and John and Loretta Avery of Roxboro, Que.

Lauren's parents chose Trevor Jenne and Wanda Badger to be her godparents.

After the service, her maternal grandparents hosted a luncheon for family and friends at which time Lauren received many lovely gifts.

Cemetery Meeting

BROME VILLAGE

Cemetery Vestry meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Join us at the Brome Hall, 330 Stagecoach Road, to support our cultural/religious heritage.

Births

GREIG - Amber Joy, born on May 6, 2002 in Brantford, Ontario. Parents: Terry and Kim Greig; grandparents: Gib and Marilyn Dickinson of Brantford, Ont., Susan Syberg and Jim Sarrasin of Cowansville and Bruce Greig of Sutton.

Jacob Alexander Quilliams has arrived,
"it's true".
May 17th was his arrival,
his debut.
He's just as cute as can be.
Is & LJ are his mom & dad,
so he comes by it naturally.
He weighed a comfortable 7lbs9,
so Leigh Jay and Isabelle are doing just fine.

Cards of Thanks

DUDLEY - The family of the late Edgar Dudley wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to all our friends, relatives and neighbours during his illness and at the time of his death. The prayers, flowers, donations, visits, cards, letters and food were all very much appreciated. Special thanks to Marco for allowing Martha to spend more time at home. Thank you to Ken Baker and Joseph Dion & Fils Funeral Home for their help and Reverend Gariepy for making the pain easier to bear. Words can never express how grateful we are to everyone.

THE DUDLEY FAMILY

EVANS - I would like to thank all my friends and family for cards, gifts and phone calls and visiting me while I was in hospital and after I came home. Also a thank you to Dr. Dublois, Dr. Barakette and staff on 3rd floor, and C.L.S.C. nurses who came to look after me when I came home. Thanks to my children for supporting their mother.

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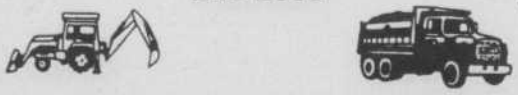

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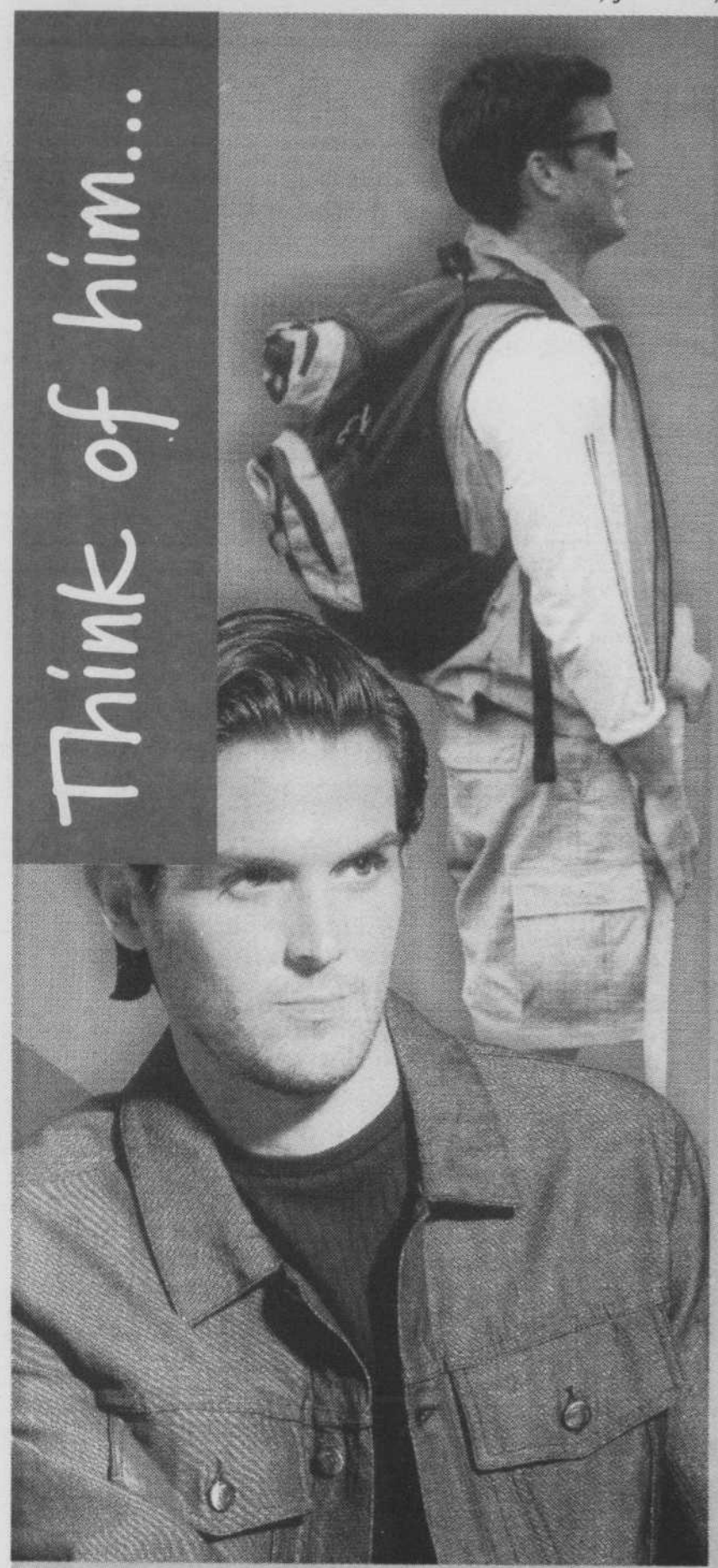

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