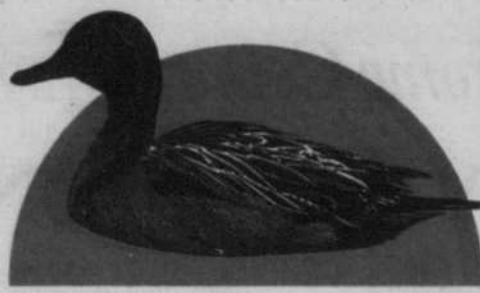


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Eat, drink and appreciate the decor

Ten artists now exhibiting at
Etchea, open for lunch and dinner

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Desiring to feed both soul and body, Maddia Esquerre officially opened her art gallery/restaurant last Friday. Situated at 339 Knowlton Road, *Etchea* began as a small catering business last December. Since then, Esquerre has renovated the interior space, knocked down walls, expanded to two smaller rooms, placed more tables, opened a terrace and filled the space with art and sculpture.

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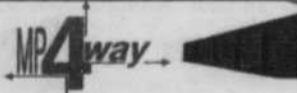
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July 19

Wednesday Evening **POPS CONCERT**: At The New Gazebo Coldbrook Park, **Knowlton**, Que. Wednesday July 19th 6:00 P.M. Featuring The Brome Lake Concert Wind Ensemble. If raining, postponed till the next week. Free. Come listen to the Popular music from the 40s to the 90s. Call Wade Johnston at (450) 243-5432 for more information.

July 22

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MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING SUPPORT GROUP meeting 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

July 23

KNOWLTON HARMONY BAND CONCERT in the Gazebo in **Cowansville** at Davignon Park, 2 p.m. All are welcome.

Aug. 2

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August 4

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August 19 and 20

The Royal Canadian Legion '**FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE**', 120 Davignon Blvd., **Cowansville**. At this time we are looking for articles to sell at this event. If you have items you would like to get rid of, we will gladly take them on or before the 12th of August. Details, Denise Bedard, 263-0561 or Autry Tracey, 266-6120.

ARTS CALENDAR

THEATRE LAC BROME'S 2006 REPERTORY SEASON continues this Wednesday July 19, with Dial M for Murder. Also this week, Sunday Cinema presents "Stage Beauty", Sunday July 20 at 7pm. For further information please call 450 242-2270 or visit our web site at www.theatrelacbrome.ca

July 21

OUTDOOR THEATRE AND HOT WINE at Le Vignoble Les 3 Clochers, **Dunham**, present a Buster Keaton film: The General (black and white film, 1926), 8:30 p.m. Mesdames et Messieurs, a short film from David Boisclair will open the screening. Bring blankets and chairs. Adults: \$8, 11-18 years old: \$5, 11 years and under: free. Call (450) 295-2034 for more information.

CHURCH SERVICES

KNOWLTON/CREEK PASTORAL CHARGE Worship and song by members assisted by The Reverend Dale Skinner. Creek United, **Foster**, 9:30 a.m., **Knowlton** United, **Knowlton**, 11 a.m. Sunday school at both services. (Handicap access).

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gregation welcomes everyone.

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 24 St. Paul's Road, **Knowlton**. July 23rd: Family Service "Christmas in July". July 30th 10:00 a.m.: Holy Eucharist-The Kenyan rite: As we in North America struggle to keep the doors of our Anglican churches open, the church in Africa is bursting out of their doors and out into their world. The Kenyan Liturgy is a joyous, orthodox expression of faith, hope, praise and prayer. Don't miss it! The Rev. Tim Wiebe and the congregation welcomes everyone.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME, Sunday, July 23rd, St. Aidan's, **Sutton Junction**, 10 a.m. Rev. Paul Tidman, Holy Communion.

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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 MacLean officiating. Info: 450-263-0204.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

The Town of **Brome Lake** wellness Volunteer Centre is in urgent need of **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** to transport seniors to medical appointments or to do errands around town. Drivers' expenses are paid. If you can help, or for more information, please call the community centre, at 450-242-2020.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Storytelling festival comes to West Brome

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

With still a month to go before this year's Storytelling Festival in West Brome, organizers already have a superior line-up of raconteurs to weave words to delight and enchant.

"We are going back to our roots," says Bea Santori, better known as Grampa Bob. "We have fifty storytellers already lined up plus a promise by a book publisher in Ottawa to bring down a group of sixty. I don't know when we'll find the time for them all, but we will."

The annual festival takes place the third weekend in August - this year, August 19 and 20 - in Fred Edwards Park on Route 139. It's a rain/shine event with

big tents for storytelling and smaller ones for exhibits, book sales, face painting, organizations and lemonade.

"We don't pay our artists, they all come for free. We have sponsors, we would like more, we have to keep our costs down," said Santori. "We have wonderful storytellers, people who want to come and contribute. We have people contact us from all over about the festival. What I would like to see is more interest from the local community."

This year's line-up includes native storytellers Chief Top Leaf and Bevan Skerratt, the Travelling Storytellers of Vermont, the Connecticut Peddler and the local Spontaneous Writers group.

"We have a very diverse group - puppeteers, stories accompanied by music, native tales, fairy stories, myths, poetry, modern tales. We are not religious but we are spiritual. Bevan will be conducting his inspirational service again on Sunday morning, and because of so many requests, he will be there Saturday morning as well.

"We're expanding our Black Cat Café coffee house for adults. The tellers here are more sophisticated, more complex and it was very popular last year."

Part of the festival's mandate is to support the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. Last year the festival helped send local youngster Monica Nellis on her dream trip to Disney World.

"We are currently making contacts to spotlight a local child again this year. This is absolutely a fundamental part of the festival. All the money collected goes right to the foundation."

Entrance to the site is free. The event is continuous all weekend and this year a pasta supper is planned for Saturday evening, so the artists, volunteers and the public can mingle informally.

"This is all done by volunteers. We have some 35 tents to put up; we're always looking for people to help with things like that, we encourage everyone to get involved."

"Writers become isolated. We invite them to come and listen. They don't have to perform, but just by watching they can pick up tips. This is an event for the whole family to share, we hope crowds will come and join us, this is the time for us all to get back to our roots."

ABLE HANDS CAN CONTACT BEA SANTORI AT (450) 266-0831.



WENDY DENMAN/CORRESPONDENT

Bevan Skerratt will bring native spirituality to the Storytelling Festival.



WENDY DENMAN/CORRESPONDENT

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One respondent chosen randomly from both *Brome County* and *Record* readers who complete the survey will receive a new three-month subscription for a friend or relative, or a three-monthly extension to their subscription.

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PERRY BEATON/SPECIAL

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Local youth drowns in Lake Libby

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Waterloo Elementary and the surrounding community is missing the familiar face of Charles Lloyd, who drowned in Lake Libby on July 8.

Lloyd, 20, was a special needs student at Waterloo Elementary, and at six-foot-three he was a visible and friendly face to all who met him. Born with Tuberous Sclerosis, he wasn't expected to live more than four or five years. He underwent numerous operations in his short life, always maintaining a sunny disposition.

Tuberous Sclerosis is rare, affecting

one out of every 10,000 people. Its symptoms can take many forms, the it is the result of the formation of tumors in the central nervous system.

On Friday, June 8, Lloyd, who lived with his parents not far from Lake Libby in St-Etienne-de-Bolton, bicycled down to the water. He saw some friends on the other side of the lake and waded in to go see them. Being unable to swim without help, he drowned. Attempts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Funeral services for Charles Lloyd were held at the Bessette Funeral Home in Granby on Saturday.

Waterloo youth create their own company, summer jobs

By Maurice Crossfield

A group of Waterloo youth have launched their own cooperative to provide themselves with some summer employment, and learn about running a business in the process.

Known as the Cooperative Jeunesse de Services, the odd jobs squad is available to take on a variety of tasks, from washing windows to painting, lawn mowing and landscaping.

"It's like a big company but with eight kids," said company president Charles-Philippe Bessette. "We're already up to 25 contracts."

The project, in service now for a month but officially launched a little over a week ago, was put together by young people with the help of Waterloo's L'Exit youth centre, the Caisse Populaire and Adam Lumber. The sponsors helped equip the CJS' offices at the L'Exit youth centre.

Bessette, 12, said the non-profit company operates with a publicity committee, a finance committee and a

personnel committee. Six per cent of the money earned covers the operating expenses, with the remainder going to the workers.

Things got off to a promising start, with CJS getting some contracts before it was even officially open. Signs have since been put up around town, and Bessette said the calls are still coming in.

The CJS is open to kids aged 12 to 17, providing them with work as it is available. In the process the young workers learn the ins and outs of running a business, from book keeping to negotiating a contract to organizing and business and decision making.

"There are other CJS' around, but this is brand new in Waterloo," Bessette said. "Everybody's participating and it's going really well."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Job opening for McCully?

DEAR EDITOR,

Just a note to recognize Sharon McCully's contribution to Knowlton and the rest of Brome Lake. When Sharon was working out of Knowlton she was the prime mover behind the creation of Brome County News. As editor of The Record she has unfailingly provided this community with accurate, honest information in our own language.

The Record and Brome County News have had an office on Lakeside Road in Knowlton for about 20 years, and while the Town of Brome Lake has made it clear that it prefers to use only French language media from Cowansville, the people who live here agree that The Record and Brome County News are an asset which only a few of us would like to lose.

So thank you, Sharon, and if you're looking for a new challenge down the road, we could use some political stability here. The mayor's job will be wide open in the next election. Think about it.

All the best.

BRIAN TIMMINS,
 Knowlton

An open letter To Iron Hill Consolidated School's 1939 students:

Open letter to former Iron Hill students

I went to Iron Hill Consolidated School from 1932 until 1939. I often wonder where all of you, my once fellow students are today? Are you still alive and kicking or, have you joined a better world? At the time that I left school in 1940 our Principal was Fayland Ladd, who has since passed away. In the junior grades the teacher was Chris Wells who later married 'Spike' Hadlock. I have talked to her only recently and she seems still full of energy.

I would indeed like to hear from you and I could share this info with any others who will tell me they are interested. I will try to group you, my fellow students, by family name. Byron Beard I recall as living at the Post Office then run by his Dad Ern and his mother Pearl. John Chapman is in Waterloo but where is William?

The Domingue boys, Ivan and Earl once lived around Iron Hill and probably came to school with the Sturtevant kids Walter and Thelma. I don't remember whether Reg, their brother was still going at that time and I seem to recall that there was a younger brother Ronald. All have passed except Thelma. I remember that they, along with their parents, Bernice and Earnest lived up beyond the Domingues.

On the way down the hill they probably picked up Mary and Ruth Hiller who stayed on the George Hall farm with their Grandpa. Down by the brook they would meet up with Peggy and Fern Hunt. Peggy actually returned to teach at the school.

Up the hill they could pick up Donnie and Grant Hall. One of the Bowbrick boys, perhaps Harold or Walter came from a different direction which we used to call the Wright Road.

Were there others? Please fill in the blank spaces. Please do phone or email me and lets get this list up to date. What ever happened to Tom Connolly or Clinton Sweet, or Charlie Welch? Is Florence Rusbridge still living? I would so much love to have you call me at 819 346 4673 or email me at cecil.blenkhorn@sympatico.ca, or even write me. Please scratch your head, make a few notes and contact me. Someone just reminded me that Miss Lord, who taught at Iron Hill in about 1933, is still active and living in Ste Elie de Brompton.

Thanks,

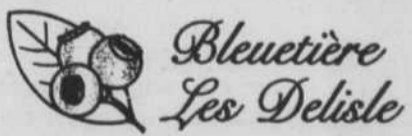
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Linda Spear featured at Pettes Library

By Philip A. Godin
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
KNOWLTON

The Pettes Memorial Library will feature the canvases of Sutton artist Linda Spear throughout the month of July as part of the institution's Summer Art Programme.

Spear, a nine-year student of recognised Knowlton painter Gordon Ladd, has had a few of her pieces displayed previously at the Pettes library as part of the Ladd student exhibit and at the Dunham Library also as part of a group exhibition.

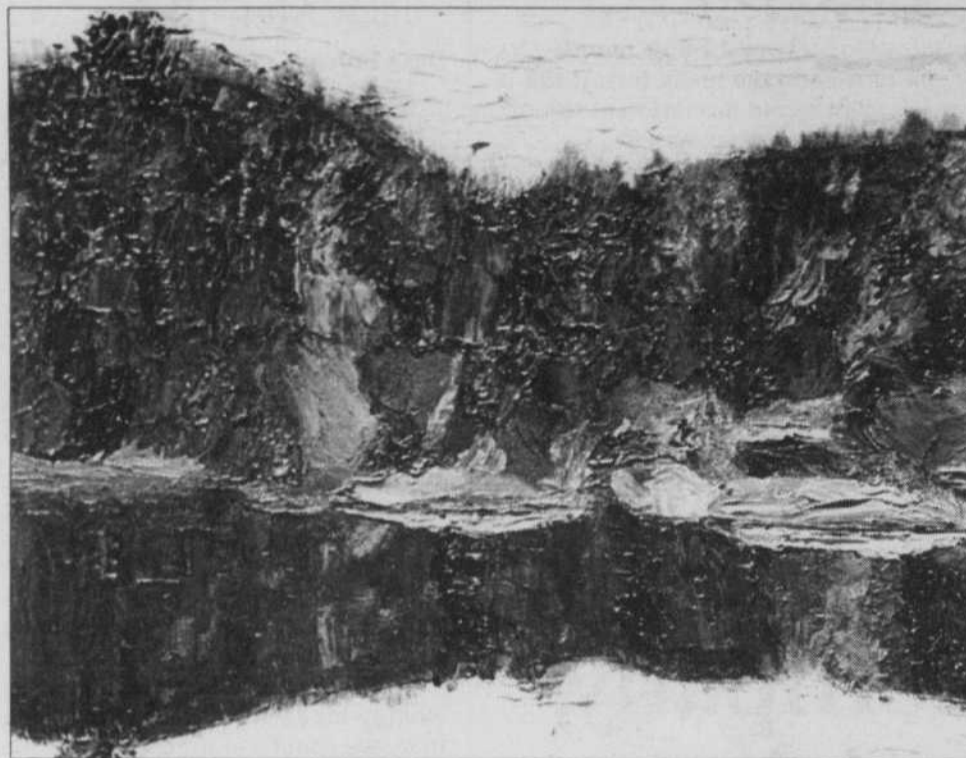
The current show is her first solo presentation, a composite of stills, land and seascapes. It is less thematically limited than most exhibitions and worthy of the attention it has been attracting.

The canvases selected for the event by the artist herself betray a clear evolution in style and technique over time and are clearly illustrative of the noticeable growth of Spear's ability.

Of the sixteen pieces, two stand out as classic examples of just how much personal involvement in a given subject can impress upon artistic rendition.

In these pieces, the emotional attachment to subject matter impacts greatly on the final product.

In her sweet, lavender-toned seascape titled "Maui-Hanna Drive," Spear



PHILIP GODIN/CORRESPONDENT

Vivid tints played against a mild backset give this piece a striking quality. Spear's works are on display at the Pettes Memorial Library in Knowlton.

manages to draw the eye effortlessly across the gently hued paysage rather than attracting it towards either a central subject or a defined play of contrasts.

This piece shows Spear playing tonal impressionism against a passive

background with apparent ease, an attribute that well replaces the caution that seem to transpire from other works.

In "Sunset Lake Of The Woods" Spear manages to produce an excellent portrayal of pastel skies as day ex-

changes glances with night in an easily recognisable Canadian landscape.

Markedly, both these pieces were painted while Spear was travelling and are testimonials to the beauty and serenity that may have served as artistic inspiration to guide the painter's hand.

In a recent interview, Spear qualified both these canvases' subjects as extraordinary and beautiful: "I just love to re-visit Sunset Lake of the

Woods, even only in painting. It is known as one of the most beautiful lakes in North America."

At the other end of the collection's spectrum are pieces that differ in style as well as delivery. In "Fall Colors in a Pond Near Knowlton" Spears relies on a classic approach to depict the quasi-garish if not outright unabashed colour clash that typifies fall in the Townships.

Here reality allows Spears to fully extend her pallet's range while still paying careful attention to a gently shaded backdrop, successfully enhancing the overall drama the piece conveys.

As an example of cohesive and believable artistry, the exhibit does well and may even serve to encourage other local painters.

THE LIBRARY WILL RUN THE EXHIBIT UNTIL JULY 31. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS OR OTHER EXHIBITS AT THE LIBRARY, CALL 450-243-6128.

CAFE:

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Esquerre and brother Jean-Yves operated an art gallery in Sutton, where Esquerre would occasionally cater a special dinner.

"These dinners were very popular, so when we closed the gallery I decided to continue the concept but to concentrate first on the cooking, but never to forget the art. Our artists all said - 'we will follow you anywhere' and they have."

Ten artists are now exhibiting at Etchea, including such well known names as New Orleans sculptor Marc Cote, Marc-Andre Fortin, Peter Cernat and Patricia Bowman.

"It is a very good mix of art and interpretation," said Esquerre. "We have three new artists as well. CBC Estrie was here on Monday, doing an interview and filming the exhibit. Our artists truly are special."

"The current show will continue until September, then we'll put together another exhibit."

The well attended opening Friday brought together friends,

artists and well-wishers, with Jean-Yves Esquerre acting as host.

"They say it went very well," laughs Maddia Esquerre. "But I spent most of the time bringing food from the kitchen, so I had very little time to just enjoy it."

Etchea sells daily specials over the counter, elaborate sauces and preserves as well as dishes made to order. The restaurant is open for lunch and for dinner by reservation.

"Catering is still an important part of my business and I often create theme meals in people's homes. I just did a Spanish meal for twenty. I even brought the music.

"But more and more my customers are coming into the gallery, taking over the space for



DAVID ANDERSON/SPECIAL

Maddia Esquerre and brother Jean-Yves first operated an art gallery in Sutton.

special occasions. They like the concept, they like being surrounded by the art."

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Or enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com.

The deadline for entering is August 26, 2006. A winner's list will be posted online. Editors reserve the right to publish winning poems online or in a book.

"Any poet, whether published or not, can be a winner," says executive director Mark Schramm. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic talent can win cash prizes, as well as garner national recognition."

Famous Poets has awarded over \$400,000 in cash to amateur poets over the past 8 years, more than any other poetry society anywhere. We are helping poetry, the Cinderella of the arts, find her glass slipper. May we slip the shoe on you next?

Call to local artists

Exhibit will feature the works of socially conscious artists and speeches from politicians

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORESPONDENT

Printmaker Bernice Sorge is calling local artists to join with her in an exhibit of social concern, opening on August 2 in her gallery at the Old Church in East Dunham. "It's not a sale, the work will not be on sale - it is an exhibit of consciousness. Artists have a profound view of things and their interpretations are very important. I am asking other artists to join with me - to expound on this year's theme of Heat."

"As most people probably know, the earth is warming up. The cause of this global warming is the amassing of carbon dioxide and pollutants in the atmosphere. That accumulation creates a thick blanket over the earth, which traps the heat of the sun."

She continued: "Quite a number of artists have already joined me in lending their creativity to this cause. I am hoping others will come forward as well."

Sorge, who has a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Arts from Concordia University, has worked as a printmaker and artist for many years. After a hiatus of five years, she began her social exhibits again last year with a commemorative exhibit on the sixtieth anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima.

"It was very successful. Twenty-seven artists participated. After that success I decided to return to an annual event, opening the first week of August every year."

"Global warming is an immediate problem we must face. After seeing Al Gore's movie *An Inconvenient Truth*, it seems we need another paradigm shift in our thinking, not the Copernican kind where we just have to accept the truth of the relationship of the sun to the earth," Sorge continued. "The new shift may require us to accept a new relationship between the sun's energy and our personal needs."

Each participating artist is asked to write a short text stating how they see the issue of global warming and what approach they take on the theme. "Artists of every genre and at all stages of their careers are welcome, as well as politicians who wish to speak at the opening."

"The biggest challenge I am offering the artists is for them to write the text that goes with their work and theme. I draw the line there - there is no way to get into the show if the thought is not behind the work."

"My work will be a hanging sculpture made with old bedsprings and such. We have a couple who are doing a performance and raku firing outside in the yard of the church. We have another who is making huge insects in the entrance, which people must walk around."



WENDY DENMAN/CORRESPONDENT

Printmaker Bernice Sorge believes that artists have a "profound way of viewing things."

"It should be a very interesting show, one that stimulates thoughts and action. We strive for that," Sorge concluded. "Maybe we are back to consciousness raising like in the 1970s, and this time we need to act in our daily lives to save our gem, this beautiful blue jewel we live on."

ARTISTS AND POLITICIANS SHOULD CONTACT BERNICE SORGE AT (450) 295-2567. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO THE OPENING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, AT 2 P.M. AT STUDIO SORGE GALLERY, 1626 CH. HUDON, DUNHAM.

Fellowship for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs

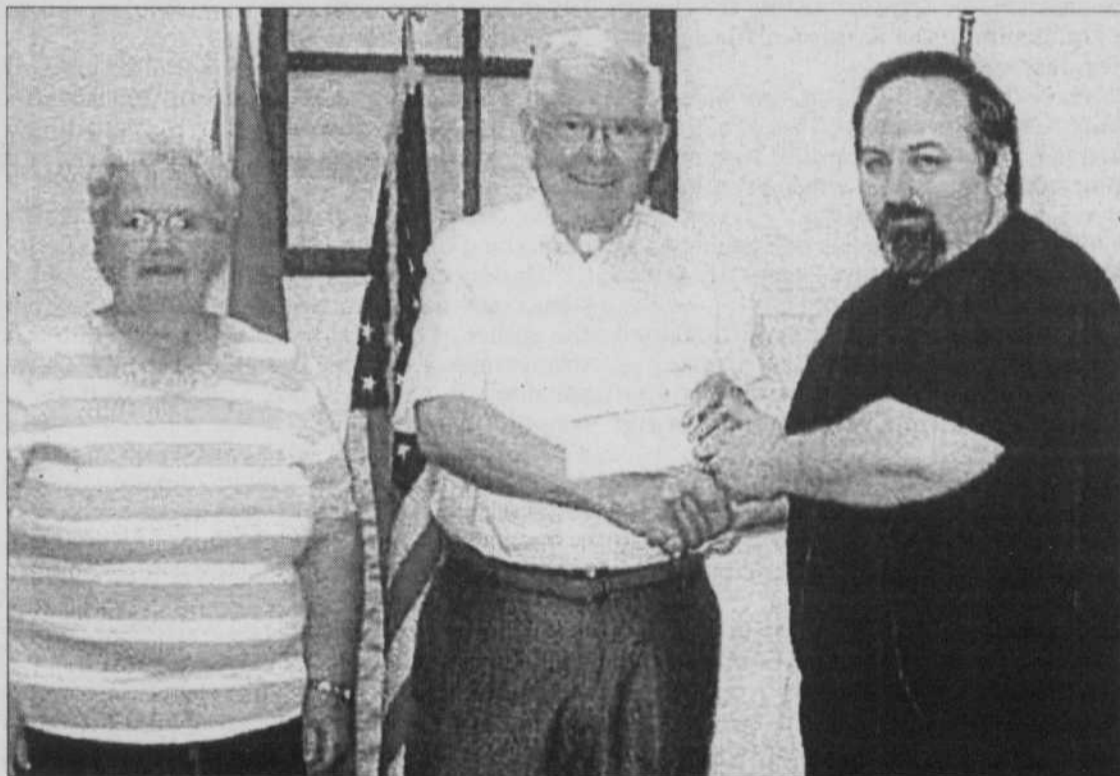
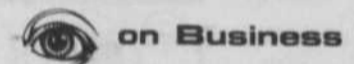


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At the Odd Fellows' Hall in Knowlton, members of the Order of Rebekahs and Odd Fellows were joined by Vermont members and a few other Americans at a day of Fellowship July 15, which the members titled Good Will day. For the second time in the history of the I.O.O.F, a mother, Virginia Clifford, the Junior Past President of the Rebekah Assembly of Quebec, and a son, Michael Clifford, Junior Past Grand Master of Quebec, held the office of Grand master and President in the same term. Their project was the Federation of Quebec Laryngectomies. In memory of Eddy Clifford P.G.P., Lorne Germain, President of the Federation, was present to accept these offerings, which together totalled \$2577.47. Thank you to all the members, friends and family for your hard work.



Speaking with one voice for the Knowlton business community
Chamber of Commerce of Lake Brome and KBDG merge efforts

Knowlton, Quebec, July 15, 2006 - Marco Genoni, president of the Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce, and Douglas Alexander, president of the Knowlton Business Development Group (KBDG), combine the talents and resources of their two organizations in order to speak with one voice for the Knowlton business community.

With the recent well-publicized efforts by the Chamber of Commerce to give priority to the development of downtown Knowlton, it was agreed unanimously by the Executive of the Knowlton Business Development Group, (KBDG), to join forces with the Chamber of Commerce to realize these objectives.

The Chamber of Commerce encourages all members of the Knowlton business community to join with the Chamber in welcoming the decision by the KBDG Executive to join the Chamber and to actively participate in the development of policies that will ensure the successful realization of these objectives.

The Chamber intends to follow through on the success of the KBDG's ability to bring together, in large numbers, members of the business community to discuss issues, share concerns and develop ideas in a well thought-out environment.

As a result, the Chamber will invite the business community to meet with the Chamber Executive every three months to share ideas and to develop common strategies that will create a more vital business environment in Knowlton. The chamber wants to hear what its members have to say and to have meetings that are both instructive by their content and productive by their results.

The Chamber has also invited the chairpersons of the four committees established by the KBDG to continue with their exceptional work and much-needed objectives. The four committees are *Destination Knowlton*, *Knowlton IN Business*, *Knowlton ON ICE*, and *APRES-SKI Knowlton*.

Finally, the Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the individuals, both past and present, who gave of their time and energies to the KBDG, and for their dedication to making Knowlton a better place to do business, and for this opportunity to now work together towards those same objectives.

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Making the most of automotive A/C

Maybe I'm a bit of a weirdo, but I don't like the heat. It makes me grumpy, and the humidity gives me headaches. I have often said the one thing I don't miss about farming is haying. And that's mainly because of the heat. It's annoying. It makes me moist in obscene places.

But when you buy a used car on a limited budget, you have to be prepared to make some sacrifices. Like air conditioning. My car never had it and never will. And right about now I wish I had ponied up the extra cash to find something with A/C.

Over the years I've owned several cars equipped with A/C. But I was more likely to get fresh air from the holes in the floorboards than I was from the seized compressor under the hood. And once the air conditioning unit keels over, you think twice before fixing it.

A/C units on cars are more expensive than many household models, and for

the most part require specialized technicians when trouble arises. While I am a big fan of doing it yourself, there's not much possibility to do that with air conditioning. Besides the expertise required, there's also

specialized equipment and government regulations on handling the refrigerants that go into the A/C unit. Many garages will themselves send a car elsewhere rather than tamper with the air conditioning.

Air conditioning units work much the same as a refrigerators, and haven't changed much since the first model was bolted on to a car in 1940: A compressor compresses the refrigerant (sometimes referred to as freon), and pumps it through the condenser, which is basically a second radiator in the front of your car. As the heated fluid expands there, it cools and then is circulated to another rad-like device under the dash. By then the fluid is cold, and this is where your cool air comes from. In the process it acts like a dehumidifier, drying out the interior air and dripping water on the ground.

UNDER THE HOOD

MAURICE CROSSFIELD

In recent years, the refrigerant gas has been changed over to one that is a little less toxic to the environment. If you've got an older car you may be out of luck, because then you can't get the refrigerant anymore.

If you have air conditioning, you might as well go ahead and use it. There's a myth out there that the more you use an air conditioner, the more likely it is to break down. Not so. In fact the refrigerant has a lubricant mixed in with it to keep everything moving smoothly. By not using the unit, seals can dry out, causing a refrigerant leak. In some owner's manuals they even suggest running the unit for a few minutes every month or so in the winter, just to keep everything lubed and healthy. By not using it, not only are you not benefiting from it, you're also making it more likely the refrigerant will leak out into the atmosphere. So enjoy it.

Then there's the the gas consumption myth. In fact, if you're driving in town, it is more economical to roll the windows down. But on the highway, open windows create more drag and burn more fuel than the energy re-

quired to turn the air conditioning compressor. You'll also be able to hear the radio.

Last year I was driving my one and only A/C equipped vehicle. I did a little math on a long trip and discovered I was getting about 31 miles per gallon with the air conditioner running the whole time. That's not much difference from an earlier trip when the outside temperatures were much cooler, maybe a mile or two per gallon. I can live with that. Even with gas at \$1.15 a litre.

Like most other systems on your car or truck, a little maintenance now can save a lot of hassle later. A seasonal air conditioning check can spot and fix problems before they become serious issues. And remember that when it becomes a serious issue, it won't be difficult to rack up a four-figure bill. And from the looks of things you'll be needing the air conditioning more and more in the years to come, thanks to global warming.

I wonder if that means I'm going to get grumpier and grumpier in the years to come...

Côtés are life-long partners of the light

By Frank Nixon

When you enter Irma and Roger Côté's large, multi-windowed studio in Knowlton, and gaze upon their stained glass objects, you might experience a cascade of emotions - from the

calm serenity of staring at an ebbing fire as twilight nears, to the sudden eruption of hope as the sun rises over the horizon signalling the light of a new day.

"Colours inherent in this medium have the wonderful characteristic to be transformed by the changing light, denoting the passage of the day and the seasons," says Irma.

For three decades, the Côtés have partnered together to transform inert panes of silica into stained glass objects of exquisite luminosity - ranging from lamps, large windows, ornamental pieces, to window hangings.

"A lot of people are good as artists but bad as artisans and vice-versa," says Roger. "My wife is the artist and I'm the artisan."

"I like the design aspect of making stained glass but not the making of it," says Irma.

The Côtés give the distinct impression that they are ideally suited for this meticulous and exacting work.

When asked how they became involved in creating stained glass pieces, they explain: "I trained professionally in photography in Bavaria, Germany, where I was born and educated," says Irma.

"When I came to Canada, I added stitching, sculpture and quilting to my repertoire. Then I took a workshop in stained glass."

"At first I didn't like it - less tactile than quilting - but slowly over time I could see that I could translate some of my design themes, from my quilting pieces, to stained glass."

"I managed an insurance business in Montreal," says Roger.

"Prior to moving to Knowlton about six years ago, we had a large property in South Bolton. When we bought the property there, we came just on the weekends. But step-by-step, I reduced my work schedule in Montreal until

we moved to the Townships permanently.

"It was while here that I tried my hand at stained glass out of sheer curiosity, and gradually over time it became more of a serious hobby, to the point where I felt more at ease with cutting, arranging and soldering."

Roger adds: "I used to go to a stained glass supply store in Montreal, called Capricorn, and ask all kinds of questions about glass. Then one day I made the mistake of offering a suggestion, and then to my surprise they never would answer my questions again!"

The Côtés pay scrupulous attention to detail when embarking on a stained glass project for a client.

"Design and colour is so important," says Irma. "One really has to learn to conceptualize, beforehand, the wishes of the client, and also to take into account the symmetry between design and colour. Because if you don't, it is a pain to take a piece apart if the colour is not just right."

"One careless lapse of attention and the structure can twist, fracturing an individual pane, which could result in hours of re-work," says Roger.

Roger pulls out a striking photo of a stained glass lamp that the Côtés had created for their daughter.

"The lamp consists of close to 2,500 pieces and took us 6 months to complete," he says. "Believe me, it was a real labour of love!"

"Many styles of stained glass can be expressed beautifully, such as abstractions, art nouveau, art deco, realism - whichever best suits the individual concept of the client," says Irma.

The Côtés, who have been on the Tour des Arts since it first started in 1988, are two of 36 artists and artisans from Brome-Missisquoi who will display their creations in their studios and gardens, from July 15-23, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Aida Wilms 65th Birthday Dinner Dance Celebration was held at the Oddfellow's Hall, July 1, 2006.

We would like to thank all who attended and participated in making this special event of her life to witness the joy of family ethnic and ecumenical fellowship.

We all know her as Aida, the generous, kind and caring and loves everybody. She is the perfect example of a purposeful of life and exemplification of humanitarian spirit.

We were all there as one family celebrating her birthday party. All races, creeds and religion. What a great village Knowlton and what a great Country, Canada.

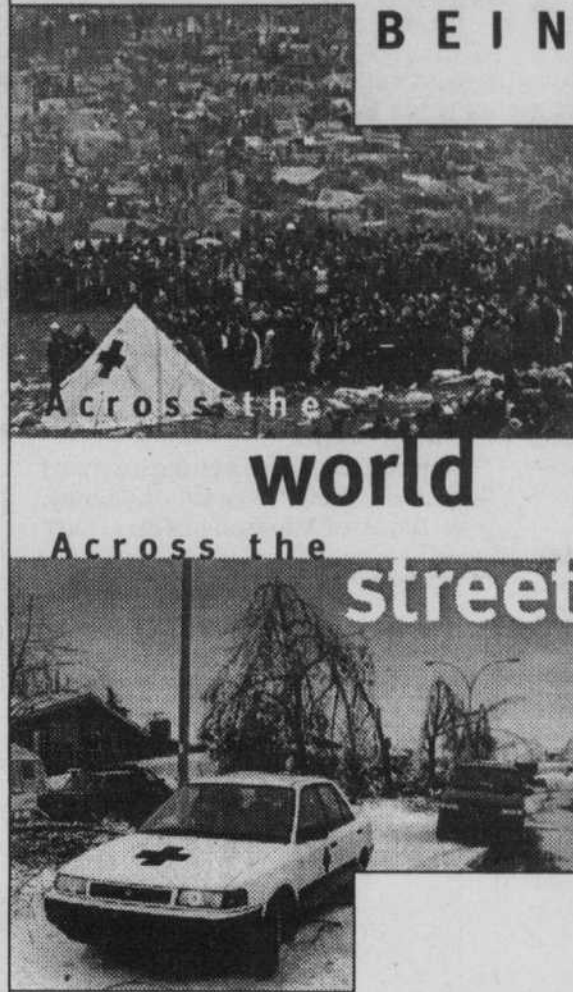
Among the supporters embracing her wonderful spirit was the Master of Ceremony, Mr. Frank Wilkinson, who has done a great job to make it a success. Evelyn Blackwood and Katrina Wilms Lockhart with her little Master Kurtis. Special thanks goes to Sonia Frechette for rendering a wonderful music appealing to both young and old. Hans Wilms, her celebrant husband, Alan Wilms and his family, John Wilms and his family, Mayor Richard Wisdom and Town Councilors: Cynthia Wilkinson, Paula

Richardson, George Bristol and Donald Gagne.

In appreciation for the participation, effort and attendance of all and for the unparalleled voice of united, universal goodwill, we say thank you again.

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Death

SMITH CLARKE, Margaret "Peggy" (1911-2006) - Peacefully at the Foyer Sutton on July 7, 2006, in her 96 year, passed away Margaret "Peggy" Smith, loving wife of the late Herbert Clarke. She leaves to mourn her son Andrew (Gayle), her sister Nancy Smith Tyler, her sister-in-law Dorahe Clarke Harel, her nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Special thanks to the care givers at the Foyer Sutton for the professional and loving care given Peggy. Donations in her memory may be made to the Foyer Sutton Volunteers, 50 rue Western, Sutton QC J0E 2K0. Arrangements entrusted to the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 104 Buzzell Cowansville, Quebec, J2K 2N5, tel.: (450) 263-1212, fax: (450) 263-9557 info@desourdywilson.com

Birth

TEOLIS-MITCHELL: Carol and Stephen Teolis and Diane and James Mitchell are proud to announce the birth of their 3 grandchildren born on July 11: Emily, Jacob and Samantha. The triplets are doing great. Proud Dad and Mom (Todd and Shannon Teolis) and big sister Madison.

Memorial Service

MILNES, Dennis Henry - Died May 27, 2006 at age 91. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Knowlton on Saturday July 22, 2006 at 11 a.m. Reception to follow.



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SOCIAL NOTES

CREEK CHURCH'S ANNUAL PICNIC A HUGE SUCCESS

The 2006 version of the Creek Church's annual picnic saw over 60 people having a great time swimming in the ponds, eating an abundant supply of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and ice cream, playing games and generally having a wonderful afternoon socializing.

The event was held at the home of Joy and Ernie Banks in West Bolton. Their spacious grounds and clear water pools make it an ideal setting for everyone to enjoy themselves. The large number of children in attendance were treated to a treasure hunt, planned and supervised by Gaston Lafontaine, Joy Banks and Susan Davies. All of the youngsters received gifts from the treasure chest and had great fun following the hidden clues leading to the solution of gaining the prizes.

The waterfront was supervised by Jennifer Owen, and many children cooled off by riding the water toys supplied for the pool. Anna Eichenberger organized and supervised some adult relay races, which were competitively joined in by all the adults present. Reverend Dale Skinner, his wife Maryann and their daughter Leah, spent an enjoyably relaxed time with members of the congregation before they headed off for their vacation in their home province of Nova Scotia.

Organist and choir master, don Patriquin and his wife, Louise Racette, spent the afternoon just having a good time socializing with other congregation members. It was generally expressed by those present that this year's picnic was the best ever. Certainly the weather cooperated fully and fun and conversation were the key ingredients to everyone having a thoroughly pleasant time.

On behalf of the Creek Church people, I would like to thank Ernie and Joy, our wonderful, generous hosts.

- Don Seaman

KNOWLTON GOLDEN AGERS' NEWS

On June 29, the Golden-Age group met for their last meeting until fall. Cards were played (as usual) and lots of visiting occurred. As there were many members who would be having birth-

days during the summer, Mrs. Wilms, our president, had prepared three beautiful birthday cakes, which were served with ice cream at the close of the afternoon.

Mrs. Wilms has worked hard for the benefit of our group and we wish her a pleasant summer holiday. Thank you, Aida. We will begin our meetings on Sept. 7. We look forward to seeing you all there.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 77

Officers and executive wish to thank everyone who donated their time and worked so hard on the Canada Day Activities: the committee which did the organizing, people who picked up donations for the drawing, those who worked preparing and serving breakfast and those who entertained.

We also wish to thank the Merchants of Waterloo for their generosity in donating prizes and, of course, the citizens of the area in and around Waterloo who attended the events. Also, the Sea Cadets from Valcourt and Waterloo, who so generously donated their time to take part in the parade and organize and manage the games for the children.

Top prizes were won by the following: The Raleigh Bicycle: Marielle Godfrey, The Gas BBQ from Adam Lumber: Jacqueline Thomas, and the Garden Fountain: Avon Wharry.

It was a wonderfully successful day thanks to all of you! If I have forgotten anyone, I sincerely apologize.

- Vel Lloyd

WATERLOO LEGION THANKS ITS VOLUNTEERS

A very tasty Canada Day breakfast was served under the tent at the Waterloo Legion on July 1st. Great food, great music by Norm and Vel, great crowd and many other activities during the day with the flag raising at the town hall at 1 p.m.

Harlan and Doris Martin of Nova Scotia have arrived at their Orford Lake cottage for the summer. Eileen Martin had visited them in Nova Scotia and returned home with them on June 29.

Heather and Dave Willey have moved out from the city to the country permanently and they are spending time at their Orford Lake summer place.

I have recently heard that Clem Willis has had a bad spring health-wise. Our best wishes go out to him for better health in the future.

Mrs. Sharon Ridley of Belleville, Ont. is a guest of sister Joy and Jean Yves Renaud while in the area to spend time with her mother, Toodie McCullough, a resident at one of the long care facilities in Cowansville. She called on us one afternoon.

Guests of Fred Stechl and Joanne Arnott over Canada Day weekend were Graham and Kathie Payne and daughter Mia of Ottawa, Ont.

Canada Day weekend guests of Ralph and Sheila Bernard of Granby, were David, of Mississauga, Ont., Gary

Bernard, friend Sylvie and daughter Jasmine Bernard of Montreal. They all attended the Annual Beaver Lodge Barbecue at the home of Wolfgang, Marge Starck and family in St. Bruno on Canada Day. Jasmine had spent the week with her grandparents prior to the Canada Day weekend. Birthday wishes go out to Ralph who celebrated July 4.

Many of us attended the lovely birthday party in Warden at the Talbot-Cleary homes for Ron Talbot on July 1. The weather was very nice that day and everyone had a great time visiting and listening to some good toe tapping music.

One item that I omitted from earlier news was that Danny Bernard and Nancy Baer of Barrie, Vt. were among the guests at the Starck barbecue on July 1. Sorry for the error.

- Judy Arnott

Pet of the Week: Yoopie

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