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## Passerelle des Mousses opens 60-place daycare in Knowlton



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Workers at the new Passerelle des Mousses daycare centre in Knowlton cut the ribbon and welcomed parents and members of the community to tour the new Victoria Street facilities on Friday.

## Calling young performers

Youth talent competition at Brome Fair

By Philip A. Godin  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
KNOWLTON

For the first time in the history of Brome Fair, there will be a talent contest for area youths who are serious amateur performers in singing (no lip sync), dancing or variety acts, either as soloists or in groups of two to five.

The event is part of the Canadian Association of Fairs and Expos (CAFE) initiative to discover and encourage artistic talent among the nation's youth. There will be two separate divisions: Junior for children 11 years of age and under, and Senior from 12 to 20. Prizes for Junior are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second, \$50 for third and \$25 for fourth. Senior division prizes are \$200, \$150, \$100 and \$50.

The winner of the Senior Division will also be eligible to compete in the 2001 Provincial Championships to be held in Quebec City and, if successful, continue on to the Canadian finals in Halifax later that year.

The competition will be held at 3 p.m. on Sept. 1. Judging will be based on Technique (30 per cent), Quality of Performance (40 per cent), Appearance (20 per cent) and Public Appreciation (10 per cent). Music must be supplied on cassette.

Singers playing instruments are admissible but judging will be on vocal performance only.

The deadline for registration is Aug. 10 and costs \$10. This fee will be reimbursed to participants after completing their performance.

For more information or an application form, call the Brome County Agricultural Society at 450-242-3976.

## 'It's like a mother with her own children' - Boisvert

By Maurice Crossfield

The Passerelle des Mousses has opened the doors on its 60-place daycare in Knowlton, and there's already a waiting list to get in.

"We have a waiting list for children that haven't even been born yet," said director Chantal Boisvert at an open house Friday.

The open house was attended by local officials, parents, their children and the dozen women looking after the

youngsters.

Construction on the new Victoria Street facility began at the end of the winter, on land donated by the Brome Lake Duck Farm.

The provincial government kicked in \$187,000, the Town of Brome Lake connected the water and sewage free of charge, and the CARKE Foundation donated another \$10,000 to the project. The remainder of the cost of the \$650,000 project was financed by Passerelle des Mousses through a bank loan.

The new building, which is lacking only a few minor finishing touches, provides a child-safe facility capable of dealing with everything from a new-

born infant to the demands of a frolicking four-year-old. Each infant has his or her own bed, while the older kids can take part in a number of supervised activities. All this under the umbrella of the provincially-funded \$5 a day daycare program.

"The building definitely seems to be well laid-out," said Brome Lake mayor Stanley Neil after a tour of the facility. "I'm quite impressed with the thought that seems to have gone into it."

Workers at the daycare open the doors at 6:30 a.m. and close up shop at 6 p.m., giving busy parents time before and after work to pick up their children.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### August 3 - 9

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### August 4

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### August 5

Annual Fund-raising **Bar BQ & Dance** presented by Brome County Agricultural Society at Brome Fairgrounds. Dinner: 5 - 8 p.m. with dancing afterwards to Sandy Ward and Roadhouse Band. Cash bar. Tickets, \$12, adults; \$6, children 6 - 12 yrs., For tickets & information (450) 242-EXPO (3976).

### August 19

**Storytellers' Festival** to be held at West Brome Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission. Includes puppet theatre, face-painting, book exchange, stories for kids of all ages and more. For more information call (450) 243-1271.

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## ARTS CALENDAR

### August 5

**Final Auditions: Sunshine Theatre Productions** is holding its final day of auditions for its November production of **Guys & Dolls**, a musical fable of Broadway, sponsored by Glen Mountain. Men and women of all ages are needed for 25 roles. Your last chance to audition for the show takes place this Saturday, Aug. 5. For an appointment, please call 450-539-3604.

### Through Aug. 19

**Theatre Lac Brome's** Summer Season continues until August 19th. Don't miss the last three weeks of **Bloody Business**, **Big Mama**, & **The Importance of Being Earnest**. Tickets are still available for **Bowser & Blue**, August 31, September 1, 2 & 3. For further information please call the Box Office at (450) 242-2270.

### August 5 & 6

**Border Craft Show** at Community Center, 191 Main, Marbleton. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission. Canteen Available. About 50 tables. Profits from table rentals to to organize a summer camp for children aged 3 - 12 years old in Stanstead. For info. Allan Nourse (819) 876-2943.

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### Through August 13

**Exhibition Parall'elles** at Brome County Historical Society, 130 Lakeside, Knowlton from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Duo painting artists Monique Genet and Therese Montembault have been studying art together for many years. All welcome!

### August 6 & 23

**Knowlton Harmony Band, Sunday Evening Summer Concert Series** at Coldbrooke Park (Beside The Mill-Pond Dam) starting at 6 p.m. Alternative Knowlton Community Centre if raining. (Old Legion Hall). All concerts are free and all are welcome!

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# Laureates of Knowlton Academy's class of 2000

By Philip A. Godin  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
KNOWLTON

Knowlton Academy's first school year of the new millennium came to a close this June with the presentation of honours to those students whose outstanding achievements deserved added recognition and praise.

The year's final assembly was the scene for the annual awards ceremony that highlighted several areas of distinction, including the coveted Secondary One Principal's Award, Athlete of the Year, the Christie Trew Memorial Award and the Citizenship Award.

Knowlton's Ashley Smith and Foster's Heather Ahlgren both received the Principal's Award for outstanding academic success, each achieving and maintaining the highest marks in all subjects of study over the entire school year. When asked what the honour meant to her, Smith quickly responded "It means that I had to work really hard all year!" And why were both of the school's top students girls?

"Obviously because girls are smarter than... well, you know."

Boy's and girl's athletes of the year are 12-year-old Alyssa Campbell and 13-year-old Matthew Charby. Both winners had to participate in and excel at a minimum of four major team sports, and accumulate points through a voting system that allowed both coaches and fellow team-mates to assess performance at the end of each tournament. Rounding off the scoring was the final assessment of the Physical Education teacher Roger Leblanc.

Campbell summed up her elation at receiving the award: "It's really great having people congratulate you, having them think of you as a good athlete; it just feels really good."

Although favouring badminton, Charby admits his skills are best used on the basketball court.

As for his plans for next year, "I plan to play all the sports available at Massey-Vanier."

The Christie Trew Award went to Elizabeth Allen, in recognition of her all round love of school, her keen participation in various school activities, her overall friendliness and her keen attitude towards the social and personal aspects of life at Knowlton Academy.

"I was surprised when I heard my name called out" said Allen. "I was... ecstatic."

Elizabeth's name was among those selected by each of the Academy's teachers who then submitted them to former school secretary Marilyn Graham who made the final selection.

Chelsea Harding won the 2000 Citizenship Award, given to the Sec-



PHILIP A. GODIN/CORRESPONDENT

Principal's Award recipient Ashley Smith... 'A lot of work all year long.'

ondary One student who demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities and a positive attitude towards school activities throughout the school year. Congratulations to these students, other award recipients and to the graduating class of 2000.



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Athlete of the year Alyssa Campbell... 'It feels great.'

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# Dealing with squeaky brakes once and for all

*The vacation was great, except for that damn noise*

This weekend I'll be getting up close and personal with my wife's car, trying to eradicate a nasty squeaking noise in the brakes.

Recently we made a trip to St. Andrews, New Brunswick. Before heading off I carefully checked out the car, following the checklist I wrote to fill this space a few weeks back. Everything was in good working order, and the brakes were in good condition, except for an occasional squeaking sound....

Well, after seven hours down to lovely St. Andrews, several hours touring around the area that week

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and another eight-hour trip back home, I thought I'd go insane listening to that infernal squeaking. It was hot most of the time, so we had to drive with the windows open, making the squeaking that much louder.

Our only defence was to blast the radio. However, there aren't a lot of great radio stations in eastern Quebec, northern Maine or parts of New Brunswick, either.

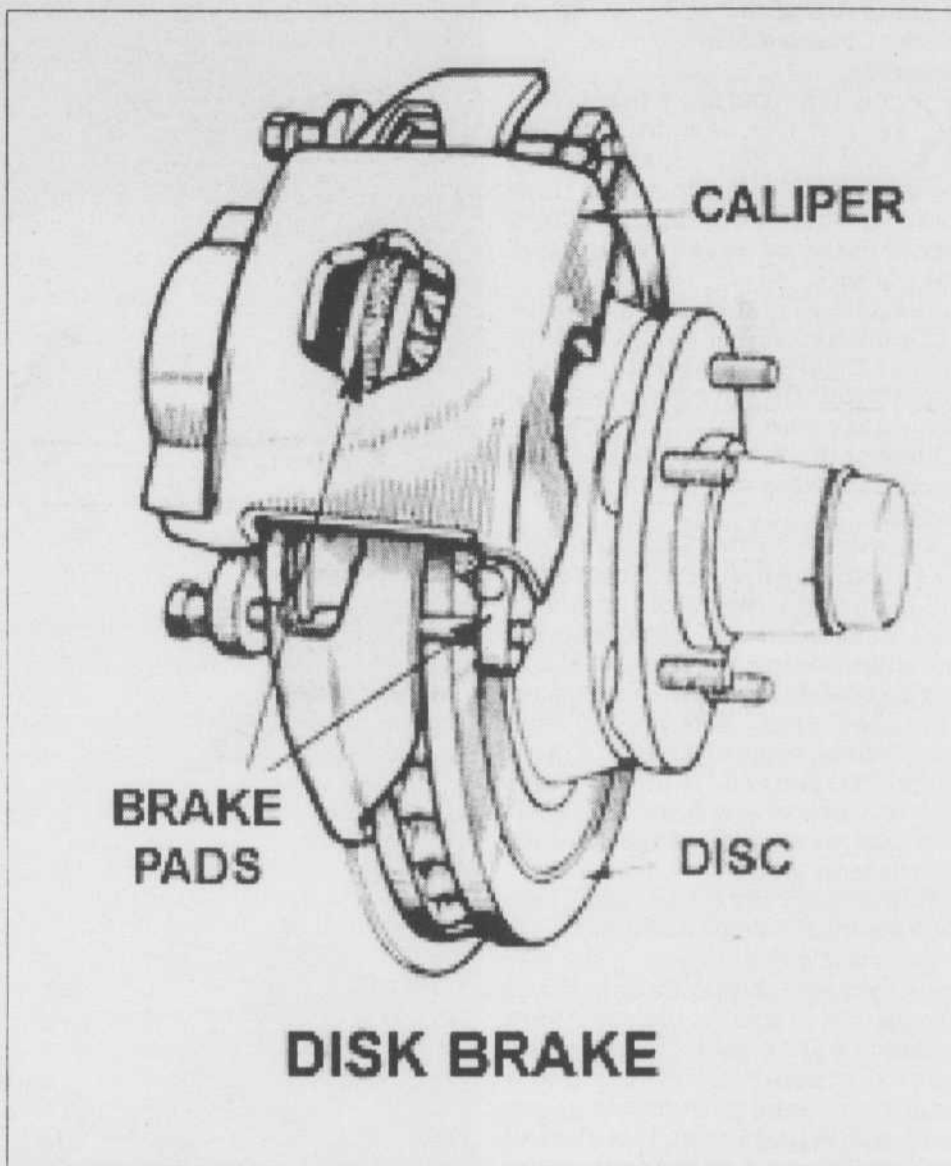
When I lift the car and examine the brakes this weekend I don't expect to find a major problem. The car in question, a Volkswagen Passat, doesn't have squealers on its brake pads. On some cars, little metal squealers are designed to make a racket to warn the driver that it's time to do some work on the brakes.

The problem with our car is most likely a build up of dust and dirt in the brake pads. This causes the brake pads to vibrate ever so slightly, making a high-pitched noise. Step on the brake pedal and the pads push up against the disc, where they can't vibrate, and the noise stops.

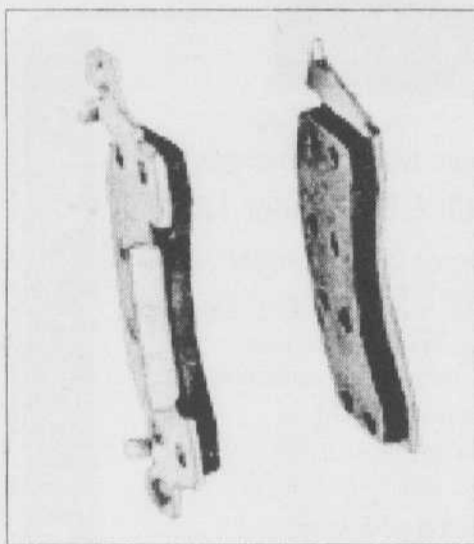
Though I considered it during the trip, riding the brakes all the way to the Maritimes would have been a bad idea.

So this weekend the wheels will come off and the brake pads will be given a thorough cleaning. While I'm at it, I'll make sure the brake discs and calipers will be clean and dust-free as well. I'll probably also check out a few other things to see how the car survived the trip. Who knows what other make-work projects I'll find for myself.

To make sure I've killed the noise once and for all I'll probably finish



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off the job by spraying the back of the brake pads with some stuff called Disc Brake Quiet. This puts a rubbery coating on the back of the brake pad, which helps deal with the

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# Cycling's female elite to take on local roads



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Grand Prix Féminin International du Québec president Jean Lessard explained the routes of the six-stage race to cyclist Sophie St-Jacques and the provincial minister responsible for sport Gilles Baril.

## One of the last races for Lyne Bessette before Olympics

By Maurice Crossfield

The top women cyclists from six countries will gather in Brome-Missisquoi next month to pedal their way through the fourth edition of the Grand Prix Féminin International du Québec.

"The region is in the process of becoming the centre of sport cycling in Quebec and North America," said Gilles Baril, the provincial minister responsible for sport and the honorary president of the six-stage race. "The Grand Prix Féminin allows us to promote the socioeconomic and touristic qualities of this beautiful region of Quebec."

Among those racing from Aug. 23 to 27 will be Knowlton resident Lyne Bessette. The race will be one of her last before she strikes off for Sydney, Australia to compete in the 2000 Olympics. Bessette was not on hand for the press conference Thursday because she was racing for the Saturn team in the US.

The Brome Lake cyclist has taken part in every edition of the race so far, coming in second for the last two years. Among the other cyclists taking part will be Genevieve Jeanson, who will also be going to the Olympics with Bessette this fall.

Last year's winner, Bromont's Annie Gariepy, will be back racing for the Elita team, hoping for another win. Team mate Sophie St-Jacques will also be looking to lead the pack.

But the competition this year promises to be stiffer than ever. Some 13 teams from Canada, the US, Britain, Wales and France will be bringing more than 100 competitive cyclists, their trainers and equipment handlers to the region.

Stage one of the race, a 97 km circuit, will take place on Aug. 23 in Farnham. The next day the competitors will

be challenging the hills of Frelighsburg, covering another 123 km.

Friday Aug. 25 will mark the first time Richford, Vt. will be a part of the prestigious race. Leaving Richford the cyclists will be climbing the hills around Jay Peak before making their way to Brome Lake, for a total of 99 km.

Bedford will host the fourth stage of the race, a 40 km stretch which pits the cyclists against the clock.

The Grand prix wraps up on August 27 with the Défi Velo-Mag. Sponsored by the popular Quebec cycling magazine, the final leg of the race will be a challenging 90 km loop, leaving Sutton for West Brome, South Bolton, Mansonville, Highwater, Glen Sutton and then back to Sutton.

By the time the fourth edition of the race is over, the riders will have pedaled their way through 468 km of the region's varied terrain.

Brome-Missisquoi prefect and Cowansville mayor Arthur Fauteux echoed the comments of several others at Thursday's news conference, pointing out that the exposure provided by the event helps the whole region.

"It allows Brome-Missisquoi to be visible and promote our attractions to an international audience," he said.

"The tourism industry is extremely important for the Eastern Townships," said Jacques Robidas, president of the Eastern Townships Tourism Association. "Presently we rank third behind Montreal and Quebec City for the amount of tourists we attract."

But come race day, tourists are the last thing these cyclists will be thinking about.



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Brome-Missisquoi prefect Arthur Fauteux cited the international cycling race as an opportunity to show the region to the world.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Homecoming is a disappointment

DEAR EDITOR

After being away from home for several years, one tends to look keenly at the village one grew up in. Without doubt Knowlton is not the dynamic place it was some years ago. Even more striking to a quasi-stranger, is that this lack of pride and leadership appears to be almost intentional.

How else can anyone explain allowing Mill Pond to become an empty, ugly sewer-like mess? No individual, no town council, can be this inept; after all it's only a case of water going over the dam

or under it. Not exactly rocket science. How else can anyone explain that after all these years the name Knowlton doesn't even appear on the Autoroute? Is Knowlton still a secret tourist destination that only people from Granby hear about by word of mouth?

Then there is the matter of just walking on a village sidewalk. Don't cross on the crosswalk, as quaint as it is, because locals use it for parking and target practice, stay off of England Hill, trucks, belching thick black smoke, spewing gravel, seldom dare to stop for anything, not even the Stop sign outside the police station!

After the noise pollution of trucks and constantly revving motorcycles

(doesn't Knowlton have a noise by-law yet?) comes visual pollution. Junk yards spring up on the edge of the village, sandwich board signs everywhere, one business on Lakeside has up to ten signs at a time, another restaurant on Knowlton Road is nothing but a sign; and what kind of a building code permits green carpeting for outdoor fencing?

To be fair, I did see some good along with the new ugliness. Guy Lussier's ten-year-old waling path has finally been started, the flowers are nice.

Shops like Brie & Cie are a gift, and the concept of the Ambiance de Garage is a breath of fresh air. But will they stay?

The real loss in Knowlton is the spirit I grew up with. It's gone. There is grumbling and dissatisfaction in the village, some say Knowlton is being run from the outside by people who are content to use it, but not nurture it. Maybe so, but if those who work and live in Knowlton go down by default they can only blame themselves.

PAM TIMMINS  
Knowlton

## 495 students found jobs

DEAR EDITOR

The season of the Cowansville Human Resource Centre of Canada (HRCC-S) for students is almost over, and more than 495 students from the Brome-Missisquoi area had the opportunity to get a summer job.

The Cowansville HRCC-S would like to thank all the media who helped us all summer long, by publishing our press releases so that information could be available to students and employers. It's because of your collaboration that this summer turned out to be a big success.

The Cowansville HRCC-S will reopen its doors at the beginning of May 2001.

Until then, have a great summer. We're looking forward to collaborating with you again next season.

AMÉLIE GAGNON, MARIE-JOSÉE  
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## Dunham to sponsor afternoon of music

On Saturday Aug. 19, at 5:30 p.m., make room for a summer concert at Dunham's Église Ste-Croix, featuring harpist Stana Bunea, the vocal ensemble Laferrière-Doane and the instrumental trio Kaffeehaus.

Bunea is a harpist who will perform works from the classical and semi-classical repertoire. The vocal ensemble Laferrière-Doane and Kaffeehaus will perform popular songs, ragtime and Viennese music.

Kaffeehaus has performed at numerous festivals and concert halls in Quebec, as well as in Germany and Austria at the Vienna Festival and the Johann Strauss Festival.

The concert is sponsored by Le Comité action tourisme de Dunham, a non-profit group. For ticket prices and information, call 450-295-2883.

Caroline Kehne  
Record Correspondent

## 'We wanted (it) to look like a home'

### Daycare:

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"But it is strongly suggested that a child spend no more than 10 hours a day in daycare," said Shelly Judge, who used to run her own daycare and is now in charge of a group of four-year-olds at the new daycare.

The Passerelle des Moussees has been based out of Cowansville since 1994, managing some 45 home-based daycares in Cowansville and the surrounding region. Changes to provincial laws governing daycares meant the organization either had to fold into another business, or build its own permanent facility.

Boisvert said the Passerelle des Moussees opted for the Knowlton location for two reasons: There weren't a lot of similar services available in the area, and people from Knowlton approached them, asking for more local daycare.

"We also have a lot of our babysitters

in Cowansville, and we didn't want this to be competing with them," Boisvert said. Passerelle des Moussees will continue to offer those services as well as the new daycare centre. The head office of the organization is now located in the upper floor of the Knowlton daycare.

Children attending the new daycare will be placed in a bilingual environment, with each staff member able to work in both English and French. Boisvert said two out of three Passerelle des Moussees employees are college trained to handle young children, or have equivalent experience in the field of child care.

Despite the size of the daycare, Boisvert said deliberate attempts were made to make it feel more like a home. The food is mostly made from scratch, and the rooms have been decorated to look like a home and not an institution.

"We wanted the daycare to look like a home, not an institution," Boisvert said. "It's like a mother with their own children."

## Brome Fair announces lineup

The Brome County Agricultural Society will hold its annual fundraising Barbecue and Dance at the Brome Fairgrounds on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 5 pm to 8 pm. Music and dancing will be provided by Sandy Ward and the Roadhouse Band. For ticket prices and information, call 450-242-3976.

The headliner for Brome Fair 2000 will be the Kitty Wells Family who will perform at the fairgrounds on Friday, Sept. 1 at 8:30 p.m. Admission to the concert featuring the "Queen of Country Music" is included in the price of general admission.

Saturday, Sept. 2, Leahy will perform at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for this performance can be obtained by mail or after

July 1st at The Shack (Knowlton), Depanneur Brome (Brome), Depanneur Lakeside (Foster) and F.G. Edwards (West Brome).

Sunday's 8 p.m. performance by Johnny Reid and Denise Murray will also be included in the gate price.

The fair will also feature livestock and horticultural competitions, 4-H, new and antique agricultural machinery, artisans, magicians, local bands, horse racing, and parimutuel horse racing on Monday afternoon. For more information, visit the Brome Fair website at [www.bromefair.com](http://www.bromefair.com) or call 450-242-3976.

Caroline Kehne  
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## Singer-songwriter Robert Atyeo shares spotlight with local talent

By Morri Mostow  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD  
MANSONVILLE

Do you sing in the shower? Pluck guitar in your basement? Play piano at parties? If so, here's your chance to grab centre stage. Since early spring, amateur and professional musicians have been drawing crowds as they share an "Open Stage" at several Eastern Townships pubs with their host, the highly accomplished Canadian singer-songwriter Robert Atyeo.

The calibre of local talent has ranged from "scary to amazing," Atyeo told me. Intrigued, I decided to see for myself.

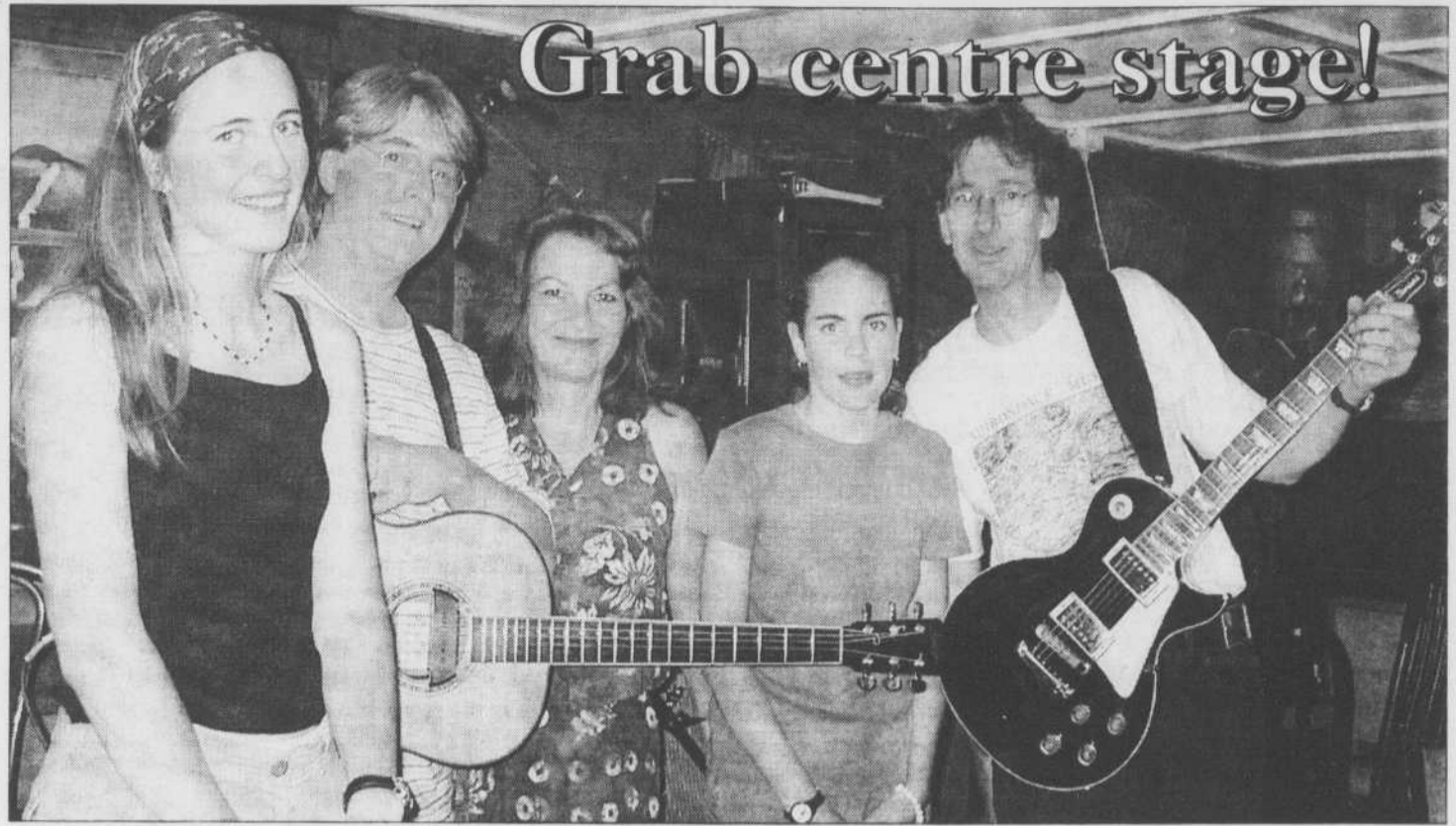
Last Thursday, the Open Stage at the Knowlton Pub almost didn't come off. A handful of hopefuls had been eagerly awaiting their turn at the mike since 8 p.m., but the makeshift stage area was being hogged by a table of nine in no hurry to leave. It was almost 10 before Atyeo was finally able to set up his state-of-the-art sound equipment and start the show with the first of several sets of his own tunes - an eclectic blend of blues, country and folk - accompanied by his smokin' finger-picking on acoustic guitar.

Next followed Lynne Hamilton, a teacher at Knowlton Academy. She instantly silenced the noisy crowd with her soaring a cappella rendering of the Jewel hit "Foolish Games." A soloist with the Cowansville Community Choir, Hamilton has also been performing at educational fund-raising events in the area for several years.

By popular demand, Hamilton later returned to the stage, where she wowed the crowd again with her strong, haunting mezzo-soprano voice.

Other performers included a bossanova duo from Cowansville, Pierre Mainville and Chantal Côté, and the handsome 19-year-old extreme-sports enthusiast and freelance photographer Will Allen, who accompanied himself, a tad too loudly, on acoustic guitar as he sang his own compositions.

Several other musicians never made it on stage since local noise bylaws require the pub's outdoor stage to close by 11 p.m.



MURIELLE PARKES/CORRESPONDENT

'Open Stage' host Robert Atyeo (second from left) with entertainers Laura Marcoux, Karen Muzerall, Patricia Marcoux and Bart Barbour at La Vieille Bûche Pub.

The hour, however, was not a consideration the following night at Mansonville's La Vieille Bûche. Its Open Stage was set up indoors in the newly expanded ground-floor pub.

By the time we left, around 11:30, a jam session was in full swing around the piano. Wayne Wighton, now retired from a long professional career playing honkey-tonk backup piano for most of Nashville's greats, was just getting warmed up. Wighton was joined by Karen Muzerall, a blues singer who has appeared in local musicals such as *Oh, What a Circus!* and *The Fantastiks*; Bart Babour, a historian from New Mexico who teaches summer courses at Bishop's University and is also a highly accomplished guitarist and accordionist; and Atyeo on guitar.

This was the first-ever Open Stage at La Vieille Bûche and it went off without a hitch, thanks to Atyeo's smooth hosting and the astonishing professionalism of all the performers, including Mansonville's talented Marcoux sisters. Laura Marcoux, a 21-year-old Concordia art student and self-described "shower singer," good-naturedly agreed to sing a duet - Christina Aguilera's "What a Girl Needs" - with her extroverted sister Pa-

tricia, 13, a member of the Voco Loco singers (who perform next at the closing evening of the week-long Mansonville Multicultural Festival, on Aug. 12.) Patricia belted out a rousing "Son of a Preacher Man," followed by the Titanic theme song, "My Heart Will Go On," with as much panache as Céline Dion herself!

Aty eo credits an Open Stage in Calgary some 20 years ago with launching his own career.

"My knees were knocking, but the crowd went nuts," he recalled.

Aty eo has been making his living as a full-time musician virtually ever since, playing as many as 200 gigs a year. A consummate musician with a laid-back style, Aty eo has been compared with J.J. Cale, John Prime and Tom Waits. With three CDs of his own compositions out - *If That Isn't Love* (1992), *Angels on a Cliff* (1994) and *Heart Like a Rubber Ball* (1998) - and a following on university campuses across the continent, as well as in Europe and Japan, Aty eo would normally be away touring folk music festivals, and playing house concerts and roadhouses. But not this year. He's taking a break from heavy touring to spend more time with his two-year-old

son Jackson. He and his Quebec-born wife Suzanne Desormeaux moved to Knowlton last year from Ontario, bought a house and are settling down to raise their family there. Suzanne owns Le Grenier du Roi (The King's Attic), an upscale consignment shop in Knowlton's Mill Pond Village.

Knowlton Pub owner Gerry Wood is thrilled that Aty eo approached him in June to host an Open Stage.

"Robert had performed a few times at the Pub over the winter," said Wood. "I was blown away. He was head and shoulders above everyone else. I would never have had the nerve to ask him to do this!"

So, now's your chance to strut your stuff in front of a live audience. Who knows? This could be your first step to stardom.

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Join Robert Atyeo on stage Thursday evenings at the Knowlton Pub, 267 Knowlton Road in Knowlton, or on specific Friday evenings at La Vieille Bûche Pub, 241 Vale Perkins Road in Mansonville. Also, on Aug. 4, Atyeo will be playing at the Nickelodeon in Newport, Vt., and, on Aug. 5, at the Golden Pub in Bromont.



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# Three-ring circus makes a stop in Bedford

By Barb Bellingham  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
BEDFORD

The Starr Brothers Circus Company made a short stop in Bedford recently with their entourage of circus entertainers for a one night performance.

Ringmaster Walter and wife Millie, entertained locals with their three-ring circus, always a thrill for youngsters.

"The boss likes to send us to the little towns, where the kids don't usually get a chance to see the show," Millie commented as she busily stamped the hands of returning guests with a bingo marker. "We go somewhere every day; seven days a week, eleven months of the year. Last year it was Alaska, before that, Hawaii.

Millie doesn't miss a beat as she monitors the crowd in front of the entrance to the big top. There are no lingering bystanders as she directs everyone to their appropriate destinations. Her demeanor changes as little ones pass by. "I'm a great-grandmother, you know. I know little kids," she says. "They're in California, but this is my family. We're all one family in the circus. I used to do aerial acts myself, she added.

The three performance circles were set up under a rather worn but large tent with groups of four step seats all around. With loud, uplifting music, the ringmaster introduced each performance and added his own entertainment with a few tricks. A pair of clowns filled-in any gaps with slapstick routines. The acts themselves came fast and furious with an array of acrobatics, dazzling costumes and charming animals.

There were also



BARB BELLINGHAM/CORRESPONDENT

The Starr Brothers Circus Company rolled in to Bedford recently to entertain both young and old alike.

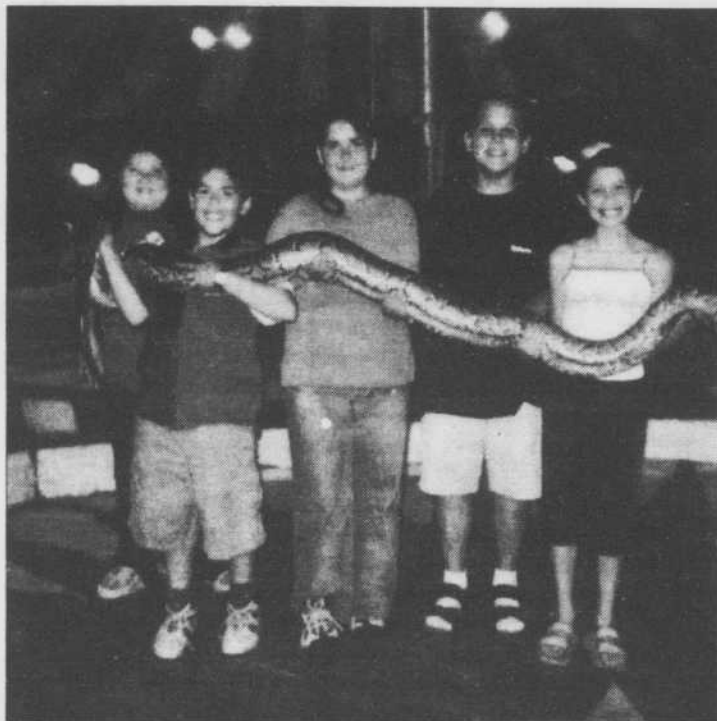
the classic attractions, like popcorn and peanuts with hidden coupons and having your photo taken with the little pony or giant snake, all of course for a nominal fee. And in keeping with the theme of secrets revealed, Walter invited the crowd into the ring to see how

the lady squishes up to avoid the blades through the box, again, for a nominal fee.



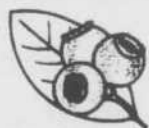
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Clowns entertained the children and even painted their faces for them.



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Circus enthusiasts have their photo taken with a giant snake. The three-ring circus included all sorts of animals.



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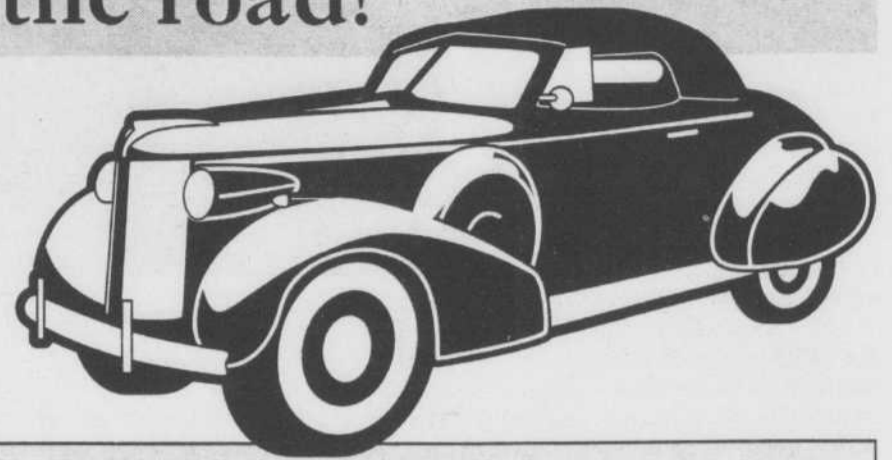
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Pommiers and to top off the day, a stop at the Tabby's Micro-brewery. The tour's objective is to introduce the drivers and their occupants to the magic of our region.

Finally, several changes have been made to the Auto-Fest schedule of September 3rd. These changes can only enhance your visit and make your event different from others of its kind. It will be a day to remember and we are hoping for Mother Nature's cooperation.



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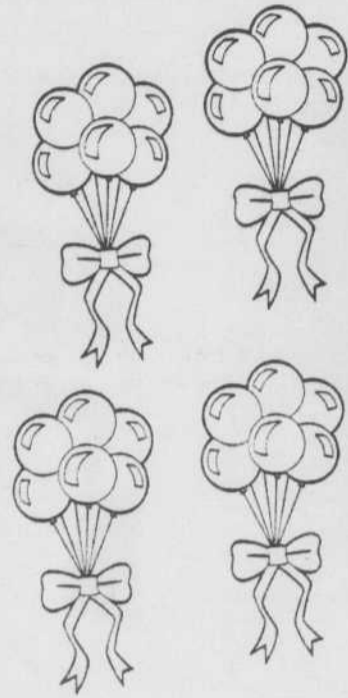
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**"CHILDREN'S DAY"**

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- 20h30 p.m.: Disco show with the musical group, **Cover Girls**

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- 19h00 p.m.: Modified lawn tractor pull
- 20h30 p.m.: Country music group, **Black Canyon**

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- 7h00 a.m.: Brunch prepared by the Chevalier de Colomb (\$6)
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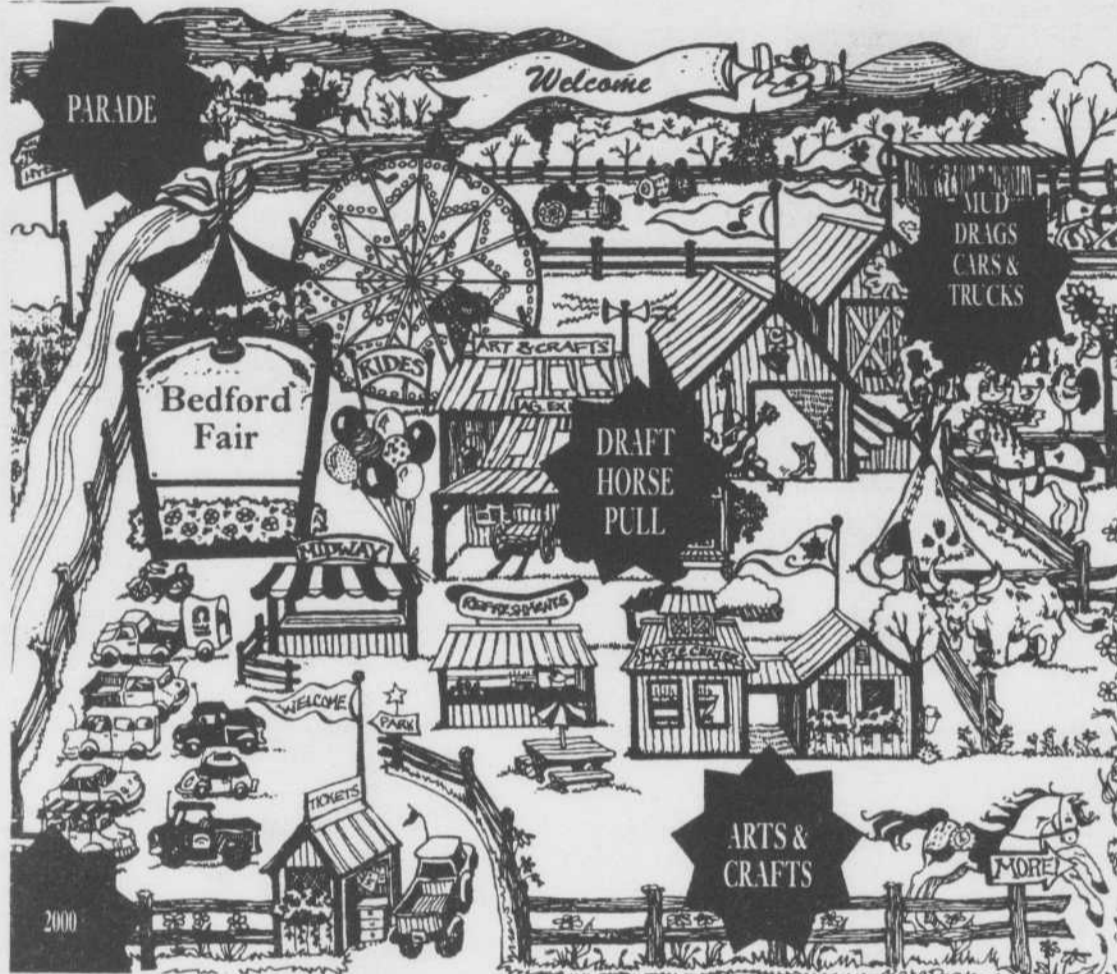
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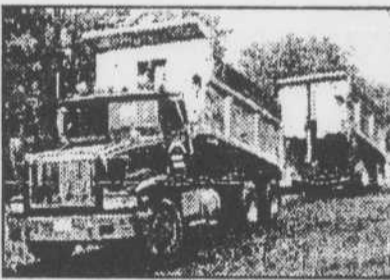
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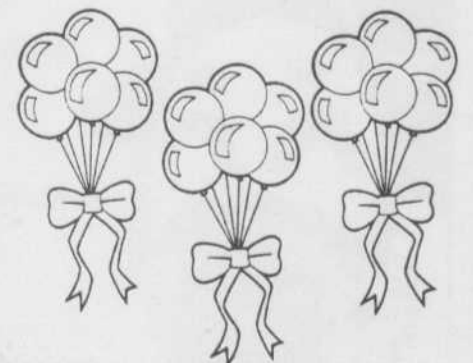
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# Children don masks for walk in magic forest

By Murielle Parkes  
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For a few brief moments last week, 40 kids between the ages of six and 12 assumed the identity of their just-decorated three-dimensional masks.

The venue was in and around a barn in Dunkin. The event was one of eight Tour des Enfants cultural and artistic workshops given in collaboration with the Tour des Arts.

The children were in snoop-hop-run-lumber-jump and creep

mode as birds, rabbits, wolves, bears, frogs and mice. Certainly, not your usual, everyday gathering of animal friends. But heck! This was a magic forest, according to animators of Caravane Art



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Sylvain Chiasson talks to the 'animals in the forest.'

et Spectacle - Sarah Barbieux (flutist, founder and artistic director), her partner, Sylvain Chiasson (drummer, animator and jack-of-all artistic trades), and Thaïs Barbieux, (percussionist and dancer). The trio provided

the bewitching music for the animal parade.

All the animals live in a forest in Paradise, explained Chiasson. "There is no danger. They live without any violence."

Founded in 1980, the St-Paulin company has developed its repertoire to include, theatre, dance, music, puppetry and mask-making workshops. The latter are intended to develop creativity as well as sensitize children to animal fauna, explained Sarah Barbieux.

More than 100 children participated in the series of week-long activities which included creative arts, telling stories around a bonfire during a full moon, mime, percussion, mask making, music and a puppet show. Organizers, Joëlle Ganguillet and Jasmine Larichelière, were delighted. This was the first year for the Tour des Enfants.



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**Dunham - Barbara E. Harvey**

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Harvey motored to Wasaga Beach, Ont., where they spent three days with their brother-in-law, Donald McLellan. On the Saturday they attended a surprise get-together at the Swiss Chalet, in Kitchener, Ont. to honor Barbara's sister Agnes Henderson, (formerly of Knowlton, and other towns in the Eastern Townships). The occasion was her 75th birthday. 26 of her family members were in attendance, after which they gathered at her home and enjoyed birthday cake and ice-cream. Picture-taking and visiting was enjoyed by all.

Best wishes go out to Frank Dennis of Dunham, who turned 70 on July 20th.

Evelyn Quigley, a former resident of Dunham, and Sutton, is now residing at Residence Principale, Cowansville, in room 110.

Mrs. Evelyn Corbett-Tevyaw, mother of David Tevyaw, is residing in the Breault Residence in Dunham, room 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Harvey and son Mark attended the wedding of Gilles Roy and Maryse Larose which took place in Farnham, July 22nd. The reception was held at Granbyen Hotel, in Granby.

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## Foster developer raises funds for schools

By Philip A. Godin  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
KNOWLTON

Foster resident Lloyd Sturtevant hosted a benefit evening on St-Jean-Baptiste Day, the proceeds of which were divided between the two local elementary schools in Knowlton.

For an undisclosed donation to the kitty, guests were treated to a wrestling match, a BBQ supper and a fireworks display.

The entire fête took place on site at the Sturtevant property, the old Foster school situated at the intersections of Routes 215 and 243 at the north end of the Lake.

Brome Lake Councillor for the Foster Ward Donald Wing was on hand to witness the granting of \$1,075 to Murray Gunson Principal of Knowlton Academy for their breakfast fund and the same amount to l'École St-Édouard Principal Brian Rogers who will keep the donation in the school's "rainy day fund."

When asked what motivated this act of generosity, Wing explained, "Sturtevant has been trying to show that he has a real concern for the well-being of the whole community, especially the young kids. It's no secret that he's been trying for a long time to have this property rezoned to build an Auberge and has been having a difficult time of it. Maybe people will eventually see him in a different light when he does these things. I for one hope he gets it (the rezoning)."

Last year, a similar event took in \$500 which was donated to the Brome Lake Community Centre's Youth Fund.

## Beef and pork on BBQ at Brome fairgrounds

Aug. 5 marks the 15th annual fund-raising BBQ of the Brome County Agricultural Society held at the fairgrounds.

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## Terry Fox silent auction fund-raiser Aug. 12-13

A silent auction will be held to raise money for The Terry Fox Foundation (cancer research) at the Knowlton Community Centre, 383 Knowlton Rd., on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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