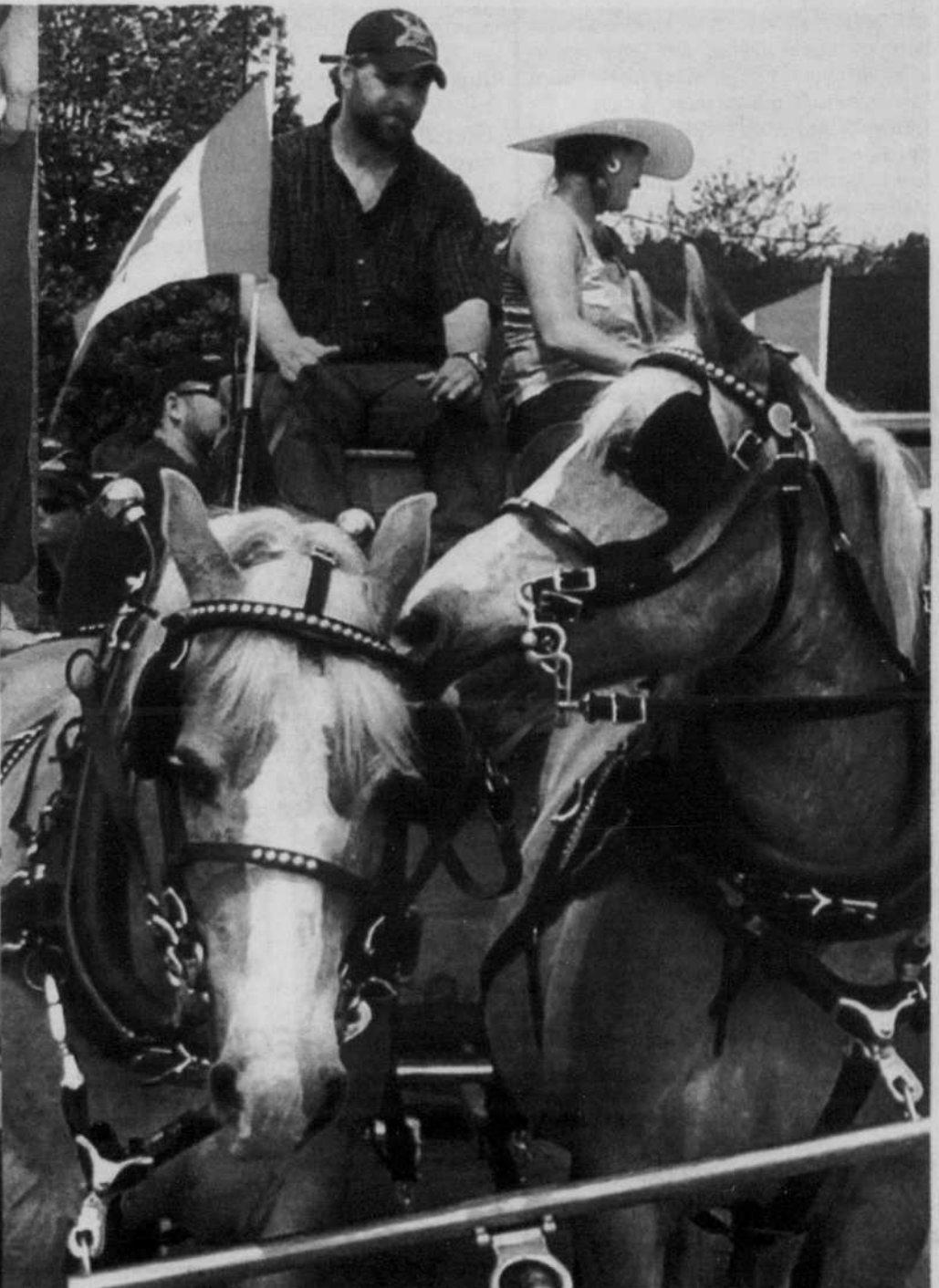


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New family bike tour to hopefully become tradition

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Friendship Day has a new addition to its Sunday schedule. The brand new Family Friendship Ride was created and organized by Lennoxville residents Rick Tracey and Kevin Ryan in an effort to offer families another outing that can be spent together.

"My children were in the Tour des Enfants in Montreal," said Tracey. "They had a great time but unfortunately it was just for children, so we couldn't participate with them. One day at a barbecue Kevin and I started talking about it. Because both our families are passionate about biking, we agreed that we needed an event that families could do together. By the end of the day we had already drawn up a draft and then we brought it to council."

The idea was presented to borough council as a simple suggestion, but it could very possible become part of the annual Friendship Day tradition.

"Council was very supportive and suggested that this be a part of the already popular Friendship Day celebrations," he said. "Then Judith Gagnon contacted us and things started rolling."

Gagnon, essentially the president of the Friendship Day committee, jumped on the idea.

"As soon as I heard about it I thought it would be a great addition to Friendship Day," said the borough chief of recreation and leisure. "Friendship Day is for families to get out and enjoy time together and this is aimed at the same thing. This is also a great way to get exercise and I was impressed by how much planning the creators had put into it."

Originally Tracey and Ryan planned to have the two-hour tour travel through downtown streets, since they believed that visibility would encourage younger bikers but, after close deliberations, this first time addition will be held mostly on local bike paths.

"The whole fun of it is to be seen and have people cheer you on," said Tracey, "but the challenge was that the transport division was skeptical about closing a road without knowing how many people would be participating. We focused on the main objective, having fun. We are happy with the route for this year."

Gagnon says that the event's popularity will decide where next year's route will be.

"To have police close any roads takes a permit and it can take months to get it," she stated. "I agree that more visibility for the bikers would be ideal and they'll get quite a bit this year, but if this event proves to be very popular,

which I'm sure it will, then next year we can apply for the permits earlier and have it more in town."

Each participant will be given a guided route, once they arrive on Sunday at Atto-Beaver-Park at noon.

The total distance of the bike tour will cover 13 kilometers.

"The ride is non-competitive and will enable all ages to participate together," said Tracey. "The half way point will be the St. Francis Marsh so families can take a rest and take in some wildlife. We hope that participants will bring along a picnic for after the ride and stay at the park to visit with their friends and neighbors."

Volunteers and police will supply safety supervision but organizers insist that a parent or older sibling accompany children under the age of 12 and that everyone remembers their safety equipment. Bicycle technicians from Lennoxville's S.B. Sports will be on hand for any mechanical problems that may arise and the event will be held rain or shine.

Organizers ask that families register early, either at the town hall, at their Friendship Day booth, or by calling 819-569-9388 or 819-563-4486. Participants can register on the day of, but only those who register early will be eligible for entrance prizes.

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Behind every good event is an experienced committee

'This was exactly how I wanted to be involved,' says newcomer

By Jen Young

RECORD CORRESPONDENT

They may come from all walks of life, and they may even range in ages, but they all share the common goal of pulling off a successful Friendship Day.

This year's committee consists of a dozen volunteers who have been meeting and planning since the beginning of January. Each of them took responsibility for a certain attraction, like Jane Moret and Beth Wood, who have returned again this year to organize the arts and crafts tables in the St. Antoine Parking Lot.

While Moret and Wood concentrate on setting up tables and filing registrations, Gerry McNab, who has been a Friendship Day committee member since the very first year, will be responsible for all the Firefighter's Association attractions.

Bunny Smith has been preparing all year for the popular musical entertainment under the gazebo, and he promises enjoyable tunes all day.

"Each year we get more and more interested musicians," says Smith. "The gazebo makes for a popular place for visitors because they can take a rest in the shade while listening to some impressive local talent."

This year's entertainment emcee is Elaine Green.

Former Alexander Galt teacher Joe McKercher, who actually had a hand in organizing the original Friendship Day in 1988, will be carrying out his se-

curity responsibilities for the second year in a row.

He states that the strong sense of community and diversity of Lennoxville residents is what compelled him to volunteer two years ago, and it's what keeps bringing him back.

"Lennoxville is just a good place to live," said McKercher. "I see some obvious differences between Friendship Day now and what it was then. It is much better organized, probably due to experience. It is a well structured event."

The youngest member of this year's committee, Sacha Rolbin, has faithfully attended meetings to represent the Lennoxville Youth Centre, and he says that this event helps both the centre and the members.

"This is a great way for the members to get out and improve their social skills," says the centre animator.

Some would say that the parade is the most popular attraction in a large event such as this, and first-time parade organizer Lenny Beland says volunteering in this manner is right up his alley.

"I basically grew up in Lennoxville and I was a police officer here for around 18 years," said Beland. "I was looking for a way to implicate myself with the community since I retired and this is exactly what I was hoping for. I'm a newcomer this year but I have been working hard to make new contacts and create a new system that will make organizing the parade easier next year. I do know that I have recruited new floats this year that have never entered before."

At any major event there is always the potential for serious parking and traffic congestion,

which is where Howard Walker and Bill Hayman come in. The pair will yet again be insuring that musicians get close enough to the stage and that spectators don't try and drive through the centre of activities.

The final member of the committee, Judith Gagnon, who essentially ties up all the ends, says that for her first year involved in the event she is very pleased with the outcome.

"It was a lot of organizing, but I had a great committee behind me," said the borough representative. "My goal was to add new attractions this year and we did, so I am very pleased. Now the only thing to do is hope for good weather."

Each member selflessly volunteers their time every year and the day has an allotted twelve thousand dollar budget, which they say is plenty.

"There are things that need to be paid for, like the fireworks and the renting of children's toys, but we organized everything under our budget and we even have new attractions," concluded Gagnon. "It's going to be a great day for everyone."



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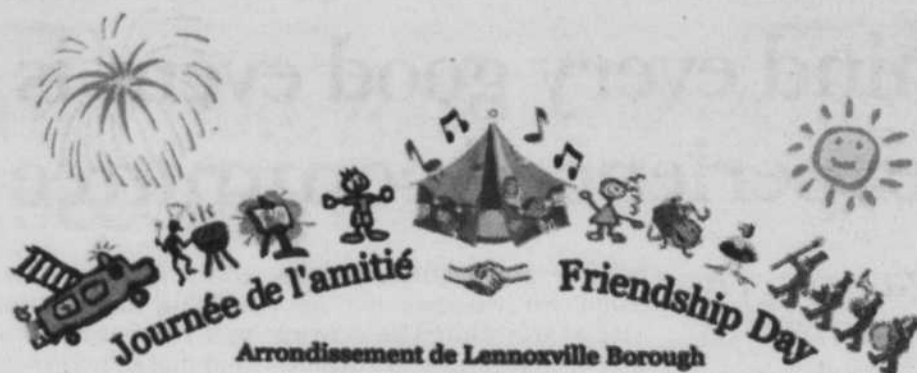
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June 9, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The colour of tongues - tales with Mike Burns and the story-teller children
United Church (corner Church Street and Queen)
June 9, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Artisans' and Information Fair
St-Antoine Elementary School
access via Speid Street
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Baseball Clinique animated by
Les Athlétiques BRP de Sherbrooke
Darcy Bennett Park.
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• Caricaturist
12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Book Sale
The Lennoxville Library.
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Entertainment at the Gazebo
Centennial Park Dance Floor (Gazebo)
10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Parade

This year, the Friendship Day parade will begin at the corner of Queen and Charlotte. It then continues on to Church, Hunting, Speid, Meads, Warren, Bown, and Warner Streets.

Silent Auction of the Lennoxville Library
Outside St-Antoine School
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lennoxville Art Group
Amédée Beaudoin Community Center,
10 Depot Street
Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and
Vernissage on Friday, June 9
from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Volleyball
Lennoxville Elementary School grounds
12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Children's Activities Games
Lennoxville Elementary School Soccer Field and Track
access via Centennial Park
between 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m.
Fun that last all
afternoon
Lennoxville Elementary School
Soccer Field and Track

access via Centennial Park
- 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Eastern Townships Vintage Automobile Club car display
Academy Street, beside Lennoxville Elementary School grounds
12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m.

Uplands Cultural and Heritage Center - activities
• Open House and exhibition
Open House - First Floor, 9 Speid Street
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
• Craft Activity - In the Uplands Cultural and Heritage Center's Barn, Red Barn
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society Activities
• Cake and Ice cream social
On the side porch at Uplands
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
• Open House and exhibit
Second Floor, 9 Speid Street
1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Open Swim
Centennial Pool
1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Fire-fighter Activities

1. Demonstration of the Firefighter's Ladder Truck
Corner of Speid and Hunting Streety
2:30 p.m.
2. Borough of Lennoxville Firefighters' Demonstration with the Jaws of Life
10 Depot Street, Lennoxville
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball
Lennoxville Elementary School grounds
12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Dancing Under the Gazebo!
Centennial Park Dance Floor (gazebo)
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fireworks
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SUNDAY, JUNE 11

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- Art Exhibit
- The first Friendship Bike Ride for the whole family
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Couple combine passions for Friendship Day

'We're anxious to introduce people to our works,' says Robinson

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

He took his prize-winning poems and she used her love of photography and now they have a cozy little business they want to present to everyone at Friendship Day.

Marjorie and Wayne Robinson are anxious to set up their table in St. Antoine's playground on Friendship Day to introduce fellow Townshippers to their hobby and new careers.

"Four years ago I was out hiking with my mother and we saw a patch of Irises," says Wayne, who has always harbored a passion for poetry. "She told me of how a poet once wrote a famous poem about daffodils and she suggested I write one about Irises. I tried it out. It took me about six months, but I did it, and it's actually the first poem in my book."

After retiring from his physical education teaching responsibilities in Thetford Mines, he resolved to take his love for poetry one step further.

"You know how some people wake up in the morning and do the crossword?" said Robinson, who recalls winning a poetry contest at the age of 15. "Well I wake up and write a poem. I think I have written over 300 in the past three years."

He focuses on writing poems that even men will enjoy.

"Men are less apt to admit that they enjoy poetry. Most people view poems as flowery and deep, but I try to stay simple and to the point," says the poet, who has had several pieces published in The Record. "I also try and add humor. If I can get a chuckle after I've written it, then I know it's a good one."

Throughout the publishing of his book, entitled Wayne's Rhymes, and the selling of over 150 copies, his wife Marjorie was concentrating on her own passion.

"I have always been interested in photography," she says. "I enjoy scenery and flowers, which is what most of my photos are of. I decided to try and make greeting cards and I took them to a

couple of shows and I got a very good response."

A few months back, Marjorie says, something just clicked.

"I realized that many of Wayne's poems were reflected in my photos so we made the connection and combined our efforts," she said. "We figured since we are living together we might as well work together."

The couple is eager to see if the public enjoys the fruits of their labors as much as they do.

"I'm anxious to see how the new concept will be accepted," she states. "This will be our first show together."

Robinson's book of poems is also obtainable at the Township's office and Black Cat Books.

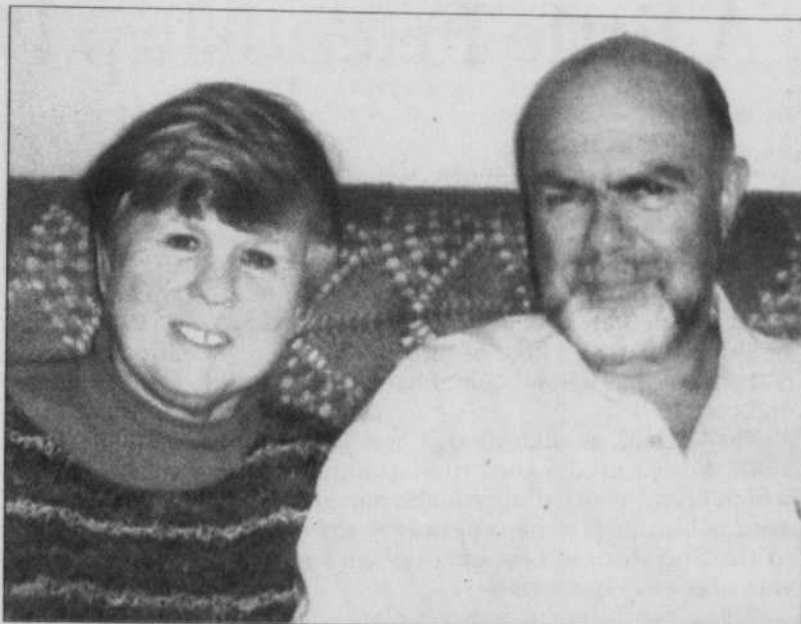


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Marjorie and Wayne Robinson are anxious to see how their poems and photography are accepted at Friendship Day since it will be the couple's first public show.

Bigger and better children's games this year

Teens and adults can play too!

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Centennial Park and the Lennoxville Elementary Schoolyard are usually the hot spots for moms and tots, and this year that same location promises to be even more enter-

taining.

The committee has rented two large inflatable attractions: The Incredibles, which is aimed at toddlers, and the zoo, suitable for youth of any age.

Because there has never really been any games dedicated specifically to teens and adults, an inflatable bungee course has also been reserved. The game allows two adults to race against each

other, protected by inflated plastic walls. The only hitch is that each runner is attached to a bungee cord and has to reach the finish line before being retracted (quickly) back to the start line.

Renting the play modules set the Friendship Day budget back several hundreds of dollars, but they guarantee to make up for it in entertainment value. Of course, all are free of charge.

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Storytelling a 'good way for people to learn about their roots,' says organizer

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The Multi-Language Storytelling Group will be adding a new addition to this year's schedule with real Irish tales, told by real Irish storytellers, Friday night.

Starting at 7 p.m. in the United Church, storytellers young and old will be entertaining all, though they may not see you.

"Real story tellers from Ireland always tell stories with their eyes closed," says organizer Lison Nicolas. "Mike Burns is from Ireland so he has memorized all these tales and he really speaks

with his eyes closed. He will tell his story first in Gaelic, then in English."

Twelve-year-old Cameron Buchanan will accompany Burns in the stories of the evening, but this will be his first tale told.

"I'm a little nervous," said Cameron who has also memorized his Irish tale, which he will recount in French. "I really like the Irish stories, so I am looking forward to the night."

All together there will be six professional storytellers present and Nicolas says the event is sure to please.

"I thought this would be a nice addition to Friendship Day," says the Gaspé native who works at St. Antoine's School. "Because the event is concentrated between both elementary schools there will be tales told that everyone can understand and enjoy. Many people are of Irish descent so it's also a good way for people to learn of their roots."



JEN YOUNG

Organizer Lison Nicolas stands with young storyteller Cameron Buchanan, who will be telling tales this Friday night.

A little Friendship Day history

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Seventeen years ago, former Lennoxville councillor Muriel Brand recognized a strong sense of community and notable harmonious relations between French and English speaking residents in Lennoxville. She was compelled to hold an event to celebrate this fine community attribute.

She pitched the idea of holding an event to council and her fellow councilmen gladly jumped on board to help.

The festival, as she called it, was first held in 1988 and featured a good old-fashioned parade, which Brand insisted upon. She hoped it would draw in hundreds of spectators as an introduction to the fine town of Lennoxville, and the theme was, of course, friendship.

Brand spent hours organizing the first ever Friendship Day event, while still upholding her council responsibilities and also teaching

at Alexander Galt. She was so devoted to pulling off the festivities that fellow organizers still refer to Friendship Day as 'her baby.'

After all was said and done, the first ever Friendship Day was chalked up to a huge success, one that demanded an annual venue, which to this day continues to grow.

What started as a small gathering of residents almost two decades ago has transpired into an annual event that lures in thousands.

Brand moved to Picton, Ontario, many years ago, but she still makes an effort to attend her favorite event each year.

This year's committee has decided to stick to its roots when it came to choosing a theme.

"This year's theme will be the same as the original theme," said committee member Judith Gagnon. "We are going to celebrate the fact that Lennoxville still has a very strong sense of community."

This year's organizing committee maintains that Lennoxville has much to celebrate, and much like Brand did years ago, they pray for good weather on June 10th.

"I love my career — it's so satisfying to be able to offer professional and trustworthy service to my community."

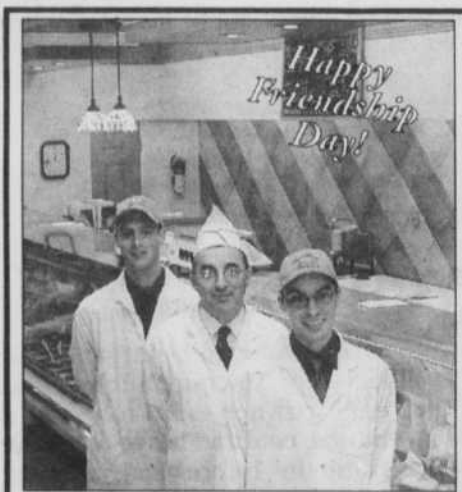
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Local artists to exhibit at Friendship Day

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

For the seventh year in a row, members of The Lennoxville Art Group will add their hard work as a colorful addition to Friendship Day festivities. Numerous pieces will be hung with pride by local artists depicting, 'Our Favorite Places'.

For over thirteen years, members of the group have been meeting every Wednesday morning to sketch, paint,

exchange ideas, and critique each others' work, and group president for the second year Glenys Groves says Friendship Day is the perfect opportunity for them.

"Friendship Day gives the artists a chance to show the public the pieces they have worked so hard on all year," she says. "Some prefer just to exhibit, but some have pieces for sale too. I prefer to keep my works to give to my family and friends, but I enjoy showing them."

The offshoot of an art class at Champlain Regional College, the original group first began meeting on the third floor of the Lennoxville Town Hall, then they moved to the Amédée Beaudoin Community Centre following its construction. Together, they participate in workshops and work towards exhibiting, either as a group or individually, at various locations throughout the

Townships.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to learn and work. It adds quality to our lives," says Groves. "I don't honestly think I would have the time to sit down and focus on my art if it weren't for the group. It's like anything in life. You have to make time for it."

This year's exhibiting members will each show their own preferred style of art.

"I love painting flowers, but everyone has their own talent and style," Groves states. "I'm hoping to start painting por-

traits and that is what I will start working on in group."

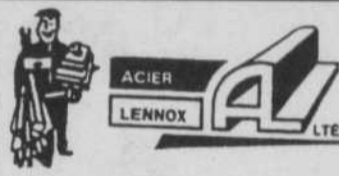
The public is invited to meet the artists Friday night at the community centre starting at 9 p.m., but the group's pieces will stay on display from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. during Friendship Day and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The Amédée Beaudoin Community Centre is located at 10 Samuel-Gratham (Depot) Street, above the fire station.



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'Friendship Day gives the artists a chance to show the public the pieces they have worked so hard on all year,' says Lennoxville Art Group president Glenys Groves.



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Lennoxville Firefighters Association

Bar-B-Que Supper

at the Firehouse

10 Depot St., Lennoxville
Saturday, June 10

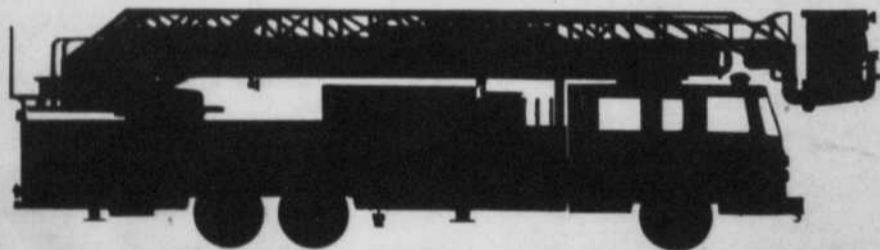
5:00 p.m.



\$9⁰⁰ Chicken B.B.Q.



\$3⁰⁰ Kids' meal: 2 hot dogs



Come and see us at the Canteen.

Breakfast

at the Firehouse

10 Depot St., Lennoxville
Sunday, June 11

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

\$6⁵⁰

*We're waiting
for you!*



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People are an integral part of our success and our new logo emphasizes the value we place on our employees, our clients, our partners and our community.

We look forward to many more years of success here in the Eastern Townships.

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