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Fire at Odd Fellows hall shocks community

Knowlton building hosted numerous events over the years

By Frank Nixon

The Odd Fellows hall on 476 Knowlton Rd. in Knowlton was destroyed in a devastating fire in the early morning hours on Sunday, November 18.

"We received a call at 5 a.m.," said Brome Lake Fire Chief Pierre Laplante.

Laplante added that the fire appeared to have started in the front of the building and migrated up the wall to the roof and spread quickly throughout the building.

No one was in the building at the time.

Firefighters from Sutton and Waterloo also arrived to put out the blaze. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Over the years the building has served as an important gathering place for numerous community and social events.

The hall was a regular meeting place for the Odd Fellows, the Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star. It has hosted

wedding and funeral receptions, Bingo games, Canada Day breakfasts, annual garage sales organized by the Knowlton Lions Club, antique sales, private parties, dances, musical events, fundraiser suppers, etc.

Just last month, on October 20, some 300 people attended a successful fundraiser for the Brome Lake Fire Department and First Responders.

Built in the early 1950s, the building was once a bowling alley, a German dance and beer hall called "Seppes" and then the "Lone Star Saloon."

It was purchased by the Odd Fellows in 1983.

"It is a great loss for the community," said Bernard Gravel, a Knowlton resident and member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

"I am shocked by the news," said another resident, adding, "there was supposed to be a Bingo game tonight."

Odd Fellows have become known in many areas as the "Three-Link Fraternity" which is evidenced by their "Three-Link emblem," which stands for "friendship, love and truth."



FRANK NIXON

The Odd Fellows hall lay in ruins Sunday morning. Please see page 12 for more colour photos.

Car crash tragedy saddens TBL community

By Frank Nixon

The Brome Lake community was shocked and saddened to learn of a fatal car crash that claimed the lives of two teenagers last Monday afternoon, November 12.

The following day, police announced their identity - Natasha Lavigne, 18, of Knowlton, and Alexandra Laliberté, 19, of Cowansville.

The driver, Sarah Cousineau, 18, of East Hill, is fighting for her life after suffering numerous injuries. She remains in intensive care at Fleurimont Hospital (CHUS) in Sherbrooke.

The horrible tragedy took place on Bondville Road coming out of a curve where Cousineau lost control of her Mercedes.

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After rolling over several times, the vehicle violently hit a pine tree on the side of the road, opposite the Auberge Joli Vent. The speed limit where the car crash occurred is 50 kilometres per hour.



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ABOUT TOWNSHIPERS'

Townshippers' radio broadcast online

The reach of radio CIDI 99.1FM is expanding and soon Townshippers' Association will be able to update the web page for our weekly radio show About Townshippers'. Airing at 5 p.m. on Friday and repeating Tuesday at 8 a.m., our show features music from the Eastern Townships and interviews by hosts Kate Holbrook and Kate Murray with community or cultural organization representatives or artists, writers and musicians living in Brome Missisquoi region.

Until recently, only those living in the area could catch the show. Thanks to live online streaming, people anywhere can "tune in" to hear the shows via the new website, at www.cidifm.com. Although still under construction, the site's stream is active and can be heard by clicking the button marked "live stream." Previous shows will be archived on the About Townshippers' page.

Next show

This week we kick off the Radio Village Hall Live Series, featuring a full hour of live recordings of local musicians who have performed in concert at the Radio Village Hall in Lac Brome during 2012. Featured artist include Dave Hebert, Justin Lacroix, Miquelon et Breton, Julia Rohan, Bob Goulet and Bette Piette. The program kicks off November 23 and runs through the Christmas Holidays.

Take your brain for a jog

The human brain has the ability to adapt and change, even as we age. When properly stimulated the brain has the astonishing ability to reshape itself, forming new neural pathways. Keeping mentally active and getting social interaction are two important steps you can take to stay mentally sharp.

On December 5, join us for a two-hour brain-boosting interactive videoconference titled Jog Your Brain (Memory Loss, not Alzheimer's), and learn tips and exercises that will help preserve and enhance your grey matter as you age.

This is the last videoconference in the 2012 information series featuring presentations from health professionals from the McGill University Health Centre. The series is held in partnership with the Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN), which has a mandate to provide health information in English to communities around the province.

This free videoconference takes place on Wednesday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at Waterloo Elementary School, 5 Clark Hill Street, Waterloo. Registration is required to attend. To reserve your spot and receive further information, contact Kate Murray, coordinator for the Montérégie-East Network of the Eastern Townships Partners for Health & Social Services, at 450-242-4421 (toll-free at 1-877-242-4421).



TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION

Musicians Miquelon et Breton, pictured here from their Radio Village Hall performance part of the winter 2012 Brome-Missisquoi Carrefours Culturels, which was funded by the Conseil régionale des élus (CRE) and organized by Brome Lake Arts Co-op, are just one of the many performers that will be featured in the latest series from About Townshippers' weekly radio show.

For more information on Townshippers' Association and our activities, catch our column in the Brome County News, listen to Townshippers' broadcast on radio CIDI 99.1 FM every Friday at 5 p.m., and visit us on Twitter @Townshippers, Facebook and our website

www.townshippers.qc.ca. To connect with Townshippers' Association, contact the offices in Sherbrooke (100 - 257 Queen St. 819-566-5717, toll free: 1-866-566-5717) or Lac-Brome (3-584 Knowlton Rd, 450-242-4421, toll free: 1-877-242-4421).

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Saving the cemeteries of West Bolton

Stone monument erected at the Last Wayside burial site

By Frank Nixon

On Saturday, November 17, John Fowles and some 15 volunteers took one step closer in preserving the Last Wayside burial site for future generations with the laying of a stone monument at the entrance to the site, located near Goodwillie and Stukely roads in West Bolton.

Last year, on October 22, 2011, volunteers removed debris, sawed off tree limbs and erected a chain link fence around the site. Up to ten headstones have been identified.

"The stone was engraved by Les Monuments Jenne Ltée," said Fowles. "Brien Bidwell did the engraving and we are very thankful."

The stone was donated by Arthur Mizener. It was delivered to the side of Stukely Road and placed on an old car hood supplied by Robert Hume.

Tom Moore, another volunteer, then dragged the stone with his Kubota tractor to its final destination with the help

of other volunteers.

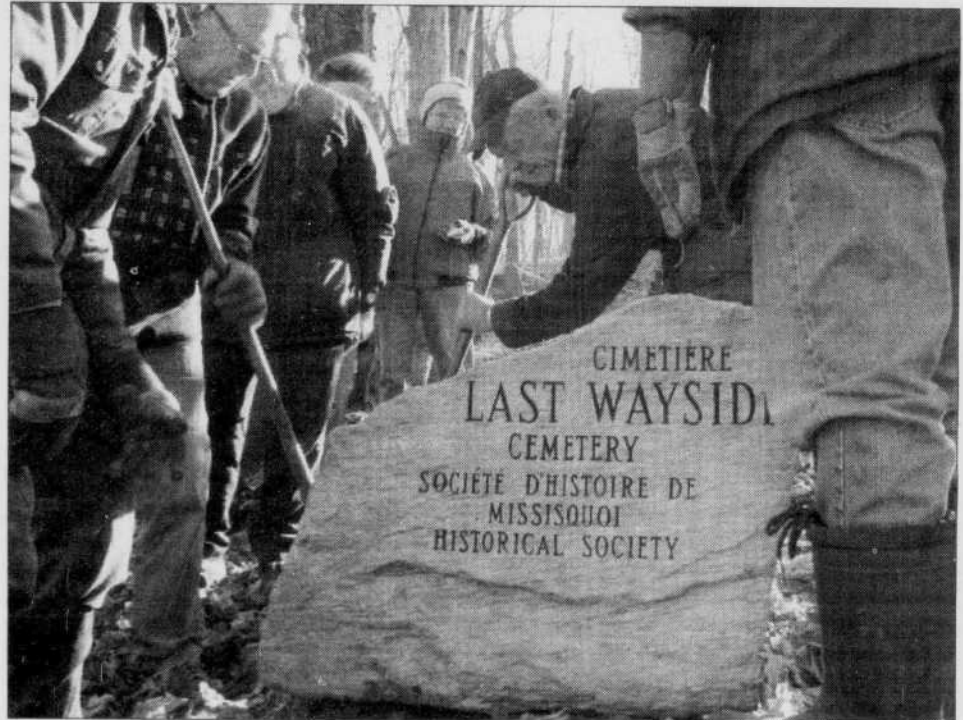
On July 27, 2011, a similar stone monument was erected at the Blunt burial site on Bailey Road.

Fowles and his band of volunteers have also undertaken measures to preserve the Fuller burial ground, off Bolton Pass Road, in West Bolton.

"These cemeteries have historic significance because they hold the remains of some of the earliest settlers of European origin," says Fowles. "The Fullers, for instance, are descendents of Ralph Fuller and his wife, Elizabeth Elliott, who emigrated from England to Massachusetts in 1617 - three years before the arrival of the Mayflower."

If you wish to help or contribute to the preservation and the restoration of the Last Wayside, Blunt and Fuller burial grounds, or if you have information about the families buried there, please call 450-243-5772 or e-mail: johnfowles.art@explornet.com.

Right, volunteers work to secure the stone monument.



FRANK NIXON

Former patient raises \$15,000 for BMP Hospital

By Frank Nixon

Dagmar Seidl-Scherff presented a cheque for \$15,000 to the BMP hospital at the former LL Brome store (Clementine building), in Knowlton, on Sunday, Nov. 18.

The money will go towards the building of a new oncology unit at the hospital.

Over the last three weekends, accessories from Seidel-Scherff's former company Landes, such as belts, wallets, jewellery, bracelets and bags were on sale at bargain prices.

Seidl-Scherff decided to raise money for the hospital in tribute to the exceptional care she received after undergoing cancer treatments.

Dagmar Seidl-Scherff, centre, with volunteer Bohdana Zwonok and Peter Ayles, secretary of the BMP Hospital Foundation.

PHOTO BY FRANK NIXON

"I am now feeling better to devote my time and effort to support the hospital that has helped me so much," she said.

Seidl-Scherff was also thankful to the many people from the community who volunteered and offered their time and support during the fundraiser sale.

"I am just overwhelmed by your kindness and support," she said.

The volunteers included: Nadia Dziambor, Braeden Kirby, Wassmer Ulrike, Sylvie Messier, Pierre Guindon, Sylvie Normandin, Wendy Jacob, Daniela Scherff, Bohdana Zwonok, Christiane Guerra, Ron Miles, Domenica Didio, Monique Trahan, Michel Beaudoin, Sylvie Poulin, Micheline Charbonneau, Chuck Christie and Veronika Kerekes.



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LETTERS

Councillors do tough job admirably

DEAR EDITOR:

I am not a member of the Town of Brome Lake Taxpayers Association as are none of my neighbours or acquaintances. Is this a legal association and if so, who are the directors and how many taxpayers are paying members?

The new administrative team has not had the opportunity to prove their worth. I must assume the team was selected by council and not hand-picked by the mayor. Give credit where credit is due.

Tell us Mr. White, who reported the town activities or un-activities to the Quebec Department of Municipal Affairs?

It is mentioned by Mr. White that the two contracts for branches and stumps each for \$75,000 in November 2009 and November 2010 were illegally authorized. If that be the case, why did council, under the leadership of the mayor, approve payment? If council under the leadership of the mayor queried the payment of \$75,000 in November 2009, then maybe it would not have been repeated in 2010. Who was the councillor responsible for overseeing the branches and stumps chipping operation?

The council, at each monthly work meeting, has the opportunity of examining the statement of payables and it is at this time that questions should be raised. Surely an amount of \$75,000

should attract some questions. Are these statements voted approval without proper scrutiny? Again the mayor has not shown leadership.

The administrative structure of the town is that the mayor is the chairman. The councillors and the directors and all decisions are then passed to the director general whose responsibilities are to see that these decisions are implemented. The mayor is the captain of the ship and must swim or sink with it. Everybody else survives.

I was a councillor for four years and have nothing but praise for Mr. Bourret and then clerk Catherine Bouchard. They, as administrators, ran a good ship. I will welcome the return of Mr. Bourret

and wish him God speed in good health.

Letters to the editor are mostly from the same contributors who have not experienced any official position and are always negative in their writings. Despite the criticism toward council, they have a tough job and have attempted to do it admirably. It is ten years since the town provided First Responders service and the introduction of this service was presented by no other than Councillor Tom McGovern. Thank you Tom.

DON WING
Foster

Knowlton Lions Club Christmas Food Basket

DEAR EDITOR:

Those wishing to apply for a Christmas Food Basket may pick up an application form at The Community Center in Knowlton. Residents of West Bolton, Lac Brome and Brome are eligible for the baskets, which come in large and small sizes according to the number of dependents. Applicants will be required to present proof of need, income, number of dependents and residency. The deadline for application is no later than November 19.

Volunteers are needed for assembly of the Christmas baskets, which will take place at Knowlton Academy on Friday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. (To extend a helping hand please contact Gary Crandall at 450-243-6608.)

Baskets will be available for pickup at Knowlton Academy between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday, December 15. Home delivery is available for those without access to transportation that morning.

ERROL FRECHETTE
Knowlton Lions Club

Santa Claus is coming to town

The members of the Knowlton Lions Club are happy to announce that Santa Claus is coming to town. He will be arriving, with all his friends, Saturday, December 1. The parade will begin at Windmill Plastics, 290 Victoria at 1 p.m., turn left on Knowlton Road (Route 104), turn left on Lakeside (Route 243), then left on Victoria and end at Knowlton Academy at 81 Victoria.

Families, individuals, organizations and businesses are welcomed to join in the parade, with a float or otherwise, by assembling at noon at Windmill Plastics, where registration and judging will take place. For security reasons each float must, at all times during the parade, be accompanied by adults walking beside it. Also no candies or other objects can be thrown from the float. Prizes will be

awarded, for first, second and third place, as well as an honourable mention in four categories: Business, Family, Group and Individual. Horses and riders, dancers and musicians are all welcome. A few costumes, for children, are available on a first come, first serve basis starting at noon.

At the conclusion of the parade at Knowlton Academy, children will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Santa, get a candy bag and some hot chocolate while the Knowlton Harmony Band plays seasonal music and the prizes are awarded to the winners from participants in the parade.

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Great Knowlton Gingerbread House contest

The first Great Knowlton Gingerbread House contest is now accepting registrations! Houses will be displayed in storefronts and windows in downtown Knowlton from December 1 until December 15, when the winner will be announced. Everyone is welcome to participate. For more information check out the Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/festivaloflight-slabrome> or 450-931-0037. Registration sheets will be available at Athletica Lac Brome, La Vie Sucree, and Bromewood.

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Spaghetti supper fundraiser with sauces galore



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The Mansonville Elementary School, "The Little School with a Big Heart and Open Arms," is holding a special spaghetti supper fundraiser on Saturday, November 24 at the school from 4 to 8 p.m.

"We are lucky this year," explained PPO Chairperson Shawn Jersey. "We have a great group of motivated parents who are working to make this fundraiser possible and we hope that the community will come and show their support for our school."

This isn't just any old spaghetti supper. There will be a possibility of four

sauces: a regular meat sauce for the traditional spaghetti eater, a vegetarian sauce for those who prefer no meat, a wild game sauce for those who want to try something different and an Alfredo sauce for those who prefer a less tomato based topping. The school hopes to cater to all tastes. Cost of the supper is a "pay what you want," with donations being accepted at the door.

"People from Potton and the surrounding towns have always been very generous when it comes to our school," said Jersey. "Our committee members felt that doing the "pay what you want," fee would make the supper accessible to all and will surely find folks being generous in supporting the school and its students in this effort."

The money raised from the supper will help the school with projects for the students. This event provides the perfect opportunity for the community to have an enjoyable meal out with friends and neighbors while helping a great cause.

If you would like more information, do not hesitate to contact the school at 450-292-5622.



Car crash

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After rolling over several times, the vehicle violently hit a pine tree on the side of the road, opposite the Auberge Joli Vent.

The investigation by the Sûreté du Québec is still ongoing but excessive speed has been attributed as the most likely cause for the tragedy. The speed limit where the car crash occurred is 50 kilometres per hour.

A funeral service for Natasha Lavigne was planned for Monday afternoon, November 19, at Saint-Édouard church in Knowlton.

"The loss of any life is terrible, but when it is someone so young with so much to live for, it is absolutely horrible and so sad," said one Knowlton resident.



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Interior design doesn't have to be complicated. There is no need for sophisticated colour palettes, exotic fabrics, and expensive furniture choices. Simple is most often better when it comes to creating a functional space where you live, eat, entertain and relax. Recycling, repurposing, reusing items in new and unique ways can help you add your personal touch to your home. Simple can be beautiful. Here are my top 10 ways to create chic and beautiful decors.

1. Use objects in a different way than how they were intended. Look at an old metal patio chair and see a table. A water pitcher becomes a vase to display a wild flower bouquet. These choices are beautiful, simple and eco-friendly.

2. Use colour prints to add punch to dull and faded decor. Frame your grandmother's quilt and display it as an art piece in your living room. Cover your closet door with colourful fabric to add life to your blah bedroom.

3. Decorate simply with easy, creative and beautiful items. Instead of spending money on artwork, create your own with a collage of beautiful cards. Place fabric in round needlepoint frames and hang it on a wall in a unique arrangement. I guarantee your guests will not be indifferent to these beautiful creative pieces that are uniquely you.

4. Don't hesitate to repurpose old worn-out furniture. A fresh coat of paint to an old desk, change out the knobs and voilà! A whole new look with little money. While you're at it, look into your linen closet to see if you can use that old tablecloth as a kitchen curtain, or those never-used extra pillowcases as material to recover your dining room chairs.

5. Go for bright colours. Sometimes using bold colour will add that wanted spark to any design. That bright yellow high back chair that you

unearthed at the local used furniture store can be used if complimented correctly with the right coloured accessories, and it will surely be a conversation piece at your next get-together.

6. Accessorize with uniqueness. Hang a straw hat on a wall instead of a framed photo, use a pile of books next to your sofa instead of an end table, and replace your oh-so-ugly plastic garbage can with an old milking pail. The possibilities are endless and the results are beautiful.

7. Bring the outdoors in. From flowerpots to herb gardens, find ways to incorporate living green in your interior design. This will add freshness to your dwelling and your lungs will thank you.

8. Change it up with the seasons. Your decor can get boring after a while. Try to use seasonal accessories to make subtle changes. Add colourful throws to your sofa in autumn, place a bowl of ruby red apples as a centerpiece to your dining room table. Embrace the beautiful changing seasons that the Eastern Townships has to offer.

9. Look for unusual shapes and textures: A heart-shaped mirror, a fuzzy pillow, a lizard-skin lampshade. These bizarre items, if used wisely, will add pizzazz to your home. Be careful not to go overboard though, less is more when it comes to weird.

10. Opposites attract. The marriage of modern and antique can be stunning. When choosing pieces of furniture, don't stop at one style, go for the modern stainless steel and glass dining table and add the distress wood country-style chairs with it. The look will be unique, inspired and absolutely magnificent.

Remember, make your style your own. Find something you like and use that as your inspiration for your next room makeover. I know that it can be a little scary to jump in with both feet but I can guarantee this...you will have fun!

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The Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce wishes everyone a happy holiday season, and a prosperous new year!



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La Chambre de commerce de Lac-Brome vous souhaite une joyeuse période des Fêtes et une nouvelle année prospère!



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HEROES' MEMORIAL SCHOOL NEWS

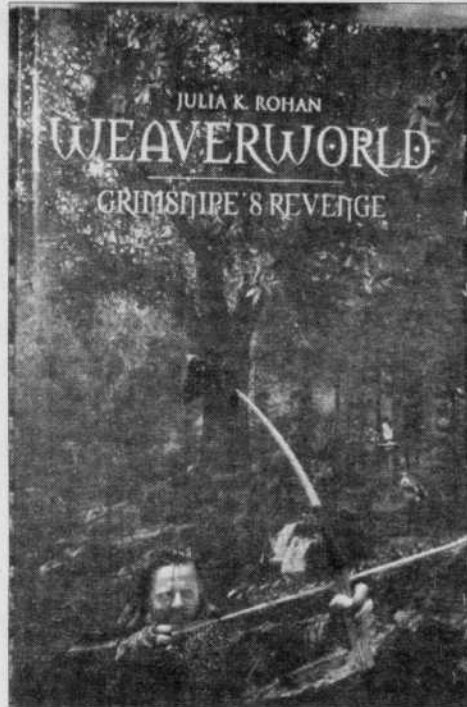
Julia Rohan weaves her magical spell at Heroes' Memorial

By Louise Smith
Heroes' Memorial

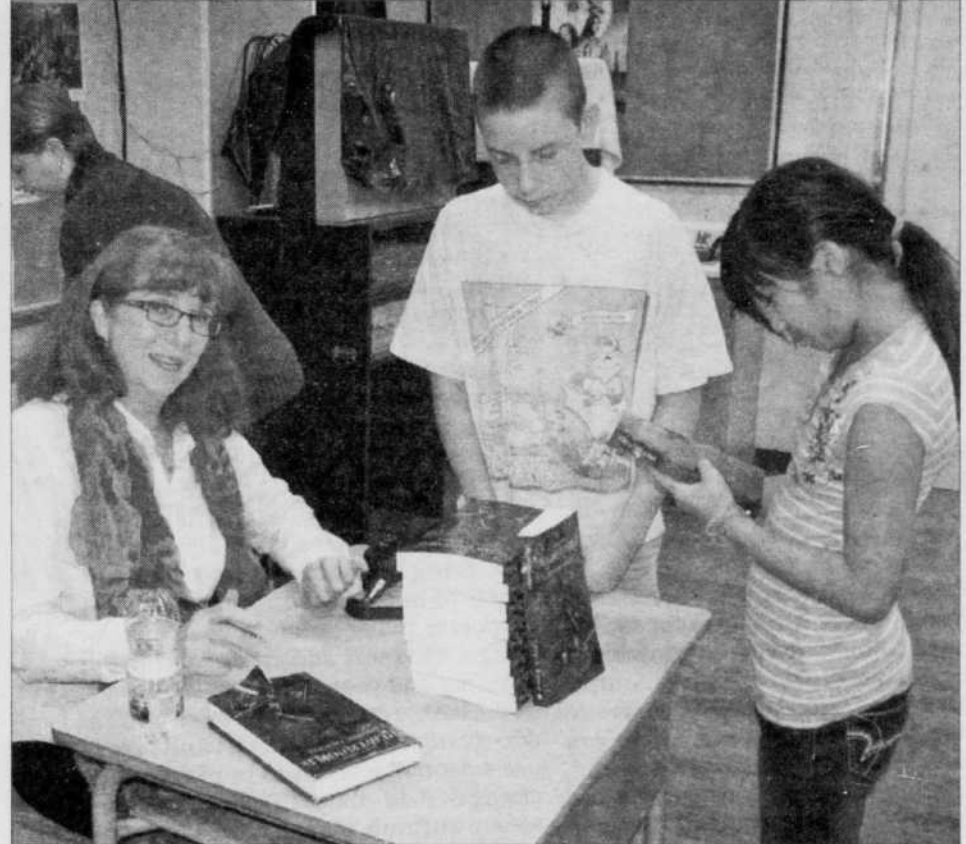
Julia Rohan, the local author of Weaverworld, a fantasy tale, spun her magic this past week when she came to speak to the students in grades 5, 6, and 7, at Heroes' Memorial. She read passages from her book and discussed the steps it takes to produce a story from conception to print.

Students were able to have personal, autographed copies of her book, but whether or not they bought books, she was able to captivate them with a reading of one of her chapters. The students were inspired to be able to write, rewrite, and rewrite again for a purpose. The questions directed to the author were impressive and insightful. Julia would like to develop a young writers' workshop in the future. Judging by the enthusiasm displayed, there are many budding writers in our area, just waiting to show their talents.

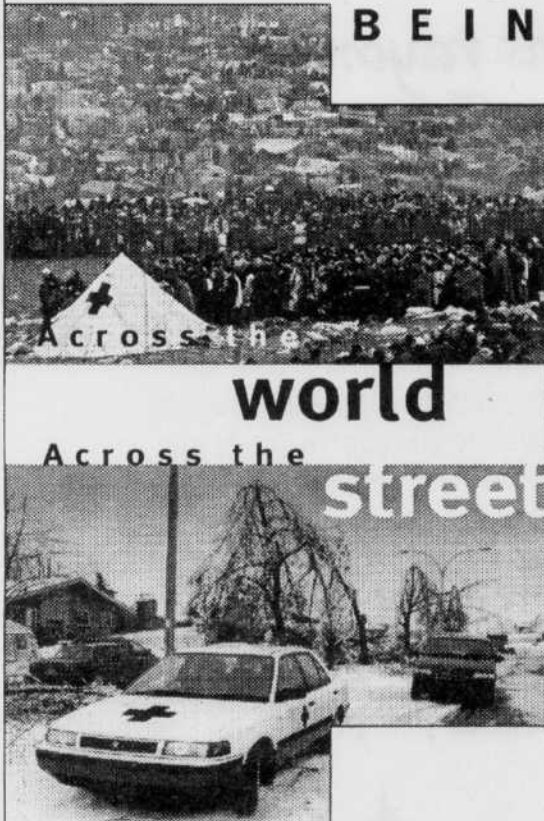
Julia has long been a promoter of authors through the Brome Bright Lights spring writing contest, sponsored by a group of Townships peo-



ple, and the Brome Lake Books store in Knowlton. It is great that she has now followed her dream of seeing her writing in print.



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The annual pre-Christmas sale at Heroes' Memorial

Bringing Christmas cheer to the community

By Louise Smith
Heroes' Memorial

On Saturday, November 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Heroes' Memorial School in Cowansville on rue Sud, is sponsoring its latest version of the pre-Christmas sale in the school gymnasium. Vendors and parents and classes will be selling various wares and baking and Christmas goodies to the community.

Grandmothers for Africa will be rais-

ing funds to sponsor grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren because of the loss of parents through disease or war.

There will be many return vendors and many new vendors to tempt the general population with their many delights.

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair on at the same time as the sale and a light lunch will be available in the staffroom. There is bound to be something for everyone!

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November 22

The film "Pink Smoke Over the Vatican" by Jules Hart will be presented at Salle Alec et Gérard Pelletier, 4C Maple, Sutton, 7:30 p.m. This award-winning documentary about the movement of women seeking ordination as Roman Catholic priests film follows the stories of several women as they recall their moments of illumination and calling to the priesthood but also the high price of getting there. Doors open at 7p.m. \$10. Discussion and questions afterward with Linda Spear, Roman Catholic priest.

Holiday soup and dessert luncheon and bake craft sale. All Saints Anglican Church, Dunham, Thursday, November 22. Lunch at noon and bake sale at 11:30 a.m. Donation: \$8. Cards to be played immediately following. Our Motto - "Everything fresh, nothing frozen." Reservations: 450-295-2349 or 450-263-3329.

November 24

Honors and awards at 7 p.m. at 120 Davignon, Cowansville.

Spaghetti supper to benefit Lori Goyette (wife of Gary Burcombe) to help pay for her cancer treatments. Royal Canadian Legion, 77 Lewis, Waterloo, Saturday, November 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. Door prizes. \$10: adult, \$5: 10 yrs. and under. Free: under 6 years.

Annual Christmas craft and bake sale at the Foyer Sutton, on November 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 50 western., Sutton. Organized by the volunteers for the residents of the Foyer. Everyone is welcome. Information: Gail 450-538-0530 or Irene 450-538-3408.

The Brome-Bolton Fish and Game Club's **annual head judging and award night** is November 24 at 7 p.m. at the Loisirs Hall, 25 Taylor, Foster. Door prizes, everyone welcome. For information 450 243-5405.

Pre-Christmas sale on Saturday, November 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Heroes' Memorial School, 317 Rue de Sud, Cowansville. Wide variety of holiday items, home baking, books, and used articles. For table rentals, please contact Louise or Lisa at 450-263-1612.

Christmas lunch and sale: Parish Hall, St. James Anglican Church, 40 rue du Pont, Bedford, Saturday, November 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sale: baked foods, nearly new, books. Admission free; lunch tickets \$6. (adult) and \$3.50 (child under 12) at Draper Assurance, Bedford, or at the door. Information 450-248-7319. Everyone is welcome!

Wayne Durrell and The Country Company at the Sutton Junction Community Hall, Saturday, November 24, 7p.m. Admission: \$5. Come early and have hot

dogs, sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks and desserts. Join us in starting the holiday season off right enjoying a fun evening listening and dancing to the music of Wayne and the band.

Christmas bazaar will be held at St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo, Saturday, November 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Luncheon of turkey and bisquits and sweets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. : \$6. A nice variety of crafts, home baking and candy will be available. Don't forget our huge silent auction which ends at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Everyone is invited to the "Caregivers Café" from from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, November 24, facilitated by Jo Ann Jones RN, to explore our communities' needs around caregiving and to share, support and seek out current, available resources. Please join us at St. Paul's Church Hall, 24 St. Paul, Knowlton.

November 25
Breakfast at the Cowansville Legion from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

November 26
Brome-Missisquoi Support Group of Prostate Cancer Canada Network will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Knowlton. There will be a DVD called "Stressing Out Over Stress" with Camille Zacharis PhD, psychologist from the Douglas Hospital. Refreshments. Everyone is welcome and will appreciate this presentation.

The Parkinson's and Peer Support Group will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, November 26 at 2 p.m. in the community centre, rue Victoria, Knowlton. The guest speaker will be Susan Laporte from OASIS Mental Health, who will give a talk on depression. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Di at 450-242-4413.

November 27
Open til 8: Ask the Expert: "Common myths about Common-Law" with guest speaker Erica Gosselin, attorney at law. 6 - 8 p.m. Free. 15 rue du Pont, Bedford 450-248-0530, avantebarb@bellnet.ca.

November 28
Avante in Farnham: Continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Free. Farnham Community Centre, 455 Yamaska East, Room 106. avantenancy@bellnet.ca.

November 28
Free iPad Session. Knowlton Academy will be offering another free iPad session on Wednesday, November 28. Beginner's is from 6:30-7:30. Intermediate and advance from 7:45-8:45. The session will be held in our computer lab and animated by Dale and Benjamin Mackenzie. Please call Knowlton Academy at 450-243-6187

to reserve your spot.

November 30
Saint Patrick's Parish (101 Principale, Granby) presents an **evening of organ and keyboards** at Saint Patrick's on Friday, November 30, 8 p.m. featuring Jean Wiedrich, organist/pianist with invited guest: Valerie Gauvin, soprano. Tickets are available: Billeterie Palace Theatre, 450-375-2262. 135 Principale, www.palacedegranby.com Monday to Friday 12:30 - 7 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Pre-sale: \$20. Telephone or internet: \$22.50 at the door: \$25.

December 1
Advent tea. Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue Principale, Cowansville, 2- 4 p.m. Come and join us as we celebrate the beginning of Advent with a cup of tea or coffee, fancy sandwiches, yummy squares, shortbread etc. and a Christmas bake sale, Christmas decorations and gift items. \$6. donation is suggested. Musical entertainment by our very own In-A-Chord Trio. Everyone welcome. Handicapped accessibility.

Two-day Christmas bazaar at Sutton Junction Community Hall, 132 Mont Echo Road, Sutton, Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Christmas decorations, unique gifts and toys, special holiday treats and homemade baked goods, the latest handbags, great winter clothes, crystal, pictures and more. Proceeds toward restoration of our heritage hall building.

December 3
Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley on at December 3 at 2 p.m. presents Christmas music by Yamaska Merry Gentlemen Ensemble and In One Accord. Place: Auberge West Brome on Route 139. Lunch reservations 1-888-902-7663. Non -members \$10. Information: 450-243-6303.

December 7
TBL Wellness Volunteer Centre invites Town of Brome Lake seniors to a **Christmas tea** at the TBL Community Centre, 270 Victoria, Friday, December 7, 2 - 4 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, favours, as well as Christmas caroling with members of the Pot Pourri choir. Transportation available if necessary. No charge. Reserve by December 3: 450-242-2020.

December 15
Children's Christmas party for 12 years and younger at the Cowansville Legion with the Township Toddlers from noon to 3 p.m. Please leave information at the Cowansville Legion by December 1, stating whether boy or girl and age of child. Welcome to all.

CHURCH SERVICES

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Sunday worship and music. Creek United, West Bolton: Regular Sunday morning service: 9 a.m. Sunday school: 9 a.m. Holy Communion every first Sunday of the month. St. Paul's United, 4929 Foster, Waterloo: Regular Sunday morning service: 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion every first Sunday of the month. Reverend David Lambie, minister. For information or to leave messages call: 450-539-2129.

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 24 St. Paul's Road, Knowlton. www.stpaulsbog.wordpress.com. A group of ordinary people seeking to follow Jesus in traditional, contemporary and modern ways. 8 a.m. Said Book of Common Prayer worship. 10 a.m. User-friendly "blended" service with traditional, contemporary and modern music and format. Sunday school. For more info: 450-242-2885. The Rev. Tim and the congregation look forward to welcoming you. St. Paul's - a dynamic, diverse community pursuing and serving Jesus in the Eastern Townships.

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Huzon GRENIER
1941-2012

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Huzon Grenier, on November 11th 2012 at the BMP Hospital in Cowansville at ht age of 71. Devoted husband, partner and friend for 45 years of Wendy Martin, loving father of Jeffrey (Nancy), Kellie (François) and Tina, dearest Pa to the loves of his life, Noah, Chase and Ethan. Predeceased by his brothers Morris and Gerald he also leaves to mourn his brothers Dalton and Larry, his nieces, nephews, other family and a great many dear friends.

Family and friends will be welcomed at

Désourdy Funeral Home
318 Knowlton Rd., Lac Brome QC
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on Thursday, November, 22nd, 2012 from 11am to 2pm followed by the funeral service from the chapel, Rev Tim Smart officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the BMP Foundation would be appreciated www.bmpfoundation.ca (forms available at the funeral home).

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Death



Micheline (Bélanger) DÉSORDY
1947-2012

At la Maison Au Diapason, on November 17, 2012 at the age of 65, passed away Micheline Bélanger, wife of Pierre Désourdy, residing in Knowlton.

She also leaves to mourn her daughters Mélanie (Jean-Marc Beausoleil), Anne-Marie (Jean-François Provost) and Catherine (Frédéric Beaudin); her grandchildren Raphaël, Louis-Félix, Arthur, Joséphine and Julien; her 6 sisters, her brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Family and friends will be welcomed on Tuesday, November 20 from 2 p.m. at Désourdy Funeral Home 318, Knowlton Rd., Knowlton/Lac Brome JOE 1V0 Tel. 450-263-1212 fax 450-263-9557 info@desourdy.ca

Funeral Service will be held on November 21 at 11 a.m. from St-Edouard Catholic Church in Knowlton. Visitation: Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 pm. to 10 p.m., Wednesday from 9 a.m.

The family wish to thank the staff of la Maison Au Diapason for their compassion and professional care given Micheline.

Donations in her memory to Au Diapason Foundation would be appreciated. Forms available at the funeral home or at www.audiapason.org

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Death

Helen R. (nee Greer) PAIGE (1917-2012)

Peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones, on November 13, 2012 at the BMP Hospital in Cowansville at the age of 95, passed away Helen Greer, loving wife of the late Frank Paige. Left to mourn are her children Joan (William), Jean, Barrie (Sylvie), Brian, Heather (Jim) and David (Elenaor), 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, other relatives and dear friends.

Family and friends were welcomed at the Désourdy Funeral Home, 318 Knowlton Road, Lac Brome QC, tel: 450-263-1212, fax: 450-263-9557 info@desourdy.ca on Friday, November 16, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday the 17th from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., followed by the funeral service from the chapel.

The family would like to thank Dr. William J. Barakett and also the staff on the 2nd floor, BMP Hospital for their compassion and the professional care given Mrs. Paige.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory to the Mansonville First Responders or the BMP Foundation would be appreciated www.bmp-foundation.ca (forms available at the funeral home).

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Death

Barbara Howard MCGIBBON May 14, 1928 to October 28, 2012

Beloved daughter of the late Roy H. McGibbon and Alice Armitage, loving sister of Robert L., Gordon A., Mary J., and J. Ian McGibbon, and caring aunt of their children and grandchildren.

Warmest thanks to Stephanie L., Debbie F., Barbara B., & Michelle J. at the Manoir Lac Brome, and friends Lisa and Jay D.

Flowers gratefully declined. Memorial donations to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital, Cowansville, QC.



In Memoriam

BURNHAM - In loving memory of a dear son, father, brother and uncle, David Wayne, who passed away on November 22, 2007.

*Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent are the tears that fall
Living life without you
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But with memories in our hearts
You'll walk with us forever.*

Lovingly missed by,
MOM AND DAD
MICHAEL (SON)
MURELYN AND FAMILY
RHONDA, PIERRE AND FAMILY
LISA, EDDY AND FAMILY

Card of Thanks

RUSSELL, Fay - We, Fay's family, would like to take this time to sincerely thank all of our family and friends for their love and support during a very difficult time. All members of our family who took part in the funeral, making it a very special farewell to our Mom. We also wish to thank all those who sent cards, food, flowers, and also those who sent donations to B.M.P. in her memory, also the many phone calls and prayers. All of which helped us to get through this difficult time. We would also like to thank all the staff at Funeral Complex on River Street in Cowansville for guiding us during this difficult time. Also for the Rev. Christine Gladu who was very kind and understanding of our needs during this difficult time.

Again our sincere thanks,
THE RUSSELL FAMILY
and her sister **AUNT JEANIE**

Fulford News

Margaret Fordham

Condolences to Joyce Coupland and family on the death of her mother, Elizabeth Chartier (nee Powell).

The Fulford Social Club is making the following donations: Brome County Historical Society, TBL First Responders, Kidney Foundation, Pettes Library, Fulford United Church, Leucan, Knowlton Academy breakfast program, Fulford Cemetery

Seasonal services at Fulford United Church concluded with the serving of communion. Later, a pot-luck luncheon was enjoyed at Fulford Hall. Rev. Tom Edmonds and organist, Susan Reininger are much appreciated.

Get-well wishes to those residents who have had mishaps, accidents or have been unwell.

Jasmine "Jazz" is the store's canine mascot and she now has a feline companion, Cally, a tuxedo cat who was abandoned in a ditch and rescued by Dylan Wright. She is no stray, but well-trained, assertive and amusingly curious.

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concern please contact the church office at 450-263-0204. The church is now accessible by elevator. Minister: Rev. Isaac Mundy Music Director: Susan Reininger. Website: emmanuelcowansville.ca

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH - DUNHAM: Sunday services and Sunday school at 10 a.m. - all welcome! The Rev. Sinpoh Han. Information: 450-295-2045.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME: First Sunday of the month service will be at Holy Trinity, Iron Hill, second Sunday of the month: Church of The Ascension, West Brome, third Sunday of the month: St. John the Evangelist, fourth Sunday of the month: St. Aidan's, Sutton Junction. All services are at 10 a.m. All welcome. Information: 450-538-4178.

ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE ST. ÉDOUARD CATHOLIC CHURCH
366 Knowlton Road, Knowlton. You are invited to participate in a bilingual Mass Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Join us after-

ward for coffee every third Sunday beginning May 23 to October 10. Christian meditation is now on Wednesday afternoons, 2 - 3 p.m. (side door) except in July and August. This is an English-speaking group, but French-speaking meditators are welcome!

TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, (The Church with a "Heart") 409 South St., Cowansville. All Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. Come and join us as we endeavor to learn and practice God's loving will. We'd love to welcome you. Reverend George Campbell and the Reverend John Serjeantson. Info: 450-955-3325 (leave message).

SUTTON - DUNHAM UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE
A joint service at 10:30 a.m. at Dunham United Church to celebrate 50 years of the work and leadership of the United Church women. This will be followed by a potluck lunch to which everyone is invited. There is no church service in Sut-

ton on this Sunday.

BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

Gathered round Christ and led in worship by Rev. Catherine Smith, we are a community that searches out God's story in daily life. We worship together as follows: First Sunday service in Bedford, second Sunday service in Stanbridge East, third Sunday service in Bedford, fourth Sunday service in Mystic, fifth Sunday service is in Philipsburg. All services are at 10 a.m. For information call (450) 248-3044.

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GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH, 52 Principale sud, Sutton, welcomes everyone for Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. All wel-

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