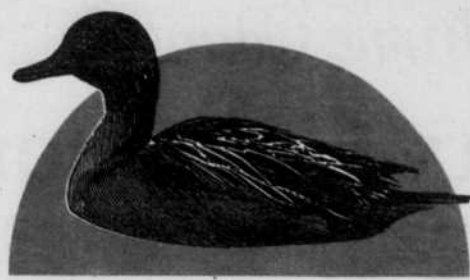


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BROME BRIEF

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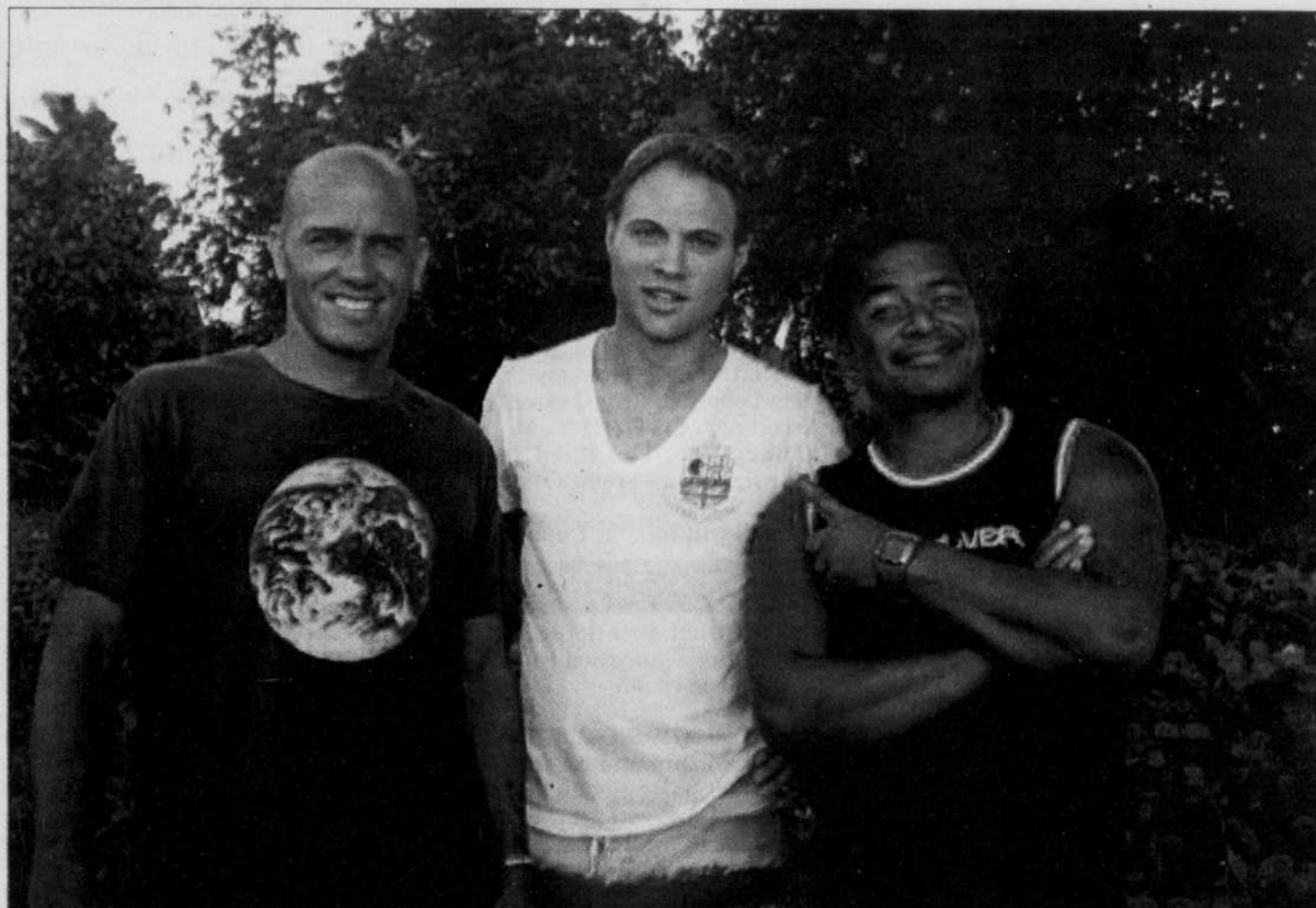
By Virginia Wilson



Over 50 residents and children showed up at the Centre des Loisirs in Foster Saturday to participate in an afternoon of free home baked pastries, hot chocolate, story telling and crafts for the whole family. Volunteers, parents, grandparents and members of Les Loisirs de Foster baked all of the pastries for the event. The children made arts and crafts and were read Christmas stories to celebrate the joy of Christmas. Juice for the event was donated by Dépanneur Foster and milk was donated by Groupe Chagnon in Waterloo. The kids were able to go outside and partake in a free sleigh ride courtesy of Rose and Westley Johnson, owners of Frost Village. Les Plantations Bernier donated a Christmas tree for the event that was decorated and will be donated to an underprivileged family. The event was a success and the group hopes to continue the event annually.

Local Photographer and Filmmaker makes National Geographic

Tahiti surfing excursion pays-off for Will Allen



COURTESY

During his travels in Tahiti, Allen (center) was able to meet pro surfer Kelly Slater (left).

By Virginia Wilson

A few months ago, local photographer and film maker Will Allen realized one of his biggest goals when he received a call from National Geographic informing him that his photograph was chosen for an article that would be published in the December - January

issue of National Geographic Adventure. The photograph was taken while shooting a 3D film in Tahiti over a three month period where he was able to meet with pro surfer, Kelly Slater. Allen has been working 6 years for IMAX and has been working as a photographer for almost 15 years.

The Townships native held his first camera at three years of age and was

part of the Photography Club at Massey-Vanier where his passion began to develop. Allen then continued on to graduate from Concordia University in 2001. Since that time, Allen has visited countries all over the world and was even granted a pass to go to the Galapagos Islands.

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Brome County Community Billboard

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 28

Silver and Gold: A Musical Variety Show Featuring local talent singing Show Tunes. Bring your out of town guests, restless college kids or skiers to a night at the Opera House at 7 p.m. Cabaret Seating, with Coffee & Tea available and light refreshments \$5 at the door.

December 31

New Year's Eve Party, Thursday, December 31, 2009, 77 Lewis St. East, Waterloo Qc., Music by Gary Darling. Door Prizes, Hot & Cold Buffet at Midnight, Dance 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Royal Canadian Legion Branch 77. Adults Only: \$16., Ticket Reservations: 450-539-0005, 450-539-2426.

New Year's Eve Dance. 8 pm. Hot and cold buffet. Music with County Line. \$15. single, \$25. Couples. Tickets are available. Please call and reserve. Sutton Legion, 2 Curley St. Info: 450-538-2210

New Year's Eve Party featuring Smokin' Country at the Royal Canadian legion, Br. 99, 120 Davignon, Cowansville, Qc..

January 1

Start the New Year off on the right foot by establishing or maintaining an active lifestyle. Join me on January 1 to run a 5km resolution run. Start will be at 9am from IGA in Sutton. For more info write me: Isabelle Papineau rick.isabelle@sympatico.ca

January 2

Mental Health & Well-being support Group Meetings held at United Church.

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January 9

Maison des Jeunes Lac-Brome Bottle drive January 9, 10-3 pm. Please help us by savings your bottles & cans over the holidays. You can also drop them at Maison des Jeunes 270 Victoria (in the back) from 6-9 pm January 5th through 8th. Help support local youth activities. More information www.mdjlacbrome.blogspot.com

January 9 - 23

Upcoming Events: Brome County Historical Society 2010 LECTURE SERIES - Jimmy Manson will give the first in a series of six lectures on January 9. The first half of the series deals with The Political and Military History of the Eastern Townships. The first lecture "A Matter of Survival: Townshippers and the Hong Kong Ordeal."

January 16: The second in the series "With a Little Help From My Friends: Hunters Lodges in Brome County and the Rebellions of 1837-38"

January 23: The third lecture "Against the Wind: Brome County and the National Policy."

Lectures will start at 1 p.m. and be

CHURCH SERVICES

held in the Old Court House at 15 St. Paul, Knowlton. (donation to help defray cost is appreciated)

CREEK/WATERLOO PASTORAL CHARGE

Sunday worship and music. Creek United, West Bolton: 9:00 a.m. Brill Road, St. Paul's, 4929 Foster, Waterloo. Our combined Christmas service with Waterloo St. Paul's United Church will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 with a family service at 7 p.m. Waterloo. David Lambie, minister. For information or to leave messages call: 450-539-2129. Everyone is welcome.

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KNOWLTON-MOUNTAIN VALLEY PASTORAL CHARGE

Worship and song with Rev. Ryk Allen officiating.

Mansenville United - 9 a.m. - 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays.

Bolton Centre United - No service until Easter

Knowlton United, 234 Knowlton Road - Christmas Eve Service: 6:30 p.m.: Instrumental music and Carols. 7 p.m.: Service begins. Special invited guests will be the Schartner family and Kerr-Barr families. (handicap access). Please note: On Sunday, December 27 there will be no service at Knowlton United.

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

"Soul food for open hearts and minds." 203, rue Principale, Cowansville. Faith community in action. Worship service and Sunday School both start at 10:30 a.m. All children are welcome! Rev. Wendy MacLean. Susan Reininger, Music Director. Info: 450-263-0204. For Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, 2009 at Emmanuel United Church: Christmas Eve Candlelight and Family Service. Come hear the ancient story and sing carols to welcome the birth of Christ! 6:45 p.m.: Carol Singing. 7p.m.: Family Worship Service.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH-DUNHAM

Sunday Services and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. - all welcome! The Rev. Sinpoh Han. Information: 450-266-0392. Christmas Eve - Celebration of Holy Communion (BCP) at 9:30 p.m. All Welcome!

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME

Thursday, December 24: 7 p.m. - Church of the Ascension, West Brome. Christmas Eve - Holy Communion - The Rev. Allan Gault. Sunday, Dec. 27 -

There will be no service in the Parish of Brome.

EGLISE CATHOLIQUE ST. EDOUARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

366 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton. Vous êtes invités à participer à une messe bilingue tous les dimanches à 10h30. You are invited to participate in a bilingual mass every Sunday at 10h30.

TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

409 South St., Cowansville. Join us for Sunday Worship. One service only at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Info: 450-263-2662.

SUTTON-DUNHAM UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

A warm welcome awaits you and your children at a bilingual Christmas Eve Service of song, scriptures and children's time at Calvary United Church in Sutton at 7 p.m. on December 24. (Please note: Dunham United Church and Calvary United Church in Sutton will be closed on December 27. See you in 2010.) Information: 450-538-0530.

BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

December 13 - Stanbridge East: 10 a.m.

Dec. 20 - Mystic: 10 a.m.

Dec. 20 - Phillipsburg: 7 p.m.

Dec. 23 - Stanbridge East: 7:30 p.m.

(Candlelight Service)

Dec. 24 - Bedford: 7:30 p.m.

(Christmas Eve Service)

Reverend Catherine Smith

officiating

December 27- services are cancelled..

GRANBY UNITED CHURCH

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GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

52 Principale sud, Sutton, welcomes everyone for Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Christmas Day Service, December 25 at 10:30 a.m. All welcome! Canon Tim Smart, Rector. Info: 450-538-8108.

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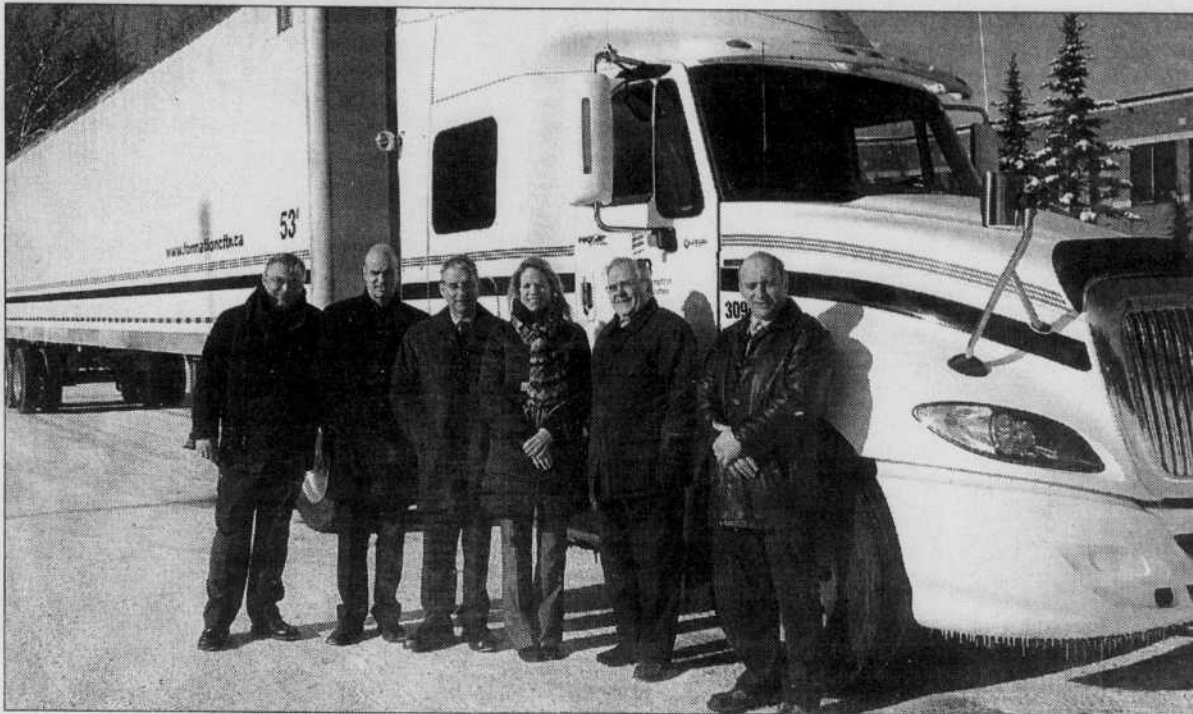
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CFTR Expands Fleet at Brome-Missisquoi Campus



VIRGINIA WILSON

The new International Truck and Trailer for the Truck Transportation DEP at the Brome-Missisquoi Campus with (from left to right) Dominique L'Ecuyer, Associate Director CFTR, Sebastien Roy, Associate Director CFTR, Bernard Boule, Director CFTR, Paule-Andree Bouvier, Director Brome-Missisquoi Campus, Michael Murray, Chairman of the Eastern Township School Board, Pierre Bruneau, Associate Director of the Brome-Missisquoi Campus.

By Virginia Wilson

The CFTR (Centre de Formation du Transport Routier), in collaboration with the Eastern Townships School Board, Commission Scolaire Val-des-Cerfs, the Ministry of Education and Emploi Quebec, was pleased to announce the addition of a new 2010 International truck with a 53' tandem trailer to the fleet being used by students of the Brome-Missisquoi Adult Education and Vocational Training Campus in Cowansville.

The CFTR, which is part of the Commission Scolaire de la Rivière-du-Nord, began offering the Professional Educa-

tional Diploma in Truck Transportation in Cowansville in 2003.

The Director of the CFTR, Bernard Boulé, said "We are very happy with the eight trucks and trailers which we are able to add to the six points of operation, one of which is the Cowansville Campus where there was a demand."

Michael Murray, the Chairman of the Eastern Township School Board said, "It is great that both French and English students have the same opportunities and are able to take advantage of the continuing education programs offered beneath one roof."

The bilingual courses and the equal opportunity to both the French and English School boards are unique to Massey-

Vanier High School, as well as, the Brome-Missisquoi Campus. The Associated Director, Sébastien Roy, confirmed that there is a list of transportation companies looking for truck drivers. Emploi-Quebec provides 70 per cent of the CFTR clientele and also offers special financial assistance to students eligible to partake in the program. The placement of students who graduate from the transportation course is almost guaranteed and the 615 hour DEP costs the student approximately \$128 for the entire course. The students at CFTR get complete training and hands on experience. Three hundred students have graduated from the course since 2003. Roy adds, "If you are looking for work, it is what you will get." There are currently 24 students enrolled in the program and six teachers available to guide them through the complete training. Boulé was pleased to announce that three of the six instructors are women and hopes it reminds the population that truck

driving is an equal opportunity career and gender is irrelevant. For people interested in completing the Truck Transportation Program they can contact the Brome-Missisquoi Campus at (450) 263-7901 Ext: 71001. For information on financial assistance to complete a continuing education program please contact Emploi Quebec at: 1-888-643-4721 or by going to your local Centre D'Emploi.

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December 29th, 2009

Be advised that during the fireworks on December 29th, Lakeside Road between Knowlton Road and Victoria Street will be closed from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the duration of the fireworks.

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Artist in National Geographic

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He covers a wide range of photography and film including adventure photography, expedition, commercial, fashion, product and documentary pieces.

Allen, who is also part owner of the Burgundy Lion pub in Montreal, is presently working on wrapping up a two year film project about aviation and is in Seattle taking some final photographs of the Boeing 787, which finally took its first flight on December 16, 2009. Allen says "I am doing exactly what I have always wanted to do." The funny thing, he explained, is that his name has appeared in National Geographic for years since he shares the name William L. Allen with the magazine's Editor and Chief. Allen hopes to be home in his bed in the country to celebrate the New Year. To view some of Allen's photographs visit his website at: www.willallenphoto.com.

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Good News at Christmas?

With all the sad news about churches, it is time to hear some Good News at Christmas.

St. Paul's Knowlton is celebrating Christmas in some unique ways this year.

"The message of Christmas is Good News that the God of the Universe has come to us and to all people in the person of Jesus, to meet us where we are and to draw us Him" says Rev. Tim Wiebe. "In the Christmas story we see the very poor shepherds and the very rich wise men. We see the powerful king and the little drummer boy, all coming and being changed by seeing

the power of God. St Paul's tries to be in that business as well, the business of helping people meet the Jesus who came to meet them. There is something for everyone."

This Christmas season the Knowlton Academy choir, under the direction of Sara Creighton-Wiebe, has already come by for a visit during the annual Chrismon, Christmas tree decorating service. A representative of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, the Rev. Lynn Ross has also come to inform the church about that aid agency's work throughout the world.

On Tuesday December 22 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Quiet Christmas service.

This service is called various things, A "Longest Night" service or a "Blue Christmas" service. This is a service for those who find Christmas difficult for one reason or another. People who have lost loved

ones, people who have experienced a loss of a relationship or the loss of a job and for whom Christmas with its noise and glitter does not match their mood. This service acknowledges that reality and we light a candle acknowledging the loss as well as seek hope for the future. This year Shirley Spencer and Arnee Davis will present some appropriate music as well.

"Christmas Eve is a great time for us," says Rev. Wiebe. "At 4:00 we have our Family Christmas service. It is a fun service I affectionately call "Christmas chaos. It is important that we include children's joy and





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The Nativity: Keeping the real meaning of Christmas alive

enthusiasm at Christmas.

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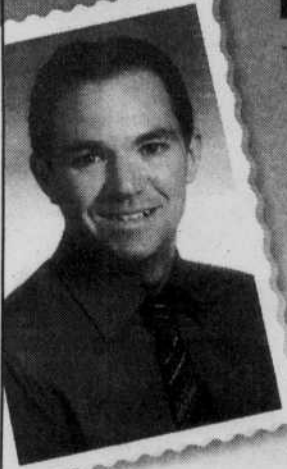


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Francis Dorion
Assistant Director - MRC

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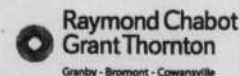
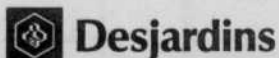


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MABLE HASTINGS

Judy Ball and some friends of the Missisquoi North Youth Centre

when I make a mistake," she laughs. "I would encourage others to volunteer with groups like this one," she added. Thursdays Ken Jones program offers respite for families and provides the clients with a fun day out with friends. Animators Lois Turcotte, Lois Anderson and Christine Brulotte-Ruiz are on hand to aid the group and prepare fun activities that include: crafts, movies, music, sports, outings and more...

The respite program is housed in the Ken Jones Centre located in the Missisquoi North Youth Centre building at 282 Main Street in Mansonville. Anyone interested in having more information about the Ken Jones Respite Program is encouraged to contact the Volunteer Centre at 450-292-3114 or the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886.

Also operating from the Youth Centre building, Monday to Wednesday with a variety of activities and projects of its own, is the Dixville Program for persons with disabilities animated by Julie Paradis. If you would like more information regarding this program, contact Julie (Monday to Wednesday) at the Youth Centre number above.



The Festive period is memorable for the intense feeling of joy that it brings to ours hearts.

There are no words to describe the beauty of ours traditions.

On behalf of my personnel, my family and myself, I wish that this time of festivities will be, for the citizens, the beginning of a year of peace, prosperity and happiness.

Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year

Pierre Paradis
Deputy of Brome-Missisquoi



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

Participants from the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre, Ken Jones Respite program for persons with disabilities welcomed Rev Judith Ball, vocational Deacon from St. Paul's Anglican Church in Mansonville on Thursday, December 17. Over the past few months, Judy has been coming to the Centre to share bi weekly spiritual services with the clients. This week, she prepared a Christmas Service complete

with stories and carols to celebrate the holiday season.

"I like to come to the Centre every couple of weeks with a service designed especially for the group," explained Judith Ball. "I bring the service to the participants and I feel I am able to share the presence of Christ with them when some might not have had the opportunity otherwise."

Judy explains that she gets as much from doing the program as she hopes the participants get from attending it. "I get to practice my public speaking and they are a very forgiving group

Church bell rings 350 times



VIRGINIA WILSON

The United Church in Knowlton

By Virginia Wilson

Sunday, December 13 local shops and the Town Hall in Knowlton were advised that the United Church would be ringing its church bell 350 times to show their support for Ottawa to take stronger action against climate change at the Copenhagen Summit. At 3 p.m. over 250 churches across the nation joined in ringing their church bells 350

times symbolizing the safe level of greenhouse gas emissions of 350 parts per million in the atmosphere. Presently the atmosphere has between 385 and 390 parts per million which is above the safe level determined by experts. Minister Ryk Allen and his congregation joined together and rang the bell 350 times in 13 minutes. Over 160 leaders of different faiths across Canada signed the declaration that calls greenhouse gas emissions the greatest threat to global peace and prosperity. Jen Lancaster, a member of the United Church in Knowlton says, "The United Church's new creed calls onto people to live with respect and consideration for creation." The United Church wanted to raise awareness and show their support for the environment and fight against global warming. The religious leaders involved in the event would like to see Prime Minister Stephen Harper drastically reduce green house emissions before it's too late.

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Happy 100th Birthday Mary Safford

By Virginia Wilson

Loyal Sherbrooke Record reader, Mary Safford, will be turning 100 years old on December 31 of this year. Safford, born in 1909, is currently residing at the Maison Meloir in Cowansville, where she confirms she is receiving good care. When asked her biggest accomplishments, Safford says "I worked hard for over 40 years and I was able to keep my (driver's) license until 1994, which I think is quite impressive." Safford's key to living a long and healthy life is to keep busy and that was her advice

for the next generations. "Keep busy and work hard. Keep your mind occupied so you don't lose it," she says. Her daily activities at the retirement home include knitting, reading the Record daily and enjoying the view of Main St. from the sitting room. Safford received a certificate from Meals on Wheels for her 15 years of volunteering and also mentioned that, while she was able, she helped out at the Trinity Anglican Church on South Street in Cowansville. Safford grew up with her family in Sutton Junction, moved to Montreal and moved back to the area in 1975. She lived with her sister for a few years in Cowansville until she passed away and moved into the Maison Meloir in 2005 when it first opened. Safford has no children and never married and refers to herself as an old maid, but her energy is still very apparent and so is her smile.



VIRGINIA WILSON

Mary Safford will celebrate her 100th birthday on Dec. 31

Career

Haut-Saint-Laurent Health and Social Services Centre

The Haut-Saint-Laurent Health and Social Services Centre (HSSC), consisting of a CLSC (Huntingdon CLSC), a hospital (Barrie Memorial Hospital in Ormstown) and two residential and long-term care centres (Huntingdon Residential and Long-Term Care Centre and Ormstown Residential and Long-Term Care Centre), is situated on the Haut-Saint-Laurent MRC territory, in the southwestern region of the province. It dispenses health services and community social services to the entire population. The institution, having been designated bilingual in accordance with the French Language Charter, offers services to the francophone and anglophone population of the territory.

Executive Director

CHALLENGES:

- To maintain, develop and reposition the institution's offer of services, with a view to retaining a greater number of its territory's clientele;
- To make the technical plateau available to clientele on waiting lists in neighbouring HSSCs, especially with regard to surgery, hospitalization, screening and diagnosis, in order to better meet the needs of the population;
- To pursue efforts to achieve the priorities chosen in the context of the clinical project;
- To proceed with the implementation of the concept of "an HSSC promoter of good health".

PROFILE SOUGHT:

A candidate known for his or her:

- Achievements demonstrating a solid expertise in managing change;
- Capacity for rallying players around a strategic vision;
- Ability to summon participation and adherence to the organizational objectives of the institution;
- Spirit of decision-making and regard for effectiveness and management based on results.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Postgraduate university degree, preferably in Administration;
- 10 years of management experience, at least 5 of which are in upper-level management within the health and social services network (exceptional experience in management may compensate for the lack of a postgraduate degree);
- Practical knowledge of English.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Working conditions and remuneration are in keeping with policies applicable to administrators in the health and social services sector (class 22).

Interested parties must forward their curriculum vitae, before 5:00 p.m., January 5, 2010, to the following address:

Chairman of the Selection Committee
Position of "Executive Director of the Haut-Saint-Laurent HSSC"
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Good News at Christmas

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Someone once said, 'if my children felt as free in church as the kids do now, they might still be in church.' The church service has traditional Christmas carols as well as some newer Christmas songs. They have a praise group that includes keyboards, guitar, bass and drums. "We even have a visit from Santa Claus as he passes by on his Christmas run."

At 9:00 is a quieter, more traditional service. "This used to be our Midnight Mass but as people have matured, midnight seems to get later and later, so we are trying this service at 9:00 this year."

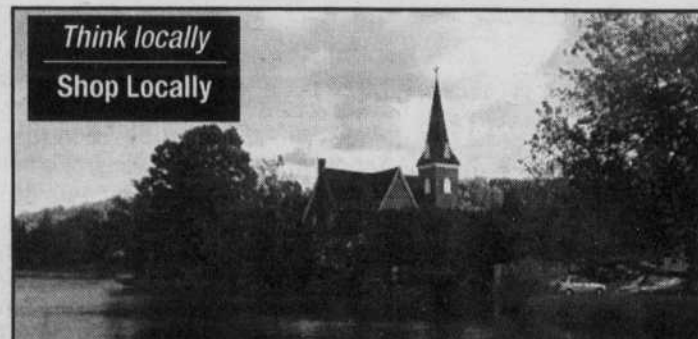
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chamber of Commerce upcoming events:

December 23

Polar Express - French movie at 10 a.m. and English movie at 2 p.m. at Centre Lac-Brome, 270 Victoria. Price is \$5 per person. There will be popcorn or juice for \$1. For info: (450)242-2020.

Christmas Lunch - At 11:30 a.m. Menu: glass of wine, soup, meat pie, turkey, stuffing, potatoes, beets, homemade ketchup, dessert and tea or coffee. \$20 taxes and service included. Door prizes and cozy ambiance! Tickets on sale at the restaurant. Welcome all! Resto O'sunrize, 1076 Knowlton Rd. in West-Brome, (450) 263-5063

December 24

Christmas Dinner - At 5 p.m. Menu: glass of wine, soup, meat pie, turkey, stuffing, potatoes, beets, homemade ketchup, dessert and tea or coffee. \$20 taxes and service included. Door prizes and cozy ambiance! Tickets on sale at the restaurant. Welcome all! Resto O'sunrize, 1076 Knowlton Rd. in West-Brome : (450) 263-5063

December 27

Holiday Brunch at Symphony No 7 - Denise and Germain open their B&B for brunch at 11 a.m. 25\$ taxes included. For reservation call (450) 242-1277. Located on 7 Maple St. in Knowlton.

December 29

The winter sky over our snow covered village will explode with a spectacular **fireworks display** in Coldbrook Park at 6 pm. Come to Knowlton and experience the magic! In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed to the following day. 1-877-242-2870

Bulletins

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Sutton. Pastor Alex Lobach and the congregation welcome all to worship with us each Sunday at 11 a.m. Mid-week youth group and Bible Study. Tel: 450-538-5225.

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Thursday, December 24 at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve: Readings, carols, Holy Communion. All welcome to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

FULFORD UNITED CHURCH

The Christmas Eve Service at Fulford United Church will take place starting at 7 p.m. The presentation will include participants from toddlers to teenagers. Following the service, Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Everyone is welcome. Happy Holidays!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

for the Parishes of Frelighsburg, Stanbridge East and Pigeon Hill Anglican Churches on Thursday, December 24:

St. James the Less, Pigeon Hill - 6 p.m.
Bishop Stewart Memorial, Frelighsburg - 8 p.m.

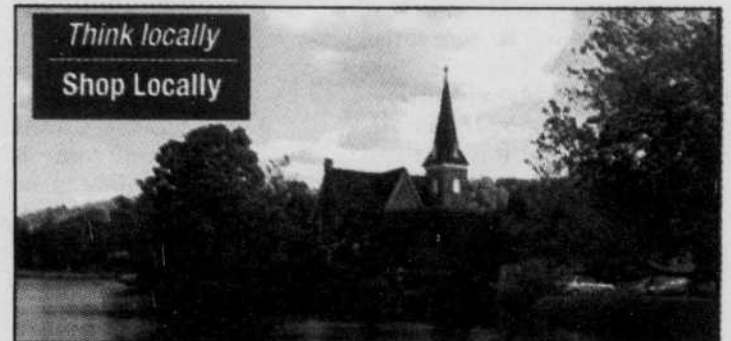
St. James the Apostle, Stanbridge East - 10 p.m.

The Reverend William T. Blizard, officiating. Everyone welcome. Unfortunately, there will be no service on Christmas Day. Info: 450-248-1145 or 450-248-4230



VIRGINIA WILSON

With the local car wash shut in Knowlton, a lot of residents are wondering where they can wash their vehicles. The car wash at Depanneur Foster is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. It costs two dollars to start the car wash and customers have to wash their vehicles themselves. For the no-contact car wash, locals will be obliged to go to Cowansville or Waterloo. The Knowlton car wash is scheduled to re-open in March 2010.



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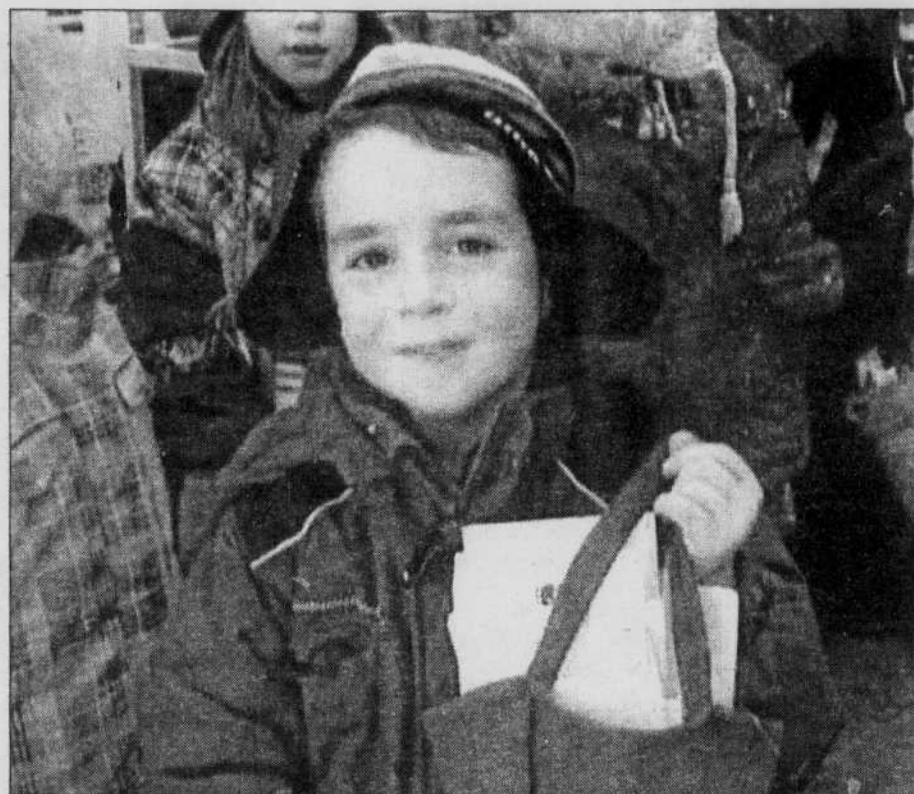
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WINTER IS HERE!

By Sawyer White
Knowlton Academy
Grade 6

Look it's snowing!
With out knowing
We are less and less free.
Don't you see!
The snow is too high!
It comes to my thigh!
We are struggling
And juggling
Through the snow
Oh I wish I were a crow!
This is so tiring
I keep trying
To get over there
It's not fair
Why do I have to be small
Every one else is so tall
It's easy for them
I snap like a stem
The snow too heavy
It's making its own levee.
Look a the blizzard
This could be a hazard
Could the power go out?
That's what it is all about
You know

Look, more snow
How it covers the ground
I love the sound
When my foot connects with it.
You fall down and snow is down
your mitt.
You laugh all the time
Could that be a crime?
Go ahead have some fun
Come back in when you are done
Build a fort
You could have a court
Where justice is served
You got what you deserved
Now sit by the fire
Fulfill your desire
Open your gifts
Could Santa be a myth?
Where did these come from?
For sure not your mom!
That will be silly!
His name could be Billy?
Of course not!
Its Saint Nicholas
He is never sick of us!
He has been around for 200 years
So say "Cheers"
Drink some Fanta
I believe in Santa.

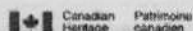


COURTESY

Grade 1 from Knowlton Academy, came to see LeaAnn at the Post Office in Knowlton last Thursday, December 3 - mailing their letters to Santa and enjoying chocolate-chip cookies from Mrs. Claus's kitchen. Pictured, Abraham Fraser who picked up the letters for Santa.

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:00	Music						
7:00							
8:00						Children's Corner	Children's Corner*
9:00	Community Bulletin Board/Music					Network Europe	Mos Albums Classiques
10:00	Music					Around Town	
11:00						Marie & Lucie	A Classical Time
12:00						Bobcat Sessions	
13:00	Community Bulletin Board/Music						
14:00	Music						
15:00							Ask the Pastor
16:00							The Outsider*
17:00	Around Town*	Marie & Lucie*	Around Town*	Marie & Lucie*	Young Blood	Showtime	Veronica's Picks
18:00	Community Bulletin Board/Music						
	Penalty Box		Penalty Box*				
19:00	Dufur Mtn Bluegrass	Let's Talk Jazz*	Mostly Canadian Un-played*	Bobcat Sessions	Burning Bush from the Hall of Flame	The Outsider	Young Blood
20:00	Mostly Canadian Un-played*			Ask the Pastor*		Let's Talk Jazz	It's on the Record
21:00		Burning Bush from the Hall of Flame*	Dufur Mtn Bluegrass*	It's on the Record*	Veronica's Picks*		
22:00	The Ivan Hour*		A Classical Time*		Mos Albums Classiques*	The Ivan Hour	DJ Blues
23:00		DJ Blues*		Poetry and Transcendence			Showtime*
Overnight	Music						

* Denotes repeat program in the same week

"Are some allowed to disregard the rules?"

Dear Editor,

I recently visited the clinic in Knowlton and found what I see as a shocking failure in their priorities. All people are required to wash their hands on entry. Extreme attention is being paid to cleanliness, or is there? They say that this is a mandatory procedure that seems reasonable considering we are in an extremely dangerous flu season. As I entered there was a dog running around the waiting room spreading canine feces and dog hair throughout the clinic. Why are there dogs allowed in the clinic? If they are taking such precautions with the human population, why on earth would a dog be allowed to roam about making contact with everyone in the clinic? You should be able to go to the clinic without worrying about dog hair and feces. Are there not signs that say there are no pets allowed? Do you bring your dog to the hospital or the dentist or even the grocery store? Of course not. Why at the clinic? Could it be that there is a double standard? Are some of the more privileged allowed to bring their dogs to the clinic? If so, why? And if not, why is this tolerated? Are some allowed to disregard the rules? Are we allowed to bring dogs to the clinic? If not, why is it OK for a select few? It's not the first time that Knowlton has used a double standard. Taking so much care to keep the people from spreading germs and letting a dog run loose in the clinic seems like an extreme breach in health care procedure.

GARY BROWN,
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APPLICATION FOR
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An application for a minor exception will be heard at the regular council meeting of **Monday, January 11th**, at 7:00 pm, at Buchanan Hall of Centre Lac-Brome, 270 Victoria, Town of Brome Lake.

Persons interested by this application are invited to attend this meeting and communicate their observations.

Application no. 212

79, Fisher's Point Road, lots 1384-8-P and 1384-9-P, zone UV-6, Foster sector.

Nature and effects of the application:

Request to allow the subdivision of a piece of land of 553.7 sq.m. instead of 2000 sq.m. minimum and a lateral margin of 0,91 m instead of 2,4 m minimum.

Given at Brome Lake
This 23rd day of December, 2009.

Mtre Alain Roy, M.A., LL.B.
Town Clerk



VILLE DE LAC-BROME
TOWN OF BROME LAKE

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATIONS FOR A
DEMOLITION PERMITS

An application for a demolition permit will be heard at the public meeting of the Demolition Committee on Monday, January 11th, 2010 at 6:45 pm, at Centre Lac-Brome, 270 Victoria, Brome Lake.

A person wishing to oppose the demolition must do so by writing to the clerk, giving the reasons for objecting, within 10 days of the present publication.

Application no. 14:

Single family dwelling located at 224, Mont-Echo Road on lot nos. 1309 and 1306-P, zone RF-12, East Hill sector.

Owner: Nancy Nicol

Use: single-family dwelling.

Given at Brome Lake
This 23rd day of December, 2009

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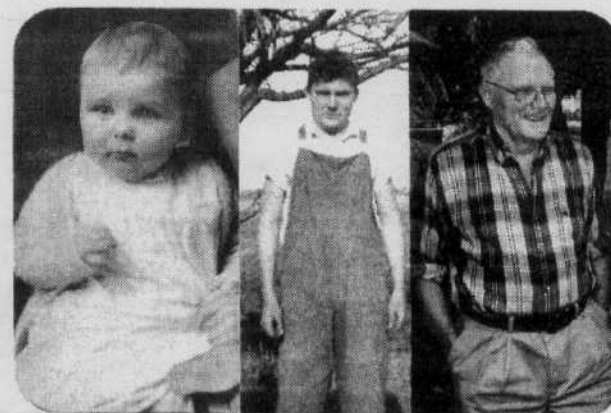
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Her life performance has come to an end
For this courageous and dignified wise woman
Who has already carried the grief of her years
I can see her still in her armchair
Where she spent most of her days.

On her parchment skin
We could read the lifeless turmoil
Of a drawn out defeat and eternal longing

For her only escape
Was to watch the pendulum, which forced
The minutes to pass into years

The stars will accompany her
out of her darkness
To her final trip into eternity
She will be an angel in the sky of our souls

A song rises to my ears
Coming from her heart, played by her memories
For a farewell concert to the senses of eternity

And now
We cannot count on anything but our memories
Or if not, then our imagination, to recreate what was
HER LIFE

HOMMAGE

Le rideau est baissé
Le spectacle est terminé
Pour cette courageuse et digne vieillarde
Qui portait déjà le deuil de sa Vie
Je la vois encore, assise dans ce fauteuil,
Où s'égrenait l'essentiel de ses journées.

Sur sa peau parcheminée,
On pouvait y lire le remoult terne
D'une longue défaite et d'un ennui éternel

Elle avait pour seule échappatoire
Un regard vers la pendule qui a force
De minutes, finirait bien par faire passer
Les années.

Un peu de lumière l'accompagnera
Sûrement hors de son néant
Vers son voyage dans les parcelles de l'éternité

Elle ne sera plus qu'un ange
Dans dans le ciel de notre âme
Une mélodie monte à mes oreilles
Venue de son cœur, joué par ses souvenirs
Pour un concert d'adieu aux senteurs d'éternité

Nous ne pourrons plus compter que
sur nos propres souvenirs
Où a défaut, sur notre imagination
pour reconstituer ce que fut sa vie.

HARVEY, Kevin - This year makes ten
Christmases of not having you with us.
*Our family is just not the same,
So many changes we've had to adapt to,
The hurt of losing you
Was the hardest of all.*
We miss you and love you, forever and ever.

MOM, DAD
and MARK (brother)

Death

BOYCE, Mable (Kirby) - Beloved wife of the late Harold Boyce, passed away at the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital on December 20, 2009 at the age of 94. She leaves to mourn Winston (Joan), Donna, Nancy (Iain), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, five sisters, two brothers and numerous nieces and nephews as well as many friends. Visitation will be at the Desourdy Funeral Home on Main Street in Sutton on Tuesday, December 22, from 2-4 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. Also on December 23 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Services will be at Calvary United Church, Sutton at 2 p.m. on December 23. Interment at Union Cemetery in South Bolton. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Brome Missisquoi Perkins Hospital or the Union Cemetery would be appreciated.

Military Whist night at the I.O.O.F. hall, Knowlton

Tuesday night's game at the hall was preceded with a delicious ham and turkey supper with all the trimmings which was enjoyed and appreciated by all of us. The workers did an excellent job of cooking and serving the meal. After the meal, the card players took their places at their tables ready to play "Whist".

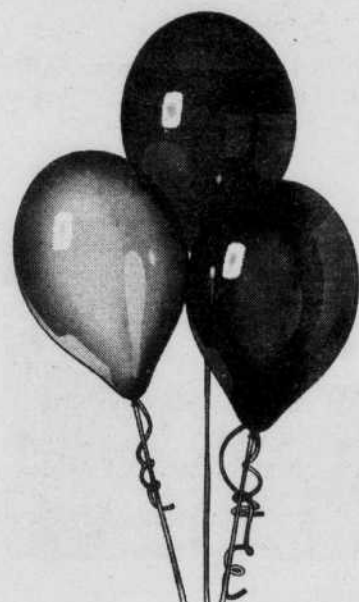
There were 15 tables all ready to play (while others were washing the dishes) There were no winners or losers at this game. There were prizes for everyone but I'll let you in on a secret. Table #10 had 44 points and table #1 had 17 points. Now you can figure it out.

As the gifts were given, each one had to wait until the end, and open them all together. We had lots of fun and Larry and Eugene and all the others were to be commended for all the work that was done before and after the party.

After the game was over we were served the dessert from the supper, yummy apple and lemon pie. (Maybe we can have another party at New Years?) Those who weren't able to come missed a good time. Maybe next year.

Thanks again to you all, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Edna Badger



100th Birthday wishes

Miss Mary Safford is celebrating her 100th Birthday on December 31, 2009.

Mary is in fairly good health and is able to go for short walks outside with her walker.

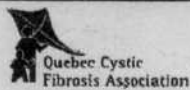
Best wishes can be sent to
Miss Mary Safford
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Her family and friends wish her
a very Happy Birthday.

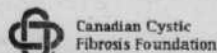
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Let There Be Peace On Earth ...

Every year this little church on Brill Road has a marvelous service that brings people together from all over Knowlton and beyond to hear the choir sing, musicians play and readers read. As usual, some the soloists were "from away" and had returned home for the holidays and to sing and read in their favorite church. What a festive homecoming the afternoon became. You can imagine how everyone would sing! This year the choir crowded the altar with old and new friends. The sanctuary was standing room only.

The Allen family on Brill Road as always seemed to be everywhere. Meagan read a very touching story about 'the crippled lamb who was one of the first to greet Jesus at his birth. Meagan's mother Margo read one of the lessons and Meagan's sister Heater Webster and her partner Chris Nicotera played and sang together *O Little Tqwn of Bethlehem*. Chris played his harp for a solo of *Silent Night*. After the robust singing of the choir this peaceful musical interlude was very moving.

John Barr the regular organist played for everyone and his wife Laura directed the choir. How blessed the

Creek United Church is to have such talented people including their son Nicholas Kerr Barr who played trumpet sans faut.

Special solos were sung by David Lambie the current minister, *Mary Did You Know*, and Burn Purdon the retired minister of the Creek, *Were You There?*

The readers were Kathy Brault, Don Seaman, Don Davison, Margot Allen and May Banks.

The choir opened the service by singing with the congregation. O Come all ye faithful; ..., later they sang an anthem A Gift For Eevery Child, then they sang in support of Burn Purdon's solo *Were You There* and David Lambe's solo *Mary Did You Know?*

Notwithstanding the joy of all the other Christmas hymns, the highlight of the afternoon was the singing of the choir and the congregation ...

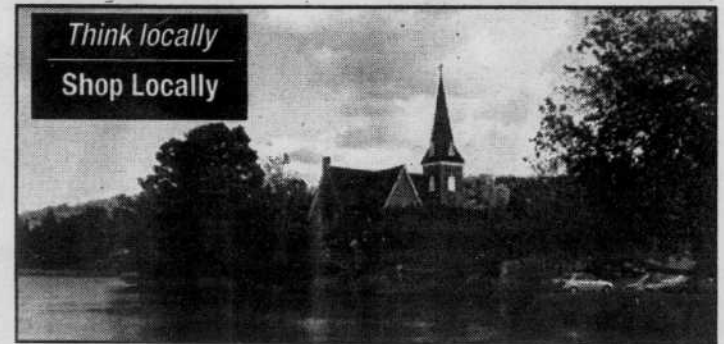
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be ...

Tea, coffee and Christmas goodies followed to give warmth to everyone as they traveled home along Brill Road in the

middle of a huge snowstorm. Ahh Christmas, what else?



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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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REGULAR SERVICES AND SCHEDULE AT ALL CLSC'S ON DECEMBER 29 AND 30

SERVICES OFFERED DURING HOLIDAYS	CLSC IN BEDFORD 450 248-4321	CLSC IN COWANSVILLE 450 266-4342, #4	CLSC IN FARNHAM 450 293-3622	CLSC IN SUTTON 450 266-4342, #4	CLSC IN LAC-BROME 450 242-2001
Blood tests	8 to 9:30 a.m. December 24 and 31	7:30 to 9:30 a.m. December 24 and 31	8 to 9:30 a.m. December 24 and 31	8 to 9:30 a.m. December 24 and 31	8 to 9 a.m. December 31
Nursing care by appointment only	8 to 11:30 a.m. December 24 and 31	8 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 24 to 28 incl., December 31 and January 1 to 4 incl.	8 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 24, 26, 28 and 31, January 3	10 to 11:30 a.m. December 24 and 31	10 to 11:20 a.m. December 31
Take an appointment at your CLSC	2 to 4 p.m. December 27, January 2 and 4				
Walk-in clinic (minor emergencies)	8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. December 27, January 2 and 4	N/A	8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. December 24, 26, 28 and 31, January 3	Psychosocial intake service 450 266-4342, option 4 8 a.m. to noon = 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Regular service: December 24, 29, 30 and 31.	
Radiology without appointment	8 a.m. to noon December 24 and 31	N/A	8 a.m. to noon December 24 and 31	For psychosocial assistance after regular hours and on week-ends, call INFO-SANTÉ 811 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	
Electrocardiograms without appointment	N/A	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. December 24 and 31	N/A		

At the BMP Hospital, from December 19, 2009 to January 4, 2010 inclusively:
Only **emergency cases** will be admitted. Departments such as laboratory, radiology, physiotherapy, inhalation therapy and others will provide emergency services only.

All CLSCs and the BMP Hospital will return to their regular schedule on Tuesday, January 5th, 2010.

BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

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