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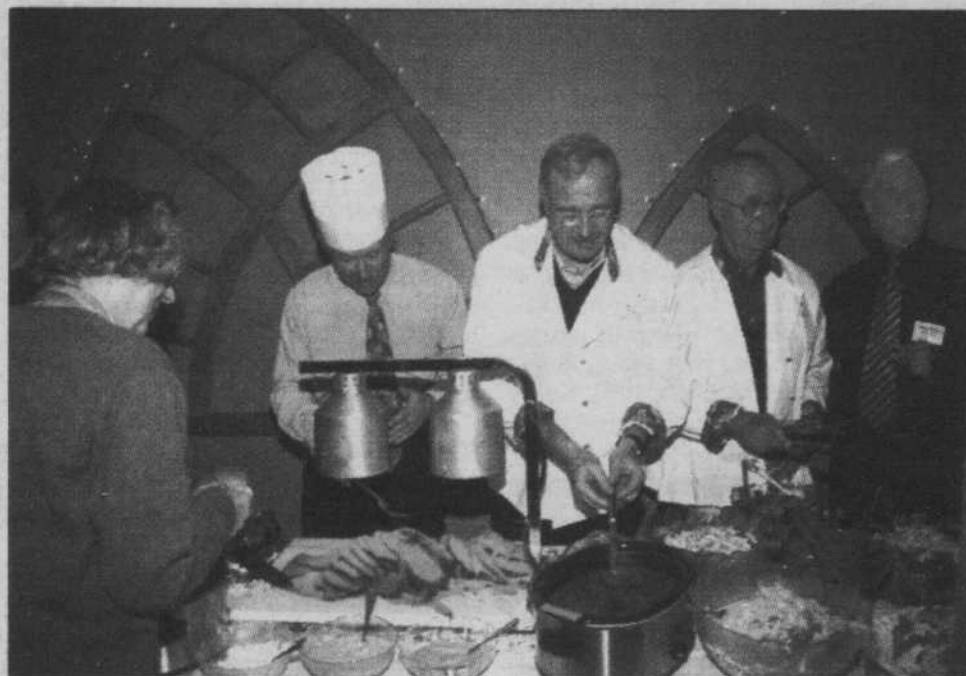
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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION WEEKLY IN BROME-MISSISQUOI

BMP benefit dinner sets record levels



FERNAND RENAULT/SPECIAL

After years of trimming the fat from the federal budget, federal Finance Minister Paul Martin (who has a home in Iron Hill), took some time to slice roast beef at the annual Mayors' and Councillors' Dinner to raise money for the BMP.

'Best ever' mayors' and councillors' supper nets more donations than any other year

By Maurice Crossfield

The annual Brome-Missisquoi mayors' and councillors' benefit dinner on Feb. 24 set record attendance levels and donations to the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital according to event organizers.

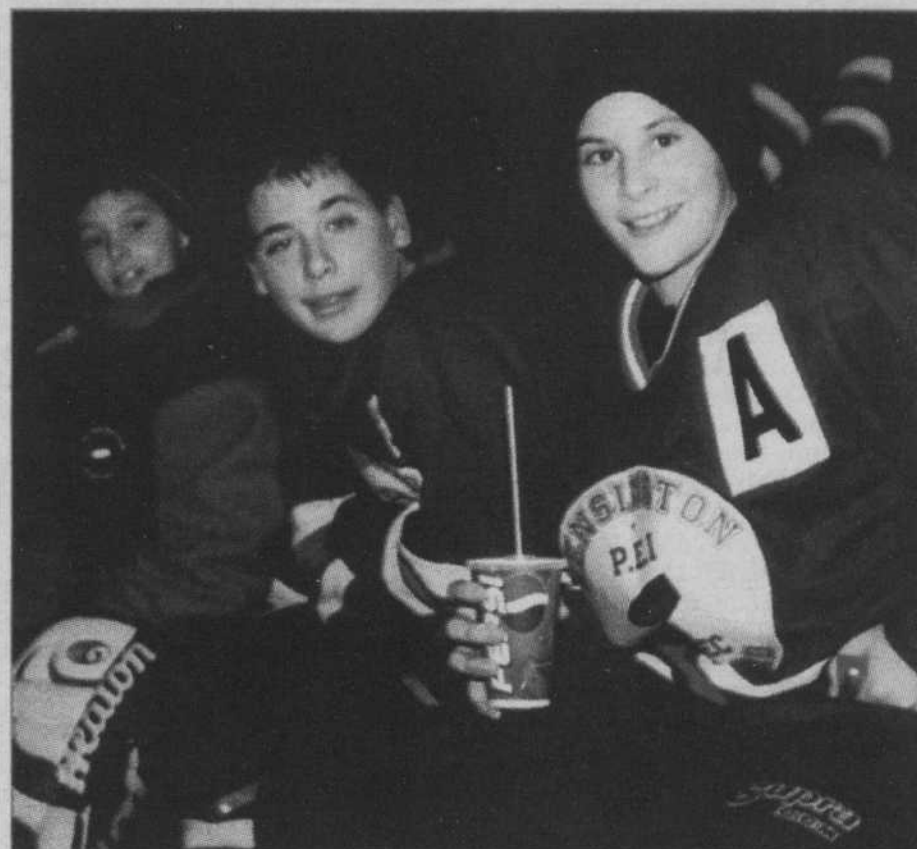
"The dinner was our best ever," said George Bristol, a Brome Lake town councillor and one of the main organizers of the annual event. "We raised more money than ever before."

Bristol was among a team of volunteers that included the mayors and councillors of Brome Lake, Sutton, Sutton Township and Abercorn. Also on hand were federal Finance Minister Paul Martin, Brome-Missisquoi MP Denis Paradis and his brother, MNA Pierre Paradis. After years of carving away at the federal budget, Martin took some time to carve the roast beef.

"It gave our local people the chance to see our politicians are interested in the community," Bristol said. "This is not just a hospital effort. It's an effort to get the community together on a cold winter's night. If we can make some money for the hospital, then that's fine."

The mayor and councillors annual

They're baaaack . . .



CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

It's round two for the 34th annual Bedford/ Kensington PEI Hockey Exchange as families in the Bedford area welcome players, parents and chaperones from the maritimes. See Pages 8-9.

dinner has become something of a local phenomenon, raising between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for the BMP Foundation over the last 14 years. That's a far cry from the early years, when a spaghetti dinner would raise a few hundred dollars.

This latest edition of the dinner saw nearly 550 people spending the \$13.95 for a roast beef dinner. Bristol said that while much of that price goes towards covering costs, many people also make donations that go directly to the BMP Foundation.

"We could sell more tickets, but then we'd start crowding people, and we don't want to do that," he

said.

Bristol added that one thing the annual fundraising dinner isn't lacking is volunteers. Every year, 30 to 40 people pitch in to help out, and things have now reached the point where volunteers have even been turned away.

"It's a West Brome affair," said Bristol, stating that despite its ever-growing popularity there are no plans to move it to a larger venue. "The Auberge West Brome has always been very generous."

To find out just how much the annual dinner raised check out next week's Brome County News.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 14

ST. PATRICK'S SOUP & DESSERT LUNCHEON at All Saints Anglican Church, **Dunham**, noon. Donation: \$6. Cards to be played immediately following lunch. Info: 450-295-3341 or 295-2349.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 77 **ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON** at 77 Lewis St., **Waterloo**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meal will be a beef dinner. Admission, \$5. Entertainment with Norm and Vel.

March 15

Royal Canadian Legion **ST. PATRICK'S DAY SUPPER** at 120 Davignon St., **Cowansville**, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage, Irish Stew, etc. Admission, \$12. Info: 450-263-343. Members and non-members welcome.

SOUP AND DESSERT LUNCHEON at Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue Principale, **Cowansville**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Homemade soup, chowder, bread, yummy desserts and beverages. Admission: Adults, \$6; children, five-10 yrs., \$3. Advanced reservations appreciated. Info: 450-263-0204.

March 16

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 77 **POT LUCK SUPPER** at 77 Lewis St., **Waterloo**, 5 to 7 p.m. Admission, \$5. Come and join in the fun with Norm and Vel supplying entertainment!

CRIB TOURNAMENT at I.O.O.F. Hall 476 Knowlton Rd., **Knowlton**, 1:30 p.m. Admission, \$5. Door prizes.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE at Sutton Yoga Centre, 111 Principale N.,

Sutton, 7:30 p.m. Dances, readings and practices from the world's spiritual traditions: 'Bringing Forth'. Bilingual. No experience necessary. Suggested contribution: \$5 to \$10. Info: Munira Judith Avinger, 450-263-6685.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WOOD CUTTING CONTEST to benefit Mansonville Scouts, Cubs and Beavers at Bar 243, 377 rte de **Mansonville**. Registration: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., starts 10:30 a.m. sharp. Competitions: four-person teams, cut, split and pile (\$30). Info: Joanne George, 450-292-5864/292-4408, Wendy George, 292-3434.

March 17

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #158 **WESTERN BREAKFAST**, All You Can Eat, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2 Curley St., **Sutton**. Admission, \$5.50, children under 10, \$2.50.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 77, **Country Breakfast** at 77 Lewis St., **Waterloo**, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$5; children under 10 yrs, \$2.50. Live entertainment with Norm and Vel.

Royal Canadian Legion **BREAKFAST** at 120 Davignon St., **Cowansville**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Everyone welcome!

March 18

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Cowansville Volunteer Centre at Community Centre, 169 Principale St., **Cowansville**, 7 p.m. Board of Directors will make progress report on all activities. Welcome to all.

March 18 to 27

Knowlton Academy READ-A-THON 2002 encouraging all students to read every day, joining in on a friendly competition to see which class will have the highest reading time and who will bring in the most pledges. All proceeds to benefit students of Knowlton Academy. Hoping you will join us in encouraging these children in their reading endeavors.

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March 23

Townships Toddlers **BENEFIT ROAST BEEF AND PORK B.B.Q.** for Mtl. Childrens' & B.M.P. Hospitals at Odd-fellows Hall, **Knowlton**, 5 to 7 p.m. Dance to follow with Borderline & Silverado. Admission, \$10. Info/reservations: 450-266-1716. Bring your favourite recipes for our fall cookbook.

COFFEE HOUSE AND SILENT AUCTION sponsored by Waterloo Elementary School Parents Committee at Waterloo Elementary, 5 Clark Hill, **Waterloo**, 7 to 10 p.m., (6:30 - 7 p.m., sneak preview of silent auction). Lots of entertainment and great articles. Admission: \$3; students, \$2, under 5, free. Canteen on premises.

March 24

Royal Canadian Legion **SAW CUTTING CONTEST** (chainsaws and cross-saws) at 120 Davignon St., **Cowansville**. Events: \$3 each; games and door prizes. Canteen open. Registration, 1 p.m. \$400 purse. Info: Gerry Rumsby, 450-263-4927 or Legion, 263-3543.

ARTS CALENDAR

March 14 to 24

Knowlton Players proudly present **ARSENIC AND OLD LACE** by Joseph Kesselring. Directed by Christopher Freeman at Theatre Lac Brome, **Knowlton**. Evening performances, 8 p.m., Sunday matinees, 2 p.m. Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Reservations: 450-263-1061. Opening night benefits BMP Hospital Foundation, available at Brome Lake Books and L.L. Brome.

April 20

KNOWLTON HARMONY BAND SPRING CONCERT 2002 at Knowlton Pub Playhouse, 267 Knowlton Rd., **Knowlton** at 8 p.m. Matinee performance, Sunday, 2 p.m. Tickets, \$10 at door or reservations. Info: Bob Quilliams, 450-297-2797, Wade Johnston, 243-5432.

CHURCH SERVICES

KNOWLTON/CREEK PASTORAL CHARGE: Worship and song by members & Rev. Burn Purdon. Creek United, Foster, 9:30 a.m. Knowlton United, Knowlton, 11 a.m.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, WATERLOO: Sunday services at 11 a.m. No service on March 24; Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m. on March 29; Easter service, 11 a.m.

COWANSVILLE AREA PASTORAL CHARGE UNITED CHURCH: Worship and Sunday school at Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue Principale, at 10:30 a.m. Choir practice at 9 a.m. Rev. Mary MacPherson officiating. All welcome.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH SUTTON: We warmly welcome you to join us in worship of the Lord. Sunday service, 10:30 a.m. at 52 Principale Sud. The Rev. Canon Tim Smart, Rector.

SUTTON-DUNHAM UNITED: Everyone is cordially invited to attend services at 10:30 a.m. in Sutton on the first and second, Sundays and in Dunham on the third and fourth Sundays of each month. Come, let us worship together.

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BAPTIST CHURCHES: Sunday Services: Mansonville Baptist, 9:30 a.m.; Olivet Baptist, Sutton, 11 a.m. All welcome.

COMMUNITY NOTES

ADVANCED NOTICE: West Brome Church of the Ascension Luncheon Card Parties May 2, 16, Sept. 5, 19. To reserve, call Evelyn at 450-263-1938 or Jean 263-5724. Annual Flea Market, June 22.

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Local theatre company takes art on the road

Touring play asks eternal question, 'What is Art?'

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Sunshine Theatre will take its production of Yasmina Reza's international hit *Art* on the road from mid-April to mid-May. The troupe, founded by Don Wilson, Sunil Mahtani and Kate Wisdom, performed *Art* last summer.

The newly resurrected production directed by Sunil Mahtani will tour the Eastern Townships with performances in Lennoxville, Stanstead, Mansonville, Knowlton and Bedford.

Originally written in French, the play was translated by Christopher Hampton (*Dangerous Liaisons*). Last year, *Art* was performed at Montreal's Centaur Theatre and not long after, by Sunshine Theatre in

a production by artistic director Mahtani starring Doug Hooper (Marc), Donald Wilson (Serge), Bob Hennessy (Yvan) and with lighting by Ralph Steiner.

Art was an international hit, garnering Olivier Awards in London and Tony Awards in New York. The play examines the eternal philosophical debate on the nature of art.

When Serge proudly displays his latest purchase, a very expensive, all-white canvas, his best friend Marc hits the roof, testing the limits of honesty and friendship. Yvan, the third character of the triumvirate, tries to figure out what all the fuss is about.

"Their confrontation over this work of art has hilarious and has devastating results," says director Mahtani. A simple canvas thus becomes the catalyst that reveals the fragile threads that bind friendships.

Because of minimal cast and scenery requirements, *Art* is a perfect vehicle for a touring show. Cast member Wilson said

that Sunshine Theatre was one of the first amateur companies to be permitted to perform the play while it was still making rounds in major concert halls because of Sunshine Theatre's unusual not-for-profit status and its mandate to bring theatre to rural communities.

The spring tour was organized in conjunction with local groups who will provide the venue, sell tickets and in return, retain a part of the ticket proceeds for their non-profit endeavour. Wilson said that the project also helps Sunshine Theatre which hopes to develop a new crop of theatregoers.

The tour will begin Friday April 19 at 8 p.m. and Saturday April 20 at 2 p.m. in a benefit performance to be held at the Mansonville Town Hall. Ticket proceeds will benefit the Mansonville Youth Group.

The tour continues Friday April 26 at 8 p.m., Saturday April 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday April 28 at 2 p.m. at the Knowlton Playhouse to benefit the New Theatre Building

Fund.

The tour moves to Richmond for performances Friday May 3 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Richmond Regional High School in a fundraiser to benefit the Literacy Council.

Lennoxville will host two performances of *Art* on Saturday May 4 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Bishop's University Studio Theatre in a benefit for the Uplands Heritage and Cultural Society.

The action moves on to Stanstead, where Sunshine Theatre will perform *Art* Friday May 10 at 8 p.m. at the Haskell Opera House in a benefit performance for Border Fest.

The tour closes in Bedford with performances on Saturday, May 11 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Anglican Church Hall in a benefit for the Anglican Church.

Tickets will be available in advance from the local hosting organizations or at selected outlets. Ticket purchasing information will be published in an upcoming edition of the Brome County News.

La Petite Église opens 2002 season

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
FOSTER

La Petite Église de Farnham, located at 401 rue St-Joseph, will open its 2002 season on March 16 with a concert by Vent du nord, a trio that plays original music inspired by the Celtic spirit.

La Petite Église's mission is to offer a place for cultural events featuring professional musicians performing a repertoire as varied as classical, world music and jazz. The church is located in what was once a Presbyterian church. Built in 1886, the church was used as a Masonic Temple between 1920 and 1985. Since 1997, it has been home to concert series 'Concerts entre amis', 'Son et brioche' and Théâtre pour enfants.

It is also available for rental as a recording studio, meeting room or for special events.

On Saturday March 16 (8 p.m.), Vent du nord will open 'Concert entre amis' on the eve of St. Patrick's Day. The Celtic trio features Nicolas

Boulerice, Olivier Demers and Sébastien Dufour. On Saturday April 6 (8 p.m.), Russian violinist Sergei Trofanov, accompanied by an accordion and a piano, will perform music from Eastern Europe.

On Sunday April 14 (11 a.m.), violinist Virgini Gagné and guitarist Rodrigo Rubilar will perform a musical tribute to the tango and the music of Buenos Aires. On Saturday April 20 (1 p.m. and 3 p.m.), Théâtre pour enfants will present Titomtouti, an animated tale with Martine Dostie.

On April 27, the Trio Vivienne

Deane will perform jazz. Vocalist Deane is accompanied by Skip Bey (stand-up bass) and Tim Jackson (piano).

For the 2002 season schedule and ticket prices, visit www.petiteeglise.com or call 450-293-7779.



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La Petite Église is located in the former Presbyterian church at rue St-Joseph, Farnham.

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Road rage, airbags, clean machines and more

I'm going to touch on a few different things this week, so let's get started:

First off, today marks the beginning of Canadian Agricultural Safety Week. Farming is a pretty dangerous business, ranking up there with coal mining, high steel working and being a courier for the Hell's Angels. This week is dedicated to making farmers and their employees more aware of the dangers, and maybe save a life or two in the process.

Actually, the theme of the week doesn't have anything to do with working around machinery, so I'm not going to go into big details. The emphasis this year is on livestock-handling safety. It's no laughing matter when you consider that only about one in 20 victims survive a bull attack, and account for 42 per cent of livestock fatalities.

I met a Waterville farmer a few years back who was one of the survivors. Thanks to the quick thinking of his hired man he's still alive today. But he came within a breath of dying, all because he was moving the bull's "ladies" to another field. The bull was last seen being served up on a bun.

Like I said before, this is a column about vehicles. But for all of you farmers out there, take a few minutes this week and rethink your daily safety practices. The rest of us appreciate the food

on our tables, and we'd prefer that you don't get yourself killed trying to feed us.

ROAD RAGE

A Ste-Foy group is denouncing provincial justice minister Paul Bégin for not appealing an overly lenient sentence for a case of road rage. While the victim sustained serious head injuries in July 2000 and has not been able to return to work, his attacker got a 15 month sentence "to be served in the community." Martin Blouin also gets to keep his licence.

"Cases of road rage are now part of our daily lives," said Martin Cadieux, spokesman for the Droits des accidentés du travail et d'automobile du Québec. "By not contesting this type of insufficient sentence the minister doesn't warn against unacceptable behavior."

That's getting off pretty lightly for wrecking a person's life. The victim of the beating is probably feeling like the system failed him, and he's right. There isn't much one can do to justify such a beating, but it just goes to show what can happen out there.

If you want to avoid being in a road rage incident, start off by driving responsibly. If someone ticks you off, let it pass. And if you end up in a situation

where an angry motorist is walking towards your car, put up the windows and lock the doors.

If you witness a road rage incident, call 911. As the Ste-Foy case shows they might not get the sentence they deserve, but maybe the hassle of it all will prevent them from doing the same thing to someone else.

UNDER THE HOOD

MAURICE CROSSFIELD

AIRBAGS

As I mentioned last week, the recall of rebuilt airbags in the province has been underwhelming. So this week the province's automobile insurance board, the SAAQ, is raising the alarm once again. Of the 4,783 Quebec cars cruising around with these things, only 372 have been replaced.

The big hang up in all of this is that the SAAQ feels it has no obligation to replace the rebuilt bags with new ones, and the company involved has gone bankrupt. That leaves motorists on the hook for between \$1,500 and \$2,000 per bag.

While it's a drag to fork out that kind of cash, think of it this way: If you had a hand grenade rattling around inside your dash, you'd probably be willing to pay to have it removed. That's basically what these airbags are, being rebuilt with gunpowder and metal casings.

Tests show them able to fling metal shards 15 metres. Imagine one going off in your car.

CLEANER VROOM

Bombardier announced this week it will be offering its new Rotax 800 2-TEC engine for its 2003 Skidoo's. The new semi-direct injection two-stroke engine is promising as much power as ever, but with a lot less pollution.

Traditionally, two-stroke engines, which burn a combination of gas and oil, are heavy polluters. But because of their light weight they are excellent for snowmobiles, boat motors, chainsaws and the like.

This new engine is supposed to produce a 50 per cent reduction in hydrocarbon emissions, while getting 25 per cent better fuel mileage.

A key component in the new engine is a central computer that monitors ambient temperature, altitude, engine temperature and the throttle position. From that it decides how the engine will run the most efficiently. There's no choke to fiddle with, so you just press the start button and go.

Yet one more vehicle where tuning up the engine is no longer a matter of using a screwdriver to fiddle with the adjustments. But if it saves the environment, then so be it.

Foundation provides residence for disabled people

Staff

More than 60 people from Knowlton and area recently participated in an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 12 Oak St., Knowlton, the latest community residence within the Butters-Savoy et Horizon service system for the intellectually disabled.

The house was made possible by a generous donation from The Alva Foundation to the Butters Foundation in its last capital fundraising campaign, which raised more than \$2.6 million for services and specialized equipment for handicapped children and young adults.

The house provides a permanent resident for three young adults in the Knowlton.

The Oak Street residence is the fifth in a network of residences in Knowlton for intellectually disabled adults, purchased or constructed by



COURTESY BUTTERS HOMES INC.

The ribbon-cutting was performed by Claire Kerrigan (right), Janet Fisher (left), both representing the Alva Foundation, and Dr. Bill Barakett (centre), president of the Butters Foundation.

Benefit for Horizon pour Elle



CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

Sutton feminist and retired translator Lucille Champagne (pictured here with Ruby Whynot) is selling pink ribbons to benefit Horizon pour Elle, the women's shelter located in Cowansville. On March 8, to mark International Women's Day, Champagne was out on the streets of Sutton carrying a basket filled with the simple pink lapel bows which she makes and sells for \$2 as a benefit for the shelter. Those who missed Champagne on International Women's Day may buy a pink ribbon and, at the same time, support Horizon pour Elle, at Sutton's Book Nook.

Butters Homes Inc., with donations from The Butters Foundation.

Knowlton resident claims to 'have it made'

By Karen Rooney
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

In a life that has taken him from the fronts of WW11 to the classrooms of St. Lambert, Que., Knowlton resident John Rosevear claims to have it made as he looks back at a lifetime of hardships and happiness.

Rosevear was born July 27, 1925 in St. Lambert, where he lived until he moved to the Eastern Townships in the 1980s. After high school, he enlisted with a sufficient academic level, and was sent to McGill University to begin officer training. He stayed in Douglas Hall barracks, and was sent to England in February of 1945.

World War II ended in May, and Rosevear was recalled from northern Germany to England where he became a clerk in the Canadian Military Hospital for Social Diseases. He was offered a choice of positions either as a military policeman a physical education teacher or a clerk, and accepted the latter.

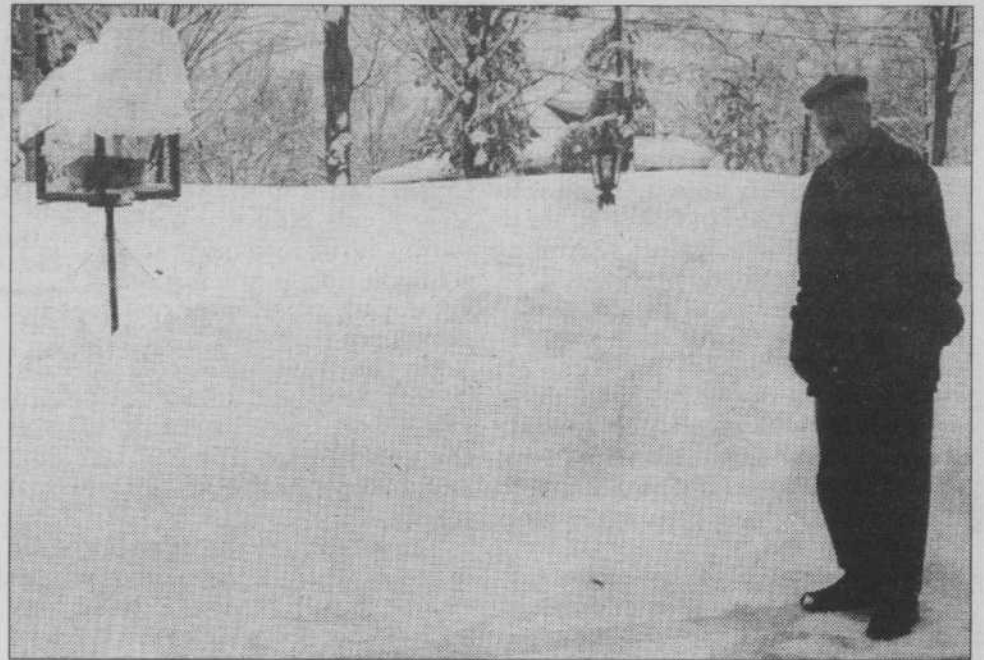
Once back in Montreal, the Canadian

government paid for him to go back to McGill University where he earned a BSC in Biology and an MA in Education.

Rosevear first met his wife June while filling in for her at a St. Lambert school, where he later taught from 1950 to 1966. Upon returning from England, John and June chaperoned school dances together, after which they married in 1953 and had four children: Marguerite, Mary, Jack and James.

After retiring from the classroom, Rosevear accepted a position as a civil servant for the provincial government. After the Quiet Revolution led the Ministry of Education to establish nine regional offices — the Montreal office covered from Hull to Sherbrooke — Rosevear became the assistant director where his duty was to sell school reform. Before his retirement in 1979, he served six years as interim director.

Since moving to Knowlton in 1982, Rosevear and his wife June have been constantly renovating their home. Originally built by Rosevear's grandfather



PHOTOS COURTESY JOHN ROSEVEAR

Now enjoying retirement in his Knowlton home with wife June, 77-year-old John Rosevear has done it all, from fighting in northern Germany in WWII to teaching in St. Lambert (pictured below).



Rexford in 1905 as a summer cottage, it has expanded to become a year-round retirement home for the two Townshippers.

Known throughout the community as a pleasant, charming man with a dry wit, Rosevear 's positive attitude has allowed him to make the best of every situation. Living a quiet life in his picturesque Knowlton home, Rosevear says he enjoys not dealing with the hassle of traffic and big city life, much like growing up in St. Lambert.

The Knowlton resident claims to "have it made" when asked if he is satisfied with life. He now walks to the post office each day, and June allows him to do the rough end of the gardening.

He notes that since he started using a cane to help him walk, many young women stop to give him a lift. He says when he brags about this to friends, they often kid him saying, "it's because you don't look dangerous anymore." Rosevear says, "I didn't think I ever did."

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Bigfoot: To the outback on snowshoes

Teenagers' lives can be complicated, even fraught with peril. A not uncommon experience is having to cease certain activities, desist and withdraw on short notice, or face the wrath of disapproving adults.

And so, on this note, a friend who is a dedicated flat-land skier refers to this up-and-down, on-off season as one of "cross-country interrupts".

With a record of 51 days of above-freezing temperatures since the official start of winter on Dec. 21, cross-country skiing has been about as dependable as an election promise made in haste. In the Montreal area, it has been virtually nonexistent. In the days before the new year, devotees who craved a cross-country fix were advised to head off to the Quebec City or Lac Megantic areas to indulge in their passion.

While passionate would not be the operative word to describe my own connection to the sport, it is something I do just about every day in the darkest season, conditions permitting (Purists I may encounter are often offended by my outfits; when the spirit moves, standard practice is to simply change footwear and head out in my grubby working garb, even

if the most recent chore was mucking out the barn).

Too often, conditions haven't been permitting, or encouraging. On several occasions, it was too late to turn around when I realized I'd made the wrong call. And when the outing turns into more of a struggle than a bracing, invigorating experience, one does not come back refreshed.

On the other hand, cold wet feet, muddy boots and sticky skis do provide yet another opportunity to curse the government, the GST, the dog, and a 36 per cent hike in municipal taxes.

The solution to the dilemma of too much downtime in outdoor winter activity was so obvious, I could have tripped over it — which I did. A friend returned the new-style snowshoes he'd borrowed, but instead of hanging them back up on their convenient storage hook, I let them lie around in the way for a few days.

Without deep, fresh snow to suggest the connection, it didn't occur to me they'd be of any practical use. But after the third or fourth time of booting them out of the way, I clued in.

With my green, lined cold-weather rubber boots strapped into the sturdy plastic-and-aluminum bindings, I could slop about in the semi-frozen Intervale swamp with a margin of forgiveness much greater than what low-cut cross-country boots could provide.

So it was with a whole new outlook that we headed off into the winter tranced boggy back acreage, faithful four-legged companion being the other party. It seemed silly at first, clomping noisily with oversized footwear upon a surface into which I could barely sink in the metal tips of ski poles (I'd brought them along for balance; some of need all the help we can get).

But once beyond the first beaver dam, there was no doubt that snowshoes were the correct choice. So equipped, I could navigate tighter turns through thicker brush and rougher terrain. When the situation called for such a maneuver, it was much easier to stretch out farther and step smartly over obstacles such as small creeks still babbling, an unfrozen sinkhole, or a suspiciously smooth flat almost snowless place

that likely wouldn't hold a person's weight, even with the added surface area the shoes provide.

Gaining confidence as well as a little speed, I attempted a gazelle-like (we still miss you, Danny Galivan) leap over a larger wet spot, but it wasn't good judgment. Landing awkwardly on the lumpy far side, I reached quickly behind me seeking a firm spot for my left pole. There wasn't one, but somehow a wet elbow doesn't seem as cold as a wet foot.

While my own performance was flawed, the dog's was disappointing. Several times, he sauntered out onto a large inviting flat surface, only to suddenly lose 10 to 12 inches in altitude. To his credit, he did recover quickly, and it wasn't cold enough for wet fur between claws to be a problem.

In a Jack London story, a man hiking through the winter Yukon wilderness depends on his husky's innate ability to detect and avoid thin ice while traversing frozen waterways. Why doesn't mine have that same capacity, I wondered? Maybe it's because he's only half husky. More likely, though, too many hours on the comfy doggy bed in front of the crackling fireplace is the reason.

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TBLCS to hold AGM March 25

Town of Brome Lake Community Services will hold its annual general meeting on March 25 at 7 p.m.

Among the issues being discussed will be TBLCS's financial report, an activity report outlining the various programs and services offered in 2001, and priorities and projects for 2002.

Several seats on the board of directors must also

be filled. Up for grabs are seats representing East Hill, Foster, Fulford/Bondville/Iron Hill, Knowlton and two ad hoc seats.

The meeting will be held at the Brome Lake Community Centre, 383 Knowlton Road. The meeting is open to everyone.

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- La Maison du Livre, located at 371 Rte 202 in Stanbridge Station, will hold its monthly film history workshop Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. The workshop will feature Michelangelo Antonioni's 1966 controversial film Blow-Up (original English version), depicting London's mid-60s counterculture. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

- Two young multidisciplinary artists from Saint-Armand, SIRIS and GAMH, present a selection of their works at La Maison du Livre. The exhibit runs until April 30, on Tuesdays, from 1 to 7 p.m. Admission is free. Info: 450-248-3388.

Author explores Canada in American Civil War

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The U.S. Civil War (1861-65) shaped the history of its neighbour to the north, and the role of Canadians in the most bloody and contentious war fought on American soil is something that generations since have not forgotten.

That may be why historian and lawyer Mark Vinet undertook the subject of Canada and the American Civil War in a lecture at Atwater Library in Montreal last Saturday as part of the WARM Speaker's Series on Canada's little-known role in America's greatest tragedy.

Vinet was born in 1964 in Sorel, Que. into a family with bicultural ancestry. He completed a law degree at McGill, and has since been a practicing copy-right and entertainment lawyer.

After completing his law degree, Vinet performed graduate studies in history in Europe. His strong personal interest in the American Civil War resulted in the creation of the Canada Civil War Association and the North American Historical Institute. Vinet is also the host of a weekly radio show on CHOD-FM 92.1 on history-related topics and a frequent lecturer on Civil War topics in the U.S. and Canada.

Vinet says that approximately 70,000 books, fiction and non-fiction, have been written on the American Civil War, making it one of the most studied corners of U.S. history. *Prelude to War*, the title of his book and lecture, is the first in a series entitled *Canada and the American Civil War*, the profits from which support historical and conservation projects.

Prelude to War is an easily read, "popular" history, without the extensive footnoting of a scholarly work, but accompanied with a robust bibliography.

The first installment of the series focuses on the forces driving the Union toward a schism, with extensive coverage of slavery and the abolitionist movement. Documentary evidence indicates that approximately 50,000 Canadian-born men served on either side of the Civil War.

Canadians living in the U.S., especially Quebecers who moved to New England mill towns, married and began to set down new roots, could not have easily avoided the conflict. Some may have answered the call for enlistment out of moral conscience, others, to prove loyalty to their new home. Others, undoubtedly, were attracted by an attractive sign-up bonus and the \$13 monthly pay, which the author says, was a relatively good wage for what many enlistees believed would be short work.

The total number of Canadians who served is small relative to the Union army's peak enlistment of 1.5 million. However, four Canadians still attained the rank of brigadier-general and 29 won the Congressional Medal of Honour.

One Canadian who fought and died was the author's own ancestor, Fabien Vinet, who joined the relative safety of the artillery only to be converted to infantry by the new head of the Army of the Potomac, Ulysses S. Grant. (Vinet hopes to write a biography of Fabien, who embarked on his military career just in time to take part Grant's campaigns against Lee's Army of Northern

Virginia in what would be some of the most punishing, costly and, ultimately, decisive campaigns of the war.)

Vinet asserts that the outcome of the conflict was of no small consequence to Canadian leaders, who believed that successful succession by the southern states might result in an attempt by northern states to seize Canadian territories and that a decisive victory by the North might similarly result in aggression against Canada.

Given an 1851 population ratio of 23 million Americans versus 2.4 million Canadians, the outcome of such a confrontation was by no means promising. It is no coincidence then, says the author, that serious talks of Canadian Confederation were taking place at a time when the outcome in the conflict to the south was still uncertain.

Vinet explores how, for the 27 years between the abolition of slavery in British territories and the abolition of slavery in the U.S., Canada served as a haven for nearly 30,000 runaway slaves. Though life in the "Promised Land" still included, for many, a life of segregation, poverty and discrimination at the hands of white Canadians, it nonetheless did include freedom.

It is ironic that Canada's role in the harbouring runaway slaves from one of the

greatest institutional evils of U.S. history, is only in recent decades receiving the scholarly and popular attention that it deserves. For Vinet and future historians, this is a welcome opportunity.

Mark Vinet's book, *Canada and the American Civil War: Prelude to War* can be ordered through his website at <http://www.geocities.com/markvinet>.

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Two towns, one vision at 34-yr

On Friday, March 15 at 10 a.m., 26 pee-wee hockey players with families, supporters and chaperones will arrive by bus at the Georges Perron Arena in Bedford for the continuation of the 34th Annual Bedford-Kensington Friendship Hockey Exchange, the longest continuous friendship hockey exchange in Canada.

The exchange, funded by donations from local individuals and businesses as well as team fundraising events and, for the first time, a generous grant from the Canada Sports Friendship Exchange Program, is not just about hockey; it's about understanding, about developing the confidence to experience and accept a different culture.

As has been tradition in March for the past 34 editions of the exchange, families in Bedford and surrounding communities welcome the team from Kensington, PEI as they did in January.

To members of Bedford and surrounding communities, we hope that you will come out to the arena on Saturday night and Sunday day to support your home team.

— *The Record*

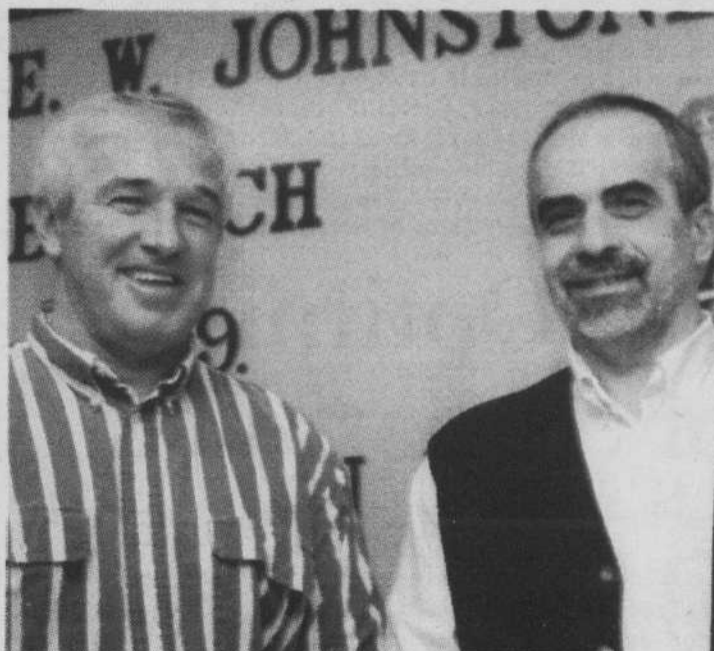


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Kensington leads Bedford 10-9 going into this weekend's play. The first half of the annual hockey exchange was held in PEI in January,



A reunion of 'old timer's', many who have been there since the beginning.



Kensington coach Gordie Roche with Bedford coach Michel Paquette.

Schedule for 34th annual Bedford-Kensington Freindship Hockey Exchange (March 15-17)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 10 a.m.: Kensington team arrives at Bedford Arena

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 6 p.m.: Anniversary team — old timers
- 7 p.m.: Game 1: Kensington vs Bedford
- 8:15 p.m.: Opening ceremonies (all teams on ice)
- 8:30 p.m.: Game 2: Bedford vs Kensington

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 11:55 a.m.: Game 1: Kensington vs Bedford
- 1 -1:30 p.m.: Welcome reception from the Town of Bedford for all Bedford and PEI parents at Bar Lance et Compte in the arena
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This time around, Bedford players and families will welcome the Kensington, PEI team, volunteers and chaperones into their homes.



Bedford travelers settle in for the 15-hour bus ride to PEI in January. PEI spectators take their hockey seriously.

MESSAGE FROM BEDFORD/KENSINGTON CULTURAL EXCHANGE PRESIDENT

The 34th Annual Cultural Exchange with Prince Edward Island is now well underway and we are anxiously awaiting Kensington's return visit in mid-March. This year has seen the largest-ever group participation with over 80 adults and children from each town making the trip.

The year 2003, our 35th anniversary year, will also see our veteran participants of years one through four challenging their Kensington counterparts. We already hard at work organizing for this special year.

May I take this opportunity to thank the dedicated organizers and the respective mayors of Bedford and Kensington for their continuous encouragement and backing. Support this marvellous exchange and see how barriers can be eliminated and friendships cemented in such a short time.

Eldon Woolmer

MESSAGE FROM TOWN OF BEDFORD MAYOR

The Bedford/Kensington Cultural Exchange has been a rewarding experience for me. I have represented the Town of Bedford for some 20 years.

I was first approached by Eric Jesome even before I was an official representative for Bedford. My wife and I have spent many summer vacations in PEI since my involvement, and we have made many friends there. The exchange has helped to develop a better understanding between our two cultures and languages.

Next year, the exchange will celebrate its 35th anniversary, and this is a record, perhaps the longest lasting exchange in Canada. It has encouraged many to return and further their friendships. Prince Edward Island has much to offer for summer recreation. Bedford has also profited as many visit us in return.

The Bedford-Kensington hockey exchange was started by the late Ray Orr and Eric Jesome. Ray was involved with Sea Brook Farms, which today is Aliments Carrière Inc. So Bedford is fortunate to have had Ray to help bring this frozen food plant to us. Many good things have been brought about by this exchange.

I wish good luck to all the people who keep the exchange alive and I hope that it continues on for many more years. As for myself, I shall remain involved as long as possible.

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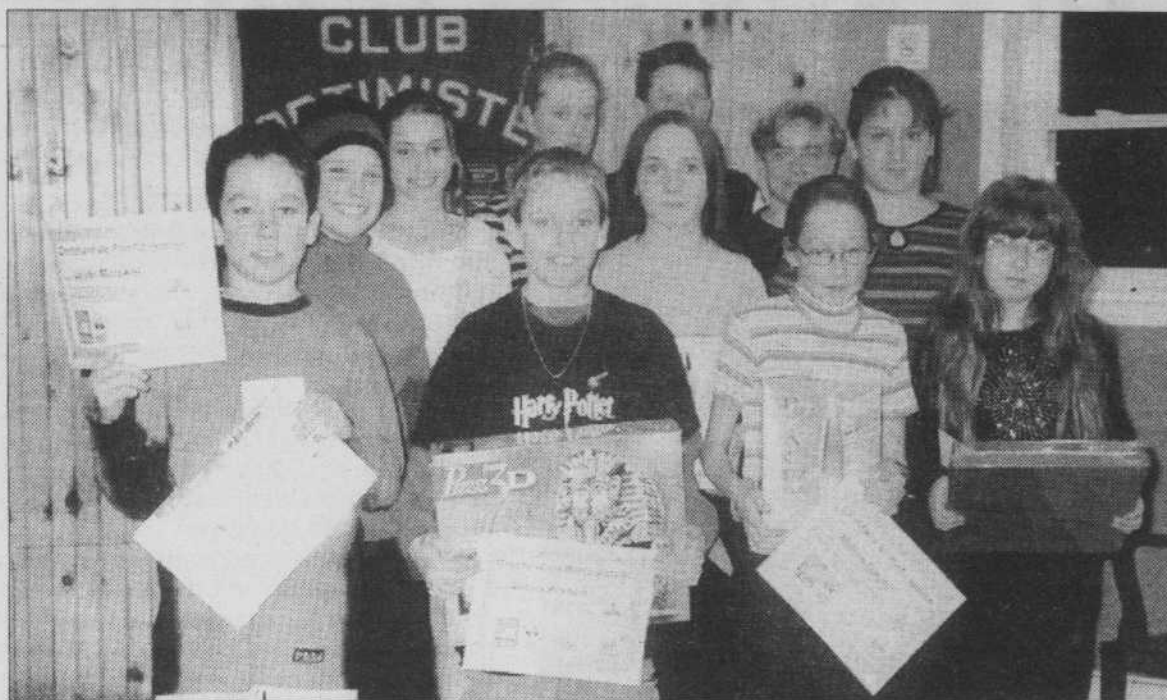
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Lac Brome Optimist Club

The Lac Brome Optimist Club would like to announce the winners of their annual Oratorical contest, which was held Feb. 20.

The winning speeches perfectly depicted the Optimist International's 2002 official topic "If I Could Change the World." The contest gave the participants the opportunity to show their abilities in public speaking. The winners will advance to the zone competition being held in Dunham on March 17, 2002.

The Kids Speak Out winners are Arianna Webb from Knowlton Academy School and Julien Malaket from St. Edouard School.

The Oratorical contest winners are Elizabeth Allen and Blake Jones from Knowlton Academy School.

— Submitted by Alfie Musto, President, Optimiste Club Lac Brome

Creek United Church Women

The February meeting of the Creek United Church Women was held at the home of the new President, May Banks on Feb. 20. Prior to the afternoon meeting, May treated the ladies to a delicious and tastefully served luncheon in her home.

The meeting commenced with approval of the Agenda following which Nancy Seaman read from an inspiring piece by Helen Steiner Rice entitled, If I Could Choose. This pointed out the importance of justice, kindness and walking with God. Genesis I, verse 26 was also read. Prayers were said for Connie Smith and Jean Webster following their eye surgery and for Bob Cox.

Letters were read from the following: Anna and Fred Eichenberger thanking the UCW and their personal friends for their 50th Wedding anniversary party; Lucy Wright for her 103rd Birthday card; Gertrude Allen for Christmas gift; note from Ann Thayer (Knowlton UCW) regarding a donation from a group of young women in the area.

Under new business, Anna Eichenberger will look after gifts for members who are ill or hospitalized, while Carol Smith volunteered to organize the readers for "Devotions".

May Banks will continue with the call list for church suppers and special events. The UCW will again cater a Tea in June for a local retirement residence. A percentage of our annual dues will be given to the People Fund to be used for Northern Lights visits, lay workers, student ministers, Youth Rally, etc. A letter will be sent to Presbyterial asking that we be informed of future meetings ahead of time.

Because of a lack of communication, extremely short notice was given for organizing the world Day of Prayer this year. In light of the foregoing, the members decided, reluctantly, that this year's theme, Women of Romania, would not be held in our area. This was a source of great disappointment to all concerned, especially after last year's very successful event.

The Offering was dedicated and following the Mizpah Benediction the meeting was adjourned.

— Submitted by Carol Smith

Pet of the week . . . Kamie



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Volunteer centre hosts AGM

The Cowansville Volunteer Centre will be holding its annual general meeting on Monday, March 18.

The meeting is open to everyone and will feature a progress report on the various activities of the Cowansville Volunteer Centre.

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Bluegrass society turns 10

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Townships Bluegrass and Old Tyme Music Society celebrated its 10th anniversary jam session Saturday March 9 at Waterloo's Royal Canadian Legion.

Founding members Tom Kilbride, Gord Cameron and Gary White helped cut the anniversary cake bearing the TSBOTMS seal and a figurine of Cameron, the club's affable president and resident banjo guru.

The society is riding high with the recent success of O Brother, Where Art Thou? and its soundtrack, which has sparked a worldwide wave of interest in bluegrass and "old time" country and gospel music.

Even before the film, the popularity of these forms of American folk music were spreading through local French and Eng-

lish audiences, due in part to TSBOTMS' monthly jam sessions and its winter concert series, which brings up-and-coming groups from the professional bluegrass scene to Waterloo.

The monthly jam sessions feature some of the best local talent on the amateur country, gospel and bluegrass scenes, including Last Chance, Bordertown Bluegrass, Hooked on Bluegrass, Dave and Elaine Vachon, Folkgrass and the Road Scholars.

Tickets for the remainder of the Winter Concert Series, including the Chapmans (March 19) and the Mark Newton Band (April 23) are available by calling any TSBOTMS director: Gord Cameron at 450-539-0333; John Petronko at 514-488-8160; Bob Tetrault at 819-346-2435, Terry Howell at 819-875-5133 or Carlyle McBurney at 819-889-2629.



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Tom Kilbride, Gord Cameron and Gary White cut the anniversary cake.

Sutton bonspiel weekend competes with Olympic theme



ELIZABETH BLACKWOOD

The Sutton Curling Club held its Ladies Invitational Bonspiel from Jan. 31 to Feb. 2. Teams from Toronto, Montreal, Brownsburg and the Eastern Townships competed on an Olympic theme, with each team representing a country in the Olympic Curling division. The winner in the 'A' division was Windsor (left) Pictured (front row, left to right): Kimberly Mastine, Meggie Leclerc, Andrea Morin, Marie-Eve Boislard (Cromwell Trophy). Runners up: Pointe Claire: Diane Harris, Claire McDougall, Lee Sleno and Breige McShane. On the 'B' side, the winners (right) were (back row, left to right): Céline Funk, Pauline Giguere, France Marquis, Brigitte Gosselin. Runners up: Pointe Claire: Faith Ride, Joan McNab, Bev Kranitz and Céline Landry.

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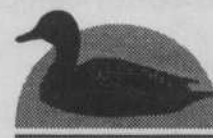
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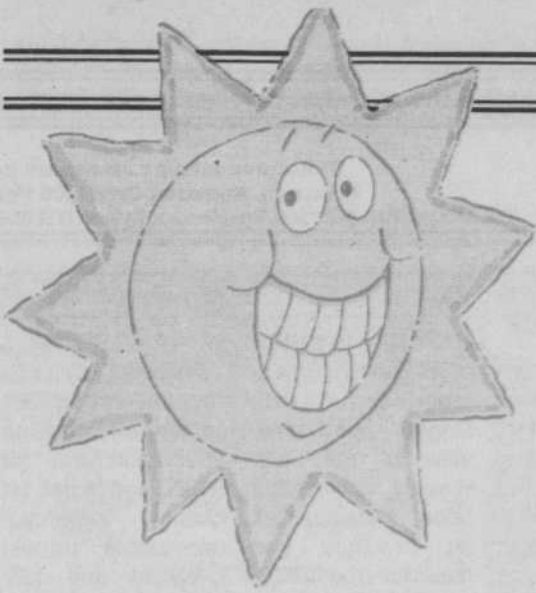
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Evidently, you have been tested for a brain tumor and no disease was discovered. However, a brain scan has limited usefulness; it will not, for example, detect small tumors or malfunctioning nerves.

Therefore, I think you should return to your physician to obtain a referral to a neurologist.

The first step in establishing a diagnosis is to determine where in your system the problem originates. A neurologist, by checking the nerves to your eyes and ears, should be able to pinpoint the location of the irritation or inflammation. Then further tests, such as a CT or MRI scan, may be necessary to complete the picture. Also, the neurologist can refer you to other specialists as needed.

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