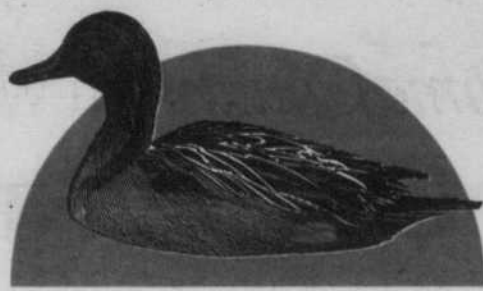


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Local shelter holds adoption day

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Anyone thinking of a new pet should consider attending adoption day at Chaumiere pour 4 Pattes, a non-profit animal shelter in Notre Dame de Stanbridge. "We currently have 150 cats and 22 dogs and we want to find some of them good homes," explains volunteer Jeanine Gagne. "We're holding our first open house and adoption on Aug. 20. We've brought dogs to various places for adoption but we never bring the cats, they don't travel well. We particularly hope that people will want to adopt our wonderful, loving cats at the open house."

Founder Claudine Perret started the shelter in 2000. "My biggest dream was to save animals, so we opened a retirement home for cats and dogs. Over the years there have been many sad and terrified animals come to us. We have tried to give each of them love, tenderness and a warm and secure home."

"We have helped dogs who were left on leashes without food or water, without shelter and many of them abused. Some dogs were even found tied up to our own fences. We also cannot forget the hundreds of cats that were left starving and unbearably thin."

The cats are housed in a large enclosure, the dogs in kennels but with a

large yard to run and play. Volunteers help take care of the animals. Some of the four-footed residents are not for adoption. "Either they've been too abused for a new home, or we just don't want to part with them," says Gagne.

"But at the moment we have so many cats. We really need to find homes for some of them. Each one has a story. We have a gorgeous kitten at the moment with extra toes, at least seven; he was pulled out of the Richelieu River in a net by a fisherman and brought to us. We don't know if the kitten was trying to get to the other side or if someone had thrown him in."

Adoption criteria is strict -- no cages, no chains; only a truly loving home. The new adoptee has to fulfill all the requirements. All animals leaving the shelter are vaccinated, dewormed and sterilized. Adoption starts at \$85 for a cat and \$175 for a dog.

"Our vet bills are very high," explains Gagne. "No animal leaves here unless it is neutered. We are always looking for donations and are very thankful for those who have given us food, litter, collars, bowls and blankets. Anything we might make through the adoptions goes right back into the shelter."

"I hold a plant sale at my home every year for the shelter. We usually make over \$1000. People just bring plants and



WENDY DENMAN/CORRESPONDENT

Kittens play at the Chaumiere pour 4 Pattes, a non-profit animal shelter in Notre Dame de Stanbridge.

leave them for sale. It's wonderful how much support we get."

THE SHELTER, AT 1333 RANG STE-ANNE,

NOTRE DAME DE STANBRIDGE, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20.

PGI golf tournament to raise funds for literacy

By Maurice Crossfield

Local literacy promoters are joining a nation-wide fundraising effort, hosting a golf tournament at the Chateau Bromont on Sept. 15.

The tournament will be one of 15 Peter Gzowski Invitational tournaments held across Canada. Founded 19 years ago by the broadcasting icon himself, the PGI's have evolved into a major form of fundraising for literacy programs. To date PGI's have raised over \$9 million, with the money staying in the community where it was collected.

Funds from the Bromont tournament will go to help the Quebec English Literacy Alliance, an umbrella group of 22 organizations like Yamaska Literacy.

"This is our first time hosting it," said Joani Tannenbaum, a member of the Quebec English Literacy Alliance. "It's really just about having fun."

Like every other PGI, music and poetry are important elements. There will even be a poet laureate who will come up with a few verses about the day and read them out as the final event of the tournament.

Along with fun comes the serious task of raising awareness of literacy issues in Canada. In fact, 22 per cent of Canadian adults have difficulty with reading, writing and math skills in everyday life.

Since Gzowski passed away in 2002, many of his broadcasting colleagues have taken up the cause. Peter Mansbridge, Murray McLauchlan, Shelagh Rogers, Stuart McLean and Rick Mercer are among those who take part in various events across Canada. Here in Quebec, comedian Lorne Elliot will keep his

audience in stitches at a banquet to be held at Knowlton's Lakeview Inn on Thursday, Sept. 7. Tickets for the banquet are \$75, and can be purchased by contacting Gerta Duncan at the Lakeview Inn at 450-243-6183.

As for the tournament, it gets underway Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. It costs \$150 per golfer to take part, or \$600 for a foursome. That includes a round of golf, cart, continental breakfast and a late lunch. Organizers are also seeking hole sponsors as well.

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August 3

MOTHER DAUGHTER DAY at Avante Women's Centre, **Bedford** - Come and join us for a morning filled with fun and games followed by a potluck lunch. Bring your mother, daughter, grandmother, best friend - anyone! Thursday, August 3 from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Find out just how well you know each other and you could win a fabulous prize! Bring your favorite potluck dish. to confirm or for more information call: 450-298-5677

August 4

FUNDRAISING CONCERT at Emmanuel United Church, 203 Principale, **Cowansville**, 8 p.m. Tenor, James Dundass, presents his 70 concert Canadian Tour, "Seeing the Invisible," a repertoire including Broadway, sacred and popular pieces. Tickets: Adults, \$15, Students, Seniors, \$12. Call 45000-538-4306 or 450 263-0204 for information or reservations.

August 5

Brome County Agricultural Society **ANNUAL BEEF & PORK BBQ**, 5 - 8 p.m. at **Brome Fairgrounds**. Dancing afterward to Desert Heat. Adults: \$12, children: 6 - 12 yrs: \$6. Tickets & info: 450-242-EXPO 93976.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING SUPPORT GROUP meeting held at United Church, 234 Knowlton Rd., **Knowlton**, 2 p.m. Having difficulty coping? Not sure how to support someone suffering from mental illness? Or maybe you just want to be more informed? Info. (450) 243-0928 or pleasantvalley@sympatico.ca

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August 6

COUNTRY MUSIC FUNDRAISING JAMBOREE (2 p.m. - 9 p.m.) and **BBQ** (4 p.m. - 6 p.m.) at the Forand Park in **Fitch Bay** on Sunday, August 6, with performances by well-known local artists and guest stars. Proceeds go to "A Salute to Quebec Seniors". Admission: \$10, which includes hot dog, or hamburger & drink.

ANTIQUÉ AND CRAFT MARKET at Brome County Museum, 130 Lakeside, **Knowlton** on Sunday, August 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Spaces available. Call: 450-243-6782.

Knowlton Harmony Band Sunday afternoon **CONCERT** at Mill Pond (Coldbrook Park), **Knowlton**, 3 p.m. If raining, at Knowlton United Church.

August 12

Annual Lamb and Turkey **FUNDRAISING BBQ**. Holy Trinity Church, 218 Iron Hill Road, **Iron Hill**, Quebec. Cocktails start 5 p.m., Dinner is served starting at 6 p.m.. Tickets as follows: Adults \$20 Children 6-12 years \$12. Information: Douglas Hall (450) 263-2579 Heather Hall (450) 263-5634 Lena Roberts (450) 243-6291

August 19

RENT-A-TABLE FLEA MARKET. Dunham United Church, Sat. August 19th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Held outdoors only. In case of rain, event will be cancelled. To rent a table or reserve space call Barbara: 450-295-2348

August 19 and 20

The Royal Canadian Legion **'FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE'**, 120 Davignon Blvd., **Cowansville**, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. At this time we are looking for articles to sell at this event. If you have items you would like to get rid of, we will gladly take them on or before the 12th of August. Details, Denise Bedard, 263-0561 or Autry Tracey, 266-6120. If rain 'Flea Market' in doors.

August 26

SPCA ADOPTION DAY IN KNOWLTON on Saturday, August 26, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at Mill Pond Park. About 20 great dogs of all sizes and ages plus some cats

and kittens will be waiting at the park for you to meet, socialize with, and perhaps adopt. Here's a chance to learn more about the SPCA Montérégie and all the various ways in which you can help the unwanted animals of the world. (VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED FOR THE DAY: 450-242-2892

ARTS CALENDAR

August 4 - 30

EXPOSITION OF FABRIC ART AND PHOTOGRAPHS of Rosemary Sullivan. Vernissage, August 6 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Dunham Public Library Information: 450-295-2273 or 450-295-2621.

August 12 - 20

EXHIBITION OF WATERCOLOURS (Florals, Landscapes and Equine Art) by local artist, Rhonda Price at the Brome County Historical Museum, 130 Lakeside St., **Knowlton**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES

KNOWLTON/CREEK PASTORAL CHARGE Worship & Song by members assisted by The Reverend Dale Skinner. Creek United, **Foster**, 9:30 a.m., Knowlton United, **Knowlton**, 11 a.m. Sunday School at both services. (Handicap access).

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 24 St. Paul's Road, **Knowlton**. Traditional Sunday Services, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Music, a nursery and Sunday School. (Info: 242-2885). The Rev. Tim Wiebe and the congregation welcomes everyone.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME, Sunday, August 6, St. John the Evangelist, **Brome**, 9 a.m. Rev. Paul Tidman, Holy Communion; Holy Trinity, **Iron Hill**, 11 a.m., Rev. Paul Tidman, Holy Communion.

SAINT-EDOUARD CATHOLIC CHURCH, 366 Knowlton Rd., **Knowlton** - Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. (Bilingual).

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August 27: St. James Church, **Bedford** The Ven. Dr. Brian A. Evans, Officiating

September 3: St. Paul's Church, **Philipsburg** The Ven. Dr. Brian A. Evans, Officiating

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Lions Club replaces Scouts' aging equipment

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Knowlton's Scouts will have new paddles and life jackets when the fall cycle begins thanks to the

Knowlton Lions Club.

"We do a lot of camping in the fall and spring. We have a good flotilla of canoes, but our paddles and life jackets needed replacement," explained Rory

McWilliams, chairman of the local Scouts. "The Lions, our official sponsors, heeded the call and we're very thankful for their generous donation."

The Knowlton Scouts are one of the few English troops still active in the vicinity, thanks to a group of dedicated leaders. "We're lucky to be in a community that backs us and we have a good group of leaders that are doing a great service. It's all volunteer and some of our leaders have been with us many years," said McWilliams.

The Knowlton Scouts take full advantage of the surrounding countryside, camping, hiking and canoeing in the warm fall and spring months. "We have a camp on Eagle Island in Brome Lake and it's very popular for overnight stays and trips," McWilliams continued.

Traditionally, the Scouts are thought of as a boys' organizations -- but no more. Girls are welcomed and encouraged to join, and Knowlton Scouts are co-ed. "Our girls say they find that the Scouts are more active. We find their presence gives the boys a challenge and keeps everyone on their toes," McWilliams said.

Registration takes place a week or two after school

starts in the fall. The youth are put into divisions -- Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Venturers -- according to age. The Scouts, ages 11 - 14, meet at St. Paul's Church every Wednesday, almost always with a project or trip in hand.

"For the last year or so the group has been working towards next summer's 100 anniversary celebration of the Scouting movement at a Jamboree at Camp Tamaracouta in the Lower Laurentians," McWilliams continued. "We hope to take at least two-thirds of the group and it would be just great if all of them could go. But they must earn at least \$525 each for their food for the event, so we'll have a lot of projects in the next few months."

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON REGISTRATION AND THE KNOWLTON SCOUTS, CALL RORY McWILLIAMS, AT (450) 243-0910.



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The Knowlton Lions Club recently donated funds so the Knowlton Scouts could replace aging life jackets and paddles. From left to right: Errol Frechette, president of the Lions Club, Rory McWilliams, chairman of the Knowlton Scouts and Gwen Simpson, vice-president of the Lions.

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led by the children who attended the Vacation Bible School. Reverend Susan Tilleman will be in Granby, Fulford and Waterloo and Reverend David Lambie will be in Dunham and Sutton in August.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Opening hours of The YOUTH CENTRE "Le Spot" for the summer : if you are between 12 and 17 years old, the animators are in the Lions park every Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for different sports activities; basketball, volley-ball, soccer, badminton, football etc...

We are also open at the Community Centre, 383, Knowlton road every Saturday from 5 p.m.

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Mechanic safety about common sense, caution

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As I write this I'm thinking about Timothy Warburton, who was crushed under a Land Rover in Lennoxville last month when it slipped off a lift. He was 22. The exact causes of the fatal accident aren't yet known, but what is known is that he is dead, leaving behind parents, relatives, friends, family and a life not fully lived. And like most accidents of this type, it could have been prevented.

In the years I worked at the garage I averaged about a cut every other day. Vehicles are filled with sharp edges, slippery surfaces and all kinds of potential for injury. I've had various body parts cut, burned, crushed and even erased. I've never had a vehicle fall on me, but I've had a couple of close calls, and it ranks as one of my biggest fears in life. I've been pretty safety conscious, but I

must admit there have been situations where I cut corners, though I should have known better.

So let's go over some basic auto mechanic safety. Hopefully this information will mean at least one less accident like the one that claimed Warburton's life. We'll start under the hood and move down from there:

- Before opening the hood, it is best to have the vehicle parked on a flat surface with the parking brake on and the engine shut off. Take it one step further and take the keys out of the ignition if you like. The moving parts of a running engine are an invitation to injury, so you want to keep your hands away from anything moving, or anything that could move unexpectedly.

If the engine must be running, watch the moving stuff, and be careful of the various hot surfaces (radiator, exhaust manifold, even the engine block itself). And don't wear anything loose, like an open jacket or a tie (why anyone would wear a tie is beyond me).

- Now let's move beside and/or under

UNDER THE HOOD

MAURICE CROSSFIELD

the car. Raising a car or truck is the most dangerous thing to do, but even non-mechanics might give it a try if they're caught with a flat tire. If that's the case, conditions might not be the best; knowing your luck,

you're probably on a roadside, at night, in the rain, and with a pack of howling wolves circling the breakdown.

First off you need a level, flat and solid surface for your jack. Especially those tiny ones that come with a car, which seem to be designed more in the interest of taking up very little space in the trunk rather than actually lifting 3,000 pounds of steel.

Once again the car should be shut off, with the parking brake on. If you drive an automatic, putting it in Park isn't enough. Lift the drive wheels off the ground and it could move unexpectedly. Blocking the wheels that stay on the ground is also a good idea.

Whatever type of jack you use, it needs to be pushing on a solid surface when it lifts. Most cars are designed with a special spot that fits the onboard jack. Check your owner's manual for

this. For the larger automotive jacks like those used in garages, you need to find a solid part of the car, such as a piece of sub frame.

Next comes a vitally important safety device called a jack stand. They look a bit like a camera tripod, but they can hold the weight of a vehicle. They cost about \$15 bucks each at the hardware store. They can save your life.

Place the jack stand under another solid piece of the vehicle as a safety in case the jack fails. Personally I like to lower the vehicle onto the stand so it shares the weight with the jack. The more solid surfaces holding a vehicle, the more likely it is to stay where it belongs. Better yet, use two jack stands and the jack.

That's about it for basic safety. Safety is about common sense and not taking risks after considering all of the possibilities. If you still don't feel entirely safe, don't tempt fate. Better to call in a professional than take a chance and lose badly.

Where have all the carrots gone?

A few flashbacks to the old TV show *Laugh-In* came to mind recently while I plucked at a few weeds in the communal garden.

Dick Martin and Dan Rowan were doing their version of the nightly news, a regular feature in their curious hour-long comedy melange. Dick looked very seriously into the camera and announced gravely that, earlier in the day, a select committee of the National Audubon Society had shot and killed all forty-seven remaining whooping cranes, thus wiping out the species.

He quoted a Society spokesman as saying, "We just got too damned tired trying to teach those dumb things how to breed," after which the supposed newscast turned to equally spoofable international items.

At the time, I was hoping to find some sign of the long row of carrots we'd planted, using those convenient

biodegradable strips with the tiny seeds spaced at proper intervals.

Unfortunately, any delicate carrot shoot that dared stick its fragile head above the ground would be quickly overwhelmed by a myriad of more robust and abundant weeds. I thought I might have to seek the aid of a magnifying glass to determine if any of the delicate veggie sprouts had survived.

I found a few, finally, in the last two or three feet of the ten-foot long row. Their wispy little fern-like tops reached timidly for what they felt might be daylight above the dense canopy overhead. Pulling the weeds away from the sad surviving carrots required a delicate surgical touch that eluded me for the most part.

Removing one weed by the roots without taking four or five thread-like

THE COUNTRY SQUIRE

BRIAN EDDINGTON

carrot plants with it was a challenge, which made a person wonder at that point: if there are things in this life so feeble, vulnerable, and pathetic that their very existence is a constant struggle against major odds...is it really worth the effort to save them?

That's when the flashback to the whooping crane story occurred. And the fact that there are now apparently close to a thousand of those rare birds lends support to the idea that those optimistic, determined folk who cared were right after all.

So we continue to work at salvaging what's left of the carrots and some of their neighbours.

On the up side, the garden at present is a vast improvement on the disastrous 2005 version. Last year's anticipated produce fizzled out early and almost completely; the whole bunch seemed to collectively give up, lie down, and get a head start on becoming compost. By

mid-August there was just enough lettuce to partner up with the single sad ripe tomato to make one decent BLT sandwich.

This time round, the tomatoes have bounced back with a vengeance. With some stalks more than three feet tall and already heavy with fruit, they're almost taunting would-be enemies, daring the weeds to bring it on, as it were.

Such a dramatic change arouses suspicions, however. The plants weren't advertised as genetically modified, but could they have received an artificial boost through incidental cross-pollination? Might they be discards from another Monsanto experiment?

There are other theories. Could they have been injected with steroids, like most track athletes and professional baseball players? Or, for tooth fairy fans, it could be a natural phenomenon, a sudden burst of high energy, akin to Tour de France champion Floyd Landis' testosterone level. We may never know.

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City slickers forget that fairs showcase how the food gets on their plates

Wrestling is back at Bedford Fair!

By Claudia Villemaire
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
BEDFORD

It's that time again. The Eastern Townships county-fair circuit begins here, on the site of the oldest ongoing exhibition in Quebec (and second oldest in

Canada).

The Bedford fair is 178 years old, and located almost in the centre of town, complete with municipal arena and community centre, a well kept race track and a popular, open-sided pavilion. There's even a tranquil pond and rest areas. The site is well equipped to welcome the thousands organizers hope their program will attract.

From August 10 to 13, the powers that be have come up with new ideas to attract crowds of all ages and tastes. Situated just about an hour from Montreal and the populous South Shore area, organizers here must always remember many visitors from urban backgrounds have almost no connection to the primary goal of a county fair — and that, of course, is underlining the efficient production of the food those visors eat.

Consequently, this fair features a full slate of dairy and beef animals, horses large and small, and even smaller beasties, such as poultry, rabbits, waterfowl and pigeons. The program includes talent shows, an art show, BMX and mountain bike competitions, cookie baking contests and of course, the usual horse and cattle parade, antique farm machinery and tractors and the ever-popular midway rides and games.

Although the gates open at 11 a.m. Thurs., Aug. 10, the annual parade through the streets of this historic town (at 7 p.m.) signals the real beginning as participants from every corner of the region vie with each other for the coveted best float trophy. Each year, organizers choose a theme and what could be more fitting than this year's slogan, "That's showbusiness!"

The top three floats will be on display all weekend.

"We have four talent shows, one each day, winding down to a final competition on Sunday evening," says fair secretary Maude Cote.

The program includes special events on Friday, Kids Day, with admission prices reduced and special events from 11am to 3:30 p.m.

Plus Zig Zag, whose specialty is introducing

youngsters from town to farm animals on a humorous theme. This is the day amateur cooks show off their prowess baking their favorite cookies and there are free pony rides, milk and freezies for the youngsters too.

Friday's special price is \$5 for children under 12 and for the adults that must accompany them.

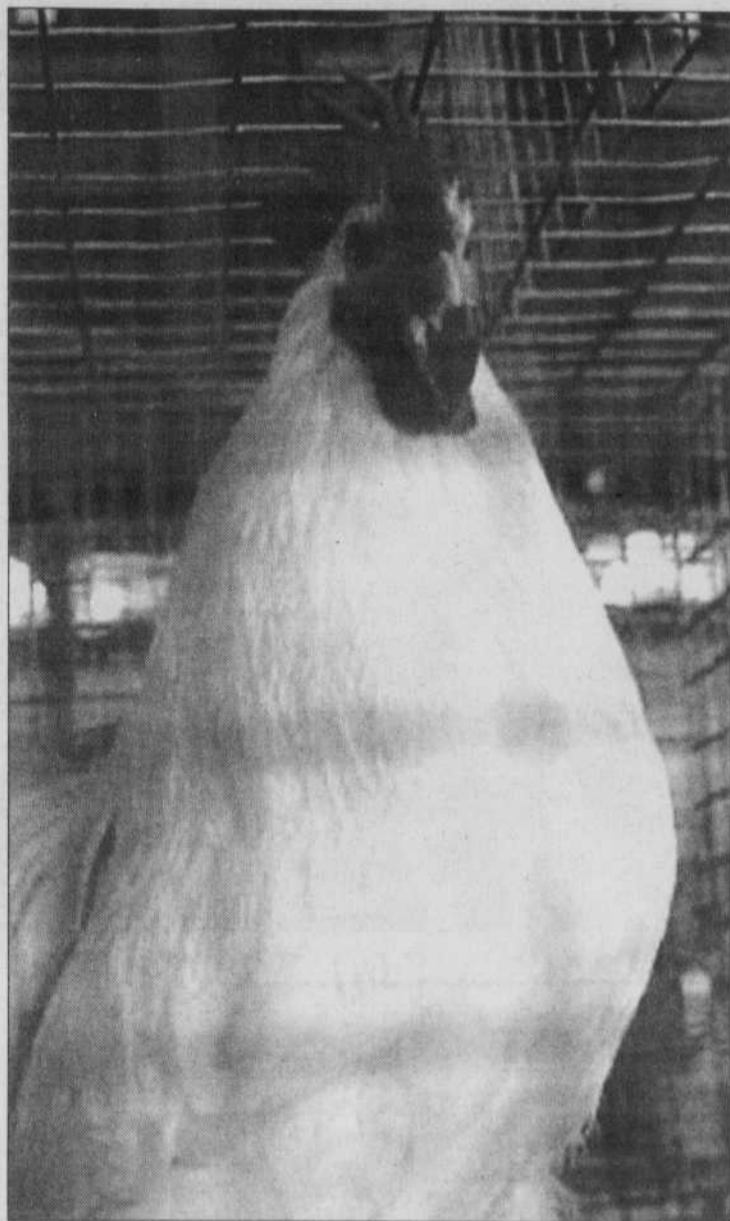
Lawn tractor pulls begin the pulling competition tradition on Friday and for the older young at heart, Revival plays popular rock music in the pavilion.

Farm tractor pulls get started at 1 p.m. Friday and the horse show begins in the arena at 7:30 p.m. Horse racing is out this year, replaced by a horse pulling competition beginning Sat., Aug. 5th at 2 p.m. Tempting spectators to stay on for the evening, organizers will offer a roast pork supper followed by The Bobblehead Band at 9 p.m.

"We have new entertainment as well as old 'tried and true' events all day Sunday," Cote adds.

The annual fair brunch gets the day started, the antique car show arrives, and Sheep Dog Trials begin at 11 a.m. Of course, no fair is complete without the horse and cattle parade at 11:30 a.m., followed by a ceremony to honor the profession of farming with prizes for grain growing and different types of roughage such as timothy hay and clovers awarded.

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For the first time in many years, organizers will bring wrestling back to the Bedford fair beginning at 1:30 p.m. And the annual sweepstakes, amounting to \$15,000 in prizes, will be drawn.

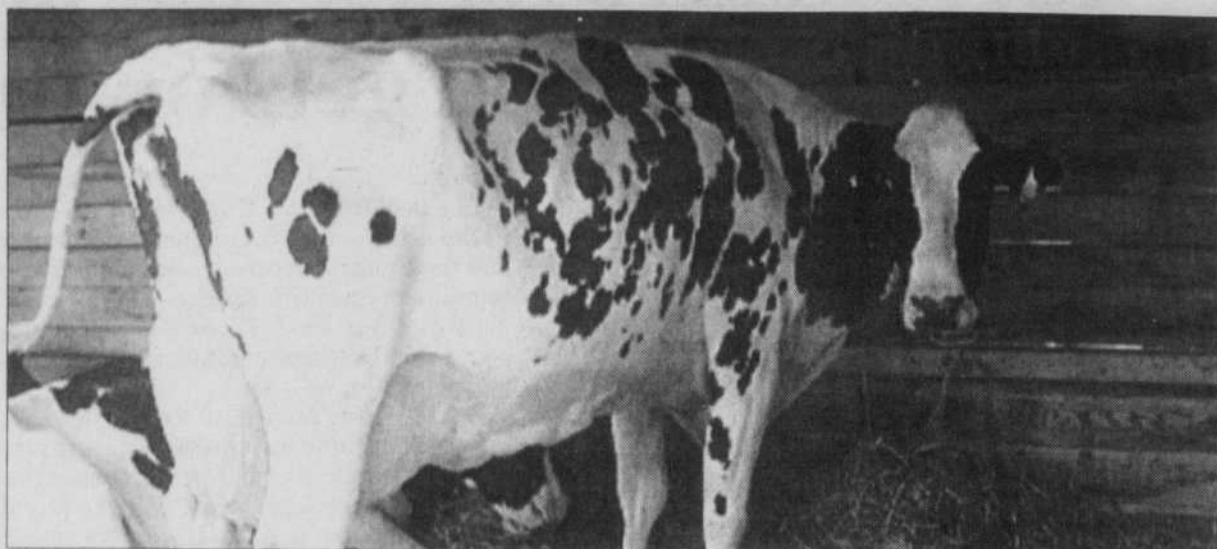
Said Cote: "Keeping visitors amused and entertained is important. That's why we have a sheep rodeo and pig round-up in the arena on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. with our final event, the Youth Talent contests, beginning at 6:30 p.m."

"Entries are coming in quite well and we're looking forward to a great show of dairy and beef animals," Cote adds.

Commercial displays are numerous at this fair with many items available geared to urban as well as rural taste. A rest and convenience area for mothers and their young children will be on the site this year.

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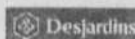
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Thursday, August 10th

- 9:00 a.m. Judging - Horses, halter classes
- 9:30 a.m. Judging - 4H
- 11:00 a.m. Acrobatic artists
- 1:00 p.m. Opening of art show - "Option-Passion" - Mgr. Desranleau school
- 2:00 p.m. BMX and mountain bike races
"Festival of the fans" Amateur talent contest (categories: 2 to 6 yrs. - 7 to 12 yrs.)
- 2:30 p.m. Acrobatic artists
- 7:00 p.m. Parade in the streets of Bedford under the theme "That's showbusiness!"
- 8:00 p.m. "Young Talent" contest (quarter final- part 1)
- 8:30 p.m. Motocross races
- 10:00 p.m. Music with the "Bobblehead Band"

- 11:30 a.m. Animal parade
- 1:00 p.m. Country music with "Home Grown Country"
Presentation of prizes for grain growing contest
- 1:30 p.m. Wrestling
- 2:00 p.m. Motocross races
- 2:00 p.m. Sheep dog trial
- 4:00 p.m. Annual sweepstakes drawing
Unveiling of contest winners:
"Best booths" (by category), "Best parade float" (according to the theme), "Photo show", "Art show"
- 4:30 p.m. Pig round-up
- 6:00 p.m. "Young Talents" contest (finals)

ALL WEEK

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- Midway games
- Petting farm
- Commercial, agricultural, automotive and craft booths
- Art show "My Passion - the Arts"
- "Option-Passion" Arts et Multimédia
- Photo show
- Coloring contest exhibit
- Pony rides (\$)
- The agri-foods train - Local product showcase
- Crafts and horticulture (daily demonstrations)
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Friday, August 11th KID'S DAY

- 10:00 a.m. Judging - Small animals (rabbits, poultry, etc.)
Horse show - hitching and riding classes
- 11:00 a.m. Zig Zag (interactive activity with farm animals)
- 12:30 p.m. Variety show by the Camp de Jour de Bedford
- 1:00 p.m. Horse show - hitching and riding classes (cont'd)
- 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cooking making workshop
- 1:30 p.m. "Festival of the fans" Amateur talent contest (finals)
- 7:00 p.m. Modified lawn tractor pulls (classes for local participants)
"Young Talents" contest (quarter finals - part 2)
- 10:00 p.m. Music with the group "Revival"

Saturday, August 12th

- 9:00 a.m. Judging - Beef cattle Hereford
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pancake and cider breakfast (\$)
- 10:00 a.m. Horse show - hitching and riding classes
Judging - Holstein dairy cattle
- 11:30 a.m. Zig Zag (interactive activity with farm animals)
- 12:00 p.m. Antique farm equipment exhibit
- 1:00 p.m. Horse show - Hitching & riding classes (cont'd)
Farm Tractor pulls
- 2:00 p.m. "Young Talent" contest (semi-final)
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Gourmet supper (local products) (\$)
- 7:00 p.m. Horse show in the arena (speed and hitching classes)
- 9:30 p.m. Musical show with the group "Gryffan"

Sunday, August 13th

- 7:00 a.m. to noon Brunch (7\$) prepared by the Chevaliers de Colomb
- 10:00 a.m. Antique car exhibit
Antique farm equipment exhibit
- 11:00 a.m. Sheep dog trial

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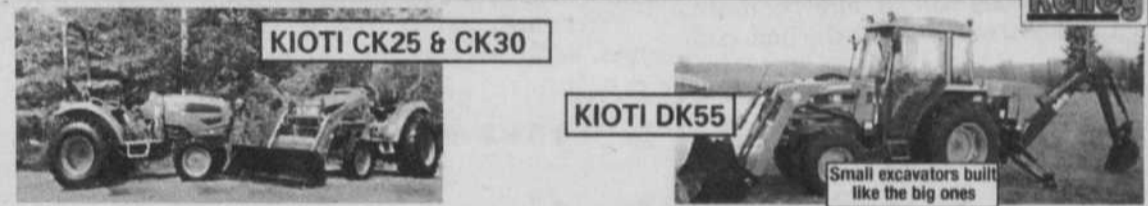
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Fatal attraction in the garden

The good, the bad and the very helpful: creating a habitat for desirable bugs

By Alanna Fahey
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Every summer it happens. At first I barely notice as the first few aphids gather to set up shop. Then a week or so goes by and they have doubled in number. Another week goes by and there you have it: an infestation.

I am without a doubt wondering where nature's helpers are. Maybe this is the year they won't come to my assistance, but without fail, just as I begin to start hand wiping every leaf and reaching for the soap, there they are: little lady beetles, in numbers to make Napoleon Bonaparte proud, dining ever so contentedly on my gourmet aphids. Within a few days there are very few aphids to contend with and every thing is as it should be - balanced. When nature is in balance you will find a healthy mixture of good and bad insects in any garden and if you do things right, you can avoid having to use even your most organic pesticide.

To begin with, you should take a close look at what is going on in your garden. You will notice at first the damage caused by the bad insects, but if you look closer you will see another drama being played out. Look at the underside

of a cabbage leaf that has a whitefly infestation and you will in all likelihood also see hover fly eggs and a hover fly larva munching away on that whitefly infestation.

The hover fly is one of the most conspicuous flies in the garden. It has a striped abdomen and looks like a small bee. It is certainly one of the most voracious predators in the garden, doing a nice job not only on the whiteflies, but on aphids as well.

Another predator that should be welcome in any garden is the tiny lacewing. They possess an appetite for aphids, caterpillars, mealeybugs, leafhoppers and whiteflies. If you are thinking of introducing beneficial insects to your garden, the lacewing is a safe bet.

There are many beneficial insects, such as the parasitic wasp, which are known for their appetite for corn earworm, tomato fruitworm, cabbage-worm and tent caterpillars. For aphids, braconid, chalcid, and ichneumonid wasps are the ones you want to have in your garden. These insects may all be ordered through various companies. Just look on the internet and you will find what you need.

To get these insects into your garden without having to introduce them from a mail order company, a mix of annual and perennial flowers will provide alternative food sources for the beneficial insects while they are awaiting battle with your unwelcome guests.

First you want to attract the good guys, because invariably the bad guys

will come along and it is best to be prepared. Tansy, that most beautiful yellow buttoned flower, attracts all of the beneficials. Try growing nectar-bearing flowers next to your edible garden. Statice and yarrow are both nectar producers and will add delight to your potage as well as sweet alyssum, zinnias and sunflowers. Just make sure that you plant these flowers close to or in amongst your edibles, otherwise you may create a habitat that is too comfortable for the insects and they won't leave to do the job you want them to do.

Creating a habitat for insects can be a fascinating endeavor. Get yourself a good magnifying lens and an insect identification book and you are in business. Providing a home for your beneficials involves providing them with food, water and shelter. Keep the soil covered with organic matter, try to avoid use of chemicals and make sure you plant flowers that bloom at different times. Timing is everything and strategy is the name of the game. Make your moves with attention and awareness and that trifling little bothersome annoyance can be irradiated.

However, as all gardeners know, the job is never, ever finished and there is never, ever a dull moment in the garden, especially when you are working with nature and not against it.

Alanna Fahey is a forest management specialist and works as a gardener in the summers.

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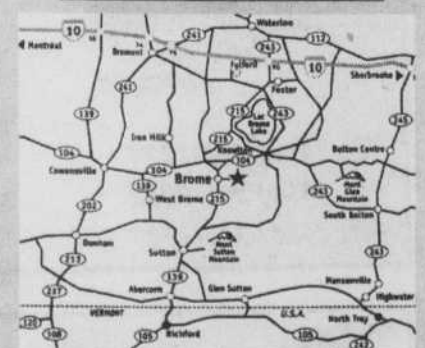
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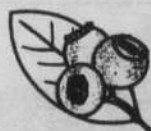
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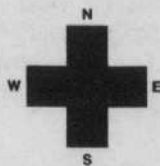
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You looked down on us with a smile,
Our hearts with an empty hole
Feel the love you give us from Heaven.
As we know you love us from Heaven
As you loved us on earth,
With every new day we share your love
As you shine down on us from the sun
And catch our hearts with the wind.
Every hour you are missed
And within that hour you bring
A memory with a smile across our faces.

Love you always and miss you dearly.

CECILIA (wife)
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Card of Thanks

PATERSON - A big thank you to all my friends who attended the celebration of my birthday at the "Pub" on Monday, July 17. Thank you for the cards, flowers, gifts, certificates, balloons and delicious cake. I will always remember this one.

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**Oliver - Graham
engagement**



Barbara and David Oliver of Mansonville, Quebec are happy to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Erin Oliver, and Jean Francois Graham, son of Anne-Marie and Terry Graham of D.D.O., Quebec. The wedding will

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**Happy
40th
Birthday
Tam**



In Memoriams

FLORENCE CANNING MASON

A wife, a mother
A grandmother even a great-grandmother
And a friend of many who all miss your greatly.
A year has passed us all and not one day
Passed that we haven't thought about you.
Remembering all the great memories
That we created together.
We all miss you so much, but knowing
That you are with your husband,
Daughter, family and friends,
We know you are doing great.
We also know that one day, sooner or later,

We will all meet you again up there with God

And create more and more memories together.

Mom, I love you and miss you
Gram, we love you so much and miss you dearly.

Just know this, we will always remember how caring, sweet, joyful and fun you are!

Love,

MAUREEN, MICHAEL,
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MASON, William - August 2, 2004.

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Gone are those days we used to share,
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Birth

WHITFORD-DESNOYERS:



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with her new parents on June 12, 2006.

Death

DESNOYERS, Nancy (1971-2006): In Sherbrooke, on Sunday, July 30, 2006 after having succumbed to injuries sustained in a tragic accident in Knowlton on July 29, 2006 Nancy Desnoyers lost her life. She leaves to mourn her 3 children Brandon, Derrek and Genny; her mother Alice and siblings Tammy (Randy), Steve (Shelly), Rose (Micheal), Harry (Christine) as well as 9 nieces and nephews. Visitation at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 318 Knowlton Road, Knowlton, Quebec., Tel: (450) 263-1212, Fax: (450) 263-9557, Email: info@desourdywilson.com, DIGNITY MEMORIAL on Thursday, August 3, 2006 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. The Funeral service will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Knowlton on Friday, August 4, 2006 at 11 a.m. Donations for a trust fund for the children she leaves behind are being accepted by the family c/o Notary Louis Meunier, 111 de la Rivière, Cowansville, Quebec, 1M7.

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