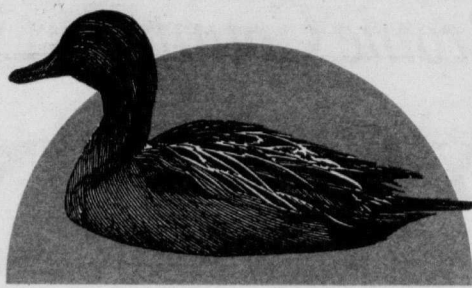


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DAVID ANDERSON/SPECIAL

Knowlton Players' production of *The Bikers of Penzance* is a tribute to the comic opera of Gilbert & Sullivan.

By **Caroline Kehne**
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
KNOWLTON

In a few days, Knowlton Players will take to the stage with *The Bikers of Penzance*, a tribute to the comic opera of Gilbert & Sullivan.

Knowlton Players President Lucy Hoblyn will direct a cast of 40 with a stage play by Roger de la Mare, music direction Susan Reininger, Sarah Hoblyn and Evie Johnston-Main and choreography by Diane Yarmush and Darleen Bell.

The inspiration for the Knowlton Players' current production was the dynamic musical comedy team of librettist William Schwenck. Gilbert (1836-1911) and composer Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900).

The duo produced 14 comic operas during their collaboration, including *Thespis*, *Trial by Jury*, *The Sorcerer*, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Patience*, *Iolanthe*, *Princess Ida*, *Mikado*, *Ruddigore*, *Yeoman of the Guard*, *the Gondoliers*, *Utopia Limited*

and *Grand Duke*.

In 1875, the team who would go down in light opera history as Gilbert & Sullivan composed *Trial By Jury* for impresario Richard D'Oyly Carte, who founded his own comic opera, the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company the following year.

The company performed the wildly successful works of G&S for 117 years with more than 3,000 performers until its final performance in 1982.

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Entre Nous Arts exhibit is refined and adroit

By **Philip A. Godin**
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
KNOWLTON

The collected works of 11 Township artists, currently on display at the Pettes Memorial Library in Knowlton, is a testimonial to the area's mature and serious artistic talent.

The painters, all affiliated with the Arts Entre Nous co-operative, are back for a second year in the Library's Visual Arts Program. Their encore is apparent while touring the 20 or so canvases in the 2003 display — the exhibition contains some very noteworthy pieces.

An appreciated divergence from earlier exhibits is apparent in the variety of subject matter depicted, as the selection of topics was apparently left unrestricted.

The artists have also not been limited by their choice of media — there are several departures from the anticipated watercolours, namely pieces using ink, pastels, oil and acrylic paints and even wax.

For example, Marie Desmarchais' watercolour entitled 'Le temps des cerises' is an excellent example of an imaginative mixing of background greens and greys that allow the vivid red of the foreground cherries to explode with tangibility.

Her second entry captures the eye by a bold use of style and execution as she uses standard pastel colours to illustrate the figurative vision a child might have of the animated world that surrounds him.

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May 7

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC at St. Bernadin Church, 5005 Foster St., **Waterloo**, 2 to 8 p.m. Info: 450-360-7730.

May 9

COFFEE HOUSE at All Saints Anglican Church, **Dunham**, 7 p.m. An evening of music and storytelling. Free admission. Donations in support of the West Brome Storytelling Festival. Info: 450-295-2704.

May 9 & 10

RUMMAGE SALE at St. James Anglican Church Hall, 15 Maple St., **Stanbridge East**. May 9, 1 to 4 p.m.; May 10, (bag sale) from 10 to noon.

BARGAIN DAY SALE at St. Paul's Anglican Church, **Knowlton**, Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted during the week prior to sale.

36TH ANNUAL ANTIQUES, ARTS & CRAFTS SALE at St. Lambert United Church, 415 Mercille, **St. Lambert**. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets: \$2, or free for children 10 and under. Antiques, crafts, homebaking, plants, paintings, snack bar. Info: 450-671-6003.

May 10

MOTHERS' DAY DINNER & DANCE. 'Beef on the Spit', baked potato, salad bar with all the condiments, Oddfellows Hall, 476 **Knowlton Rd.**, Dinner 5 to 7 p.m. Dance, 8 p.m. Music by Gary Darling. Door prizes. Admission charged. Info: 450-243-5736, 243-5738, 243-6778. Sponsored by Oddfellows Lodge, #28.

Lost Angels third annual **MOTHERS' DAY CRAFT SALE** at **Sutton** Legion, 2 Curley St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Table rental proceeds to Missing Childrens Network Canada. Info: Sharon, 450-263-4962. International Missing Children's Day is on May 25. Leave your porch light on to guide a missing child home.

TOWNSHIPS BLUEGRASS & OLD-TYME MUSIC SOCIETY at Royal Canadian Legion, 77 Lewis St., **Waterloo**. Seasons final event. Jamming, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Supper, 6 p.m. Live bluegrass and old-tyme music, 7 to 10:30 p.m. Sincere thanks to all members, supporters and RCL staff during the past successful season. Also, to the outgoing President Gordon Camron for his many years of contributions and leadership. Best wishes to new directors. Jam Captain: John Petronko, 514-488-8160. Info: G. Cameron 450-539-0333; T. Kilbride, 450-243-0645; C. McBurney, 819-889-2629; B. Tetrault, 819-346-2435; B. McMurray, 450-539-5133; T. Howell, 819-875-5133. New season event Sept. 6.

May 11

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST at the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. #82 **Philipsburg**, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$5.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST at the Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon, **Cowansville**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission: \$5 Reservations: Gerry, 450-263-4927; Suzanne or Debbie, 263-3543. Profits to inter-pro ball teams.

Royal Canadian Legion, Br #158, **ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT WESTERN BREAKFAST**, 2 Curley St., **Sutton**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 13

SPRING COFFEE PARTY sponsored by Friendly Society and Friends at Trinity Anglican Church, 409 South St., **Cowansville**, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Good food and conversation with friends. Donation: \$5. Info: 450-263-2662.

May 15

Brome Lake Aquatic Program **REGISTRATION** for swimming lessons at TBL Community Centre, 383 Knowlton Rd., **Knowlton**, 4 to 7 p.m. Info: 450-243-6912.

May 17

Royal Canadian Legion, Br. # 77, will hold **DANCE** at 77 Lewis St., **Waterloo**, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music: Gary Darling. Admission: \$5.

May 23 & 24

RUMMAGE SALE at Grace Anglican Church Hall, South Main St., **Sutton**, Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Drop-off days: May 10 & 17, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Also, 9 a.m. - noon, from Monday, May 19 to

Thursday, May 22. Please only bring good resalable items.

May 29

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at Avante Women's Centre, 52 rue Du Pont, Salle Dunningan, **Bedford** at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and hear our annual reports and plans for up-coming year. At this time we will have our elections and recruit new members to be on our board of directors.

ARTS CALENDAR

May 11

storyland3 **COFFEE HOUSE** upstairs at **Knowlton** Pub, 7 p.m. Information: 450-538-0921.

May 15 to June 1

Knowlton Players presents **THE BIKERS OF PENZANCE** at Arts **Knowlton**, 9 Mt. Echo, Evening performances, 8 p.m.; Sunday matinee, 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$5 children. Reservations: 450-263-1061.

Through June

ART EXHIBIT featuring works by Judith Brisson, Peggy Charon and John Barr at **Dunham** Public Library during June. Vernissage, June 8, 2 p.m. Info: 450-295-2621.

CHURCH SERVICES

KNOWLTON/CREEK PASTORAL CHARGE: Worship and song by members. Creek United, Foster, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school at Creek. Knowlton United, Knowlton, 11 a.m.

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COWANSVILLE AREA PASTORAL CHARGE UNITED CHURCH: Worship and Sunday school at Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue

Principale, Cowansville at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Mary MacPherson officiating. Babysitting provided. Choir practice every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

WATERLOO ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH: Sunday services at 10 a.m., New Vision Pastoral Zone Ministers, Rev. Lillian Patey, Rev. David Lambie. Church: 450-539-2129.

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SUTTON-DUNHAM UNITED CHURCH: Sunday worship services: Dunham, 9:15 a.m., Sutton, 11:15 a.m.

BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE: We invite you to come and worship with us. Minister, Rev. Malcolm Cogswell. Joint Service Sunday May 11 at Mystic United Church, 10 a.m. Other services cancelled. Guest worship leader, Hermina Squires.

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BEDFORD/PHILIPSBURG/FARNHAM: St. Paul's Philipsburg: 9:30 a.m., first and third Sunday, Holy Eucharist; 9:30 a.m., and & fourth Sunday, Morning Prayer; St. James the Apostle & Martyr, Farnham: 11 a.m., first Sunday, Combined Service in Bedford; 9:30 a.m., and & fourth Sunday, Holy Eucharist; 11 a.m., third Sunday, Morning Prayer; St. James, Bedford: 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist. Fr. Brian Evans, Rector.

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

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Beef Day attracts farmers from across Quebec

Biennial day offers workshops, booths

By Maurice Crossfield
WEST BROME

Beef farmers from across southern Quebec gathered at Shadybrook Farm in West Brome last Friday for the third biennial Beef Day.

"This is a chance for producers to learn about new products and new tools to help their business," said organizer and agronome Claude Tardif. "It gives them the chance to enter into the elite ranks of producers."

The day featured a number of booths, offering everything from the latest in electric fencing to feed, health care and farm equipment. Representatives of several main beef breed associations were also on hand, as were representatives of the provincial agriculture ministry.

Tardif said today's beef breeder has to deal with a number of challenges, from tougher environmental regulations to animal health issues to ever changing

practices in breeding. Workshops held during the day included effective use of bull test data, calf quality and replacement animal nutrition. The workshops were held in both English and French, a reflection of the bilingual crowd.

"When a cow produces one calf per year it is important that the production meets the needs of the market," Tardif explained.

Beef Day is held every second year, attracting producers from as far away as Richmond and Chateauguy. This year the event was hosted by Shadybrook Farm, owned by Lawrence and Constance Pathy. Purchasing the farm in 1973 the operation has expanded to a 100-cow Shorthorn herd recognized internationally for its superior genetics. In a production sale last year one of the farm's bulls fetched \$100,000, a record for the breed.

Tardif said the Beef Day, while also a chance for farmers to get together, gave them practical information they can use in their own operations.

"A lot of the theory here is all applicable on the farm."



MAURICE CROSSFIELD

Michel Lapointe (left to right) Marcel Choinière, Gaetan Bonneau, Shadybrook Farm managers Lloyd Wright and Royce Dustin, and Claude Tardif. The bull's name is Scotty.

Waterloo artists unite



DAVID ANDERSON/SPECIAL

Long time Les Peintre Unis de Waterloo members Mona Gauthier, pictured, (Waterloo) and Carmen Bourdon (Canton-Shefford) were two of the 19 local artists on hand at a well-attended vernissage held at La Maison de la Culture in Waterloo Friday night. This annual event, hosted by the Waterloo-based association, offers local artists a venue to present and sell many of their new creations.

Foster tourist office to reopen

Staff

The tourist office at Foster, run by the Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce, will reopen its doors the weekend of May 17 for the Victoria Day weekend.

From May 17 to June 21, the office

will be open Saturdays and Sundays. From June 21 through Labour Day weekend, the office will be open seven days a week.

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With winter finally on the way out, your car has taken its fair share of abuse lately. While you're evaluating the damage, a look at the brakes is always a good idea.

When it comes to the salt and slush of winter, your car's brakes are in the thick of it. Because brakes work through the use of friction, they are exposed to the extremes of both heat and cold in all seasons. Throw in a little salt and sand, and you've got a recipe for trouble.

With disk brakes, when you step on the pedal the brake pads push on the disc from each side, slowing the car. This generates a lot of heat, and sometimes the heat warps the brake disc. The next time you step on the brake the disc isn't perfectly smooth and round anymore, and that uneven movement comes back to the driver in the form of the shakes. A build-up of rust can cause a similar pulsing of the brake pedal.

Drum brakes, usually found in the

rear of cars and trucks, can also warp, though it is less common. If it is the rear brakes that are warped, you won't get the shaking in the steering, though your foot will still get a pulsating sensation on the brake pedal.

Another potential problem is when the salt and corrosion gets into the brake hardware. This can cause things to stick or seize, leaving a brake pad in continual contact, or refusing to contact, the drum or disk. This can lead to poor handling, reducing stopping power and premature wear.

The effect of warped brakes goes beyond the unpleasant shaking. Each time you feel a pulsation come through the pedal the wheel is that much closer to locking. In an emergency, that can mean one or more tires lock up when you don't want them to. It also means you aren't getting the even braking power needed to make the most of the car's ability to stop.

But the solution is usually fairly simple, with two possibilities: Your mechanic can either replace the brake disc, or he can have it "turned" in a special lathe made for just such a job. The lathe uses special knives to peel away the outer layer of metal, straightening things

out in the process. If your brake discs are thick enough (your mechanic can measure them to find out) getting them turned is the less expensive option.

Reinstall the new or freshly turned discs, put on a new set of brake pads and your shaking problem is solved. Of course rust and corrosion can cause other problems to be discovered while the brakes are being checked, adding

more to your final bill.

While the cost of brake repairs can vary quite a bit, it's still one of the best safety investments you can make. When you consider your options (unpleasant driving, crashing into a car, running over someone, getting yourself killed), the return you get from having good brakes is pretty darn high.

When it comes to the cost of brake repairs, procrastination definitely doesn't pay off. The sooner a problem is identified and corrected the less damage it does to other parts and pieces in the braking system. This week it may only need the replacement of a set of brake pads. Next week it may require new or turned disks and drums as well, or more. You do the math.

UNDER THE HOOD

MAURICE CROSSFIELD

BRIEFS

Library activities

• Triumph of the Will, Leni Riefenstahl's propaganda film about the 1934 Nazi Party Congress in Nuremberg, will be presented in German with English sub-titles on Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at La Maison du Livre, located at 371 Rte 202 in Stanbridge-Station. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information, call 450-248-3388.

• Doug Patch from Animalerie Bedford will give a talk in English and French about the choice and care of pet fishes and fish tanks on Sunday May 18 at 2 p.m. at the Missisquoi Public Library's Welcome Centre, located in the Church Hall of the Anglican Church in

Philipsburg. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information, call 450-248-4402.

Firemen's brunch

The Clarenceville-Noyan Firemen's Association will host their annual brunch May 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Clarenceville Loisirs Hall. Each year, the firemen trade their fire coats for aprons to raise money for the department. The hearty breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, homefries, pancakes and a beverage.

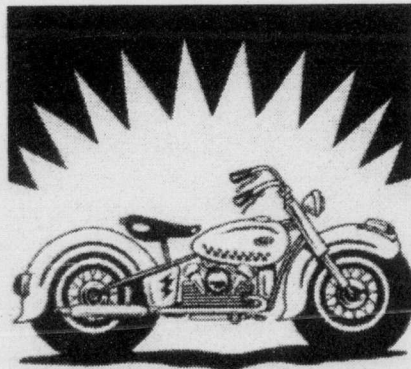
Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children six to 12, and no charge for children 5 and under. For more information, call 450-294-2209.



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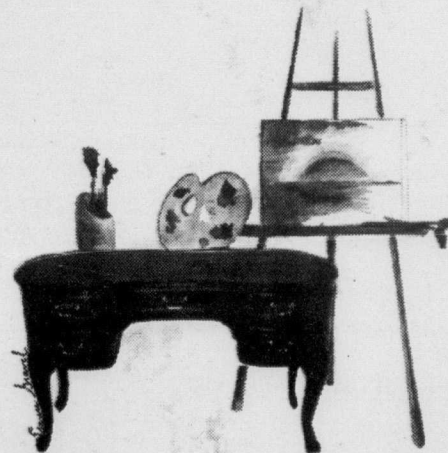
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Lac Brome Chamber begins Breakfast Club

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
LAC BROME

You have to spend money to make money, or so says the old business axiom. But founders of Lac Brome's Networking Breakfast Club (NBC) think that when it comes to promoting business, sometimes less is better.

The club, sponsored by the Brome Lake Chamber of Commerce, meets monthly at Restaurant Chez Guy in Knowlton to promote its members and their products or services. In exchange, members hope to cultivate casual business contacts that may someday generate direct business or word-of-mouth referrals.

The breakfast is open to members of Lac Brome's Chamber of Commerce, each of whom is encouraged to invite a guest. The NBC convenes at 7:45 a.m., and opens with a round of introductions and an exchange of business cards followed by a guest speaker. The speaker's brief presentation is followed by a question and answer period. The meeting is over by 9:15 a.m.

Membership in the NBC is limited to one representative per business specialty, a decision that limits competition and guarantees a motley marketing mix of interests and offerings.

For example, two insurers who apply for membership would have to pick a specialty and then would only be allowed to promote that specialty during the meetings. Members are expected to attend. After two absences, they are automatically replaced.

Artist Julia Rohan initiated the Lac Brome NBC based after her experience with a similar club in Montreal. She moderated the first meeting, held in March, with guest speaker and chartered accountant Wendy Conn.

The April meeting, moderated by

Denis St-François of Groupe Financier Tanner-Deland Inc., brought together a diverse group consisting of Stephanie Corbière, head chef and administrator at Chez Guy, Rémi Lamontage of Jardins Foster, landscape artist Gordon Ladd, chiropractor and osteopath Dr. Vivian Muir, and her guest, architect Eden Muir of Freightsburg. Dr. Muir, the featured speaker, gave a demonstration of the principles of "complementary healthcare" from her Knowlton practice.

Muir, who moved her complementary healthcare practice to Lac Brome in 1994, says she was attracted to NBC by the opportunity to broaden her local client base.

"For my practice, patients come from far and wide, but few from the local community. I wanted people to know locally that I exist and what I do."

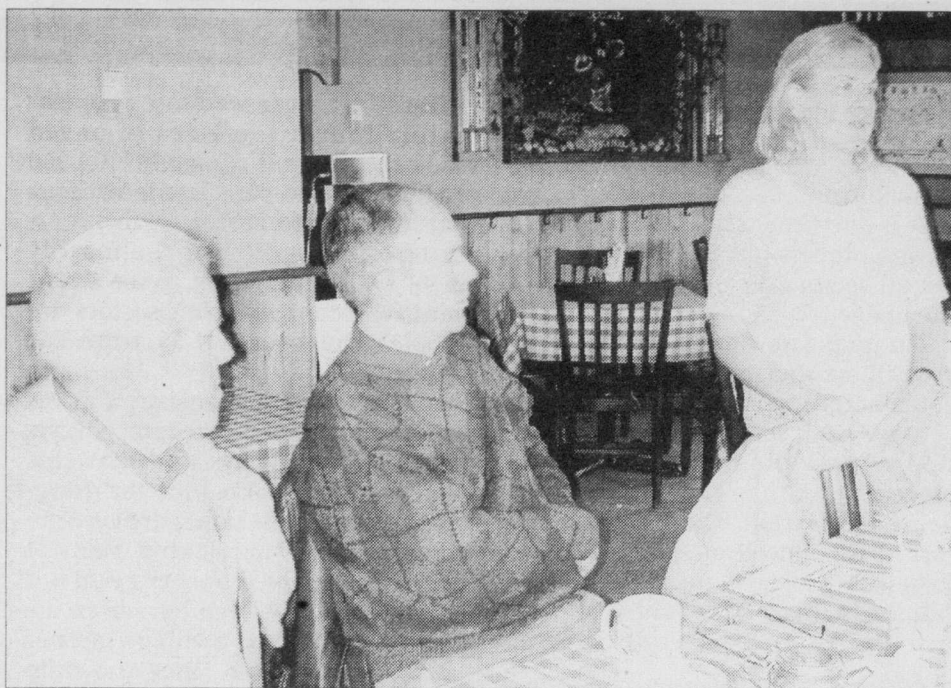
Ladd, who attended the second NBC meeting in April, says he was drawn partly out of curiosity about the people and services within the surrounding business community. Though his own reputation as a landscape painter is firmly established after 37 years of painting, he sees value in one-on-one networking.

"I do know that if I meet 10 people, one will have his interest piqued enough to show up at my studio."

Next month's meeting will be held May 30, 7:45 a.m. at Chez Guy with guest speaker Rémi Lamontagne of Jardins Foster.

To join, applicants must be members of the Lac Brome Chamber of Commerce. There is an additional \$25 NBC membership fee for the six-month period, plus the cost of breakfast.

Applications for the Lac Brome Chamber of Commerce and the Network Breakfast Club Lac Brome can be obtained by writing to: Chambre de Commerce de Lac Brome, CP 723, Knowlton, JOE 1V0, or by e-mail to bit@cclacbrome.qc.ca.



CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

April NBC participants Gordon Ladd, Eden Muir and Dr. Vivian Muir, D.C., D.O.

BMP to host info meeting


The Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital Foundation will hold an information meeting at Sutton Legion Hall, 2 Curley St. May 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will feature two presentations. Dr. Jean-Charles Godreau, a long standing veteran in the BMP's Emergency Unit will speak specifically on the unit, the services it offers, its linkages with other trauma centres beyond the immediate region and the challenges it that all similar trauma centres face today.

Frank Johnston-Main, executive director of the BMP Hospital Foundation, will

also report on the various medical equipment which the BMP Foundation has purchased over the past year. Coffee and tea will be served.

The meeting is one of a series of public meetings the BMP Foundation is holding throughout Brome-Missisquoi. For more information, call 266-5548.





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Community Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brome Lake sectors deserve fair share

DEAR EDITOR,

It is due time that there is a distribution process put in place that will see all sectors receive their share of the budget.

For years Knowlton has had control over all tax dollars. It is time that we get concrete figures to see what percentage each sector is honestly entitled to. Knowlton will always get a bigger chunk than the rest due to its dense population. There are five sectors in TBL, Knowlton, East Hill, West Brome, Foster and because of their relatively small size, Bondville, Iron Hill and Fulford are considered as one.

Let's say that Knowlton represents 60 per cent of the tax base and other sectors are 10 per cent each. This means that each year out of a \$7,000,000 budget Knowlton would receive \$4,200,000 while all other sectors would receive \$700,000 each. This money should be spent on their infrastructures. When is the last year that you saw \$700,000 in your sector?

Here in Foster we have approximately four kilometres of paved roads. It costs approximately \$100,000 per kilometre to pave. In the last four years we in the Foster sector, have contributed approximately \$2,500,000 and have yet to see a cent spent in Foster. All other sectors are treated the same. It is time for change.

When Knowlton receives a grant from the provincial or federal governments we are always told that this money was earmarked for the downtown sector. These grants are given to only the towns that qualify. Many of the grants received over the years, if not all, could not even have been applied for if TBL was a village smaller than 5,000 residents. Since Knowlton uses outer sectors for eligibility should we not receive our share? If all sectors are endorsing the cheque, so to speak, should we not all benefit?

In the last four years TBL has invested \$2,000,000 in our Community Services and yet the building is still in bad need of repair. Where's the money? This budget should be divided the same way, fairly. With

\$500,000 a year, give Knowlton their 60 per cent and other sectors 10 per cent each. This would break down to \$300,000 to Knowlton and \$50,000 to each outer sector. When is the last time you saw \$50,000 spent in your sector?

These are your tax dollars that you contribute to better your community. It is time to put an end to the status quo and put in place an administration that will treat all sectors equally. Each sector must seek a representative that will defend their needs and not bend under pressure.

LLOYD STURTEVANT
Foster

Guides need help with adventure

DEAR EDITOR

I am writing on behalf of the 1st Knowlton Guides of which my daughter is a member. Guides Canada is a movement for girls, led by women.

Guiding has been active in Knowlton for over 50 years. They are a non-profit organization comprised of only volunteers. This summer the 1st Knowlton Guides are planning an inter-provincial trip to help develop the girl's awareness of the diversity of Canada.

The leaders are planning a four-day adventure to Ontario, from June 26 to 29, with 27 girls ages nine to 12 accompanied by eight leaders. The schedule includes a Night Safari at Jungle Cat World Wildlife Park, near Orono, a Night Flight sleep over at the Canada Aviation Museum in Ottawa and a visit to the Museum of Sci-

ence and Technology as well as some under-canvas camping and hopefully meeting many Guides from the Ottawa and surrounding area. These experiences will help the Guides expand their worldly knowledge as well as earn several badges.

To help with the expenses, the Guides are planning to sell three times their usual amount of Girl Guide cookies. They will create a kid-friendly recipe booklet available March 1 for sale, a garage sale, and car wash to raise funds for this adventure. Of course a trip of this magnitude is a very expensive endeavor. We would appreciate your financial contribution to assist us in reaching our goal.

We are so fortunate to live in this wonderfully supportive community that believes in giving to its local groups. For more information please contact Bonnie Adams at 539-1078.

BONNIE ADAMS
Fulford

Right church, wrong name

DEAR EDITOR,

In the April 30, edition of the Brome County News, an error was made and I am hoping that it could be noted in the paper next week.

On page 3 under the heading 'Protestant churches ready to go online', it mentioned The Stanbridge Ridge United Church.

The correct name of the church is The Stanbridge Ridge Stone Church. It was built as a Baptist church, but is now an undenominational church and not connected with The United Church of Canada. We have our own Board of Trustees which includes a Chairman and Sec. Treas.

I am hoping that a correction can and will be made. Thank you. If any further information is necessary, feel free to call me.

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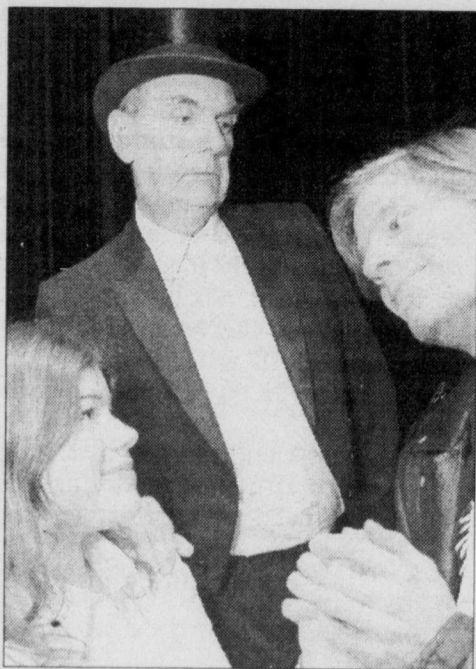
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Players' play an acquired taste for actors

PLAYERS:

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President Lucy Hoblyn notes many of the actors are now whole-hearted G&S converts

Sullivan's engaging musical compositions parodied Grand Opera of the day, while Gilbert's satiric lyrics skewered the pretensions of English society. Classics such as H.M.S. Pinafore and The Pirates of Penzance became international sensations on both sides of the Atlantic. Many major cities still have a Gilbert & Sullivan Society dedicated to the performance of their timeless comedies.

"Almost a year ago a lady came into the bookstore where I work to drop off a donation of clothes that belonged to her daughter for the Knowlton Players wardrobe," said Hoblyn, describing how the current production of The Bikers of Penzance came into being.

"Her daughter had traveled extensively, and had a fabulous collection of dresses from all over the world. Within the collection was a number of beautiful kimonos. My boss said that we must do The Mikado."

That suggestion, said Hoblyn, sparked great enthusiasm. Soon, the Gilbert & Sullivan fans within the Knowlton Players were lobbying for their personal favorites.

Roger de la Mare forged the best G&S numbers into an original stage play. Thus was born The Bikers of Penzance, in which salty pirates are morphed into contemporary pot-growing bikers.

In the brief synopsis, Ruth (played by Helga Loverseed), a governess, has mistakenly indentured her ward Frederick (Bill Jarand) to a biker gang, thinking he is training to become a pilot. Now 21 years old and free, Frederick decides to use the skills acquired during his apprenticeship to become a lawyer.

The head of a local crime family, Mr. Pirelli (played by Danny McAuley), offers him a job working with his cousin Vinny (Vivien Grenier). Ruth and Frederick travel



DAVID ANDERSON/SPECIAL

In keeping with the G&S comic formula, Knowlton Players' characters are stereotypic.

to the village where Frederick falls in love with Rose (Simone Bourke), the daughter of villainous mayor Roderick (Roger de la Mare). A double match ensues (Rose and Frederick, Ruth and one of two suitors), culminating in a double marriage that closes act one.

The second act opens on Pirelli's yacht, the Picadore and a happy double honeymoon. The crew, composed of Frederick's

former biker buddies, decides to seek safer careers. A disgruntled Roderick arrives to try to break up the marriage, but Mad Margaret (Sarah Hoblyn) arrives on the scene to save the day.

De la Mare has chosen to use some classics with the original lyrics almost entirely intact ('Titwillow', 'I'm Called Little Buttercup', 'When I Was A Lad'), while updating others with contemporary references. Satiric musical swipes at the law, politicians, the military and social conventions are as timely today as they were when they were first written.

In keeping with the G&S comic formula, the characters are stereotypic: Villains are vile; the hero, clean-cut and well intentioned; the heroine, young, saccharine and chaste. De la Mare has even found a place for the kimonos in his would-be tribute to The Mikado.

Hoblyn says that only 10 of the 40 cast members had more than a passing knowledge of G&S at the time of the auditions. She notes, however, that many are now whole-hearted converts to the clever music and lyrics that have retained their resonance for over 125 years.

Newcomers Di

and Jamie Plant bring their knowledge of light opera, honed in eight productions for the Montreal West Operatic Society to the Knowlton stage. Sarah Hoblyn will reprise her role as Mad Margaret, a role that she performed in the Lakeshore Light Opera's production of Ruddigore.

Theatre Lac Brome regular Danny McAuley plays the role of the mob chief, Mr. Pirelli and his son, Angus, age 6, is the production's youngest cast member.

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What you should look for in a gas grill

(NC)—Shopping for a full-size gas grill may seem easy enough: Lift some lids, compare styles, pick a color. But if you want to choose the best (and safest) grill for your money, dig a little deeper. Ask a few questions about the grill's basic features before you buy.

- How does a gas grill work? It's really pretty simple. There are burners to create heat. Above them you'll find some type of system to disperse the heat from the burners (inverted v-shaped metal bars, ceramic briquettes, lava rock, etc.). Above these lie the cooking grates. Together, these elements make up the cooking system.

- How many burners do I need? Better grills generally have two or more separate burners (not just control

knobs). They provide the best heat control. Most lower-priced grills have only one burner which may result in hot and cold spots on the cooking grate. Look for multiple burners made of high-grade stainless steel, they will last longer.

- What about BTUs? BTUs (British Thermal Units) measure how much volume of gas a grill can burn, not heat output, so more is not necessarily better. A grill 35,000 BTUs to reach a temperature of 550°F. Too many BTUs can cause damage to burners and reduce the life of the grill. In general, large grills with large cooking surfaces require higher BTUs.

- How is heat distributed? Most grills rely on lava rock or ceramic briquettes to distribute the heat from the

burners to the cooking surface. Dripings from the food tend to pool in these systems causing unwanted flare-ups. Instead, look for a system with inverted v-shaped metal bars (such as the Flavorizer® bars pioneered by Weber) to funnel the grease away from the burner flames, greatly reducing flare-ups.

- Where does the grease go? Some manufacturers do not include a catch pan, but instead instruct you to hang an empty soup can to a wire to collect grease.

- Others provide shallow pans that spill easily when removed. Look for a catch pan that is at least 1-inch deep. It should be easy to access from the front of the grill.

- Is the plumbing a safe distance

from hot surfaces? Make sure any electrical wiring and, most importantly, the gas line plumbing is set a safe distance from hot surfaces. A grill with the gas tank storage off to the side is safer than one with storage directly below the hot underside of the grill.

- Does your grill come with a tank and a tank scale? If you have to buy the tank separately, it adds to the total price of the grill. Ask before you get a surprise at the checkout counter. And look for a grill with a tank scale—you'll never run out of fuel mid-barbecue.

- Who's backing your purchase? Will the manufacturer be around when you need advice next summer

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Learn more about how to shop for a gas grill at

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How to avoid "hamburger disease"

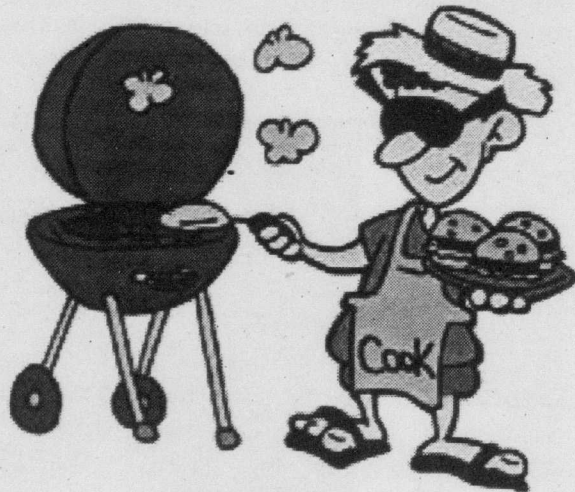
(NC)—According to Health Canada, common symptoms of foodborne illness include diarrhea, abdominal cramping, fever, sometimes blood or pus in the stools, headache, vomiting, and severe exhaustion. Symptoms will vary according to the type of bacteria and by the amount of contaminants eaten. Symptoms may start as early as 30 minutes after eating the contaminated food or may not develop for several days or weeks. Symptoms usually last only a day or two, but can, in some cases, persist for a week to 10 days. For most healthy people, foodborne illnesses are neither long lasting nor life threatening. However for seniors, young children and people with weakened immune systems foodborne illnesses can be very serious.

A common source of food poisoning is undercooked ground beef. What can I do to avoid "hamburger disease"?

• After you've handled or cut raw meat, wash your hands, the cutting board, counter, knives, and any other utensils you've used with hot soapy water before you use them again to prepare any other food.

• Thoroughly cook all ground beef to 71°C (160°F). Use an instant-read food thermometer to test in the middle of the burger or loaf.

• Cover and store leftover cooked food in the



refrigerator as soon as possible.

- Reheat all leftovers until they are steaming hot.
- Follow label instructions on products regarding handling practices.
- Keep the inside of your refrigerator and counter tops clean.

For more information on ground beef safety visit the Health Canada website at www.hc-sc.gc.ca/food-aliment.

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BBQ tip for cooking ground beef burgers

(NC)—Health Canada suggests you make the burger patties thin to ensure the meat cooks all the way through. Use an instant-read food thermometer to check that the middle of the burger reaches 71°C (160°F). Insert the food ther-

mometer through the side of the thickest burger, into the middle of the patty. Your burger's done at 71!

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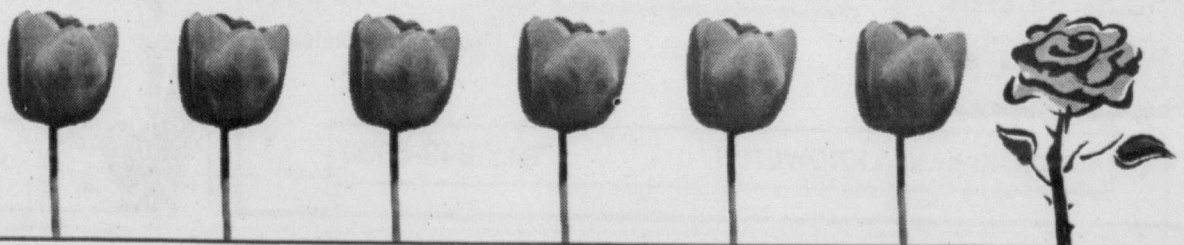
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Use food thermometer when cooking ground beef

(NC)—According to Health Canada, research shows that the colour of meat is not a reliable indicator that meat has reached a temperature high enough to destroy harmful bacteria such as E. coli O157:H7.

The only way to be sure a ground beef patty is cooked to a high enough temperature to destroy any harmful bacteria is to use a food thermometer.

Here are some tips on how to use a thermometer to test hamburgers:

- Towards the end of the cooking time, remove several of the thickest

patties from the source of heat.

- Use an instant-read food thermometer to check that the internal temperature has reached 71° C (160° F).

- Insert probe-type thermometers through the side of the patty until the tip reaches the centre. Fork-style temperature devices can be inserted through the top into the centre of the patty.

- Be sure to wash the thermometer immediately after testing an undercooked patty, and before testing another patty.

other patty.

- Oven-safe meat thermometers designed for testing whole poultry and roasts during cooking are not suitable for testing beef patties.

- At 71° C (160° F) a safely cooked ground beef patty may vary from slight pink to brown, depending on a variety of factors, such as whether the ground beef was fresh or frozen, or how it was thawed.

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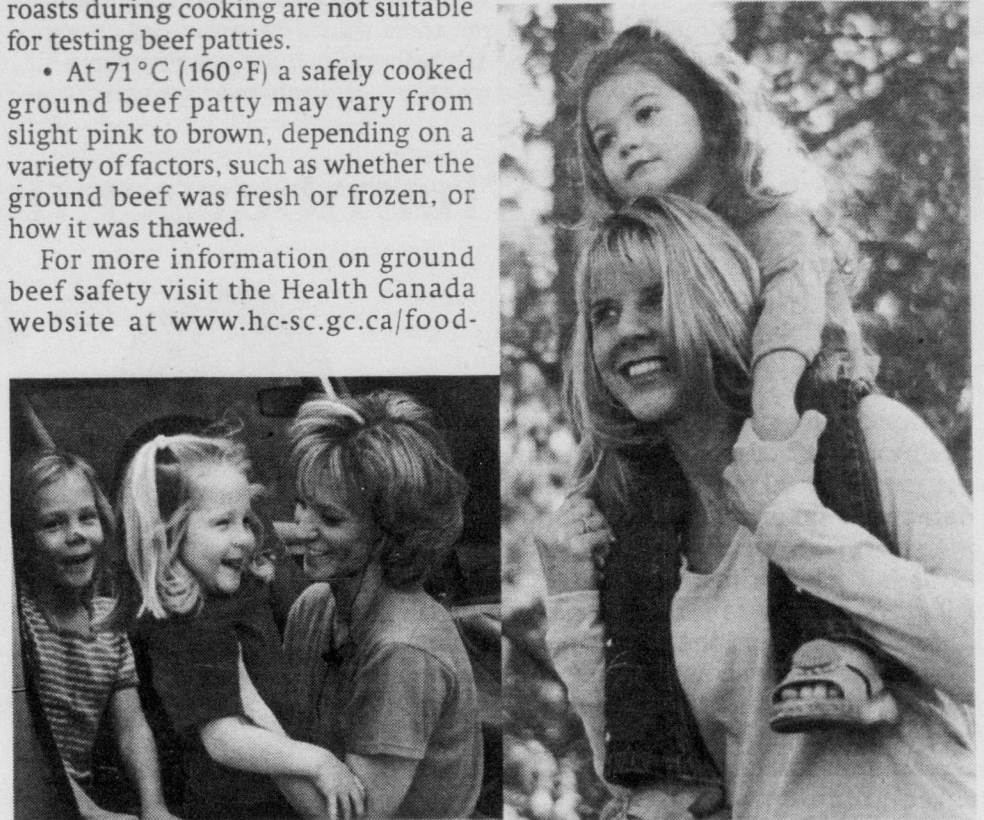
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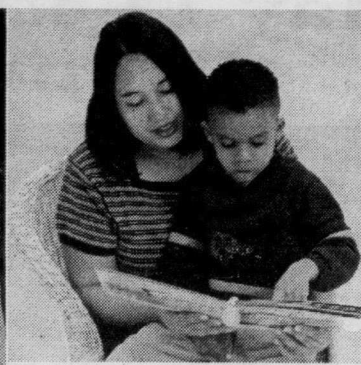
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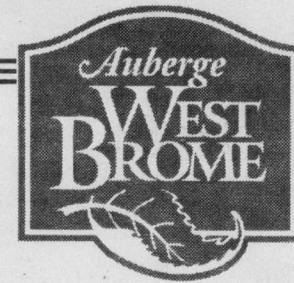


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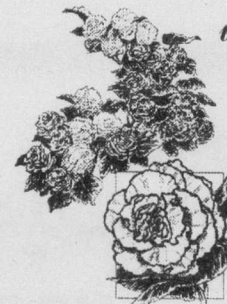
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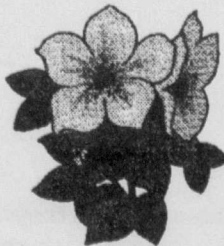
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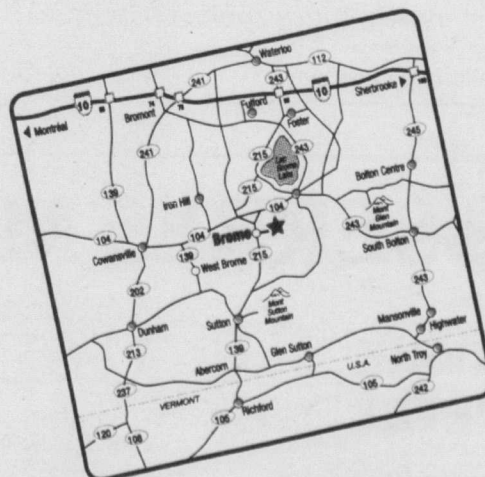
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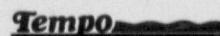
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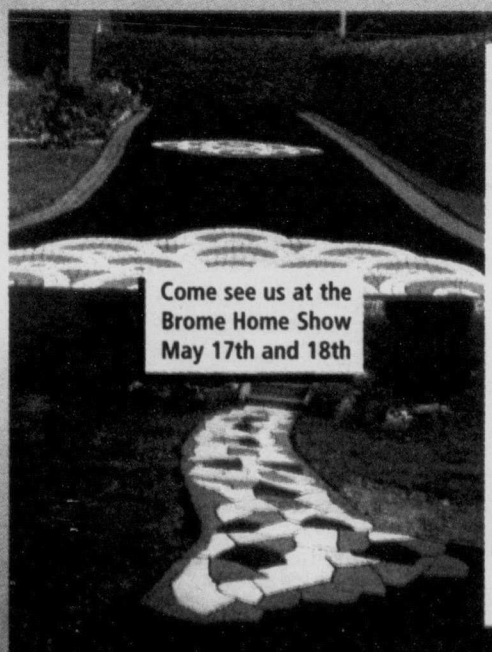


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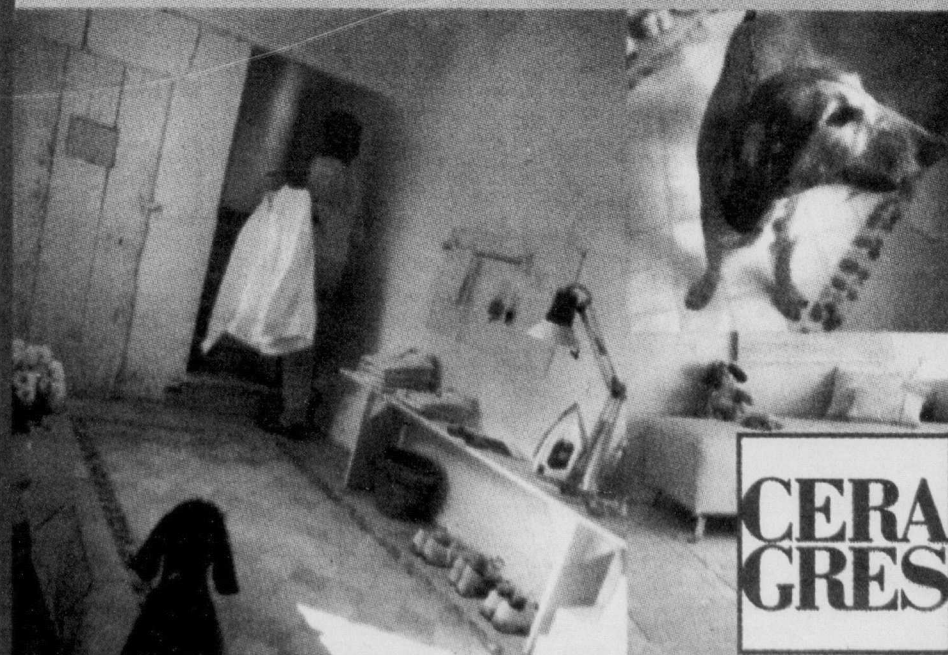
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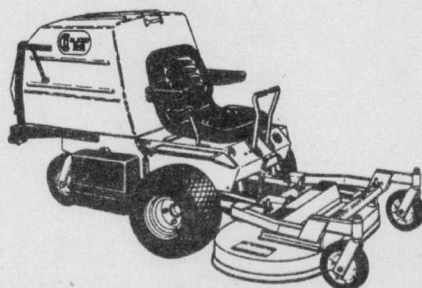
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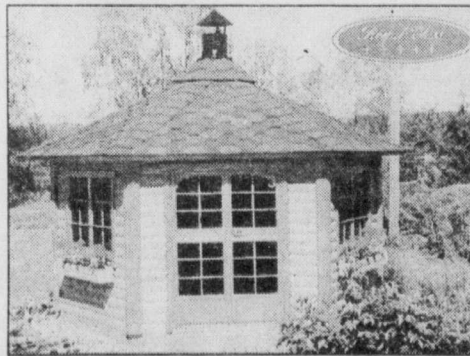
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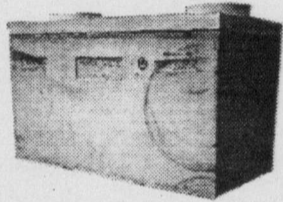
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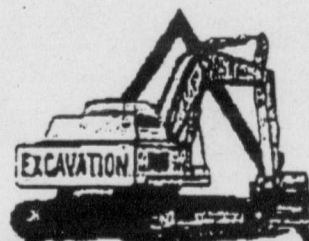
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Local churches join forces to launch joint Web site

Features 46 Protestant churches featured in local historian's books

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Author and historian Phyllis Hamilton joined Michel Gadoury of the Gathering for the Development of Religious Heritage for the informal launch of the Religious Routes Web site at Farnham's Centre St. James.

Representatives of the CLD-Brome-Missisquoi, Townshippers' Association, Missisquoi Historical Association and members of the general public also attended the May 1 launch.

The Web site features 46 Protestant churches featured in Hamilton's book, *With Heart and Hands and Voices*. Each church has its own page, complete with a photo, history and a map showing its location.

Additional pages have been provided to post press clippings, articles, photos or other memorabilia pertaining to each church.

Visit the site at www.routesreligieuses.osbl.ca.



CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

Author and historian Phyllis Hamilton and Michel Gadoury of the Gathering for the Development of Religious Heritage.

Already halfway there for organ restoration fund

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Half the funds needed to restore an 89-year-old Casavant pipe organ at the Saint-Damien Catholic Church in Bedford have already been raised since the project got underway in April.

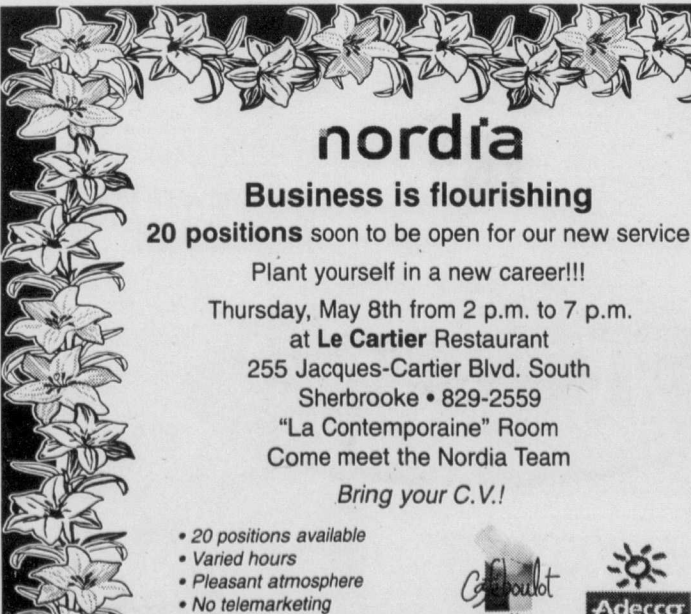
The funds have come from recent fundraising efforts. A grant request has also been submitted to the Fonds du Patrimoine religieux du Québec. The organ restoration will be completed by restoration specialist company Laliberté, with additional aid from local volunteers and artisans.

When fully restored, plans are in place for a professional organist to provide music lessons beginning in the

fall, and for educational visits from local school children in 2003-2004.

The committee responsible for raising funds for the organ's restoration include Monique Dion-Baker (president), Madeleine Fortin, Anna-Marie Lauzier, Marc Fontaine, Roland Coupal, Serge Therrien, Robert Perron and Father André Vincent. Those interested in making a tax-deductible donation to help restore the organ call call 450-248-7127.

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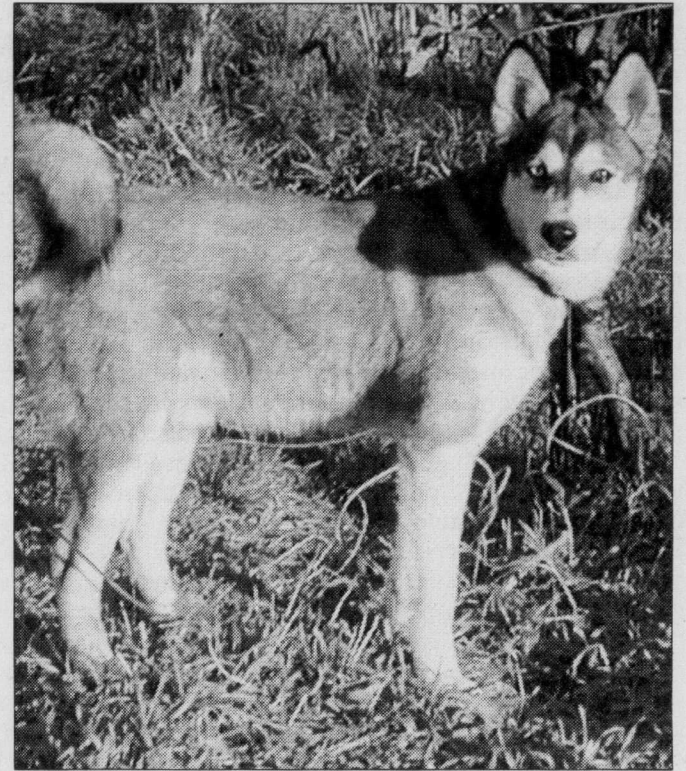
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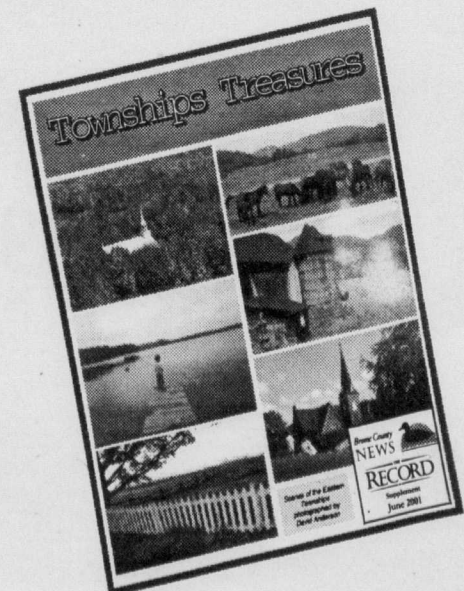


My name is Akee, and I am living with 14 cats. My mistress passed away about two weeks ago, and my eight feline brothers and sisters and I have been very lucky to have been taken in by our wonderful neighbour. The trouble is that she already has six cats of her own and can't take care of all 15 of us forever. So I am asking for help to find homes for some of the cats. They are great adult, refined, quiet cats between five and eight years old, used to going out only in the summer. I can vouch for them — I have known them for years. What about me? Well, she's keeping me — she used to be my babysitter and knows all about me. If you know anyone who can help, call 450-538-0553.

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"L'histoire de Sutton est à écrire" dit monsieur Clerk en précisant que cent ans avant la fondation de Sutton, Knowlton et Stanbridge East étaient fondées par des émigrants instruits en provenance des États-Unis. Voilà pourquoi les musées historiques de ces deux municipalités regorgent de documents et de photos datant de très loin.

"Sutton a été fondée par des paysans venus du New Hampshire, de l'État de New York et du Vermont. Ils entraient au Canada par Abercorn pour s'établir sur des terres qui leur étaient données par le gouvernement canadien".

Monsieur Joseph B. Barette, premier canadien français à s'établir à Sutton n'est venu qu'en 1831. Il occupait le lot numéro 1 du Rang 11. Il a été suivi par de nombreux autres à partir de 1840.

Selon une carte datant de 1864, environ 50 familles étaient établies sur des lopins de terre longeant la route qui, beaucoup plus tard, est devenue la rue Maple. Ces paysans travaillaient souvent sur les grandes fermes des Américains.

Les familles gardaient des cahiers de notes, de photos et de coupures dont certains ont été conservés pendant plusieurs générations et font partie des archives. Héritage Sutton a aussi enregistré sur 65 cassettes, le résumé de l'histoire orale de 50 personnes âgées de la région, interviewés par des étudiants de l'université du Temps libre. On trouve ces entrevues aux archives d'Héritage Sutton. De plus, Héritage Sutton a obtenu de l'Université Bishop des copies de dix cassettes enregistrées en 1977 par des gens importants de Sutton.

L'un des événements marquants pour le développement de Sutton fut l'arrivée du train à Sutton en 1871 qui a vite fait de "mettre Sutton sur la carte" comme destination touristique et d'affaires.

Après le feu dévastateur de 1898, la reconstruction fut pénible et les fonds manquaient. Monsieur G.N. Thompson, maire de Sutton de 1899 à 1901, fit imprimer un texte de publicité touristique à l'endos du papier à lettre officiel de la mairie de Sutton avec une photo d'une "vue hivernale des Monts Sutton". Ce texte en anglais est long et précieux à cause de son époque; j'ai l'intention de le traduire dans une prochaine chronique.

Plus tard, dans les années 1920, le notaire C.U.R Tartre, maire de Sutton a fait construire un saut à ski sur le chemin Draper, par un groupe d'employés du C.P.R. Le ski de randonnée était pratiqué alors dans la région et le maire voulait attirer les touristes avec le saut. Plus tard, le club de ski de fond "Sutton Snow Birds" a été formé. Monsieur Edmund Eberdt, fondateur d'Héritage Sutton en a fait partie avec de 15 à 20 autres personnes.

Le ski a, bien sûr, pris beaucoup d'am-

pleur après l'arrivée à Sutton, durant les années 1940, de la famille Boulanger qui a ensuite développé le Mont Sutton dont l'ouverture officielle des pistes de ski alpin a eu lieu en décembre 1960.

La publication des cahiers d'histoire par Héritage Sutton a pour but de faire connaître l'histoire et les faits et incidents passés aux Suttonnois et aux nouveaux venus dans la région. L'idée de ce projet est venue à un groupe de personnes ayant assisté aux conférences et cours du professeur Jean-Pierre Kesterman de l'Université de Sherbrooke, à l'université du Temps libre à Sutton.

On veut aussi découvrir de nouveaux talents prêts à contribuer à l'écriture de bouts d'histoire pour remplir l'espace manquant de la grande histoire de Sutton, encore à écrire.

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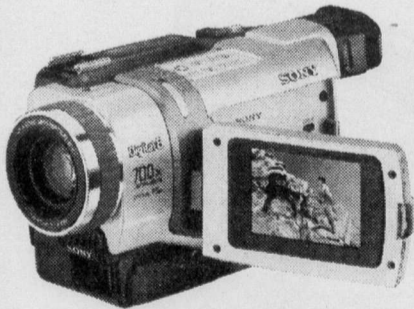
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Avante Women's Centre to hold AGM

*Final coffee breaks
May 15, 22 and 29*

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The Avante Women's Centre will hold its 2003 Annual General Meeting May 29, 7 p.m. in Salle Dunnigan at Le R.O.C.

Local women are invited to take part

in the nomination and election of officers for the upcoming year. Avante's current executive committee of Sherri Craig (president), Annie Rhicard (secretary), Jennifer Cook (treasurer), board members Linda Roberge, Shirley Richard, Betty Ann Lewis and Pamela Bockus and Avante staff Gayl Rhicard and Josée St-Pierre will be on hand to answer questions and take comments.

Gayl Rhicard says that those who

wish to vote must be present at the May 29 meeting. In addition to having a vote in election of the 2003 board of directors, local women are invited to share their ideas for the organization's future direction and activities.

Avante will be closed for July and August. Facilitator Josée St-Pierre says three "coffee break" workshops remain before the summer closing. The coffee break discussion topics are: Breast Cancer (May

15), Summer with Your Kids (May 22), How to Pamper Yourself (May 29).

All workshops are free. Daycare is \$2 per child per workshop, but must be reserved in advance.

Avante membership is free to all area women. The Centre offers referral information, activities and support.

Le R.O.C. is located at 52 rue du Pont, Bedford. For more information, call 450-248-0530.

Arts Knowlton announces 2003 events

Arts Knowlton's 2003 spring season is full swing. Upcoming events include performances by the Knowlton Harmony Band (May 3 and 4), the Knowlton Players production of Bikers of Penzance (May 15 through June 1), and Broadway Revisited by Manny Veinish and Joni Miller (June 7)

Also, the playhouse will host a piano recital by students of Gail Watts (June 8), music by Les Cordes à Vents string orchestra (June 14), the Knowlton House and Garden Tour (July 9) and Theatre Lac Brome's Mid-Summer Shish Boom Bash (July 26).

Theatre Lac Brome's professional summer season, running from June 28 to Aug. 23, will feature performances of Cole Porter's You Never Know, George Bernard Shaw's Mrs. Warren's Profession and the Brookfall Bottom Feeders' Scatter the Ashes.

For more information on any of the above events, call The Knowlton Players, 450-263-1061; Theatre Lac Brome & Arts Knowlton administration 450-242-1395; or Arts Knowlton Box Office, 450-242-2270.

SPCA to host dog walk

SPCA Montréal, a no-kill animal shelter located in Sainte-Angele-du-Monnoir, will host its annual dog walk Sunday, May 25. The walk begins at 9 a.m. at the Sainte-Lambert Seaway Park.

SPCA Montréal has set its fundraising goal at \$35,000 for this year's event. Pledge forums are available at www.spcamontreal.com, from local veterinarians and in stores in the South Shore and its surrounding areas.

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George Horton also has two watercolours on display, both of which exude talent and technical prowess. Although his style remains uniform, his geography is not. He has chosen two landscapes, first a depiction of Turkey, and a second of a country road in Glen Sutton. As predictable as this subject may be, his style forebodes the rapidly vanishing Townships scenery that may only survive urban sprawl in such illustrations.

At the end of the spectrum is Yvette Morin's exquisite watercolour, entitled 'Automnales'. A refreshing break from repetitive realism, this piece shows a maturity and sincerity rarely found in such exhibitions. Morin's overlay of colours is reminiscent of cubism with the added benefit of retrospective hued shadings.

Again this year, Julienne St-François has an entry that is as striking as it is challenging. Her intricate melee of colour-tinged wax forms is an exercise in free shaping and a model of risqué artistry. Few, if any entries in the last decade of the program's existence have even approached the dramatic line that this one piece manages to set.

Should the work of any one artist serve as a classic example of neo-impressionism, it would be the three watercolours by Evelyn Blackwood. Her use of shadowed purples in a rendition of a church on a cold and dreary day readily conveys the cheerless atmosphere that only subjected Montreal islanders can identify with.

Yet Blackwood's remarkable skill at teasing the very life of country floral onto canvas is easily apparent in 'The Garden'. Her pieces demonstrate sure-handedness and an overt attention to the important interaction of colour at play with subject.

Also of particular note are the demure pieces by Eve Laroche. Evocative of the turn-of-the-century shimmering approach to still life, her use of unsettled ink lines acting as structure for wild daisies is as appealing as it is comforting.

Borrowing from a more mercantile tack is the crisp and defined country scene brushed by Josette Favreau. Eminently folkloric by nature, the piece is typical of the current trend in home design, one that bears the promise of becoming generational treasures.

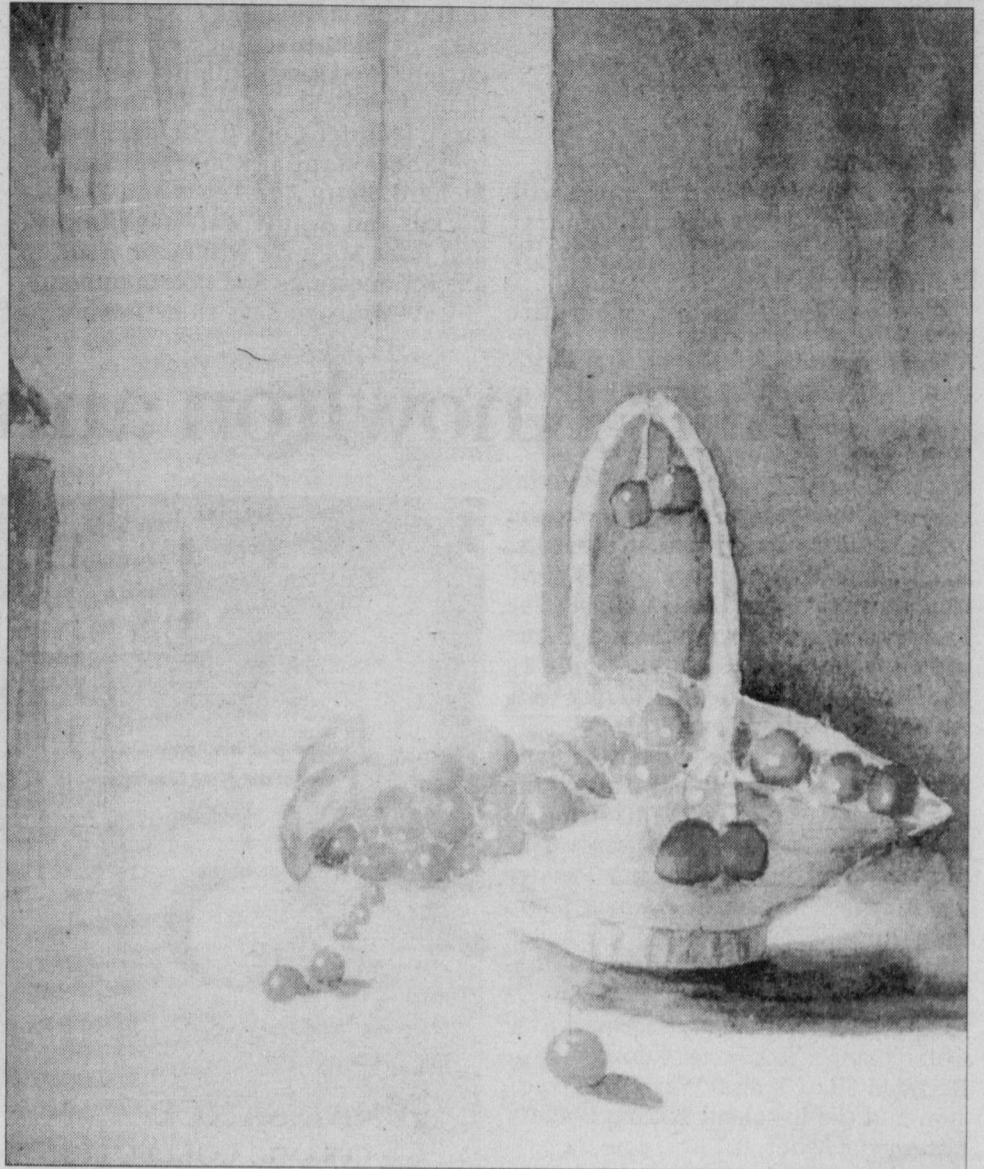
The still pastel work of Marguerite Benjamin also brings not only an entirely different texture to the exhibit, it affords the visitor an opportunity to appreciate the unusual quality of a piece created on the periphery of offset subjects. 'Mon vieux tracteur', although slightly two-dimensional, is adept at capturing the imagination. Her second entry is an interesting abstract acrylic-on-clay painting that differs from sculpture only by its reliance on colours.

Hilda Kock's approach to a star-less night lake scene is once again provocative, although considered heavy-handed by some accounts. Her technique allows the light to diffuse nicely while allowing its reflections to outline darkened subjects.

The two oriental-natured pieces by Blanche Gauvin are so far a departure in style and technique from the rest of the exhibit that they appear at first to not belong. Yet the depictions are pleasant, and bear the Zenist tranquility so often sought in such works.

Perhaps the most promising feature of the entire exhibit is the single entry by Croatian-born Zdenka Fonda. The watercolour floral still she has hanging in the reading room is nothing short of charming, especially when one considers that it is her very first piece.

Arts Entre Nous has offered painters



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Benefit concert performed at Granby

A Friendships of the World Benefit Concert was presented April 30 at the Granby United Church. A capacity crowd enjoyed the evening of song and music performed by pupils of Granby's Parkview Elementary School, under the direction of Laura Kerr Barr.

Teachers and friends opened the concert with 'Walk On', accompanied by John Barr at the piano.

The KCFTC teacher representative, Heather Webster, greeted the audience, thanked her musical assistants Mrs. Tothe, Mrs. Burnham and Mrs. Huitema, and introduced each of the presentations.

The Parkview Grade 2 choir continued the concert with a quartet of songs as they were accompanied on the piano

by John Barr. The Granby United Church choir and organist Nancy Ingram also participated and had the audience clapping in rhythm to their rendition of 'This Little Light of Mine'.

Clarinet Clubs 1, 2, 3 impressed those attending with their performance especially well done since they were new to the instrument. Instrumental solos were also performed by Jordan Barkhouse on the saxophone, Oliver Campbell and Alex Diagaletos on the trombone and a vocal by Robert Robillard, accompanied by Michael Smith on guitar.

The Parkview Choir of Grades 3, 4 and 5, assisted by the Granby United Church choir, performed 'Chase Your Blues Away', followed by 'As Long As I Have

Music', featuring students A. Frazer-McKee, E. Metivier, J. Vincent and T. Neil Seebohm.

This choir also presented a song-and-dance number called 'Walkie Talkie', featuring R. Robillard as Papa Bear, S. Boyer as Mama Bear and M. Jones as the Baby Bear.

Not to be outdone by the clarinets, Ms. Webster's flute club added to the evening's pleasure with their rendition of 'Cockles and Mussels' and 'Amazing Grace', followed by a group of students playing a combined rendition on recorders and flutes.

As an added attraction, Chris Nicotera played several Gaelic songs on the harp, and then joined with Ms. Webster while she played the flute to his guitar.

Massey-Vanier band members who previously attended Parkview, led by their musical director, John Barr, entertained the audience with three toe-tapping melodies.

The evening closed with parting words by KCFTC student representative Kasandra M. Chagnon to all who had participated and helped in any way to aid the students in their effort to raise the estimated \$400 to be distributed to needy children throughout the world.

The finale was 'This Song Is For The Children', performed by all group of students as they proved to be a great credit to their musical director, Laura Barr and showed their joy in sharing music.

— Submitted by Phyllis Hamilton

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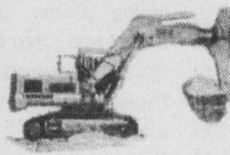
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Morning walks and afternoon teas will be the order of the day as Victoria Day celebrations return to Knowlton over the May long weekend.

On May 18, the Brome County Historical Society will hold its annual Craft and Antique Show and Sale on the museum's grounds. History buffs may also enjoy a guided historical walking tour, May 17 to 18 and 24 to 25, 1 and 4 p.m. (on the hour), leaving from the Town Hall.

All weekend, it will be hats off, or on to be precise, to the millinery fashion of the Victorian era. Flower-festooned bonnets will be de rigueur in the town, culminating with awards given to the most original creations in two categories: Merchants and the Public.

The judging, by Guy Laroche fashion director Ginette Millaire and former top model and boutique Rococo owner Anita Laurent, will take place on Sunday, May 18 at 1 p.m. at Coldbrook Park. Following the heady show, there will be a musical concert in the village green bandshell from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Knowlton Players will also present their modern version

of a Gilbert & Sullivan favourite. Reservations for the 'Bikers of Penzance' on Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon at Arts Knowlton can be made by calling 450-263-1061.

The third annual Victoria Day Dog Pageant will round out the festivities. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Montérégie SPCA and the Frontier Animal Society. Last year, a record 23 store dogs vied for the Best In Store title, which went to Henry of Paddies Boutique for the second consecutive year.

"Knowlton is one of the doggiest towns around," says Victoria Day Dog Pageant organizer Jean McLeod, proprietor of England Hill.

"Visitors are always amazed by the

number of dogs who greet them in our local shops. It adds a friendly, country feeling to our village."

The public can vote for the "Best In Store" dog using ballots at participating Knowlton stores, or at Pur Animal and Edwards General Store, in West Brome. Votes for "Best In Store" dogs cost \$0.50 a piece, and each ballot is automatically entered into a draw for prizes donated by local merchants.

Dog owners who would like their poodles to join in the fun can also register in the Open Invitational category before Monday, May 12. Registration fee is \$3 per dog. Forms are available at participating merchants (look for the Dog Pageant poster in the window). All pro-

ceeds will go to Montérégie SPCA and the Frontier Animal Society.

"We would like to exceed the \$1,700 we raised last year for this worthy cause," says McLeod.

Dogs registered in the Open Invitational will join the In Store dogs in a parade from Ambience de Garage at England Hill, 104 Lakeside, down the hill to Coldbrook Park, where they will play games, and win doggie prizes and treats for different feats. Last year, this event was a resounding success for dogs, their owners and onlookers.

The Dog Pageant is scheduled to run from Monday, May 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. (or, in case of rain, the following Sunday, May 25.)



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