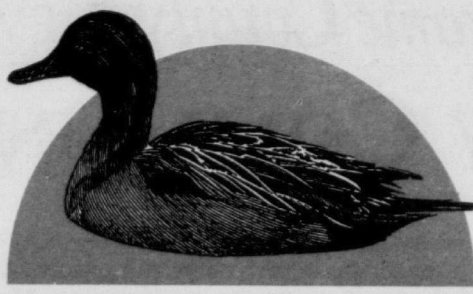


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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION WEEKLY IN BROME-MISSISQUOI

Heroes' Players trapped in Charlotte's Web

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

T rue to its tradition of presenting plays with panache, Heroes' Players is putting the final touches on the delightfully enthralling Charlotte's Web, which will be presented to the region's school children and the public this week.

"We always do a different play - we have certain stage requirements and cast needs and when deciding this year we felt that this classic would do well," said Grade 6 teacher Daniel Lapointe,

who yearly puts on a director's hat and introduces the schools' senior students to the intricacies and rewards of live theatre.

"We hold auditions. I tell those who audition that they are guaranteed a part no matter how small. This year all but two of the secondary one students are involved and a number of Grade 6 students."

The spring plays at Heroes' Memorial School in Cowansville are anticipated events in the community, attracting a faithful following in addition to current

parents and students.

The tradition was started many years ago by teacher Tony Woodall and continued after his retirement by Lapointe.

"Tony taught me a great deal. We worked together. When he retired I took it over and have been doing the plays for a decade now," Lapointe said. "It is a lot of work, but seeing the kids so involved with theatre is well worth it."

Over the years the run has been expanding from one night to two and from an afternoon presentation for students to a whole week of performances.

"This year we are expecting more schools to come and watch the play than ever before. Schools have booked from Granby, Bedford and as far way as Lennoxville and North Hatley. Really, we have a good number of schools from the Eastern region of the school district coming," he said.

"I think it has a lot to do with the play. Charlotte's Web is required reading in elementary school and that's probably one of the reasons for the interest."

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Helicopter School



DAVID ANDERSON/SPECIAL

Students from Waterloo Elementary school excitedly looked out their classroom windows recently as a helicopter landed in the playground as part of their level 5/6 study on aviation. The class, which is taught by Dale Mackenzie, has been learning about different aspects of flight - the airplane, helicopters and their parts - throughout the year. "This is fantastic, we are lucky to have this opportunity come right to us," said Mackenzie. The special drop in visit by pilot Warner Kyling was arranged by parent Gail Coulombe who had her son and daughter picked up at home and flown to the school playground. Children asked many questions about the helicopter. Mackenzie said it took permission from the school board and the town of Waterloo. Local SQ officers were on hand to make sure that everything was safe.

Waterloo Honours Its Best



DAVID ANDERSON/SPECIAL

Nineteen volunteers from the Waterloo area were honoured recently at a special gathering held at town hall. Mayor Paul Masse greeted everyone and thanked each organization for the many services they provide throughout the year. Town Councillor Ginette Williams presented certificates to each organization's special volunteer for 2003. Waterloo lawyer Lyne Gagné (pictured) was named top volunteer of the year for her exemplary service at Maison de la Culture.

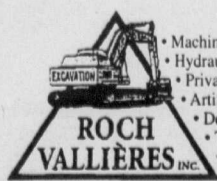
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April 29

MILITARY WHIST at Odd Fellows Hall, Knowlton, 7:30 p.m. All proceeds to the project of sister Dorothy Premont, president Rebekah Assembly of Quebec. Refreshments, prizes and surprises.

April 29, 30 & May 1

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE at St. James Anglican Church, in the parish hall, 40 Dupont, Bedford, Thursday and Friday, 1 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Fill a big bag for \$10, half price Saturday. Information: 450-248-7319.

April 30

Royal Canadian Legion, Philipsburg Branch 82, **CRIBBAGE**, 8 p.m. \$5.

Royal Canadian Legion **SPAGHETTI SUPPER** at 120 Davignon St., Cowansville, 5 to 7 p.m. Adults, \$6, children 6 to 10 years of age, \$3, children 5 and under, free. Members and non-members welcome. Profits: Ladies Auxiliary. Information: 450-263-3543.

May 1

MENTAL HEALTH WELL BEING & SUPPORT GROUP at St. Paul's Church (basement), Knowlton, approx. 2 p.m. Do you or someone you know suffer from depression? Whether the depression is situational or diagnosed is not important. This group can help you. Having difficulty coping? Are words like schizophrenia, manic depression, bi-polar confusing to you? Or maybe you just want to be more informed. We have a lending library with books and videos. Need a ride to a meeting? Information: Linda at 450-243-0928 or e-mail pleasantvalley@sympatico.ca.

CAR WASH, hosted by Knowlton Academy School, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Knowlton Community Centre. Cost: \$5.

SPRING TEA at Iron Hill Church Hall, 2 to 4 p.m. Bake table, crafts, fridge, raffles. Card party, 7:30 p.m.

Celebration of music and song to **LAUNCH BOOK TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES**, a history of youth work in Quebec/Sherbrooke Presbytery of United Church of Canada from 1973 to 2000 at Emmanuel United Church, 203 Principale St., Cowansville, 5 to 8 p.m. All participants and supporters of youth events, youth forums and summer camps invited. Information: Tom Edmonds at 450-263-7805.

Knowlton United Church **HANDICAP FACILITIES BENEFIT**, 7 p.m. (Church basement, use side entrance). Old time country music with five bands. Ron Hanes, Jim Brownrigg, Tom Kilbride and Jim Bailey & Betty Piette, Last Chance, Moonshine & Rod and Michael Tryhorn. Donation at door, \$5. Information: Jim Bailey at 450-243-5873.

May 2

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #158, **Western Breakfast, All You Can Eat**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 2 Curley St., Sutton.

CRIB TOURNAMENT at Brome Hotel, 1 p.m. Registration, 1:30 p.m., starting time. \$10 per player, \$500 in prizes. Canteen on premises. Proceeds Buck\$ for Kids. Information: 450-243-5717.

Royal Canadian Legion **BREAKFAST** at 120 Davignon St., Cowansville, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information: 450-263-3543.

May 4

The Auxiliary of the BMP Hospital will be holding their **SPRING TEA** in the hospital cafeteria on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. There will be a bake table in the main lobby. **Cowansville**.

May 5

CAR WASH organized by the Cadets, (Escadron 725) and the Cowansville, Royal Canadian Legion, at C. Bockus Gas Station, South Street (in front of IGA),

Cowansville, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please come and encourage us.

May 6

Avante's **INTERNATIONAL SUPER**, representing Pakistan, at Bedford Anglican Church Hall, 6 p.m. Admission, \$10 per person. Reservations, Gayl at 450-248-0530. Places limited.

May 7

TBL Wellness Volunteer Centre invites all **Town of Brome Lake** seniors (not just moms!) to lunch with friends at a **MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON** at the Community Centre, Friday, May 7, 12 to 2 p.m. Limited seating. Reservations needed before Tuesday, May 4. (450-242-2020). Transportation available if necessary. Cost: \$2.

May 7 & 8

BARGAIN DAY SALE at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 24 St. Paul's Road, Knowlton, Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m.

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May 8

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER & DANCE, at Oddfellow Hall, 476 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton. Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m. Dance, 8 p.m. Music by Borderline. Door prizes, \$10 donation.

FLEA MARKET at Waterloo Elementary School, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please come and support our school. Tables available for \$10. Call 450-539-0162 to reserve your table.

Lost Angels fourth annual **MOTHERS' DAY CRAFT SALE** at Sutton Legion, 2 Curley St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds of table rentals to Missing Children's Network Canada. Information: Sharon at 450-263-4962. May 25, International Missing Childrens' Day - please leave

your porch light on to guide a missing child home.

FLEA MARKET, including clothing, at Sutton Curling Club, 26 Pleasant St., Sutton, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Receiving items on May 5, 1 to 5 p.m., May 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 7, all day.

Annual **MOTHER'S DAY SALAD LUNCHEON** at Dunham United Church, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Menu: Potato salad, chicken salad, jellied salads and devilled eggs, angel food cake and fruit salad. Admission, \$7.

Annual **HAM SUPPER** at St. Paul's United Church in Waterloo, 5 to 7 p.m. Cost: Adults, \$8; children under 10 yrs., \$3.

May 15

A special **FUNDRAISING CONCERT OF COUNTY GOSPEL MUSIC** presented by Gordie Fuller and Russ Coates at Holy Trinity Church, 903 Bolton Pass Road, South Bolton at 7 p.m. All proceeds go to church restoration. Advance tickets, \$10, at door, \$12, children, free. Information: 450-292-5785 or 450-243-4219. Doors open at 6 p.m.

ARTS CALENDAR

April 30 & May 1

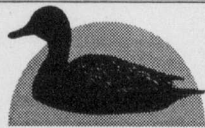
Knowlton Players are hosting **ACTING WORKSHOPS** for adults and children at Art's Knowlton Playhouse, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 with a performance by participants at 7 p.m., on Saturday, May 1 in the style of Who's Line is it Anyway. Tickets available at door. Information: Danny McAuley, 450-243-4211.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB, presented by Heroes' Players, at Heroes' Memorial School, Cowansville, 7 p.m. Admission, \$5. A faithful adaptation of the E.B. White novel by Joseph Robinette, produced by special arrangement with the Dramatic Publishing Company. Information: 450-263-1612.

24th annual **ART EXPOSITION** featuring 20 artists of Les Paintres Unis de Waterloo at La Maison de la Culture, 441 rue de la cour, Waterloo. Vernissage, Friday, 8:30 p.m.; Exhibit, Saturday, 1 to 8 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 450-539-4764.

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Curling fever hits Waterloo

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Every year, after the last hockey game of the season has been played, a group of curling enthusiasts takes over the Waterloo Arena for a 10-day binge of sliding rocks, whisking brooms and learning to skip.

"We had 400 people on this ice this year. It was busy. We had three nights for kids, five bonspiels — including a corporate one, one for families and two spaghetti suppers at the arena," said volunteer organizer and avid curler, David Chapman. "It finished on Sunday and I'm pretty well done in."

The curling marathon took place between April 15 and 25.

"Some of us get to work a few days before. As soon as they finish with the hockey we start repouring the ice. We lay out four curling sheets, blocking them with wood, then set the lines and flood and flood — an awful lot of work goes into the ice," he added.

But it's worth all the bother, and more so, to Chapman, one of a growing number of residents determined to see curling become the sport of the hour in Waterloo.

"We want our own club. That's what it's all about. Any money we get from all this goes to further the aim of having a club here," Chapman continued. "But fundraising is secondary at the moment to getting residents interested in curling. The more people we can get hooked on curling, the easier it will be to get our own club."

Chapman concedes that traditionally, curling has the reputation of being somewhat of a boring sport.

"Although with some of the current crop of international curlers that's changing. The thing about curling is that you have to try it and when you do you realize it's a very good game — very challenging," he said.

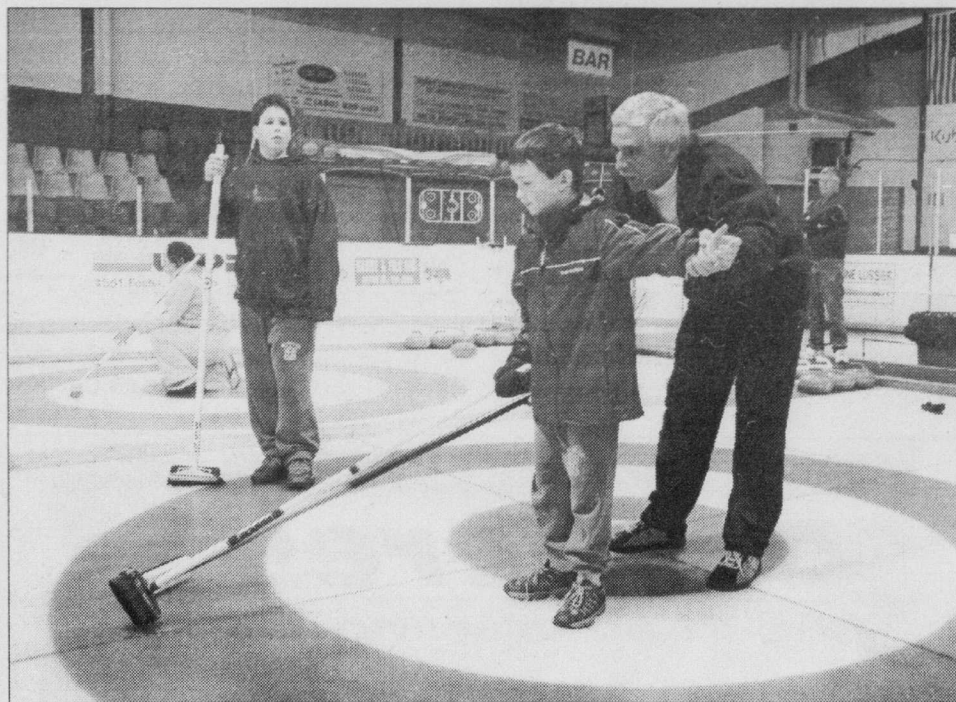
"Most of the people who played here had never played before and the reactions we heard were very, very positive. We got a lot of converts. Probably the only rule we had was that if you belonged to another club you couldn't take first position. That way, everyone got a chance to try it."

Chapman, a member of the Cowansville Curling Club, says that the club — along with businesses in the area have been very supportive. "Cowansville lent us a lot of equipment, including three sets of rocks. They've been really generous and we've had a lot of donations from local businesses," Chapman said.

"We didn't give money prizes. We felt it just wasn't in keeping with what we're doing at the moment. Curling is a very social sport. We're more interested in camaraderie than competition.

"We gave all the winners a pen set with the event inscribed — they liked that."

There were about 70 door prize draw-



DAVID ANDERSON/SPECIAL

Experienced curler Serge Monast (far right) from Cowansville helped rookies at the sport with their technique recently.

ings over the 10 days. Prizes like a day of golf — all donated.

"We really want our own club — our own building. To do that you have to have a junior club so we held three evenings of intensive training for children 8 to 14. It cost \$5 and each of them was given a portable radio with earphones for participating. We didn't make much on that one, but we did interest a lot of kids."

Chapman has been yearning for a curling club in Waterloo for many years. "I

curl, I take care of the ice, I don't handle the details of bringing a club here — Louis Verhoef at the arena is behind it and he's handling those details but I know it can be complicated," he concluded. "We're looking for government support, we envision the curling club as a community project, as maybe as part of a larger community centre. At the moment, we need to show the community is interested in curling — I believe we've done that."

PLAY:

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Charlotte's Web by E.B. White is a charming story about farm life whose protagonists include a spider and a pig. The play, in two acts, was adapted from the book by Joseph Robinette.

Most of the work behind the scenes, costumes, props, set and technical considerations is handled by Laurie and Doug Jenne who have partnered school plays with Lapointe for many years.

"But the whole school is involved and gives us so much support. The next few days we'll be doing a lot of rehearsals and then during performance week the cast of 30 will be busy all the time," said Lapointe. "John Palov, the secondary one teacher, will take my class while I have his class on stage, he's always very supportive, great about the disruptions — I can honestly say that the school play is an important part of Heroes' and helps to define the school."

Charlotte's Web is open to the public Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 beginning at 7 pm. Tickets are \$5.

"People don't have to reserve, we usually get a fair amount of people but because we do two nights now, there's always room. I like that, I don't mind splitting the audience because it allows people to draw closer to the stage and become more involved in the action."




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Outboard boat motors cause headaches too

Last week I wrote about the environmental damage done by lawn mowers, particularly the older two-stroke models. That engine type is also popular with another type of engine, the outboard boat motor. And it's capable of wreaking some serious environmental damage.

With the fishing season for trout and some of the other popular varieties now open and the ice finally off the lakes, a lot of folks will be dusting off their boats and heading for the lakes. Take me with you, please, just don't tell my

boss.

Two-stroke motors are popular for equipment that requires a small motor, like an outboard engine, weed trimmer or chainsaw. They're simple, with only a fraction of the moving parts of a four-stroke engine. For that reason two-strokes haven't really changed that much since the 1940's.

But they are significant polluters, because the same piston movement that draws air and gas into the engine also

blows the exhaust out the other side. And that gas is mixed with oil to keep everything moving like it should.

UNDER THE HOOD

MAURICE CROSSFIELD

The Sierra Club says in terms of hydrocarbon output, running a 70 horsepower outboard for an hour is the equivalent of driving a new car 8,000 km.

And if you've been around motorboats, chances are you've seen that rainbow sheen on the water near the engine. Pollution.

That sheen may be from the motor itself, or it may have come from a fuel spill. When fuel is spilled into the water, about 60 per cent of it evaporates into the air, to do damage elsewhere. The remainder stays in the water, making it unsuitable for drinking and doing environmental damage there. Two-stroke oil typically remains in the upper layers of the water.

So right about now outboard boat motors sound like the worst thing for the environment since the coal furnace. But there are things you can do to be a little greener the next time you head for open waters. Let's start with the premise that you aren't ready to get rid of your old boat motor just yet. After all, it only runs for a few hours a year, so they can last a long time.

• First off, make sure it's running properly. All that sitting around can

gum things up. The better it runs the less it will pollute, and the more enjoyable it will be to use.

• Next, equip yourself to keep fuel spills to a minimum. Saves you fuel while saving the environment, too.

• Two-stroke motors are least efficient at idle or full throttle. The information I found suggests they are most efficient at about 75 per cent power. When you get where you're going, shut it down.

Of course, you may discover this spring that that old Evinrude you inherited from grandpa can't be coaxed to life for another season. This is your chance to choose something that does a little less damage to the lakes you love.

• In recent years two-stroke boat motors have been made more efficient. Designed to pollute less, they also give you more boating time for your buck than their ancestors. Look for direct injection models, which are supposed to be the most efficient of the two-strokes.

• Four-stroke boat motors are by far a better choice. They cost quite a bit more, but you end up using about 30 per cent less fuel for the same amount of boating, so they pay off in the long run. They also emit between five and 15 times fewer pollutants.

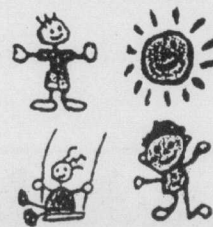
• The Clean Air Foundation is presently trying to set up a program where you can turn in your old boat motor for a rebate on a new one. The old one is then recycled. If I hear about it, I'll let you know.

A few Internet sites out there suggest going fully environmental, scrapping the engine in favor of oars or sails. While this would be a good idea environmentally, I don't see many anglers opting to hoist sails to get to their favorite fishing spot anytime soon.

CORRECTION

A story in last week's Brome County News mistakenly identified the Knowlton Beavers as the organization that raised \$630 and collected food for the Knowlton food bank recently. While the Beavers did participate, the Cubs, Scouts and Venturers were also major contributors to the campaign. The Brome County News regrets the error.

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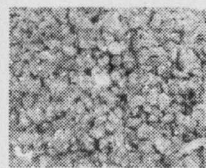
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Chamber group debuts in Knowlton

By Philip A. Godin
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
KNOWLTON

The musical debut of I Grupetti, Brome-Missisquoi's latest foray into the classical world, will take place at Knowlton United Church on Friday, May 14.

This Chamber orchestra, comprised of recognized local musicians and their students, has taken on the mandate of complementing the comprehensive live musical presentations given by the Cordes à vent youth orchestra since 1985.

Iron Hill violinist David McAdam is the group's leader.

"Our intent in forming this ensemble is twofold. First to provide chamber music to local audiences as produced by the area's talented musicians and second, to offer the group's younger musicians a public venue for them to perfect their talents," said McAdam.

But even the most cursory glance at the orchestra's composition reveals that the group has more clout than merely musical talent in the rough.

In fact, some of the professionals who make up the backbone of the fledgling group are well-recognized string musicians in their own right.

Acknowledged names like Cordes à vent conductor and violinist Françoise Turcotte, classical guitarist Serge Lavertu and of course McAdam ensure the orchestra's program is solid, balanced and structured.

Students, some of whom have been bowing diligently for several years, include Sutton proteges Ruby Clarke and Tanya Schweitzer, West Brome's Julian Gammon, Knowlton's Alexander Bailey-Godin,

and Jonathan Millette from Granby.

Of note are the three members of Brigham's gifted Larivière family, violinists Mathias and William with Andréa joining guest pianist Beavan Flanagan invited for this vernissage concert.

McAdam, the long-time music teacher, makes no bones about touting the abilities of his students.

"There are so many talented musicians in the area and I have had the pleasure of working with several of them," he said.

"Mathias Larivière's musical capabilities are exceptional, while those of Alexander Bailey-Godin as showing great promise."

The evening's program includes Fritz Kreisler's Minuet and the theme from Schindler's list by John Williams, both popular and moving works.

Admittedly, McAdam's hidden agenda is to encourage at least local appreciation for what he terms the "...centuries old European tradition of haemusik...", the German term for chamber music.

"Musicians consider it their greatest joy to perform in small venues," he said of the art that he hopes will someday be popular with a larger audience.

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Violinist David McAdam has formed a chamber group whose musical debut is scheduled for this Friday evening in Knowlton.

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Members of Optimists Clubs from across Brome-Missisquoi will be on the phone this week, raising money for the BMP Hospital's maternity ward.

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rates, oxygen levels, blood pressure and body temperature.

Over the years the Optimists have raised nearly \$350,000 for the BMP Hospital, all going to purchase equipment for the maternity unit. This year Optimist Club members from Brome Lake, Cowansville, Dunham, Farnham, Sutton and the Yamaska Valley will be on the phones until April 30.

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Wind and ice: A spring break-up duet

Garrison Keillor, mid-western radio personality best known for his popular weekly program 'A Prairie Home Companion' out of Minneapolis, quickly made a name for himself in the print medium as well. His first book, *Lake Wobegon Days*, spent months at and near the top of various best-seller lists.

Through the pages, he gives the reader an in-depth portrait of Lake Wobegon, allegedly a typical rural municipality in central Minnesota, and the curious characters who populate it.

Officially the story is fiction; however, suspicions linger that both the place and its occupants are quite real, with names changed to protect the innocent and avoid legal action from the rest. On the other hand, St. Olaf, hometown of Betty White on TV's *The Golden Girls* supposedly in the same state, is definitely make-believe... or at least everyone hopes so.

Among the service club and other signs greeting visitors and passers-through is a large road department flashing signal near a cross-walk that proclaims 'CAUTION - SLOW CHILDREN'. And, on the matter of service clubs, one of the most popular organizations of that nature is the male-only 'Sons of Knute Lodge'.

Apparently much of Minnesota farm-

ing country was first settled by hopeful, hard-working Norwegian immigrants. The new arrivals, naturally, brought their language, customs and history with them.

And Knute is a major figure in Norse mythology, like Eric the Red, Leif the Lucky, Volvo, and ABBA.

It has been a habit of ladeside dwellers in cold climates to keep records of the dates on which the local body of water freezes and thaws. (In the old days, once the latter occurred, they could start washing again.)

The departure of winter's ice was usually a matter of much speculation; for gaming types, it would often be the subject of friendly wagers.

The denizens of Lake Wobegon were no different. So popular was this guessing game, perhaps with not much else around that could pass for entertainment, that the Sons of Knute held an annual Ice Melt contest.

They would acquire a derelict au-

tomobile, drag it out onto the ice in mid-winter, then for a small entry fee accept written guesses as to the day upon which said vehicle would sink. The winners would split the pot.

Each year they'd deposit the old car in a different spot on the ice to avoid cluttering up one area. (Now, spoil-sport environmental laws would prohibit the practice.) One time, to their embarrassment, the boys left the car on ice directly on top of a sand bar. It never did sink.

Perhaps the money collected was used to winch the thing discolately back to shore.

Back home at Brome Lake, we had a spirited group years ago that would

place bets on when the ice would 'go out'. (With due respect to the mid-branch Yamaska River, if there's no major exit the ice doesn't go far, it just sort of fades away.) And since it's never all gone in one day, a senior local volunteer fireman would declare when the lake was functionally ice free.

The timing doesn't seem to attract much interest anymore; perhaps life is too busy now, with too many distractions. But for those who live on a lake's windward side, the event still demands attention.

Lakes, like outdoor rinks, thaw first around the edges. Meltwater from the surrounding snow mass raises the lake level as the open areas increase.

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THE COUNTRY SQUIRE

BRIAN EDDINGTON

Country music benefit soirée in Knowlton

By Philip A. Godin
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Country and Western music fans are in for a treat on Saturday, May 1 as three of the area's most popular groups will grace the stage for a benefit concert for the Knowlton United Church.

The recognized musical talents of Sawyerville's Last Chance, Waterloo's Moon Shine, Stanbridge East's Ron Haynes and friends and Vermont's Ron & Michael Tryhorn will all appear live in the Church's hall on Knowlton Road, for an old country-style show.

The idea for the event came to band member Jim Bailey while discussing the site's building plans with reverend Dale Skinner.

"Once I realized that the church was having

trouble getting the money they needed for a wheelchair accessible washroom, I thought we should do our part."

The remodeling of an existing facility fits into the Landmark Fund construction project that has already seen the building equipped with an elevator as part of its mandate of eliminating barriers that restrict access to members of the congregation. Skinner also sees the improvements as helping the church meet its obligation to the local community.

"Once the project is finished, including upgrading our level of compliance to various codes, we'll be able to hold all kinds of events in the hall, like concerts, exhibits and other community activities," he added.

Bailey is not leaving any of the evening's planning to chance.

"We'll make sure the show is a success. We have door prizes of all kinds, donated by local businesses; we have cosmetics, breakfast coupons, you name it."

There are also light refreshments to be served during the intermission. Bailey further alluded to there being guest musicians from Waterloo in the audience, lending a jam-session atmosphere to the entire venue. "I'm sure we'll all have a great time."

The evening gets underway at 7 and ends at 10 p.m. on Saturday May, 1. Tickets are \$5, available at the door or by calling 450-243-5873.



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Great opportunity for young artists

By Wendy Denman
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

A once-in-a-lifetime type opportunity is being offered to young visual artists by Arts Sutton, using funds recently received for the project from Fonds Jeunesse Quebec. Seven Brome-Missisquoi artists under 30 will be chosen by jury to participate in Inter-Art. Each winner will receive between \$2,000 and \$3,000, a full-time mentor and participate in an

exhibition.

"Specifically, they will create an exterior work in July, and in August and September they will conceive and prepare a collective exhibit that will be shown at the Arts Sutton Gallery," explained Catherine Audet, administrative co-ordinator at Arts Sutton.

Time requirements include a few days in May, June and September and full-time in July and August.

"We are looking for young artists who would like to start a career in the visual arts

and who are willing to experience creation and exhibiting. Throughout the experience each one will be accompanied by a mentor," she added.

"We are looking for five artists, one assistant co-ordinator, one video-photographer and a co-ordinator animator. The co-ordinator animator will be paid for the duration of the 18 weeks.

The other young persons selected will receive between \$2,000 and \$3,000 depending on their activities."

All applications for the project must be received at Arts Sutton by May 16. Candidates will be judged on

the quality of their work and CV.

The project is being treated as a job opportunity and submission forms are available at Emploi Quebec, Carrefour Jeunesse, town halls, libraries, cultural and community centres throughout the Brome-Missisquoi MRC.

They are also available at the Visual Arts departments at Massey-Vanier and Jean-Jacques Bertrand high schools, St-Jean, Granby and Sherbrooke CEGEPs, the University of Sherbrooke and Bishop's University and its Knowlton campus.

BROME COUNTY SOCIAL NOTES

Military Whist at the Oddfellows

On April 13 there were 14 tables playing Military Whist at the Oddfellows Hall in Knowlton. The proceeds of this game were given to the Cancer Society for research. Eugene Jones and his faithful helpers were in charge.

Table 2 with Capt. Adeline Jones, Nellie Williams, Stanley and Gerald Coupland took first prize with 42 points. Table 6 with Capt. Nancy Page, Martha Dudley, Peggy Page and Arthur Hall took second prize with 40 points, third prize went to table 34 with 34 points, Capt. Marg. Royea, Winston Dudley, Dorothy Premont, Alfreda Neil. The Booby prize went to table 7 with 12 points, Capt. Virginia Clifford, Mike Clifford, Lloyd Smith, Jon Smith. The basket of groceries was won by Peggy Page.

Other prize winners were Jean D'arc Elie, Russell Lawrence, Roger Jones, Bruce McPherson, Doreen Gibbs, Martha Dudley, Stella Mizener, Earl Whitehouse, Marcel Premont, Virginia Clifford, Edna Badger, Nancy Page, Jean Riti, Arn Fletcher, Doreen McPherson, Natalie Bilodeau, Sid de Solla, George Bailey, Malcolm McPherson, Yvette McElravy, Don Page and George Wilson. A good time was had by all and \$400 was given to the Cancer society. See you next week.

—Submitted by Edna Badger

LAKES:

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The scenario gets nasty if a sudden, dramatic heat wave is accompanied by heavy rain and strong winds.

In such a case there might be a loose ice sheet or mass a half foot or more thick, covering an area of three or four square miles. (Our research department couldn't accurately estimate the tonnage involved, but allowed it would be impressive.)

And when it moves tortoise-like towards shore, on high water urged along by a powerful wind, damage can be considerable. Depending on its consistency, the ice may either disintegrate into convenient drink-size cubes, or act like a giant bulldozer blade, wreaking havoc along its length — uprooting small trees, making kindling out of decks and docks not raised up enough for storage, and turning boat lifts into scrap metal.

Luckily, this time round, most things were high enough... which, given the number of old hippies still around, might not be the best choice of words. Folks out early on Tuesday, April 20, however, could have been unnerved by the sight of a large snowplow heading down Lakeside Road.

But no major storm threatened. It was called in to push back a few large slabs of ice that had been driven up half way across the pavement by the open area known as Tiffany Beach.

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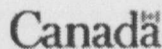
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Mr. and Mrs. Graham Payne of Ottawa spent the weekend with Jo-Ann Arnott and Fred Stechl. Other guests were Chris and Dee Stechl of South Bolton, Barbara Stechl, son Joshua and friend Sebastian of Magog.

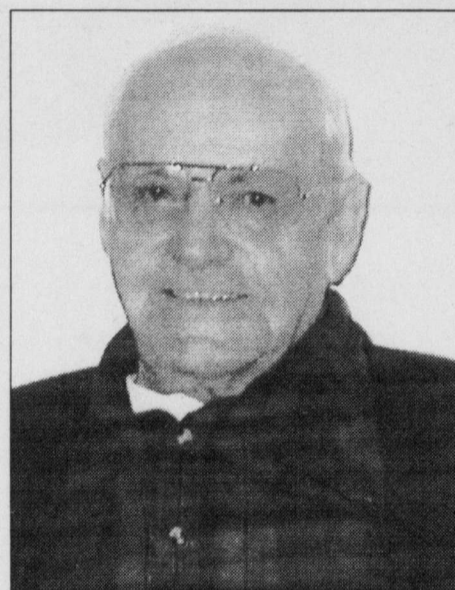
Richard and Ruth Stoddard are back home after spending the winter in Florida.

Ricky Burrill went to the Wales Home and brought his grandmother Irene Galbraith to Waterloo to spend Easter with the Barrill family. While she was here they celebrated Franklin's birthday on Saturday night for supper. Present were Dean, Josie, Olivia, Cassidy and Ben Burrill of Knowlton, Gerry and Debbie Clark of Waterloo. The birthday cake made by Josie was a replica of an eighteen wheeler truck complete with trailer. Franklin, being an old truck driver was very pleased and also overjoyed to receive a special birthday card made and decorated in the Easter theme by his granddaughter Olivia. He received many other cards also. Shirley Messier visited the Burrill's during the evening.

Cecil and Ann Fairman of Ireland, Gloria and Chris Long of Orangeville, Ont., Sheila and Doug Chambers of Toronto spent Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bockus. On Saturday night they were supper guests at son Keith's in Sugar Loaf Pond. There were 17 present.

Ralph and Sheila Bernard of Granby were supper guests of ours on Monday evening, April 12th.

Burial of Ashes



LITTLE, Harold John: 1919-2004.
 Deceased on February 1, 2004. Interment will be held at the Knowlton Cemetery, St. Paul Road, Knowlton, QC on May 1, 2004 at 2 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Bessette & Sons Funeral Home, Waterloo, QC.

In Memoriam



MARTIN, Madeline Judd: 1922-2003.
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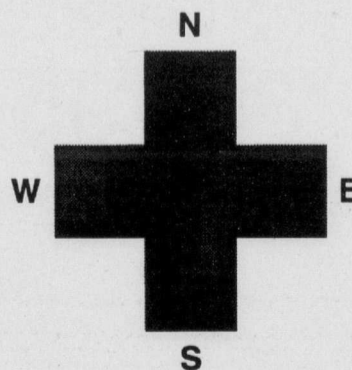
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COWANSVILLE AREA PASTORAL CHARGE UNITED CHURCH: NO REGULAR SERVICE, to be held at Emmanuel, 203 Rue Principale, **Cowansville** on Sunday, May 2. Instead, a **JOINT SERVICE** will be held at Trinity Anglican Church, 409 rue du sud, Cowansville. In celebration of their 150th Anniversary at 10:30 a.m.

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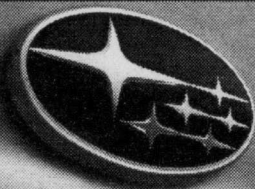
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