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That's what spouses are for

Hot band plays fundraiser

By Wendy Denman

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

When you feel strongly about a cause and are intent on holding an event to raise funds, it helps if you're married to a crowd pleaser. Such is the case with Knowlton's Rachel Guay, wife of the lead guitar for the country band Desert Heat.

"The boys are going to play at Brome Fair Grounds on Saturday, May 19 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation," said Guay.

"This is the first time the Estrie Chapter has sponsored a concert. It was my idea, and it's the first time I've ever organized an event for them, but I thought with the band right here it would be a great idea."

The Townships-based Desert Heat is making a mark on the international scene with their CD *Forever Road*, and have been nominated for a Canadian Country Music Award. They played Brome Fair at last year's anniversary bash and are slated again this year, as well as being booked for a full schedule of summer performances in Ontario.

"The band has been working non-stop on a new CD that will be released soon, so they're been really busy," said Guay. "They are donating their time and all the proceeds will go to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. John Cameron is doing the sound and another local performer, Manix, will be on stage too. It's going to be a great evening."

Guay, who suffers from Crohn's disease, works tirelessly with Amanda



Patch, president of the local chapter, to raise awareness and funds for research into these debilitating diseases. "I have

been lucky, I had surgery a few years ago and at the moment am quite well and don't have to take any medicine, but most people with these illnesses aren't so lucky and these conditions are very difficult to deal with."

Crohn's is a chronic inflammation of the gastro-intestinal tract. Symptoms range from pain to weight loss to skin and eye inflammation.

"Current research seems to be pointing to some kind of environmental trigger for these diseases, but they don't know which ones and are trying to figure that out. The Townships is a hotbed for Crohn's and colitis, with well above the average number of people with these illnesses. There's another hotspot in Northern Alberta. So there's some intensive research going on as to the causes here."

The concert will take place at the Main Barn at the Brome fairgrounds. "We want to make it a real family event. We're going to start with a pre-show at 6.30 for the kids with Terry-Joe (Rodrigues) on banjo — he's really great with kids and loves to interact with them and get them going."

"We'll set up picnic tables, we've printed 350 tickets which include soft drinks and hot dogs or chips for the kids and beer for adults. We're also holding an auction of band memorabilia."

"We need to know how much food to have on hand, so we need people to reserve or buy tickets as soon as possible."

Guay's spouse is lead guitar Tim Brunton.

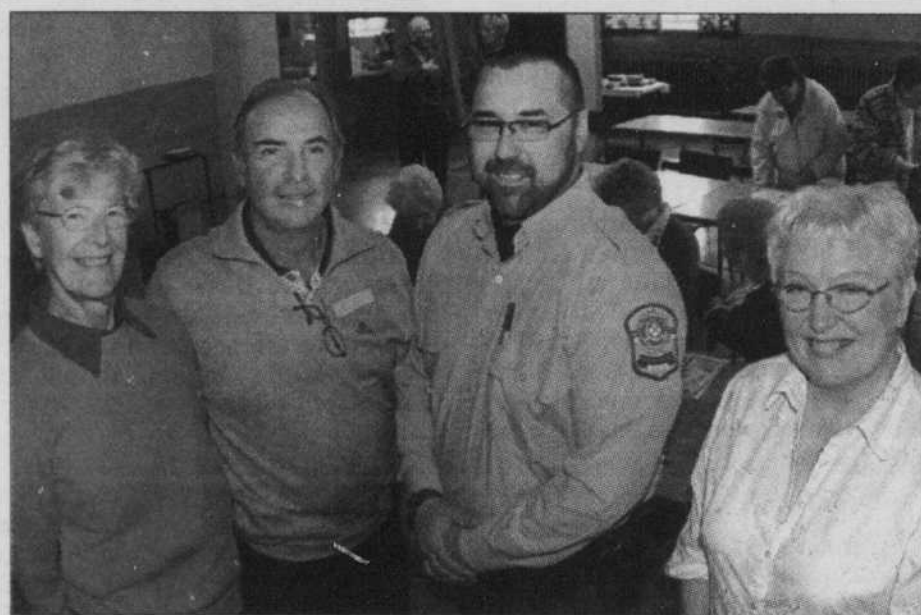
Desert Heat plays at Brome Fair Grounds, Saturday, May 19. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and must be reserved by calling 450-242-1936. Tickets can also be purchased at the Emporium (293 Knowlton Rd.) in Knowlton.

Elder safety

Last month's Aging In Liberty and In Safety meeting in Granby gathered seniors to hear Sûreté du Québec officer Christopher Wodja of the Haute-Yamaska detachment discuss elder abuse.

Wodja covered physical and psychological violence, abuse in financial matters, safety precautions when using automatic tellers, telephone and door to door sales. Information cards were distributed with questions and answers related to crisis situations, crime prevention, preventing injury, home safety, and general physical health and well being. More information can be found with the Townshippers' Association's Healthy Active Living 50-Plus program, via email at info@townshippers.qc.ca or by calling 450-263-4422 (toll free 1-866-263-4422). In an emergency, call 9-1-1.

- David Anderson



DAVID ANDERSON

Rita-Claire Edmonds (Townshippers' Association Healthy Active Living 50-Plus coordinator), member of the Townshippers' Association board of directors David Wright, SQ officer Christopher Wodja and Kathy Harrington, the 50-Plus program's other coordinator.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 4 & 5

The Velveteen Rabbit presented by Heroes' Players at Heroes' Memorial School, Cowansville, 7 p.m. Admission \$5. A wonderful family entertainment of the classic story by Margery Williams provides audiences with comedy, pathos, adventure and final triumph for the hero, who learns that love makes all things real. Information 450-263-1612.

May 5

St. Paul's United Church, **Waterloo, Ham Supper**, 5 - 7 p.m. Cost \$10 for adults, \$3 for under 10 years. Everyone welcome!

Iron Hill Church Hall Spring Tea from 2 - 4 p.m. Bake table, fudge table, crafts. Admission \$6.

Brome Lake Books is pleased to present award winning Canadian children's author **Barbara Reid** on stage at **Arts Knowlton** on Saturday, May 5 at 11 a.m. Encourage reading by celebrating authors. A book signed by the author is a treasure and a great gift! Tickets are free but we will be collecting donations to the Lennoxville Language Arts Festival. For seat reservations call 450-242-2242.

Knowlton - Lawn sale with a difference! To benefit SPCA Monteregie on Saturday, May 5, 18 Davignon St., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Take what you need. Leave what you can!

May 6

Knowlton Harmony Band Spring Concert, Knowlton Community Centre, 270 Victoria, **Knowlton**, Sunday May 6, 2 p.m. Admission charged. Info & tickets: 450-297-2797 or 450-243-6348.

May 5 & 6

BCN RATES & DEADLINES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Salute to Quebec Seniors Live Music

Fundraiser with Bobbi Dee and the Smokin' Country Band. Saturday evenings, **Fitch Bay**, Catholic Church, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. \$5. Refreshments available. B.Y.O.B. **Bolton Center** Mother's Day celebration Sunday only, May 13, 2 - 6 p.m. (advanced tickets only for Mother's Day) \$5 admission. Complete supper available for additional \$5.

May 7

Here's To Your Mental Health! is this year's theme for National Mental Health Week. Join mental health specialist Susan Laporte and Avante staff for an afternoon of fun with mind tickling and brain teasing games on Monday, May 7. Prizes and treats included. Call Avante Women's Centre (located at 2 Adhemar-Cusson in **Bedford**) at 450-248-0530 for more info.

Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley - annual meeting at **Auberge West Brome** on Highway 139, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker: Ms. Mary B. Marshall, U.S. Consulate General in Montreal and a Senior Member of the U.S. Foreign Service. Topic: "Ensuring our Region's, Cross-border security, Economic Prosperity and Community Ties". Light refreshments and a social time to follow the address. Non-members, \$10 entrance fee. N.B. Tickets available for the prior luncheon at 11:30. Please contact Janet Snyder at 450-263-8982.

May 9

Salad Luncheon & Bake Sale at Knowlton United Church, **Knowlton** from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Price \$7.

May 11 & 12

40th Annual Antiques, Arts and Crafts Sale at St. Lambert United Church, (Church Halls) 415 Mercille Ave., and 440 Notre-Dame St. entrances in **St. Lambert**. Friday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tickets \$2 at door, free children under 10 years. Antiques, crafts, home baking, plants, paintings, snack bar. Info: 450-671-6003.

May 12

Escardon 725 Cadets, **Car Wash** 2007 de Cowansville & La Legion Royale Fil. 99 at Garage Bockus Garage 1582 Sud, **Cowansville** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mother's Day Dinner at Knowlton Odd Fellows Hall on Saturday, May 12. Roast

Beef and Pork Dinner, 5 - 7 p.m. Dance, 8 p.m. to closing. Music with Silver Spurs. Door prizes. Donation \$10.

Youth Forum for youths 11 to 17 years old on Peace and Respect at **Mt. Sutton** chalet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Various workshops throughout the day and a special guest speaker. Free lunch. To register or for more info call 450-538-7494.

May 13

Royal Canadian Legion - **Cowansville Mother's Day Breakfast** at the Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon, Cowansville, Sunday, May 13 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. For reservations contact Jerry or Cindy at 450-263-4947. Put on by the Inter-Provincial Ball Players. A flower for all the mothers. Everyone welcome. Information: 450-263-3543.

May 14 - 18

What can we do for you? If you are a **woman between 18 - 35 years old**, Avante Women's Centre would like to hear from you. Avante is developing its fall line-up and wants your ideas and opinions. What does this community need? What kind of programs would interest you? Two focus groups will be held during the week of May 14 - 18, one in the evening and one during the day. The exact day and time will be determined based on the availability of those interested in participating. Free childcare and transportation are available upon request. To participate or for further information, please contact Kathleen Harrison at Avante Women's Centre, **Bedford** - 450-248-0530, avante.kath@bellnet.ca.

May 17 and 31

Advanced Notice - Church of the Ascension, **West Brome, Luncheon Card Parties** at noon Thursday, May 17 and 31. Reservations please. Evelyn, 450 263-1938. Annual Flea Market, Saturday, June 30. Space Available. Call Jean Shufelt, 450-263-1989 or Jean Fisher, 450-538-5134.

May 19

Desert Heat Concert for Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada, **Brome Fair Grounds**, 345 Stagecoach Road, starts at 7 p.m. pre-show for kids. Tickets: \$10 adults includes soft drink or a beer, \$5 (4-12) for children includes hotdog or chips. Food, auction, music, and fun. Information call Rachel 450-242-1936 or 1-800-461-4683.

June 2

Lions Club Community Wide Garage **Sale and Silent Auction** - June 2 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Oddfellows Hall**, 476 Knowlton Road. Accepting donations for the sale during the month of May at Lions trailer located at 323 Victoria Street on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 12 a.m. (please no books, skis or ski boots, clothing or large appliances).

ARTS CALENDAR

May 5

Handel's Israel in Egypt 120 voices - 34 instruments. Israel In Egypt, Handel's most spectacular oratorio, will be sung in English, May 5, at 8 p.m., Eglise Notre Dame, 252 rue Principale, **Granby**, by Le Choeur Classique de l'Estrie, accompanied by L'Harmonie Vocale de Saint-Hyacinthe; L'Orchestre des Seigneuries, and 5 guest soloists. This tells the story of the Hebrew enslavement under Pharaoh. Hear powerful choruses about the parting of the Red Sea, the plagues and triumphal music only Handel could write. Tickets \$25. Info/Reservations: Pauline Lavigne 450-266-7827.

May 6

Sunday Cinema at Arts Knowlton, Sunday, May 6, 7 p.m.: **A Simple Curve** - Canadian film about a young man who suddenly finds himself rebelling against his seemingly idyllic life in the Kootenays of B.C. Tickets, \$5 members, \$7 non-members. 9 Mt. Echo Rd., **Knowlton**. Info: 450-242-2270 box office, 450-242-1395 administration.

Theatre Lac Brome-Arts Knowlton, Sunday, May 6, 7 p.m. **A Simple Curve**. Canadian film about a young man coming into his own while living in the beautiful Kootenays of British Columbia.

May 10 to 19

Knowlton Players presents **The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf** by Joseph Robinette, directed by Mary Harvey. Performances May 10 to 12 and 17 to 19 at 7 p.m., May 13 & 20 at 2 p.m., at Arts Knowlton, 9 Mont Echo Road, Knowlton. Adults \$12, Townshippers \$10, students \$8, and under 13 \$5. Reservations: 450-242-2270.

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KNOWLEDGE AND KNOW-HOW.

Art smartypants comes to Sutton

Renowned connoisseur

By Wendy Denman

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Viewing contemporary art, and even beginning to try to understand the concepts behind it, can be a very difficult and frustrating experience, and possibly prompting one to just throw in the towel.

But what is contemporary art? Why should one even care about it? These are questions that will be answered this Friday at Arts Sutton by Marc Mayer, general director of the Musée d'art contemporain de Montreal, and a well-known authority.

"This is the first of a series of three conferences we are holding in the next few months," said Sutton gallery co-ordinator Catherine Audet. "Holding these conferences is directly related to our mandate, which is to promote art through exhibitions and education. It's a great opportunity for the community to learn more about art with leaders of the cultural world."

Born in Sudbury, Ontario and a graduate in Art History from McGill University, Mayer held a number of high profile positions in the art world before becoming the eighth director of the Musée d'art contemporain in 2004. He began his career as the visual art officer for the cultural services of the Canadian Embassy, first in New York and then in Paris, at the same time writing for Rizzli's Journal of Art and other American periodicals.

In the mid '90s he was director of the Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery of Buffalo before moving to New York as adjunct director of the arts for the Brooklyn Museum, where he worked on a retrospective of the work of Jean-Michel Basquiat, which brought a record number of 180,000 visitors to the museum.

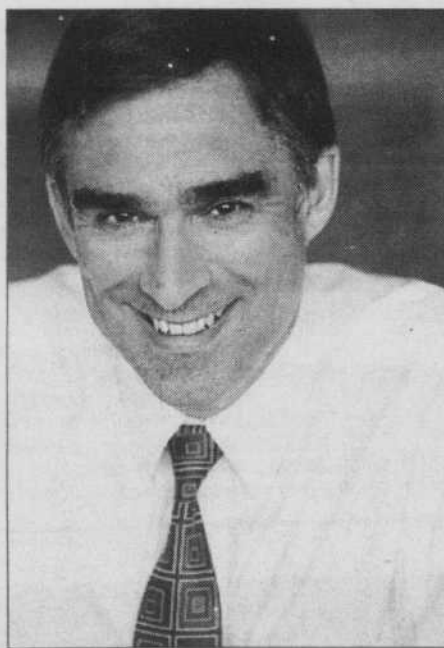
At Friday's lecture, this well-informed, urbane speaker will lay forth some of the foundations for understanding today's art scene and appreciating the sometimes confusing

images. "We are delighted to have Marc Mayer at the gallery here," Audet said. "This is an important event for us and the community."

The second conference in the series, titled Garden Painters with speaker Monique Gauthier, will take place August 11 at Domaine de la Sauvagine in Abercorn. "It's a beautiful spot and the ideal place to hold this event," said Audet. "Monet, Cezanne, Tissot and several others transcribed the reality of the garden in very different ways. These gardens, which inspired pictorial works in France and the United States, are still accessible to visitors today and can be discovered at this conference."

Gauthier is an instructor at the University of Montreal and trains volunteer guides for the Montreal Museum of Fine Art. The third conference, in November, will be given by Claude Gosselin, founding director of the Centre International d'art Contemporain.

What is Contemporary Art? With Marc Mayer takes place at Arts Sutton (7 Academy) on Friday, May 4, beginning at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and for sale at the gallery.



COURTESY MONIC RICHARD

Marc Mayer will answer the big questions.

Carsonisms in person

Galerie Berick turns 5

By Wendy Denman

BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Award-winning Canadian artist Charles Carson will be the honoured guest at Galerie Berick's fifth anniversary celebration this weekend. "This is a very important event for me and for Estrie's art and culture," said gallery owner France Gravel. "Many of our permanent artists will be here as well to meet Charles Carson and the public, and to help us celebrate this important event."

Born in Montreal in 1957, Carson has devoted himself entirely to his art since 1983. He has participated in numerous international exhibitions — in the U.S., Europe, Asia and South America, as well as living and painting for five years in Columbia while he collaborated with the major museum there.

His abstract art attracted the attention of art historians and consultants for his unique techniques, which a number of reviews have termed "Carsonisms". Carson is considered a master of colour by many, creating multiple dimensional universes on canvas.

Carson will be present on Saturday to discuss his art and show examples of his work. "We are so proud. He has just won a Gold Medal in Paris for his art and we are very happy to have him here," said Gravel.

Among many awards, Carson has also won a Gold Medal at Montreal's International Salon of Fine Arts. He is a member of the European Academy of Arts in France.

"We will have many specials this

weekend to celebrate five years in the business. We are having a silent auction of one of our guest's lithographs, paintings by 15 of our artists and six sculptures. We'll have door prizes and discounts on all our art and furniture."

Galerie Berick showcases the handcrafted furniture of Bernard Lacasse in addition to featuring the works of local and Quebec artists, sculptors and jewellers. The gallery holds regular monthly exhibits in addition to its permanent displays.

Charles Carson will be at Galerie Berick on Saturday, May 5 from 1 p.m. The celebrations and auction continue all weekend at Galerie Berick (172 Adamsville St.) in Bromont.



Charles Carson.

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Beware the teeny tiny tow car

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There is a lot more to towing a trailer than just hooking it up to your vehicle and driving down the road. Before you hit the road with your new trailer or fifth wheel this year, it is a good idea to make sure that you have the right equipment for the job.

When choosing a tow vehicle, it's wise to look at both horsepower and torque ratings. "The torque gets you going, the horsepower keeps you going," says Julian Philips, service writer for Jenner Chevrolet in Victoria, BC. He suggests that a half-ton to a three-quarter-ton pickup with a diesel will serve most families. Not only does it have a decent gross vehicle weight, it should handle a typical trailer weighing 3,500 pounds to 6,000 pounds.

Philips recommends consumers consider a diesel if they tow a lot, because of the better fuel mileage — 15 to 20 per

cent better than a gas engine in many cases.

The most common mistake motorists make when towing for the first-time is to get overly ambitious and to tow too big a trailer with too small a vehicle, says Chris Wille, vice president of Victoria Automatic Transmission. "They just burn out their transmissions."

Wille says that most new vehicles have transmissions that stand up very well to towing, especially if they are equipped with a trailer towing package that includes an automatic transmission cooler.

While pickup trucks and SUVs make the best towing vehicles, he says minivans and some rear-wheel-drive sedans tackle the burden of a trailer with no problem. But he cautions owners of front-wheel-drive cars attempting to do the same.

"Front-wheel-drive cars are not made

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for towing. These cars and transmissions are designed for fuel economy," says Wille. "The planetary gears and the final drive are too small and won't stand up well."

Finally, it is important to equip the tow vehicle with the proper hitch for the job. "It is the responsibility of the vehicle operator," says Jim Em-

bury, owner of Custom Hitch and RV Service in Langford. Motorists can choose between five different hitch classes that cover pulling trailers 2,000 pounds to 10,000 pounds.

Embury says that drivers should ensure they perform necessary preventive maintenance before hooking up the trailer for the annual camping trip.

- Check the condition of the wheel bearings — insufficient grease can cause the bearings to seize;

- Check and adjust trailer brakes — improperly adjusted or seized brakes are dangerous;

- Check for corroded electrical connections — these affect brake and direction indicator lights;

- Tire pressure — low tire pressure can lead to overheating, loss of control and early blow-outs.

COMMON TOWING TERMS

Maximum Gross Trailer Weight: The most weight a vehicle can safely tow.

Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR): Maximum recommended weight of a vehicle. This includes weight of vehicle with fuel and other fluids, passengers and all cargo.

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GTW includes vehicle and trailer together.

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REGULAR COLUMNIST MAURICE CROSSFIELD WILL RETURN.

BRIEF

Pretty fashions

Knowlton's Restaurant Le Relais will host its 6th annual fashion show and lunch this weekend.

Fashions from the village's many boutiques will be modeled by residents (and customers), male and female, aged from 5 to 85. There'll be at least one mother-daughter pairing, too.

Designers are local and international, famous and not-so, the clothes formal and casual.

Resto manager Lynn Patenaud said the event (at 286 Knowlton Road) has consistently sold out in the past, so advises reservations. Call 450-242-2232.

It will all take place on Sunday, May 6 at noon and it's free.

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BMP Hospital OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

Guided Tours
On Sunday, May 6, 2007
Between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM
at the BMP Hospital's Main
Entrance at 950, rue Principale,
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The visit will include services like:
Operating Unit, Medical Imagery,
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Inauguration of a new exhibition at
Le Petit musée BMP Heritage
"Obstetrical history at BMP".

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On May 5th, we will be honoured by the presence of a
very distinguished guest, **Mr. Charles Carson**,
Canadian painter of international renown
(Gold Medal - Paris 2007)

Many of our fine resident artists here at the gallery
will also be present.

Special events over the weekend:
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INVITATION to the general population

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How it all works

BMP's open house

By Alanna Fahey
BROME COUNTY NEWS
CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes visiting the hospital is stressful. But now you can do it for fun, for learning, or just for curiosity.

On Sunday, May 6, the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital in Cowansville will hold an open house between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The event will include guided tours, highlighting the Operating Unit, the Medical Imagery area, and the fairly new Birthing Pavilion.

The organizers of the Le Petit musée BMP Heritage will also present their new exhibit, "Obstetrical History at BMP".

"We are thrilled that the committee for the musée have selected this theme as we have been making many positive changes to meet the rising needs of the young families that reside in the area," said BMP Foundation Executive Director Frank Johnston-Main.

The BMP has been serving the area since the early 1900s.

There are many ways in which the public may help the hospital and assist in fundraising efforts.

There's the Auxillary, which celebrates its 90th anniversary this year.

The Auxillary manages a team of over 100 volunteers and President Helga Heath says, "Many of our members have been with us for many years and we are always ready to welcome new members. We service the boutique, the cart that supplies snacks and toiletries to patients, and we host two fundraising teas a year.

"Through our various endeavors last year, we were able to give the BMP Foundation \$25,000, which went to help purchase a sterilizer for the endoscopic equipment."

There's also the September Bike-A-Thon.

There'll be more information available at the open house.

For more information, call 450-266-4342 or visit the website www.santemonteregie.qc.ca.

CALL Is Calling



COURTESY

The Knowlton Lions contributed \$500 to the Cowansville Academy of Lifelong Learning, which offers students the opportunity to finish missing credits in order to obtain their high school leaving certificate, or prerequisites for cégep or professional (DEP) programs. The academy's Jane Morey is flanked by Lions president Errol Frechette and treasurer Eileen Mason.



COURTESY

Karen Rooney and CJAD's Father John.

Karen Rooney hopes to reach the tipping point

By Alanna Fahey
BROME COUNTY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

It's not easy to get out there and promote yourself and your product, yet every once in

awhile along comes someone who embodies the gift of the pitch. Knowlton resident Karen Rooney, author of the book *Me and My Two Sons*, PLEASE SEE ROONEY ON PAGE 12

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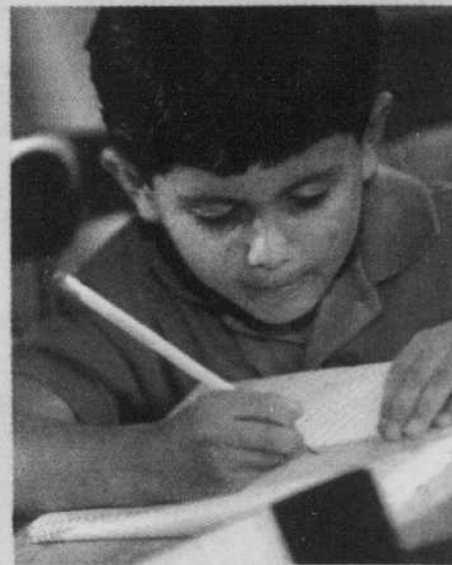
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MOTHER'S DAY

Mothers – an eternal source of inspiration

The celebration of Mother's Day is one of the most important Sundays in the month of May for children and their mothers. For an original gift, budding young authors can write a poem, a song, or even an announcement! Indeed, mothers have inspired and continue to inspire many lyricists and songwriters. From the lyrics that praise the tireless role of mothers, to the popular poems that emphasize the torments caused by their children, there is a full gamut of maternal emotions to be found in songs, writings, and stories. Now, it is your turn to be inspired by

your mother. Some educational Internet sites can help you develop your poems. With a little



Whatever form it takes, a few words composed especially for Mom will go straight to her heart!

writing hocus-pocus, you can create the most imaginative poems. Take a pinch of adjectives, add a few superlatives, stick with rhymes, sprinkle with a few tender words, and, lastly, cover everything with a good dose of love and you will be the author of the most delicious poem! It is one of the nicest (and most affordable) gifts you can offer your mother this Mother's Day. Whether you choose to write a poem, a song, or a story, your mother is sure to fall under the charm of your declaration!

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During our evening workshop on Family Law in April, Lisa outlined who is responsible for whom, and how child custody decisions are made. Generally, according to Article 585, relatives in the direct line in the first degree (that is, one generation up or down) owe each other support. Both parents are supposed to be responsible for a child until he is "launched" and can survive independently. And, under the same article, children are responsible for their aging parents.

Another article she discussed was 611, which stipulates that a mother or father cannot interfere with the relationship between a child and his grandparents. On the flip side, a grandparent cannot interfere with parental obligations, either.

As Lisa pointed out many times throughout the evening, there are angles from every degree. She encouraged the participants to make sure they have proper notarial documents in all cases, because without them, there will be long, drawn out court settlements otherwise.

For a look at the Quebec Civil Code and its rules, all 3,100 of them, look at www.justice.gouv.qc.ca.

INCONVENIENT TRUTH

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Al Gore's movie *An Inconvenient Truth* is having a ripple effect across the continent as more and more people

are being exposed to the facts and figures about global warming. Twenty people viewed his DVD at Avante last month then had an opportunity to discuss the issues with Erin Myers, a recent graduate of Environmental Studies from Trent University.

"Canada specifically is directly affected because of our northern connections," Erin started by saying. She said our First Nations communities are facing new challenges for survival right now as territories that used to be snow covered are now rivers of mud. She also pointed out that because Canada relies on heat resources for much of the year, we are one of the highest consumers of energy in the world, and the eighth largest producer of carbon dioxide emissions.

Atmospheric temperature is directly related to carbon dioxide content, according to Gore's statistics. On the other hand, Canada is also one of the leaders in changing policies to remedy these conditions, and Quebecers are the most "green minded" in Canada. "We can have an affect globally by thinking locally,"

Erin said. Some of her recommendations were to recycle (garbage produces carbon dioxide), buy locally grown produce (saves fuel and keeps money in your community), use a clothesline, and plant a tree (trees are the lungs of the world). For more tips, go to www.climatechange.gc.ca or www.ClimateChange.net.

HERE'S TO YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Monday, May 7 marks the start of National Mental Health Week and following the theme of "Here's to Your Mental Health", Avante invites you to an afternoon of hilarity and fun with Mental Health specialist Susan Laporte.

Laughter is the best medicine, as they say, so we've planned a bunch of mind tickling and teasing games with prizes and treats for all! Susan will also coach us on how to keep our spirits up

when life's getting us down. Join us Monday, May 7 at 1 p.m.

INTERNET CAFÉ

With the ever popular computer courses on Tuesday afternoons, Nancy will be adding an Internet Café on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 starting May 11. Nancy will be available to help surf the 'net on our high speed connections and enter the fascinating World Wide Web! She can also help with emails, downloads and many other functions.

HERB GARDENING

Hopefully, it will be time to start thinking about gardening again, so Pat Cote has offered to share some of her knowledge of working with herbs on Tuesday, May 15 from 9:30 to 11:30. We'll learn about all the where, when, how, what and why of herbal gardening, plus she'll explain how to preserve and freeze it all. We'll also have an opportunity to sample some fine recipes of pestos and vinaigrettes. If you have an abundance of herbs in your garden to share, feel free to bring them in as well.

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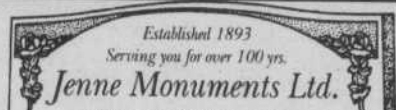
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Death

KIRBY, Harriett (McCullough) - Passed away at Brockville General Hospital on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 69 years old. Loving daughter of Mildred McCullough (Lucia) of Foyer Sutton, Sutton, QC and the late John McCullough. Dear mother of David Kirby, Scotland, ON and Susan McLean, Brockville, ON. Cherished grandmother of 4 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Survived by sisters Elaine Seguin (Richard), Almont, Michigan; Sharon Ridley (Robert), Belleville, ON; Joy Renaud (Jean Yves) and brother John McCullough, both of Waterloo, QC. Predeceased by daughter Donita Kirby and brother Larry McCullough. Cremation followed visitation. Interment at Knowlton Cemetery at a later date. Donations to charity of choice.

In Memoriam

BROWN, Marguerite.
Mom

One year has gone by
I miss you so much.
No more phone calls,
No more dropping by for a visit,
No more conversations.
I know nothing will bring you back
But Mom, if I could have one miracle,
It would be to open my front door
And you walk through.
I was blessed to have a Mom like you.
Miss you, love you.

NINA

Card of Thanks

JOURDENAIS - I would like to thank each and everyone who helped me celebrate my 60th Birthday. I received many phone calls, cards, gifts, visits, e-mails, cakes and Best Wishes. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

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ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 24 St. Paul's Road, **Knowlton**. Sunday Services: Traditional 8 a.m. service and 10 a.m. with music, Sunday School and Nursery. Special MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE on May 13 'The Pursuit of Happiness' - 3 Principles of Christian Parenting. For more info: 450-242-2885. The Rev. Tim Wiebe and the congregation welcomes everyone.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME SERVICE - Sunday, May 6, HOLY TRINITY, **IRON HILL**, 10 a.m. - Morning Prayer. M. & S. Jolley.

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

COWANSVILLE AREA PASTORAL CHARGE UNITED CHURCH Worship at Emmanuel United Church, 203 rue Principale, **Cowansville**. Worship 10:30 a.m., Choir practice, 10 a.m. Rev. Wendy MacLean officiating. 450-263-0204.

TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, Cowansville. Join us for Sunday Worship one Service only at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Info: 450-263-2662.

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BEDFORD/PHILIPSBURG & FARNHAM - Sunday Services: **Philipsburg**, 9:30 a.m.; **Farnham**, 1st Sunday in **Bedford** at 11 a.m., 2 & 4th Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in **Farnham** & 3rd Sunday at 11 a.m. in **Farnham**; **Bedford**, 11 a.m. For information call 450-248-3923. The Ven. Dr. Brian A. Evans, Rector & Archdeacon of Bedford.

BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE - Sunday Service May 6 in **Bedford** at 10 o'clock. Rev. Michel Nahas leading. Everyone welcome. 450-248-3044 for information.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH in **Sutton**, 52 Principale sud, welcomes everyone for Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Rev. Canon Tim Smart, Rector. 450-538-8108.

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

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH - DUNHAM. Sunday Services at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Sinpoh Han. Information 450-266-0392.

NEW VISION PASTORAL ZONE UNITED CHURCHES: Join us for Sunday worship in the following churches at the indicated times and dates: **DUNHAM UNITED** at 9:15 a.m., **ST. PAUL'S UNITED, WATERLOO** at 10 a.m., **GRANBY UNITED** at 11:30 a.m. and **CALVARY UNITED, SUTTON** at 11:15 a.m. Reverend David Lambie will be in Dunham and Sutton and Reverend Susan Tilleman will be in Waterloo and Granby in May. For information call Gail Booth at 450-538-0530.

ROONEY:

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is tenaciously grasping the art often left to marketing specialists, and that art is how to give your product stickability - so everyone will want to read it, use it or just have it laying around the house.

Rooney will be guest speaker at the Atwater Library in Montreal this month (May 10 at 12:30 p.m.; she's billed as the Mother's Day special).

The Atwater is Canada's oldest lending library, having been founded in 1828, and popular lunch time reading series is a feather in Rooney's cap. English authors in Quebec aspire to be a guest at this well respected venue.

Rooney will talk about her life, her work, her book and generally she will have you crying one minute and then sitting quietly with joy the next. Rooney is a gift giver, a person filled with gratitude and she delivers her message with words that are succinct and cut to the quick. Not to be outdone by the Atwater Library, the manager of the Chapters bookstore in Pointe Claire has asked her to host a Meet and Greet at the shop May 5 from 1 till 3.

Since her book was published last December by Price-Patterson of

Montreal, she has been reviewed most enthusiastically by Susan Schwartz of the *Montreal Gazette*, appeared at a couple of bookstores and been interviewed on three big Montreal English radio stations.

Rooney was a guest of Father John on CJAD last February. Father John was most interested in her Heart of Life Fund, that since its inception has raised more than \$800,000 for the Montreal Children's Hospital.

(Father John himself has helped found a fundraiser on prostate cancer, a 4k walk that takes place on Montreal's Mount Royal June 16.)

Life has placed many difficult lessons on Rooney's path. She has set her mind on getting her message of hope to millions. She is requesting everyone who has read her book, or anyone who has suffered along with a loved one

only to find that love is the true healer, to send a book-boosting email to American superstar Oprah through her website at www.oprah.com.

A portion of every book sold goes to the Heart of Life Fund.

June 8 to 10 will see Rooney at the Toronto Book Trade Fair where she will finesse her way onto the shelves of every book store in Canada. Karen Rooney's book may be purchased locally at Livre D'Or in Sutton and Brome Lake Books in Knowlton.

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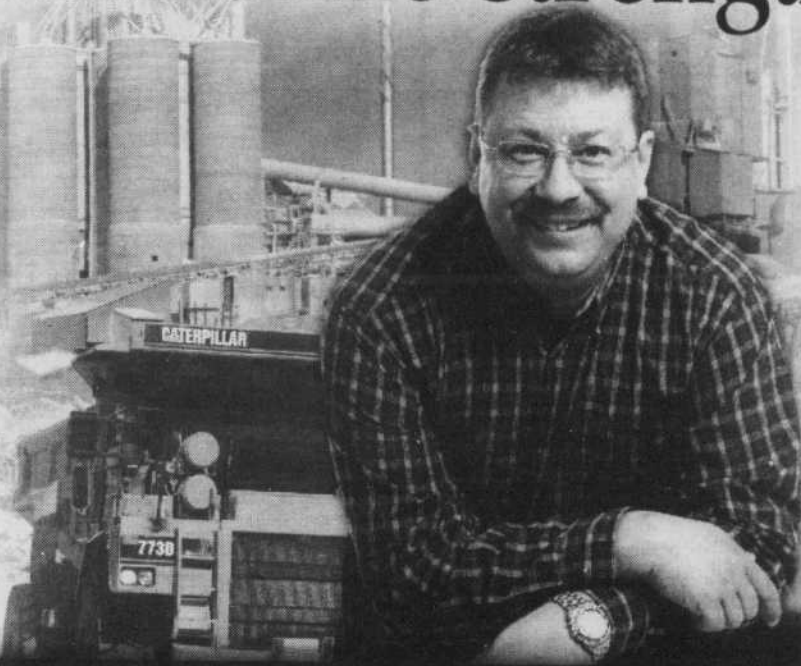


MURIELLE PARKES

We ran the wrong photograph with last week's story on the 25th anniversary of Mansonville's Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre. Here are the real members of the big 25 celebration planning committee. Sorry!

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