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'Water unsuitable for drinking until further notice'

Gulf oil spill?
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in the Townships

By Doug Hooper

When the deep water Horizon oil rig exploded killing eleven people and spewing oil into the Gulf of Mexico, no one could have imagined that a month later, the spill would still be sending thousands of gallons of oil a day into the gulf, with no end in sight. The enormous cost to BP Oil in lost revenues is insignificant in the face of losses that the environment, residents and wildlife will have to endure for years to come. The numbers are so staggering that we simply cannot comprehend. The scale is overwhelming.

We can, however, understand environmental damage on a smaller scale that affects our own back yards, or our drinking water.

Townshippers pride themselves on their environment: pristine lakes, sunset vistas, forests, glades and meadows are all part of what local people and tourists alike appreciate. It's still possible to take a hike on Mount Sutton and drink the water flowing from the summit. There are several sections of the Missisquoi River popular with canoeists and kayakers. Photographers often stop by lakes or fields to capture a reflection or a spray of wildflowers. We tend to think that we are removed from the problems of the world such as political intrigue, deception or oil spills.

It came as a shock, then, on the first holiday Monday of the season, when Julie Badger and Ian Aiken noticed a chemical spill in the stream that flows past their house on a quiet street in Sutton.

"The kids were swimming in the little pool when my stepson called out that the water was blue," said Badger, "and the smell was really strong." The couple found a telltale, oily "rainbow" film was flowing past their property from somewhere upstream.

Aiken reported the problem to the town on Tuesday and was told they would forward the complaint to the environment ministry.

An inspector from Environment Quebec did arrive on Friday. Badger disclosed that when the inspector arrived, he looked at the stream, took no samples, and said there was no test to determine what sort of oil might have contaminated the water. He placed some

blotting material at the outlet of the little pond where the kids had been swimming and held it in place with the couple's garden rake. He said the spill was not serious and was nothing to worry about.

On Highway 215, just on the outskirts of Sutton, there is a water outlet where many people like to col-

lect drinking water. The spot has long been reputed to have fresh clean water, and locals and visitors alike can often be seen filling all sorts of vessels. There is a large turn-around off the road, and sometimes there are several cars waiting in line for their turn at the flow pipe,

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Fun Run



COURTESY

The 32nd annual Tour du Lac Brome takes place June 20, and more than 3,000 runners are expected. There will be a 5k (through downtown Knowlton) and a 10k run around the lake. For information, go to www.tourdulacbrome.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 1 - 6

Clothing Sale at Reilly House, 302 Principale, Mansonville. 8 am to 4 pm Fill a bag for \$5.

June 4

La Bouquinerie du Sac à Mots is holding its **big summer sale!** During three days only, from June 4 to 6. All books at 50% off and a great selection of books (novels, etc) at 25¢. Tell your neighbors, tell your friends and come on over! Le Sac à Mots, 94 rue du Sud, Cowansville. (450)266-3766.

Royal Canadian Legion **Summer BBQs**. Come BBQ with us every Friday night starting June 4 until August 27. 77 Lewis Street East, Waterloo. Burgers, Dogs, Fries and Poutines

June 5

BBQ Steak Supper at the Cowansville Legion, 120 Davignon St., on Saturday, June 5, from 5 to 7 pm with all the fixings. Adults: \$12. Children: \$6. Price good in May only.

The KNOWLTON LIONS CLUB will be holding a **community wide garage sale & silent Auction**, Saturday June 5, 8 am to 2 pm at the Oddfellows Hall, 476 Knowlton Rd. They will be accepting donations at a trailer located at the Oddfellows May 27 and 28, 2 pm to 8 pm, May 29, 10 am to 4 pm and June 2 from 2 pm to 8 pm (Please no books, ski equipment, clothing or large appliances) Upon request pick-up for large items can be arranged on June 3 and 4. For info: Diane Laporte (450) 243-0900

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CANCER WALK FUNDRAISER / BMP FOUNDATION on Saturday, June 5 from 8 am to 4 pm - 212 Knowlton Rd, Knowlton. All benefits to the BMP Foundation for the Breast Cancer Walk which will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2010.

Mental Health & Well-being support Group Meetings held at United Church, 234 Knowlton Road, Knowlton, from 2 pm Having difficulty coping? Not sure how to support someone suffering from mental illness? Or maybe you just want to be more informed? Info: 450-243-0928 or pleasantvalley@sympatico.ca

June 5

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 77, 77 Lewis St., Waterloo will hold a **Flea Market** on Saturday, June 5. Tables available at \$10 each. Indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Cantine on premises. Call for information: 450-539-0847 or 450-539-1198.

June 6

Every Sunday **Music with Smokin' Country** from 3 - 7 pm at Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Davignon, Cowansville. (450) 263-3543. Come and have fun with us.

All-You-Can-Eat Brunch, with eggs the way you like them. 10 am to 1 pm. \$7. And \$3.50 for children under 8 yrs. Sunday, June 6. Sutton Legion, 2 Curley St. Info: 450-538-2210.

June 7

General meeting for all members of the **Sutton Legion** at 7 pm. 2 Curley St. Info: 450-538-2210.

June 12

Annual Salad Lunch at Calvary United Church, 6 Maple Street, Sutton, on June 12 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Feast on gourmet salads followed by a delicious dessert. Donation: \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under age 10. Information: 450-538-0530.

June 22

Public Meeting & Annual General meeting of **Maison des Jeunes Sutton/Lac-Brome** Tuesday, June 22th at 6:30 pm. The Sutton/Brome Lake Maison des Jeunes is pleased to invite partners, active youth members, parents, grand-

parents and all members of the community to its public meeting and **Annual General Meeting** to be held in the Buchanan room 2, of Community Centre in Brome-Lake: 270, rue Victoria in Lac-Brome. For more information: mdj-sutton@bellnet.ca 450-538-7494

June 26

Annual West Brome Flea Market, Church of the Ascension, Saturday June 26 starting at 7:30 am. Come celebrate our 30th year. For space rental contact: Judy 450-263-3025 or Martha 450-263-3301

ARTS CALENDAR

June 10 - 12

Companion: Written by Jeanne Beckwith and produced by Mountain Road Productions will be presented at the Enosburg Opera House at 7:30 pm \$10 Adults, \$5 Students and Seniors.* Some Adult Language. Information: 802-933-6171

June 13

Auditions for Hello, Dolly! at the Opera House at Enosburg, June 13, 1-2:30 pm Registration and Workshop, 2:30-4:30 Audition Slots, June 14, 6:30-8:30 Audition Slots Audition music will be provided at audition. Pre-register to get audition music ahead of time. Pre-register by calling 802-933-6171 or email info.fotoh@gmail.com. Pre-registration is not necessary to audition

CHURCH SERVICES

CREEK/WATERLOO PASTORAL CHARGE. Sunday worship and music. Creek United, West Bolton - Regular Sunday Morning Service: 9 am, Sunday School: 9 am, Holy Communion every 1st Sunday of the month. St. Paul's United, 4929 Foster, Waterloo - Regular Sunday Morning Service: 10:30 am, Holy Communion every 1st Sunday of the month. Reverend David Lambie, Minister. For information or to leave messages call: 450-539-2129

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ANGLICAN PARISH OF BROME: Sunday, June 6 - 9 am Holy Trinity, Iron Hill - Holy Communion - The Rev. Allan Gault.

ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE ST. ÉDOUARD CATHOLIC CHURCH, 366 Knowlton Road, Knowlton. You are invited to participate in a bilingual Mass Sundays at 10:30 am Join us afterward for coffee every 3rd Sunday beginning May 23 to October 10. Christian Meditation Tuesday evenings, 7:45 - 8:45 pm (side door) except in July and August. This is an English speaking group, but French speaking meditators are welcome!

Une messe bilingue est célébrée le dimanche à 10h30. Un café est servi après la messe le 3e dimanche du mois à partir du 23 mai au 10 octobre. Vous êtes la bienvenue. Une méditation chrétienne a lieu le mardi soir de 19h45 à 20h45, sauf les mois de juillet et août; la présentation se donne en anglais mais tous sont bienvenus. L'entrée est sur le côté.

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Whither Lac Brome?

Part VII

by Marc Clerk

Special to Brome County News

Lac Brome is happily composed of six small hamlets including Knowlton Village. A century and a half ago Knowlton became the chef lieu socially, politically, economically and geographically. Twenty years ago, Knowlton merchants created a tourist image. It became a shopping destination for Montreal day-trippers. There was nothing else like it in all of the Eastern Townships. Today that attraction has faded away to, more or less, nothing. The glory days are over.

If you look at Knowlton objectively, as do residents from Foster, Fulford, Iron Hill, East Hill or Bondville, you will see a play-acting Victorian Village with small signs pointing to remote and unoccupied toilets. The truly busy places of Knowlton provide traditional services for the locals: post-office, pharmacy, two banks, a lawyer's office, one notary, a library, an historically important museum, real-estate offices, a lending-library, an always active liquor store, a noisy lawn-mower repair shop, a red-painted dépanneur, one modern grocery-store, a photocopying place, a bookstore, a constantly busy building supply center and a computer-repair place. Tourists or passers-by never set foot in these places.

Should you look at Knowlton Centre-Ville critically, it's not a pretty place. The confluence of Lakeside, of Knowlton and of Mount Echo Roads is a hodge-podge of miss-matched architecture, graced with only two valid structures; the old Kimball Inn and the 1894 Library. The Victorian Village concept is limited to a few private homes on distant Victoria Street, where tourists are not apt to go. Along the rues principales of Knowlton, tottering telephone poles lean precariously this way and that, like drunks after one too many, supporting cheap, tinny, duck silhouettes.

Beneath the clap-trap, Knowlton Village has no warmth, no heart. Lac Brome's residents support the place economically but are ignored, rebuffed, forgotten. Seniors and handicapped look irritably for absent parking places from which to do their daily rounds for medicines, money or mail. The hazardous, trailer-trucked, cross-walk on Knowlton Road, part of a recent ill-conceived makeover by "expert-citizens," is a dangerous disaster. The Town Hall, our Town Hall, has no handicap access and our "visionary" Council foot-draws in building one.

Lac Brome's six thousand tax-paying locals have no involvement in tourism as a source of income, livelihood or interest. Knowlton Village must revert to being a commercial service-center for residents instead of dreaming to fill roads and parking spaces with day-trip strangers.

The fine small hamlets and the rest of the scenic territory of Lac Brome must be brought out into the sunlight and turned into pleasant and productive centers. How best may this be achieved?

The very first thing is for Lac Brome residents to meet together to develop a realizable plan for the future. The next is to remind our Town Council that it was elected to be of service to all residents, to carry out our collective wishes and not to impose its version of a "vision" on the populace.

What can residents do with this fine place? Well, one plan, one direction for residents to consider, is the following:

Develop Lac Brome into a place in which seniors, the elderly, the physically handicapped can live comfortably, take an active part in community life and watch the setting sun go down. There exists in Quebec an organization named CAME. It is supported by the Ministère de la Famille et des Aînés. It is a non-profit organization engaged in the promotion, the application, follow-up and monitoring of municipal family policies. This organization is mandated to assist communities that wish to undertake plans for caring for their own. This latter project is called MADA (Municipalité Amie Des Aînés). This organization is presently working with more than forty-five large, medium and small municipalities and MRCs across the province. Of particular interest is that municipalities, adapting their surroundings and encouraging residents to remain active while aging, are entitled to receive financial and professional assistance from the Quebec government. (Information on the project is presently available in French only. At this writing, efforts are being made to obtain essential data in English.)

The following is a very condensed summary of the MADA plan:

The municipality must adapt to the needs of the elderly and encourage active aging. The municipality must recognize the specific needs of the elderly. The municipality must favour concrete actions by and for the elderly. It must encourage the active participation of seniors in community life. It must promote healthy life habits in the context of active aging. The municipality must encourage the elderly to take their health in hand and contribute to their own independence.

The population of Ville de Lac Brome is statistically one of the oldest in Quebec. Its residents should undertake an in-depth study of turning Lac Brome into a community for seniors. In this vein, elderly residences could well be built by developers of such projects (both Canadian and American) in the six different hamlets of Lac Brome. (There are no valid reasons for such residences to be in Knowlton Village, exposed to highway and recently increased LEK truck traffic passing through its center, to dangerous street crossings, noise, crowding and pollution. The distribution of such residences across the territory would relieve the serious dearth of water in Knowlton.) Locating such residences in the hamlets would have a reviving effect on local manpower in those areas: on-site employees, health and therapeutic services,

Pet of the Week



COURTESY

Hello! I am a female with beautiful short tan-colored fur. I'm about four years old and weigh 45-50 lbs. I'm alert, enthusiastic and love to play. I also have a very affectionate side. People are great! Come and see for yourself. We could have a good time together. I have lots of friends (about 80 dogs are living here at the moment) who would appreciate a visit too! Walk us, play with us, and maybe adopt one of us! We live at the SPCA Montérégie, 178, ch. du Vide, Ste-Angèle-de-Monnoir (exit 37 on autoroute 10). Visiting hours are 2 to 4 pm, Thursdays and Saturdays. 450-460-3075.

inter-hamlet transportation, exterior community activities, gardening, footpaths, bicycling, sports and community activities. The erection of such centers will

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Letters

New life?

About six months ago, the citizens of Brome Lake elected a new administration, in hopes to put new life in Brome Lake, especially Knowlton.

Cleaning up Brome Lake would be a good start, restoring it to its natural beauty and value. Promote the tourist industries, bury the power line in Knowlton and encourage the population to shop locally and create a positive atmosphere.

Was I dreaming in Technicolor? This council chooses a completely different venue.

They choose to wash their dirty laundry in public, accusing West Bolton and other neighbors for not paying their dues, and milking the Town of Brome Lake, completely disregarding the part that we buy our groceries and spend money regularly in Knowlton. Should we pay for the privilege to be neighbors?

I am surprised that all the members of the council decided to open this can of worms when a positive and futuristic outlook is so important.

I can see in four years from now, Brome Lake will still be polluted and there will still be as many stores closed as there are today. If this council does not recognize the value of a positive atmosphere, they will put the last nail in the coffin.

Fred Eichenberger,
West Bolton

More than Knowlton

I attended the Mayor's meeting on Saturday where his "committee of Expert citizens" did a presentation on "What should Knowlton be?" That committee showed 60 plus pictures of different views around Knowlton, which were intended to emphasize the negative esthetic impact of the hydro station, poles and wires.

They also showed the concept of having walking paths around the various bodies of water; they included the mention of moving the Town garage, moving/removing a building to make a bigger Cold Brook park, as well as having new and improved parking areas. These are all wonderful ideas, however, from what I saw, this presentation did not point out much that had not already been discussed many times in the past.

In the past, when the business of Knowlton was booming, there was always resistance of who was going to pay.

At that time, the findings were that those that were to be benefiting the most from the suggested similar wish list, were the same individuals that were unwilling to accept the fact that they would have to pick up the greatest portion of the costs, therefore, the projects did not move forward.

Now, as most of you would have to admit, in Knowlton, the businesses are even fewer and further between, so I would be inclined to believe that the individuals and issues that stopped the projects from moving forward in the past, are even more likely to prevent them from happening today.

The meeting focused around Knowlton, (which represents only about 32% of the population and they only contribute about 32% of the general budget) - less than

Peaceful coexistence

Lessons from the animal world

Mark Twain, author, funny man, and student of human behaviour, conducted a curious experiment more than 100 years ago. First he caught a lion, and put it in a big cage. When it had calmed down, he introduced a dog, then a squirrel, some doves, and a kangaroo.

They seemed cautious and edgy in the beginning, establishing and protecting their own small spaces. Soon, though, they all seemed more at ease, each respecting the presence of the others, if by times hesitantly. Twain was pleased with the results, and decided to try it with people.

In his own words, "First I caught an Irish Catholic, and put him in a cage. Then, when he seemed reasonably tame, I introduced a Turk from Constantinople, a Buddhist from China, a Methodist from the wilds of Arkansas, . . . and finally a Salvation Army Colonel." This time, sadly, the result was dramatically different.

Again, in Twain's words, "When I came back, there wasn't a specimen left alive!" Since the human being is supposedly the reasoning animal, he was left trying to figure out why they'd so swiftly done each other in. His conclusion: "Of course, man is also the religious animal. He's the only one that's got the True Religion . . . several of them. These reasoning animals had disagreed over a theological detail, and had carried the matter to a Higher Court!"

It's only a suspicion, but most folks figure that the details of Twain's experiment, like those of certain climate change specialists and many others in the competitive world of scientific research, are not entirely factual. (Which brings to mind a study done a while back that proved that kids in daycare were as emotionally stable and secure as kids raised at home, . . . the study having been commissioned by the Quebec Association of Daycare centers.) However, local first-hand evidence suggests that there may be some truth in his report, at least the first part.

Late last autumn, the neighbour on the south side near the inlet phoned as darkness was settling over the back forty. He inquired as to whether our dog was in the house and, further, if he exuded any essence of skunk. No, I was happy to report, and why the interest in such a possibility?

He went on to explain how he'd seen the dog and his cat sitting on one side of his wife's garden compost pile, which wasn't uncommon, given several

THE COUNTRY SQUIRE

BRIAN EDDINGTON

years of familiarity between them. Except this time they were both looking across the decaying vegetable matter at a large skunk.

For more than a year now, we've suspected that a skunk family has been living in a dark protected area under one corner of their old-

style wrap-around balcony. From time to time, usually in the stillness of early morning or late evening, the distinctive, intimidating odour would come wafting across the ridge. It seemed more of a routine, territory-marking or warning nature; it definitely wasn't a both barrels, full-bore, fight-them-off release.

Apparently the furry threesome sat motionless for an extended time, perhaps assessing the situation and its implications in their own curious ways, maybe sorting through genetic memories and precedents passed down to them from distant ancestors. At any rate the meeting had ended uneventfully in the dark, cat and dog indoors and unscathed. The third party, too, must have left in peace. Otherwise, we'd certainly have gotten the message.

A few nights later another neighbour, one from a half mile south of the inlet, phoned with a similar concern. While driving by, again in late evening, he'd seen our dog sitting at the end of the driveway, exchanging glances with another critter about eight feet away, also sitting back on its haunches. A black animal with white stripes, pointy nose, and eyes that seemed to glow. Once more I was pleased to report that the dog, at that point inside, gave off nothing but his usual damp funky canine smell.

About five weeks ago, as I poked about in the fast-disappearing snow for random chunks of firewood that didn't make it to the pile before winter had set in, the search came to an abrupt stop. There it was, that unmistakable signature aroma of Pepe le Pew's relatives, another sign of imminent spring. (Dog owners know all too well the first sign, as the snow disappears.) Again, it wasn't at maximum volume, nothing in fear or anger, perhaps just an adult stretching, yawning, and maybe experiencing an accidental loosening of the sphincter muscle, as happens by times to older adults of any species.

So far at least, the autumn animal truce seems to be holding into a new season. Hopefully the pact will include the other critters that'll soon be resuming warm-weather wanderings. Especially that other feared night prowler, the porcupine.

40 Knowlton residents bothered to show up at the meeting. Since I did not recognize the majority of those that were in attendance, I assume most were or are fairly new residents and probably do not have a real appreciation to the fact that LAC BROME is actually made up of seven sectors, not just Knowlton, and that the majority of the population, which is the sectors outside of Knowlton, would not be very receptive to the idea of paying more taxes, for which only Knowlton would benefit.

I also attended Tuesday's meeting; a little over 50 people were at this meeting.

When the now existing walking paths were installed (in the Knowlton area), it was done mainly through volunteers - interesting to note that most of those volunteers were citizens from OUTSIDE of Knowlton. Those paths have become a

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Notice is hereby given that, following the
death of Omer Privé, on November 24th,
2009, in his lifetime domiciled at 16 Mill,
Mansonville, Quebec, JOE 1X0 an
inventory of the assets and liabilities of the
deceased was prepared by the liquidators
of the Estate, Lorraine McDuff and
Carmen Privé, on May 20th, before Mtre.
Maryse Gallagher, notary, in accordance
with the law.

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VILLE DE LAC-BROME
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS ENTITLED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED ON A VOT-
ERS LIST OF KNOWLTON AND BONDVILLE SECTORS AND WHOSE PROPERTY IS
CONNECTED TO THE SEWER NETWORK:

- At a meeting of Council, held on April 6, 2010, Council adopted by-law 536 which au-
thorized a loan in the amount not exceeding \$143,448.32 for the replacement of the
electrogene group (generator) at the pumping station 12.
- Eligible voters who have the right to have their names entered on the voting list for a ref-
erendum in the municipality may request that this by-law be submitted to approval by
referendum as long as they are owner or resident in the Knowlton and Bondville sec-
tors which are connected to the sewer network of the municipality.
- To do so, people are invited to sign their names indicating also their address and sta-
tus on the register that will be opened to this effect. Eligible voters who wish to sign the
register must present identification: a medical insurance card, a driver's licence or a
passport.
- The register will be available for signatures from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on June 8th,
2010 at the Town Hall, 122 Lakeside, Brome Lake, Quebec.
- 165 signatures are required in order to require that the by-law be submitted to refer-
endum. If this number is not achieved, the by-law will be deemed to have been adopted.
- Results of this registration procedure will be announced at 7:00 p.m. on June 8, 2010
in the Town Hall Conference Room, 122 Lakeside, Brome Lake.
- The by-law may be consulted at the office of the undersigned at the Town Hall during
regular office hours (Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30
p.m.) or on the municipal internet web site at <http://ville.lac-brome.qc.ca>.

Conditions for an eligible voter to be entered on the voters list for a municipal-wide
referendum:

- Any person who on April 6, 2010 is not subject to one of the interdictions provided in sec-
tion 524 of the Law on Elections and Referendums in municipalities and who complies
with the following conditions is eligible:
 - a person must be domiciled in the municipality and have been domiciled in Quebec
for at least 6 months;
 - be of majority age, a Canadian citizen, and not be under guardianship.
- Any non-resident sole owner of an immovable, or the non-resident sole occupant of
a business establishment that is not otherwise subject to a voting interdiction and who
fulfills the following conditions:
 - be the owner of an immovable or the sole occupant of a business establishment
that has been situated in the municipality for at least 12 months;
 - in the case of a person, be of majority age, a Canadian citizen, and not be under
guardianship.
- Any non-resident co-owner of an immovable or a business establishment that is not
otherwise interdicted from voting and who fulfills the following conditions:
 - be the non-resident co-owner of an undivided immovable or the co-occupant of a
business establishment that has been situated in the municipality for at least 12
months;
 - be designated under a power-of-attorney signed by a majority of the co-owners or
occupants who have had such capacity for 12 months as the person entitled to sign
the register on their behalf and to be entered on the referendum list. Such power-of
attorney shall be produced prior to or at the time of the signing of the register.
- Legal persons (companies):
 - may designate, by resolution adopted by the members, directors or employees, a
person who, on April 6, 2010 and at the time of the exercise of any rights hereunder,
is of majority age, a Canadian citizen and who is not otherwise interdicted by law.

Given at the Town of Brome Lake, this 1st day of June, 2010.

Mtre Alain R. Roy
Town Clerk

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Memorial Service



WALBRIDGE, H. Edith (1912 - 2010): A Memorial Service will be held at the Mystic United Church, Mystic, QC at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2010 to celebrate the life of Edith Walbridge, who died in Mystic on April 14, 2010. Edith graduated from McGill in 1935 and

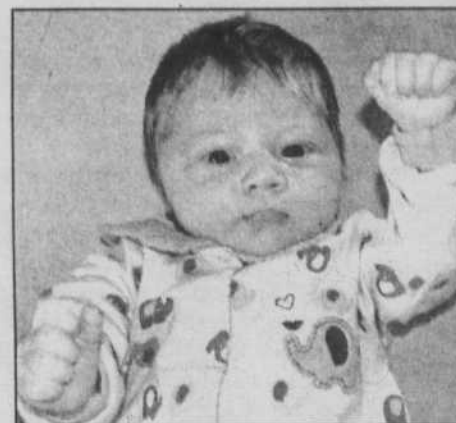
taught in Quebec City and Montreal from 1935 to 1971 when she retired. She particularly enjoyed teaching Phys Ed. at Mount Royal High School during the 1950's. She had many fond memories of her students, some of whom became lifelong friends. She retired to her home in Mystic where she and her two sisters watched over the Walbridge legacy. She and her siblings Frances, Stephen and Dorothy created the Walbridge Conservation Area Foundation and turned over the family property to the Foundation. She is survived by her sisters Frances and Dorothy, and her brother Stephen, as well as nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews, and great-grand nieces and nephews. She was pleased to know that the Walbridge Barn will officially be opened to the public on May 30, 2010 as an Agricultural Museum, fulfilling one of her dreams. The family would appreciate donations to the Walbridge Conservation Area Foundation, 60 Principale, Bedford, QC, J0J 1A0 in memory of Edith.

Card of Thanks

BOYCE - The family of the late Mable Kirby Boyce would like to thank all of those who supported us during her short stay in the hospital and after her death. The phone calls, the cards, the gifts of flowers and food as well as the help in organizing was all appreciated. We also appreciated the support of all of those who took the time to attend the wake and/or the funeral at a very busy time of year. A special thanks to Dr. Michel Camirand who worked hard to keep her with us until after her ninety-fourth birthday. He was always supportive and much appreciated. Thank you to the Desourdy Funeral Home for their help in guiding us through a difficult time and to Rev. Ryk Allen for making time for us. We also appreciate the help given to us by members of the Calvary United Church in Sutton. Thank you as well to those who donated to the B.M.P. Hospital Foundation in her memory or to Union Cemetery in South Bolton.

WINSTON, JOAN,
DONNA, NANCY & IAIN

Birth



BROMBY-PELLETIER: Graeme and Geneviève are happy to announce the birth of Alexa Rose on April 26, at l'Hopital Pierre Boucher, weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz. Little sister to Emma and Sheldon. Proud grandparents Lise Roberge (René), Michel Pelletier (Martine), Linda and Jeff Bromby. Great-grandmothers Jeannine Roberge, Carmen Castonguay and Barbara Forster.

In Memoriam

BOYCE, Harold - In loving memory of a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather who left us June 5, 1991.
*It doesn't take a special day
To bring thoughts of you to mind,
For the days that we do not think of
you*

*Are often hard to find.
Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our silent tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you
No one could ever know.*

Remembered always,

WINSTON, JOAN,
DONNA & NANCY

Card of Thanks

WIGHTON, Douglas - Juanita and the family of the late Douglas Wighton would like to thank all those who gave of their love and care at the time of the death of our wonderful Doug. To all those who visited, sent flowers, made donations, sent cards or took part in the services, please consider this as a personal thank you. Our special thanks to Beth Jersey, Royal Canadian Legion members, Masonic Lodge members and Tammy Hamelin. Heartfelt thanks to BMP Hospital staff, the Palliative Care Unit, the caring doctors and staff of the Knowlton Medical Clinic and the Mansonville First Responders. We also thank the Department of Veteran's Affairs and the special people who made our lives easier daily, Delmar Page, Buzz and Holly Paige, Reg and Connie Cote, Marjolaine Pinard and Blaine Woodard. Huge appreciation to Rev. Deacon Judy Ball and to Thomas Stolarz of Desourdy Funeral Homes. This is one of the times when thank you will never be enough.

JUANITA (WILLEY) WIGHTON
AND FAMILIES

Obituary

DOUGLAS STUART WIGHTON
July 22, 1920 - March 9, 2010
of Mansonville, Quebec

Douglas Stuart Wighton was born July 22, 1920 at East Pinnacle, Quebec at the home of his grandparents Norman and Mattie (Blake) Stinehour. He was the first born child of Olga (Stinehour) and Ralph Wighton. He would spend his early years in this three generation household and his grandparents forever played a huge role in his life and his heart. Doug was followed by brothers William, Neil (who predeceased him), Arnold and sisters Florence and Pamela.

Work always came easily to Doug. He loved school and taking care of the animals on his grandparents' farm. He became the family caretaker in his early years and being the caretaker stayed a big part of his personality right up until his death. Upon completing school he worked for local farmers and operated his own little farm at his grandparents. Music played a huge role in his life and along with his brothers the Wighton Orchestra was loved and listened to at many dances and "Kitchen tunks" far and wide. Sometimes the players changed, such as Arly and Alice McGrath, Grant Christie, Richard Dominique, Wells Laraway, Gerry Poulin or Dodie Young, but the love of music never did. The Montreal Portland pipeline and the orchestra became his daily life until duty called him to volunteer for his country. He served from 1942 to 1946. These years would become a part of how he lived his future life.

Upon Doug's return to civilian life, he made Abercorn his permanent home. He

was employed at Webster's in Richford along with any extra work he could find locally. With great pride Doug purchased his own little farm and an old schoolhouse to disassemble and rebuild into his own home for him and his family. This labour of love is still owned by one of his daughters. On October 1, 1948 he began his employ with Canada Customs. It was to be his work until retirement in 1981. Doug considered himself to have been very fortunate. While in their employ as a relief officer he had been able to work in most of the ports in southern Quebec, the wharf in Montreal and in Lahr, Germany.

Full time employment was only a part of Doug's life. While in Leadville he was a member of the Farm Forum. When he returned to Abercorn he served as part of the Ground Observers, a group who sighted and reported on any aircraft they might see flying over. He served on the Abercorn Town Council for 15 years, was part of the Sutton Home and School Association, and was part of the executive of the Customs and Excise Association and later the Customs Union, church warden and envelope secretary. In later years he became vice-president of Abercorn's Golden Age Club. If this didn't keep him busy enough, Doug started his own trucking company which operated until 1968. He was also very proud of taking flying lessons and procuring his pilot's license.

After 1968, Doug pretty much made Mansonville his home and his volunteer work continued with the local Fish and Game club, church warden and treasurer at the local Anglican Church, Auxiliary game warden and provincial registration officer during hunting season and a regular face at the Mansonville Elementary School. Doug was a Life Member of the

Black Watch Association, Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion, District Commander of Yamaska District No. 9 and a Masonic member. Poppy season found he and his poppies remembering his fallen comrades and offering to pin a poppy on you. In 2006, Doug wrote and published his own military memoirs, a labour of love well appreciated by the reading public.

Doug did not choose to age gracefully. He still thought he should be able to do the same things he had done at age fifty and in large part, he did. He left us peacefully on March 9, 2010 at the B.M.P. hospital. His memorial service was held in Mansonville May 1, 2010 at the Desourdy Funeral Home where he himself had been employed from 1990 until 2003.

Doug leaves his beloved wife Juanita (Willey), his children Wayne (Gloria), Kay (Ron), Kynda (Don), Sandra (Beat) and Tara (Shawn). He is also survived by his 11 grandchildren Douglas, Tanya, Kelly, Trevis, Shawna, Leannah, Tobin, Cameron, Emmett, Joshua and Savannah, (as well as one more almost here), and his four great-grandchildren Nakia, Chloe, Austen James and Sarah (as well as another one due in November). He also leaves many extended family members as well as the many friends and members of organizations to which he belonged. Doug is also survived by his beloved pet Mini rascal who was his constant companion during the last eight years.

Doug's service was held at the Abbott Corner Cemetery with friend and Rev. Deacon Judy Ball officiating. When we reach Armistice this year, please wear a poppy for him. The world, his friends and we, his family, have lost a wonderful man.

Letters

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major security and maintenance concern, how would the new paths be built and how would the two concerns become any less of an issue?

I suggest that all of Lac Brome would better benefit if and when efforts were put into finding ways of spending our tax dollars in more equitable ways. Every year it seems as if someone has a new group working on trying to find ideas as to what needs to be done for KNOWLTON, instead of what might be done for the benefit to all of Lac Brome. Why not look at some of the simple non-costly ideas? Go back to the Knowlton 2000 report, imagination report, the master plan (which did a major public consultation 2001 to 2002), rue Principales, or the report that was put together by community services.

Both the Saturday and Tuesday meetings seem to be just more indications that this administration is focusing too much on Knowlton, which always has a wish list of items that they never seem to be willing to pay for. Now would be the ideal time to start looking at a few different, less expensive projects throughout Lac Brome, not just Knowlton; the above mentioned reports have a number of such suggestions.

The mayor has said on a number of occasions that he believes that he could do these projects without having to increase our taxes. I say citizens,

especially those living outside of Knowlton, get involved. They will be looking at borrowing by-laws. You the citizens (and your children) will have to re-pay for those loans. Obviously those that would benefit the most from these projects would love to have them, especially if the Mayor can find a way of making the rest of us pay.

You can be sure none of the other sectors are making wish lists that would cost anywhere near what the Knowlton wish list costs. Why do you suppose that is?!

STANLEY NEIL
BROME LAKE

Whither

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bring about an influx of younger trained people from the exterior. Being located in a half-and-half bilingual area with seniors of both languages would attract service-persons of both backgrounds.

A beginning should be undertaken by residents of Lac Brome in collecting and building a bank of supporting data for this innovative project. From this an action plan can be developed.

A few years ago, residents believed it a necessity to have a community center in this area. Their efforts resulted in the present day essential building. By applying the same approach, patience, and community effort, the conversion of Ville de Lac Brome into a unique community for seniors may be achieved.

(Marc Clerk has been a resident of the Eastern Townships since 1968. In Lac Brome he was a founding member of the Knowlton Merchants' Association, Co-chairman of the LAC BROME IMAGINATION POLICY PLAN, Director of Theatre Lac Brome, President of the Lac Brome Chamber of Commerce, Member of the Lac Brome Environment Committee and is Life Member of the Brome County Historical Society.)

Bulletins

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TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, 409 South St., Cowansville. Why not join the Reverend Allan Gault and the congregation of Trinity Anglican Church, Cowansville, for a Eucharist every Sunday morning at 11 am. We'd love to welcome you. Info: 450-522-1012 or 450-538-4178

SUTTON - DUNHAM UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE
Sutton-Dunham Pastoral Charge: A celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada at Calvary United Church at 11:15 am on June 6 preceded by a coffee hour at 10:15 am in the church hall. Dunham United Church will be closed. Everyone is welcome.

BEDFORD UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE
1st Sunday. Service in Bedford, 2nd

Sunday Service in Stanbridge East, 3rd Sunday Service in Bedford, 4th Sunday service in Mystic, 5th Sunday Service in Philipsburg. Rev. Catherine Smith officiating. All services are at 10 am.

GRANBY UNITED CHURCH, Where God Unites all Children. Be a part of the family. Down to earth spirituality. Spiritual development for all ages. Sunday Services 11 am at 101 rue Principale, Granby. Info: 450-372-1417. Rev. Eric Lukacs. All Services at 11 am.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH, 52 Principale sud, Sutton, welcomes everyone for Sunday Services at 10:30 am. All welcome. Canon Tim Smart, Rector. Info: 450-538-8108.

PARISH OF MANSONVILLE & THE BOLTONS Sunday, June 6 - Holy Communion, St. Paul, Mansonville at 11 a.m. All welcome.

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH, FOSTER. Come join us for our monthly service of Holy Communion, traditional worship, Sunday, June 6 at 9:30 am. Coffee time following. All welcome.

Thank you

On behalf of the Pathways team of students and teachers, we would like to thank all the businesses and organizations, for your support and consideration in working with these young adults who have participated in a work/study experi-

ence. You have given them a taste of what it is like in the real world. Some have responded, others will require further support. Your evaluation and additional comments have provided us with a direction for their future work/study placement. Once again, thank you.

Water

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which runs continuously.

If you try to fill your bottle today, however, there is no flow, and there is a warning from the Quebec Ministry of the Environment stating, "Water unsuitable for drinking until further notice."

The water pipe on the 215 is about 500 meters downstream from the garden rake weir. The ministry of the environment of Quebec is worried enough to post a warning.

A spokesperson for the Town of Sutton said, "There was a slight problem reported and we closed the water as a precaution. It's probably safe, but it's better to be sure." According to this spokesperson, the town took samples of water from the stream near Aiken's house, which have been sent for analy-

sis. "We should have the results next week," she said.

As of Friday at noon, there was still an odour of some sort of oil, and the rainbow shimmer was still there swirling colorfully next to the little collection of sludge that has gathered at the blotting dam at the outlet of the Aiken/Badger stream.

There are no shrimp fishermen here who will lose their livelihood, no everglades to worry about, and the only wildlife likely to be affected is the odd frog or minnow. Yet there is something lost. Of course, it would be frivolous to compare this tiny incident with the enormous BP spill. Nevertheless, listening to officials who try to explain what happened and what they're doing to correct it, there is a disturbing similarity in the way initial reports downplay the significance.



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10:00	Industry Canada regulations demand we identify ourselves every 15 minutes for a period of three weeks to identify if our signal disrupts other broadcasters or listeners.						
11:00							
12:00	For those three weeks, we will only be broadcasting music						
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14:00	We return to regular broadcasting in June						
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Overnight							

We are now playing a varied choice of music