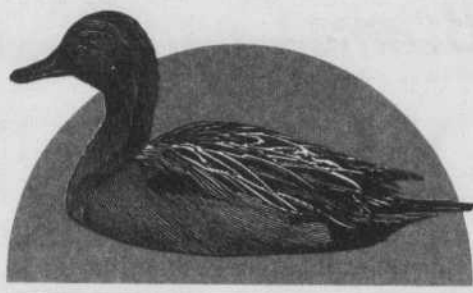


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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION WEEKLY IN BROME-MISSISQUOI

## Local artists prepare for annual Tour des Arts

By Caroline Kehne  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

In workshops throughout Brome County, artists are burning the midnight oil in preparation for the start of the 13th edition of the Tour des Arts. For nine consecutive days (July 14-22), participating members will open their workshops from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to allow the public to see them at work in their element.

This year, the tour will include 42 workshops, including eight new members: blacksmith Olivier Burnham, decorative painter Philippe Chavarié, painter Louise-Andrée Roberge, miniature painter Marie Aloir, furniture maker Joe

La Starza, sculptor Jack Walker, painter Peter Raymond and Anke vanGinhoven, who created wearable art.

Potter May Lightbody, who co-founded the tour with painter Liz Davidson and potter Stanley Lake, said that none of the founders had any idea of the extent to which the tour would grow.

The tour, whose mission is to educate the public of all ages on the diverse nature of the creative process, has inspired Magog's Circuit des Arts to the East and the Tournée des 20 to the West. It has also made visual arts — to the surprise of many — an engine of the local tourism economy.

Lightbody said that she has been contacted by visitors from as far away as

Toronto who are planning their summer holidays in the Eastern Townships to coincide with the annual open house tour.

The Tour des Arts will also include workshops in West Brome, Sutton, Glen Sutton Abercorn, Dunkin, Mansonville,

Frelighsburg, Bolton Centre, West Bolton, Lac Brome, St-Etienne de Bolton and Sutton Junction. Participants offer something for every taste, from fine art to decorative items to art jewelry and clothing.

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### Festival hits the stage in Bedford



CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

Bedford staged its first two-day street festival, Fête des marchands last Friday and Saturday along Main Street in Bedford. Local performers included Folkgrass (pictured are Raymond St-Laurent on fiddle, Sabine Maher on mandolin, Rolly Berard on acoustic guitar and Perry Beaton on stand-up bass), Betty Piette, Dave Hébert and others. Local merchants also provided street side sales, as haywagon rides around town were offered. Hélène Duperron, hired by the Bedford merchants' association to organize the event, said the festival will likely return for an encore performance next summer.

### Clowning around in Cowansville



CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

Cowansville hosted its second annual crafts exposition last weekend, showcasing artists and artisans from throughout the region. Live entertainment by local performers including the Brome Squares, and storytelling in both English and French by Grampa Bob Santori were among the many highlights over the two-day event. Members of the Bromont Fire Department also gave bucket lifts on their ladder truck to brave volunteers, including 91-year-old Hildred Perron. The proceeds from table rentals were donated to the Urgence Santé Brome-Missisquoi.

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July 12 & 13

**BROME LAKE AQUATIC PROGRAM** will hold Registration at Douglas Beach, Knowlton from 9 to 10 a.m. for Intense Children's **Swimming Lessons** to be given at local swimming pool starting on July 16th. For more information please call John or Sandy at (450) 539-1785.

July 14

**MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING** Meeting at St. Paul's Church (basement), **Knowlton**, 2 p.m. Do you or someone you know suffer from some form of depression? Are words like Schizophrenia, Manic Depression, Bipolar Disorder confusing to you? Do you have difficulty knowing how to cope with these conditions or to support someone who struggles with them? Info. call Linda (450) 243-0928.

**MONTHLY BREAKFAST** at St. Luke's Anglican Church, **Waterloo**, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and the second Saturday of every month. Complete buffet style of juice, eggs, bacon, sausage and hash browns, baked beans, toast, jam and coffee in the company of good friends and neighbours. Adults, \$5, children 12 and under, \$3. Everyone is welcome.

July 14 - 22

P.R.R.P. Abercorn **SUMMER SALE** at 11 Church St., West, **Abercorn**, 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Many new crafts, quilts and grandma's treasures. Collectibles including dolls, dishes, jewelry, etc. All welcome!

July 16 to 22

**HERITAGE WEEK** - 'Livelihood in Bolton - Then and Now' at Town Hall, **Bolton Centre** from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 20

The St. James Flower Committee is sponsoring a **POSTER CONTEST**, open to all young people under 17-years-old. Prizes awarded at Flower Show, Aug. 18, 4 p.m. Contest deadline, July 20. Information, Dianne Rhicard, 248-3616.

July 20 & 21

Knowlton United Church, **Knowlton** will hold their very successful **CONSIGNMENT SALE** of Antiques and Quality items. We are looking for items for this sale, and encourage you to call 243-1569 or 243-5980 for more information.

July 21 & 22

**BIG BOOK SALE** at Pettes Memorial Library, **Knowlton**. Hundreds of books from 50 cents to \$3. Bring the family! Contact: Sheila Parsons, Library Trustee (450) 243-6833.

Aug. 18 & 19

West Brome **STORYTELLING FESTIVAL**: Enjoy French and English storytelling August 18 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), August 19, (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) in **West Brome's** Fred Edwards Park. Admission by free-will donation. Information: Call (450) 294-3377.

## ARTS CALENDAR

Through July

**ART EXHIBITION** presenting works of Realistic Pastel Scenes by local artist, Jocelyne Rollin, at Pettes Memorial Library, 276 Knowlton Rd., **Knowlton**. Opening hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., noon - 4:30 p.m., Wed., 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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July 14 & 15

**STUDENTS' ART EXHIBITION** at Bishop's **Knowlton** Centre, 235 Knowlton Rd. Drawings, paintings, sculptures and fibre art on display, 1 - 5 p.m. Vernissage: Friday, July 13, 5 - 7 p.m. Info: Louise Jamet, 242-1518.

Aug. 12

**KNOWLTON HARMONY BAND** Summer Park Concert at Edwards Park, **West Brome**, 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting). **ADVANCED NOTICE: FINAL CONCERT**, Aug. 26 at Coldbrooke Park (by the dam, Knowlton). Joint concert with the Enosburg Falls Town Band and Knowlton Harmony Band, 6:30 p.m. If rain, concert held at Knowlton United Church, 234 Knowlton Rd., Free concerts. Everybody welcome!

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**SUTTON-DUNHAM UNITED CHURCHES** are closed for the month of July. worship will resume on Aug. 5 in Sutton.

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

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# Swimming program heads for the pool

## Bad PR for Brome Lake has led to decline in enrollment

By Maurice Crossfield

Faced with recent bad publicity about the condition of Brome Lake, organizers of the aquatic program there, are looking at a new option to encourage young people to swim.

"Enrollment in the swimming program at the beach, as a result of those articles, has dropped from 250 to 300 kids to 60 or 80," said John Parry, a volunteer with the program.

"With the evolution of scare tactics, we have had a devolution in the number of kids learning to swim, so we've had to branch out."

In recent weeks, there has been much more media attention paid to the quality of the water in Brome Lake, due mainly to the formation of Renaissance Lac Brome, a concerned citizens group. The group contends the lake is dying, due to an excess of fertilizer runoff, leaking septic systems and the presence of 'Swimmers Itch'.

Swimmers Itch is a natural phenomenon caused by a parasite that lives in snails and ducks. The parasites leave the duck in its droppings, collecting at the surface of the water. When a human goes in for a swim the parasites try to use the person as a new host.

After burrowing under the skin, the microscopic parasites soon learn that humans aren't good hosts and die. For many, nothing happens. But for others the dead parasites cause an itchy skin rash.

Parry said one of his daughters is susceptible to Swimmers Itch. Before going into the lake she takes an antihistamine, and afterwards she showers and towels off vigorously. It appears that this has prevented the problem.

Sunscreen, always a good idea on a sunny day, also seems to provide a chemical barrier the parasites don't like.

"It's nothing dangerous," Parry said, noting that his daughter wake boards on the lake regularly, while his son is in the water on a daily basis and has never had a problem.

Despite the recent bad publicity, the provincial environment ministry recently gave Brome Lake's Domaine des Erables beach and Douglas Beach 'A-ratings', meaning the water quality is excellent. Camping Carousel in Bromont and Waterloo Lake also received 'A-ratings' in tests carried out at their beaches on July 3.

Brome Lake councillor Robin Moore said he hasn't seen an urgent problem lately, noting that the water is clear with little algae, and cases of Swimmers Itch

seem to be fairly rare.

"I've been out sailing last week and we've been out with the kids swimming and water skiing and it hasn't bothered anybody," he said.

### PRIVATE POOLS

Still, faced with a dramatic decrease in enrollment, Parry said the aquatic program decided to see if the popular swimming lessons could be offered elsewhere to ease the concerns of parents.

The group found two private pools, and a third at the Auberge Joli Vent

which could be used a few times a week for swimming lessons.

For those wishing to enroll their children in lessons at the pools, there will be a registration held this Thursday and Friday at the Douglass Beach on Lakeside Road from 9 to 10 a.m..

Parry said the unexpected drop in enrollment means that they don't need the three instructors hired for the program, or all of the half dozen lifeguards that work at the beach; those people were hired with a larger swimming program in mind.

Parry added that he hopes the pool program will attract more kids.

"If this program works for this sum-

mer, then we will put the word out for next year," he said "Swimming is a lifetime skill that they need."

It was that need that led to the founding of the Brome Lake aquatic program nearly a dozen years ago. Teacher Nancy Dixon got things going, and soon a number of volunteers, the Red Cross and even the municipality were involved as well.

"It built up quickly because it answered a need in the community," Parry said.

Anyone looking for more information about the Brome Lake aquatic program can contact John Parry at (450) 539-1785.

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# Pre-travel checkups could save headaches

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No doubt your car will be loaded to the gills with luggage, children, and maybe even your mother-in-law. But while you may be heading out in search of relaxation, your car will be doing some of its hardest work of the year.

With that in mind, here's a checklist of things that need looking into on your car or truck, before setting off on the annual big trip. It might take a little time right now, but it could save you a lot of time spent on the side of the road far from home later. That's the moment when you really wish you'd left your mother-in-law at the last gas station, which is now two hours away. So check this stuff out:

**HOSES AND BELTS:** They love to give out on you in the middle of nowhere. Check for cracks, shiny spots or signs of wear. Hose clamps should be in good condition, and the coolant reservoir should be full. Belts should be taut and noise free.

**CHECK FOR LEAKS:** Remember if your car leaks a bit while running around town, it will leak a lot more when it's on the road for many hours, and is loaded down with luggage, the camper, your kids and your mother-in-law.

Leaks can often be found around hoses and pipes, but can also be found at various spots on the engine, transmission and brake lines. Green fluid usually means leaking coolant, while reddish fluid usually means automatic trans-

mission fluid. Brown stuff is usually motor oil or possibly dirty brake fluid. Of course, even with a car that properly, or not at all.

**IMPORTANT:** If you see or smell gas, don't strike off without finding and fixing the cause. No point in having a marshmallow roast over your minivan.

**FLUIDS:** Once your leaks have been taken care of, it's time to check your fluid levels, including coolant, oil, transmission brake and power steering fluid. If it's been awhile since the last oil change, do one before you leave. These fluids work hard during long trips, providing lubrication and absorbing heat. Failure to do either of these jobs will cost you big bucks and cause major holiday headaches.

**TIRES:** These are probably the most common things to give a motorist a migraine while on holidays. While you can't prevent running over a nail, you can make sure the tires are properly inflated, and have enough tread to get you there and back again. Remember to check the spare tire as well, just in case. It's not the time to find your spare is useless when you're baking in the sun on the side of the 401.

**BRAKES:** More important than getting there is being able to stop once you've arrived. Check front and rear brakes, or have a mechanic look them over if you're not sure what to look for. Good brakes aren't only important in preventing an accident, they can also be a source of high cost when they fail on vacation. Brakes become even more important if you will be towing a boat or trailer.

Speaking of trailers, if the one you will be using has brakes, they should be checked as well. Wheel bearings and tire pressures should also be verified, and all lights should be in working order. I don't know how many trailers I've seen where the lights don't work

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seems to be in good shape, when you pull out of the yard many things can still go wrong. Pack a few basic tools and fluids to help deal with the unexpected. Jumper cables are also a good idea in case you're faced with a dead battery.

During your trip check oil and fluid

levels whenever you stop to get gas, and give a quick visual check for leaks, worn belts soft tires and so on. It's a lot easier to change a belt at a service station than almost anywhere else you're likely to visit.

If you do break down, try not to take it out on your spouse, kids or mother in law. With any luck it will become nothing more than another story to tell about your summer vacation.

## Berrylicious!



CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT


Valarie Van Horn takes an opportunity to sample this year's strawberry crop at Normand Bernier's pick-your-own berry farm, located on the Stanbridge Ridge Road in Stanbridge East. For those who missed the strawberry season, the region's raspberry and blueberry crops will be maturing in the upcoming weeks.



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# Survival guide for summer art tour season

By Caroline Kehne  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

You're tired of your neighbour waxing poetic as she recounts every excruciating detail of her visits to artists' studios.

So this year, you've packed the kids off to day camp, sent your spouse to Mum's and have set aside a few days to personally experience the summer art tours. Even if you haven't completed a B.A. in Art History, or are not in the market for an oil painting, the tour can still be enjoyable, provided that you

keep a few things in mind.

•**This is not a marathon:** Although the tour brochure may list 40 workshops, there is no moral obligation to visit every one. Three or four per day is reasonable. Six or seven per day can be downright masochistic. Don't try to do too much. Allow yourself some lingering time to ask questions, or to watch the artists at work. In the event that you just have to see one more, remember that many workshops may be visited by appointment throughout the year.

•**There is no obligation to buy:** Some artists do most of their selling through a single tour or art show. That may mean selling four or five large pieces, or hundreds of small pieces, depending upon the art form or craft. If the prices are out of your league, don't despair: some clever artists sell postcards of their work so that you can take a memento of your journey home with you.

•**No one will check your credentials at the door:** Very few of us have Ph.D's in fine arts, so there is no reason to feel intimidated. Your visit will not be terminated with a pop quiz.

•**Art is a matter of taste:** There will always be good and bad art, and a legion of art historians and aestheticians willing to argue to the death over which artists are worthy of the public's admiration. Unless you are the curator of the Musée des Beaux Arts, or on the university tenure track, these need not concern you. So embrace the Pieta made from recycled

engine parts: it may be art, too.

•**Bring a chum:** Enjoyment of art is a form of publicly sanctioned licentiousness. Why do it alone?

•**Load up on carbs:** Nothing will put a damper on your new found love of art more than mid-morning hunger pangs. Bringing a picnic lunch filled with drinks, some snacks and sandwiches is a prudent precaution and helps to fill the void between the more far-flung destinations. Food will also offer great comfort while you are hopelessly lost on the back roads of Eastern Townships.

## Annual Tour for Kids

Young people ages four to 14 are once again invited to participate in artistic and cultural workshops presented by the Tour des Enfants, an organization created last year in collaboration with the Tour des Arts in Sutton, Mansonville and Knowlton.

The activities will take place from July 14 to 20 in a barn adjacent to 105 Ruiter Brook Road near Mansonville. "We believe our rural setting is ideal for inspiring creativity among children and youths," says Jasmine Laricheliere, president and founder of the Tour des Enfants, "and we look forward to presenting a wide variety of activities targeting different age groups. And, importantly, we have hired the services of artists and educators who are well known for their experience with children."

The series, featuring very affordable registration fees, begins on July 14 with a presentation of music and instruments from the Middle Ages; the whole family is welcome. On July 15 and 16, youngsters can join workshops in which everyday objects are transformed into artistic creations. A storytelling event - designed especially for adolescents - will be presented on the evening of the 15th. A two-day workshop beginning on the 17th will introduce youths to the art of dance from Upper Egypt. And on the 19th and 20th, children can participate in percussion and mask-making workshops.

Interested parents are invited to bring their children ten minutes prior to the start of the activity and pick them up at the time indicated on the program. Snacks are recommended.

For more information, please consult our website at [www.acbm.qc.ca/tour-des-arts/enfants](http://www.acbm.qc.ca/tour-des-arts/enfants) and to register, call

(450)292-8966. Spaces are limited for certain workshops.

Tour des Enfants program

•**Le Menetrier Presentation** for the whole family: music and instruments from the Middle Ages. July 14, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Fee: \$3.

•**Art Workshop with Laura Baril**, specialist in education through art: Artistic creation from everyday objects. July 15 and 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, ages 4 to 8. From 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., ages 8 to 12. Fee: \$5. Reservations required.

•**Stories from France** for youths with Michele Rousseau, storyteller. July 15, 8-10 p.m. Free.

•**Dance Workshop Ages 9 to 14.** "Saldi," Stick dance from Upper Egypt With Helene Eriksen, dancer and dance ethnologist. Culminating in a dance show. July 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fee: \$20/2 days Reservations and lunch required.

•**Percussion Workshop Ages 6 to 10** with Caravane, troupe of puppeteers and percussionists. Culminating in a brief show. July 19, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$4. Reservations required.

•**Percussion Workshop Ages 11 to 14** With Caravane, troupe of puppeteers and percussionists. Culminating in a brief show. July 20, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Fee: \$4. Reservations required.

•**Mask Making Workshop, Ages 4 to 8** With Caravane, troupe of puppeteers and percussionists. Followed by: Theof, a clown child. July 20, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Fee: \$4.

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The official brochure, which includes a map pinpointing the exact location of every member artist, as well as locations of restaurants and accommodations, available at tourist offices and at each workshop. The brochure also lists other cultural activities taking place during the evening, including theatre and concerts.

For information, call the Bureau de Tourisme de Sutton (1-800-565-8455) or visit the Tour des Arts website at [www.acbm.qc.ca/tour-des-arts](http://www.acbm.qc.ca/tour-des-arts).

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Community Forum

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Time for new blood in Knowlton town hall

DEAR EDITOR,

The more we see of our present

council the more we realize that we must get involved if we want to really change things in our community.

Our town meetings have become a venue for our elected officials to tell us that they are sick of hearing our complaints. As a rule people come to meetings to oppose an issue. If our mayor took the office looking for praise at every corner, he's got the wrong attitude, or maybe the wrong job. His job is to listen and try and negotiate a reasonable compromise.

Question period is also becoming very limited. We are told that when asking a question about one of the issues on the agenda, they will not answer any ques-

tions on the issue because it will be brought up later on in the meeting. At that time we are not allowed to ask questions. What is the purpose of having an agenda if we are not allowed to ask any questions about it.

Case in mind, a resident asked why there was an illegal building going on at a certain place, in which the Councillor in charge of zoning answered, "we will tell you later in the meeting," when you can't ask any more questions.

On the other hand, our Mayor stated before the meeting that the skidoo trail was taken off the agenda and therefore would not hear any arguments on the subject. You can't ask about things that aren't on the agenda and if they are you will receive your answer when there will be no questions.

One resident brought up the fact that the agenda only comes out on the Friday before the meeting. One Councillor did acknowledge that when they are posted they are often taken and therefore not everyone gets to see them. When people are se-

riously concerned about a particular issue, and they are waiting all month to go and be heard, it is very disrespectful, to stifle people when they have taken the time to come out.

Our Mayor complains that people only come to meetings to complain. Since he has taken office we haven't had anything to cheer about. It is time to start to form our future administration now. If people don't get involved they will have to live with the decisions that are forced down their throat.

Another resident asked why, when our new Mayor is taking so many people to court, has he not opened the walking path parallel to Lakeside or have taken the people that are bound on obstructing the path to court also. This is public land.

I can't stress enough that if more people don't get involved in the small troubles of today, they will be the disasters of tomorrow.

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Knowlton Harmony band to perform under the stars

Concert an initiative of SEVE

By Murielle Parkes  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The Knowlton Harmony Band will perform under the stars at Eastman's 'Parc du temps qui passe' this Friday, July 13, at 7 p.m.

The concert is an initiative of 'La Société d'Embellissement du Village d'Eastman et des Environs', the same group that gave birth to the park — a \$25,000 millennium project located behind the village post office and unveiled last summer.

The band — composed of 20 musicians under the direction of Roger de la Mare — will also celebrate its fifth anniversary together. With roots originating from the Knowlton High School bands of the '50s and '60s, the ensemble has matured over the years, adding new members and drawing on an ever-growing and faithful audience.

SEVE organizers promise "a feast of classical and popular melodies."

"The band's repertoire is expected to please just about everyone's tastes," said Nicole Fontaine, secretary of communications for the sponsoring organization.

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# Volunteer centre searches for a few good drivers

By Caroline Kehne  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
BEDFORD

The Centre d'Action Bénévole de Bedford et Environs (CABBE) is looking for volunteer drivers. Director Collette Bédard says interested volunteers should have a valid license, and their own vehicle to transport CABBE clients to the grocery store, pharmacy or to

medical appointments.

Typical excursions may involve transporting the elderly a short distance to pick up medications at the local pharmacy, or longer trips, such as taking a patient to receive his weekly dialysis treatment at Haut Richelieu hospital in St. Jean.

The centre also offers per-kilometer reimbursement and liability insurance

on approved trips involving the centre's clientele.

In addition to volunteer taxi service, the centre offers a once-a-week van service. Every Monday, those without transportation may make reservations for one of the seven places available in the centre's van. The van picks them up at home on the following Wednesday, and gives them rides to the bank, grocery store or drug store.

This service is provided free to

seniors over the age of 55 years.

Bédard said the hospital is also looking for volunteers willing to make regular visits to the elderly. This may involve accompanying a senior on a short walk or simply providing companionship.

CABBE serves the citizens of Bedford, Bedford Townships, St-Armand, St-Ignace, Pike River, Stanbridge East, Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge, Philipsburg, and Mystic. For more information, or to volunteer, drop in at the centre located at 35 rue Cyr or contact Bédard at (450) 248-2473.



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# Of basements, books, bargains and boats

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In the bright, newly renovated basement, volumes of bargains children's titles, activity books, adult fiction, non-fiction and even second-hand books are available.

"Our customers have been asking for more sale and used books," said Kate Riddell, who has been working in the store since her mother, Sue Riddell, opened it three years ago.

Added Assistant store manager Lucy Hoblyn McAuley: "The Book Cellar is attracting a whole new clientele to our store."

As a response to overwhelming customer reaction, Sue Riddell has also expanded into a new product line — classic, wooden garden furniture, manufactured by her new company Brome Lake Woodworks. A wooden

garden cart with large wooden wheels (\$495) is on display in The Book Cellar, doing double-duty as the display table for hobby and gardening books. A rustic garden bench with keyhole style legs will be offered next in a growing catalogue of old-style garden furniture.

Jacques Rousseau, a retired upholsterer, restores the child-size rockers in Sue's store as a hobby. In the fall, Brome Lake Woodworks will also bring out a line of hand-crafted wooden toys for sale in the store.

The Book Cellar shares its new basement quarters with its mall neighbour, The King's Attic, an upscale consignment shop.

"This new space lets us display larger items like furniture, paintings and lamps," said owner Suzanne Desormeaux.

"Our customers are delighted that they can finally bring us their large pieces, which until now we were unable to take because of space limitations upstairs."

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Par Chance, Knowlton's newest factory-outlet shop, intends to give Wal-Mart a run for its money.

"At the low prices we charge for children's and women's clothes, locals won't want to shop anywhere else," says owner Julie Zachary, who opened the store on Monday.

"Customers will be hard pressed to find anything over \$20."

The store carries the Krickets children's line and the Fairweather and La Senza lines of camisoles, shirts, dresses, pants and skirts for women. The store's stock will change every two weeks.

Once a stay-at-home mother of two young children, Zachary couldn't resist jumping at the opportunity of the new store, hence the name Par Chance. Translated, the term means "by luck" in English.

When a contact of her husband offered her a continuous supply of quality overruns, Zachary decided it was time to return to the working world after a five-year hiatus.

Shopkeeper may be a new job description for Zachary, but she thrives for the challenge. A former Winnipegger, she spent her formative years in Canada's naval reserve. She was one of only four women in the navy's history to achieve Master Seaman rank in the bos'n trade.

In fact, the navy is where she met her husband, Rob Matthew, whom she

outranked. After marrying in St. Paul's church in Knowlton, the couple decided to settle and raise their family in Knowlton, where they have so many relatives and friends.

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Hats off to Bombardier Chairman Laurent Beaudoin for choosing a quiet, non-polluting motor boat — a 21.7-ft. Fantail touring launch powered by an electric inboard motor.

The Record recently caught up with Beaudoin's new boat being readied for launch into Brome Lake. With a maximum speed of just 6.5 mph (11 km/hr), this classic, 1920s-style motor launch, with mahogany trim, seats eight comfortably under its large, striped sun canopy.

Beaudoin told The Record that he owns many boats, but purchased this one specifically to take his grandchildren for leisurely evening tours around Brome Lake.

"We're responding to an ever-increasing demand for silent, non-polluting yet stylish water transportation," said Thomas Johannsen, Business Development Manager at The Canadian Electric Boat Company. The company manufactures this craft at its headquarters in Longueuil.

Privately owned by a conglomerate of Quebec-based interests, this four-year-old enterprise sells two models of electric launch — the four-seater, 15-ft. E-boat and the larger Fantail 217 — throughout Canada, the U.S., England and Europe.

Are there quiet, electric Sea-Doos and Ski-Doos in Bombardier's future? "Probably not," says Dominique Dionne, Bombardier's Director of Public Relations.

"We haven't yet found a way make them with electric motors."

However, she did add that the company is working hard to reduce their noise levels and fuel emissions.

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# Wind gusts and waves: A new season of sailing

After a stormy crossing of the North Atlantic, VIP passenger Groucho Marx reportedly walked up to the captain of the ship and said: "By the way, that was pretty rough. Next time, why don't you get in the back seat and let your wife drive?" You can almost picture him doing it, eyeballs bouncing under bushy brows, right hand flicking the traditional cigar.

At the conclusion of the season's shake-down cruise in our aging laser sailboat, I felt somewhat of a similar urge. The youthful helmsman for the occasion decided that the windiest day of June would be the perfect time to inaugurate the 2001 season.

He was right, up to a point. Conditions were close to ideal. The air was warm, the water temperature was almost at a normal mid-summer level and the southwest wind had been steady since early morning. Steady, and strong. The weather office had announced that day that there would be afternoon winds up to 70 kph, gusting somewhat higher in the Richilieu Valley and points east. Evidently, we were at one of those points.

Rigging the boat proved to be more than the usual challenge. We had no convenient ramp or slip upon which to set the craft while stepping the mast and attaching the rudder. Both tasks involved much consternation. I attempted to keep the boat relatively steady (some of my most important contributions in this life have been as ballast or inert mass), rising and falling in the swells, bow to the pounding surf.

The helmsman — fancy nautical term for 'guy in the back' — had to secure the sleeve type sail to the boom, then snap the rudder mechanism into place.

He made several frantic stabs for the rope at the far end of the free flapping sail. It snapped wickedly back and forth, cracking like a dominatrix's whip. It beat him in the head and face several times before he finally took the rope in hand and completed the manoeuvre. (Actually, that part was kind of fun to watch.)

Attaching the rudder took even longer. The task is not unlike trying to thread two needles at the same time while riding in a bumper car at the country fair.

Despite my best efforts, the Laser

bobbed like a cork. At last, a few lesser waves provided a brief window of opportunity. With a reassuring click indicating that the rudder had been secured, we were off.

With a consistent wind and two adults in the small craft, the first ride out seemed steady and stable, even at high speed. On a long broad reach out to the northwest, there was time for a few moments of reflection and nostalgia. The hum of wind in the rigging took me back to my first sailing venture on Brome Lake, two decades earlier.

Our first sailboat was an O'Day 11. The name determines two things: it was made by, or under license from, a reputable Irish manufacturer, and its overall length was 11 feet. A new neighbour had bought it from a friend, but had never sailed anything outside the bathtub (apparently as a little kid he was so shy he used to blindfold his rubber duck). My only experience had been on a Hobie Cat on Lake Massawippi, three summers previous.

Before setting out on that occasion, I gave a little spiel about how veteran sailors — whatever else they may be — are meticulous when it comes to their craft; how, when at the mercy of wind and waves, the margin for error is small. Equipment is checked regularly, ropes are coiled neatly out of the way and miscellaneous items secured in appropriate places.

We proceeded to enjoy, in that earlier time, a casual cruise in a light wind. Quickly, though, the little boat had become sluggish and unresponsive, plowing reluctantly through the water.

About 20 minutes out, I realized, with a sinking feeling that gave a new urgency to that phrase 'I'd forgotten to replace the drain plug in the bottom of the hull'. Luckily we hadn't gone far, and were able to wallow in without incident.

On my more recent trip, however, there was no wallowing. We sped across the lake at its widest dimension as if chased by demons. At one point near Rock Island, we put the boat right up on its edge, but managed to avoid going over. (It wasn't a matter of keeping dry; we'd been soaked since the smack of the first wave.)

Along with two wind surfers, the

lake was ours. A few motorboats had been out earlier, but they had quickly withdrawn. The powerful wind made the Laser hard to handle. Coming about had to be done swiftly, or else the little boat would be beaten back like a chunk of styrofoam. After more than an hour, we agreed it was time for a break.

At a point directly southwest from the put-in, we turned to run straight home, wind and waves at our back. But both proved stronger than we'd figured. Before I could yank up the center-board, a blast caught the full open sail and pitched us stern-over-port bow into the drink.

Already wet, the cold water was surprisingly not a shock to my system. In no time at all, we had the boat upright, but couldn't pull back the sail; it protruded straight out from the bow. In the end, it still caught enough wind to lead us where we wanted to go. Once there, exhausted but exhilarated, we called it a day. Oh, what a day!

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COURTESY G.A.

Hi, it's me again! (I spoke to you in this column last November.) Well, lots of the other canines here have come and gone, but I'm still waiting for the right people for me. I'm very friendly and love everyone — humans and dogs. I am also very well trained, cheery and enthusiastic. I am a Doberman Pincher, but still have my complete ears and tail. Now, the good news is that many of my dog and cat friends here at the SPCA Montérégie are coming with me to Cowansville, so you can have a closeup view of us and get to know us better. We'll be in Cowansville at Davignon Park (in front of the police station and Town Hall) Saturday, July 14 from noon to 4 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (450) 242-2892. SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC FOR CATS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (450) 243-5341.

**Wyrd Sisters continue their tour of the Townships**

Gissa Israel, Almut Ellinghaus and Petra Kixmoller, known collectively as the Wyrd Sisters, will tour the Townships throughout July with three one-woman plays.

The remaining performances, which opened at the Uplands Museum last weekend, will take place in Sutton (July 14 and 16) and South Stukely (July 27 and 28).

Israel brings back a revised version of her original one-woman show entitled *Girl! That's What I Call Myself These Days*, billed as an examination of "sex, food, death and the whole damn thing."

The narrator of Israel's play is Molly, a 65-year-old university professor who faces the trials of retirement, body image and aging. She examines her life through personal anecdotes, and vicariously through the experiences of a second fictional character, Mulka.

Through Molly's narrative, the audience sees Mulka grow through a childhood, in which food is used as a substitute for parental love, into an adulthood marked by marital infidelity, diet pill addiction and insecurity.

Ellinghaus will also perform an orig-

inal play entitled *Who is Bluebeard Anyway?* She calls her play "a very personal way of storytelling", incorporating masks, puppets, French-Canadian folk songs in three variations of the Bluebeard tale.

Kixmoller will perform *A Place*, a short play by Toronto playwright, musician and puppeteer Larry Lewis. The play incorporates music, theatre, puppetry and live video to tell the tale of a small village dragged unwillingly into the public eye when it becomes the subject of a painting.

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The remaining performances will take place at:

Mandragore Theatre, 12A Principale nord, Sutton: *A Place/Bluebeard*, Saturday, July 14, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15; *Girl!*, Monday, July 16, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Both nights are \$20. For more information call (450) 538-0572.

Eglise St. Matthews, 424 chemin de la Diligence, South Stukely: *A Place/Bluebeard*, Friday, July 27, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12; *Girl!*, Saturday, July 28, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Both nights are \$20. For more information call (450) 297-3766

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# Knowlton Masons support local groups

By Philip A. Godin  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
KNOWLTON

Representatives of 13 community-based non-profit groups recently received more than \$14,000 in financial contributions in part from the Knowlton Masonic Lodge.

Aimed at supporting the development and maintenance of a wide variety of services to the Brome Lake community, the Masons donation to local social groups have now become an annual tradition.

Speaking on behalf of the 70-member-strong Masonic Lodge 35, Leslie Hastie, master of ceremonies, explained how it felt to provide such essential support to other volunteers

and to help improve the quality of life in their immediate neighbourhood.

"We are so proud of what we are doing," he said.

"We can see just how important our help is to the immediate community and how much it is appreciated."

Paul Meunier, President of the Brome Mis-sisquoi Hospital Foundation, was one of this year's recipients, receiving \$7,500.

"I wish to express my most sincere appreciation for the Mason's generosity," Meunier said.

"Over the past 10 years, they have given the Hospital Founda-tion a total of \$39,000."

Although the Masons have been in existence since the King Solomon era, the group has been very discreet in their actions over the years. Recently, however, the organization has made a point of inviting the public to witness their good deeds, thereby dispelling public misconceptions as to how the organization functions.

"There are still people who think

that we are some sort of religious or political outfit," said Hastie.

"When in fact that is not at all the case. By regulation, the Masons must abstain from all political or religious discussions, and we never consider politics or religion when deciding whom to help.

"My take on that rule is that when you get into politics or religion, things never go smoothly."

The Knowlton Lodge was first established in 1869, and operates its funding schedule in the same way many charitable organizations do; donated funds are the accrued interest from secured investments made over the years.

An administrative board handles all requests for donations. To be accepted, an organization must be non-profit, be locally based and have included in their mission the betterment of life for the young, the aged and the less fortunate.

In recent years, members of the organization have not rested on their laurels, but instead, have actively sought out areas of need within their community.

"We look around the community and see who needs our assistance, and then we meet to discuss it," Hastie said.

"Then we act in any way we feel can be of help."

The Masons also approach the two local elementary schools in the area before Christmas in search of less fortunate families who would be interested in receiving assistance over the holidays.

This year's recipients include the Brome-Missisquoi Perkins Hospital, Brome County Historical Society, Knowlton Girl Guides, Knowlton Scouts Canada, Brome Lake soccer club, Brome Lake aquatic program, Sutton Anglican Church of Canada summer camp program, Cordes à vent youth orchestra, Pettes Memorial Library, Massey-Vanier girls basketball program, Brome Anglican Church Sunday school program, Edith Kathan Home and the Brome Lake wellness program.

The local Mason Lodge funded two thirds of the grants, the last third coming from the group's Montreal based Grand Lodge.

Anyone wanting more information can call Bob Quilliams at (450) 297-2797.

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LESLIE HASTIE  
KNOWLTON MASONIC LODGE



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Conductor of the Cordes à Vent Youth String Ensemble Françoise Turcotte receives contribution from Mansons master of ceremonies Leslie Hastie. Pictured (from left to right) are Masons Eugene Jones, John Rhicard, Albert Haller, Jean-Claude Marchand, and Ken Miller. Young musicians include Ruby Clarke, Jonathan Millette, Matton Guignet and Naomie Parrot played one of Vivaldi's sonatas for the audience.



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Members of the Cordes à Vent Youth String Ensemble entertained guests invited by the Knowlton Masonic Lodge. The local group donated more than \$14,000 to 13 community-based non-profit organizations.

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# A lesson in ancient history

## Isle La Motte home to world's oldest reef

By Caroline Kehne  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
ISLE LA MOTTE, VERMONT

Age is relative. To a European, a civilization less than 500 years old is an upstart. To the Chinese, who can trace their civilization back millennia, Western civilization is hardly out of the cradle.

Yet the span of human civilization is just a drop in the immense ocean of geologic time. And unbeknownst to most of inhabitants of our region, we live not far from a great geological treasure, the fossilized remnant of a vast, prehistoric reef that grew on the edge of an ancient ocean nearly a half a billion years ago.

Last Sunday, visitors gathered at the nearby Fisk Farm in Isle La Motte (Vermont) for a guided tour of the Fisk Quarry where some of the most complete exposures of the Chazy Reef Formation may be seen. The tour, led by volunteer guide Bob McEwen, was organized by the Isle La Motte Reef Preservation Trust and the Lake Champlain Land Trust.

This unique geological formation has been studied extensively since the 19th century, but remained virtually unknown to the general public until recently.

"There is an infinite number of basic scientific questions that need to be asked and answered about these rocks," writes Dr. Charlotte Mehrtens, Professor of Geology at the University of Vermont.

"It's a very rich area of scientific inquiry. It's amazing how much specific information we can gain from our studies. For example, we can tell you which way the water was moving and in which direction the land was."

This ancient reef was born 480 million

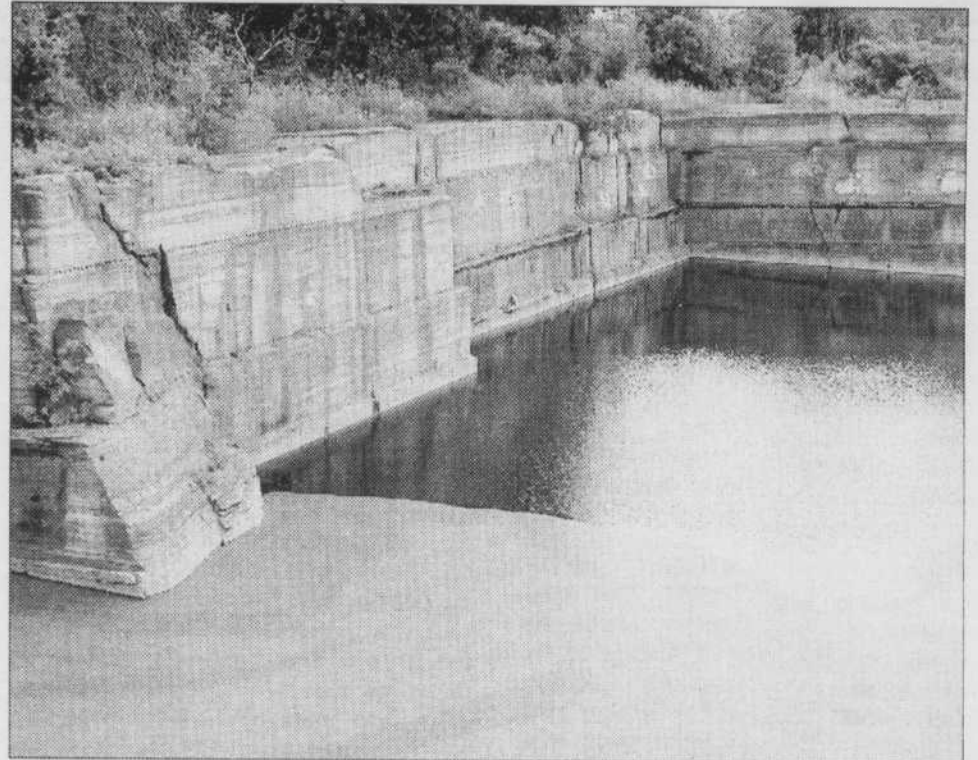
years ago during the Ordovician period, the second period in the Paleozoic era, and the period during which primitive fish first appeared in the world's oceans.

According to the modern theory of plate tectonics, the earth's continents ride on much larger, underground plates that "float" over the earth's core. During this period, the continents were connected in a single equatorial land mass. This land mass broke up over time as the underlying plates shifted, a slow process that continues today, and has carried the continents to their current positions.

At the time of the reef's formation, the equatorial land mass contained a large shallow sea known as the Iapetus Ocean. The ocean covered what would become eastern North America, and its edge was home to a massive reef, the remnants of which stretches from modern-day Quebec to Alabama.

This ancient reef was formed by marine creatures such as bryozoans (small aquatic animals that reproduce by budding and form moss-like or branching colonies), stromatoporoids (an extinct invertebrate group that was probably related to algae and sponges), cephalopods (a class of molluscs), brachiopods (invertebrates with bivalve shells and tentacles on either side of the shell), algae and corals. (The remains of some of the oldest corals on earth have been found at this site.)

The main reef builders of "Crown Point Formation" (the mid-section of which is visible at the quarry), were stromatoporoids, which may be seen as large, chalk-white inclusions in the limestone walls. At the top of the quarry, visitors see embedded in stone the outlines of large, spiral shells that belonged to *Maclurites magnus*, an ancient sea snail. One can also see the remnants of another ancient, once plentiful group, crinoids, whose descendants are modern day echinoderms



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The main reef builder of the Fisk Quarry site, stromatoporoids, may be seen as large, chalk-white inclusions in the limestone walls.

or "sea lilies".

With the passage of geologic time, hundreds of millions of generations of sea life lived, died, and were deposited in the sediments on the edge of the great sea. Over time, these compressed, forming Black River limestone, which was quarried, polished and sold as "black marble", distinguished by its discernible embedded fossils. The Fisk Quarry's black marble would eventually find its way into New York's Radio City Music Hall and the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C.

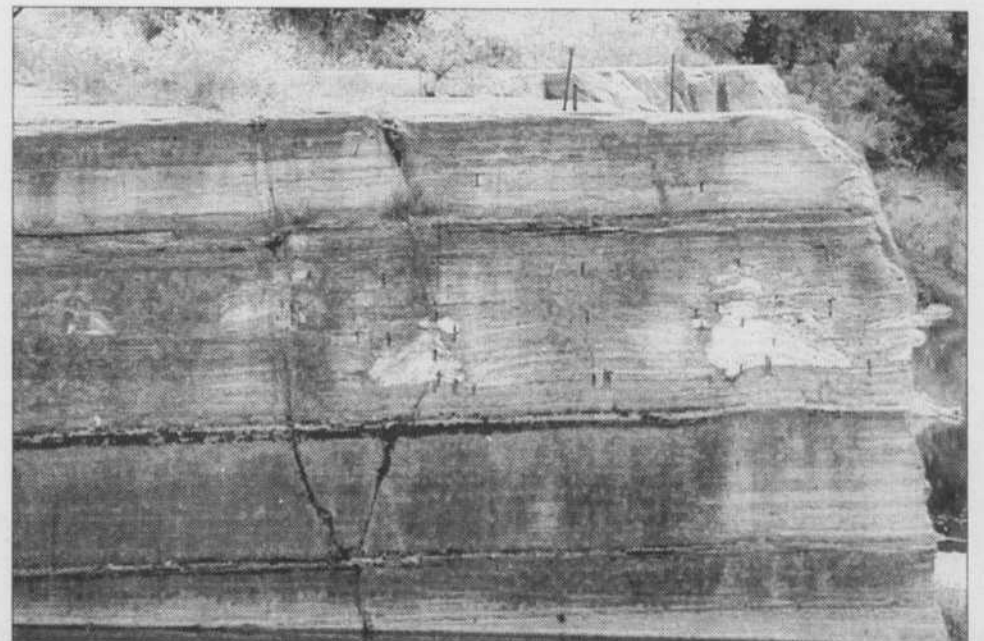
In 1998, a group of concerned citizens formed the Isle La Motte Reef Preservation Trust which, working in conjunction with the Preservation Trust of Vermont negotiated the purchase of the property, one of the island's most important sites.

Since then, with financial help from the Freeman Foundation, the site has been operated as the Fisk Quarry Preserve. Hikers may follow paths down to the base of the quarry, where interpretive signs in English and French provide information about the reef's geologic and human history. In addition to providing a portal to the geological past, the 24-acre quarry, inactive for nearly eight decades, is home to more than 118 bird species, as well as numerous mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

To get to the Fisk Quarry, take U.S. route 129 to Isle La Motte, where it becomes the Main Road. Follow this road through the island until the paved road becomes gravel. Go approximately 1.5 kilometres; the Fisk Quarry is on the right.



Visitors gather at the nearby Fisk Farm for a guided tour of the Fisk Quarry Preserve.



Note the white marks on the limestone wall.

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Creek United Church Women meeting held recently

The Creek United Church Women met on Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall. The UCW Purpose was read, following which the Devotions were led by Jean Webster.

Jean spoke about the meaning of prayer and recited her first prayer, "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep". She also read from her diary of November 1992 talking about how much prayer meant to her and how much one can be consoled by a simple touch. Mention was also made of how much our prayers mean to those on our prayer list. Devotions concluded with the reading of the Lord's Prayer taken from the New Zealand Prayer Book from the Maori culture.

Following discussion it was decided that the next rummage sale would be held on a Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 12 noon respectively.

The following correspondence was received: invitation from Knowlton UCW to their Friendship Tea on June 6th at 2 p.m.; a thank you letter from Bev Strange for the flowers she received following her knee surgery.

Under new business, plans were finalized for the catering of a tea at a local retirement residence. The servers and helpers were decided upon.

May Banks reviewed plans with the group for the Annual Creek Buffet Supper to be held on June 16th from 4:30 to 7 p.m. A lively discussion took place about the upcoming July Luncheon. Anna Eichenberger will find a place to fulfill our needs.

After the Mizpah Benediction the ladies ate their bag lunches followed by dessert in the form of two lovely birthday cakes celebrating the many May birthdays.

submitted by Carol Smith

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Our financial situations appear to be in good shape at this time. Comrade Doug Wighton will be the branch's delegate to the provincial convention. Members will be reminded of the Flag Day ceremony at both cemeteries to be held on June 20th at 7 p.m., after which the members will return to the Hall for the meeting and Wine & Cheese Party.

The meeting closed and the half and half was won by Comrade Joyce Roberts.

submitted by Edna Badger

Knowlton Golden Age Club meets

On June 21, the Knowlton Golden Age Club members and guests met at Chin's Restaurant for our special dinner of the summer. This was our last meeting until Sept. 6, at which time we will resume. After our enjoyable dinner we returned to the community center and enjoyed several games of 500. The special game for 10 of hearts bid was tried but again not won, so better luck next game of 500. The winners of today's game were, first, Kathleen Bailey, 2nd, George Bailey, 3rd Lil Brown. Ida MacKay was winner of the game table. Half & half winners were Henry Champeau and Mabel Fry. Lillian Charby joined the club and we welcome you, Lillian. Our next meeting will be Sept. 6. Bingo will be the entertainment for the day. Come and join us and bring a friend. Happy holidays.

Kathleen Bailey  
 Secretary.

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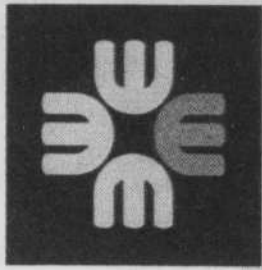
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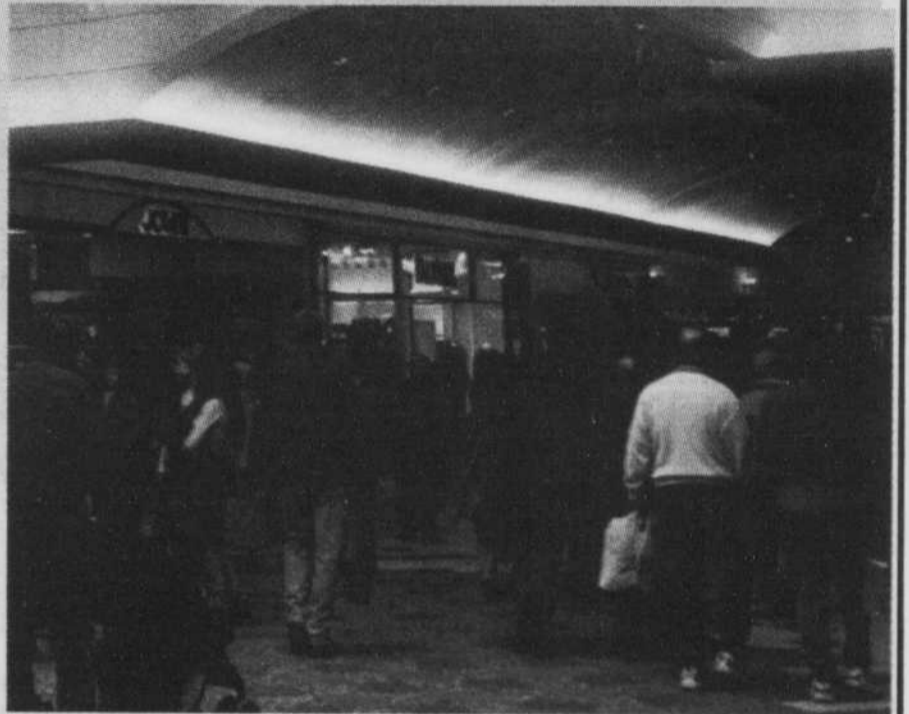
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