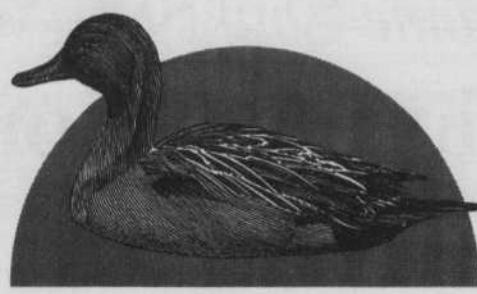


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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION WEEKLY IN BROME-MISSISQUOI

Decision on the theatre delayed

Blackwood property out of the running

By Maurice Crossfield

No decision and no vote. That's what came out of a meeting Saturday morning on the future location of Theatre Lac Brome.

"It's being further studied," said Tom Wood, president of the theatre board.

After nearly two hours of discussions by the theatre board on Saturday, two decisions were made:

- The Blackwood property has been eliminated from the list of possible locations.

- \$10,000 will be spent on hiring a theatre architect to conduct feasibility studies on the two remaining candidates - the Knowlton Pub Playhouse and The Tannery on Lakeside Road.

The studies will assess the costs, problems and benefits of both properties, including renovations and zoning issues.

The findings will be studied by a three-member committee made up of Wood, Bob Windsor and Brian Gunther.

The findings will then be passed on to the rest of the theatre board on June 5. On June 15, board members will vote on the theatre.

"I'm happy with that, I think it's the right thing to do," said Tannery owner and new board member Chris Severs.

Severs said the studies will allow the board to make an informed choice.

A Grilling Experience



TANYA TKACH/CORRESPONDENT

Chef Philippe De Vienne demonstrates his expertise at a cooking class on grilled food at the Auberge West Brome on Friday. Aided by a mirror which shows cooking students exactly what he is doing, the Montreal chef divulged some culinary secrets. For the story, please see page 10.

Wildlife historian fires the imaginations of students

By Caroline Kehne
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
FARNHAM

Montreal wildlife historian and rare book collector David Lank visited Farnham Elementary School armed with a modern facsimile of a volume from John James Audubon's multi-volume masterwork, *The Birds of North America*.

Lank, who supplied the text for Audubon's *Wilderness Palette: The Birds of Canada* (1998, Key Porter Books; 190 pages) spoke at the invitation of teacher Jane Barakett to her class of Grade 3 and 4 students.

Lank began by inviting four students at a time to handle the massive volume that he called the largest book in the history of publishing.

"They will never forget how big the world's biggest book is," mused the Audubon expert, who is used to lugging the oversized, 70-pound volume around.

Lank's interest in the life of John James Audubon has spanned nearly a half a century. He has addressed the New York Historical Society on the occasion of Audubon's 200th birthday and has served as President of the Atlantic Salmon Federation and Chairman of the McCord Museum of Canadian History. He has also lectured on history of science and art at museums and universities across Canada.

The students listened as the Audubon expert explained that of the 200 sets printed, about half survive intact.

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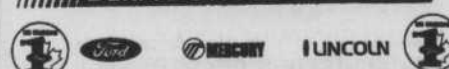
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April 29, 30 & May 1

Annual Spring Rummage Sale at Creek United Church, 278 Brill Rd., West Bolton. Receiving items April 27 & 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Large variety of items on sale for very low prices! April 29, noon - 8 p.m., April 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and May 1 features \$1 a bag, 9 a.m. - noon.

April 30

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 82, Philipsburg **Cribbage Night** at 8 p.m. \$5 per person. Please bring your own board.

Spring Supper Fund-raiser at Sutton School, Sutton, 5 - 8 p.m. Tickets, \$6, adults, \$3, children. Profits for children's activities. A hearty welcome to all!

April 30 & May 1

Spring Rummage Sale sponsored by the UCW at **Sutton United Church**, 6 Maple St., (in the church hall). Fri., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Everyone welcome. Donations gratefully received, April 29, 2-4 p.m.

May 1

Ham Supper at St. Paul's United Church, Waterloo, 5 - 7 p.m. Admission charged. Everyone welcome!

Fund-raising Auction sponsored by **Knowlton Pony Club** at 477 Knowlton Rd. (next to Depanneur Rouge) at 9 a.m. until all goods are sold. Variety of merchandise including antiques and furniture. Details: Debbie Rogers at 243-5746.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 77, 77 Lewis St., **Waterloo Flea Market**, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tables: \$10 each. Call Michel, 539-5110. Everyone welcome.

Benefit Mother's Day Dance at Waterloo Elementary School, Waterloo, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Entertainment with The Flyers. Wear your dancing shoes! Bar on premises. 18 yrs. or older. Advanced tickets: \$6 or \$8 at the door. Details: 539-0162, 539-4418 or 539-3578.

Club de la Bonne Humeur 15th Anniversary Supper and Dance at 5 Mill Rd., Bondville at 6 p.m. Details: M. Petit, 242-1028 or R. Poitras, 243-6777.

Massey-Vanier Fitness Fair Fund-raiser in cafeteria, 9 a.m. - noon. **Support your student and their school!** Sponsor a participant or join us yourself! Aerobic workout, jazzercise, kick-boxing, clogging, line-dancing and funk. There will be intermissions and door prizes, vendors as well as spectators for a modest donation to a great cause. Funds to use as they see fit! Details: 242-1809, 242-

2656 or 243-6449.

Annual Spring Tea at Trinity Church, Iron Hill, 2 - 4 p.m. Also bake and nearly new tables and raffle. All welcome!

May 2

Prayer & Praise Service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Knowlton, 7:30 p.m. Evie Johnston-Main will speak on the "Holy Spirit in Haiti". Come and be ministered to. All welcome!

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #158, Sutton **Western Breakfast**, All You Can Eat at 2 Curley St., Sutton, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Admission: \$5 per person, children under 10, \$2.50. All welcome!

Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by **Waterloo Boy Scouts** at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 77, 77 Lewis St., Waterloo, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$5 adults, Children under 6 free. Tel. 539-1836. Everyone welcome!

May 3

Coffee House hosted by **The Brome-Missisquoi Caregiver Support Group** at Brome Lake Community Center, 383 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton at 1:30 p.m. Needs of the area will be discussed. Details: call toll free 1-877-248-4236.

May 4

Thrift Sale and 500 Card Party sponsored by the **Ladies Guild at Brome Hall**. First of our season! Thrift sale, 12 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Card Party, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

May 5

Luncheon & Bake Sale at Knowlton United Church sponsored by U.C.W., 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 5, 6, 7 & 8

Rummage Sale at St. James Church Hall, 40 Dupont St., Bedford. Books, shoes, boots, lamps, furniture, dishes, odds & ends, clothing for all. Wed. to Fri., 1:30 - 6 p.m., Sat. 9 - 11:30 a.m. Surprise sale. Everybody welcome!

May 6

Spring and Summer workshops begin at **Bishop's Knowlton Centre**, 235 Knowlton Rd., Knowlton. Meditation Lectures on contemporary art, workshops in jewelry making, creative writing, collage, basket weaving, etc.... Schedule available now. Details: 242-1518.

May 7

20 Years of Talented Townshippers at Massey-Vanier High School, 429 de la Rivière, Cowansville. A musical celebration featuring Knowlton Harmony Band, Sunshine Productions, Harris & Mendieta, Knowlton Players' Annie, Rainbow Cloggers and David Francey. Tickets: \$7 adults/\$3 children. 20th An-

niversary fund-raiser for Townshippers' Association. Details: (450) 263-4422 or (819) 566-5717.

May 7 & 8

Sale of Nearly New at St. Paul's Anglican Church, St. Paul's Rd., Knowlton, Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Sat., 9 - 11 a.m. Contributions accepted Wednesday, May 5.

May 8

Mother's Day Dinner & Dance sponsored by **I.O.O.F. Knowlton Lodge # 28**. Beef & Pork on spit. Music: Silverado. Door prizes. Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dance: 8 p.m. \$10 donation, \$5, dance only. Details: 243-5736.

The Connection an inter-denominational Youth Service invites you to Trinity Anglican Church, 409 South St., Cowansville at 7 p.m. Wear a Christian T-shirt if you like. Details: Melody, 243-0043.

May 11

Annual General Public Meeting for Lac Brome Food Bank at (Legion) Community Centre, Knowlton, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Brome Lake Aquatic Program Registration at Town of Brome Lake Community Centre, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please bring record card and copy of birth certificate for Bronze Medaillon, Bronze Cross, Aqua leader and Instructor courses. Details: 243-6912.

ARTS CALENDAR

April 29, 30 & May 1

Heroes' Players Special 20th Anniversary Production of Arsenic and Old Lace by Joseph Kesselring, directed by Daniel Lapointe at Heroes' School, 317 South St., Cowansville, 7:30 p.m. A zany comedy featuring 14 of Heroes' talented young stars. Discover Abby and Martha's dark secret as the two lovable old ladies share their recipe for fun. Bring the family! Tickets: \$5 and \$3 (12 & under). Info. 263-1612.

May 13 to 23

Annie a musical presentation proudly presented by **Knowlton Players** at Knowlton Pub Playhouse. Limited time only. Based on Little Orphan Annie by permission of the Tribune Media Services, Inc., Directed by Lucy McAuley. Musical Direction by Sarah Hoblyn and Evelyn Johnston-Maine. May, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 & 22 at 7 p.m. May 15, 16, 22 & 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5, children under 13. Benefit performance on opening night, May 13. Details: 263-1061.

CHURCH SERVICES

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COMMUNITY NOTES

May 7, 10, 11, 12 & 13

Knowlton Academy's Book Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come raise reading awareness by purchasing a book. Your purchase will help support the school!

ADVANCED NOTICE: Rummage Sale - Grace Anglican Church, Sutton. Looking for good resalable items of all sorts, clothes, electrical, and miscellaneous items. Please call for drop off times. 538-6623, 2898 or 2989. Date of actual sale to be advised later. Thanks for your support.

Club de la Bonne Humeur Lac Brome. Summer Activity Schedule to September. Monday: Line Dancing; Tuesday: Tai Chi; 1st Wednesday: Bingo, Thursday: Bowling. Activities at 5 Mill Rd., Bondville. Wednesday's, Rummy Poker, 1:30 p.m., M. Blais, 243-5164; Chess, 1:30 p.m., P. Ravarie, 243-6357; Friday's, Bridge, M. Petit, 242-1028.

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Knowlton Chef Wows Them In Italy, Montreal



Since winning the Grand Prix de l'Excellence in the '98 International Duck Festival, chef Monique Lebeau from Au Trois Canard in Knowlton was invited to spend a week preparing her duck specialties at the Casino de la Vallee in Italy, and another week delighting guests at the restaurant Nuances du Casino de Montreal (pictured above with Casino chefs), dubbed a five-star restaurant by the Mobil guide. Chef Lebeau is currently busy preparing a menu with a Swiss flavour for the fourth International Duck Festival in October. "We are constantly working at improving ourselves. This summer we are using many fruits and vegetables from this area in our menu," said Lebeau, whose cuisine is becoming world-renown. - Tanya Tkach, Correspondent.

Pettes Memorial Library expands

Staff

The Pettes Memorial Library in Knowlton is the recipient of a \$2,000 contribution from the Caisse Populaire to help it provide public Internet access.

The prize was given for the library's program which aims to demystify the use of computers, the Internet and to encourage people to surf the 'Net.

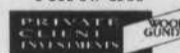
The Caisse Populaires Desjardins of the Richelieu-Yamaska also handed out five other awards to area organizations, including the Waterloo youth centre, the Cowansville women's

shelter and the visual arts centre of Granby. Pictured here is Paul Riché of the Waterloo Caisse Pop, Susan Godin of the Pettes Library, and Réjean Brunelle of the Desjardins group.

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Scavenging scrap yards for new used parts

A visit to the bottom of the automotive food chain

Sooner or later you may be faced with a repair job on your car or truck and be faced with the question: Should I get the parts at a scrap yard?

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Scrap yards are near the bottom of the automotive food chain. There wrecked or discarded cars are scavenged for parts before being sent to the big compacter in the sky for recycling.

There is one main question when considering used instead of new parts: How long do you intend to own your vehicle? If you own something like a 1998 Grand Am and you need a water pump, you probably shouldn't be considering anything less than a new or rebuilt model. However if you're at the wheel of a 1982 Thunderbird that you're trying to nurse another six months or a year

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out of, a scrap yard may be for you.

Longevity of the needed part is the main consideration. Will this used part give out before the car does? Some items, like a bumper, may live longer than your car regardless of

how long you own it. Others, like an alternator, may not be so fortunate.

OBJECTIVES

I once knew a guy who spent \$5 on a set of brake pads at a scrap yard. The objective: Get two more months out of the car until his income tax return came in.

I myself have visited some of the finer scrap yards in our region, having spent many years driving cars that were already scouting out their own final resting places as I drove in. Some of them should have been left there.

"Do you want a piece off of that one, monsieur?"

"Umm, no. Actually that's my car."

"Mon Dieu! It's totally demolished."

Unfortunately I can't go into detail about the location of my favorite scrap yard, because I'm not entirely sure if it is known to the authorities. It's on a back road, and the office is set up inside a scrapped school bus. There are no phones and no electricity. There is however a collection of junkyard dogs that can scare the bejeevers out of you if you

go snooping around unattended.

The mechanics use old cars and trucks to get around, while old bull dozers and log skidders are given new life helping to pick over the automotive remains, cutting torches rattling around in the back. Like many scrap yards, it feels like you are stepping into a Road Warrior movie.

PRICE

Once you have found the part you need, it's time to settle on a price. Hagglng is standard practice, and easier to do if you carry cash and don't ask for a receipt. But if there's a chance that starter may not work, you might want to have a receipt so you can get your money back.

It's also recommended to dress for the occasion. You're more likely to score a better deal if you shed the Armani suit in favour of something dirty and ripped. Besides, you may end up dirty and ripped helping the guy carry the part back to your car. Same goes if you startle one of the dogs.

Some of today's scrap yards are more modern and business-like, and these guys won't bend much on the price. But negotiating is worth a shot anyway. After all, the main purpose in going to a scrap yard is to save money. There are deals to be made out there, and you never know what you're going to find.

Historical society hosts antique and craft sale

The Brome County Historical Society's Antique and Craft Exhibition and Sale is Sunday May 30.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 30 the museum at 130 Lakeside Rd. Knowlton, will feature the works of craftspeople and artists. Antiques will also be exhib-

ited at what has become an annual event.

To get to the museum take the Eastern Townships Autoroute to exit 90 (Lac Brome), then take Route 243 to 130 Lakeside, the museum grounds.

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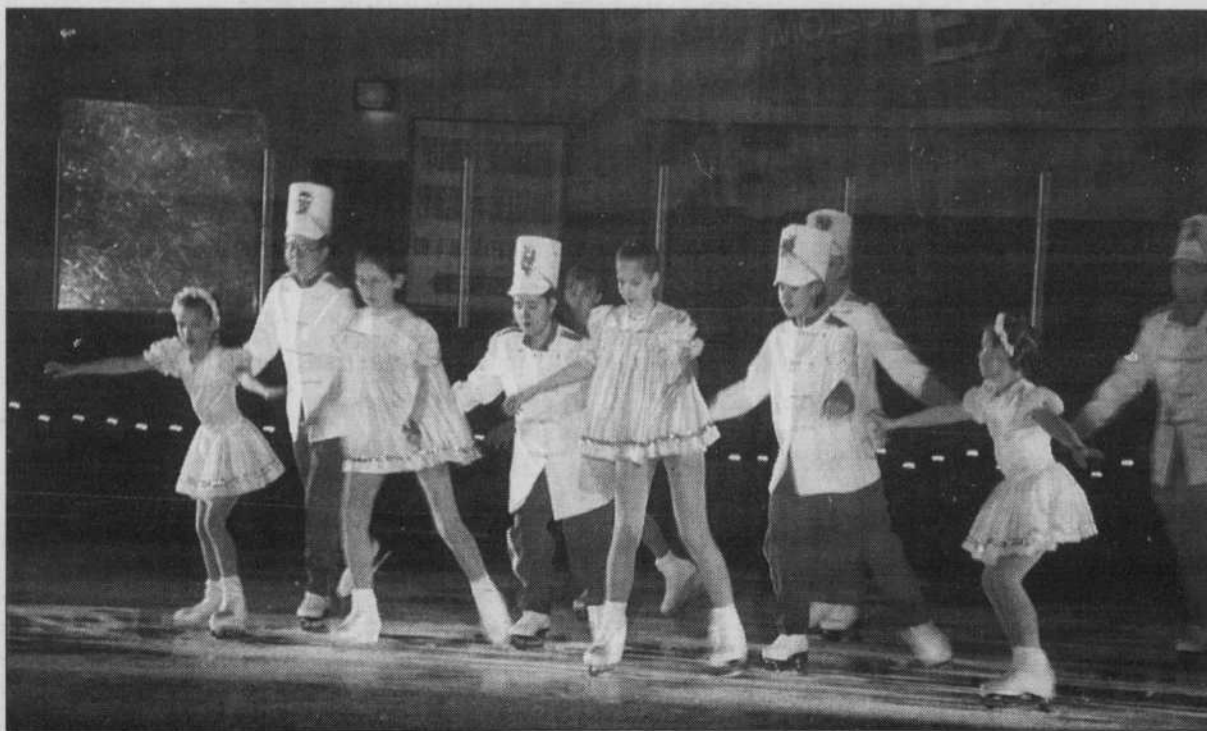
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Bedford skaters celebrate the end of the season

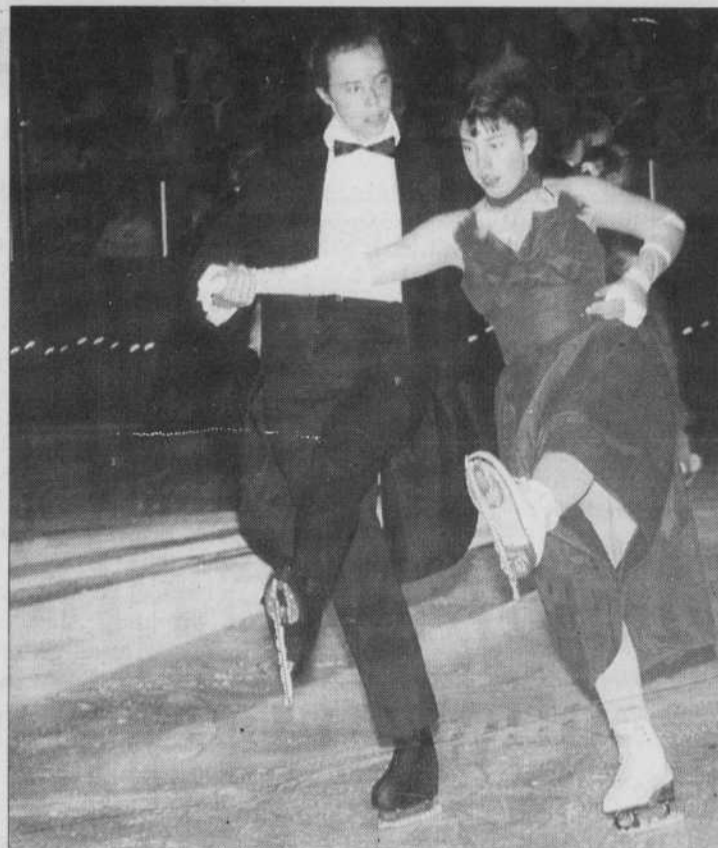


CAROLINE KEHNE/CORRESPONDENT

Le Club de patinage de Bedford held its 11th annual skating gala on April 10 and 11 at the Bedford arena. Skating club members from age four to 17 took part in the two-hour La Glace Enchantée show. Club director Hélène Lanctot said more than 100 Bedford-area skaters took to the ice in the gala co-ordinated by volunteer Lise St-Onge. The choreographed routines ranged from toddlers dressed as Teletubbies to a group finale adapted from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" complete with skating mice and tin soldiers. Lanctot said the gala is made possible through the support of local sponsors as well as by fund-raising by the skaters, who sold loaves of bread and donuts to raise funds for the club. - Caroline Kehne, Record Correspondent.



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Remembering a four-legged friend

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Diana and I would like to express our appreciation and thanks to all those, some friends, some we don't know as well, who have asked about Alex, our old Silver Grey Poodle.

Alex died after more than 17 yrs. (about 120 in human terms) of a great life. When he was younger, he was a village dog, and often borrowed by TV and film crews because he was so easy to manage. (He can still be seen on French reruns of Sesame Street).

We knew Alex had his own circle of close friends like Martha Cullen, but until now we were not aware of just how many people he quietly visited in the village on a regular basis in his declining years. A local artist even painted Alex's portrait which we now have, and hang in our home.

Knowlton has quite a few beautiful

Standard Poodles, our own Sasha, and Henry at Paddie's Boutique are just two that come from the same kennel in Ontario, both fabulous dogs, but Alex became a village personality all on his own, and he'll be missed by all his friends.

BRIAN TIMMINS
Knowlton

Make every day Earth Day

DEAR EDITOR

It was sad to see more garbage had accumulated near the Coldbrook Bridge this morning, only four days since it had been cleaned up. On a walk yesterday in the woods I found beds, washing machines, car batteries and other garbage. We only get one earth, we can't return it for a new one and hopefully we won't find another planet to live on.

I'm sure our higher power was smil-

ing to see Knowlton Academy and St. Edouards great efforts on Earth Day. Let's try to make it everyday!

PHYLLIS SISE
Knowlton

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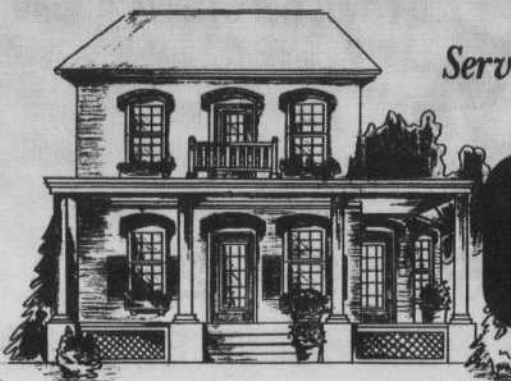
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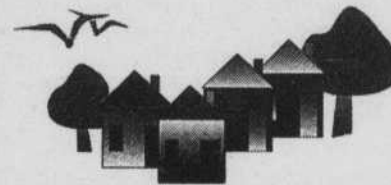
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Slip, sliding away: Little luck at the last round-up

Duck update, Part 2

Since monogamy seems to be having its problems everywhere else, people like to believe in the notion that many species of waterfowl mate for life.

While this may be the case for the greater Canada goose and one or two close cousins, it apparently does not hold

true for most of our wet-feathered friends. John James Audubon, in the original study, is especially dismissive of the 'promiscuous' mallard.

The first motivation for finding shelter for the flightless hybrid ducks was a humanitarian one. A few year-round dwellers along the east shore decided they should not be left to the elements. While cold itself is not the enemy, a com-

plete freeze-up means dehydration, starvation, and vulnerability to predators. Sitting ducks, if you will. We discussed calling the SPCA or the Humane Society, but in the end I offered our facilities for their winter care.

A second reason involved a certain scientific interest, admittedly at an amateur level. The half-breeds posed several questions: Were they unique?

Could they reproduce? If so, would second-generation offspring with a wild parent be able to fly?

This at least offered a logical, objective excuse for continuing the search.

Morning of Wednesday, Dec. 23, broke upon a winter world. A skiff of snow gave a salt-and-pepper look to rock-hard turf. The lake ice, only six or eight

hours old, looked hard enough to have been around for a month.

Bundled up against the cold, I went down to the lake and walked north along the edge looking for the wayward ducks. Early fears about breaking through quickly vanished. Thirty, 40 feet from shore the ice was solid, milky white and several inches thick. (Besides, if it did break, the water is only about thigh depth at that distance.)

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TANYA TKACH/CORRESPONDENT

A mallard and companion walking down Main St. in Foster.

DUCK MANURE

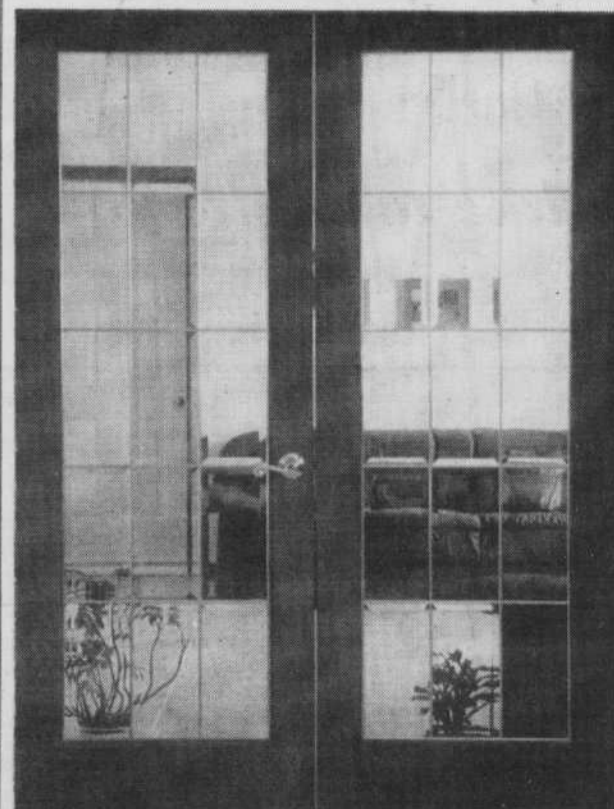
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Ducks:

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hundred yards from shore, a few small brown lumps huddled around a larger white one.

Knowing that a long bar of sand and gravel stretched in that direction, I walked about 50 yards out towards them, calling and waving my right arm in the usual food-tossing motion. A couple of rusty-sounding squawks came back on a light wind and two of them stretched upwards and flapped their wings. When they made no move towards shore, it seemed they could well be stuck.

I took the road home at a half-run and gave the neighbours the update.

One chap, given that the festive season had begun the previous evening, questioned my sightings. These were indeed ducks, I assured him, not pink pachyderms as he implied. Fortunately, a friend arrived in the big family pick-up,

and a rescue plan of sorts fell into place.

We loaded a summer neighbour's flat-bottomed boat into the truck, as well as oars, life jackets, fishnets, axe, and long rope, and headed for the north bridge. Two people would slide the boat towards the ducks, each with one leg pushing on the ice, the other in the boat, the rope trailing behind. Having been around the longest, I planned on being one of the boaters. The younger guys were quicker, though, and began sliding over the ice, causing a considerable racket in the process. Courtesy of which, we discovered quickly that the ducks were not stuck. They ran, or waddled, in fear for their lives from this clattering monster bearing down on them; unfortunately they headed further into the lake.

The out-of-season boaters returned. While the ducks were anything but fast, the cumbersome boat shuffle was slower still, and no one wanted to test the new ice any further. After all, they were only ducks, quite a bit lower on the evolutionary ladder than the sharp-toothed mammals from which we were hoping to protect them. Late afternoon, they were huddled back in the original spot. A weak pinky sun lay cold and far away upon the hills; what little snow there

was drifted aimlessly towards the dark. Our calls into the stiffening wind went unanswered.

I went back again at dawn. It was Thursday, Dec. 24. The ice stretched away to the west and south, four or five miles of hard white desert, empty and lifeless. I checked up the inlet, calling out to the still morning air.

Had there been any witnesses, one might have been tempted to call the nearest psychiatric hospital and inquire about an escapee. I took a last look under the bridge and called one final time. A faint creaky squawk came back with the echo, unless my half-awake brain was playing tricks. But it happened again. I squinted hard at the far side and could just make out an orange bill and feet. I shuffled across the ice and came eyeball to eyeball with a single scrawny quacker. Weighed down with ice chunks on his wings and back, he could barely stand up.

This being Dec. 24, I figured I better start my Christmas shopping then make straightway to the Laurentians for a family gathering. I left a few presents for friends to pick up that evening, along with a brief note: Be careful if you have to use the washroom; there's a duck in the bathtub.

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CAROLINE KEHNE/RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The season is drawing to a close for the Stanbridge East Coffee House, the monthly venue for local amateur performers of pop, country and bluegrass. Recently, performers from as far as Victoriaville and Lennoxville treated the capacity crowd to three-and-a-half hours of music. The lineup included circuit regulars, Ron Haynes (pictured), Tom Kilbride, John Petronko, Terry Howell, Bill McMurray and Ernie Shumacher and coffee house organizer Ron Haynes, as well as some new additions such as Dave Gillies, organizer of Lennoxville's Café Java coffee house. Next month, organizers plan their annual barbecue and season finale, after which the musicians will pack away the spoons and Dobros until the season resumes next September.

- Caroline Kehne, Record Correspondent, Stanbridge East


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Chef De Vienne and the art of grilling

*Well-traveled
culinary master
remains true to his
Quebec roots*

By Tanya Tkach
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
WEST BROME

Kee it simple. That's the key ingredient to culinary success said chef Philippe De Vienne of Montreal's Tulip Noir Restaurant.

De Vienne divulged the secret during a cooking class on grilling at the Auberge West Brome last Friday.

"Grilling is probably one of the most popular forms of cooking in North America and it's greatly misunderstood. You can basically grill everything from fruits to cheese to nuts to fish. As in anything, you have to respect the possibilities of each ingredient and try to

bring out the best in the simplest way," said the self-taught De Vienne.

By age six, De Vienne was an accomplished maker of bernaïse sauce.

During the morning session, cooking aficionados were shown how to prepare and grill vegetables, goat cheese, beef, and fish while the afternoon menu consisted of grilled squid, pork, rabbit, salmon, fruit and bread. Techniques and sauces used by Mayans and native Indians from Mexico and British Columbia were also on the menu.



TANYA TKACH/CORRESPONDENT

Chef Philippe De Vienne was the grill master at a cooking class at the Auberge West Brome.

Len Ruggins, from Montreal, owner of a weekend residence in Abercorn, took both sessions and was impressed with all of De Vienne's techniques.

"Since I do all the serious cooking at home on the grill, my wife paid for the sessions and sent me here," he said.

Another student Tina Evans, owner of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream in Knowlton, said she picked up some great ideas.

"I really enjoyed the grilled salmon on cedar which I will do and I'm sending my husband out to get untreated cedar wood. I never thought I'd eat rabbit, (but) with his marinade it was delicious," said Evans.

De Vienne who gets his ideas from his travels, from books and from working with chefs from around the globe said the key to this old art is simplicity.

"I took the idea of cooking salmon on cedar and adapted it for modern cooking on a barbecue," he said.

It is no wonder De Vienne is a chef. He grew up living in Hotels of Distinction, owned and operated by his mother.

He spent his summers in the kitchen,

helping his mother who also managed the Grand Hotel in Montreal for several years. Today he loves cooking good food and making other people happy.

"I was very, very fortunate to have had good food all my life. When I was hungry, I called room service. I had Canard a l'orange at six, and at seven I was shocked to discover that caviar was very expensive since I ate it on a regular basis," said De Vienne.

Like many students, De Vienne an anthropology major at 24 ran out of money and needed a job quickly. By chance, the hotel where he was staying needed a cook immediately. The rest, as they say, is history.

Since then, he learned his techniques while working in Switzerland, in France and in the Caribbean. Always on the lookout for the latest trends and recipes, he travels regularly with his wife to New York and Paris where he samples the cuisines of all fine restaurants.

In spite of all his travels, De Vienne chooses to remain in Quebec.

"My wife who is from the Caribbean and I think it's the greatest place on earth to live. It has a lot of the best of Europe and America and a little of the worst of both. It's my home and I wouldn't trade it for anything else."

In addition to working as a chef and teacher, De Vienne, with his wife, owns and operates a catering business in Montreal.

"We adapt ourselves to the needs and tastes of our clients using what's in season and our client's budget to create something that suits them and the event to create happiness," he said.

For the fall, De Vienne plans to return to the Auberge West Brome and give courses on the secret of cooking game and fish using local ingredients.

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Dunham painter Linda Hobley at work.

Dunham artist to exhibit in Brossard

*'La poésie
de la
nature'*

Dunham artist Linda Hobley is exhibiting her works at the Galerie d'Art in Brossard until May 16 in a show titled 'La poésie de la nature'.

Thirty of the artist's hyperrealist paintings of natural subjects will be on display at the gallery located behind the Brossard Town Hall on boulevard Rome.

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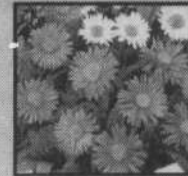
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Lank described sitting beside a mother gorilla in the wild

Historian:

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The missing sets, each containing 435 plates, were lost or disassembled and their plates sold individually. Lank, who owns a complete 4-volume set, estimates the value of a complete set at around \$1.3 million.

Another of the remaining sets of Audubon folios was purchased in 1902 by Dr. James Bain, Chief Librarian of the Toronto Public Library for \$1,900, an astronomical sum for the time that required the library to make payments over a five year period. Recent fund-raising and a gift from Canada Trust have helped to keep the library collection intact and 100 prints will be exhibited across Canada in 1999 and 2000.

Audubon's Wilderness Palette: The Birds of Canada reprints the 100 plates from the traveling collection with commentary by Lank. Lank writes that Audubon's importance goes beyond his

role as a naturalist.

"Audubon was not the first to paint birds life-size or to paint them in life-like poses; nor was he first to place them in ecological or environmental settings...but he was the first to combine all these elements and to exploit their inherent possibilities for dramatic expression."

By portraying a New World for a European audience who would never set foot on North American soil, he was also preserving for future generations a world which, in less than a century, would disappear forever.

The author fielded questions from the Grade 3 and 4 students about wildlife. When posed with a question about his favorite animal, Lank told the kids about his visit to the protected habitat of the mountain gorilla.

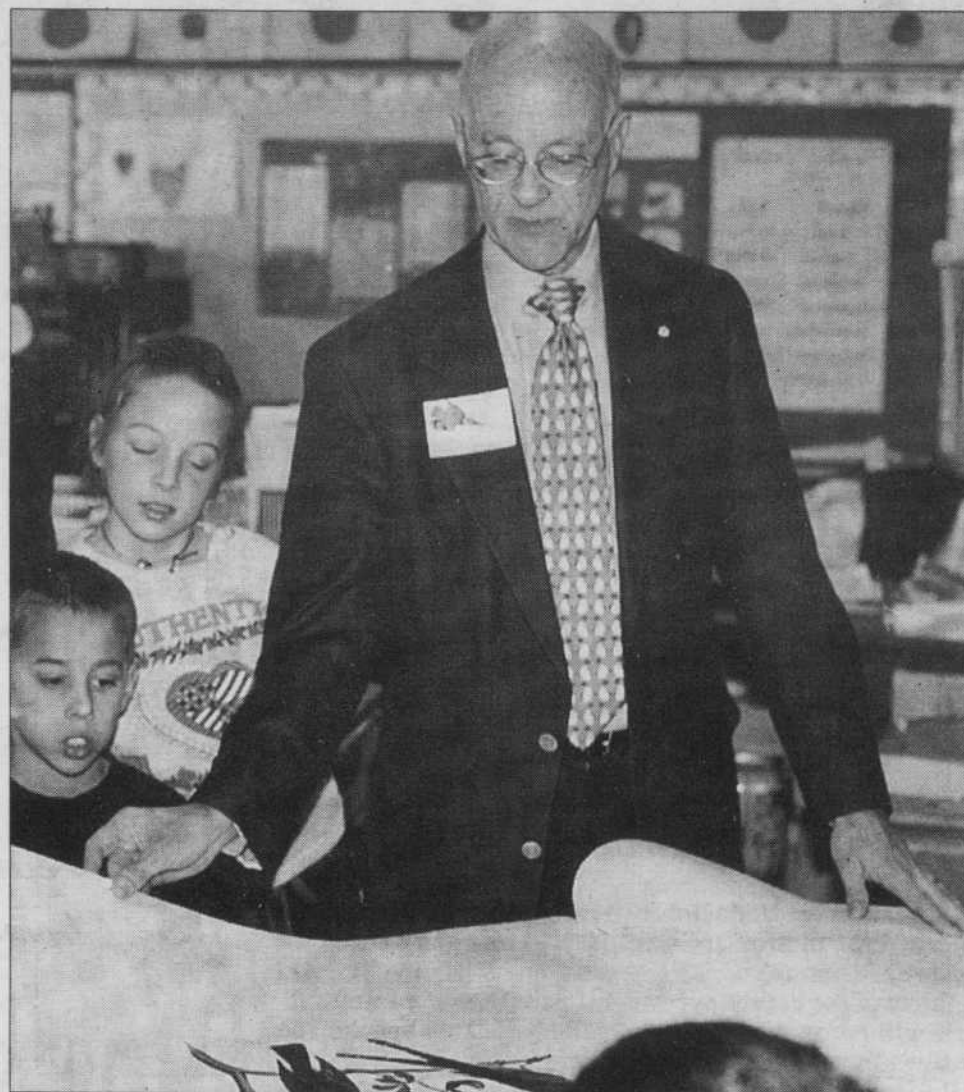
He described sitting beside a mother gorilla in the wild, remaining silent until she at last broke the ice by offering him a young bamboo shoot. The naturalist pretended to eat the shoot (a favourite treat

of the gorillas), then handed it back to the mother. Having passed the test, she then gently handed to him her baby to hold. An unbelieving student seems surprised to hear that he was not attacked.

"That's Hollywood," answered Lank, referring to the unsettling fact that children absorb information about the living world not from direct observation, but in-

directly from an entertainment industry concerned more with ratings than with veracity. However, his visit lights a few fires in the faces.

"If you bring something that is unexpected, it changes their whole focus of learning," added the naturalist as he lugged off the 70-pound volume en route to his next destination.



CAROLINE KEHNE/
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Mansonville teens celebrate their similarities

By Murielle Parkes
RECORD CORRESPONDENT
MANSONVILLE

A recent meeting of the Mansonville Chapter of Student Against Driving Drunk was anything but sober. But, no one appeared concerned.

With laughter and banter the order of the evening, four members of the Ken Jones Centre Work group for the intellectually-challenged - Paul Colgan, Michelle Field, Tom Peacock and Bridget Peacock - were welcomed as honorary SADD members.

The evening included creative introductions, games of pool and a special meal. A presentation of SADD para-

phernalia - a T-shirt, key chain, poster, pin, pencils - and a certificate to each of the four that recognized their "hard work, enthusiasm and contribution to our community."

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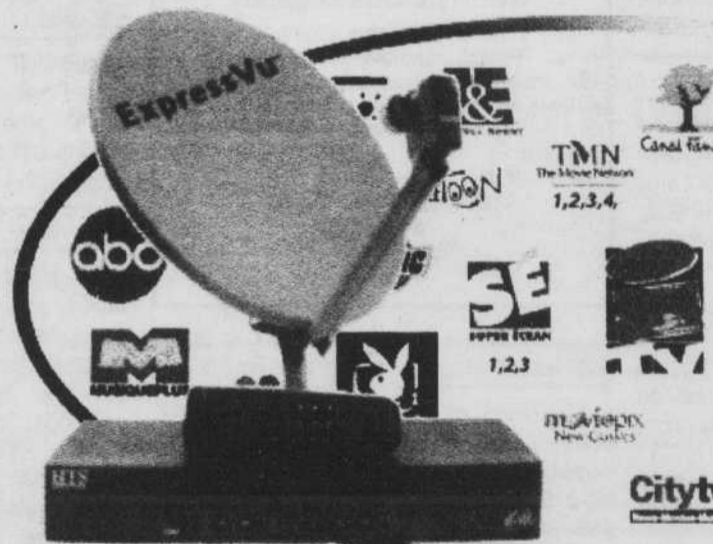
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Waterloo Golden Age Club

The Waterloo Golden Age Club met at the Legion Hall on Monday, April 12th at 1:30 p.m. with a fair attendance. The president opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer being said in unison, followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Afton McCutcheon. Due to the illness of Helen Ramsay, there was no treasurer's report. Wilmur Davidson requested that two get well cards be signed by all the members, one for Helen Ramsay and one for Mary Emmett. Everyone expressed satisfaction with the recent

sugaring-off party which was attended by forty-four people.

Winners of the half and half drawing were Kathleen Bailey and Fred Marsh. Cards were played at seven tables, with first prize going to Jean Sweet, second prize, Doreen Gibbs, third prize, Rita McKerrill. Winner at the games' table was Trudie McCullough. The meeting concluded with lunch, highlighted by a delicious birthday cake given by Elvia Johnson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Curly Gamache spent Easter week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ricky McLellan in Chateauguay. They attended the baptism of Dylan, baby son of Ricky and Heidi.

Mr. Jesse (Joe) Bailey has been a patient at the B.M.P. Hospital for the past three weeks. Our get well wishes go out to him.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Arthur Galbraith who passed away recently.

Word has been received that Ray E. Ashton passed away on March 12th in Toronto. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Alice Ashton who resides at Centre Geraitric Courville.

Mr. Robert Campbell of Toronto was in town recently for the day to visit Nina Campbell at the Lewis St. Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stoddard are back home after spending the last couple of months in Florida.

Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. George

Grubb of Shefford Mountain were Warren, Kathleen, Allen Grubb, and Jo-Ann Howitt of Ottawa, Diane Harte and daughters Lisa and Emily of Carp, Ont., Wallace and Chantel Grubb and daughter Olivia of Longueuil, Marie and Sharon Forand and children Sarah and Christopher of Shefford Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker of Fennelon Falls, Ont. spent Easter week-end in Waterloo and Ken and Diana Greer also of Fennelon Falls spent the weekend with Brent and Chantel Cadarette of Foster. They all gathered at the home of Dick and Sheila Cadarette in West Bolton and Mrs. Gladys Thompson who has spent many weeks at the B.M.P. Hospital was able to leave the hospital for short periods of time to spend with her family.

Pat Cote of Waterloo called on Gladys Thompson at the B.M.P. Hospital recently, and due to feeling ill while she was visiting she ended up having to stay the night in observation.

Gertrude Campbell is still a patient at the B.M.P. Hospital and her daughter Geraldine of New York State is spending time with her mother.

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THE
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Friends abound at Creek United Church

The Bring-A-Friend Sunday Service at the Creek United Church brought out 95 Townshippers. Dr. Burn Purdon led the very enjoyable service and preached his sermon on the theme of, "The Road to Ammaus". The after service pancake and sausage breakfast

was served to all in attendance and the free-will offering basket collected over \$460 which added to the \$600 raised at the talent show, the night before. The money will help to send two of the youngsters, Elizabeth and Jamie Ratcliffe, to Jamaica on a youth exchange in August.

The Bring a Friend event occurs annually and this year saw the biggest crowd ever. The sausages and pancakes were cooked by May Banks, Don Seaman and the chief cook was Anna Eichenberger. Fred Eichenberger was the head waiter, while all of the youth involved in this venture helped serve.

Heather Webster and Rob Ossington helped out by serving coffee, tea and performing other chores. Both Heather and

Rob will represent this Presbytery by acting as chaperones and adult leaders for the Jamaica exchange.

Margot Allen and Cathy Ratcliffe organized the Saturday Talent Show and sincere thanks go out to all who participated in the talent show and gave of their time and talents on behalf of our youth.

We are also indebted to those who attended these events and supported these worthy endeavours.

A big thank you also goes out to the Badgers and the farm of Norm and Irene Norris for donating maple syrup for the pancakes served.

SUBMITTED BY DON SEAMAN
Knowlton

Knowlton Golden Agers

Twenty members of the Knowlton Golden Agers met at the community centre for some cards on April 15.

President Lawrence Marsh welcomed us. He then read an invitation for us to a wine and cheese gathering at the community centre on April 23. Lil MacLellan read the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted as read and seconded by Kathy Gorman.

We played 500 on five tables. Ten hearts was the special bid. George Bailey and Isabelle Foster made the bid. The 500 winners were: Ormonde Brown,

4570 points; Isabelle Foster, 4490; Lillian Brown, 4260; George Bailey, 4030 and Elsie Royea, 3980.

Best wishes went out to Mabel and Art Fry celebrating 57 years of marriage and to Lillian and Ormonde Brown, celebrating their Golden 50th Wedding Anniversary.

As Elvia Johnson poured the tea and coffee, we enjoyed our pot luck and chatting. Door prizes were handed out and soon it was time to head for home. Until next time...

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