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A successful first year for Friperie Karma



CASSANDRA PEGG

Cyber edition of Brome Fair is being offered for 2020

By Louise Smith

The fairgrounds will be quiet on Labour Day weekend, but a cyber version of Brome Fair is in the works. The Fair Board has just created a booklet that is available online. There are various categories, agriculture, horticulture, and handicraft, to name a few. If you are interested, look at the booklet on line, but deadlines are fast

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By Cassandra Pegg
Special to Brome County News

A little more than a year after Friperie Karma opened in Knowlton, mother and daughter duo Tammy Lace and Annalise Milroy discussed the store's progress during an interview in Karma Clothing. From the beginning Friperie Karma

has been a family business. Milroy recounted that she had been helping her mother with the store from the opening and onward.

"We didn't know what we were getting into," Milroy laughed. Both women expressed that they had no idea how big Karma was going to get.

Milroy shared her first estimations that they might make \$100 a day if they

were lucky. Now though, she said, most days Karma makes anywhere from \$300 to \$500. This exceptional support from the community meant that even with the costs of rent and renovations, in one year, Karma was able to donate a grand total of \$22,485 to various groups in need.

Lace recalled that her first donation

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Cyber edition of Brome Fair

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approaching.

It is free to enter this virtual fair. There will be no prize money this year, only rosettes and special ribbons to the top five entries in each category. The only way to enter this special Covid-19 Brome Fair 2020 version is on line through Assisexpo. A computer booklet is available at the BCAS (Brome County Agricultural Society) website.

Videos are to last no more than 45 seconds, but the Youth Talent show

entries are to be a maximum of 4 minutes long. A description of what is needed to "virtually show" animals, or plants, or handicrafts is beside each class in each category in the "book".

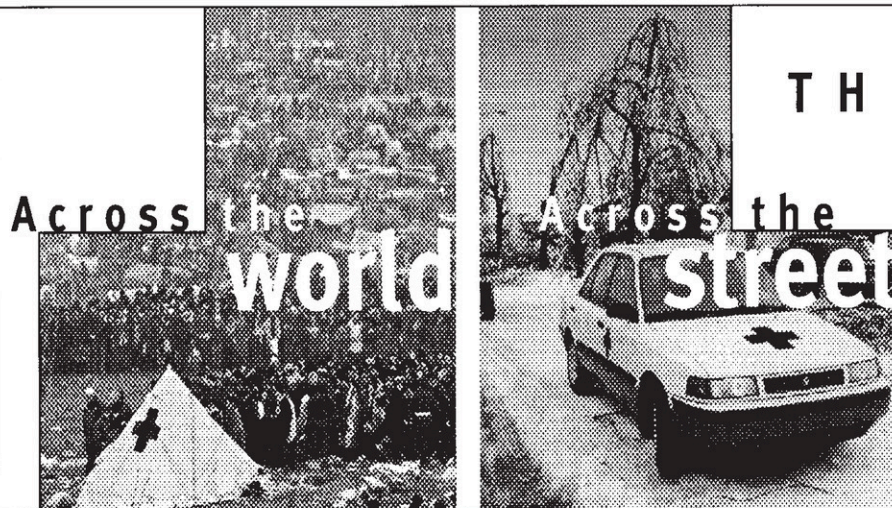
Many of the animal divisions have five or six classes. They include things like dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats, heavy horses, and light horses. Other animals are being judged too. Horticulture has 13 categories and Handicraft has about the same.

Two things are being judged in person: chocolate chip cookies and a two different classes of quilt squares. These items have to be brought in to the main office at 345 Stagecoach Road, on the fairgrounds, on August 10 between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

There are two other separate contests open to youth between the ages of 5 to 13. One involves taking a photo of a decorated cake. The other is making a model of a favourite ride at the fair.

That involves a 15-second video. These contest entries have to be sent by email to info@bromefair.com by August 1.

It is not the same as being in person at the fair, but it is a way of trying to continue the flavour of fair in this Covid-19 reality. If you have any questions, contact Guylaine Tetrault or Lisa Payne at 450-242-3976.



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New museum initiative encourages buying local

BCN Staff

On July 8, the Brome County Historical Society, in collaboration with the Town of Brome Lake, announced that from July 8 to October 12, visitors to the museum will be able to gain free admission by providing a receipt from a local business in TBL.

According to a press release, the project “was created to support the economic well-being of our community by encouraging local purchases.” During this time there have been “unique challenges” that have ensured that this summer and the rest of the year will be different from what TBL residents have come to expect. The BCHS is helping to cultivate a sense of community support that is necessary to help TBL residents and businesses get through these changing times.

“The Town of Brome Lake is proud to be part of this original initiative that encourages both our businesses and our culture,” said Mayor Richard Burcombe in the press release. He added that this initiative will “help our community shine,” and is pleased by the collaboration between the museum and the town.

Jeremy Reeves, curator at BCHS, pointed out that the goal of the BCHS for the summer is to support the well-being of all members of the community.

“We strongly believe that this initiative allows our mission of well-being to spread beyond our walls,” Reeves commented, “supporting the local businesses that make the Town of Brome Lake so special”.

The BCHS highlights that in order to gain free admission, the receipt must be acquired on the same date as the visit to the museum and it must

be a business with a TBL address.

The BCHS hopes that their patrons will support local businesses as much as possible and elaborated that reinforcing the connections between people and their diverse heritage and culture is a crucial part of maintaining the health of the community. Supporting local businesses promotes a sense of togetherness that allows these connections to happen.

“This initiative is part of ensuring our unique communities’ growth into the future”, the press release concluded.

Since 1898, the BCHS has been sustaining and enriching the culture of TBL. Their ability to adapt and come up with new initiatives such as this many decades later is proof of their staying power and the crucial role they play in the development and support of the community.

Friperie Karma

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from the store was about \$1,200 to Knowlton Academy. Their latest donation was \$5,000 to Farnham Elementary, enough to save their breakfast program.

Lace explained that she especially loves giving to schools in the area so being able to keep the breakfast program going was a big deal to her.

The store has been operating online from a Facebook page for several months now due to COVID-19 and it has been very successful. Lace has closed the online version for most of the month of July in order to get the store ready for an in-person reopening in August.

With the success of the online sales Lace and Milroy are still deciding whether they will keep both the online and in-person stores going.

Lace and Milroy are considering a few different ideas, involving specific hours or days for each. All in all, Milroy said, it is still in the works.

Unfortunately on the online store, Lace continued, there have been many problems with the reservation of items. With the changes being made to Karma before reopening, she will have even less room for storing people’s items after they reserve off the Facebook page. She has had to make several posts on the page asking people to come pick up the items they have paid for, and she is worried that having both versions going at the same time will be incompatible due to lack of storage space.

There is a bright side though for the overcrowding problem. After expanding into another part of the building for Karma Clothing, the store is once again expanding to create the Rainbow Room.

The Rainbow Room will be for selling what Lace calls the “overflow” of items that come through the store. Items in the Rainbow Room will include items that are being sold at discounted prices as well as all the “excess amount of stuff” that people have generously donated but that just does not fit in the first shop.

The massive amounts of donations they receive, Lace and Milroy explained, requires them to fill a van twice a week with things that will be brought to places in Sutton, Abercorn, Foster, etc and distributed from there. Steven Lace graciously helps deliver those items and the two women of Friperie Karma agree that “they wouldn’t be able to do it without him”.

Lace explained her plan for the decoration of the room. Some 34 local kids have drawn or painted rainbows which Lace will frame and proudly display on the walls of the Rainbow Room.

Milroy explained that throughout the year she and her mother had been working six days a week and even on their day off, they still have the store in mind.

“We live, breathe and eat it,” joked Milroy, “We did not expect this to be our life.”

Milroy and Lace are thrilled to be able to continue what they are doing with the support of the community behind them because, as Milroy added when speaking about donations, “The need for that stuff doesn’t go away”.

Lace did express one downside to the business: She receives many unsellable items.

The money and manpower required to deep clean every item that comes in dirty is just not feasible, Lace explained. People often donate dirty, broken or chipped items, electronics that do not work, or clothing covered in pet hair. She urged people to double check the things they are donating to help Karma continue operating smoothly.

On the other hand, Lace and Milroy had some wonderful surprises throughout the year by the incredible quality of many of the donations.

Milroy was recently able to sell a second-hand Burberry coat for \$300. Lace is having a painting appraised that came from a museum sale. There is even a member of the community who knits baby clothes for them to sell. Karma is community-centred, said Lace, and it definitely shows up in the donations.

When asked about the future of the business Lace joked that she signed a two-year lease, so she hopes it continues.

Sutton Market's 50th Anniversary Celebration Day

By Louise Smith

On Saturday, July 4, 50th Anniversary balloons festooned vendors' tables and booths at the Sutton Saturday Market. The grounds on the Sutton Legion on Curley Street were filled with vendors and customers. The weather co-

operated and it was a wonderful day to celebrate half a century of the market's existence.

A greater variety of goods can now be sold on Saturdays. There are baked goods and vegetable stands, honey, essential oils, flowers, plants and maple products from Turkey Hill. Added to these goods for sale are now antiques,

material and patterns, books, and homemade crafts. There is something for everyone. The café on site is well visited.

With the American border remaining closed there was concern that there might be lower attendance this summer, but locals and visitors from the area and from Montreal have

made sure that the Saturday Market will continue to be successful.

Judging from the smiles and the hustle and bustle on Saturday morning, the market is sure to continue for another half century! The market is open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Vendors and customers alike joined in on the festive atmosphere at the Sutton Market where 50th Anniversary balloons decorated the site on July 4.

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Brome-Missiquoi MNA Isabelle Charest recaps the year so far

BCN Staff

Isabelle Charest, Member of the National Assembly for Brome-Missiquoi, also Minister for Education and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women gave her 2020 End-of-parliamentary session review on July 9.

Charest explained her initiatives since returning from the holidays in January which included meeting with local mayors, visiting Wilfrid-Léger and Massey-Vanier High Schools to speak to the students, speaking with residents of Residence Bromont and continuing to meet with non-profit organizations under the 'Communaire en mode citoyen' project.

Before the pandemic hit, Charest and her team were also working towards the deployment of high-speed internet in the riding through the establishment of collaborations between regional stakeholders of the project.

Charest is a two-time Olympic bronze medalist and explained that though she believes no one could have been fully prepared for the magnitude of

the pandemic, her life experience from athlete to Head of Mission in Pyeongchang has allowed her to manage stress and pressure as well as feel comfortable in leadership roles and while working as a team.

Equipped with this experience, Charest and her team got to work. Charest mentioned in the review that her and her team spent the beginning of the pandemic answering questions from citizens, non-profit organizations, and businesses in the riding. She expressed that there was urgency to find food assistance resources, to compensate revenue losses, to explain sanitary guidelines and more. Due to this, she and her team worked seven days a week.

They began sending out a daily newsletter that explained the Government's newest instructions and guidelines. They supported businesses and non-profit organizations who were attempting to acquire sanitary equipment.

Business was conducted by teleworking and videoconferencing,

Charest continued in the review, her team adapted to these new working conditions and were able to participate in a number of emergency concertation tables.

Her team held two video meetings with André Lamontagne, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Pierre Fitzgibbon, Minister of Economy and Innovation to discuss issues from the agricultural sector and businesses community of Brome-Missiquoi.

Since January, Charest's team has been working on the Premier's mandate to intensify efforts regarding domestic violence. Investments of over \$180 million were announced for the next five years.

The National Assembly restarted in June, the review stated, and Charest was pleased to be back.

She explained that as the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women her role is to make sure this crisis does not increase inequalities. She explained that many women lost their jobs due to the pandemic, while on the other hand women were also overrepresented as essential workers on the front lines. She

is being vigilant to ensure that the well-being of women in the region is not lessened by this pandemic.

The review continued with Charest discussing Sports and Leisure. Her priority in this sector is to adapt activities so that the citizens of the riding can continue exercising without compromising their safety.

Charest's review ended with a call to make the right choices for the community even as the situation remains difficult. She pointed out that there have been "major impacts on all levels," and warns that a second wave might be on its way.

Charest expressed a desire to keep the well-being of the elders in the community at the forefront of thought and hopes that buying local will remain a priority as well.

She encouraged the citizens of Brome-Missiquoi to continue being vigilant of their own health and that of loved ones and offered congratulations for the region's "resilience, solidarity and benevolence".



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A look inside Pettes Memorial Library

By Cassandra Pegg
Special to Brome County News

Jana Valasek of Pettes Memorial Library met recently with BCN to discuss the changes the library has undergone in the last few months.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 the library's wildly popular annual booksale had to be cancelled.

"It's an important part of our annual fundraising program," explained Valasek, "We're not sure where we'll be at the end of the year."

But with the library having been closed for two-and-a-half months, she added, it balances out and she is not too worried about missing the funds to make it to a successful end-of-year. The library is open fewer hours and with less staff, so it is less expensive to operate at the moment.

"We're still buying new books at the same rate," she elaborated, so the library is making out alright.

Still, Valasek expressed that the book sale is "a bit of an event," and library staff are all disappointed it could not happen this year. There is also the added complication that they cannot accept any more used books.

She explained that it is volunteers who take in all the book donations and process them. In order to keep up with social distancing guidelines they are not able to have extra people around.

"We can't have people in and out, even staff," she said.

They also simply do not have room to store more than one year's worth

of donated books. Valasek explained that they use a fairly small back room for keeping the books and it is just not feasible to continue accepting boxes.

She said though that as a lover of books, "it's very hard to turn people away".

The library was closed until the beginning of June as per government requirements.

"We were allowed to reopen in a very limited capacity," she explained, "In our case that meant at-the-door pickup of books."

People can arrange to borrow books by checking the catalogue or calling the library directly, she continued. There are also Ebooks available and the library makes recommendations as well.

The pandemic "has changed what our job is" she said, "Now it's taking orders, customizing and preparing them."

"I think it was maybe a little harder at the beginning," she explained, but now they are used to running the library in this fashion.

She added that the online services are successful so far and they are staying occupied with many phone calls and online orders.

When asked if it is more challenging to run the library like this Valasek responded, "No, not more challenging, it's different. It's very much customer service, which it always was, but now we're physically running around getting the books off the shelves which we didn't do before."

As for keeping up with orders, emails

and calls, "we just had to develop a system where we were checking things at the right time," said Valasek.

She mentioned that when the city libraries opened again with similar systems, they had an unbelievable number of requests. The Pettes Memorial Library started back up slowly to avoid problems.

"We kind of had a soft opening in June," Valasek explained. "We basically started up without making a big splash about it. We were worried we would be overwhelmed."

She added, that due to this quiet opening, "A lot of people didn't realize we were back open in the beginning." She said that putting the flag outside made a big difference and now they are quite busy.

The library has been rigorously keeping up with hygiene and health requirements.

Along with making sure all staff members are washing hands frequently, social distancing and wearing masks, Valasek explained, "All books that are returned to us are quarantined for a week before they are handled by us and put back on the shelf." She added that the minimum is three days, but they are taking extra precautions.

The library was going to undergo some massive changes before the pandemic hit.

"When this came down in March, the library was in the process of going forward with its plan of expansion".

Plans have been presented to the town, said Valasek, "to redesign it to be a real asset for the community,"



PHOTO BY CASSANDRA PEGG

including creating more community spaces in the library for hosting activities, revamping of the children's area, adding door entrances in the direction of Coldbrook Park and more while still respecting the original historic building and being "sensitive to the area and to the natural world," to create a "park-like setting."

Knowlton will have to wait for a while yet for these new changes but in the meantime, the library is open and ready for business.

Valasek expressed that people should not hesitate to ask questions if they are overwhelmed or confused by the online services. The library can be reached by email at pettes.bpl@gmail.com or phone at 450 243-6128. They are closed on Mondays.

Ecological corridor in Glen Sutton secured by the Nature Conservancy of Canada

By Cassandra Pegg
Special to Brome County News

The conservation of ecosystems in the Eastern Townships continues. Recently 100 hectares (247 acres) of ecologically significant land in the Glen Sutton region was acquired by The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), a not-for-profit private land conservation organization that works throughout the country.

According to a news release from the NCC, this land has been in the Kreig family for decades after having been purchased by August Kreig in the 1950s. All the Kreig children called this idyllic place home, and their parents, August and Linda, expressed their wishes to preserve this beautiful estate indefinitely.

Not only has the NCC acquired land in the region, the Au Diable Vert outdoor center on Mount Sutton has also obtained land adjacent to the NCC's

property. These two procurements will reinforce and protect a network of walking trails while combining conservation with recreation.

The property is known as The Green Mountains - August and Linda Kreig family section. This acquisition is incredibly important for conservation due to the land being situated in the ecological corridor that connects the Green Mountains Nature Reserve to the Missisquoi North River.

In a video presented during the NCC press conference, NCC biologist and project manager for the Northern Green Mountains Cynthia Patry explained the ecological importance of the land acquisition.

"In regard to connectivity between the north of the United States and the south of Quebec, this is a corridor that permits the displacement of species, and this displacement is becoming more and more important when we consider climate change."

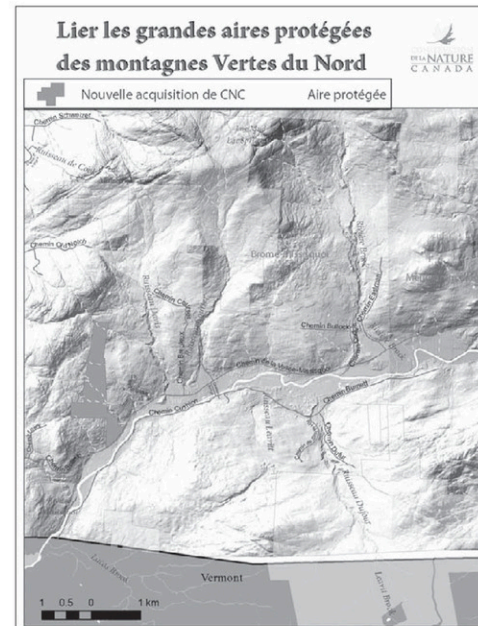
She continued, "Climate change will

cause the conditions of precipitation and temperature to vary and so the habitats that are found presently to the south will be modified. To adapt to these changes, animals will look for the same conditions, therefore migrating north towards Quebec".

"If the connectivity is cut, if we do not protect the large corridors like the Green Mountains, we risk losing certain species that will not be able to adapt by migrating north".

She lists moose, bears and lynx as some of the animals that would be negatively impacted. Because these creatures require vast territories to roam, splitting up the region into different states of development would greatly infringe on the large habitat they require for food, mating and survival.

Furthermore, the news release noted, the corridor contains mature forests with maple groves over 80 years old, and is home to several threatened or special concern species under the



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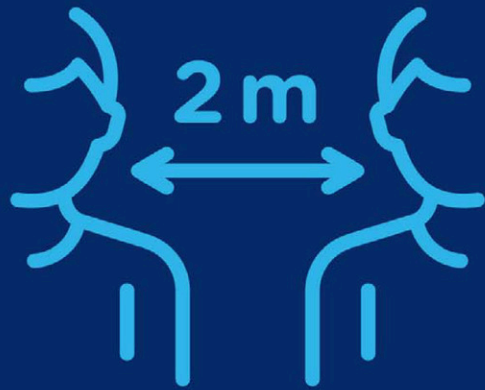
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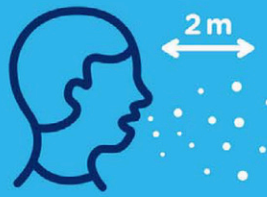
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Parc Naturel Jacques Bonnette is a little natural treasure right in Cowansville

By Louise Smith

Cowansville is dotted with parks all over town. The lovely town crest graces each sign. What is different with the Jacques Bonnette Park at the end of Norman Street, is that it is a bird sanctuary. There are paths into the park that lead to a small peninsula overlooking the Yamaska River inlet going under the bridge on William Street.

To get to the park, go along Bell Street from McDonald's. Pass William Street and the next street is Norman. Turn down Norman and there is a small parking lot near the sign. Beside the entrance to the park is a large bulletin board identifying all the species of birds in the area. Inside the park is a bird feeder designed to feed the birds but to keep the squirrels out. It is about a half hour walk to explore the pathways.

Last Tuesday, the youth group of Emmanuel United went on a hike from the church to the park and back. Some of the group are originally from Nigeria. It was a first for all of the kids to be in the park. Not many birds were

seen, but they could be heard. The beautiful flowers were a hit! What a beautiful little haven right in the midst of Cowansville!

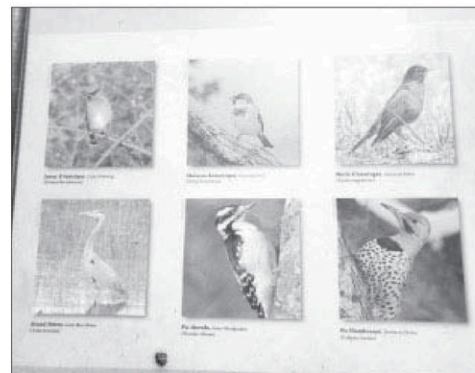
This summer, many people are staying closer to home over the holidays. If you are looking for a little outing, make this small reserve a destination. Remember the bug spray. A sign warning about ticks and their affiliation to Lyme disease is just at the entrance into the park.



Parc Naturel Jacques Bonnette is a little jewel in the town of Cowansville.



A map outside the park area details the paths within



A large chart shows all the birds found within the area.



Beautiful lilies are within the confines of the park.



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The Youth Group of Emmanuel United made a walk to the sanctuary last week.

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Glen Sutton

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or Vulnerable Species (ARTVS). These species include the Eastern Wood-Pee-wee, the Spring Salamander, and the Northern Dusky Salamander.

Besides the conservation of a rich natural environment, explained Patry in the news release, the acquisition of this land also allows the Kreig family to conserve their heritage and memories.

"From the beginning," Patry said in the conference, "we quickly realized that this was a story of family, a story of heart and a story of remembrance."

August-Henry Krieg, son of August and Linda Kreig, spoke about his mothers hopes for the land in another video presented during the conference.

"It came very naturally to my mother to conserve the land for the rest of her life and for future generations, for her children and her grandchildren."

"She had a vision that maybe we did not see back in the day," he continued, "but it is a splendid idea and today we thank her because we realize that this is really the best choice to make".

Pierre Guillemette, husband of Régina Kreig, explained that August and Linda were people who profoundly loved nature and adored their little corner of the world.

"They lived for 70 years on that farm," he added, "to see that place developed, well it was not really an option."

Appalachian Corridor, another non-

profit conservation organization, and their partners have teamed up with NCC and have been working for years to protect and enhance the Quebec portion of this mountain range.

Support and funding for the acquisition of this land came from the Government of Canada, the Canada Nature Funds' Natural Heritage Conservation Program (NHCP), the Ensemble Pour La Nature project from the Quebec Government, Sweet Water Trust and CGI.

Jeremy Fontana, co-owner of Au Diable Vert, commented in the news release on the togetherness and environmental significance of this project.

"The expansion of Au Diable Vert's land allows us to continue our mission of ecologically responsible tourism and at the same time help preserve the unspoiled beauty of the Green Mountains."

He concluded that they are excited about this and future projects in collaboration with NCC.

The hiking trails that traverse the newly acquired territories of the NCC and Au Diable Vert will be managed by Au Diable Vert and Les Sentiers de L'Estrie and will allow the public to enjoy the expansive wildlife in the region.

Fleuriste Antique: a floral jewel in Cowansville

By Louise Smith

Many people buy ice cream at the stand “with the cow” on Rue Sud/South Street in Cowansville. Especially on hot days and nights the lines extend quite a bit as people seek relief from the heat with a cool cone.

Right beside the ice cream stand is a building that looks rather small, Fleuriste Antique, but it is surprisingly large inside. The flowers that are available are extensive and the shop is doing well. People need flowers or other gestures of kindness in these Covid-19 times.

The shop has been open since 1967 and it is celebrating fifty-three years in business. The owner is Helene Demay and she has a staff of happy people ready to serve the public. It is located at 1329 rue Sud.

I have personally encountered the owner twice on my street, accidentally. Last summer, close to a party for my birthday, she knocked at my door with a lovely floral arrangement. Receiving flowers at that time was certainly possible. She was just about to leave when I noticed the name on the card was not mine. My address ends in zero and the flowers were destined for the house across the way ending in a nine. She thanked me for catching the error and she then delivered the flowers to

the correct address.

The week before, the doorbell rang. I knew it wasn't the Jehovah Witnesses. I wondered who it could be. I opened the door to Helene. She had a bouquet in her hand. She was just about to hand it over, when she looked up and smiled at me, remembering our encounter from last summer. I smiled back and looked at the card. Again the flowers were for the neighbour. We laughed and I said that the next time she should bring me a small flower when next she delivered to my neighbour.

I had a pleasant surprise when I returned to my house on Tuesday night after having made supper for a friend. There was a bouquet on my front step with a card from the florist marked “Surprise LOL!”

In these times, it is the human connection that makes all the difference. Small businesses are coming into the spotlight as communities are beginning to understand that these small businesses represent local ownership and dedication through the years to making a living in a small enterprise. There is a connection between the owner and the community that does not always happen in bigger box stores. Fleuriste Antique is well worth a visit if you are looking for something special to send to a friend or family member.



Fleuriste Antique has been in business for fifty three years!



The outside of the flower shop is deceiving. It is quite large inside

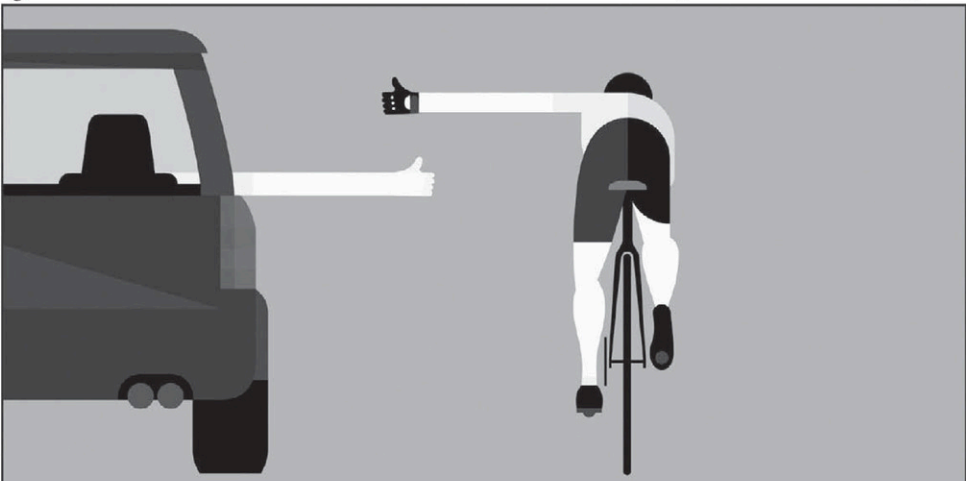


All the staff is friendly. You know they are smiling even if the masks are covering their smiles!



Bouquets with a variety of colour are Fleuriste Antique's specialty

PHOTOS BY LOUISE SMITH



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I was unhappy, afraid of people, and with time my health was also deteriorating. With much luck and the help of lots of great people I ended up at the SPCA Montérégie and, with time, my health and attitude has improved tremendously. I just feel like a new dog! I'm in good shape, lots of energy, have a positive outlook on life, welcome lots of attention and now I love people. I am looking for a new home where I can have lots of nice walks and share my love with some nice people who are home a lot, and selfishly, I don't want to live with other animals! At this point, don't I deserve a nice calm environment? I am being offered as a 'foster' dog, meaning you don't have to pay a fortune for me, just be able to give me a good life.

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Perfect summer for fairy gardens

By Louise Smith

The combination of heat, humidity, and moisture has made it a perfect summer for creating fairy gardens. The idea of fairy gardens is becoming quite mainstream.

Miniature houses and fairies and other items are easily available in dollar stores, florist shops, and online. Fairy houses can also be made from broken pots.

The secret to a perfect garden is to select plants that stay small in size.

Plants that grow tall or spread too far take over the fairy garden elements and they get lost in the foliage.

It has been a few years now that Ingeborg Fulford has been cultivating her fairy garden with help from family and friends. Each year one or two more

decorations are added to the garden and the plants are kept in check. This year the garden is just right and it is a delight to behold. If there are any fairies out there in this world, they would want to just move in!



PHOTOS BY LOUISE SMITH

The fairy garden of Ingeborg Fulford would entice any fairy to move on in!

Theatre Lac-Brome: Blooms and birdsong in beautiful July

July is finally here in all its splendour. Gardens are flourishing, the birds are serenading us, and the weather has been gorgeous!

Every summer, one of the highlights for the community is the Knowlton House and Garden Tour, a wonderful fundraiser for the Theatre, where a selection of exceptional homes and exquisite gardens of the Lac-Brome region are featured.

Alas, we have had to cancel this year's edition, originally scheduled for July 8, but the exciting news is that as next year is the 30th anniversary of the Tour, we will hopefully be bringing it back to you, along with some special surprises!

Each year, about 30 artists open their studio doors to visitors during Le Tour des Arts. The Theatre Lac-Brome lobby is always honoured to adorn its walls with some of these fine works. The 2020 edition is not happening as a whole this year, but some of the work will still be gracing our gallery.

Featured this month are Alan MacIntyre and Geneviève Duplessis.

The artwork is for sale, and if you are interested in any of these pieces, or to have a closer look, please contact the theatre for a private appointment.

If you can't come to the theatre, let the theatre come to you!

In the interest of keeping culture and a connection to the audience alive, French comedy duo Corbeil & Maranda have created a sketch comedy show specifically for this time. It features guest stars Anne Casabonne,

Michel Courtemanche, and Luc Senay. Tickets for this online special event on

September 4 are only \$20. On the

day, you will receive a link to watch the show that is valid for 72 hours. Contact the theatre NOW by calling 450 242-2270 to get tickets to this hilarious happening!

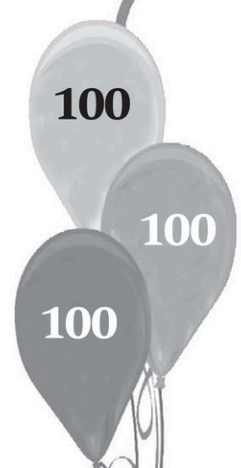
For this edition of "TLB Checks In", Artistic Director Ellen David took a walk over to Pettes Memorial Library to chat with Executive Director Jana Valasek. It was lovely to see Jana serving customers one at a time "curbside", and everyone was wearing a mask and practicing safe social distancing, after passing by the hand disinfecting station! Jana mentioned that they were in the middle of planning an expansion when the pandemic hit, so that is now on hiatus. Ellen took a look at some of the renderings of the plans, which are wonderfully exciting, and will definitely enhance the library inside with a larger space for lectures, writing workshops and courses, and provide an ease of flow outdoors within the town itself... "from the brook to the book!" TLB is looking forward to seeing its neighbour "blossom" and grow! In the meantime, Jana says the message is that they are definitely open for business Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Website: <https://www.pettes.ca/>

The Farmers' Market continues to be thriving at the Theatre location, with record numbers of customers attending. Buy fresh, buy local!

During this time, TLB has decided to renew current memberships for another year, at no additional cost. As a member who supports Theatre Lac-Brome, you will be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM, currently being planned for this fall. Details to follow.

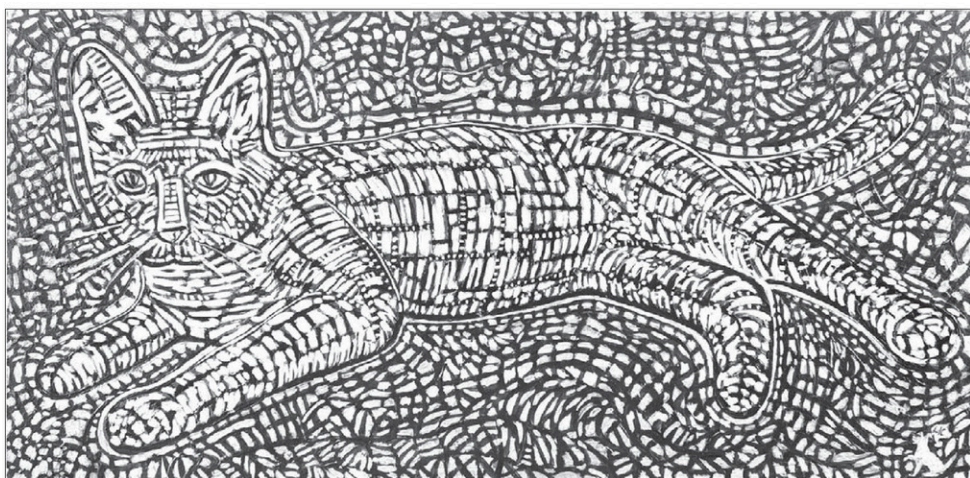
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Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy Proposals for an Immovable (SCAOPI)

At a sitting of Council held on April 6, 2020, the municipal council of Town of Brome Lake adopted a first draft resolution 2020-04-131 concerning an application submitted in accordance with By-Law number 406 regarding Specific Construction, Alteration or Occupancy Proposals for an Immovable (SCAOPI).

This draft resolution concerns the following elements of residential development project 'Art de vivre', located at 710 Lakeside Road, in the RBE- 1-E16, UMV-2-D16 and UC-3-C15 zones:

- i) Permit slopes for secondary roofs between 0/12 and 6/12. The current SCAOPI permits secondary roofs only between 6/12 and 12/12;
- ii) Permits houses in the 'farmhouse contemporain' and 'scandinave' styles. The current SCAOPI only permits houses in the 'champêtre', 'ancestrale', and 'campagne' styles.

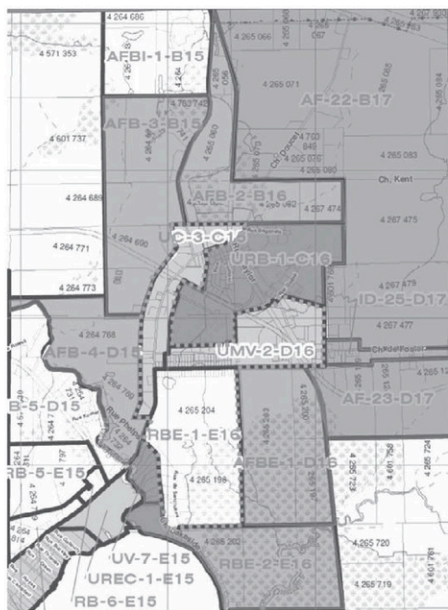
A public consultation meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6 p.m. at Centre Lac-Brome, 270 Victoria Road, adhering to the Covid-19 health directives of the Québec government.

At this public meeting, the mayor or the person designated by him will explain the draft resolution, the consequences of its adoption, and will hear any person and body wishing to be heard;

Target zones and Contiguous zones

Below is the illustration of Target zones **RBE-1-E16, UMV-2-D16 and UC-3-C15** where buildings of the development are located, as well as of Contiguous zones **AF-22-B17, AF-23-D17, AFB-2-B16, AFB-3-B15, AFB-4-D15, UV-7-E15, AFBE-1-D16, ID-25-D17, RBE-2-E16 and URB-1-C16**.

Draft resolution number 2020-04-131 contains a provision subject to approval by way of referendum and may be consulted at Town Hall during regular office hours.



Concerned zones : RBE-1-E16, UMV-2-D16 et UC-3-C15

Contiguous zones : AF-22-B17, AF-23-D17, AFB-2-B16, AFB- 3-B15, AFB-4-D15, UV-7-E15, AFBE-1-D16, ID-25-D17, RBE-2-E16 et URB-1-C16

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Mold can grow in any dark and damp spot, which makes air conditioning units prime locations for mold proliferation. Mold spores can be circulated through a home via a central air conditioning system or window air conditioning unit. Mold spores in the air are very easy to inhale, especially for young children and elderly people.

Air conditioners also are susceptible to mold growth. Preventing mold from becoming a problem means being in tune to indicators that mold may be present, and then taking the necessary actions to eradicate that mold and preventing future growth.

Visible mold or a musty smell when operating the air conditioner are prime indicators of a problem. If you suspect mold has infiltrated your air conditioning system mold, consider these tips.

- **Keep equipment clean.** Routinely clean dirt and debris out of air conditioning ducts and equipment. Pay special attention to organic matter, such as dirt, that may come in from outdoors.

- **Eliminate water sources.** Standing water presents an ideal breeding ground for mold. If there is excess water present in or around the system, have your AC unit serviced.

- **Change the filter.** Many manufacturers recommend change an HVAC filters and window unit filters once every three months at a minimum. This can prevent mold growth and reduce allergens like dust and dirt that circulate through the air.

- **Clean up the mold.** Homeowners may be able to clean up a minor mold problem, but larger issues are best left to a professional. Exposure to mold can put a person and the entire household at risk, especially if mold spores are disrupted. Air conditioning repair companies and mold-removal specialists are better equipped to clean and contain mold.

If you clean a window unit, make sure that all components are completely dry before reassembling the parts. Damp conditions can lead to more mold.

Air conditioning can be a life-saver during the summer. But men and women must make sure mold doesn't become a problem while their AC systems are in use.

(Metro Creative)

Today in History

**Today in History for July 21:
On this date:**

In 1667, the "Treaty of Breda," which restored Acadia to France, was signed in the Netherlands. The treaty provided for France's restoration to England of part of the island of St. Christopher's, West Indies, in exchange for Acadia, captured from the French in 1654 by Britain's New England forces.

In 1704, Gibraltar was attacked by the British under Sir George Rooke.

In 1773, Pope Clement XIV issued the brief, "Dominus ac redemptor noster," officially dissolving the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). This politically-based suppression later left conspicuous gaps in Roman Catholic education and foreign missions.

In 1796, Gov. John Graves Simcoe and his family left York (Toronto) for England; he never returned to Upper Canada.

In 1796, Scottish Poet Robert Burns died. He was 37.

In 1797, in the first execution of its type in Canada, American spy David McLane was publicly hanged, beheaded and disembowelled.

In 1816, Paul Reuter, founder of the Reuters news agency, was born in Kassel, Germany. He died Feb. 25, 1899.

In 1831, Leopold I was proclaimed king of the Belgians.

In 1836, riding on wooden tracks near Montreal, Canada's first passenger train travelled about 25 kilometres.

In 1873, Jesse James and his gang staged the first train robbery in the United States. They stole \$3,000 from a train in Ohio.

In 1886, the cardinal's hat was conferred upon Elzear Alexandre Taschereau, 66, archbishop of Quebec. He was the first Canadian to be made a cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill. Plagued by ill health, he died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at his home in Idaho on July 2, 1961.

In 1904, the Trans-Siberian railway was completed. It took 13 years to construct the 7,400-km line.

In 1911, communication theorist Marshall McLuhan, who coined the phrase "the medium is the message," was born in Edmonton. He died Dec. 31, 1980.

In 1925, the famous "monkey trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn. John T. Scopes was found guilty and fined \$100 for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. Scopes, who was defended by famed lawyer Clarence Darrow, later had his conviction overturned. The case was portrayed in the film "Inherit the Wind."

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during the Second World War.

In 1959, the United States launched the first nuclear-powered merchant ship, the "N.S. Savannah."

In 1961, the government-built town of Inuvik, N.W.T., was officially opened. The town, the largest Canadian community north of the Arctic Circle, was constructed to replace the old settlement of Aklavik, which was being threatened by flood and erosion. Located on the Mackenzie River delta, the town's economy is centred on nearby oil and gas exploration.

In 1961, Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the "Liberty Bell 7."

In 1963, Giovanni Battista Montini was elected Pope Paul VI.

In 1969, "Apollo 11" astronauts Neil Armstrong

and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1972, the CRTC approved the creation of a third television network - Global TV. It was licensed to serve five Ontario cities.

In 1973, Canada ended all ceasefire monitoring activities in Vietnam.

In 1975, a bill creating a federal human rights commission with powers to stop discrimination by businesses under federal jurisdiction was introduced in the Canadian House of Commons. The bill outlawed discrimination by employers on grounds of race, sex, colour, religion, age or marital status.

In 1976, 14-year-old Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci won the all-round gold medal in women's gymnastics, obtaining perfect scores on the balance beam and the uneven bars.

In 1980, draft registration began across the United States. Nearly four million young men aged 19 and 20 were required to register in a move ordered by President Jimmy Carter as part of a U.S. response to the Soviet drive into Afghanistan.

In 1983, martial law was lifted in Poland after more than 18 months.

In 1984, in the first known death of a human caused by a robot, a factory worker in Jackson, Mich., was crushed against a safety bar.

In 1988, Canada's War Measures Act of 1914 was set aside when the new Emergencies Act was given royal assent.

In 1989, Donald Brittain, acclaimed film maker who received over 70 international awards, died in Montreal at age 61.

In 1991, pitcher Ferguson Jenkins - born in Chatham, Ont. - became the first Canadian member of major league baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1998, Canada stepped up its drive to expel war criminals by increasing spending to \$46.8 million.

In 2003, Romeo Phillion, who claimed that he was wrongfully convicted of murdering a firefighter in Ottawa in 1972, was released on bail after 31 years in prison while the federal government reviewed his case. In March of 2009, the Ontario Court of Appeal struck down his conviction and ordered a new trial. On April 29, 2010, on his 71st birthday, the Crown officially withdrew the charges. (In 2012, he sued for \$14 million but the lawsuit was dismissed by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. An appeal court then ruled Phillion should at least have a chance to put his case to a jury. In 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada cleared the way for him to sue police when it refused to hear the appeal to block the lawsuit. Phillion died Nov. 2, 2015.)

In 2005, China dropped the yuan's peg to the U.S. dollar and revalued it 2.1 per cent higher against a basket of unspecified currencies.

In 2005, in an unprecedented move, 122 Canadian imams and other Islamic religious leaders denounced terrorism and vowed to confront religious extremism in a signed declaration in Toronto.

In 2006, two Canadian soldiers, Cpl. Francisco Gomez, 44, and Cpl. Jason Patrick Warren, 29, were killed when their convoy was attacked by suicide bombers near Kandahar, Afghanistan.

In 2008, Radovan Karadzic, 63, the wartime Bosnian Serb leader, was arrested after eluding officials for nearly 13 years. He was accused of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and other atrocities relating to the 1995

massacre and other acts against Muslim, Croat and other non-Serb civilians in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the 1992-95 war.

In 2008, a federal appeals court threw out a \$550,000 fine against CBS Corp. for the 2004 Super Bowl halftime show that ended with Janet Jackson's breast-baring "wardrobe malfunction."

In 2009, the Competition Bureau gave the merger of Suncor Energy Inc. and Petro-Canada its stamp of approval, provided the companies sold 104 gas stations in southern Ontario. The merger, the largest in Canadian history, became final on Aug. 1.

In 2010, the head of Statistics Canada, Munir Sheikh, resigned over the Conservative government's decision to axe the long-census form.

In 2010, ex-media mogul Conrad Black was granted bail on \$2 million bond and ordered to remain in the United States. Within hours of the hearing, Black was released from prison in Coleman, Fla. (In 2011, a judge ordered Black back to prison to serve another 13 months.)

In 2010, New Brunswick business magnate John E. (Jack) Irving, who helped expand his family's empire in the province by leading several construction and engineering companies, died at age 78. Working with Arthur and his other brother James, Jack helped build upon the legacy of their father, K.C. Irving, to expand and develop the Irving Group of companies into a worldwide corporation.

In 2011, the space shuttle Atlantis returned from a re-stocking mission of the International Space Station, bringing an end to NASA's 30-year program. The shuttle is now on display at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 2011, retired Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard pleaded guilty before a military court martial to having intimate relations while leading Canada's mission in Afghanistan, and then urging her to cover it up. His punishment included a \$7,000 fine and a symbolic demotion to the rank of colonel.

In 2011, Elwy Yost, the longtime affable and enthusiastic host of TVOntario's "Saturday Night at the Movies," died at the age of 86. He hosted the show for 25 years before retiring in 1999.

In 2011, the federal government launched a website identifying 30 suspected war criminals in an effort to drum up new leads that could help track and deport them. Within a month, six people were apprehended.

In 2011, Pentagon chief Leon Panetta certified formally that gays can serve openly in the U.S. Armed Forces, repealing the 17-year-old don't ask, don't tell prohibition. (It took effect on Sept. 20.)

In 2013, Belgium's King Albert abdicated after a 20-year reign; his son Philippe took over as the fractured nation's seventh king.

In 2018, the U.S. scored as time expired to edge Canada 9-8 in the senior men's gold medal game at the world field lacrosse championship in Israel.

(The Canadian Press)



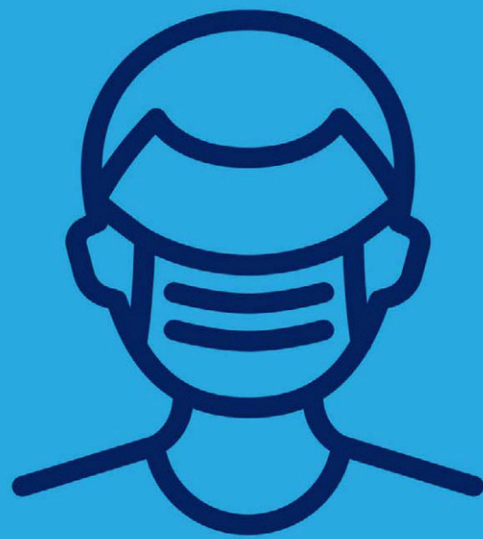
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