

Double-header celebrations planned in TBL

By Ann Davidson

Like many municipalities, TBL is readying for a double header celebration with the Fête nationale du Québec in TBL slated for June 24, and Canada Day on July 1. The lineup of activities is extensive for each special day

and could not become possible without an enormous amount of planning, energy, and commitment from the volunteers. Each with long lists of sponsors, the organizing committees are grateful for the support that they get to be able to make each of the community events special.

With all the activities being held in the downtown core of Knowlton, don't miss the soap box race between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., inflatable games, clowns, face painting and magicians in the park by the dam. There will be speeches, and lots of music by Harmonie Concert Band, "Musiciens de la relève, tam-tams

with Christian Lord, and singer Daniel Fontaine.

Shelley Judge says that organizing this year's Canada Day has been a big job with not a lot of volunteers but knows that what's in store will be a great day for everyone. She is grateful for the

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last week when older students at Knowlton Academy helped younger students with planting the long-awaited raised gardens. In the midst of the excitement around planting, Ginette Couture, president of the Yamaska Valley Optimist Club, had slipped away from YVO garage sale preparations to literally pay the students a visit. Couture brought a welcome cheque to be applied to the general needs of the project.

While the YVO is widely known for its

role in raising funds for treatment and prevention of women's cancers at the BMP Hospital, the group strives to support youth activities. This year the club generously included the Knowlton Academy Greenhouse and Garden Project to its repertoire.

The Evergreen Foundation is an internationally recognized charity that is all about community and school greening projects. It too, aims to support projects that are collaborative, innovative, and

accountable while applying a systems approach "between people and place and the recognition that environmental issues are part of interdependent, complex social and economic systems." Evergreen sees the value of "engaging diverse audiences in ways that are playful, optimistic, and empowering to accelerate strategies for change. It supports projects that serve their communities with time and resources while delivering programs of the highest quality. The Knowlton Academy Greenhouse and Garden Committee is honoured to have its project considered as a high quality delivery program, that hopefully will set the pace for other schools and their communities to foster.

Meanwhile, as chef Jennifer Muir continues to prepare Tastes of the Season,

she sent a wide thank-you to all those who supplied rhubarb last week. Seeing the reaction of all who contributed, Muir added that this kind of "gathering" of produce could be extended to other veggies and fruit, and farm produce. In a plea to find a second-hand freezer for the cafeteria so that the cooks would have fresh frozen produce to work with for children's lunches, the director of the Hylcan Foundation jumped in with a donation to specifically equip the school with a new freezer. As well, a member of the community offered a second hand freezer. According to Muir, there is room for both and she says, "Perhaps we will eventually lower the cost of the hot lunches for the students." Another goal within this project that is clearly engaging the entire community.



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It was a joyful scene. With last Thursday's nasty weather subsiding in the afternoon contractors were able to install the deer-fencing concurrent to students of Knowlton-Academy eagerly working in the school's new raised gardens.

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