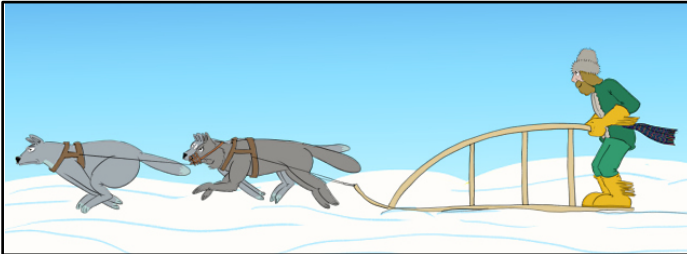


Joe LaFlamme 2.0



Joe and his Wolves

Joe LaFlamme has tried to increase his stock of wolves by breeding rather than trapping them. He has apparently succeeded in mating his female huskies with wolves, but only three times. And, for unknown reasons, he has failed in his attempts to cross female wolves with huskies. That may be a good thing since mixing dogs and wolves can give unreliable results even though both species have similar gene pools. According to the [International Wolf Center](#), since dogs and wolves have different physical and mental development, the hybrid animals often have unpredictable and inconsistent behaviour.



Joe and his Jobs

Taming wolves was not Joe LaFlamme's only job. Find out about his clandestine work in our next cartoon coming out on April 24th.

Joe and the Lafontaine Wolf

The Franco-Ontarian community of Lafontaine, founded in the early 1800's, is located on Georgian Bay, 160 km north of Toronto. One of its fondest heroes remains Théophile Brunelle, a man who was also involved with a wolf. As the story goes, the rural community – or more



Théophile Brunelle's house
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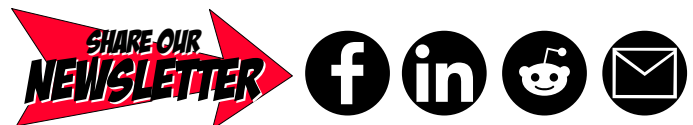
specifically, the Sainte-Croix catholic parish – was established by three waves of immigrants coming from Quebec. The founding groups came from the counties of Champlain, Joliette, and Vaudreuil and Soulanges.¹ However, they did not get along and a deep division severed the clans. And try as they might, the parish priests could not bring harmony to the community. However, things changed when a big bad wolf arrived in the area and created a reign of terror which lasted 18 months. Then, one day, the one-eyed Théophile Brunelle decided to take things in his own hands by killing the wolf, a feat even the best marksmen had failed to accomplish!² This historic and legendary story is celebrated in July of every year with the bilingual [Festival du loup](#).

But what is the link between Lafontaine and Joe LaFlamme? It turns out that Joe might have had relatives in the community as he also came from the county of Vaudreuil and Soulanges. And then there's the wolf...

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¹ Today, the county is called the regional county municipality of Vaudreuil-Soulanges.

² Thomas Marchildon. *Le loup de Lafontaine*. Sudbury, Société historique du Nouvel-Ontario, doc. # 29, 1955.