

# Organization works to get women talking

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The bus is fully equipped with information about breast cancer and the research the organization is doing. Not only does it have stations where women can do quizzes about their knowledge of breast cancer, there is also a healthcare professional who is able to book appointments or to enter the women into the Ontario Breast Screening program.

"If you think that you're at high risk, or if you have a family history, you should go talk to your doctor, no matter how old you are. Start that conversation. There's a video of an actual conversation between a doctor and her patient and it asks the questions that maybe women aren't comfortable asking," said Primeau.

Partnered with Shoppers Drug Mart, the tour is travelling through Ontario, stopping to open up the bus to women and families in the different communities. As a part of the partnership, cosmetologists from the store provide women with free samples of products.

"I'm a big believer of [the pink tour]. We have a large family history of cancer and we also have a lot of survivors in our family, so it's a big thing for me," said Jinette McCloud. "It's all about making women feel good about themselves, whether it be inside or whether it's outside. I'm just letting them know that beauty is beauty."

Not only does the bus provide information to women about screening and how to check for breast cancer, but it also provides support to those who have survived the disease by giving them a place to talk about their experiences with other survivors who visit the bus.

Survivor Laurie Muloin, who found a lump three years ago, and today is a breast cancer survivor said, "I guess I would tell girls that if you notice anything to get to the doctor's right away to get it checked



Photo by Catherine Jackman

**Lorraine Shannon, a clerk with the Quinte Health Centre was aboard the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's Pink Bus Thursday to assist women with getting signed up for the Ontario Breast Screening program. Although Shannon has never been directly affected by the disease, as a former nurse she witnessed what it does not only to the person who has the disease, but also to the families.**

out. I've learned from this that you just have to take everything a day at a time."

Lorraine Shannon, a clerk for the Quinte Health Centre, was also on board the bus, assisting any of the women who

were looking to get signed up for the Ontario Breast Screening program.

"Perhaps (the bus) makes them more aware of the ways, or the importance first of following up on their own mam-

mograms and also to help them to feel comfortable when they're asking questions and then directing them in the proper manner of going about getting it taken care of. But the big thing is to en-

courage all of these ladies to get it done," said Shannon.

The bus will be finishing its Ontario tour in Toronto in October and will have visited over 90 communities.

## Students rally in support of teachers

By Gail Paquette

Students at Centre Hasting Secondary School in Madoc joined several high schools in the Quinte area and walked out of class last week to protest Bill 115.

"We're protesting Bill 115 because the teachers can't," said Grade 11 student Dalton Thomson, Sept. 19.

"They have lost their right to strike. If they do, they can get arrested or lose their job. If we are out here, they can't teach."

Thomson organized the protest by creating a Facebook page. The students walked out after morning announcements. Outside the school, they held signs pledging support for their teachers and showing disapproval for Premier Dalton McGuinty and Bill 115.

"I want to let the Liberal government know that our generation will use their right to vote, unlike other generations. We will ban together and vote to change policy," said Thomson. "The McGuinty government won't even go to the table and negotiate."

Introduced on Aug. 27, Bill 115, the Putting Students First Act 2012 was passed on Sept. 11, 2012. Liberal and Conservative MPPs voted to support the bill and the NDP voted against it.

The bill imposes wage freezes, pay cuts, benefit reductions and bans strike or lockout action for workers in Ontario's public school system.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, Elementary Teachers'

Federation of Ontario and Canadian Union of Public Employees have declared the legislation an attack on worker rights. "This Act is not just about wages, benefits and sick leave. It is not about putting students first. It is about the denial of basic and fundamental rights of all workers in Ontario," states the OSSTF on their website.

"It gives the Minister of Education the power to impose collective agreements upon teachers and education workers without negotiation, without review by the Legislature, and without approval by the school boards or their employees."

The Canadian Civil Liberty Association agrees.

"The government has called this Bill the 'Putting Students First Act', but a more honest title would be 'Putting Democracy Last.' This bill may be teaching students the wrong democratic message," said counsel to Canadian Civil Liberty Association, Andrew Lokan in a transcript posted on the CCLA website, www.ccla.org.

"If it wasn't for our teachers I wouldn't know that we have rights and I wouldn't have the knowledge that this is wrong," said CHSS student Megan Webb.

"If you went into our school today, you would see most of our teachers wearing black and they say they will continue to do this every Wednesday," said Webb. "They are mourning the loss of their rights."

After a peaceful protest, students returned to class at noon.



Photo by Gail Paquette

**Centre Hastings Secondary School students in Madoc joined several high schools across the Quinte area to protest Bill 115 on what they said was being dubbed Black Wednesday. "All our teachers will be wearing black every Wednesday for the rest of the year," said student Megan Webb. "They are mourning the loss of their freedom." Grade 11 student Dalton Thomson organized the walk-out Sept. 20 by creating a Facebook page to inform the students. More than 100 students joined the protest.**

# Engines get revving at Brighton Speedway

*Applefest Shootout race featured four types of races from across North America*

By James Wood

Dirt flew and engines roared at the Brighton Speedway last Saturday night as the Applefest Shootout race got underway.

There were four types of racers from across North America at the event, with pro stock, Canadian modified, 358 modified and late model cars ripping up the track throughout the night. The main feature of the event was the 100-Lap 358 race, sponsored and run by DIRTcar, an organization which comes up from the States to run racing events.

Although the race got off to a rough start with a multi-car pileup, it was quickly restarted, though a failure to gain significant speed by outside pole sitter Matt Billings led to a large jam near the end of the track. Because of these early troubles, defending race winner Tim O'Brien took substantial damage, which took him out of the running.

After these setbacks, the race got underway and Chad Chevalier would



Photo by James Wood

**Mario Clair rips up the track in his 358 Modified, part of the qualifying heats at the Brighton Speedway. Clair later won the final 100 Lap 358 Modified Feature, five years to the date of his last victory at Applefest.**

soon move past pole sitter Erick Rudolph, though his time out in front only lasted five laps as driver Carey Terrance moved past the frontrunner and led for the next 39 laps.

On lap 46, driver Dale Planck would move past and pull far ahead, looking untouchable until a lap 87 restart when his right front shock broke and had to be repaired.

Driver Mario Clair pulled past Planck, but was passed by Terrance. However, Clair soon passed Terrance on lap 95 and cruised to the finish line with five laps left, claiming the \$4,000 prize. Carey Terrance finished second, and Travis Braun drove from the eleventh starting position to finish third in the running. Mat Williamson and Chad Chevalier finished fourth and fifth respectively.

With Mario Clair passing the finish line, it was the Quebec native's second win at Applefest, exactly to the date of his first, and the first win of a 358 Modified series at the Brighton Speedway.

Saturday's event was the second last of the Speedway's season. The final event, Eve of Destruction, will be this coming Sunday afternoon and will feature a large demolition derby and a series of races.