



Photo by Justin Chin

Family Day collision

Firefighters observe as a transport truck is being cleared away on Monday, Feb. 18, 2013 following a motor vehicle collision on Highway 401 east of Cobourg at about 10:30 a.m. A tractor-trailer hauling plastic pellets hit the median barrier as it travelled from Kingston to Vaughan. The “pup” trailer became dislodged from the main truck and collided with another vehicle after going into the eastbound lanes. A man and a woman were taken to Northumberland Hills Hospital in Cobourg for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Both the westbound and eastbound lanes were closed and traffic was rerouted. The highway reopened at 5:50 p.m.

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Bags will not be delivered or picked up from any apartment complexes, condominiums or businesses that use 95 gallon carts. Those who live in these buildings can bring their unwanted batteries to any Home Hardware in the area or to the Quinte Waste Solutions at 75 Wallbridge Cres.

Batteries make up only 1 per cent of common household waste.

According to Quinte Waste Solutions, 52 per cent of cadmium and 88 per cent of mercury found in landfills is due to batteries people have put into the garbage. Even one mg of mercury can make fish within eight hectares inedible for one year, there is an average of 11mg of mercury in a single alkaline battery.

“Even though this is a small amount, it is contributing a lot in terms of toxic

materials you can find in our landfills,” said Delaney.

Almost every single heavy metal found in batteries can leak into the soil and into the ground water causing people to potentially develop very serious health issues.

In 2010, about 745 million batteries were thrown out by Canadian residents, less than 5 per cent were properly recycled.

After the batteries are collected, Quinte Waste Solutions will pass them

over to the Raw Materials Company where they will be recycled. The company stated in a news release that they are able to recycle up to 92 per cent of every battery they receive. They do not use any sort of chemicals or burning to recycle batteries.

“The Raw Materials Company is recognized by the Ministry of Environment for their contribution to the battery recycling world,” said Delaney.

Some of the materials collected from recycling batteries can go towards the

production of new batteries and many other products.

This pilot project is expected to break even and not cost taxpayers anything. The city will be reimbursed for the materials collected by the Raw Materials Company. Quinte Waste Solutions hope that they will be able to extend this program and have it run twice a year during daylight savings when residents are expected to change the batteries in their smoke detectors, Delaney told Belleville city council.

The better you jig, the more you catch in ice fishing

By Tom Hicken and Nam Phi Dang

Two separate ice fishing derbies filled Family Day weekend, keeping members of the community outside and active.

According to Brad McNevin, the better you jig, the more you catch.

Separated by 20-inches of ice, about 300 people stood atop the frozen Moira Lake for Madoc’s fourth annual Moira Lake Ice Fishing Derby this weekend.

“This is the second day we’ve had it on family fishing weekend and you don’t need a licence – one of the reasons we chose this weekend,” McNevin said.

The Madoc event was one of two separate ice-fishing derbies that happened during the family weekend.

Over the few years the Madoc derby been running, McNevin said he has seen the number of participants rise, bringing together families and friends from further than expected distances.

Hailing all the way from Saint-Lazare, Que., nine-year-old Camren Mulcair came this year to fish with his grandfather and auntie.

“I find just hanging out is the best part and having the joy of seeing someone catch a fish. The draw prizes at the end of the day are also exciting,” Mulcair said.

Kids weren’t the only ones having fun. MP representative of Prince Edward – Hastings and local resident Daryl Kramp seemed to be enjoying the day more than some. Kramp spent the day driving around the frozen lake on a snowmobile, visiting pods of families huddled around their fishing holes and calling out prizes to the draw at the end of the day.

“We’re happy to do it. We don’t do it for any other reason besides just to have a bunch of people out with kids and families having fun,” McNevin said.

Along with co-organizer Tadum Neuman, McNevin began the event back in 2010 and together, have helped raise money for various charities within their community.

On a whim in their first year, the team gave the money away in prizes but realized they could lend a hand to organizations in need of funding, starting with Madoc’s Foundations Youth

Centre.

Last year, the derby raised \$2,500 for the Moira Lake Boardwalk Revitalization Project, an educational boardwalk built over the local wetlands.

By the end of the day, with 296 tickets sold, the team went almost \$500 beyond their goal, handing over a cheque for \$3,430 to the Heart of Hastings Hospice House.

Debbie Waller, co-ordinator of the volunteer program at the hospice was there to collect the donations and said she was very grateful to all those that participated in the fishing derby and appreciated the support.

“The funds will be going towards a new kitchenette downstairs so we won’t be disturbing our clients and their families upstairs,” said Shannon Newell, palliative nurse at the hospice.

Meanwhile in Marmora, more than 100 participants trekked over the frozen Crowe Lake for the annual Crowe

Lake Ice Fishing Derby on Saturday. Both adults and children waited in the cold but sunny weather to catch their own prize pike.

Robert and Norma Taylor are representatives of Crowe Lake Waterway Association. They have been running the winter event for the past six years and are sponsored by Chris’ Live Bait Fishing and Hunting.

Although the ice derby provides a great opportunity for a get together either for friends, families or even strangers, Robert Taylor holds the event for environmental reasons. Pike are known to be an invasive species and are an issue for other fish in Crowe Lake. Population control of the Pike is the major concern.

“When pike spawn, they use a tremendous amount of energy both male and female. They’re ravenous when they are done so when pike spawn before the walleye, the walleye will lay their eggs and spatter them anywhere. That becomes a great restaurant for pike,” he said.

Pike are considered and invasive species by the Ministry of Natural Resources and are not as valued.

“We’ll never ever eliminate them from Crowe Lake, but we’re doing what we can to try and control the numbers,” Taylor said.



Photo by Tom Hicken

Brothers Quin and Yale Botly wait at their fishing hole during the Moira Lake Fishing Derby on Saturday in Madoc. In its fourth year, the derby collected close to \$3,500 with all proceeds going to the Heart of Hastings Hospice House.



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Deryk McNevin holds up a three-pound, 12-ounce pike caught moments earlier as Camron Mulcair and Meghan McNevin look on during the Moira Lake Fishing Derby. The catch ended up winning third place in the pike category.