

Bulls trounce Frontenacs in OHL action

Belleville takes decisive 8-2 win at Yardmen Arena

By Nam Phi Dang

The Belleville Bulls proved to be untamable when they faced the Kingston Frontenacs Wednesday night in the fifth of eight meetings this season. Within the first 20 minutes of the match, the Bulls pulled a four-point lead against the Frontenacs starting goalie, Mike Morrison, and finished off the night with an 8-2 win.

Despite both teams having made 11 attempts on goal in the first period, the Bulls proved their strength and scored within the first five minutes. The goal was scored by Daniil Zharkov with assists from Alan Quine and Joseph Cramarossa. Less than two minutes later, Carter Sandlak scored another goal for the Bulls.

With just about six minutes left in the first period, Stephen Silas, assisted by Tyler Graovac and Quine, tallied another.

Quine, assisted by Jordan Subban and Zharkov, ended the first period with another goal.

A minute and 30 seconds into the second period, Michael Curtis, as-

sisted by Garrett Hooey, sent the puck into Morrison's net.

At 7:38, the Bulls sixth goal was scored by Subban and assisted by Quine and Cramarossa.

Nine minutes into the second period, the Frontenacs finally scored on Bulls goalie Malcolm Subban. Jean Dupuy scored with assists from Slater Doggett and Ryan Hanes.

With the Bulls pulling too far away for the Frontenacs to catch up, Sam Bennett assisted by Luke Hietkamp, managed to score the second and only goal for the Frontenacs.

The 8-2 Bulls win was the same outcome when the Bulls played the Frontenacs in an earlier match up in January.

Kingston's Morrison said the team needs to come back stronger in their next match up with Belleville.

"Not give them as many chances. They had a lot of chances that they shouldn't have so we need to cut down on those," said Morrison.

Silas said the Bulls can also improve.

"Once we got the

lead, we kind of got sloppy on our own end, especially in the second and third in when we gave up a couple goals that should've not happened. Tomorrow we'll work on them in practice and clean up those areas," said Silas.

The Bulls play the Frontenacs next on Friday, Feb. 8, in Kingston.



Photo by Justin Tang

Belleville Bulls left winger Daniil Zharkov scores on Kingston Frontenacs goaltender Colin Furlong for his hat-trick as the Belleville Bulls took on the Kingston Frontenacs in OHL play Wednesday. The Bulls won 8-2.

Achoo!! Production shortage makes some cold remedies hard to buy

Shortage comes at inconvenient time during cold and flu season

By Gail Paquette and Richard Barclay

It's been a busy cold and flu season but people have to suffer through it without some of their favourite remedies.

Novartis Consumer Health came out with a media release last March stating, "We are experiencing product shortages of Benefibre, Buckley's, Excedrin, Maalox, NeoCitran, Otrivin, Triaminic and Slow Fe in Canada as a result of a

site upgrade at one of our manufacturing facilities".

There has been no word to date from Novartis on when these products will be back on the shelves.

"We have a lot of people that come in looking for NeoCitran and really there is nothing like it," said Asma Javed, pharmacist at Walmart Pharmacy in Belleville

"We therefore recommend other on-the-shelf products and over-the-counter medications, like antihistamines and acetaminophen to combat cold symptoms.

What we have been told from the manufacturer is they have stopped produc-

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Registered Practical Nurse Lois Farrell

tion on NeoCitran, but Otrivin should be back on the shelves in six months."

The shortage comes at an extremely inconvenient time as Canadians are in the midst of cold and flu season.

Lois Farrell, a registered practical nurse at the Tri Area Medical Centre in Madoc, said this year has been extra busy.

"We always see a lot of people during the cold/flu season but this year has been busier than usual because of a particularly bad respiratory virus going around."

Dr. Adam Stewart of Tri Area Medical Centre, said the most common reason people come in to see doctors at this time of year is for coughs, colds, sore throats, runny noses and ear in-

fections.

Antibiotics cannot cure a virus, he said, and nothing can. Unfortunately, time is the only healer.

During that time, he recommends lots of fluids, acetaminophen for pain, plenty of rest and medications sold on drug-store shelves like throat sprays, vapour rubs and neti-pots.

As Canadians do their best to handle the cold and flu season without the aid of some of their favourite health care products, Novartis continues to upgrade its facility.

The shortage of their pharmaceutical products in Canada is pushing people to alleviate their symptoms elsewhere.

Napanee men get jail time for dog drowning

Case has sparked outrage in community with protesters at courthouse

By Julia McKay

In a full, but quiet courtroom, Travis Haaksman and Carl Wood, both 19, learned their fate at the sentencing hearing on Jan. 29 in Napanee. Both men, who were found guilty of animal cruelty at the trial back in November 2012, received jail time.

Haaksman was sentenced to three months in jail, followed by two years probation, and 10 years prohibited of owning or living with any animal, along with not owning any firearms.

Wood received two months of jail time with the same probation and prohibited sentences but with the stipulation that he could live with his grandparents, who own a dog, upon release.

Provincial Justice Geoff Griffin said that he had to take into consideration the facts of this case, the existing case law and the characteristics of the defendants when deciding on the sentence.

Both men sat quietly while the lawyers and judge spoke, not acknowledging others in the room unless they were spoken directly to by the judge.

The case has sparked outrage in the community. Protests were held outside the local courthouse, and a 8,000 signature petition and angry and concerned letters were sent to the Crown Attorney's office, demanding the men be "punished to the full extent of the law".

"I don't think there is any place in court for petitions. That's what the judge is for," said defence attorney John Wonnacott, who was representing Wood.



Photo by Jeff Peters

Travis Haaksman (left) and Carl Wood are led to a police vehicle after the pair were found guilty of animal cruelty after drowning a dog last April. Haaksman was sentenced to three months in prison and Wood received a two-month prison sentence. Both men will also serve two years probation and will not be allowed to live with or own animals for 10 years.

The court heard that on April 28 last year Haaksman, Wood and a third person took Haaksman's pet dog Jake for a walk to a local Napanee quarry. They tied a cinderblock, which they had brought with them, to the end of the dog's leash and threw the dog into the 12-15 feet of water.

According to the autopsy the dog was alive when thrown into the water.

Both men had pleaded not guilty.

Wood was described as "a follower. Simpleminded, lacking direction and

goals," by Crown Attorney Richard Floyd, quoting from the court psychiatric report.

The report also stated that Wood showed remorse where Haaksman showed little to no remorse and has denied responsibility.

Just before sentencing, Justice Griffin asked both men if they had anything to say.

"All this happening is a real big misunderstanding and will never happen again," said Wood quietly. "I like ani-

mals.... more than I like most stuff."

Haaksman declined to speak to the court.

The court heard that Canadian case law around animal cruelty changed in 2008 to reflect changing public opinion that existing sentences were not sufficient.

Justice Griffin stated that he researched cases post-2008 that are similar to determine what types of punishments were applied. Those cases included animal torture and the de-

fendants received six months jail time.

Justice Griffin took 20 minutes to deliberate before coming back with his ruling. Once the sentence was delivered, both men were taken into custody.

Haaksman stood, hugged his crying girlfriend and then followed the officer, without acknowledging anyone else in the courtroom.

Wood appeared upset when he hugged his grandfather and other supporters.



Students walk between the main campus and residence buildings as fog blankets Loyalist College. A high of 13 degrees Celcius was a record temperature, reducing snow and ice to meltwater.

Post-grad programs help students focus on career paths

By Lyndsay-Lee Quinn

Loyalist College is now offering two new post-graduate certificate programs for students to focus their education towards a specific career path.

The college is now offering seven post-graduate programs, including the new fundraising and development and human resources management programs. All of the post-graduate programs are one-year in length and offer an internship, excluding 3D video production, which is an accelerated program that has students work towards one major project before graduating.

“Post-graduate programs are really popular right now because of the fact that the economy is still in a bit of a slump. Students who are graduating from universities and colleges are not finding jobs immediately,” said Kerry Ramsay, co-ordinator of both new programs.

Jennifer Monje graduated from the social service worker program at Loyalist and is now taking public relations.

“I liked the event planning part of SSW, so my teacher suggested I take public relations,” said Monje.

The public relations advisory committee found there was a need for a fundraising and development program after noticing about 50 per cent of graduating students in the public relations program were finding jobs with not-for-profit organizations, mentioned Ramsay. According to the on-line program outline, there are over 160,000 not-for-profit organizations in Canada. The fundraising element of the public relations course was not in-depth enough to train students to work in this field, said Ramsay. One of the great things about this particular post-graduate program is that you can have a university or college degree in absolutely anything and still take this program. It offers students a chance to really concentrate on what they’re interested in, explained Ramsay.

Post-graduate programs at Loyalist College have produced students such as Kristen Shilton. Graduat-

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ing from Wilfred Laurier University with a BA in English literature, Shilton soon realized that her passion was in sports journalism. She took the post-graduate program sports journalism, which taught her how to write as a journalist. After graduating from sports journalism, Shilton went on to earn her master’s degree in magazine, newspaper and online journalism at Syracuse University.

“I would have been at a huge disadvantage when I got to Syracuse if I hadn’t been involved in this program [sports journalism]. The program helped get my feet under me and give me a good perspective on the whole industry,” said Shilton.

Shilton now works as a communications intern for the American Hockey League team, the Chicago Wolves, which is the farm team for the NHL’s Vancouver Canucks.



Photo by Lyndsay-Lee Quinn

Jennifer Monje, 21, is taking public relations.

Candidates and voters needed for election

Student government deals with everything from bursaries to trips

By Sofia Rojas

The annual Student Government election is underway and both candidates and voters are much needed.

Throughout the school year, members of this council work hard to make sure students at this college have the best and easiest experience on campus.

President Chris Detering, along with 14 other members, deal with almost everything to do with the students at Loyalist, including the Belleville Transit system, bursaries, the cafeteria, clubs/groups, the fitness centre, residence, the shark tank pub, weekly events, school field trips, and

many more.

As students come and go, the council needs new students to fill in the spots of graduates, however, in the past year there has been a drop in volunteering for positions and voting.

“In the last little while election turnout has been quite low,” said Detering.

“I think it’s (because) a lot of the students are apathetic to the whole thing,” said Detering.

“Last year’s fall election was something around eight per cent to 13 per cent of the student population, so that’s ridiculously low. It’s kind of disappointing because I’m a big fan of students knowing how and when to vote in any election. It’s your right to vote and it’s your responsibility to vote.”

“You have the ability to vote and it’s something that’s extremely important for students to do because it does allow for your voice to be heard,” said Detering.

“I mean if they’re busy with all their

schoolwork, they don’t want to have another thing to have to do. They’re thinking of it as an inconvenience but they don’t think of the long-term consequences of not doing anything about it,” said Detering.

The council is working hard to advertise the election through posters and Facebook but Detering is hoping this year’s turnout is far greater than the last.

When Loyalist student Jessie Greve was asked if she going to cast her votes this year she said, “No. I have no idea how or what is going on or who’s running.”

To vote or run in the election, students can visit the online Loyalist Life website at LoyalistLife.com. Voting opens at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 and runs until 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21.

“The school is here because of the students, so students are the ones that we need to tell us how to make the school better,” said Detering.

Junior chefs take part in competition

By Jennifer Robertson

The Junior Iron Chef semifinal competition took place at the Loyalist College on Jan. 26, 2013. Two teams of students competed from two high schools, St. Peter’s Secondary School in Peterborough and St. Theresa’s Catholic Secondary School in Belleville. The two teams faced off while demonstrating their cooking skills by completing meals. The winner will be announced before the final competition on Feb. 16. The competition was held in Club 213, a restaurant in the college, organized by Margaret Beaumaster, a staff member of the hotel and restaurant program at Loyalist.



Instagram Pic of the Week

Congratulations to Kendall Anne Rich, (username redhairdonntcare), winner of this week Pioneer’s student Instagram photo contest. To see all the Instagram submissions, search #Pioneerpics with your Instagram app.

Deadline for the contest is each Tuesday by 5 p.m.



Students volunteer to make world better

Community projects impact on quality of life and standard of living for members of community

By Laura Boudreau

Making the community better, one project at a time, is the goal of Enactus Loyalist College.

Enactus Loyalist is a group of volunteer students who believe in a cause.

The vision statement for Enactus is to develop community outreach projects that impact the quality of life and standard of living of members of the community.

“One of my primary objectives is to try and utilize as many of the different students within Loyalist College who can offer a wide variety of skills, passions and interests,” said Bob Millard, faculty advisor for Enactus Loyalist College.

The diversity in this outreach pro-

gram brings together many different types of students making the group more accepting, said Millard. Students from all different programs such as business, TV and new media and child and youth worker volunteer for Enactus.

Enactus competes in competitions across Canada in regional and national competitions.

“You do not have to win regionals to go to nationals – they are just different competitions,” said David Pickett, a third-year business student and president of Enactus Loyalist College.

“Regionals are all of Quebec and Ontario colleges and universities. Regionals are a topic-based entrepreneur competition.

“Nationals are all the teams from Canada. At nationals, you have to demonstrate the impact that your projects have had — and economical, social and environmental challenges that your community-based organizations or your partners have been faced with,” said Millard.

The auditions took place on Mon-

day, Jan. 28 in Alumni Hall at Loyalist. Kaleb McCaughen, a business student at the college was approved onto the team after his audition.

“I present because I love proving a point, so why not do it publicly?” said McCaughen.

Enactus has a few projects on the go at one time. The Bullpen is one of the projects that has just been started. It is the same idea as *Dragon’s Den* on television, where entrepreneurs pitch their business ideas to a group of investors.

“We are really excited about the Bullpen, and hope it will bring more creativity and opportunity,” said Pickett.

Pickett said he feels that it is very important to show people an interest in local business to keep respect in the community.

“It is important to do projects that are for the greater good of everyone.

“In order to keep the public happy, we have a wide variety of ideas for projects to help the planet and the people on it,” said Millard.



Photo by Laura Boudreau

Kaleb McCaughen auditions to be a presenter for Enactus, an outreach program at Loyalist College.

Bulls score big for Lung Association

By Jeff Peters

The Belleville Bulls knocked down some pins on Sunday in support of The Lung Association of Canada.

The event allowed fans to bowl with their favourite Bulls players while supporting a great cause.

The affair drew fans of all ages. Zach Ellis, 12, got the opportunity to meet his favourite Bulls player.

“I met Malcolm Subban. That was pretty fun and that’s exactly who I wanted to meet,” said Ellis, a Grade 5 student at St. Joseph Catholic School in Belleville.

Quinte Bowling volunteered its facilities to the association’s fundraiser, as it has for the past nine years.

“It’s a great event. We host it and they get the whole building for free. The advertisement is great for us and it’s great for the fans,” said Ron Jones, manager of Quinte Bowl.

Participants were asked to pledge a minimum of \$125 per five-member team. The entry was \$25. The top five pledges were awarded with a night of hockey hospitality in the entertainment suites at the Yardmen Arena for an upcoming Belleville Bulls home game, courtesy of Foley Bus Lines.

The fundraiser gave the Bulls a chance to let their hair down and have a good time after a 3-1 win over the London Knights last Saturday night.

Originally from Rexdale, Ont., Bulls defenceman Jordan Subban participated for the second year in a row.

“It’s always fun, meeting our fans and people in the community and giving back,”

This year’s fundraiser appeared to have twice as many volunteers and raised double the amount of money as last year, said Debby Nolan, volunteer and fund development coordinator of the Belleville Lung Association.



Photo by Jeff Peters

Belleville Bulls goaltender Malcolm Subban throws a shot during a game at Quinte Bowl for the Lung Association of Canada’s fundraising event, Bowling With the Bulls.

Council asked to come up with some dough

Good Food Box helps people of Belleville who don’t know where next meal will come from

By Lyndsay-Lee Quinn

Since 1995, the Good Food Box program has been helping the community and would like to continue, so they’re asking city council for a little help.

Ruth Ingersoll, executive director of the Community Development Council of Quinte, spoke to council Monday night, asking for fees to be waived, so the Good Food Box program can continue to help the community.

“Even though we’re doing lots of good work, we know there’s still lots of good work to do. We know that Hastings and Prince Edward counties have the highest rate of food insecurity in Ontario,” said Ingersoll.

The mission of the Good Food Box program is to improve the quality of life of families and individuals in our community. They’re doing this by offering a box full of nutritious foods for \$15, as well as \$5 fruit baskets. These are available to anyone in the community. You don’t have to prove how much money you make, or don’t make.

To buy the same items that are in the \$15 food box at a local grocery store, it costs over \$32 Ingersoll told council members. The program is able to keep costs low by buying food wholesale.

The Good Food Box program recently lost its packing space at a local church, and is now using space at Hillcrest Community Centre, but that comes with a monthly fee of \$282.50.

The fee may not seem like an absorbent amount of money, but having to pay this fee means the program will either have to raise the price of the good food boxes, or officials will have to take out some items, giving less food

to people. Ingersoll asked council to waive the fee until officials can apply for a grant later this year and council agreed.

In 2012, a total of 1,630 families or individuals used the Good Food Box program, resulting in 6,270 good food boxes and fruit baskets being sold.

“Our community is giving back to this program tremendously,” said Ingersoll about their volunteers. There are over 30 volunteers giving 204 hours each month, which is 2,448 volunteer hours every year.

Councillor Garnet Thompson asked, “How do people get a hold of you that need food baskets? We all know that there is a problem in our community. We need the food bank and there are people going hungry.”

People can call the office and there are also 10 other locations within the city where food can be picked up. There are flyers in the food bank, so people using their service know there

are other options as well, Ingersoll explained.

People pay at the beginning of the month, and then they pick up their boxes the third week of the same month. This way, people can pay for food when they are more likely to have money at the beginning of the month and will get their food when they are maybe starting to run low on money for food.

The Good Food Box program receives funding from United Way and from Hastings County, but on top of that, they raise \$25,000 – 30,000 a year by doing charity bingos and in-house fundraising.

“People are out there pinching every penny, trying to stretch their dollars and we want to give them the most food in their box, give them the best way to stretch their dollar, and eat healthy nutritious food, which will make for a healthier community,” Ingersoll said.

Chorus shares its passion for singing

Sweet Adelines held open houses to get more members

By Jennifer Robertson

The Bay of Quinte Chorus held open houses through the month of January, for women of any age to come and join them in song.

The chorus is part of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of women singers. The groups practise and perform together at any events that welcome their unique performances. Members of the organization are spread around the globe, with more than 500 choruses in the United States as well as choruses in 14 other countries, including Canada.

The Bay of Quinte Chorus is made up of 17 women who have a passion for singing, music, and performing. The chorus sings a unique type of music – four-part harmony, barbershop style. Cheryl Street, the director of the Chorus, describes their choice of music.

“We sing four-part harmony a cappella, which means unaccompanied, so it’s a little different. It’s not like singing along with a piano,” said Street.

The chorus host their open houses hoping to have some new members come to join them. The group is always open to new singers, even if it is just for a short period of time.

“We get guests off and on all year long. People just come up to us in rehearsals. Sometimes they know someone who’s in the group,” said Street.

Over the years the group has grown. “We have been formed for 37 years. November 1975 was when the chorus started,” said Street.

During a recent open house, the chorus practised several different songs they will be performing. The women love singing at events and put in a lot of hard work before any show.

“Well we do perform quite often. We entertain throughout the community, usually within an hour radius of Belleville because that’s where we rehearse.

“We perform at different events, nursing homes and retirement homes sometimes, and last year we put on a Christmas concert and in the spring, we also have a fashion show where we entertain.”

The singers do not only perform together as a chorus, but are good friends as well. They take the time to get to know one another, making the experience of singing together as enjoyable as possible. Street talks about how they like to keep their singers happy.

“Once a year, we also survey all the members. We gave out a written survey that just went out last week and everyone is asked to complete it and bring it back. So we keep current on how our members are feeling or what they might want to see different or what they like, what they don’t like, that kind of thing.”

Pinnacle Playhouse play offers modern twist on life

Bedtime Stories a Canadian production by playwright Norm Foster

By Laura Boudreau

A Norm Foster play will be performed at the Pinnacle Playhouse, hoping to make the audience both laugh and cry over the course of mind-boggling events.

Phil Bowerman is directing Bedtime Stories, a comedy by Canadian playwright Norm Foster at Belleville’s Pinnacle Playhouse from Feb. 7-23. Bowerman said he hopes to fill all 154 seats every night with the 13 performances they will be presenting.

“The play is Canadian and I like to put on Canadian plays as much as I can,” said Bowerman.

The play was written in 2006 and is about modern day-to-day life with a bit of a twist. The show starts with a middle-aged couple being paid \$5,000 to make love on national radio. The rest of the scenes vary from a stripper getting fired, to a break-in, a rock star trying to pick up a groupie, and a high school girl visiting the kid she bullied on his deathbed.

“All the characters are unique and interrelated, so the mother of the groupie is the woman making love on the radio,” said Bowerman.

There are no real lead roles in this play, but there is the middle-aged couple who make love on the radio who could be considered leads in this play, said Bowerman.

The actors in this production are mostly “Bellevillians” with one exception who is from Colborne. Bowerman said all the actors are from the Quinte area who try out for his plays with a few exceptions.

The cast includes, Scott Roodvoets, Linda Tipper, Colin Leonard, Dave Henderson, Amy Pero, Marvin Tucker, Richard Bly, Terry Boyd, Maija Thompson, William Dauphinee, Heather Barker, Mary Lou Stogre, Mike Wilcox, Alexandra Bell and Phil Bowerman.



Photo by Laura Boudreau

The Pinnacle Playhouse is presenting a production of Bedtime Stories in February. On Tuesday night, the cast rehearsed with director Phil Bowerman. Terry Boyd is the actor playing the rock star in this scene. The teenage groupie is played by Maija Thompson.

“The cast is great, I mean we have only had five-six weeks of rehearsals two nights a week and we are pretty much ready to go out there and get an audience,” said Bowerman.

Bowerman is not your average director.

“I’m not like other directors. Rehearsals usually take up six nights a week for many weeks prior to opening night. But not me, six weeks, two nights a week and

the cast still has the nerves which makes the reality come through and it doesn’t look all planned and rehearsed.”

The Belleville Theatre Guild has chosen Bedtime Stories for its festival entry in the Eastern Ontario Drama League.

“I’m so excited, our play is Canadian and we get to showcase a piece of art and our skills as proud Canadians,” said Bowerman.

Bowerman has worked on eight Foster plays in the past and he said they have been a hit every time.

“The Pinnacle Playhouse has been around since 1969 and has had a group of followers ever since it opened. The people who go to the plays that are put on always come back for more.”

“If comedy is what Belleville wants it is exactly what I want too.”

All you need is love

Pets offer companionship, loyalty and unconditional love – what more do you need?

By Sofia Rojas

Pets come in all different shapes and sizes. When we hear the word pet, people automatically associate the term with household animals such as cats and dogs, but whether it's a small bird, a goat or chickens, pets can become an important element in a person's life. It's common to see people with pets acknowledge that they are members of the family. Pets evoke emotions and feelings for many types of people and sometimes contribute and affect us more than any human could. Studies show that pets can be used to relieve loneliness, reduce stress in young and old, fulfill one's need for affection, and are

a great way to keep busy. "Pets are great for all different types of lifestyles," said Bobbie Morrison, a graduate of Loyalist College and office assistant at the Foster Park Pet Hospital in Belleville. "They have needs like a child, so it gives a lot of people a good excuse to get up in the morning. They are a great source of comfort and company. Also if you're a couple starting out, it's a great way to prepare for a family. For those who have children already, pets are also a way to teach responsibility and interaction," said Morrison. Whether it's a service dog or farm animal, the relationship between owner and pet is often valuable because of emotional or physical improvements to their lifestyle.



Photo by Gail Paquette

John Spitters, news director for Quinte Broadcasting, relaxes with his newspaper after a brisk walk with his 2 1/2-year-old kleine munsterlander. He says Binkee is polite, smart, happy, active, and his best friend.



Photo by Kayleen Preston

(Above) Florence "Flo" Woods shares her room with her cat Peddie at the Richmond Retirement Residence. Woods got Peddie from the Humane Society and was told he was abused. Although she has had him for six years, he did not allow her to rub his belly until two years ago.



Photo by Myriam Lublink

Elsie Mugford, 28, from Trenton has had Geeko, the leopard gecko, for 10 years. Mugford says, "I always wanted a gecko when I was younger because I thought they were so cool looking."



Photo by Jason Prupas



Photo by Patrick Callbeck

Peter and Sandra Aker cuddle with their 13- year-old golden retriever, Jessie, in the back of their car in downtown Belleville. "She is our first dog. She dictates our life, but we wouldn't have it any other way."

Left) Brooke Cailles ,22, poses for a portrait in her home with her parrot, Oliver, on Jan. 22, 2013 in Belleville. Brooke owns of 12 animals, including seven lizards and a donkey. "Everybody says I have too many, but they are my passion, so what can I say, here I am."



Photo by Marta Iwanek

Danette Smith plays with her five-year-old golden retriever, Santo, at East Zwick's Centennial Park. "I think dogs offer so much interaction and he makes me go out and walk." She says even on days when she doesn't want to go out, she has to and after, she always feels good.

On the street

We asked people at Loyalist College the following question:
Do you vote for student government? Why or why not?



Tegan Mandeville, 28, second-year biotechnology technician, “Sure I do, so I know who my government is.”



Mathew Elashuk, 20, first-year radio broadcasting, “No, because I don’t know where it is and I don’t have time.”



Lauren Haines, 20, second-year developmental services worker, “Yes, I did. One of my classmates was running. I’m going to vote again this year.”



Timmy Boulerice, 24, first-year art and design foundation, “Not yet. I didn’t see anything about it. I’m still looking into it and waiting to see what my options are.”



Mike Giardini, 25, post-grad sports journalism, “I do not. I don’t read things posted on the wall, so I don’t know when the vote was.”



Keshon Archibald, 23, second-year customs border services, “Never voted. It doesn’t interest me.”

Editorial

Ignition interlock devices could save lives

With one move, drinking and driving could be drastically reduced and lives could be saved. This can be done by putting an ignition interlock device in every car or at least every new car manufactured. This in-car alcohol breath-screening device will prevent the car from starting if it detects blood alcohol over .02. In Canada, the rate of impaired driving has increased for the fourth time in five years. In 2011, police reported 90,277, 3,000 more than in 2010. Police increase RIDE programs throughout the year, especially during the holidays, but what does that do but catch impaired drivers after they have already gotten into their vehicles and driven God knows how far? According to Health and Safety Ontario, drinking and driving cause 27 per cent of total driving fatalities followed by large truck crashes, 22 per cent, speed, 21 per cent and then seatbelts, 20 per cent. Unlike the last three, driving impaired can be stopped because the car simply wouldn’t start. Wouldn’t it make sense to take the police officers off the road-sides to combat other crimes and impose the onus for sober driving on the driver? Safety features installed in cars include air bags, seatbelts and ABS brakes. If ignition interlock devices were installed, eventually they would be as natural as putting on a seatbelt. People would grumble about their civil liberties, but if it meant saving a life, isn’t it worth it?

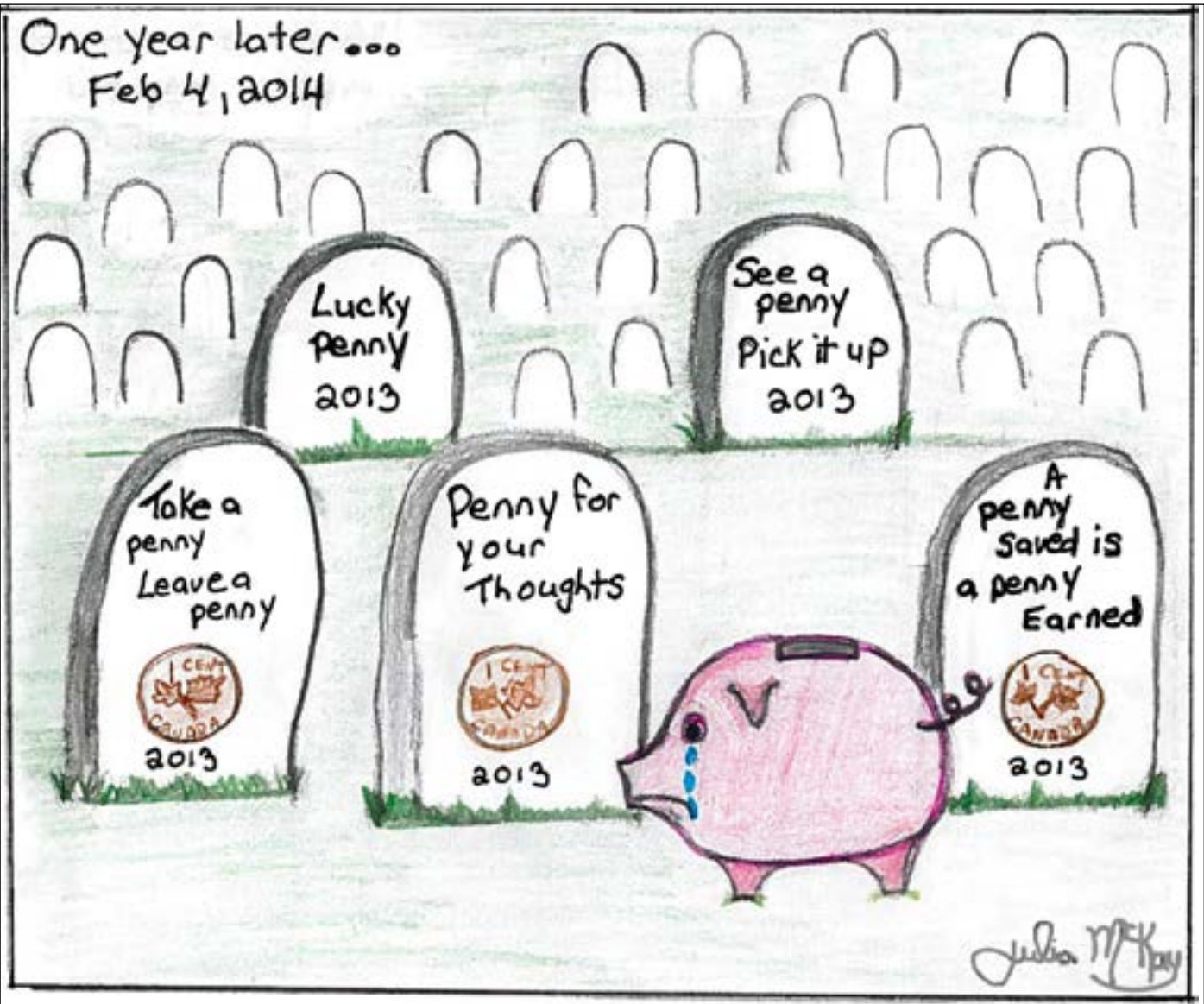
If balancing public safety against personal freedom is an issue, we should look at other laws that people once claimed to be infringements. In the early 1970s, Transport Canada required that seatbelts be fitted in all new motor vehicles in Canada. People complained. According to Transport Canada, today 93 per cent of Canadians use their seat belts and each percentage increase in the national seatbelt wearing rate has helped to reduce the number of motor vehicle fatalities. If we want to grumble, why not complain about the annual accident costs to Canadian taxpayers of more than \$15 billion in death, illness, law enforcement and lost productivity? Isn’t it time to deal with this in a different way? The issue isn’t about the person who recklessly gets behind the wheel impaired. It’s not about babysitting them, nor is it meant to put unnecessary mandates on those that don’t drink. It is about saving lives. Interlock ignitions could save an estimated 1,000 lives a year which according to Transport Canada, is the amount of lives lost annually in Canada because of impaired drivers. It’s worth the trouble.

Gail Paquette

U.S. drone strikes in Middle East

In 2004, the Bush administration began an unmanned aerial vehicle, or “UAV” program operated by the CIA to attack Taliban and Al-Qaeda targets near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. Since then, reports have estimated more than 3,000 people have been killed with 400 said to be civilians. The strikes increased considerably with the Obama administration and have been criticized by many legal experts and others as being unlawful. However, the U.S. government took the stance of self-defence since Al-Qaeda attacked the U.S. first, which they believe legalizes the drone attacks. The covert action of the CIA drone program, which has the ability to kill targets thousands of miles away on a large video screen, prompts such questions as the accuracy of the targeting and how to avoid civilian deaths. Who makes the target list for the attacks? In 2009, drones targeted and killed Khwaz Wali Mehsud. More than 5,000 gathered at his funeral in Pakistan, where a drone killed another 89 people. Forget the debate of legality – how about morality instead? The American perspective is that sending in a UAV diminishes the number of American casualties as well as minimizes collateral deaths around the “high-value targets.” But then again, what casualties are being reduced in countries such as Somalia, Yemen, and Pakistan where the U.S. is not officially involved in active ground combat? The Pakistani government receives half a billion dollars annually from the American government. Could Pakistan use the money for police and/or military action against the targets, which could possibly reduce the casualty count drastically? Despite the statistics, the Pakistani government approves the drone strikes. In fact, it encourages them despite the mass casualties. To justify drone strikes Afghanistan against targets that result in such high civilian fatality count as national defence, will become insufficient justification soon enough. Many experts agree that terrorism can only be toppled by a comprehensive system of encouraging a stable government coupled with economic growth and a strong education system. The drone strikes just create more hostility in the region and worsen the already fractured character of the American presence in the Middle East. Perhaps it is the ease of use that the drones offer. The pilots operate them remotely without any attachment and connection to those whom they kill. It is almost like playing a video game. You have your crosshairs on the monitor and connect it with a target, and the little black-and-white target disappears from the screen. The legal implications will change because of this. UAVs have decreased in 2013 because of public disagreement. But as extremism spreads throughout the world, the level of drone involvement in covert warfare is unknown. But it is safe to assume it will continue for the near future.

Jason Prupas



Opinion

Cigarettes aren’t the only vice around

Smoker is tired of being picked on for his bad habit

By Benjamin Priebe

I am a cigarette smoker. I realize it is unhealthy and carries potential risks of disease and cancer. I choose to continue smoking because it is my choice and frankly, I enjoy it. Now, every time I pull out my pack for the occasional cigarette to relax or share with friends, the graphically disturbing blatant and obvious warning label on the pack bothers me. I can hardly tell whether I am smoking a du Maurier or a Number 7. I am not bothered by the fact that smoking cigarettes may cause me to develop certain diseases but by the disturbing and unrealistic photographs showcasing extreme cases of neglect and abuse.

A syringe piercing a human eyeball or a tongue deformed by cancerous tumours would be deemed inappropriate for most other forms of media and I for one do not appreciate the stigma it has created around smokers. Everyone who purchases cigarettes on a daily basis is already a smoker and surely understands the risks and decides to participate anyway. The government has created a campaign of terror utilizing shock images with the intent to scare people away from a legal and taxed product. Don’t get me wrong, I am all for educating the public on the risks of smoking and firmly believe that every Canadian should be above the age of 19 before they are able to make the decision to purchase and smoke tobacco – just

the same as alcohol. The problem lies in the unfairness that is given to smokers. They are labeled because they can cause harm to the human body, so I ask ... why do we not label fast food boxes with images of cholesterol crusted hearts or pictures of the morbidly obese? Why do we not label liquor with drunk driving mortality rates and graphic photographs of diseased livers? This is not the case because such warnings would hurt the profit margins of industries and turn people off of their products. There would be a public outcry from every fast food patron and alcohol drinker in the nation! All I question is the fairness of picking on one vice, which 5.3 million Canadians partake in every year.

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Addressing the growing issue of obesity

Taxes a simple solution to consumption of junk food and sugary drinks

By Jennifer Robertson

Obesity has always been an issue for people of all ages in North America, and taxes would be a simple solution to this problem. Junk food, such as soda and sugary drinks, is one of the leading causes of obesity in the population, especially among youth. These products have become easier to buy in public places such as schools, workplaces and even on the

streets. Junk food has even often been described as being just as bad as tobacco and alcohol. More often than not, debates have been made over whether or not putting taxes on sodas would make an impact on obesity rates. It’s believed that if consumers were to be forced to pay an extra tax on these sugar-filled drinks, they may, in fact, buy less or stop buying completely. A study done by the New England Journal of Medicine showed that drinking soda and sugary drinks is linked to risk of obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. These drinks contain added sucrose, high-fructose corn syrup, and fruit-juice concen-

trates which all contribute to these health problems. In Richmond, as well as El Monte, California, the idea of taxes on soda and sugary drinks was rejected in November. There were several different ways the soda tax was considered. One option was to tax the drinks a penny per ounce. Another option was funding programs to help prevent obesity and diabetes. Taxing these sugary drinks would help people lose weight and become healthier. Cutting soda out of your diet completely will improve health and help weight loss. A soda tax can make a difference in pushing us all to save ourselves from destroying our bodies.

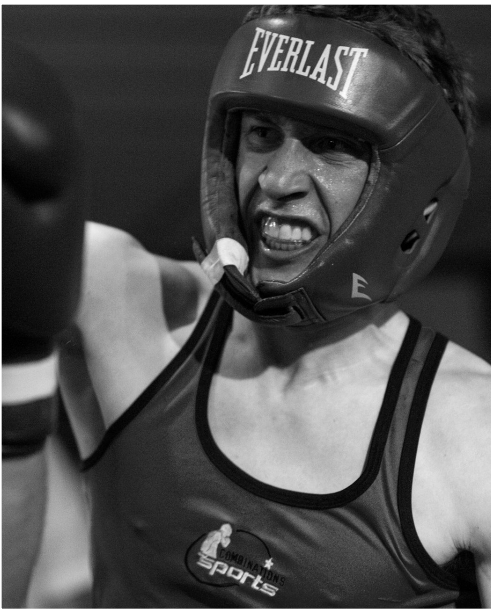
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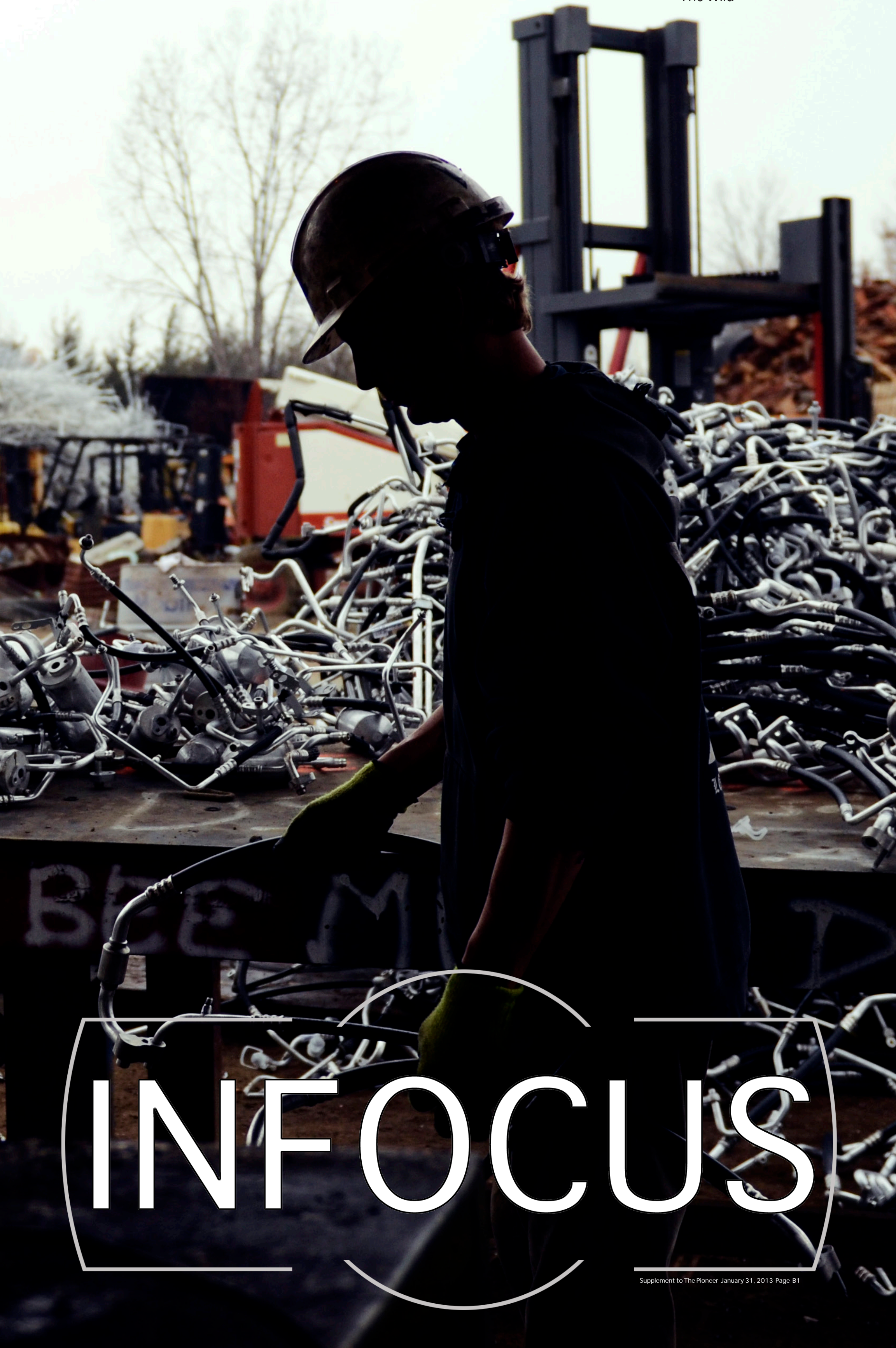
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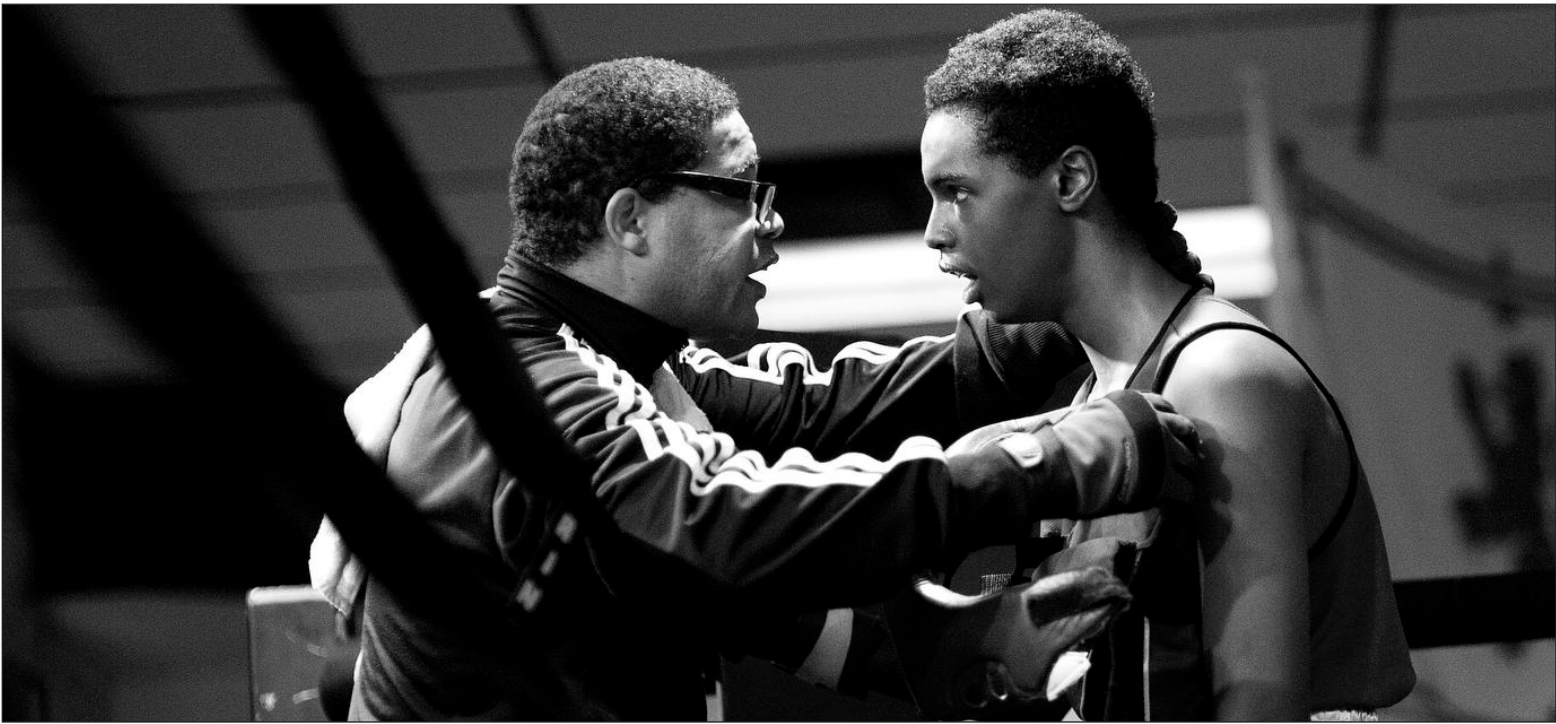
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INFOCUS



(Left) Hassan Ali and his trainer Ian Thompson of the Peterborough Boxing Club share a moment between the first and second round of Ali's first amateur boxing match at the Champions Glasgow Celtic Supporters club in Brampton, Ont. on Jan. 18, 2012.



(Right) Michael Sturino and Hassan Ali await their turn to fight at the Champions Glasgow Celtic Supporters club.

(Left) Alejandro Cervantes spits out water during a break between his match at the Champions Glasgow Celtic Supporters club.



(Right) Christian Carrey and Harry Dhillion face off in their heavy weight face off at the Champions Glasgow Celtic Supporters club.

(Left) Michael Sturino throws a haymaker against his opponent Hassan Ali at the Champions Glasgow Celtic Supporters club.



Brampton Bouts

by Jeff Peters

Tucked away in a commercial district near Bramalea in Brampton, Ont. a small yet colourful football club known as the Champion Glasgow Celtic Supporters Club hosts a boxing nights.

The boxing matches featured amateur novice bouts which saw fighters from 14 to 21 years of age meet in the classic combat sport of boxing. The ale-scented clubhouse is meticulously adorned with the banners, posters and artwork for the beloved Glasgow F.C football club. The Scottish charm of the venue was juxtaposed by the sound of padded fists meeting flesh and the cheers and jeers of the captive audience.

The event featured boxers from clubs from across eastern and central Ontario, with names like Grants MMA from Toronto, Dewith Boxing Studio from Mississauga, Grants MMA from Toronto, Motorcity from Whitby, and Peterborough Boxing club.

Despite the violent nature of the sport safety is paramount. For matches the ring doctor Dr. David Venturi keeps a watchful eye. The doctor has been maintaining a presence in the amateur boxing circuit in the GTA since 1997. Who started ring doctoring as a way to break the monotony of

the daily grind of the family practitioners clinic that he has worked at for the past twenty years. Prior to which, doctor Venturi had worked in the trauma wards in Toronto and later at Guelph General hospital.

The Jan. 18th matches saw four out of the five matches fought. The exception was called on medical grounds, and two of the fought matches were again halted because of injuries to a fighter. "I like the camaraderie of the community, it is so close knit," Said Dr. Venturi.

The next round of matches are to be hosted in Brampton, on the Feb. 1st at the Century Gardens Recreation Centre.



Andrew Slade, and Joe Tonna after their middleweight bout at the Champions Glasgow Celtic Supporters club in Brampton, Ont. on Jan. 18, 2012.

DAN TURNER

Part-Time Dad, Full-Time Job

Written and Photographed by Richard Barclay

If you were to see Dan Turner riding his bike along College Street covered in multiple layers of work clothes, you would really only be able to see the man on the surface. The most straight forward assumption would be that he is of the working class and that is a relatively fair assumption to make, considering he is. However, Dan Turner is not defined by the exterior of his work clothes. In fact, it is as the layers come off you will come closer and closer to seeing the person that he is. He is a man of many layers and contexts, each coming with their own necessary personal trait.

The Dan who works at local Belleville scrapyard is not the same Dan who takes his kids up to his mother's farm. It is not a different Dan either, it is more so the combination of personalities that makes Dan the person he is.

He is able to be that rough and tough guy who can make rude jokes with his friends at work. He is also the guy that will spend as much of his off time as possible with his kids, which is fairly hard to do considering he can only see them every other week-end, because of the prior divorce.

Dan is the father of two boys, Josh who is 14, and Tyler who is 12. Dan's youngest son, Tyler was born with a disability. It is kind of like autism but Dan's not sure exactly. "He just isn't at the level he's supposed to be."

At work, Dan needs to be that quintessential tough and strong man who they need to get the job done. Dan has lived a fairly tough life, which I'm sure has added to his ability to work in the "blue collar" line of work.

He has a great relationship with the people the he works with. These are not people that he just works with, the relationship extends out past that. He has become close friends with a lot of the people he works with. Sometimes they will get together after work for beers at Dan's house.

The next layer to Dan is that he has what he likes to call his better half, Michelle. Michelle is a very hardworking woman who has had a fairly tough life herself.

Dan and Michelle met five years ago at a bar downtown Belleville. Later in the evening, they went to Michelle's place and were talking. Michelle asked Dan if he had kids, he said yes. Dan asked Michelle if she had kids and so on. By the end of it, they realized that their two oldest children have the same birthday and their two youngest children have mental disabilities.

"I punched him in the arm I could not believe it, I thought he was playing a trick on me," Michelle recalls. It was shortly after that night that Dan and Michelle began dating.

Michelle is recovering from being laid off at her previous job. She is now working part-time at the Kellogg's plant in Belleville, as well as a part-time job with Procter and Gamble.

Dan is more lenient with his boys as where Michelle is more structured and disciplined.

Dan has more of a friendship-styled relationship with his kids. He teaches them how to ride dirt bikes and four wheelers.

However even though they have their own parenting methods, they compromise with each other to make things work.



Dan Turner packs his backpack at the end of the day, getting ready to leave Crawford Metals to go home to wife Michelle. Dan normally leaves his house around 6:30 a.m. and gets home around 5:15.

Dan gives the finger to some of his co-workers while they are cleaning up the workshop. The relationships between the workers at Crawford Metals is that of a humorous nature.

Crawford Metals specializes in the recycling of scrap metal. Dan is seen here cutting pieces of metal so they can be grouped accordingly. This is one of the many jobs Dan does throughout his day.

Dan and his wife Michelle discuss money for beer before Dan leaves to go to the Beer Store. Dan and Michelle are both working hard to get themselves back on track after Dan was injured and unable to work and Michelle got laid off in the summer.

Before Dan gets into the shower after work, he gives Michelle a kiss while she is cooking dinner for the two of them.



DAN'S LAYER'S

Drawing has always been a part of Dan's life. Although he has never followed it as a career, he still continues to draw. For Dan, it is a way for him to quietly express himself.

Pencil markings on the inside of the doorway to the dining room measures Josh's height.

Photo of Dan's kids Tyler (back) and Josh. Tyler is 12-years-old but doesn't function at this level due to his condition. Josh is 14-years-old and does his best to look out for his younger brother.

Dan and Michelle's grocery list sits on their coffee table in the living room.





Jenny Clapperton and Doug Hie help Possessed By Gold as he slips getting out of the pool. Hie installed the three-metre deep pool in his barn in 1999.

End of an Era

Story and photos by Jessica Nyznik

The life of a harness horse driver is highly uncertain, but Doug Hie wouldn't have it any other way.

Sixty-one-year-old Hie has been harness horse racing since he first got his license in 1968 at the age of 17.

"When we were kids growing up, there weren't that many things that you could do. You didn't have video games or cellphones and all these other things."

Hie remembers making the decision to come home right after high school instead of continuing on with the football team.

"Horses meant a lot more to me than football," recalls Hie.

Calling it a passion would almost be an understatement. It's quite simply a way of life and frankly, the only life that Hie has ever known.

With the announcement of the government's decision last year to cancel their contract with the horse racing industry, Hie's livelihood, along with an estimated 50,000 others in Ontario, will most likely be over in just a few months.

The Slots at Racetracks Program has been a successful partnership that has allowed the horseracing industry to sustain itself by sharing portions of slot revenues between Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp and racetracks.

In March 2012, the Liberals said the racetracks percentage would be reallocated to areas such as education and health care. Cancelling the slots at racetracks program will be the death of at least 11 of Ontario's 17 racetracks.

With some of the horse keeping expenses doubling in the last 10 years, such as feed and gas to fill trucks that pull trailers, it will be nearly impossible for the horse racing industry to sustain itself without the support of the government.

The end of an industry, a lifestyle and family tradition for thousands of Ontarians is inevitable.

The Hies are one of those quintessential racing families confronting these serious changes.

In 1974, Doug and his late wife Marlene bought a 100-acre farm located just 100-acres behind the Kawartha Downs Racetrack in Fraserville, Ont.

Kawartha Downs opened two years prior and the Hies were ready to settle down, start a family and began to build a farm designed specially for

the upkeep of racehorses. He added a private racetrack and a horse pool in the barn for therapy and exercise.

The Hies have had the same two stalls in the backstretch of Kawartha Downs since they began racing there. Many times, by the end of a late night, if the kids weren't out running around with the other horsemen's children, they would be found sleeping in those stalls with the horses.

It is estimated that up to 13,000 horses may be put to death with the closure of the tracks.

Hie is hoping that won't be the scenario for his horses, but knows it could be a possibility.

"I hate to see a lot these horses go where they're going to go but that's what's going to happen because people can't afford to feed them. I would sooner see a horse die than be neglected.

"I can't afford to keep them because I can't afford to keep myself," he adds.

Hie is realistic in terms of money and of the situation he will most likely find himself in the months to come.

The home and farm that he has spent the last 38 years building may have to be sold and unfortunately if the tracks do close, his property will decrease in value by \$250,000.

"If I can keep the farm, then I'll have to figure out something I can do with the farm to make money. Renting the land out is one option – for crops."

Having only paid into a pension since the casino racetrack program began in 1999, Hie has about \$28,000 invested. He is ineligible for EI because he is self-employed and other than his CPP is unsure what he will do for money.

"My retirement would be the farm. If I chose to change my way of life and wanted to be able to not work anymore and just live off what I had, then I would have to sell the farm because that's what I have. There's nothing else. That's not the way I'm built, so I wouldn't do that," said Hie.

"I thought I would die doing this, not retire - die. I don't want to retire. I expected to be standing beside a horse one day and die. And my vacation would be from the time I was standing until the time I hit the ground."



Lynn Foster and Doug Hie look through old Hie family photos in the Hie's dining room.



Hie holds an old photo of a family racing horse.



Getting ready for a swim.



Hie is neck-and-neck with fellow harness racer Tony Kerwood while racing at Kawartha Downs.



Hie sweeps hay from the hay-drop door on his family farm, Hielite Acres.



R.D. Lawrence Place, now a museum of natural history and science.



Books written by Sharon's late husband fill a bookshelf in her home.



Sharon shares fond memories of Tundra and Taiga.



Two 11-month-old grey wolves snuggle on a warm winter day at the Wolf Centre in Haliburton.

Bringing home the wild

Photos and story by Lyndsay-Lee Quinn

Marrying a journalist, author and biologist changed Sharon Lawrence's life drastically. When Sharon met Ron Lawrence, she was a teacher. Together, they moved to the Yukon where they rescued two wolf pups and brought them back to their new home in Haliburton, Ont.

This was the start of their private animal sanctuary, which became official in 1984. Raising the wolf pups, Tundra and Taiga, proved to be difficult as some of the townspeople were angry with what they were doing, even threatening to burn their house down.

The Lawrences decided that education was needed when it came to wolves, that if people understood them better, they wouldn't be so afraid of the animals. The Lawrences pushed for laws to be changed for sanctuaries and other places that worked with and housed non-domesticated animals.

"There were no rules and regulations," recounts Sharon. "That was one of things we helped put into place too. "We worked very hard in the early '80s, and all through the '80s, to put some kind of procedures in so that

sanctuaries did have to get licensed, and the ministry would come and check them out."

The Lawrences ended up having 11 wolves, at their private sanctuary. "It was a natural thing that was going to happen, although we never planned it," said Sharon.

Along with the 11 wolves the Lawrences raised many other animals, such as beavers, foxes and even a moose. Following the death of her husband Ron in 2003, Sharon continues to help educate people on wolves. Ron, who went by R.D. Lawrence, wrote over 30 books, and had six unfinished at the time of his death.

Sharon helped create R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden, Ont. It housed Ron's books, and most of his personal belongings such as his desk and typewriter, all of which Sharon donated. Now it sits as a museum, Ron's things have been put away and Sharon no longer has any connection to R.D. Lawrence Place.

The wolf sanctuary is now run by Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, which in 2012 celebrated its 50th anniversary.



The home of Sharon Lawrence is filled with anything to do with wolves. There is everything from wolf coasters and light switches to paintings and photographs.