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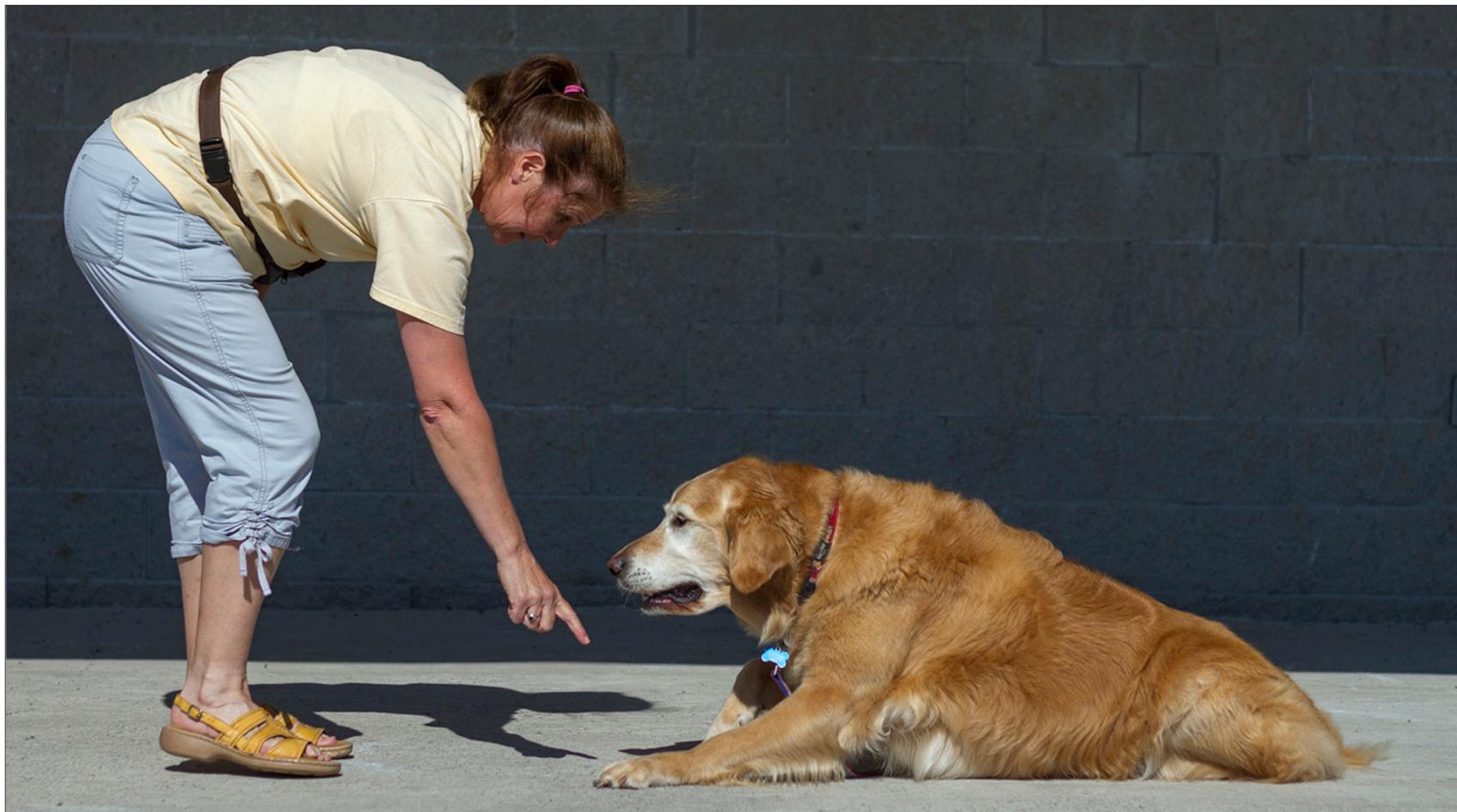


Photo by Mandy Larade

Dog owner Sue Dunstan commands her 10-year-old dog Dudley to lay down during the dog show at the Ameliasburgh Fair Sunday at Roblin Lake Fairgrounds. Dudley, who won a prize for doing the best tricks, was also once featured in a show by Cesar Milan, better known as the “dog whisperer.” Other prizes were given out for dogs with the longest and shortest ears and tails, and best costume.

Fair a strong tradition for Ameliasburgh

Families enjoy a Saturday of fun at Roblin Lake Park

By Hannah Yoon

The 32nd annual Ameliasburgh Fair kicked off Saturday morning under bright blue skies at Roblin Lake Park in Ameliasburgh.

Families from the Bay of Quinte area gathered to have fun, eat and enjoy the various activities and entertainment at

the fair. Inside the fair, people were able to also check out the historical museum, participate in silent auctions and take part in different competitions.

On Sunday, two main animal events were held. At 9 a.m., the fair started off with a horse show near the old school house. Children and adults participated in small competitions with their horses and ponies.

At 11:15 a.m., dogs and their owners gathered around the bandshell to participate in a dog and cat show, although there were no appearances made by cats. Dogs participated in different competitions such as best dressed pet, best trick, short-

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Fair chairman Roy Pennell

est tail and longest tail.

The main blue building was filled with an array of prize-winning vegetables, fruits, pies, art pieces, home crafts and various floral arrangements.

This fair mainly draws in families from The County, although visitors from Trenton and Belleville do make their way out.

Cailyn Fobear, 6, and her twin sister Callie Fobear, came with their parents from Trenton.

“We wanted something fun to do,” said the Fobear twins.

The fair is an important event to the village of Ameliasburgh.

Roy Pennell, the chairman of the fair,

said this fair is important for the community because it draws in people to one place to interact with one another.

“It draws the community together, but further to that, it’s become a social thing where a lot of people come, they meet new friends, and everything else.

“It’s just a part of belonging. Whether you’re from Belleville, Trenton or anywhere in The County, we want everybody to feel at home when they are in Ameliasburgh.”

It’s the help of local volunteers and the people in the area that keep this fair going strong.

Belleville celebrates first Culture Days

By Dawn Barger

Downtown Belleville was busy with people Saturday as they enjoyed the first-ever Culture Days.

Live music, a petting zoo, arts and dance were a few things that were going on in the downtown core.

Culture Days is a way for everyone to explore, discover and participate in arts and culture in every community across the country. The event featured free, hands-on, interactive activities that invite the public to participate “behind the scenes” – and to discover the world of artists, creators, historians, curators, and designers at work in their community.

“Culture Days is a national initiative. This year, Belleville has been named the third largest Culture Days event in Ontario,” said Sarah Tummon, executive direc-

tor of the Belleville Downtown Improvement Area.

The sounds of live music and children playing filled the air as people enjoyed the interactive events. The petting zoo and arts and crafts were a huge success. Children were able to carve and take home their pumpkins and the crafts they made.

The Maracle School of Dance offered free dance classes to the community for all levels and ages on Saturday. The dance school also performed two flash mobs -- one on Friday at Century Place, and the other on Saturday on Front Street.

The school was also holding demonstrations on Sunday so people could come out and watch an actual class and see what it looks like, and they also invited participation in the class, said Angela Maracle of the dance school.

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Photo by Andrew Lahodinskyj

Officer Cadet Newlands of 9th Squadron feels the burn while doing crunches under a log at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont. All first-year cadets must complete this gruelling course in order to stay in the program. The course is designed to test teamwork, fitness, stamina and determination.

Doors Open welcomes visitors to historic sites

By Mary Barber and Samantha Quinn

In the midst of Culture Days and Flavours of Fall, Doors Open in Belleville welcomed history lovers to the city’s heritage.

Last Saturday, Doors Open came together with Culture Days and Flavours of Fall in downtown Belleville. This year’s collaboration provided Doors Open with a greater audience.

“We didn’t anchor it to the other events in the last years. Today, we are going to hit 100 people at City Hall alone. Last time it was small handfuls,” said Mayor Neil Ellis.

The Doors Open event gave visitors the

opportunity to discover the hidden heritage of Belleville.

Ellis led tours at City Hall, providing interested viewers with the personal side of the city’s centre.

“City Hall is our focal point. The building belongs to the people. We want to give them the access. A lot of people who visit City Hall have only seen parts of it, because they have either come to pay their taxes or a parking ticket. We want to give them a chance to come here and see it as a whole,” said Ellis.

Doors Open featured the historical landmarks in the city emphasizing the importance of their preservation.

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Photo by Amanda Cheung

Students of the Angela Maracle School of Dance take part in a flash mob in front of Century Place Friday. This was in conjunction with the Belleville Culture Days that took place last weekend. A variety of free dance classes were part of the festivities.

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Friday night was the Music Crawl which featured local bands playing at different locations around the city. There were six bands at five different locations. The Starpainters Duo and Vince Thornton were just a couple of groups that performed.

“There was also the Doors Open, which is the historical event. This ran

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Buildings with historical significance were open to the community and people came in and viewed the space and learned about the history,” said Tummon.

Everywhere were people of all ages gathered at the many displays on Front Street. They sat in chairs and on the curb watching the live music performed by local artists like Derek Morris who performed a tribute to Johnny Cash and the Wrought Iron Roots which featured fiddler and step dancer Lynzi Couch.

Another big hit was the pumpkin carving. Flavours of Fall volunteers showed the children how to use the carving tools and they made their creations. After they were done carving their pumpkins, they got to bring them home.

There was also an art walk. The Belleville Public Library, Quinte Arts Council, and Gallery 121 were just a few of the places having group art shows. The Six Shooters photography club also offered a photography workshop at the Belleville Club.



Photo by Amanda Cheung

Ruby Uddenberg concentrates on her canvas at the paint workshop that was part of Culture Days Sunday.



Photo by Taylor Hermiston

Emily McIntyre, 3, goes in for a hug from Sparky, the Belleville Firefighter's mascot, at the Belleville Culture Days last weekend.

Taste Community Grown a celebration



Photo by Lacy Gillott

Elliot Reynolds is the chef de cuisine for The Hubb Eatery and among one of the hundreds of vendors celebrating community at the Taste Community Grown festival in Picton.

Local merchants highlighted during special event

By Lacy Gillott

Over 100 volunteers and approximately 100 different vendors, plus area residents and tourists could be found celebrating a sense of local at the Taste Community Grown festival.

The annual festival took place in Prince Edward County at the Picton Fairgrounds last weekend. It is now successfully 12 years strong and has a positive impact for local farms, artists, food and beverage vendors.

“It’s important because when you

support local, your local economy prospers,” said Jeremiah MacKenzie, CEO of Taste the County, the organization that put together Taste Community Grown.

“Like anything, you have your ups and downs and last year, we saw it dip a little. So, the team worked really hard to build a bigger vendor footprint and build a bigger farm market and put on Friday night programming and Saturday night programming. And so there’s a lot of new here right now,” MacKenzie said Saturday morning.

The wine and cheese sampling located inside was crowded. Visitors were offered the option of purchasing a wine glass and tickets for samples upon entry along with a plate for cheese, which had a convenient wine glass holder.

Small, seasonally decorated tables could be found all over the fairgrounds where people enjoyed their samples of choice.

It was a beautiful weekend for getting outdoors.

“I couldn’t be happier. The sun is shining, everybody is smiling and we’re here today celebrating something that has a lot of value and I think far too often we forget how powerful community is,” MacKenzie said.

Taste the County is an incorporated not-for-profit destination marketing and quality enhancement organization for Prince Edward County.

“We also put on Countylicious and Maple in the County. These events are meant to drive tourism, economic development and also enhance the businesses that are located here in Prince Edward County,” MacKenzie said.

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Glanmore National Historic Site, one of the buildings associated with Doors Open, was built in 1882-83, and was a museum featured at the festival. This house showcases a collection that includes 40 pieces of porcelain gifted from Queen Victoria after Prime Minister Sir Mackenzie Bowell’s retirement.

“It’s an audience building. We get a lot of visitors that come in and say they’ve never been here before and before they’ve walked through the door, they are already taken aback about how incredible it is. Then they always come back again. It’s important for the community, too, to remember what is different about

our community and what is special,” said Melissa Wakeling, education and marketing coordinator at Glanmore.

Many of the heritage sites in Belleville and their historical collections are not only important to the region’s history, but also to the nation as a whole.

Hastings County Historical Society worked with the Hastings Prince Edward Regimental Museum bringing in exhibits that included uniforms, weapons, medals, photographs, and other military equipment that dated as far back as 1863. Exhibits and artifacts located in the museum are significant to Canada’s national heritage.

“Knowing our history, our buildings, and our community full of these wonderful sites better improves all of us. We need to see

them and also come out and enjoy them,” said Sharon White, head archivist for the historical society. “It shows our community spirit on a nice day, talking to people maybe you haven’t talked to before.”

The 13 sites that participated in this year’s Doors Open event included: The Parrott Centre at Loyalist College, Belleville Chamber of Commerce, Belleville’s Art Association, The Cat’s Meow Salon, Belleville Public Library, Plug N Play Electronics, Quinte Arts Council, Belleville Club, Bridge Street United Church, H.P.E Regimental Museum, Belleville City Hall, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, and Glanmore House.

This year was the sixth year for Doors Open Belleville, and the first year the city decided to combine the three events, making it the more successful than years before.

Women unite, Take Back the Night

Event held each year to educate the public about sexual violence

By Kaitlin Abeele

Zwick's Park hosted the annual Take Back the Night event for the second time last Thursday.

The event, which takes place all over the world, has been hosted in Belleville for the past 20 years.

Take Back the Night strives to educate both women and men on sexual violence and to break down barriers and encourage discussion.

The focus is on female victims and their struggle to feel safe again after being attacked. Part of this is breaking the silence and removing the stigma associated with assault victims.

Statistics show that around the world, one in two women will suffer some form of abuse or sexual assault in their lifetime. However, roughly half of these crimes are actually reported.

"This is something that needs to be addressed. Women's issues, particularly violence against women, needs to be talked about and venues need to be created where attention is drawn upon it," said Elise Hineman, organizer of the event and member of the Sexual Assault Centre in Belleville.

The event started with musical guest Casey Garlick, then quick messages from the numerous local agencies that sponsored the event, followed by poetry submissions, which were read by both authors and organizers. Finally, female participants were led in a march around West Zwick's Park, chanting empowering messages led by Heather Bassett of Three Oaks Shelter and Services for Abused Women.

During the march, the men who attended were asked to remain under the pavilion. While men can also be victims of sexual assault, the majority is female.

"Males definitely have a place in our society as our allies in this movement. We're not asking men to fix it. We know the stats in terms of sexual violence. The majority are male per-



Photo by Kaitlin Abeele

Women from Belleville and the surrounding communities march around Zwick's Park during the annual Take Back the Night rally at Zwick's Park last Thursday.

petrators and female victims. If we put that out there, there's opportunity for discussion, for understanding. This is gender-based violence, and this doesn't have to happen," said Hineman. "Anyone who sexually assaults someone, they're not compelled to do it. They are choosing to do these behaviours."

Many of the participants said they have experienced abuse themselves or know someone who has been a victim.

"My very dearest friend was brutally attacked while we were in college. I helped her through that, the court case and the doctor visits and everything else. When she asked me the year after it happened if I would walk

with her in a Take Back the Night rally in Peterborough, I went. She has since moved out of the country but I go every year. I always send her a picture," said Ulana Orrick of Belleville.

The Quinte event has grown over the past 20 years, with the largest turnout this year, estimates Hineman. "We're growing year after year.

Some years, if it's a rainy night, that cuts in. But I think we've had the most attendants today. It's very well attended. We're very happy," said Hineman.

Hineman said she hopes to grow the event further in future years with more use of social media and word of mouth to encourage a younger audience to attend.

Basketball focus of fall classic event

Algonquin Thunder championship winners during weekend tournie

By Sam Hobbs

College basketball fans got their fix this past weekend at the women's fall classic at Loyalist College.

Women's basketball teams from colleges in Ontario and Quebec travelled to Loyalist to play against each other. There were games starting Friday afternoon and ending Saturday night.

There were six teams that participated

in the tournament: the Algonquin Thunder, St. Lawrence Vikings, Fanshaw Falcons, Champlain (Lennoxville) Cougars, Humber Hawks and of course, the Loyalist Lancers.

All the teams played hard and no one had an easy win. The Lady Lancers kicked off the tournament against the Algonquin Thunder. Both teams played a hard and fought game, but unfortunately for the Lancers, the Thunder won the game 82-56.

In game two, the Hawks took the win by 10 points against the Vikings 58-48. Game three saw the Falcons take on the Lancers, with the Falcons winning 60-44. Game four ended the day with the Hawks versus the Cougars, and the Hawks won

73-29.

Game five started things off on Saturday, with the St. Lawrence Vikings and Champlain Cougars. It was another close one, with the Vikings taking the win 50-39. Then the Algonquin Thunder took on the Fanshaw Falcons, winning 74-49.

The Lady Lancers returned in the C finals (game seven) against the Cougars.

Now this game was definitely unpredictable, with both teams fighting hard and neither planned on losing that game. Number 44 Kurstyn Hammerton for the Lancers was knocked down multiple times but always got right back up determined to play the best. However, despite the Lancers playing a good game, they

were unable to beat the Cougars, who took the game 51-40.

Following the C finals was the B finals (Game 8). The Vikings took that 58-47.

The stars of the tournament had to be the Algonquin Thunder who won a well-played championship game with five minutes of over against the Humber Hawks, 76-67.

Players recognized on the weekend were: Kim Cupid and Sandra Bosco from Algonquin Thunder, and Cassandra No-fuente of Humber, who were all named on the all-star team.

The Humber Hawks' Aleena Domingowas awarded the 2013/14 Fall Classic MVP.

Students take part in Call of Duty event

By Jessica Campbell

Loyalist College residence held a Call Of Duty Black Ops 2 tournament event for residence students last Wednesday.

The event took place in the residence commons building from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. It was in a small space, on the upstairs level of the building, with two big flat-screen televisions and two leather couches along with one fabric couch and couple of chairs.

This year, approximately 18 students attended. The event wasn't as big of a success as two years ago when 64 students attended.

A lot of the students were wondering why Call of Duty Black Ops 2 was chosen for the tournament and not the new raging success, GTA V (Grand Theft Auto Five) as the game option.

"My video game choice was a popular, on-demand choice from previous years and I actually plan on asking any of the students who showed up out here tonight if they would be interested in any other video game options for upcoming events," said Dominique Dawes, the event co-coordinator.

"I am not sure how GTA V would be able to be used in a tournament setting per se, but it is an option I will give the students for sure."

Many students said they had a lot of fun. It was a fun-filled night as students came together to share a common interest. They all played a free-for-all round and had a blast getting to know one another. There was cola to drink and popcorn to snack on throughout the night.

Brittany Downie, a first year student in the radio broadcasting program, was one of the many people at this event. Some said they were surprised to even see a girl show up at the event. Downie mentioned that she was at the event because she loves video games and likes first person shooters and then she made a quirky joke about how she doesn't have a television to play on in her dorm apartment or room.

"I wanna kick some house butt and be the best of the best and show them who is the best!" Downie said excitedly.

After a few hours of playing Call of Duty Blacks Ops 2, Cameron Parker, a first year student in chemical engineering, won the tournament by 10-4, with a big happy grin on his face.

Bridge refurbishing may impact on business

Downtown merchants traffic issues may hurt them

By James Wood

Downtown businesses might be taking a hit in the near future because of an impending rehabilitation of Belleville's Bridge Street bridge.

The bridge has been losing its structural integrity, with concrete breaking off and signs of wear and tear making their presence known.

The town council has been weighing its options over what to do with the crumbling structure, which is long overdue for an overhaul and repair.

However, a move to repair the bridge is already in motion. Belleville's Manager of Engineering, Ray Ford, is in charge of the efforts to fix or replace the bridge.

"It will be a 2014 project at the earliest," said Ford, in response to questions of when this project will be undertaken.

"At this point in time, council has not approved funding or approved it as a project, though I expect they will."

If rehabilitated, the structure's lifespan would be extended another 20 to 25 years. However, if council cannot approve the rehabilitation, the next option would be an entirely new structure. That decision is due to be made at some point in November, when council will discuss the 2014 capital budget for Belleville.

However, local business owners believe that both decisions will have an impact on the downtown core.

"Obviously, any time when you have to do a repair or rehabilitation on any structure, you have to close lanes and shift traffic around," said Ford. A shift in traffic could mean good news or bad news for a local business.

In the case of the Society of St. Vincent



Photo by James Wood

Kylie Shattraw of Edible Arrangements stands in front of the Bridge Street bridge in downtown Belleville.

De Paul, a local thrift shop, manager Sue Slaunwhite said she did not fear having the road shut down near the shop.

"I don't expect it to affect us at all. People can find us, one way or another."

In the case of Edible Arrangements, located at the intersection of Front and Bridge streets, owner Michael Tucker was very concerned with a shift in traffic.

"It would have a negative effect on the

whole downtown," said Tucker. "We get lots of traffic from the four corners. If the bridge is shut down, and we get people starting to try and avoid it, then we lose potential customers."

Kylie Shattraw, also of Edible Arrangements, also worried about the loss of traffic through the downtown. "I don't think it would matter too much, but if it was cut off entirely we would definitely have no business down here."

Either way you look at it, the issue of construction and infrastructure in Belleville's downtown will be continue to be a major challenge in the coming months, both to council and downtown residents. The fate of the bridge will be decided at the capital budget meetings coming up in November. Until then, the span will continue to carry travelers across the Moira. As for how long it will stay in that role, it has yet to be decided.