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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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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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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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