

## Shooting in smalltown Ontario

By Justin Chin and Samantha Quinn

After a night of chaos on Wednesday in the small town of Tamworth, two men are dead and two injured after a shooting.

The injured man has been confirmed to be a local firefighter. The man has been taken to a hospital, along with a woman who was also injured during an attempted carjacking.

Ken Kirkpatrick recalls what his daughter, Karen Cassidy, the injured woman, said to the gunman. "She said, 'Don't kill me. I have children,' and he said 'so do I and I've already killed somebody.'"

"We are presently investigating," said Ontario Provincial Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kristine Rae.

"Napanee OPP officers responded to a serious incident yesterday at 5 p.m. We had two adult males that are dead. We have an adult male and adult female being treated for serious injuries."

Ontario's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) was called in to investigate the incident that included six crime scenes, following their mandate to examine all cases involving serious injuries or death to police officers.

OPP declined to release any names at this time as next of kins are being informed.

"We have not confirmed identities yet," Rae said.

The six crime scenes include two areas on County Road 15, two area homes, the Tamworth fire hall, and the local post office. OPP have cordoned off the post office Thursday afternoon.

Tamworth is located 30 kilometres north of Napanee with a population of approximately 500 people. Residents are close with the victims.

Although police say there is no threat to public safety the community feels unsafe.

"I think I will be moving soon after this incident," said Charlie Way, a resident of Tamworth.

"This is terrifying (to know this has happened)," said Vicki Bearence, 29, mother of two, who lives across from the post office. She didn't hear the shooting until a neighbour informed her.

"I guess I won't let the kids out and play now."



Photos by Justin Chin

(Above) Ontario Provincial Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kristine Rae speaks to media at the local post office, one of the crime scenes in Tamworth, Ont., on Thursday. Ontario Provincial Police responded to a serious incident last night, which left two dead and two injured. Ontario's Special Investigations Unit are currently investigating.

(Right) Charlie Way, a resident of Tamworth, said he will be moving soon after the shooting incident.

For video on the Tamworth tragedy, go to: <http://www.qnetnews.ca/?p=34916>



## Clinic offers staff and students chance to test for TB

By Justin Chin

There are no known active cases of tuberculosis at Loyalist College after the Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit offered a TB skin test clinic for students and staff on Tuesday.

The health unit offered the clinic after a student was diagnosed with an active case of TB in October 2013.

A notice was sent via email to all students and staff by Maureen Piercy, presi-

dent of Loyalist College, on behalf of the health unit on Oct. 24, 2013.

"The Loyalist College community is at very low risk of acquiring TB from this student. However, we understand that some staff and students may still be concerned," said the health unit.

Approximately 10 students and staff showed up for the skin test clinic on Tuesday. "I came to the test clinic because it was in the building and it was available," said Suzanne Churchill, an architectural

professor at Loyalist. "I am not worried."

Manwinder Kaur, a second-year applied health administration student participated in the test clinic as a "precaution" and she is also not concerned. It was Kaur's second skin test. Her last test was performed in August.

"There's as much chance of catching TB here than at the Quinte Mall," said Lauren Deans, the student services health centre registered nurse at Loyalist. "You would normally get infected in big cities

like Toronto or Vancouver."

Deans said this is the first TB case Loyalist College has dealt with in 13 years when she started working here.

General signs and symptoms of active TB include fever, cough, weight loss, sweats and loss of appetite.

TB is transmitted through the air and is highly contagious, according to a handout provided by the health unit.

However, people can infect with TB without showing any symptoms or continue be

contagious many years after being infected.

The skin test administers a small amount of Mycobacterium Tuberculosis, a dosage of TB, onto the patient's skin. If there is swelling around the infected area, then the patient would be tested positive for TB and is required to take antibiotics.

The test requires 48 hours for an accurate reading after the test is administered.

Another skin test clinic will be available for both students and staff on March 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the health centre.

## Pink day raises awareness about bullying

By Sarah Taylor

It was a day full of pink and awareness against bullying at Loyalist College on Wednesday.

"I have and I have friends and family that have been through it at different stages in life.... It's definitely a subject that hits close to home for most of us, I think," said organizer and mental health nurse Sarah Ogden.

Pink Shirt Day started when two boys in a high school in Nova Scotia witnessed a younger boy being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. The next day, they showed up to school wearing pink shirts themselves. Since then, the stance has taken over the nation to raise awareness about bullying.

"It can carry on through every stage of life, whether it be school, work, social media is a big place where it happens. I think it's just important that we spread the word on how it can impact people in a really negative way. Everyone should be accepted for who, they are with all their differences and unique qualities," said Ogden.

Bullying can sometimes continue on past high school years. Cassie Wag, a student and volunteer, has experienced bullying during her time at Loyalist.

"I had a few instances in my program due to my extracurricular activities. I do suspension, which is where you hang from hooks in your skin. A couple comments were made about that like how I should go hang myself already," said Wag.

Many schools around the country as well as public figures supported the day

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by wearing pink. At Loyalist, there were several events going on to get people involved. A bake sale was held in the Shark Tank from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., which sold out well before the end.

"All the proceeds go to Three Oaks, which is a shelter for abused women and their children," said Ogden.

Workshops were also held throughout the school on how to create a safer and environment for LGBTQ students while on campus. Loyalist student and Rainbow Lions supporter Bryanna Ormshaw volunteered at the bake sale to show her support against bullying.

"I think it's been less of a problem now than it has before in the last five years. I don't stand for it. I do what I can to help with it," said Ormshaw.



Photo by Sarah Taylor

Sarah Ogden organized Loyalist's Pink Shirt Day on Tuesday. A bake sale, workshops and viewing of the documentary, *Bully*, all took place to raise awareness about bullying.





Photo by Dayna Lefebvre

Corey Robillard, a second-year graphic design student, enjoys a chicken burger with triple cheese and double bacon at the Loyalist College cafeteria in this photo illustration.

## Counting calories on restaurant menus

*Ontario legislation makes menu labelling mandatory in the near future*

By Samantha Quinn

Ontario will be the first province to make menu labelling mandatory at fast-food restaurants in the near future, after an announcement last Monday.

This legislation will require large chain restaurants to include calorie and other nutritional information on their menus and menu boards.

The Liberal party is hoping to reduce

marketing of unhealthy food and drinks focused on children. They are currently consulting different health care groups about the issue.

"Throughout the years, more people are becoming interested in what's in their food, and are becoming more conscious," said Laura Grant, manager at New York Fries Belleville for the past 13 years. "Our company does not hide anything from our customers, and will give them as much information as they want."

One recurring issue is whether or not to include sodium counts and other important nutrition information besides calories such as trans fat, sugar, chole-

sterol, and protein on the board.

"People need to know about trans fat, sugar, sodium, and everything else. Calories are a small part of the things that make people unhealthy," said Corinne McQuaid, manager of the Belleville Harvey's for the past four years.

Despite the fact that most larger businesses have boards, brochures, and even tray liners that provide nutrition information on the menu, not all people think to ask or look for the small print of what they are putting in their bodies.

"We've always had healthy options on our menu, but for the past two years, we've had 'Healthy Choice' which brings

the healthy food out for people to see more, to help people make better choices," said McQuaid. "Since it was added, more people order from that menu because it is in front of them."

One of the first businesses to start this trend was a McDonald's restaurant in New York, which included the calorie count beside the price and title of the food individually as well as in a combo.

"I think that it is a good thing to have for those who can't or don't know to check posters and online, especially for those who are looking out for what they eat," said Lyndsey Bergeron, a first-year automotive student at Loyal-

ist College.

Not only has McDonald's started calorie counts, but they have also started commercials advertising many of their breakfast sandwiches, promoting the calories for each item.

"McDonald's Canada supports the Ontario government's action to provide Ontarians with more access to nutrition information. As a longtime industry leader in providing comprehensive nutrition information, we're committed to helping our customers make informed food and beverage choices to suit their dietary needs and preferences," said David Ford, communications manager at McDonald's Canada.

## Store owners want chance to sell beer and wine

*Prepared to provide prime shelf space for the privilege*

By Justin Greaves

Convenience store owners across the province are speaking out about being prevented from selling beer and wine at their businesses.

Some owners of convenience stores, grocery stores and gas stations in Belleville say they want to sell wine and craft beers. They are prepared to give prime shelf space, saying they want in on the booming brewery business— but say they were shut down by the provincial government.

"We have a terrific distribution network, and we're going to continue to work with the LCBO," said Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne at a press conference in October 2013.

Thuy Yoon, owner of Super Duper Variety on Moira Street for over 11 years, said she is frustrated she can't sell alcohol. Yoon said she thinks being able to sell alcohol would help her business in more ways than one.

"Why don't we sell it? I would benefit from the customers here. It would help the business for sure," said Yoon, adding she feels there are no real downsides for convenience and grocery stores to sell alcohol.

"The negative things I hear won't happen, like break-ins and violence. It won't be any different than the beer store. They do it in Québec, they do it in America, so why not here?" said Yoon.

In July of 2012, the Ontario Convenience Store Association, which represents 10,000 retailers employing about 75,000 people across Ontario, started a petition gathering more than 112,500 signatures. The petition was displayed at a news conference at Queen's Park, but was turned down by the Ontario government.

"Anywhere that sells liquor in their convenience stores in rural areas I don't have a problem with," said Douglas Gibson, a resident of Belleville and a customer of convenience and grocery stores in Belleville.

"But in the cities, I think it's a bad idea because we already have enough liquor and beer stores," said Gibson.

"It's just going to make easier access to something that can be so bad. I know a girl that shoplifts right now and goes around to every city and walks away with all these 26-ounce drinks."

"All she does is goes in and grabs five mickeys and buys a little item and bang, she's gone. The more stores that have alcohol, the easier it will be for her. It's going to be a lot easier for kids to access and for people to steal," said Gibson who hasn't had any alcohol in over a year.

Mac's Milk is pushing Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa and Wynne on the issue, saying if they could sell beer and wine they would spend 54 million to build 27 stores, which would create 1,700 new jobs.

Age-restricted products like cigarettes and lottery tickets are sold at Yoon's variety store. Yoon says if they were to sell alcohol, they would add even tougher standards to sell the products.

A total of 214 communities across Ontario that are too small to have a beer store or LCBO are able to have LCBO franchises within their stores.

## Wind farm battle continues in County

By Mitch Ward

The fight over a proposed wind farm in southern Prince Edward County is now tied one to one.

The plans of Gilead Power corporation to build a new wind farm at Ostrander Point in the County are back on track, after a ruling by a divisional court in Toronto overturned the previous decision by an environmental tribunal.

However, members of the Prince Edward County Field Naturalists club say they are not ready to stop fighting, as the new decision has reversed their previous victory against the construction project.

Myrna Wood, the current president of the 50-member club spoke about their reaction.

"We're very disappointed. It was a very bad decision. If it is allowed to stand, it will make it very difficult for any tribunal appeals on environmental issues in the future."

The main worry driving the resistance is that if one wind project is completed, many more will get the green light, and turbines would soon blanket one of the last undeveloped wildlife areas on the north end of Lake Ontario.

"There is another, larger project surrounding Ostrander Point that is waiting for approval right now. If any of these projects go through, then there

will be even more projects proposed," said Wood.

The wind farm project would be located in an area designated an Important Bird Area by IBA Canada, which totals nearly 280 square kilometres of the southern tip of the County.

The ministry of Natural resources assessed the development, as required under the provincial governments renewable energy program. But Wood and the club members feel it was flawed.

"We feel the Ministry of Natural Resources has just totally given up its responsibility under the Migratory Bird act, the Endangered Species act, all of their regulations on protecting wildlife in the past. They have all been thrown out the window," said Wood. "Because someone decided that renewable energy would take precedence."

Gilead Power first got approval to erect nine wind turbines on Crown land, located on Ostrander Point, in 2012.

According to the Gilead project website, the Crown land block where the turbines are proposed to be built is around three-square kilometres. The turbines and other buildings would take up about 2 per cent of that block, according to their estimate.

Members of the environmental community quickly opposed the development, and took their concerns to an environmental tribunal in the summer of 2013.



Illustration by Mitch Ward

The proposed wind farm site lies in the centre of an important wildlife area. Ostrander Point is a major staging area for hundreds of types of birds who migrate every season, as well as Monarch butterflies, and the area is also habitat for the endangered Blandings turtle.

"In our view, the problem is not with renewable energy as an idea, our problem is that the governments have not taken responsibility for deciding where these projects should be sited" said Wood.

The tribunal blocked the development, stating that the construction and the facilities would endanger the fauna that lives in the area, specifically the

Blandings turtle and the thousands of birds who use the southern end of the County as a staging area during migrations each year.

The justices responsible for the latest ruling found that the original tribunal made errors in law when it blocked the progress of Gilead Power.

The PEC Field Naturalists began raising money to pay for legal costs, in or-

der to appeal the new ruling. They have raised \$134,839 of their \$220,000 goal, according to the website set up to fight the development.

"As soon as we knew that the wind project had been approved, which was on Dec. 20, 2012, we started fundraising," said Cheryl Anderson, past president of the PEC Field Naturalists.





Photo by Julia Karpiuk

Orland French is the recipient of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, awarded to 40 Ontarians every year for volunteering in their community. French has been recognized for his contribution to the Hastings Historical Society. French sits in his home, wearing his Caring Canadians pin on his lapel.

## Volunteer honoured as Caring Canadian

By Julia Karpiuk

A passion for history and a love for writing has fueled Orland French's resume in volunteering, specifically his contribution to the Hastings County Historical Society (HCHS). And now, French has been recognized beyond his local community for his contribution as the recipient of the Caring Canadians award.

The Governor General's Caring Canadians award was created in 1995 to recognize individuals who contribute their time through volunteering in their community. Forty Ontarians receive this award every year.

Dr. Bruce Cronk and French's wife, Sylvia, were among the nominators and French was shocked when Dr. Cronk called him last June and told him he was the recipient of the award.

"You don't volunteer to get recognition, that just comes along as you get older in life, you're like a Christmas tree. They start hanging bobbles on you," joked French.

French started giving his time to the HCHS since he moved to Belleville almost 20 years ago. He contributed to numerous books through the HCHS, about communities throughout Ontario. His most recent book was published a couple of years ago. He's worked on 12 of his own projects and contributed to 25 others. Along with that, he was president of the HCHS for about ten years.

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Standard followed by a colourful career in journalism. After covering politics on Parliament Hill for the Globe and Mail, French moved to Belleville after he received a teaching job at Loyalist College, teaching journalism. He worked at the college for seven years before leaving to take time to focus on his own ventures. These ventures primarily included writing.

French believes volunteering is an important part of any community. It is a cheaper more efficient way to get work done instead of depending on the government.

This isn't French's first award for volunteering. He was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal last year.

Last Wednesday, French went to a Queen's Park ceremony to receive his award. The certificate and pin were presented by Ontario Lt.-Gov. David Onley.

Boyce, a volunteer at the HCHS.

Boyce also pointed out that French has volunteered in many facets of the community. French has been involved with Porch Fest, has organized tours in the summer and is on a few committees at the Eastminster United Church.

French started writing for the Kingston-Whig



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## Teens not buying book club idea

By Dayna Lefebvre

The first-ever Teen Book Club meeting at the Quinte West Public Library Tuesday night was met with a room full of empty chairs and uneaten snacks.

Hanna Poelman, the organizer of the event and part-time worker at the library, said she is not surprised at the outcome.

"I'm kind of getting used to it," Poelman explained, her attitude positive despite the turnout. "Tuesday night is tough, and it's just starting. It's a learning experience."

The library has been trying to increase teen participation by organizing various events and clubs, but they have been met with little enthusiasm from local teens. Poelman said a major reason for the lack of participation is the lack of knowledge about the programs at the library.

"Advertising is a big thing," Poelman said. "Getting the word out about these things is hard. And the number of teens who have never used the library is shocking."

The book club, which focuses on teens ages 12-17, will run the last Tuesday of ev-

ery month at no cost.

"Teens can relax and have fun," Poelman said. "They can enjoy an activity by themselves and come together with others who share similar interests and get just as excited over characters and books."

The Teen Advisory Group – a small group that started this year to help brainstorm ideas for teen activities at the library – suggested themed discussions to keep the choice of books more open.

"The library is so small, it can be expensive to buy multiple copies of the same book," said Poelman. "Plus the age range is so broad, it's difficult to find one book that appeals to everyone and is appropriate for the younger teens."

Romance, post-apocalyptic and protagonists with a gender opposite the reader are a few themes lined up for future meetings.

One parent stopped by to enquire about the club for her 11-year-old daughter, but decided that it might be best for her to wait until the fall when she might be able to handle more mature topics better.

Tuesday is the only night that is free

to hold the meeting, which competes directly with Scouts, Girl Guides and other youth and teen clubs in the area. Because of this, Poelman said many teenagers are already busy.

The library started its teen section about three years ago and has been trying to increase teen participation since. They have good enrolment in the various children's groups at the library, which include a Lego club, family gaming night and Paws For Reading, a therapy dog group for children with reading struggles.

According to a 2010 survey done by the Canadian Urban Library Council, libraries in over 45 cities in Canada, had 102,644 children's programs, but only 7,780 for teens.

Poelman said she is approaching school councils, hoping to increase awareness of the teen programs. She said she hopes that during the summer, participation will increase, when students are finished school.

Anyone ages 12-17 who is interested in participating can call the Quinte West Public Library or visit in person.

## Photojournalism grad works at Dubai newspaper

By Sarah Taylor

It's nearing March and the snow keeps coming. It's been an exceptionally snowy winter; even Loyalist College had a snow day. Loyalist photojournalism graduate Sarah Dea has had the luxury of soaking up the 25 C plus weather on the beach with camels in Dubai. Now the summer countdown is on.

"Time absolutely flies by here, especially since the forecast is 365 days of sunshine," said Dea.

Dea, from Ottawa, worked for the Globe and Mail and freelanced in Toronto after graduating from the program in 2009. She also graduated from Carleton University in journalism before fast tracking at Loyalist.

"She was one of those students you knew was going to succeed. She had a drive and sense of purpose about what she

wanted to do," said photojournalism coordinator and teacher Frank O'Connor.

In 2011, she moved to Dubai to become a staff photojournalist at the National, a daily newspaper based out of Abu Dhabi. She, along with other Loyalist photojournalism grad Chris Pike, was the last expats to be hired by the paper. Many industries in Dubai are eager to hire expats, with 40 per cent of the city's population being locals.

Dea, 29, shoots similar assignments there as she would at a paper in Canada, however in a very different setting. She is often sent out to do portraits and news events.

Dea and her husband hope to stay in Dubai for a few more years before moving back home to Canada.

"I came here thinking I'd stay for a year, but so does everyone else. I'm enjoying expat life so far so I'll keep going with it," said Dea.



Photo by Sarah Taylor

Sarah Dea, graduate of Loyalist College's photojournalism program, moved to Dubai in 2011. She has been working as a staff photojournalist at a daily paper, The National. Dea is 29 years old and from Ottawa, Ont.



## Living on minimum wage

## Struggling to stay above poverty line

Number of workers making minimum wage have more than doubled

By Solana Cain

Half of Ontario's workforce is living paycheque to paycheque, and even those working full-time all year are struggling to stay above the poverty line.

According to the Ministry of Labour, one in 10 workers in our province is making minimum wage, and this number has doubled in the last decade.

Gairy-Ann Brown worked at a factory and fast-food restaurant before taking a job as a housekeeper at a hotel in Belleville for almost a year.

"I'm thinking about going back to a factory job unless shit starts working out," said the 20-year-old, who is currently making \$10.50 an hour at an international hotel chain. She was making \$11.75 an hour at a factory in Belleville.

Raised in Trenton, Brown now lives in Belleville and is currently renting a house on Coleman Street with three roommates.

She spends her days cleaning rooms, and making beds. On average, she cleans up to 17 rooms a day.

"We go in there, strip the beds, take out the garbage, you know, make it nice and neat and by the end of all that it looks like a brand new room for the next person," she said.

In a good week, Brown will work about 35 hours and in a bad week she pulls in 20 hours. It depends on how many guests are staying at the hotel, she explains. There is an opportunity for tips, which Brown does not have to share, but usually she is left around five dollars a room.

"A good customer will leave you like \$60, so you know you did a really good job," she says. "That's a really good day."

Brown is currently a quarter above



Photo by Solana Cain

**Gairy-Ann Brown, 20, is a housekeeper at a hotel in Belleville. She makes minimum wage and when a guest leaves her a good tip, which is not often, it's a "cherry on top of the day." Most days she's stressed about rent and her phone bill but she tries not to think about it.**

the province's minimum wage and wishes her pay would be increased beyond the new minimum wage in June, but she fears that if that happens, the cost of everything else will go up as well.

"It's pretty friggin' hard trying to make it every month with this job," said Brown.

Like many young adults in Ontario, Brown lives paycheque to paycheque.

"My paycheques aren't steady, so you never know if this pay coming up, I'm going to be broke," she said.

Her biggest worry is rent, at \$460 a month, followed by her phone bill, about \$85 a month, and her car payment, around \$300 a month.

"Well, I had a car...I got in a car accident but I'm still making the payments for it. I'm almost done but it sucks cause

I don't have a car," she said.

Brown walks to her job, which can take up to 35 minutes. She says it's good exercise.

A former cadet, Brown is considering signing up for the military. She is also contemplating cosmetology as a career but thinks it will be easier to create that business after joining the armed forces. "It's just a better life in the military,"

she said.

"Everything comes free, so why not?"

For now, Brown pays her rent and other bills with little to no cash left over for herself. She rarely eats out, maybe a Subway sandwich every now and then.

She waits until her next paycheque, hoping it'll be better than the last.

"My plate's pretty full right now," she said, "I'm trying not to think about it."

## Drake Devonshire Inn being welcomed in Wellington

By Emily Cumming

Local residents look forward to the opening of the new Drake Devonshire Inn in Wellington.

The centuries-old home has been under renovation for two years, since Jeff Stober, CEO and founder of the Drake Hotel in Toronto, bought the property for \$1.3 million. With the date of completion having been delayed several times already – originally expected to open in 2013 – the only complaint from local residents seems to be that the inn can't open soon enough.

"It's been under construction forever. Everyone wonders when it will be done," said Margery Wiltse, 86, whose great uncle, W. P. Niles, owned the property and converted it from a foundry into his fam-

ily home, where he lived until his death in 1916.

The Drake Devonshire Inn is the first business venture outside of Toronto for Stober, who made his name with the development of the famous Drake Hotel on Queen Street West, which opened in 2004.

Billed as a "restaurant, bar & boutique hotel," the Drake hotel in Toronto is known for its celebration of art, live music, sleek design and a notable menu. The Devonshire Inn will be the most recent edition to the Drake brand since Stober opened the restaurant Drake One Fifty on Bay Street in Toronto a few years ago.

"We look forward to the joint mission of inviting our urban guests to experience Wellington's amazing offerings, and also

bringing our unique Drake culture and hospitality to the vibrant Prince Edward County local community," said Strober in a press release.

The Inn is now expected to open in June or July of 2014.

Paulette Greer, owner of the Side Street Gallery on Main Street in Wellington said the opening of the Drake Devonshire Inn will be "great for Wellington."

"It will create another destination experience in Prince Edward County."

"We have wineries, great restaurants, local artisans and the opening of the Drake will just enhance Wellington," said Greer, who has lived and worked in the area for 14 years.

Chris Loane, along with his wife Jessica, will serve as an innkeeper of the new Drake Devonshire Inn. The couple,

who both have 15 years experience in the food and beverage industry in Toronto said that they expect a diverse clientele.

"The great thing about Prince Edward County and Wellington is that it is basically the hub of the area," said Loane. He expects a lot of guests from Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa because Wellington is within a few hours of each city, but also is looking forward to hosting locals.

"In Wellington, there are also a lot of seniors in this community, so I expect a lot of seniors here as well in the daytime and the early evenings. We are looking forward to catering to them."

"The demographic is really wide. It goes anywhere from the mid to late twenties to the mid to late eighties."

In addition to innkeepers Chris and Jessica Loane, the Drake will also be sending in chef Chris Sanderson from Toronto to work at the Wellington location. They are also hiring about 30 local employees and are currently training them at the Toronto location.

"I hope my son gets a job there," said Debra Cox, of Rock N' Rogers Pizzeria on Main Street. Cox went on to say that she doesn't expect the opening of the Drake Devonshire Inn to impact their business, saying, "Our clientele is quite different."

Some hope that the presence of the Drake will bring exposure to the many local offerings the community already has, rather than just hog the spotlight. In reaction to the Drake's signature tagline "A Hotbed of Culture", Wiltse said "We did have a culture before, you know."

## Guide dog helps woman live independently

Animal gives her confidence navigating streets

By Samantha Hobbs

You leave your house, you go out and you always seem to catch at least one person's attention.

That is what it's like for Betty Persuric. She's blind and has a canine vision dog guide.

A lot of people have never seen a dog guide or think that they are a new thing, but they have been around for quite a while.

Canine vision or seeing eye dogs have been around for almost 30 years. The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has been training canine vision dog guides in their Canine Vision Canada program since 1985. The dogs are trained to guide their handlers who are blind or have low vision.

This includes navigating around obstacles and getting them to places they go to on a regular basis. This gives the handlers more confidence in achieving everyday tasks.

Persuric has not been blind her entire life. She was able to see until the age of 11, when she was playing outside with her brothers and sisters and was hit in the face with a snowball.

Initially she was fine, but soon after, she lost sight in her left eye and gradually lost sight in her right eye a year later. After becoming completely blind, Persuric's parents sent her to a special school for the blind, where she was taught to do everyday things like cooking and cleaning. She also learned how to crochet, knit and sew.

As she grew older, Persuric learned to get around with the help of others and a white cane. She did things every girl did as they grow into a young adult. She moved out of her parent's house, lived independently and even got married.

Her husband at the time did almost everything for her. "He wouldn't even let me cut my own food or pour my own drink I felt like a child" said Persuric. So she applied for a guide dog from Guiding Eyes for the Blind in the United States.

Shortly after applying for a guide dog,



Photo by Samantha Hobbs

**Betty Persuric walks with her dog Mac around her neighbourhood in Belleville. Betty is blind and Mac is her dog guide. It is his job to guide her and help her navigate around things when the two of them are out.**

Persuric was matched with a yellow lab named Imarry from the Guiding Eyes for the Blind training facility.

After coming home from their training Pursuric and Imarry had developed a strong bond. She felt much more confident going out and doing things with her guide dog leading the way. Having Imarry made many positive changes in Persuric's life. Persuric's second husband Peter is also blind, losing his eyes in an accident.

Persuric had Imarry for several years. They were a great team and she had the independence she wanted. She was able to go out without another person.

Unfortunately, her guide dog became sick. She had developed problems with her liver, and was no longer able to work and keep Persuric safe. So Persuric had to make the tough decision to retire her guide dog.

Retiring Imarry meant Persuric would lose the independence that she had gained, so she decided to apply for a new

dog.

Her current dog Mac came from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides trains six different types of dog guides and is located in Oakville, Ontario and provides dog guides to people with disabilities across Canada. The foundation does not receive any government funding. All their funding comes from Lions Clubs all over Canada, along with sponsors and donations from the public.

Persuric was approved and in November 2012, traveled to Oakville to meet and train with her new dog.

She was matched with a canine vision dog guide named Mac. Persuric bonded with Mac, a male black Lab.

"Mac and I clicked instantly," said Persuric. "We started walking and we were in sync. It was like I was walking with my old dog."

Persuric and Mac trained together for a month, learning how to walk in sync,

working on commands, making sure Mac kept her safe by doing things like alerting her to a doorway and curbs and guiding her through traffic. If it was not safe Mac would stop her.

When Persuric returned home with Mac, she began teaching him new things, including leading her to the bus stop near their house and home after a walk.

Shortly after Persuric returned home with Mac, her husband Peter also received a canine vision dog guide, another black Lab named Buddy.

"Between these two playing and the cat, our neighbors must think we have a zoo over here or something," said Peter.

When she and her dog are out, Mac is all business, but at home he is just like any other dog, loving to play and cuddle.

"Having a dog is like having a toddler. Even though Mac can be a little whiny and crazy, I love him. He's like my kid. I wouldn't trade him," said Persuric.

## Loyalist films to be screened

By Emily Cumming

Loyalist students will screen their films at DocFest in the first ever collaboration between the college and festival organizers.

The screening will take place tonight in the Alumni Hall at Loyalist college and will feature 12 student produced and directed films.

Paul Papadopoulos, professor of the TV & New Media program teaches the *Advanced Field Production* class where students developed the films that will appear in the screening.

"It's going to give them an opportunity to have their work showcased to the public," says Papadopoulos, who thinks the experience will be invaluable for the students.

"They are going to have an audience, a panel of three industry professionals outside of faculty who will give their feedback on each of the pieces, so it really is an opportunity to be at a film festival type setting for the first time in their lives"

The panel of will consist of filmmakers Adam and Andrew Gray (Fly Colt Fly) and Tess Girard (Just Passing Through, Old Growth) and Ryan J Noth (Northwords).

The films will cover a variety of topics, from a local band whose members are all in their eighties, to a film about Memorial Arena and it's state with in the community.

The films all derived from a class assignment in the TV & New Media department, called 'Foursquared.' The students are put into groups of four with four different roles (director, director of photography, audio and editor) and are challenged to make a four-minute film based on one of four topics. The topics are *going green, hot button, the scene, and insider.*

Rob Howsam, a second year student in the TV & New Media program, will be having his film about the Memorial Arena screened tonight.

"I've seen my video a bunch of times, I know where it's at, so I'm pretty pumped to see other people's just because you never really get to chance to see how everyone else did, to see the final product. It's going to be pretty cool to see everyone else's."

The films will be screened tonight at Alumni Hall at Loyalist College and is free to attend.



# Ottawa 67's squeeze by Bulls

Game goes into shootout after scoreless overtime

By Justin Greaves

It was the battle of the bottom eastern division.

Both the Ottawa 67's and Belleville the Bulls had nothing to lose. After coming off a big win against Peterborough on Sunday, the Bulls were ready to play.

The Bulls started the game strong, scoring within the first 10 minutes, dominating the shot count 12-5 in the first period. The 67's retaliated after each goal and started pressuring the Bulls, evening out the shot count. A hooking penalty was given to Niki Petti (23) of Belleville with 13 minutes left in the third with a score of 2-1 for the Bulls. The 67's took advantage of their one and only power play, tying up the game, causing the game to go into overtime.

After a scoreless overtime, the game went to a shootout. Travis Konecny, (17), of Ottawa deked out Bulls Charlie Graham (29) for the game-winning goal.

Local Belleville player Brody Morris (2), who plays defence in his first year with the Bulls, says being able to finish seems to be the problem.

"I think the game went well, but it obviously could have been better. We need to work on our shootout and over time. We just need to work on closing these games. I think we played a good game, stuff just happens. We've been doing better in the past but in the future we need to work on finishing," said Morris.

Two thousand and twenty fans were heard at the Yardman.

"Even though the Bulls are losing, they're playing well. They just can't seem to finish these games," said long-time fan Doug Bray.

"I enjoy the game, and I enjoy coming here with my friends. I have been coming with my buddy's for 35 years, before the Bulls were even in the OHL," laughed Bray as he looked around at his three friends sitting around him.

"Over the years, we've seen some really great hockey players. Not just from Belleville but from all the cities," said Bray.

Fans at the Yardman have been devoted to the Bulls despite the poor season.

Mike Spencer and his daughter Shoshannah come to as many Bull's games as they can a year.

"I just like to cheer for my home city, and watch them play. This year they have been up and down, but when there's a goal for the Bulls I get pretty excited and regain my faith in the team, that's what I come to see," said Shoshannah.

Barb Eban has been coming to the games for three years with her daughter.

"My daughter loves the Bulls, it's her favourite thing to come here and see them. After every period she goes and sees the team,"

"Whenever she sees them at the mall she runs up to them and hangs out with them there, she definitely has a crush on them,"

The Bulls are travelling to Kingston this Friday, facing off against the Frontenac's who are first in the eastern division.



Bulls fan Shoshannah Spencer and her friend Lilly, an Ottawa 67's fan, yell at their favourite team at the Yardmen Arena on Wednesday night. The 67's went on to win the game 3-2. Photo by Justin Greaves



Left winger Ryan Van Stralen shakes off Niki Petti of the Belleville Bulls at the Yardmen Arena on February 26, 2014. Ottawa ended the 3-2 game with a lone goal from centre Travis Konecny. Photo by Alistair Maitland

## Winter becomes costly venture as salt and sand cover city streets



Photo by Guillaume Nolet

A woman makes her way down the icy sidewalk. Winter conditions make roads like Campbell Street in downtown Belleville hazardous for pedestrians to use. In the first month of 2014 alone, the city of Belleville has spent a third of their winter road maintenance budget.

One third of maintenance budget already spent

By Guillaume Nolet

Salt, sand, patience and a truck-load lot of money are what it takes to survive winter road conditions in any city.

With three weeks of winter left, many are hoping for milder and drier conditions before spring arrives.

"In the first month of the calendar year we have already spent a third of the \$1.5 million dollars winter maintenance budget," said Bryan Cousins, director of finance with the city of Belleville.

As it becomes harder to predict the amount of snowfall from one year to the next, the city of Belleville implemented a reserve fund in 2010 allocated to cover for extra winter maintenance costs.

"To insure we don't increase property tax, we created a reserve fund of \$1 million dollars to help the city pay for additional cost related to winter maintenance," said Cousins.

Not only winter conditions cost the city an incredible amount of money, it also has a direct impact on the health and safety of its residents especially the senior population.

For Sarah Kerr, physiotherapist at The Physio Centre in Belleville, the amount of injuries treated due to fall during the winter months is common.

"We can see all sorts of injuries related to falls, like shoulders

problems, fractures and even concussions," said Kerr.

According to the World Health Organization, it is estimated that one in three persons over the age of 65 is likely to fall at least once each year.

"Middle age people and seniors with pre-existing balance problems are more at risk to injure themselves, especially this time of year," said Kerr.

Statistics Canada numbers shows that by 2031 seniors will account for 23% of the country total population, an increase of 8% from the 2011 numbers.

A report released in 2010 by SMARTRISK, now under Parachute Canada, a national charitable organization dedicated to prevent injuries, estimated that by 2031, \$4.4 billion will be spent on direct health care costs for fall-related injuries.

"It's been a brutal winter for everybody," said Lauren Deans, Registered Nurse at the Student Services Health Centre at Loyalist College.

"For the safety of our residents, the city needs to keep the snow banks down and better assess the snow removal outside of the downtown core, said Deans."

Deans also recommend people to look at simple options when it comes to prevent falls, like using shoe crampons or walking poles.

"Fall injuries can be really serious, so it is important treat it quickly, get a good assessment done by a health care provider, and not be afraid to go to the hospital when in doubts," said Deans.

## Musical evening at Albert College

By Julia Karpiuk

Students, teachers and community members all gathered inside Albert College to be treated to an evening of popular movie tunes on Tuesday.

As you entered into the Albert College dining hall, each table offered complimentary gourmet popcorn and punch. Movie posters lined the walls and Hollywood-themed centerpieces set the mood, along with accompanying movie clips screened to fit the music.

Headlining the evening was Albert College's community band, directed by Scott Mills with accompanying performances by Albert College's women's choir. The theme of the evening, "Hooray for Hollywood" offered up some classic movie scores from *Star Wars* and *Blues Brothers* to name a few. Vocal performances included *The Winner Takes All* from *Mamma Mia* and a stunning rendition of Adele's *Skyfall* from *James Bond*.

"We're trying to build the skills of the students and give them a chance to express themselves...and make beautiful music," said Mills.

Albert College puts on musical performances three times a year. The fall and spring shows are usually free and the winter shows are put on to benefit a charity. The proceeds from the "Hooray for Hollywood" show are going towards a former student's charity, the Paradigm Shift Project.

A charity started by Rebecca Sweetman, an alumni of 2000, the Paradigm Shift Project is a charity that focuses on creating films and promotional videos for non-profit government organizations around the world.

A brief clip of a Paradigm shift project film was screened in the middle of the evening to give the audience a taste of what they contributed to. "It's for a good cause, it's already fun but there is love and care behind it too and motivation to put more effort in," said Jade Belboda, who sang during the evening.

The vocal portion of the evening showcased nine female students, performing songs primarily from movie musicals such as *Les Misérables* and *Mamma Mia*. "They got to choose what they wanted to sing, and it let's them validate their own choices," said Erin Paul the director of the women's choir.

The night was concluded with the whimsical scores of Harry Potter.



## On the street

Kaitlin Abeele asked people at Loyalist College the following question:

**What television show are you most excited to watch?**



**Tabitha Kay, second-year recreation and leisure sciences,** "I really like Sherlock."



**Juon Nicholson, recreation and leisure sciences,** "I watch Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and Everbody Loves Raymond, because they're funny and because of Frank."



**Josh Galambos, first-year culinary,** "One of my favourite shows is Dexter. It gives you that brief ideology of Dexter being a good guy for killing bad guys. But it also reflects him as a bad guy, even though he's a vigilante."



**Steven Stewart, second-year electrical engineering,** "I watch Arrow because I'm into archery. And because he becomes Green Arrow, and I'm big into Avengers and stuff like that. I grew up with it."



**Linda Serres, office co-ordinator, school of media studies,** "I love Lost Girl. It's my Sunday night date with my husband."



**Mackenzie Gallinger, first-year, media experience,** "Dr. Who. It's interesting. I find there are a lot of lessons to be learned on the shown."

## Editorial

# Canada's First Nations hockey team?

The idea of an all-aboriginal hockey team to play at the Olympics is being proposed but is not a feasible idea. It's only wishful thinking.

Whether Canadians were up at 4 a.m. or 8 a.m., we all watched in anticipation for the medal we desperately wanted. During the winter Olympics, we see Canadians become as patriotic as a nation can be. We are especially proud of our hockey teams.

Goalie Carey Price played a significant role for the men's team, shutting out both team U.S.A. and Sweden in the semi-finals and finals respectively. Overall, Price gave up only three goals in five games. Not only has he made Canada proud, but he's also caught the attention of the First Nations community in Canada.

Doug George-Kanentiio, the director of the Hiawatha Institute for Indigenous Knowledge, spoke on CBC's The 180 radio show about his belief that Price and other First Nations players should have the choice of forming an all-aboriginal team. He states that First Nations are missing a sense of pride among the community and that having its own team is a means of stirring that pot. George-Kanentiio said he doesn't believe this would cause any division among Canadians because of their stance on multiculturalism and its supportive relationship with First Nations. He believes Canadians would see this as a progressive move toward embracing First Nations.

George-Kanentiio's idea is more like wishful thinking. First, many Canadians are unaware or uneducated on the issues concerning Native Canadians. This proposal of a Metis and aboriginal hockey team would cause uproar among Canadians. A lot of judgments may be passed on First Nations as being divisive and separatists. Comments can be found on Facebook and Twitter questioning the demands of Natives. People question their status in Canada and their legitimacy as a nation.

Also, a suggestion such as this is no longer about sports; it becomes a sovereignty issue. There is a long history of aboriginals fighting the federal government for their rights. There needs to be a way, within the current structure of hockey in Canada, in which we can promote aboriginal role models. Before attempting to create a brand new team, we should start with programs for aboriginal children to become athletes. This challenges the structure of inequality First Nations face on a daily basis.

Rather than investing in creating a sports team, the federal government and the aboriginal community should continue in their efforts to raise awareness and education on aboriginal issues. Issues concerning land, oil and missing aboriginal women are just the tip of the iceberg of the rights of aboriginals. A sports team should be the least of the First Nations' concerns. Someone like Price makes all Canadians proud, whether one is aboriginal or not.

Hannah Yoon

# Keeping a happy, healthy population

When people can't eat healthily, they can't be healthy. When they can't be healthy, they can't go to work. When they can't go to work, they can't make money, and can't buy food to be healthy in the first place. This vicious circle is a daily reality for the thousands of people affected by food insecurity in the Quinte region.

According to the 1996 World Food Summit, "food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life." However, this is not the reality in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties.

If you walk through downtown Belleville in the months of January and February, you can see evidence of this in the figures entering and leaving Bridge Street United Church, getting their free evening meal. The church offers a program called Inn From the Cold, which offers a free meal every night from Jan. 18 to Feb. 27, without fail, every single night.

The Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit reports that of a population of about 137,500, around 13,625 people are suffering daily from food insecurity.

Out of that 13,625, there is almost an equal division between moderately food insecure and severely food insecure, based on the data from the health unit. There is a stark contrast between the levels of food insecurity in our region compared to others, with 9.93 per cent of the population of Hastings and Prince Edward being food insecure. The provincial average is 7.64 per cent. 12.6 per cent of the population in this region is already in a low-income bracket, before tax.

"You make a population healthier by increasing what the medical people call the "socio-economic determinants," says Ian Sutherland, a health policy consultant with the HPE Health Unit. These determinants are what influence the rise and fall of poverty levels in a community, which would also affect the levels of food security.

Those factors are simple things. Transport, food prices, the list goes on. The most key factor, however, is income. The biggest area of employment in Hastings and Prince Edward is in sales and services, a sector which holds 26 per cent of workers in the region. Using these jobs as an example, it's easy to see how food falls low on the list of priorities. These are low-paid, minimum wage jobs, and money will often be allocated to other needs before food.

This leads to malnutrition, lack of a steady diet, increased reliance on food banks and food aid services, which places more pressure on the community to provide those services and donations. Possible solutions to this cycle could come from numerous places. Easier access to social assistance could help ease the financial burden on low-income families, giving them more financial leeway to spend on better food. Increased funding to community resources such as food banks and community shelters, and initiatives like the Good Food Box, a program that delivers a package of healthy food to help supplement a family's diet each month. Lastly, efforts could be undertaken by the city government to help draw employers to the region and boost the level of jobs available.

The payoffs to such efforts would be seen throughout the community. Healthier children make for better learners, with more energy and focus in the classroom. Freeing up families to save some of their money rather than scrambling to cover rent each month would improve economic conditions for a good chunk of the population.

Simply put, there are no downsides to a happy, healthy population.

James Wood



## Opinion

# Belleville bus system doesn't work for all

*Fleet of 15 buses isn't enough to move people efficiently*

By Jonathan King

There are many ways to describe the transit system of Belleville but "timely," "efficient" and "fair-priced" aren't any of the words I'd use to describe the service. The fleet of 15 buses isn't enough to move the people who need them efficiently around the city. For example, a friend of mine needs to take the bus from his house near Bogart Crescent to Loyalist College, so he walks up Palmer Road until he reaches Moira Street West and gets on the number seven bus to Loyalist College.

Now if that bus travelled east, it would be a short trip, possibly less than 10 minutes, not including walking to the stop and waiting for the bus. Unfortunately, the bus only goes west, having to go down Coleman Street, through the downtown core, onto Dundas Street West and finally up Wallbridge-Loyalist Road and into the college, a journey that takes almost 40

minutes, if the bus shows up on time in the first place and if the traffic is heavy.

The hours during which the bus system operates are also abysmal. From Monday-Friday buses operate only during the hours of 5 a.m. till 10:30 p.m., a nightmare for people trying to get from the college to the downtown area after a night of cramming and even worse for students who may be stranded downtown, forced to take a cab for another exorbitantly high rate or bundle up for the hour-long walk from the bus station to the colleges' front door. The weekend hours are even worse and on statutory holidays service is almost non-existent.

I know Belleville doesn't need the same public transit system that there is in place in Ottawa, Toronto or Montreal but for fares paid, I feel service should be proportionally better.

In my hometown of Ottawa, the bus fare is \$3.40 cash, or \$3.00 flat if you purchase the two bus tickets it requires for transit. For merely 60 cents more, major bus routes run 24 hours a day, with service until 2 a.m. or 3 a.m. on weekdays, transfers are given on all rides and can be used to go any direction without additional payment, as long as you use the transfer within the two-hour time printed on the ticket, not

too mention most, if not all major buses have a GPS system, allowing for real-time updates on the bus's location on its route and a warning system if there are going to be any delays.

A few simple solutions to many of the problems people experience on Belleville Transit can be resolved quickly. Of the 15 buses in the fleet only 11 of them are on the road at any given time, during rush hour times such as 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., they could utilize the other four buses to ease transportation to and from the college, or all around the city in general. There could be room in the \$4,178,900 budget for a few extra routes during the day, and possibly one or two "night routes" that operate around where the bars and late night necessities that move people from downtown back to the campus and beyond.

I'm not asking for a million-dollar overhaul to the bus system in place. There are many other things on the city's plate this year, such as the downtown revitalization plan, and Belleville's strategic plan this year is jam packed with ideas and projects. Hopefully when the next mayor is elected the public transportation system will be higher up on the list of priorities.

# Government slow to deal with native issues

By Sarah Vissers

Women in Canada are still suffering from Old World values, particularly those with indigenous ties to our home and native land.

Six hundred. That's approximately how many aboriginal women and girls have gone missing or been murdered in Canada dating back about as far as the 1960s. This oft-cited number comes from a study by the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) called *Sisters in Spirit*.

Many of these cases have happened in the last 20 years, including the infamous Robert Pickton case and the Highway of Tears.

The federal government is slow to solve this serious issue, and it's embarrassing. As recent as February, the NWAC and others have gone to Parliament to ask — nay, beg — the government to hold a national inquiry. The govern-

ment has yet to oblige.

This inquiry would help us understand why so many aboriginal women and girls are struck by such violence in this country, and tell us how we can prevent it from happening to more. Yet for a country whose pride and joy is our Charter of Rights and our international reputation as peacekeepers, we're doing a very poor job of protecting our own, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

Even the United Nations special rapporteur, James Anaya, has said he finds the *Sisters in Spirit* statistics disturbing. When the UN, which works in Third-World countries where there is almost no standard of human rights protection, finds something in Canada disturbing, you know it's a real problem.

An inquiry into this matter would help to figure out why these women go missing and more importantly, what factors led them there.

The reasons for these disturbing instances are clear to many critics of the Canadian government: long-standing, systemic racism and the issues that stem from it, such as social and mental health issues.

Canada demonstrated pride in our indigenous peoples and their cultures when the world was watching us in 2010 during the Olympics, but it was merely a veneer of sincere respect for Canada's original inhabitants. From stealing their land at the very beginning, to residential schools and a flawed serial killer investigation, Canada has proven it does not care about Canada's indigenous peoples time and again.

It's 2014, but Canada is still living in 1867. Some of us need a kick in the pants to finally start caring and helping the people who need it most: those we have neglected since the beginning.

An official inquiry is merely the first step.

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