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DID YOU KNOW...?

- The Town of Renfrew will be 150 years old in 2008
- The Deep River Science Academy has a summer program for teenagers beginning July 3rd
- Buying local products helps keep almost \$3 billion in our local economy and helps maintain and create local employment
- For More Information, contact

The County of Renfrew at 735-7288 or 1-800-273-0183 or visit www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca



MESSAGE FROM THE WARDEN

What a year 2007 has turned out to be! Not only are there many exciting opportunities, but our rural lifestyle also has



some challenges ahead. Perhaps one of the most pressing issues is the recent Ontario Parks Report that called for an enlargement of the protected area of Algonquin Park for the forestry industry. If many of the recommendations of the Report are carried through, it could have a devastating impact on our local economy. There are over 100 forestry-related industries in the County of Renfrew. This translates into hundreds of jobs for our population. Our County Council will continue to work with local industry leaders and try to convince Queen's Park that although the Report was well

intentioned, there are some misconceptions and inaccuracies in the Report that must be understood. Local industry leaders and myself will be meeting with the Minister of Natural Resources to make our case. I will keep you updated on this very important issue that affects all of us.

I invite all our residents to take some time and visit a local beach, campground or other tourist operator in the region. With over 200 members in the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association, there are endless summer activities right on our doorstep. Finally, I would like to thank all those individuals and businesses that took part in the 3rd Annual Warden's Cup Golf Tournament. Once again, the generosity of our local residents took centre stage with proceeds raised to send local children suffering with diabetes to Camp Banting. On behalf of these wonderful children, a big thank you to all involved!

Janice Visneskie

What's Happening!

-Farmers Markets are up and running with fresh local products. Visit the markets in Renfrew, Cobden, Pembroke, Barry's Bay and Combermere.

-The County of Renfrew's Paramedic Services is still offering FREE CPR courses for all residents! Pre-registration is required. For information call Rhonda Chaput at 613-735-7288 ext. 500.

-The Information Technology Department continues its computer training courses including a new course on Crystal Reports, MS Access Queries 2000 and Intermediate MS Project 2003! Call 735-7288 ext. 488 to register.

-August 7th: Unveiling of the Head Clara & Maria Veterans' Memorial in Stonecliffe at 11:00 AM

-August 27-29 is the annual Palmer Rapids Music Festival featuring live music and camping

To submit an upcoming event in "What's Happening," please contact Bruce McIntyre at bmcintyre@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: NORM LEMKE

The upcoming summer will be very busy for the Community Services Department. They will be moving into new offices at Renfrew County Place in the Town of Renfrew.



They will join Paramedic Services and the Public Works Department in the new building. The long term savings with this move will benefit all ratepayers in the area. There will be an official opening in the Fall. I want to welcome our new Di-

rector of Public Works & Engineering, Dave Darch, to the county. Finally, I want to take this opportunity to welcome Shayne Hoelke to the county. Shayne is the new Administrator of Bonnechere Manor. On behalf of your fellow employees, I extend a warm welcome!

LOCAL TRAILS: PROMOTING TOURISM AND RECREATION



Enjoying a local trail

The County of Renfrew has reaffirmed its support for the promotion of one its greatest resources: local trails. The county was recently awarded a grant from the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation to assist in the purchase of an abandoned rail line that runs through Laurentian Valley towards Algonquin Park. The abandoned CN Corridor is a 32-kilometre line that captures the picturesque beauty of the area. In the spring of 2006, the County of Renfrew identified the need to develop a Trails Strategy to gauge public interest in trails, trails-oriented activities and enhancing existing trails and providing trail opportunities that previously did not exist and thereby improving the social and economic well being of the residents of the

County of Renfrew. A county wide survey was conducted and a number of recommendations were put forward. Some of those included establishing a coordination of responsibility for trails at the county level; creating a Community Trails Organization of community trail stakeholders; and the development of a long-range Trails Master Plan. The elected officials of the County of Renfrew recognized the economic, social and health benefits of investing in local trails and have already invested in local trails. Perhaps the most well-known trail is the K&P Corridor that runs from the Calabogie area through Admaston Bromley and finishing on Highway 132 on the border of the Town of Renfrew. This 21-kilometre four-season trail attracts thousands

of visitors using the trail for hiking, cycling, skiing and snowmobiling. One of the themes of the County's Trail Strategy is the need to promote the economic and health benefits of a trails system. Although the County is helping coordinate future trail plans, the strength of all plans is the input from the community. One example is the K&P Management Advisory Committee. This committee represents both local governments and private landowners along the trail. This cooperative group has established proactive measures that promote and protect the integrity of the trail and its bordering lands. Perhaps most importantly, the trails are open to all members of the public, so take an opportunity to explore a local trail today!

MIRAMICHI LODGE: ACCREDITATION AND THEATRE: A PROUD MIX!

Congratulations to the staff, volunteers and residents of Miramichi Lodge upon receipt of its Accreditation! The Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation recently awarded the Lodge with this prestigious honour. The Accreditation process is a detailed study which analyzes the entire operation comparing it to national standards. Administrator Shelley Sheedy credits the help and support of the resi-

dents and families of residents, Miramichi Lodge staff, volunteers including auxiliary and foundation members and some County of Renfrew staff. A job well done!

"I'm Still Here" is a research-based drama that captures the key aspects and understanding required about the dementia journey from the perspective of persons living with dementia and their family mem-

bers. Miramichi Lodge is thrilled to be hosting this production in our Community Centre for long-term care staff and family members in Renfrew County: Monday, Sept. 10/07 7:00 - 8:30 pm performance OR Tuesday, Sept. 11/07 at 2:00 - 3:30 pm performance. Tickets at the cost of \$10.00 will be available at Miramichi Lodge in the near future. For further information, contact Donna Cotnam, CRC at 735-4693 (Ext. 123).

MEET DAVE DARCH! PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING DIRECTOR



Director of Public Works & Engineering, Dave Darch

After being out of the municipal sector for almost a decade, Dave Darch has joined the County of Renfrew as the new Director of Public Works & Engineering. Prior to joining the county, Dave was a consultant with Dillon Consulting for six years and spearheaded the County of Renfrew's Septage & Biosolids Report. Dave has worked on projects for the Town of Renfrew, City of Ottawa and the Department of National Defence. Dave joined Dillon after ending his tenure with the City of

Gloucester. Dave first joined the City of Gloucester in 1987 as the Commissioner of Works. He held that title for six years, and was promoted to Deputy Manager of Development where some of his major responsibilities included planning, building management and engineering. Now that Dave has joined the county, he is looking forward to some new and exciting challenges. Some long term projects Dave would like to bring to the county include plans for fleet management, a sustainable multi-

year capital works program and other proactive initiatives. When asked why he left the urban centre of Ottawa to come to the County of Renfrew, Dave replied, *"I have always felt that I have strong roots in the County and welcomed the opportunity to return to municipal government. I believe my extensive practical experience in this field will enable me to make a difference at the County. I enjoy working with the elected officials and look forward to forging relationships with the 17 municipalities within the county."*

SHAYNE HOELKE: BONNECHERE MANOR'S NEW ADMINISTRATOR

The County of Renfrew is pleased to announce that Shayne Hoelke has been named as the new Administrator of Bonnechere Manor effective July 9, 2007.

According to Laurentian Valley Mayor Jack Wilson, Chair of the County of Renfrew Health Committee, this appointment will assist Bonnechere Manor in its ability to provide quality service to the residents of the long term care facility. **"Mr. Hoelke brings extensive managerial and actual hands-on experience to this position. His background in both nursing and administration is well documented. As well, Mr. Hoelke is very innovative, and his programs have been honoured and recognized by his peers. The County of Renfrew is fortunate**

to have Mr. Hoelke as the new Administrator."

Mr. Hoelke recently completed his Bachelors of Health Science and Masters of Health Service Management through the Charles Sturt University in Australia. Mr. Hoelke's most recent managerial role has been Manager of Community Mental Health and Social Work Services at the Pembroke Regional Hospital and with the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care and the North Bay Psychiatric Hospital.

Mr. Hoelke is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities as the Administrator of Bonnechere Manor. **"Bonnechere Manor has been providing an excellent, high-quality, long term care program for the residents of Renfrew County for many years. I**

feel honoured to be part of this outstanding organization and will endeavor to maintain and exceed the Manor's high standards of care by working closely with residents, families, staff and all of the community stakeholders"

Bonnechere Manor is a caring community of dedicated people providing holistic support and service in a proactive environment. Bonnechere Manor provides 24 hour nursing and personal care, activation and recreation, rehabilitation, palliative and pastoral care, house-keeping, laundry and administrative support. The Seniors & Adult Day Program runs 5 days a week at the Renfrew location, Wednesdays and Fridays in Eganville, Thursdays in Cobden. It also runs in Calabogie and Beachburg.

Shayne Hoelke begins his role as the Administrator of Bonnechere Manor on July 9

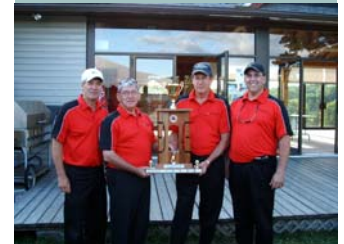


COUNTY OF RENFREW GOLF TOURNAMENT: HELPING LOCAL CHILDREN ATTEND DAY CAMP

Warden Janice Visneskie proudly awarded the Warden's Cup to the winners of the 3rd Annual County of Renfrew Invitational Golf Tournament held in Cobden. This year, all proceeds were donated to Canadian Diabetes Association. The money will help send local children with diabetes to Camp Banting. This week long day

camp allows children a rare opportunity to take part in many activities and also learn valuable life-saving skills on how to manage their diabetes. As Warden Visneskie pointed out, *"this camp experience will show these local children that they are not alone with this disease. As a person who has diabetes, I can only express my*

gratitude to all those who took part!" Many local mayors joined our MPP and other Mayors and Wardens from across Eastern Ontario for the event. Many local residents and businesses also took part. Plans are currently underway for the 2008 Tournament. For information, contact Bruce McIntyre at 735-7288, ext.490.



2007 Warden's Cup Champions are: Tom Mobns, Mayor Bob Sweet, Dan Patrick and Brad Sweet

RELAY FOR LIFE: EMPLOYEES COME TOGETHER TO BEAT CANCER

For the second year in a row the Renfrew County Roadrunners braved very unpleasant weather, battled fatigue, but still finished the annual 12-hour Relay For Life event with a smile on their faces!

Through the generous support of fellow employees, family and friends, the team managed to raise just over \$1900! The money was raised through direct sponsorship along with a very tasty bake sale and ice

cream sales. The ten member team wants to thank all those who generously gave their time and efforts to this worthy cause. The Relay For Life is an annual fundraising event where volunteers come together for a 12-hour marathon race. The local event takes place in Petawawa. The Road Runners team members, from left to right are: *Rhonda Chaput, Celeste Thibeau, Bev Zadow, Jim Hutton, Debbie*

Nash, Gord Thom, Richard Luesink, Kathy Stencill, Debbie Vailancourt, Brett Chaput, Claire Luesink, Dave Ostroski, Mike Behm and Michel Ruest.



"One of the key areas I always strive to bring the concerns of all my constituents. Because Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan is very rural by nature, it is important that all of Renfrew County understand our unique challenges and opportunities. This Council has allowed me to do that.

-Reeve Norm Lentz

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Warden Janice Visneskie presents a cheque for \$3500 to Peggy Hodges of the Canadian Diabetes Association at the 2007 County of Renfrew Golf Tournament

County Council Profile: Reeve Norm Lentz, Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan



Reeve Norm Lentz is one of the longer serving members of County Council. Norm started out way back in 1975 as a Councillor for Raglan Township. Norm first served on County Council beginning in 1994 as the Reeve of Raglan Township. Following amalgamation in 1999, Norm has been the Reeve of the Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan Township and its representative on County Council. Norm is proud of the cooperative work of County Council

and points to the Council's support of local beef producers when it created the Support Our Beef Committee during the BSE Crisis. Prior to politics, Norm worked for Newman Lumber, and was a millwright for 22 of those years. Norm has two grown children. When Norm is not trying to solve local issues, and if you need to contact him, your best bet is to trek into the woods because Norm takes every chance to enjoy his favourite past-time: hunting!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How big is Algonquin Park?

A: The Park is 7,725 square kilometres.

Q: How much of the Algonquin is used for logging operations?

A: Less than 2% of the park, or approximately 154 sq kilometres

Q: Who is responsible for maintaining 911 signs?

A: Homeowners should inspect to make sure their 911 signs are visible for Emergency vehicles.

COMMUNITY AGENCY PROFILE: LITERACY PLUS

The ability to read and write is often a basic skill that many of us take for granted. However, there are some residents in the County of Renfrew who are unable to perform this daily task. The inability to read can drastically reduce vocational and education opportunities. However, there is a local organization committed to assisting these individuals acquire this skill. Literacy Plus provides literacy and upgrade skills to adults, based on their individual needs, through a variety of learning opportunities. Literacy Plus promotes awareness of literacy and the value of lifelong learning. The agency serves adults 19 years and over who have difficulties with reading, writing or math. Literacy Plus links with employment skills in computer-based classes and other short courses. There are a number of options to assist adult students including one-to-one literacy learning with volunteer tutors, small computer-based classes for three hours a week, small group upgrading, on-line training with instructor feedback and short-term workshops and courses. All these classes have one goal in mind: the chance for adults

to learn how to read and write in today's information based society. Literacy Plus (Renfrew County Community Upgrading Program) is a community-based agency incorporated as a non-profit charitable organization. It is governed by a Board of Directors elected from all parts of the county. The Board is elected at the Annual General Meeting in June and meets approximately once a month. Literacy Plus receives core funding from the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. It was founded in 1993 and serves approximately 200 students per year. The central office is located at 131 Queen Street in Eganville and is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. For information on this countywide agency, or if you would like to volunteer for this very worthwhile organization, please contact the office staff at 613-628-1720 or 1-800-387-4712. Literacy Plus can also be found on the internet at: www.literacyplus-renfrewcounty.ca

FEEDBACK!

Focus On Agencies

In this edition of County Contact, we have started a new section that highlights local agencies that provide unique services to all county residents. The first agency to be profiled is Literacy Plus. It is our goal to help local agencies reach a larger clientele through this newsletter. The County of Renfrew is fortunate to have hundreds of dedicated staff and volunteers dedicating their time and efforts for these organizations. If you know of a county-wide agency that helps local residents and you think it should be mentioned in the next newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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