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Fire Safety Week

(Right) Pefferlaw Volunteer Fire-fighter Tim Lawrence, demonstrates the workings of the fire engine pumping apparatus to a young member of the First Pefferlaw Beavers & Cubs Scouting troop. The Pefferlaw Fire Department set up their fire fighting equipment and apparatus outside the fire hall on Saturday, October 15 as part of the department's activities during Fire Safety Week.



(Left) Newest Pefferlaw Volunteer Firefighter, Rick Ingles (left) poses beside John Dallimore (right) in front of the Pefferlaw antique pumper. John Dallimore is the oldest surviving member of the original volunteer brigade which was started by the Lions Club in 1956. Mr. Dallimore retired from service in 1984 after serving five years as the District Fire Chief. He remains an honorary member of the Pefferlaw Fire Department.

Goby Update Ministry of Natural Resources executes goby plan

In an effort to save as many native fish as possible before treating the Pefferlaw river with a chemical to rid it of round goby, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) orchestrated a multi-stakeholder rescue of more than 4,000 fish.

Armed with support from the federal Department of Oceans and Fisheries, the Bait Association of Ontario, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Conservation Authority and two Shimano live release boats, MNR officials conducted a week-long electro-fishing program which resulted in 4,244 fish being transported out of the river and released two to three kilometres into Lake Simcoe.

According to Jason Borwick, a management geologist for MNR, the group transported 106 small mouth bass, 1,317 perch, 11 pike, 411 large mouth bass, 1,937 pumpkin seed, 165 white suckers and various other species. Included in the catch were 549 round goby and 18 rainbow trout.

The process also confirmed that the river treatment of Rotenone, which began the following Tuesday, was ahead of the
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Knowledge will set you free

I attended the public information session at the Lions Hall recently where I heard the details of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) plans to use a chemical called Rotenone on five kilometres of the Pefferlaw River to get rid of the goby infestation. These critters were described as an "invasive species" whose numbers are spreading rapidly as they feed on the eggs and fry of our native fish species. Right now, according to MNR spokespeople, the goby are still contained in the Pefferlaw river and the application of Rotenone was described as the best chance they have to eradicate them before they spread to the lake. Like you, the thought of dumping thousands of litres of poison into the river that will not only kill goby, but populations of sport fish as well, raised a number of red flags. So, I set about educating myself on Rotenone and its use as a fisheries management tool and the potential impacts it could have on our ecosystem. World wide web here I come.

Here is some of what I found out.

Rotenone is a naturally occurring substance found in plants related to the bean family. It is registered in Canada as an insecticide for various vegetables, flowers, birds, companion animals and livestock. It was first used in Canada as a piscicide in 1937 and has since been registered for piscicidal and insecticidal uses. It is on the books for re-registration in 2006.

A user's manual, produced in part by the American Fisheries Society under their mandate to deliver a Rotenone Stewardship Program, is available on the internet and is intended to be a guide for any registered user of Rotenone. It takes the user through the process, step by step to help ensure the success of the program.

Step One caught my attention

immediately. It focused on how to bring the public into the discussion early on the process because the number one factor cited as having an impact on the success or failure of the program, was public support. I talked with Peter Waring from MNR about this and he agreed that the process here could have been handled differently and he showed a genuine interest in wanting to do the right thing. In fact, I've been very impressed with the personal responsiveness of Peter and several other MNR officials to date. (Notwithstanding the handling of the public information session at the Lions Hall). I know of a few people who have voiced their concerns over the program and Peter either met with them personally or called them on the phone to respond to the questions.

At the end of the day, given the material I've read and the opinions I heard from respected experts in the field, it appears Rotenone offers one of the few options open to fish management agencies to completely eradicate the goby before they get into the lake. Like you, I don't like being used as a guinea pig and I don't like the fact that it means other native fish will die (despite a week-long effort to remove as many as they could through electrofishing), and I am certainly not a fan of subjecting the ecosystem to such drastic measures. Having said all that though, I've evaluated the risks as I know them to be and measured them against the long-term benefits of the program and the best conclusion I can reach is, it is a chance we have to take. But don't take my word for it. Get out there and educate yourselves and ask the tough questions. It's the only defence you have against misinformation and untruths.

Karen Wolfe, Editor.

Year of the Veteran—2005

This year marks the 60th anniversary since the end of the Second World War and the liberation of Europe and as a result, the Government of Canada has declared 2005 the Year of the Veteran. As part of Canada's year-long expression of thanks to war service veterans and veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, the week of November 5 to 11, 2005 will honor Veterans' Week.

Pefferlaw area residents can recognize the time-honored contributions made by thousands of men and women by attending the Memorial Day services and parade that is planned for Saturday, November 6, 2005.

The parade will assemble on the corner of Pinecrest Court and Pefferlaw Rd. near the Youth Centre at 2:30 p.m. and march through town on their way to the Lions Community Centre on Pete's Lane.

There, a number of wreaths will be laid by the cenotaph in remembrance of Canadian fallen heroes during World War I and World War II by a number of local area veterans and politicians. The cenotaph is a recent Pefferlaw landmark erected in 2001 following the lobbying efforts of former Pefferlaw Lion president and World War II veteran, Chris DenBrassen.

Organizations who have agreed

to participate in the event include the Pefferlaw Lions Club, the Pefferlaw Fire Department, the Air Cadets, Scouts, the Pefferlaw Ratepayers Association and Club 55. The groups will be led along the parade route by a band.

Following the wreath ceremony, a Memorial Day service will be performed in the hall prior to refreshments being served by the Pefferlaw Lioness.

Second World War service veteran and senior Lions Club member, John Dallimore, is encouraging everyone to come out and show their appreciation for Canada's sacrifice during wartime and particularly, he wants to see as many local veterans as possible at the ceremony.

"We are encouraging all vets to come because this is their year," Mr. Dallimore said, adding, "Vets don't ask for too much, just a hand shake and a thank you," he said.

(Editor's Note: In the November 10 issue of the Pefferlaw Post, (in time for Remembrance Day and in recognition of Veterans Week), we will profile a number of local area servicemen who served in World War II. If you, or anyone you know is a veteran who served in the war, please contact the editor regarding this

Home-based business owners organize business fair

A group of small business owners who have formed a co-operative to promote their home-based companies, will host a business fair at the Egypt Hall on Saturday, November 20. Betty Anne Martin of Pefferlaw, a representative for the group, said the fair is a cost-effective way for small business owners to promote their products and services.

"We are not only looking to promote and sell our products, but to interest other people to

join us. There will be some career opportunity for many stay-at-home people who want to work from home," she said. The cost to exhibit at the fair is \$25.00 which includes a table and two chairs and the group is planning a comprehensive promotion campaign to attract visitors.

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Georgina Island residents mourn the loss of talented musician

Local area residents and members of the Canadian music scene join Georgina Island band members and First Nations people across the country in mourning the loss of one of Canada's most prolific and talented First Nations musicians, Mardy Lucier-Porte. Mr. Lucier-Porte, 43, died recently in a motor vehicle accident not

two kilometres away from his home on Blue Jay Way in Virginia, Ontario.

Mr. Lucier-Porte began his rise to prominence over 30 years ago, when as a youngster of 10, he was a solo guitarist at the Ontario Conservatory of Music. Described as an instrumentalist, vocalist and composer, Mr. Lucier-Porte was the founder and creator of two Canadian rock bands, Zorock and Raindance, and has performed in a number of concert tours across the U.S.

and Canada.

He appeared in a number of radio and TV productions for APTN and Bravo and delivered a memorable performance in the 1992 movie, "The Journey of Lucas B" which also starred Georgina resident, Graham Greene, who was also considered both a friend and mentor to Mr. Lucier-

Porte.

As a musician, Mr. Lucier-Porte recorded a debut solo CD called Nimkikaa, an Ojibwa word meaning "thundering" and also had a number of other CDs to his credit, including Peyote, a Raindance release with Sunshine Records. In a Hamilton News and Entertainment Weekly critique of the Peyote CD, editors described the release in the following way: "One listen to their CD reinforces the notion that all members of Raindance are skilled musicians. In particular, members Porte and SongChow's combination of thrashing guitars and pleasing vocals carry the band's songs into a heavenly hard rock stratosphere."

The guitar skill and song-writing genius of Mr. Lucier-Porte are echoed by friend, neighbour and adoring fan, Nish Radio host, Morgan Priester. Mr. Priester played many of Mr. Lucier-Porte's CD tracks on his Georgina Island morning radio show and is finding it difficult to put his feelings for the artists' work into words. Before he died, Mr. Lucier-Porte gave Mr. Priester a copy of the title track from a brand new CD set to be released this month. Called "The Wise", Mr. Priester said "The title track is definitely one of his best tunes and proves that he still writes killer material and is a musical genius who is way ahead of his time."

A funeral service was held on Thursday, October 6 at Taylor's Funeral Home in Sutton prior to interment at Briar Hill Cemetery. Mr. Lucier-Porte is survived by his two children, son Quannah and daughter Eko, his father, Sarge Porte and his wife Sheila from Georgina Island and his mother, Linda Lucier of Kitchener.



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Mardy Lucier-Porte performing at the Blue Feather Festival in 2003.



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MNR goby plan

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seasonal runs of fish.

"We are not seeing the big fall run of emerald shiners or perch," Mr. Borwick said.

Once the transfer was completed, the application of Rotenone began Tuesday morning on October 18. Seven boats, operated by officials from DFO, pumped hundreds of litres of the Rotenone solution into the river as they moved in a criss-cross pattern from the mouth of the river to the bridge at Highway 48. In addition, three ferrying boats followed behind collecting the dead fish affected by the treatment.

Paul Barber, past president and a director for the Bait Association of Ontario helped with the fish clean up. "Right now we have about 60 gallons of emerald shiners," Mr. Barber said. "but I'm just glad we missed the really heavy runs. I think we are in ahead of them."



MNR officials measure a rainbow trout caught during the electro-fishing program used to transport over 4,000 fish from the river into Lake Simcoe.

The next step in the process, to begin on Thursday, October 20, includes applying the chemical to the river just below the dam through a drip line. This process involves stringing a hose filled with holes across the river at the bottom of the dam. As the Rotenone seeps through the holes, the flow of the water will carry it down the river, killing all the fish in its path. MNR will be in the area throughout the weekend of October 22 conducting clean-up operations and residents who find dead fish after the clean-up, are asked to call (905) 713-7357 so MNR staff can come and collect them. According to MNR, the dead fish are not harmful to humans or birds, but should be reported when found. The dead fish are being transported by a bulk handler to an organic waste disposal site.

Wind storm destroys valuable black walnut trees, truck

A fierce wind storm last month uprooted and blew over four valuable black walnut trees—one of which landed on a half-ton truck owned by Jim Arnold.

Jim and his wife Mary, first knew something was happening when they were awakened by the deafening sound of the wind and dozens of walnuts hitting the side of their home on Hwy. 48 in Virginia.

Mary, thinking they were in the throes of a tornado, quickly woke the couple's two children and took them to safety downstairs.

Minutes later, Jim watched helplessly from the kitchen window as three large black walnut trees fell, narrowly missing the house,

but not his pick-up truck parked nearby. Pictured below is a fourth tree that once stood alone on the couple's front yard. "Ten years ago, my dad was offered \$10,000 for the three trees by house," Jim said. "I guess he wishes now he would have taken it."



Tennyson Tidbits

Congratulations to **Sandy and Shirley Chamberlain** who celebrated their 51st Anniversary on October 2. The couple celebrated with son Scott from Vancouver and daughter Cindee from Brampton.

Brandi Oliver on Riverbank Drive and a student at Sutton District High School is turning 18 on October 29, 2005. Congratulations Brandi.

Many local Port Bolster residents travelled to Oshawa on Saturday, October 8 to attend the 65th birthday party for **Pat Long**. Pat is married to Bob Long, whose parents, **Ed and Rita Long**, were the first owners of the Port Bolster General Store. I hear long-time Port Bolster residents, **Orval and Joan Schell**, their daughter **Wendy** and **Martin Rowe** attended together with **Frank and Shirley Graves**.

Those of you who remember **Bruce Rye** and his family (they owned a farm for generations on Old Homestead Rd.) will certainly remember their sons **Ron, Brian and Vernon**. Vernon turned 50 on October 15 and Ron's wife, **Debbie**, turned 50 on October 10. Who can forget the image of Ronnie running down

their mile-long driveway to catch the school bus every morning.

Happy Birthday to little **Liam Marchand** who turned five on October 14 and to his mom **Kathleen** who celebrated her birthday on October 8. And, cousin **Justin Shearer** turns 14 on October 31. Justin's sister, **Ashley**, recently attended commencement services at Our Lady of the Lake Secondary School where she graduated with honours and received an Ontario Scholar Award, the Queen Elizabeth bursary, the Gem Theatre bursary and an award for World Issues. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations to **Rosslyn Hastings** who turned 80 years old on October 20. An open house was held in her honour on October 22 at the Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery in Sutton where many of her works of art were on display. Family and friends were on hand to offer their best wishes and congratulations.

Sergeant **Larry Proctor** on Morning Glory Rd. will retire on November 3 after 30 years of service with the Ontario Provincial Police. Happy Retirement Larry.

Pefferlaw pro-hockey hopeful pursues dreams through academic channels

Many local area kids who took their first tentative steps on skates while holding onto a chair at Ken's Hackenbrook's hockey school, have gone on to dream of one day playing in the NHL. For many, somewhere in between the chair and a stint on a local Junior C team, the dream began to fade. But for Dave McIntyre, 18, a talented centre for the Junior A Newmarket Hurricanes, that dream is still alive and much closer to coming true today than ever before. But as much as the NHL is the dream, Dave McIntyre has a realistic and sobering plan in place—one that is riddled with a maturity way beyond his years—that will hopefully let him fulfill his dream and satisfy his academic aspirations as well. Dave graduated from Sutton District High School this year as an Ontario Scholar and furthering his education is definitely a priority for him. So, despite an offer to play hockey for the Ontario Hockey League's (OHL) Belleville Bulls, Dave has opted to set his sights on a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) scholarship in the U.S. so he can pursue a degree in sports management and his passion for hockey at the same time.

According to Dave and his father Don, who knows through personal experience how quickly the dream of an NHL career can fade and how important it is to have something else to fall back on, more and more NHL hopefuls are plotting

a path to the pros through academic scholarships. As a result, they are creating a talent pool for hockey that is drawing the attention of more and more NHL talents scouts, who have traditionally counted on the OHL to produce the up and coming hockey star.

"Turning down the Belleville Bulls draft was a very difficult decision for me," Dave said adding that his father and Gary

options. "I started contemplating where I wanted to go and decided to do my best in school and go from there. Now, the educational opportunities are the driving force behind my decisions so I have something to fall back on if I ever get injured," he said.

Dave started playing hockey at the age of five in Scarborough and went from skating on his ankles that first year to scoring eight goals a game the following season. "He spent the summer roller blading and then he just took off," Don McIntyre said. "And, because he could skate so well at an early age, he was able to score a lot of goals."

Dave moved to Pefferlaw at the age of 14 and during his first year with the Georgina Ice, he received the Rookie of the Year trophy. From there, he went on to play triple A hockey before signing up with the Newmarket Hurricanes.

Now in his second year, Dave is one of the top five scorers on the team. In the 2004/2005 season he ended up with 51 points in 59 games by scoring 25 goals and 26 assists.

His performance on the ice, coupled with his status as an Ontario scholar, is now starting to draw the attention he has hoped for. "This year I have been getting a ton of attention," Dave said. And, as a result, he has been contacted directly by as many as 12 schools and has one offer on the table.

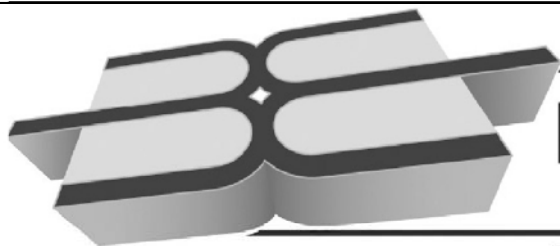
Dave firmly believes that being an Ontario scholar is opening the doors to good schools and now that more and more NHL talent is coming from college hockey, he's convinced the academic path to the NHL is the way to go. "I'm pursuing school because there are more opportunities there to pursue my athletic dreams," he said.



Eighteen-year-old Dave McIntyre of Pefferlaw believes a post-secondary education will leave him with more options as he pursues a career as a professional hockey player.

Lehmann, a former pro hockey player and friend of the family, "helped me make the right decision."

Dave said a serious injury resulting in a bad concussion helped him prioritize his



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Alpaca, angora and animals galore at Foundtime Farm

The alpaca, a rare and relatively unknown animal from Peru is making a fateful journey back from the brink of extinction and has become a prized source of supply for exotic yarns in North America. One such animal lives on Foundtime Farm located on Weir's Sideroad and owned by home-based business owner

Julie Jenkins her husband Ron and their twin sons. Frosty is their four-year old male alpaca whose heritage goes back more than five thousand years to the ancient ancestors of the Inca who domesticated the animals for their fleece. He could be described as a little bit sheep, a little bit llama, and a little bit camel, but his long, luxurious coat is what distinguishes from all three and has given Julie a new "fleece" on life.

For years, Julie has demonstrated her skill as a quilter by conducting quilting lessons in her Pefferlaw home and showing dozens of students how to make fabulous and much-sought-after designs from tiny bits of cloth. That business evolved and expanded into something more when she started spinning the fur from her pet Newfoundlander, Lady Brett, into yarn and eventually, that led to a multi-medium spinning business using different fur-bearing animals as feedstock.

Today, Foundtime Farm is home to Frosty the Alpaca, twelve angora rabbits, three dogs, two horses, various ducks, chickens and exotic hens.

Julie says she really enjoys

the experience of offering a "home-grown" product. "The hat or scarf I create was hand-fed, hand-sheared, hand-spun and hand-knit," she said. "It is something I want to do myself and I

take pride in the whole experience." Frosty roams free on the farm and as a herd animal, he has bonded to

Julie's horse and never wanders too far from him. He grazes on grass and some hay, but despite his five-foot frame and three stomachs, he eats relatively little compared to other farm animals. "They are expensive animals to buy," Julie says, "but inexpensive to keep." Registered alpaca can demand anywhere from \$2,000 to



Home-based business owner, Julie Jenkins with "Art" the angora bunny.



Frosty, a four-year-old alpaca purchased by Julie Jenkins two years ago, is in the process of growing back his valuable coat in preparation for winter.

\$10,000 for quality breeding stock and their limited supply and increasing demand continues to drive their value up. The alpaca fibre is considered one of the best-kept secrets in the textile industry. It is said to be seven times warmer than wool, is water repellent and has a flame retardant quality. Frosty is sheared only once a year in the spring and one shearing produces enough "cards" to knit two adult sweaters, six to eight pairs of mittens and two matching hats. Julie sells a 120-yard skein of hand-spun alpaca yarn for \$12.00.

Both the angora and alpaca fleece can be spun into yarn on its own, but often Julie uses another material to blend with it in order to give it more strength and flexibility. "It also makes it easier to spin," she said.

Initially, Julie only sold the yarn she spun, but then taught herself to knit, and now carries a variety of knitwear. In addition to selling the yarn and various items made from both alpaca and angora, Julie conducts spinning lessons in her home to demonstrate how the fleece is hand-spun into yarn using a drop spindle.

"For me, it is very relaxing and enjoyable," she said.

And, her new-found skill as a spinner has attracted the attention of local dog groomers who regularly drop off bales of fur ready for spinning.



A basket containing a "card" of alpaca fleece. The fleece is formed into a card after it has been sheared and cleaned in preparation for spinning.

Coming Events

The Alliance for a Better Georgina (ABG) **Mapping Project Open House for the Udora Map** will be held on Monday, **October 24** from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Udora Hall.

The AGB **Mapping Project Open House for the Pefferlaw Map** will be held at the Pefferlaw Lions Hall on Tuesday, **November 8** from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Cedardale Church of the Nazarene will be hosting two events to honour a visit by **Charles and Esther Mulli**, founders of the Mully Children's Family orphanage in Kenya. There will be a Ladies Breakfast, Saturday, October 29 at 9:00 a.m. where Esther Mulli, mother to over 1,200 children will be the guest speaker. On Sunday, October 30, at 10:00 a.m. residents are invited to hear Charles Mulli relate his inspirational story which led to the care of abused, orphaned and abandoned street children of Kenya.

The Christmas Craft and Bake Sale sponsored by the Georgina Association for Community Living will be held at the Kinsmen Community Centre in Sutton on Saturday, November 5, 2005. For more information contact Patti Burgess at (905)722-8947.

On Saturday, November 6 at 2:30 a.m. Pefferlaw area residents are invited to come out and watch the **Memorial Day Parade**. The parade will travel from Pineview Court down Pefferlaw Rd. to the cenotaph at the Lions Hall on Pete's Lane. A service and refreshments will follow a wreath ceremony at the war monument.

The 5th Annual Turkeys and Toys Benefit Gala will

be held at the Pefferlaw Lions Hall on November 12, 2005. The evening fundraising event begins at 5:30 p.m. and is designed to raise money for food and other necessities for disadvantaged residents of Georgina during the holiday season. In addition to the food, music and dancing, the evening includes a silent auction, raffles, spot and door prizes. This year, Miss Canada International will be on hand to welcome guests. To purchase tickets or to make a donation, please contact Rosa Sharpe, (705) 437-1175 or email: rosasharpe@rogers.com

A number of local home-based business owners are organizing a business fair to be held at the Egypt Hall on Sunday, November 20. Called the **Body and Soul Fair**, the event opens the doors at 10:00 a.m. and the show will run until 4:00 p.m.

The **Stretch Your Mind and Your Body** program is held every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Pefferlaw Library.

Euchre players still needed to join the **Ladies Euchre Night** at the Port Bolster Hall. The group meets every other Tuesday evening at 7:15. Cost for the evening is \$5.00. Call Marilyn Reid at (705) 437-3818 for details.

Club 55 is hosting a five-week **computer course** for beginners. The program is taught by Katherine McIntosh and costs \$10 which includes a reference booklet for each of the five courses. The program starts on Thursday, October 27.

Club 55 is also organizing an outing to **Georgian Downs** on Friday, November 4. Call Jan Osborne at (705) 437-2432 for details.

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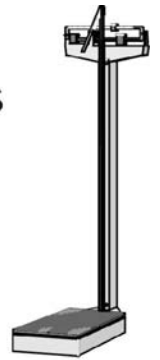
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