

# Apple producers meet politicians to talk \$\$\$ aid

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GRAFTON — Declare the local area a disaster or provide some other financial aid to keep apple producers afloat.

That's the message eight apple growers brought to Northumberland MP Christine Stewart and Northumberland MPP Dr. Doug Galt at a special meeting Monday afternoon in Grafton.

With damage ranging from 80-to-100 per cent on apple orchards in Hope, Cramahe, Haldimand and Hamilton townships and none of the farmers covered by crop insurance, there is no money to pay pickers to take off the remaining apples this year and get next year's crop underway, members of the group told the politicians.

"We wanted to get both levels of government together...to know how serious the problems are," said Haldimand Township Reeve Bill Finley who organized the round-table in the township's municipal building.

Ron Knight of Redland Fruit Farms Limited in Haldimand Township says local apple growers have had to pay Agricorp to do assessments on the loss because the province hasn't done so.

"This is a disaster," he said.

"Why aren't we covered?" He and other farmers likened the situation to the ice storm which ravaged Eastern Ontario and for which farmers received compensation.

This area has also been devastated by ice, although it is in the form of hail rather

that freezing rain, but three weeks have gone by and no help is forthcoming.

MP Stewart said she would take their personal stories to the minister but she urged them to approach their growers association to act as a lobby group on their behalf.

She also noted that for the region to be declared a disaster area with relief provided, both the municipality and the province had to set the process in motion.

Jack Vanderwindt of Hope Township said while aid is being sought the cost of borrowing from the banks to keep operations going and to pay pickers is a hardship for all of the growers.

Dr. Galt said municipalities must get the process going by asking for aid and his assistant, John Boreham,

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said the agriculture ministry is awaiting assessments on the orchards before deciding what should be done next.

"Let us know what we have to do," Mr. Finley said. "(Because) local municipalities don't have the funds.

"There is one hope and that's the two (higher) levels of government."

# Colborne resident mowing lawn is bitten by dog

Cobourg OPP are investigating a dog-bite incident from September 11 where a Colborne resident was bitten in the leg by her neighbour's two-year-old Pitt Bull/Rottweiler, while she mowed her lawn.

The dog was chained but able to reach the woman, and is now under quarantine for the next ten days. Police say charges are pending under the Dog Owner's Liability Act.

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On September 12, approximately 2:30 a.m., a 40-year-old Brighton resident has his door kicked in. The victim was kicked in the head and torso several times.

The victim was transported to Trenton Memorial Hospital where he received three stitches to his forehead and was treated for numerous bumps and bruises. Charged with break and enter and assault us Mark Loveless, 34, Brighton. He will appear in Brighton Provincial Court September 30.

A 44-year-old man was charged with causing a disturbance and uttering death threats, after police investigated an out of control street party and corn roast in Castleton on September 12.

Carl Bevan will appear in Cobourg court on October 19.

A Trenton man was arrested for impaired driving on Highway 401 in Hamilton Township on September 12, just one day after he was convicted of driving with over 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

Gerald Llewellyn, 64, will appear in Cobourg court in October on charges of impaired driving, over 80 and drive while prohibited.

On September 11, approximately 10:30 p.m., a 1988 Mustang was northbound on Highway 45 and attempted to avoid something which ran into the roadway. The driver lost control and entered the east ditch.

As a result, driver Shelley Lynn Briginshaw, 35, Warkworth, was arrested and charged with impaired driving and over .08. She will appear in Cobourg court September 28.

Two boys, aged 9 and 11 were not charged, but returned home to their parents by police after they were stopped for mischief on September 13, at 12:10 a.m. in Hamilton Township.

The two youths had thrown rocks at a northbound vehicle on County Road 45, causing about \$500 damage.

A truck driver who stopped on Highway 401, east of Brighton, to assist another driver, lost part of his load on September 14, when his vehicle tipped over on the soft shoulder.

The truck was hauling liquid asphalt and a small amount of the load spilled out but was contained and posed no threat to the environment, police say.

The material had to be pumped into another tanker before the truck could be moved.

On September 10, a counterfeit Canadian \$100 bill was tendered for items purchased at a Brighton business. The bill was of excellent quality.

A Northumberland OPP officer had to take evasive action September 11 to avoid

a head-on collision with another driver that suddenly veered into his lane about 9 p.m. on County Road 2 in Murray Township.

Christopher Brose, 20, of Brighton was charged with impaired driving, dangerous driving and possession of a controlled substance and will appear in court on October 14.

On September 9, the Cashway Building Centre on County Road 74 in Hope Township was entered. The chain on the gate was cut allowing entry into the yard. Approximately \$5,000 in windows and doors were stolen.

As a result of a fatal motor vehicle collision August 12, at the intersection of County Road 9 and County Road 18, involving Denise Day and Mladen Pandurevic, further charges have been laid.

Originally, Mr. Pandurevic was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign. Additional charges have now been laid against Mr. Pandurevic for drive while under suspension, dangerous driving causing death and dangerous driving causing bodily harm. Mr. Pandurevic will appear in Cobourg Court on October 19.

On September 10, police were called to The Big Apple Restaurant in Colborne. A gray Lincoln Mark Seven vehicle had been parked there for three days. The vehicle had been stolen from the Kingston area. The car was not damaged.

On the evening of August 31, members of the Northumberland OPP Crime Unit, assisted by the Kawartha Combined Forces Drug Unit, executed a search warrant at a Seymour Township residence. As a result, 114 marijuana plants and three firearms were seized. Street value of the seized drug is approximately \$91,000.

Charged with production of a controlled substance and careless storage of firearms is Phillip Sheaff, 67, of RR4, Campbellford. He is to appear in Campbellford provincial court September 23.

Over the Labour Day weekend, two five-ton blue hydraulic jacks and two new shovels were stolen from outside a Campbellford residence. Stolen property has an estimated value of \$300.

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