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Stuart Collins, of Bryson farms, passes a plate of purple fingerling potatoes from the farm and cooked by Ruth Smiley Hahn at the Pontiac County Women's Institute information day Wednesday, Feb. 16.

## Women's Institute hosts info day

By PAUL MCGEE  
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SHAWVILLE — Did you know that carrots weren't always the familiar orange colour we have gazed at for years?

If you had attended the Pontiac County Women's Institute information day at the Shawville United Church Hall Wednesday, Feb. 16, you would have learned this, and other, interesting tidbit of information. (Until the 16th or 17th century, carrots came in many colours — white, black, red or purple — until the orange hybrid appeared thanks to the work of Dutch horticulturalists.)

Though this year's information day was not as well-attended as other years, a strong line-up of guest speakers made the day a worthwhile learning experience. Audience members also got to partake of the pot-luck lunch.

"I think everybody was well-pleased," says Ina Kilgour, of the Clarendon Institute. The Pontiac County Women's Institute is comprised of branches in Bristol, Clarendon, Fort Coulonge and Starks Corners. Its Wyman branch recently disbanded.

Kilgour said last Wednesday turned out to a

be a busy day and as a result, attendance was half of other years.

"There were different things going on that day," Kilgour said.

"We were disappointed with the numbers, but knew there was a lot on that day."

### Guests

The women in attendance were treated to guest speakers Nora Shock, who spoke about and gave a demonstration of tole painting, Tammy Davis, of Bambinos day care, who spoke about child care, Joan Brown, who spoke about palliative care and Bryson Farms owners/operators Terry Stewart and Stuart Collins, who finished the day with a presentation on organic farming.

"I could have listened to them for a couple of more hours," Kilgour said of the Bryson Farms' presentation.

Bryson Farms brought samples of their mixed greens and purple fingerling potatoes, prepared by Ruth Smiley Hahn of Café 349, for tasting.

"They were not too bad," Kilgour said of the purple potatoes from Brazil. "I liked them, but I like a little bit of salt on them."

Shock brought an old can for painting as part of her presentation.

"She was exceptional with her talk on tole painting," Kilgour said. "By the end, the can was painted."

Brown told the audience that the hospital is looking for volunteers to provide relief for caregivers at home, the long-term care unit at the hospital or the nursing homes.

"We forget about the people who give care," Brown said.

The volunteers would replace the caregiver so they can take care of other business, such as grocery shopping, or in the case of caregivers at nursing homes or the hospital, go home for a while.

Volunteers, she said, don't need a college degree, they "just have to be a compassionate human being" willing to lend some time.

"You learn how to listen, to just be there, to know when to be silent," Brown said.

The hospital's long-term care unit is undergoing some changes, Brown said, to make it more comfortable for the caregivers.

"When the unit is finished, one room will be available for the family to stay overnight," she said, adding a small kitchen and sitting room also would be available."

## Council remuneration totals for 2004 released

Councillor Marc Coombs topped the list for total remuneration of Cramahe Township council remuneration during 2004, a report accepted by council last Tuesday shows.

Councillor Coomb's \$8,000 remuneration was topped up with \$3,140 for conferences plus \$91 for mileage, a total of \$11,231.

Mayor Lee Dekeyser was still at the top with \$15,000 remuneration plus \$3,130 for conferences and \$129.50 for mileage, a total of \$18,260.

Other amounts for council members during last year were \$9,124 for Deputy mayor Ray Kelly, \$8,000 for Councillor Tim Post and \$5,333 for Councillor Ed Van Egmond.

Also listed is \$4,127 for the former Deputy mayor, the late Mike Johnston.

Approving such remuneration and "identifiable expenses" is a requirement of the Ontario Municipal Act.

- JACK EVANS

### OUR VIEW

# Requiem for Nick Bubb-Clarke

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Cramahe Township lost a loyal and committed supporter last week. Nick Bubb-Clarke passed away.

Nick always wanted the best for this community. For years, he dedicated himself to ensuring the safety and civility of the community. He was a founder of the Colborne,

then later the Cramahe Township Community Policing Volunteers. He believed ardently that watching out for one another was the best way to maintain freedom to live unafraid and unworried by

vandalism, bullying and lawlessness. Further, Nick was adamant that volunteers who served as community policing volunteers - or for any organization - be regarded with respect in recognition of their contributions to our community. It wasn't always an easy road.

When the policing volunteers faded from view several years ago, Nick was not

daunted or dissuaded from community service. With wife Minn, the couple organized monthly roast beef dinners to raise funds for the Colborne Legion. He also knew, with the cost of the dinners being so low, the dinners served as a welcome opportunity to enjoy of hearty meal - and for citizens to meet and socialize.

Nick was a volunteer who worked. Not much given to titles and empty shows of support, he was always pitching in, volunteering with such organizations as the VBJ Centre, Commu-

nity Care Colborne, the library - wherever he could help out.

We miss Nick's easy smile, warm greetings on the street. We'll miss his presence at the New Year's Day Levees, at the Apple Blossom Tyme Festival.

The Colborne Chronicle will purchase and dedicate a tree to be planted at the Keeler Centre in Nick's memory. His roots go deep.

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### WINTER, ADA MARY

At the Streamway Villa, Cobourg on Friday, March 18, 2005. Ada Mary Winter (nee Bishop), in her 92nd year, was the beloved wife of the late William Harold Winter. Dear mother of Beverlay Anne Denny (Doug) and Elizabeth Ada Arthur (Donald), also William George predeceased. Grandmother of Wayne (Elizabeth), Debora (Jonathan), Dale, Lorr-Ann (Tim) and Robert. Great grandmother of Anthony, James, Holly, Rowan, Drew, Andrew, Amy, Chalesie, Dwayne, T.J., Amanda and Chrystal. Sister of George, Bruce, Annie Medhurst and Dorothy May, all predeceased. A funeral service will be held at the Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Colborne on Monday, March 21, 2005 at 2 p.m. Interment Lakeport Cemetery. Friends may call at the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 11 King St. W., Colborne on Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. If desired, donations in memory of Ada can be made to the Streamway Villa Residence Council Fund or Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Condolences to www.maccoubrey.com

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