

# New Film Festival brings up the curtain in Warkworth

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**H**OLD THE PHONE, Hollywood! Cancel out on Cannes! Movie buffs should point their cars towards Warkworth for the next big film festival.

The very first Warkworth FilmFest is being held at the Warkworth Town Hall Centre for the Arts, screening five top-flight Canadian movies in a single weekend, Feb. 23 to 25.

The FilmFest is being organized by Friends of the Warkworth Library to raise money to purchase new large-print and reference books, children's program materials and equipment for the library not covered by the normal library board budget.

"We've never tried anything like this before and we hope it will become an annual event," said Maureen Lennon, a member of the organizing committee. "We think it will be great for the town and one more reason why we are known as an arts community."

Passports for the FilmFest weekend will cost \$45 and that buys admission to five award-winning movies screen, a cocktail reception and, as a grand finale, a live satellite feed in HD of the Oscars from Hollywood. Popcorn will be provided.

"In the past we have always raised funds with talks given by authors but we thought we might try something different and the idea of a movie weekend came up," Lennon said.

Sixty-four businesses and individuals in East Northumberland were approached to help sponsor the event, either with financial help or by providing goods and services.

"We will also be mailing

out 1,000 printed flyers probably next week to area residents to encourage them to buy passports for the weekend," Ms. Lennon said.

Friends of the Library received expert guidance on the film selection from Ken Prue, a movie producer who lives in Warkworth.

Mr. Prue put Friends of the Library in touch with The Circuit, an outreach program run by the prestigious Toronto International Film Festival to bring Canadian cinema to small communities.

The program selected for the Warkworth FilmFest is:

- Friday, Feb. 23: *C.R.A.Z.Y.*, the Quebec box office smash about a family's passage of life in the Sixties;

- Saturday, Feb. 24: *Eva and The Fire Horse*, which won a special jury prize at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival; *A Simple Curve*, which garnered many awards for first-time director Aubrey Nealon; and *Souvenir of Canada* adapted from Douglas Copeland's best-selling series of books which centres on an oddball museum of Canadian pop culture like Fantastick Hockey Fights, Terry Fox memorabilia and billing.

evening concludes with a cocktail reception for filmgoers.

- Sunday, Feb. 25: The FilmFest winds up with *Water* by director Deepa Mehta, who has a weekend home near Warkworth. This is the final installment in Ms. Mehta's highly acclaimed trilogy about women in India and was named one of Canada's Top Ten films of the year. This will be followed by a live satellite broadcast of the Hollywood Oscars hosted by Ellen Degeneres.

"If this is a success, we not only plan to stage the FilmFest every year, but we

also want to have a movie night at the town hall once a month as a further fundraiser," Ms. Lennon said.

Passports for the FilmFest can be purchased at the Warkworth Public Library during regular hours, Eclectic Mix and at other local retailers to be announced in the coming weeks. In the meantime movie buffs seeking further information can contact Fran Harsell (705-924-1702) or Maureen Lennon (705-924-1875).

able to the general public than large increases imposed infrequently." The biggest hit is in the Keeler Centre dining room where cold buffets will increase an average of more than 22 per cent in 2007. As well, consumers can expect to pay an average of 18 per cent more for lunches. The base price of catering at the centre does not include taxes and 15 per cent gratuity.

Bar prices at the Keeler Centre will go up an average 14 per cent this year. The biggest increase is a hefty 25 per cent or \$4 added to a bottle of wine. Other areas administered by community services including rentals for the Keeler hall, ice pad and baseball diamonds will see marginal (five per cent) increases for the coming year. The new ice rental rates will

not go into effect until September. "It would be unfair to groups who have collected fees from their users based on 2006 rates," says Mr. Scott. Advertisers will be paying more for signs at the arena and ball diamonds. A one-year term for a display at the arena will increase \$50 per year over the next two years as the rates jump from \$200 to \$250 this

year and \$300 in 2008. A three-year term at the Keeler will now cost \$600, up \$100 from last year. If you wait until 2008 to post your sign, it will cost \$700. Posting signs at the base ball fields involves only a modest increase. Last year's rate of \$100 for a one-year term will cost \$110 this year and \$120 in 2008. Three-year term contracts will see a boost from \$250 (2006) to \$265 (2007) to \$280 (2008).

# Community service hikes in Cramahne

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SRP FEES FOR RECREATION and community services in Cramahne Township are on the way up, according to a report approved by council at its Jan. 16 meeting.

The report submitted by director of community services Terry Scott explained how the fees "are charged to users (and) are a reflection of the cost of the product in light of market comparisons." The revenues help offset the cost of all programs and services offered to the community.

"We're playing catch up," said Mr. Scott. In the report he promised future annual reviews, in January, would ensure that the prices of the programs and services offered (would) reflect a sense of fairness to the public. Regular small increases in charges are more palatable to the general public than large increases imposed infrequently."

# Buyer found for Warkworth Co-op

## Campbellford Farm Supply tender accepted

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**W**ARKWORTH Co-operative Services has ceased to exist but its physical assets will live on. Campbellford Farm Supply has made an offer to purchase the store, feed mill, warehouse, bulk feed truck and inventory. The receiver winding up the co-operative's affairs has accepted the tender and was to go to court this week to have it approved.

"The deal hasn't formally closed," Campbellford Farm Supply owner Jeff Van Noy said Jan. 4. "There's a lot of I's to dot and T's to cross."

He hopes to have his new Warkworth site ready to go by the first week of February.

"We're looking to open it up as an independent farm supply store...(with) a very similar product line to what the co-op carried," Mr. Van Noy said, but it will "have a little more

hardware emphasis." Campbellford Farm Supply will be able to make use of "a little better purchasing power" than its former rival could call upon which will allow it to offer prices that are "more competitive." CFS also will be able to "bring strength, in terms of sales resources, people we have selling on the road," and it will bring "entrepreneurship," he added.

Warkworth Farm Supply will initially operate with four people. Candidates include former co-op employees. One, Dave Town, who was its manager nearly two decades ago, has been hired to serve in the same capacity. He's "well connected" in the community, Mr. Van Noy said.

The number of jobs could increase over the next year but "we're not going to hire more people than we have sales for," he

said. The Warkworth store will serve an area stretching from Trenton to Cobourg to Roseneath.

"We currently service that as well," Mr. Van Noy said, but having a second store is more of a convenience for those living near the village who don't make bulk purchases but buy smaller items, such as pet food and bird feed.

"The community seems to be very supportive, they really want it to go," Mr. Van Noy said. "We have people come in all the time who say 'We're really excited about that. How long will it be till it's going? We can't wait until it's open.'"

Warkworth Co-op closed its doors two months ago because there was no end in sight to its steadily losing money. "We finally decided to stop the bleeding," co-op president David Glover said at the time.