



PHOTO BY BOB OWEN

Once again, artist Irene Osborne is exploring new directions, this time with an evocative piece "Once upon a Home".

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There's no place like "Domus"

The artists of the Colborne are at it again.

This time, they are proving there is no place like home - or Domus, if you prefer.

Close to 20 artists in the collective have assembled a veritable collage of works, all on the theme of "home".

There is everything from the "found" pieces of Tim Dignam to the word collage by wood carver

David Lyon, to the intricate fabric art of Veronica Derry.

The show, which opened Jan. 27 runs to March 4. The gallery is currently open winter hours 12 noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

This is the first of two shows which features gallery artists exclusively. The other is their highly successful Christmas show.

Police disrupt B&E in Brighton

At 1:58 a.m. Jan. 24, officers from Northumberland OPP responded to an alarm at the Royal Mini Mart and Gas Station at the north end of Brighton. The suspects had left minutes before the first officer arrived and a string of cigarette cartons were found outside the building.

Entry was gained through a window behind the store.

One suspect was located in the downtown area and was been

arrested by police. He can not be identified because he is a young offender.

An OPP Canine Unit was brought in and the track lead all the way from the Mini Mart to the general area where the suspect had been located.

Officers are still gathering evidence at the crime scene. An unknown quantity of cigarettes were stolen.

Lid is lifted on sewage restrictions

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There is no sense holding back granting sewage capacity for potential new homes and businesses in Colborne if sewage treatment expansion is coming soon. That seemed to be the upshot of Cramahe Township council's discussion at a special meeting held Jan. 24.

Council met to review two requests considered in the past three months.

Permission came quickly for Northumberland Veterinary Professional Corp., located on Percy Street. The decision reverses a "no" vote made last November by the previous council and reflects this council's Jan. 17 decision to move ahead quickly with treatment

expansion.

The decision on the property owned by Tom Jones took a little longer as it presented more issues.

Mr. Jones approached council Dec. 2006 with a request to confirm he had sewage allocation so he could sell the property he has owned since 1969.

In a January conversation with township clerk administrator Christie Alexander, the land owner reiterated his desire to have council guarantee the land could be used for development.

Asked to review the situation, township lawyer Peter Hustler had reservations about approving allocation. He stated in his Jan. 18, 2007 letter to Director of Development Becky Bonisteel that sewage treatment capacity is difficult to determine

and is limited. He went on to state there can be no guarantee capacity will be available when the land is ready to be developed. The lawyer stressed allocation must be given out fairly.

Mayor Marc Coombs, not wishing to stand in the way of growth, asserted unconditional approval could not be granted.

A landowner will have to follow correct procedures if (s)he wanted to develop the 12 lots Mr. Jones envisages. Part of the process includes a development agreement that would cover construction of a road, servicing, drainage and storm water management.

Council chose to override Mr. Hustler's recommendations that approval for sewage allocation be provisional on future circumstances.

Auction Barn Jamboree '07 camp spaces filling up

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With seven months to go until the curtain rises on this year's Auction Barn Jamboree, 80 per cent of the 250 campsites have already been booked.

That's the word from organizer Gary Warner as he continues to prepare for the annual Labour Day weekend event.

Mr. Warner is staying with the same format that has been successful in the past two years. Entertainment will begin for the early birds Thursday, Aug. 30, followed by opening night ceremonies on Friday with headliner Kiley Joe Masson.

The highly-popular Sunday gospel show, attended last year by about 500 people, will be back as well.

Honey West will lead a host of new and returning entertainers who will play for an expected record crowd of over 1,000.

Top-flight Canadian players are joining the stage band this year.

Brantford-based steel guitarist Doug Johnson, Oshawa drummer Frank Woodcock and premier bass guitarist Jeff Leeson will join lead Tim Sanders.

Tickets remain the same price as a year ago. Four-day passes are \$35 and single-day admissions are \$15.

Meals will be available from the Keeler Centre and Mr. Warner plans to distribute goody bags to campers. The bags, which promote local businesses and services, are the best in the jamboree circuit. Mr. Warner says. He has been talking to Cramahe's Tourism Coordinator Rebecca Goddard-Bowman about engaging a bus to shuttle campers and jamboree goes to the village.

On a down note, Mr. Warner expressed his concerns about the health of one of his biggest helpers, Doug Rutherford. The Colborne resident has been a big help prepping the campsite and assisting wherever needed and may not be available this summer.