

Nominate great citizen for Colborne awards

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PORT HURON NEWS
COLBORNE - The Rotary Club of Colborne urgently needs the help of everyone in Cramahe Township.

The club is looking for nominations for two special awards representing two different areas of the community. Every year Colborne Rotary is proud to present the Business of the Year and the Citizen of the Year to deserving members of the area.

For the Business of the Year Award the club requires nominations for companies or businesses in our area that have shown exceptional community spirit and support. So many businesses sponsor a wide range of projects and enterprises from sports to private individual requirements. Some are visible but any businesses are hardly, if ever, recognized for their behind the scenes efforts.

At the same time these professionals provide high working standards, sustain good staff morale and excellent customer service. This award highlights their integrity and brings recognition for their endeavours and generosity to the community.

For the Citizen of the Year Award the club is looking for a person with outstanding qualities who volunteers their time and efforts in the local community while contributing to the betterment of their fellow human beings. Their contribution is generally a mixture of both public and behind the scenes activity. Every community has people who are more than generous with their time whether helping youth, the elderly or the ill. Many hours are spent during the course of each year running errands, craft making, cooking, doing odd jobs or transporting people to medical appointments.

These two groups make contributions or volunteer their time without fanfare and without concern for themselves. We all know someone in these categories. Therefore, we are asking for the public's help to find recommendations for these two awards.

The presentation dinner is in the Rotary Hall of the Keeler Centre on June 11. Social hour is at 6 p.m., with the dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 each.

Submissions for these awards should be made in writing to our club, marked Business of the Year and/or Citizen of the Year. They must be received no later than Friday, May 11. Please mail your recommendations to Colborne Rotary Club, Box 725, Colborne, ON, K0K 1M0.

For further information please call Graham at 905-344-7000.

A WEEKEND AT THE OL' FISHIN' HOLE



RAY YURKOWSKI PHOTO

Jessie Ranger, 8, of Warkworth, tries her luck at the children's fishing derby held at Ryken's Pond last weekend. Kids aged 14 and under had a chance to hook and keep up to three trout at the event, organized by the Warkworth Service Club.

On Saturday, 141 kids caught 133 rainbow trout and Sunday, 37 fish were hooked by 103 kids. Early Saturday, the biggest trout caught on the entire weekend, at 4.88 pounds was landed by Emma Cavanaugh of Grafton. Brad Cain, of Port Hope, snagged Sunday's big catch, at 4.81 pounds.

As testament to the popularity of the event, Bill Christensen, chair of the derby, told of a past event. "There were people everywhere along the shore," he said. "And, you could have heard a pin drop."

As well, some of the junior anglers are gloomily counting down the days when they will be too old for the event, laughed M. Christensen.

The pond will be re-stocked "sometime in the next two weeks" for next year's derby.

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ENVIRONMENT Tree lovers get their wish

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by John Campbell
THE INDEPENDENT

TRENT HILLS PROPOSES to close Porter Road and Concession 2 West to through traffic and to hold a public meeting on road maintenance to quell criticism over cutting down trees on public property in that part of the municipality.

The three-prong solution was put forward by Deputy Mayor Dean Peters Monday following a presentation by local horticulturalist Jill Pillsworth who, with two other residents, Brent Townsend and Jackie Stafford, has mounted a campaign championing "a balanced approach to the preservation of habitats along rural roadways."

So far they have collected more than 500 signatures on a petition.

Reading from a statement signed by all three, Ms. Pillsworth called for a delay in all scheduled work on Porter Road and Concession 2 until after a public meeting has been held to address people's questions and concerns.

She said "the reasoning behind the removal of all vegetation (on Porter Road) remains vague and has changed several times," while the "clear cutting" that municipal workers have begun on a section of Concession 2 West "in preparation for some major ditching ... seems excessive use of taxpayers' money and needless destruction of valuable trees and shrubs," given the low number of vehicles that use the road.

"We are losing the historical value of our side roads and the reason trees were planted in the first place," she said.

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