

Local News

Cubs and Beavers celebrate successful year



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Celebration: It was time to get together to celebrate another successful year of scouting in Colborne and time to salute those who are swimming or moving up. Kneeling in front, from left are – Nick Ryan, Jacob Taylor, Damion Taylor, Elizah Askew, Paula Prest-Thomas Lynne Ashwood. Second row – Ryan Booth, Ethan Cross-Darrah, Jacob Chislett, Bailey Kloosterhof, Chad Cotter, Devon Griffin, Patricia Prest-Thomas. Third row – Mackenzie Kearns, Tyler Brown, Joshua Griffin, William Bonter, Michelle Hesmer, Justin Booth, Bryan Boulanger, Nathan Garland, Brennan Grant. Behind are leaders Colleen Wilce-Brown, Bob Chislett, Tom Garland, Jordan Pike, Jackie Booth.

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It was another busy year for the kids of 1st Colborne Scouting.

The annual report by leader Colleen Wilce-Brown highlighted many of the activities of the year which marked the 100th year of scouting world-wide.

To commemorate the centenary, the cubs and beavers invited the Colborne guides, brownies and sparks over for a fun-filled night of games with celebratory cake.

The cubs took a visit to the Roseneath Carousel this year and saw how it was made. They were entertained by former Colborne Public School teacher and now author, Calay Fiddick. Mrs. Fiddick has written a children's book about the carousel.

On a more serious note the cubs and beavers attended the annual cenotaph service in Colborne on Remembrance Day.

The Colborne cubs and beavers have a community service tradition that each year includes environmental awareness activities.

A creek cleanup night was one of two major environmental experiences.

The other was the annual tree planting day on the property of St. Lawrence Cement. This year the kids and their adult chaperones got 600 trees into the ground. In return they benefited from the commitment the company has made to the community. Each of the adults received gifts and the kids were given backpacks. St. Lawrence also provided the lunch and made a cash donation to the organization.

Badge work has always been an important part of cub life.

This year the cubs worked on the components of nine badges during meetings. Nathan Garland, Tyler Brown, Brennan Grant and Josh Griffin obtained the Canadian Arts Award Badge.

Seven beavers swam up to cubs on closing night. Elizah Askew, Ryan Booth, Devon Griffin, Patricia Prest-Thomas, Ethan Cross-Darrah, Damion Taylor, and Bailey Kloosterhof are now eligible to become cubs.

Bryan Boulanger, Joshua Griffin, Nathan Garland and Brennan Grant graduated from cubs.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Wilce-Brown thanked the Colborne Legion for its support and noted that the beavers will need additional leaders this year. Contact Lynne Ashwood at 905-355-1859 if you are interested in helping in 2007-8.

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