

Music lineup set to go

Auction Barn
Jamboree



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The Clareys: Brooke Clarey, left, and sister Laura of Castleton are ready to entertain during the intermissions on Thursday and Saturday, Aug. 30 and Sept. 1 at the Auction Barn Jamboree in Colborne.

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The Auction Barn Jamboree is set to go, with an additional Early Bird Show Aug. 29 slipped into this year's Labour Day weekend country festival.

The Hank Williams Tribute Show will lead off the five-day outing for country fans.

The Wednesday evening Canadian debut of haunting Williams numbers performed by David Church is the only show not included in the Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 weekend pass. Admission is \$15 for the Hank Williams tribute show.

The nightly shows for the 3rd Annual Jamboree will have a local flavour with this year's Northumberland Idol contestants providing intermission entertainment. Castleton's Brooke and Laura Clarey will do the honours on Thursday and Saturday, Brighton's Meranda Hodgson will sing Friday, and Mitzi Barth from Cramahe Township will hold forth on the Sunday night finale show.

Promoter Gary Warner has had his lineup in place for months now, after combing the country for interesting quality acts. Fan favourites will be back, too, as Gary provides a unique lineup for those on the country music trail.

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\$39,300 grant for Colborne Art Gallery

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A \$39,300 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant awarded Aug. 1 will allow the heritage-designated Colborne Art Gallery to have some much-needed repairs and a modest upgrade.

Cramahe Township Chief Building Official Natalie Moroz-Cornell, who oversees the township's properties, was pleased to hear the news late last week.

She has been working to have the necessary maintenance done

since she took her current position with the township in 2005.

When she reviewed the condition of the King Street East building in 2005, she realized the steel windows needed to be fixed and some brickwork completed - but there was no money.

Late the same year, she got a quote of \$44,000 for the work, hoping it might be included in the township's 2006 budget. She was told by Cramahe Township council in 2006 she could have the work done if she could get grants for the entire amount.

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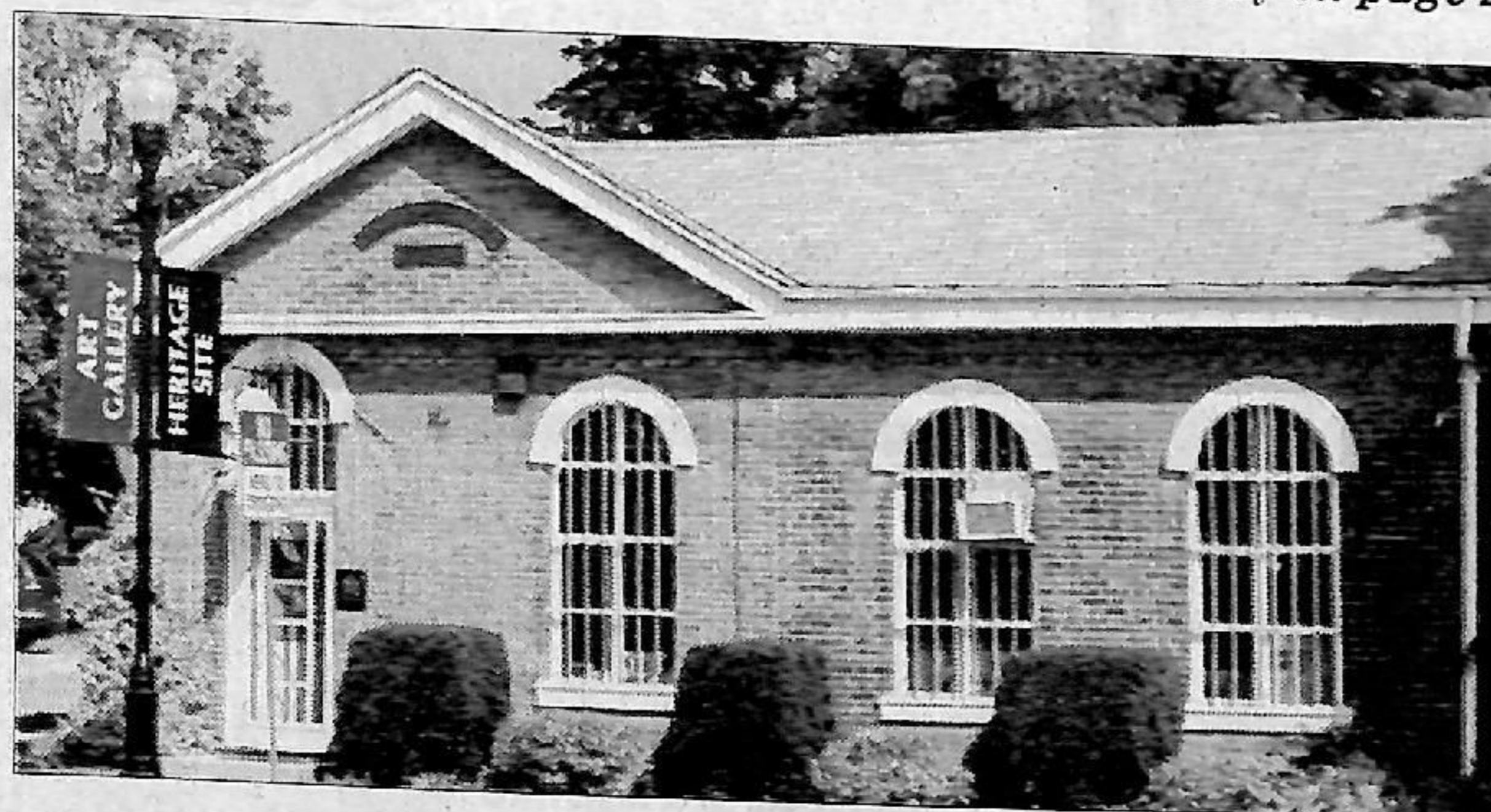


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The Colborne Art Gallery, once the County Registry Office now holds regular art shows which feature local and provincial artists of note. With its new renovations it will be a fixture in the community for many years.

Still no word on Mutton Bridge

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As of last Friday, Aug. 3, there is no progress to report on the repair of Mutton Bridge.

Cramahe Township staff met with Northumberland-Quinte West MP Rick Norlock July 27 and later that day in the township offices on Toronto Road in Colborne.

At the Toronto Road meeting, Mr. Norlock assured the township officials he would call Transport Canada to see if it can make the Mutton Bridge a priority. He won't tell federal staff to bump another project, but now that the township is this far along on the project he would like to see it get done.

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New building passes 2006 activity level

After a slow start in 2007, building is picking up in Cramahe Township.

A third consecutive million-dollar month helped push Cramahe past the seven-month total of \$5,164,335 attained at this time last year.

Sixteen permits were issued in July by Chief Building Official Natalie Moroz-Cornell worth a value of \$1,310,500 - the biggest month this year.

The six single-family dwellings started last month brought the township even with house starts a year ago when 20 had been issued by the end of July.

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