

# Twindmills: new marketing concept



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From left, Chaz Conrad, Marshall Gummer, MPP Lou Rinaldi, Judith Jakab-Conrad, Heather Watt, Cramahe Councillor Ed Van Egmond, and Robert Watt cut the ribbon at the grand opening of Twindmills Nov. 29.

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promised more changes when spring approaches.

There have been indoor and outdoor collectible and antique markets before but few, if any, have operated as green, self-sustaining operations.

That was the buzz word as Twindmills opened at 144 Purdy Street in Colborne.

Many in the area will know it as Nature's Way Nov. 29.

Heather and Robert Watt have brought in some help, revamped the indoor operation, made some lifestyle changes and

Joining them in their new venture are Judith Jakab-Conrad and Chaz Conrad.

For several years, the Watts have struggled with the provincial bureaucracy and their own busy lives as they attempted to get two windmills operating to generate electricity. Mr. Watt has changed jobs and, with the assistance of their new partners, they hope to have the windmills operational - providing electricity to operate their gigantic warehouse which is now full of merchandise.

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# Task force looking to save Warkworth Penitentiary

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Brighton is still working hard to keep the Warkworth Institution open for business after the Task Force met to discuss a number of key issues on November 20.

"According to employment data, 170 County residents work at Warkworth Institution, and another 210 individuals living in the surrounding communities are employed there, said Northumberland County Warden Christine Herrington, who chairs the committee. "These communities include Quinte West, Belleville, Hastings and Peterborough."

She says closure of the institution would not only impact these 380 people and their

families but the enormous spin-off effect of local businesses that provide goods and services to the institution would also be affected.

Ms. Herrington and Brighton council suggested forming the task force in July after being informed of a Correction Services Canada report recommending possible closure of the Warkworth Penitentiary and a new regional complex being built near Kingston.

Warkworth's facility is one of the largest of its kind in the country that employs almost 400 people and its loss would be significant in a community that has seen significant job losses in the past few years, she says.

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# Cramahe spends provincial funds on roadworks

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On Nov. 12, Cramahe Township has received over \$485,000 from the province as its share of the province's Creating Jobs, Building Ontario Fund.

Twelve days later, township council sat down in a special meeting at the township office to decide where to spend it.

Rules set down by the province specify the money must be used on capital projects and cannot be used to reduce a deficit or debt incurred before the money was received from the province. The money could not be used to pay for the \$36,622 cost overrun at the Castleton Town Hall project as it was incurred in October 2008.

Public Works Director Barry Thrasher and Community Services Director Terry Scott set out 15 potential projects for council to consider. Ten of them were for roads and bridges.

Some of the suggestions were from the Cramahe Township Roads Advisory Committee; others came from the roads tour taken last September.

The final list of accepted projects included the \$130,000 rehabilitation of the Victoria Street bridge in Colborne, surface treatment for the hill leading from the south to Mutton Bridge costing \$18,000, and the same amount for treatment on the Walker Road hill.

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# TOP VOLUNTEER



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Anne McGrath was this year's representative volunteer, winning the Betty Chandler Award for her efforts on behalf of Community Care Colborne. Anne is pictured above left, with Community Care Program Coordinator Cheryl Storey.

# Anne McGrath honoured with volunteer award

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Eighteen-year Community Care volunteer Anne McGrath was awarded the Betty Chandler Award at the Community Care Volunteers Brunch Nov. 26 at Colborne United Church.

In presenting the award to the representative volunteer and in praising Mrs. McGrath, Community Care Program Coordinator Cheryl Storey called her a "consistent shining force of service and support. When Mrs. McGrath first arrived in the community, she was quickly called to see if she would assist - and she did, starting in 1990 when the office had no computers or cell phones.

She continues to volunteer in the office on Mondays and provides transportation. In the past she has assisted the Meals on Wheels program, been a Friendly Visitor and helped with the annual fundraising activities of the agency.

Needless to say, Mrs. McGrath was pleased with her award.

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