

# Local News

## \$600,000 grow op busted on Blyth Park Rd.

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Police are looking into seizing a residence in Cramahe Township after a marijuana grow house was discovered by Ontario Provincial Police.

A search warrant was executed a warrant at 419 Blyth Park Road in Cramahe Township Wednesday afternoon, June 4.

Inside, officers found over 600 marijuana plants approximately one metre high inside the basement of the home.

Two men were arrested: Thanh Lap Thai, 42, and Loan Phan, 34. They are scheduled to appear in Cobourg court June 30.

"The basement is completely filled with marijuana plants, lights and all the apparatus to grow marijuana," OPP Det. Constable Kevin McAllister said.

"It looks like a normal house where anybody would live. Everything is well taken care of on the outside, but due to our police investigation, we were able to reveal they had a (suspected) grow here."

While police were removing the plants, a neighbour said she had no idea about what was in the basement of the home until police told her.

The woman said her neighbours had only been in the residence for a few months, and they rarely spoke.

Although a typical grow house is hard to spot, Det. Constable McAllister said there are signs to watch out for: people coming and going at night, parking in garages, and a distinct odour coming from the residence.

"(Marijuana) houses have to vent the marijuana somewhere and there will be a



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Northumberland OPP Street Response Team Constables Yvan Pelletier, left, and Bill Barber start to pile up close to 600 pot plants seized from a home in Cramahe Township on Wednesday afternoon June 4. OPP are also investigating the possibility of seizing the home (in background) as proceeds of crime.

smell," he said.

The Asset Forfeiture Unit attended the scene and is currently looking into seizing the residence and contents as proceeds of crime.

Combined with the equipment used to grow the marijuana, police say the bust is worth in excess of \$600,000.

The OPP's Central East Drug Unit, along with members of Northumberland OPP and the Street Response Team were involved in the execution of the warrant.

Two adults were arrested at the residence and charges pending of production of marijuana and theft of hydro.

## Police Report

June 2, members of the Central East Drug Unit, along with officers from the Northumberland OPP executed a search warrant at a residence in the Municipality of Trent Hills (in the former Township of Seymour).

Marijuana was found to be growing inside the residence. Other drugs were also seized.

The owner of the home was not present at the time of the search warrant.

June 5, police arrested and charged Vincent Hughey, 60, with production of marijuana and five counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking. He is scheduled to appear in Brighton adult criminal court Aug. 6.

A Baltimore businessman is without the tools of his trade.

Ray MacDonald reported Monday that someone had broken into his Baltimore automotive business over the past weekend and stolen all the tools he needs to do his work. Thieves also entered the MacDonald Mobile Auto Glass business van and took beer from a fridge.

The business has been operating in the Cobourg area since the 1980s.

After loosing about \$5,000 in specialty tools, Mr. MacDonald said he'll have to make insurance claims and buy more to operate his business.

**SOMERVILLE:** Owena Elizabeth - at the Trenton Memorial Hospital on Saturday, June 7th, 2008, age 65 years. Owena Somerville of Brighton, daughter of the late Owen Hoey and the late Myrtle (Fowler). Loving mother of Robin Leo of Toronto, Ron Somerville and Erin O'Neill of Castleton, and Jackie Somerville of Colborne. Predeceased by her daughter Wannetta O'Hara and her son-in-law Frank Leo. Mother-in-law of Bill Hanna of Belleville. Dear sister of Susie and her husband Barry Stovell of Warkworth. Sadly missed by her grandchildren, Britany and Ronnie, and her great grandchildren, Jacob and Olivia. Very dear friend of William Simmons of Brighton. The family will receive friends at the **WALAS FUNERAL HOME** 130 Main St., Brighton, on Wednesday from 12 o'clock noon, to Wednesday from 2 o'clock. Cremation June 11th, 2008 at 2 o'clock. Cremation with interment Castleton Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Diabetes Association [www.funeralcentres.com](http://www.funeralcentres.com)

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**Thank You!**

I would like to extend a heart felt thank you to Ruth Squirrel, Daniel Rock, Michelle Web, Yvonne Bullock, Judith Clapperton, for your hard work and determination in holding a benefit dance on my behalf. Also thank you to Mike Pollard for his entertainment and all those who made donations which made the night a huge success.

Allison Collicott

**Deaths**

Mary (Shelley) Ranson (nee Rusk) passed away with her family at her side May 31, 2008 at Edmonton General Hospital. Beloved daughter of the late Allen and Eileen Rusk deceased of Calgary. Loving mother of Angela of Castleton. Loving mother of Grande Prairie. Grandmother of 4 grandchildren. Lovingly remembered by her family of Robert (Bob) Rusk (Louise) of Colborne, Wayne Rusk (Sharon) of Ohio, Joan Graham (Jim) of Cold Springs, Nancy Nay of Oshawa. Brother-in-law Herman Freisen and Predeceased Sister Ethel Freisen. Also remembered by her many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date.