

Councillor, publican charged with assault

A 7:20 p.m. Tuesday night, June 24, Northumberland OPP were called to a large fight involving baseball bats on King Street West in downtown Colborne.

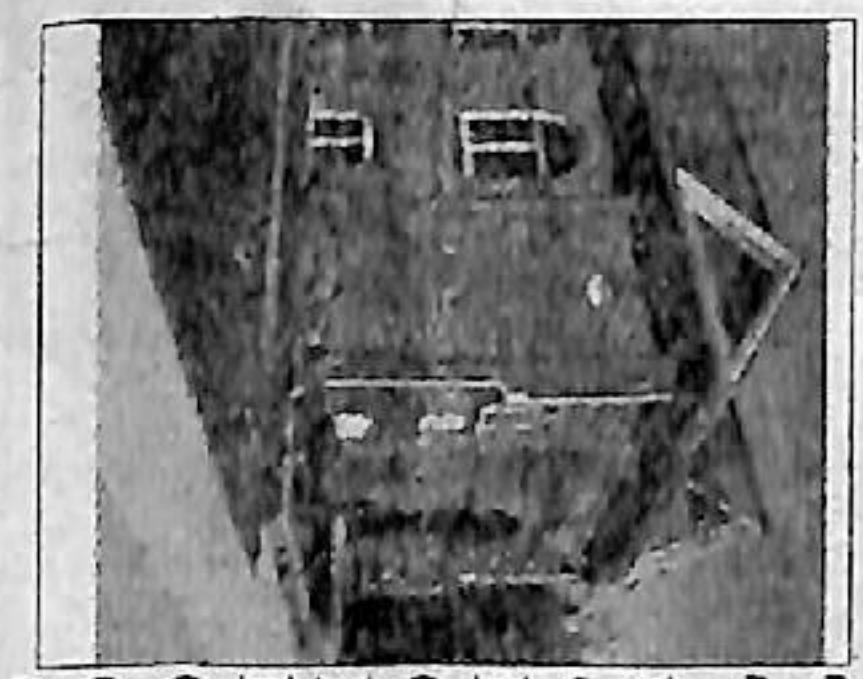
A 21-year-old sitting in a vehicle sustained facial injuries when struck on the side of the head, police say. Two men were arrested.

Charged with assault with a weapon are Timothy Gilligan Sr., 65, and Timothy Gilligan Jr., 39, both of Colborne.

Mr. Gilligan Sr. is the proprietor of the Queen's Hotel in Colborne. Mr. Gilligan Jr. is a municipal councillor for Cramahe Township.

Castleton Town Hall nearing completion

Cramahe Council is planning to hold its Aug. 19 meeting at the newly renovated and refurbished Castleton Town Hall.



Castleton Town Hall Township's Chief Building Official Natalie Moroz-Cornell is doing everything

she can to make sure it happens.

Last week, Ms. Cornell confirmed most of the interior work at the Castleton building has been completed. The floors have been refinished, new counters and sinks are being installed at the back, woodwork on the stage and trim in other parts of the building is being replicated. The vestibule stairs are in place.

The basement washroom remains to be completed and the exterior ramps are currently under construction.

Ms. Moroz-Cornell explained the upper ramp will be a little longer than expected as estimates made in the winter were not accurate. The hole for the entry of the lower ramp has been dug. A stonemason will be on site soon to remove the stone and install a door.

The Chief Building Official has given Fisher Construction the Aug. 19 deadline and expects it will be met.

Cramahe gets tourism funding

Cramahe Township has received \$11,100 in funding for local tourism-related activities.

The Apple Blossom Tyme Festival will receive \$1,100 from the Eastern Ontario Development Program through the Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation.

The Township of Cramahe will get \$10,000 for gateway signage.

Both grants require matching funds from the recipients. Cramahe's \$10,000 share will be jointly looked after by the township and Heritage Cramahe.

Apple Blossom Tyme Festival will receive \$1,100 for enhancement of their marketing campaign for the 2009 festival through portable signs and banners.

The funds will assist in the development of a banner to be hung from one side of the street to the other in the downtown core and more roadside signage to be displayed in advance of the festival to increase visual marketing.

Development of the new signage is to commence this summer.

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Who will win MPP for a day?

Northumberland-Quinte West MPP decided to spice up the Canada Day celebrations with a fun contest of his own.

The MPP challenged the municipalities in his riding and the Alderville First Nations to a fun show of Canadian pride.

The offices of each municipality were given 100 small Canadian flags to help construct a Canada Day display to be judged by artist Beth Hoselton July 2 and July 3.

The municipality with the best display judged will earn Mr. Rinaldi as an employee for the day. The MPP has promised to do filing, answer the phones, problem solve - whatever he is directed to do.



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MOTORCYCLIST KILLED IN CRASH

A motorcyclist is dead following a collision in Castleton on Wednesday morning, June 25. Northumberland OPP say a Volkswagen Jetta pulled out from a private residence on County Road 25 just east of Castleton at approximately 6:50 a.m. when an eastbound motorcycle struck the driver's side of the vehicle near the front tire. The motorcyclist was thrown approximately 40 feet, landing on the pavement. CPR was performed on the person, but he was pronounced dead at the scene. The collision occurred in front of the Castleton Cemetery. The OPP Technical Traffic collision investigators were at the scene and the road was re-opened at 11:30 a.m. The victim has been identified as John Atkinson, 54, of Bailieboro. The lone occupant of the Jetta, a 72-year-old Colborne man, was not injured. The investigation is continuing, and police say charges are pending.

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