

PICKIN' AND PLAYIN' IN THE RAIN



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What do you get when 14 steel guitarists and musicians jam on a rainy afternoon? Fine music. Rain may have dampened the spirits of the audience, but these guys love nothing better than playing. The 7th Annual Summer Steel Jam at Al and Betty Brisco's home, Appledale Acres on Dudley Road west of Colborne was the site for an afternoon of quality playing at the home of Steel Guitars of Canada. As in past years, steel players were set up in a circle around the house band — giving everyone the opportunity to play when they wanted. There was variety of musicians, singers and entertainers.

Layoff of 85 elementary teachers erased at public school board

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All of the part-time and full-time teachers scheduled to be laid off this fall will be staying in the classrooms.

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board announced Monday that the 85 elementary school teachers who were on the "redundant list" in May now have places within the board.

"We're very pleased . . . We were able to place everyone," said Judy Malfara, communications officer and school liaison with the public board.

The board had announced 40 full-time and 45 part-time teachers had received layoff notices for the coming school year due to declining enrollment of close to 1,000 students.

But Ms. Malfara said all of the teachers are able to stay on due to the number of retirements,

resignations and requests for changes in assignments.

"Just this week we were able to get the final few on the list into positions," Ms. Malfara said.

She noted the school board's associate director of education, Sherry Summersides, has been working throughout the summer to reduce the number of layoffs.

Six secondary school teachers were also to be laid off but found positions.

Ms. Malfara noted the budget approved in June gave the school board more indication on what needed to be done this fall.

"We have to be prepared in any eventuality," Ms. Malfara said, explaining the board needed to make decisions before all of the numbers were in to prepare for the next school term.

"This new is really good for everyone," Ms. Malfara said.

Ban train whistles Colborne resident urges

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Tired of hearing the train whistles from her home in Colborne Creek, Elizabeth Ross went to Cramahe Township council July 15 to request a bylaw to put an end to them at railroad two crossings in Colborne. But Cramahe council wants more information from its Public Works Department before discussing the possibility of banning train whistles in Colborne.

Safety, health and welfare, and protection of people and property were cited in Mrs. Ross's plea to have the whistles muted at the Victoria Street and Ontario Street crossings.

The Colborne resident argued that the costs involved (liability insurance, costs, and potential hazards of a whistle ban) are outweighed by benefits involved, including the health and safety of residents, quality of life for residents and support of economic development.

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Deaths

BUTTERY, Glenn Edwin - Passed away at Northumberland Hills Hospital, Cobourg on Tuesday July 29, 2008. Glenn Buttery in his 77th year, retired GM employee and farmer in Hope Township was the beloved husband of the late Sharon Schroter. Dear father of Glenda (Len Cummings), Alan Buttery (Debbie), Brian Buttery (Pam) and Andrea Buttery. Loving grandfather of Katy Cummings, Brad, Steven, Claire and Anna Buttery. Brother of Joan Yeo, Joyce Hamer and the late Ted Buttery. Friends will be received at the **ALLISON FUNERAL HOME**, 103 Mill Street North, Port Hope on Thursday 7-9 pm. Graveside Funeral Service will be held at Welcome Church Cemetery on Friday at 11 am. If desired, memorial contributions may be made by cheque to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. www.allisonfuneralhome.com

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