

BUS STOP

Greyhound bus service ending across county

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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY - It's going to be tougher for people without personal transportation to get where they're going this spring.

Greyhound Canada announced the cancellation of bus service in Brighton, Colborne, Grafton, Cobourg and Port Hope as well as Newtonville, Newcastle and Bowmanville effective Apr. 11.

Daily bus service will continue at Belleville, Trenton and Toronto, with service for Oshawa, Whitby and Ajax served by the Peterborough line.

Currently, Northumberland County has return service from Toronto and Ottawa on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, but that will all stop.

"Any loss of service is a concern," Port Hope Mayor Linda Thompson says. "As we understand from Greyhound, the Toronto-Ottawa corridor route averaged seven passengers, therefore, based on economics, the route has been cancelled. Greyhound has advised the municipality that they will not reconsider this decision."

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Train travel is the other option, but people will have to make their way to Trenton, Cobourg or Port Hope in order to take the train.

"It's just gone with not much thought as to how it would impact people," Alnwick-Haldimand Mayor Bill Finley says.

While bus fare return from Cobourg to Toronto is \$50 plus taxes, the train is \$54 before tax. For a person traveling five days a week, 50 weeks a year, that would mean an increase in travel expenses of \$ 1,000 per year.

"I think the long-term plan is to reduce the number of people living in rural areas," Finley says. "They can't sub-

dize everything, but urban areas get what they need and rural areas get less and less."

According to a release by Greyhound, the closures will affect service in 60 communities across eastern, central and southwestern Ontario.

The company said last fall it needed \$15 million in government aid in order to subsidize its unprofitable routes or it would be forced to implement service cuts.

The company is the largest provider of inter-city bus transportation in Canada serving nearly 1,100 locations.

A full table of specific routes and communities affected are available online at files.newswire.ca/845/Greyhound.doc

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DRUG SEIZURE

COLBORNE - Around 9 a.m. Jan. 7, members of the Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau-Drug Enforcement Section and the Northumberland Street Response Unit executed a search warrant at a Toronto St. residence in Colborne.

Seized were 53 grams of marijuana with a street value of \$1,060.

A 54-year-old Colborne man has been charged with possession of a Schedule II drug over 30 grams.

He is scheduled to appear in court on March 2.

BREAK-IN AT DALE RD. STORAGE UNITS

PORT HOPE - Northumberland OPP was dispatched to a break and enter at a Dale Rd. storage facility around

9:15 a.m. Jan. 7.

A group of storage units had been broken into.

A large lawn tractor, make unknown, was taken from one unit.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Northumberland OPP at 905-372-5421 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and callers could be eligible for a cash reward.

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A presentation of \$2,300 was later presented to Rob O'Neil, operations manager for Food 4 All.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLBORNE

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Glenn Spence, All Brisco, Jim Williams, Lee Clement, Pat Corey, Morris Tait, Garry Clement.

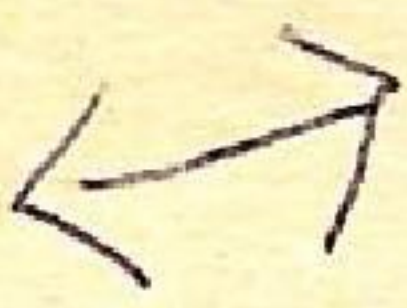
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In August their 2008 - 2009 Rotary exchange student Paulina left for her home in Mexico after her tenure and their new 2009-2010

The members then gathered the following day to participate with a float in the town's -150th parade with Queen Victoria residing over the festivities.



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