

Warkworth prison may be considered as regional complex

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resolve to move to a regional complex model, then a case could be made for it to be created at Warkworth rather than in the Kingston area," Brighton Mayor Herrington said, assuring her council Monday night. Federal Minister of Public Safety Peter Van Loan, with

The importance of the jobs at the pen and their spin-off effect on the county economy was emphasized at the meeting. It was suggested, that if a regional complex should be the chosen route for future prison developments, Warkworth be considered.

"The presentation to the Minister by Mayor Herrington and Warden Thompson was an excellent opportunity to showcase the importance of Warkworth Institution (WI) to our area," Norlock said. "The presentation left no stone unturned when it came to the

socio-economic impact that any potential closure of the institution would have on many local communities. "There is no doubt in my mind that the minister understood loud and clear the mes-

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sage that Linda and Chris were sending," he added.

Hastings County Warden Ron Emond, chair of the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, also participated in the meeting.

Following the meeting, Van Loan toured Warkworth Institution where he met with senior staff and spoke with officers and offenders.

"All in all, I would say the minister was impressed with the professionalism of the WI staff and with the various programs offered for offenders," Norlock said.

The public will be con-



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(From left) Northumberland County chief administrative officer Bill Pyatt, federal Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, Brighton Mayor Chris Herrington, Northumberland-Quinte West MP Rick Norlock, Northumberland County Warden Linda Thompson and Hastings County Warden Ron Emond met at the Brighton municipal office prior to taking a tour of the Warkworth Institute Monday.

sulted prior to any decision being made about the peni-

teniary, the federal politicians assured.

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Proceeds from Rockin' Walkathon go to walkers' charities

CASTLETON - The Castleton Colborne Optimist Club is hosting its annual Rockin' Walkathon on Saturday, Apr. 25.

This year, 100% of the money raised by each walker will go to the organization of the walker's choice. All monies go first to the Optimist Club and then a cheque is later presented to each organization.

Area organizations and schools serving Cramahe Township - including St. Mary's Elementary School in Grafton and St. Mary's Secondary School in Cobourg - have received information packages outlining this fundraising venture. There will be an incentive for the child/student who raises the most money for their school.

Optimist members participating are fundraising to purchase a new flag for the intersection of Highway 401 and Percy Street (Colborne exit.)

The walk begins at the Keeler Centre, Colborne, at

8:30 a.m. Apr. 25. All participants are asked to hand in their pledge sheets upon arrival.

For more information, call John or Dale Rutherford at 905-344-7481.

Brighton: www.quintefuneralcentres.com

CROOKS, Gladys Helen - At the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital, Picton, on Monday, April 6, age 93 years. Gladys Crooks, daughter of the late Thomas Gaulley and the late Eliza (Hoare). Beloved wife of the late Louis Charles Crooks. Loving mother of Nelson Crooks and his wife Ann Brown-Crooks of Picton. Sadly missed by her grandchildren, Julia and Ian, Brian, Shari and her husband Mike, and great grandchildren, Daniel, Matthew, and Isaac. The family will receive friends at the Walas Funeral Home, 130 Main Street, Brighton, on Saturday from 12:30 p.m. Service in the funeral home on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Salem Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Diabetes Association, would be appreciated by the family. www.quintefuneralcentres.com

CUMMINS, Isobel Francis (nee Miller) - At the Picton Memorial Hospital on Friday, April 3, 2009 in her 86 year. Predeceased by her husband Art, her sister Jean, and her parents Pearl and William Miller. Lovingly remembered by her cousins Jack and Lori Foster of Oshawa and Marilyn Randall of Rochester, New York. Dear mother-in-law of Jeanette, and grandmother of Patrick. Isobel was born and educated in Trenton and was a public school teacher and librarian in Trenton and Toronto until her retirement. She was an enthusiastic bridge player, traveller and theatre patron. She was an active member of the Brighton Probus Club. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 9 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Brighton, at 1:30 p.m. with interment in St. George's Anglican Cemetery, Trenton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to St. Paul's Anglican Church or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements in care of the Walas Funeral Home, Brighton. www.quintefuneralcentres.com

DOWNEY, Doris Kathleen - At the Belmont Long Term Care Facility, Belleville on Sunday, April 5, 2009, age 95 years. Doris Downey of Belleville, and formerly of Brighton, daughter of the late Robert Baxter and the late Agnes Jane (Bell). Loving wife of Burton Downey. Dear mother of Robert Downey and his wife Judith Codd of Toronto, and Janet and her husband Michel Guerard of Victoria, British Columbia. Predeceased by her brothers, Arthur and Wilfred Baxter, and her sisters, Grace Baxter and Janet Whitfield. Sadly missed by her grandchildren, Beckie, Robert, Andre, Nicole and Roger. A private family service will be held at the Walas Funeral Home, Brighton. Cremation with interment Whitelake Cemetery, Madoc. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society, would be appreciated by the family. www.quintefuneralcentres.com

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DOWNEY, William Burton "Bert" - Sudden at his home in Belleville, on Tuesday, April 2009 at age 89 years. Bert Downey, son of the late Robert Downey and the late Margaret (Wood). Predeceased by his beloved wife Doris Kathleen (Baxter). Dear mother of Robert Downey and his wife Judith Codd of Toronto, and Janet and her husband Michel Guerard of Victoria, British Columbia. Brother of Helen and her husband Bev Nichol of Kingston, Evelyn and the late Glen Boyle of Eldorado and Billy Mudd. Predeceased by his brothers Carman, Doug, Ray and Don Downey. Sadly missed by his grandchildren, Beckie, Robert, Andre, Nicole and Roger. The family received friends at the Walas Funeral Home, Brighton on Saturday, April 11, 2009, from 10:00 o'clock. Service for Bert and Doris was held in the funeral home at 11:00 o'clock. Cremation with interment Whitelake Cemetery, Madoc. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart and Stroke Association or the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family. www.quintefuneralcentres.com

THE DOWNEYS OWNED THE DRUG STORE IN COLBORNE

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