LITERATURE

Colborne author aims for thrills in new book

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COLBORNE – Readers should prepare for suspense and intrigue with the upcoming release of 'Captives of Minara,' penned by a local author.

"I write the kind of books I would want to read," said Colborne author Eric E. Wright, who used his 16 years experience doing missionary work in Pakistan as the inspiration for his new novel.

"I like my books to be contemporary and portray real characters dealing with real problems such as marriage, finances and faith issues. I don't like any of that Superman stuff."

In addition to providing an exciting page-turner, Mr. Wright set out to inform readers about the contemporary culture of Pakistan as well as the feats of the ancient Indus civilization, which is often overshadowed by renowned nearby civilizations such as those of ancient Egypt and China.

"They didn't have any great monuments, so that's probably why not much attention has been paid to it," Mr. Wright explained.

"For my first five years in Pakistan I lived near an unexcavated ruin from the Indus civilization and it was just fascinating to see, so I wanted to give people some insight into this unknown civilization."

That ruin was the inspiration for a similar excavation site in Captives of Minara, which sees Wright's journalist character Josh Radley, whom he wrote about previously in 'The Lightning File,' assigned to write several articles about the excavation and accidentally stumbling upon much larger intrigues including stolen antiquities and human trafficking.

"This character runs into a lot of modern nightmares he wasn't prepared to face," Mr. Wright explained.

"I wanted to give the reader a real idea of Pakistani culture outside of suicide bombers and the things you see on the news. There's a lot of good things about Pakistan, and of course there's bad things as well. I also wanted to expose the reader to the difficulties women face in a patriarchal society, especially now with the onset of radical Islam, they're often just looked at as property."

But aside from the social ills that are highlighted, Mr. Wright said his book is first and foremost a page-turner.

"I hope readers will get a sense of Pakistan and become aware of human trafficking, but I don't want that to outweigh the story. I mostly just want people to enjoy the read and be entertained."

Mr. Wright moved back to Canada when his oldest son entered university and has lived in Northumberland County since 1991.

His first experience writing novels was with the non-fiction story 'Through a Country Window,' which chronicled his move to a rural area from Toronto. He is currently working on a new suspense novel set against the backdrop of the recent financial crisis.

Captives of Minara is available for purchase at Lighthouse Books, in Brighton, and other local book sellers, as well as online at Chapters and Amazon. A launch event will be held Friday, Nov. 27, from 7-9 p.m., at the Spirit of the Hills Showcase Gallery at 29 King St. E., in Cobourg. Mr. Wright will be reading short selections from the book at 7:30 and 8:15 p.m.

For more information on Mr. Wright or to purchase novels visit www.countrywindow.ca.

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COLBORNE -- Author Eric E. Wright will release his newest novel, the suspense thriller 'Captives of Minara', on Friday, Nov. 27.

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CRAMAHE
It's In Our Nature

The Cramahe Township Public Library Board is looking for a part-time Chief Executive Officer. The position will be 10 hours per week. Reporting to the Library Board, the CEO has overall responsibility for directing the operations of the library, which consists of two branch libraries, at Colborne and at Castleton. The CEO will also be the Secretary and Treasurer of the Library Board, although the bookkeeping itself is done by the municipal staff.

A more complete description of this position is posted at www.visitcramahe.ca under employment opportunities.

Please submit a resume and cover letter to -

Christie Alexander, CAO
Township of Cramahe
1 Toronto Street
Box #357
Colborne, K0K 1S0

Fax # - 905 355 3430

Deadline for applications: December 10, 2009 @ 5 PM.

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy of Act for the purpose of job selection.
We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those under consideration will be contacted.

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COLBORNE CONVENIENCE STORE ROBBED

COLBORNE – An armed robbery occurred at the Mac's convenience store in Colborne just after 11 p.m. Friday night, Nov. 27.

A lone male entered the store brandishing a knife and made off with a small amount of cash, Northumberland OPP report.

The man is described as black, 5'9" tall with a slim build wearing a black ski jacket, blue jeans and a green ski mask. He was last seen on foot westbound on King St.

OPP canine and emergency response team members searched the area with negative results.

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.

COURT: Jury returns today

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Warkworth murder trial resumes today

PETERBOROUGH – The jury deciding the case of a 16-year-old boy charged with the first-degree murder of his mother was absent yesterday as lawyers presented legal arguments to Mr. Justice Alexander Sosna.

The boy was charged with killing the 33-year-old Warkworth woman in June 2008.

She was last seen at her home May 27, 2008. Her body was found buried in her backyard 16 days later.

Northumberland Today can't publish what was said during yesterday's proceedings because a ban prohibits publishing that information.

The trial continues today.

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Deaths

BROADWORTH, William George (Georgie) - At the Campbellford Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, November 25th, 2009, age 91 years. W. George Broadworth of R.R. #1, Warkworth, son of the late George Broadworth and the late Maggie (Yule). Predeceased by his brothers, Fred (Flossie), Clifford, and Melville (Marguerite). Brother-in-law of Olive Broadworth of Warkworth. Dear uncle of Freida and her husband Norm Coghlin of Maynooth, Ted Broadworth and his wife Sharon, Sheila and her husband Bob Johnston, all of Belleville, Wayne Broadworth of Roseneath, Janice and her husband Walt Banit of Warkworth, and Sharon Broadworth of Hastings. Sadly missed by his many great and great great nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at the **WALAS FUNERAL HOME,** 70 Church Street, Warkworth on Friday from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 p.m. Service in the funeral home on Saturday, November 28th, 2009 at 11 o'clock. Interment Warkworth Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the St. Elizabeth Home Care, the Victorian Order of Nurses, or the Heart and Stroke Association, would be appreciated by the family. www.walasfuneralhome.com

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ENZI, Elizabeth Ann - Age 62 years. Peacefully passed away at home in Colborne on Tuesday November 24th, 2009. Beloved wife and best friend of Enzo. Dear mother of Michael, Theresa and Jason & his wife Gabrielle. She will be sadly missed by her many friends. Visitation will be held at **THE NORTHCUTT ELLIOTT FUNERAL HOME** 53 Division St. N. Bowmanville on Friday November 27th, 2009 from 12 - 2 pm. Funeral Service will follow in the Chapel at 2 pm. Cremation. Memorial Donations may be made to The Cancer Society. www.northcuttelliott.com

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