

Group visits site of Colborne's first Habitat house

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Standing approximately where the driveway will be, a crowd of Cramahe Township councillors and staff join Habitat For Humanity Northumberland staff and volunteers to celebrate obtaining a Baldwin Street lot where the first Habitat home will be built in the township. On display is the "sold" sign, a map of the subdivision and a mock building permit.

Habitat board chair Frank Mastinsek thanked council for the opportunity to build in Colborne.

"Our motto is to cover the county. Sometimes it's hard to do, but this is an excellent opportunity and an excellent move to follow through with that," Mastinsek said.

Coombs expressed his hope that the entire community become engaged with the project through various avenues — volunteering, donating, raising funds, helping provide lunch on build days.

"We want this project to really represent all of Cramahe Township and all of the different strengths we have here locally," he said.

Anyone interested in learning more about this project, from the family-selection process to volunteer opportunities, can call 905-373-HOME ext. 28 or e-mail info@habitat-northumberland.ca.
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Habitat anticipates first Colborne home

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COLBORNE — A group of Cramahe Township councillors and staff joined Habitat For Humanity Northumberland staff and volunteers this week to view the Baldwin Street lot in Colborne where the first Habitat home in the municipality will be built next year.

"The first step is finding a Cramahe family, but the build is scheduled for 2013. We're hoping for early in 2013, but really what will impact that is when we can identify a family and also some fundraising elements," Habitat executive director Meaghan Macdonald said.

People manager Laurie Carrol has already held a local information session and will plan others, Macdonald added.

"And we have also approached local service agencies and given them our application forms."

While Colborne families have applied to become Habitat families in the past, the land has not been available. Then, earlier this year, council passed a resolution to donate this lot.

"We have been working with the municipality for a while to try to identify a lot, when they

came to us with this one, we were so excited — we know there are families in this community who can benefit from home ownership," Macdonald said.

She agreed with Mayor Marc Coombs that this location — at the corner of Ontario and Baldwin streets in the Colborne Creek subdivision — would make a wonderful home for a low-income family, with family programming at the nearby Keeler Centre, walking trails to the Rotary Centennial Park playground and easy walking distance to shopping.

"We want a family in place before we start to build. And depending on the schedule, it is likely this might end up being our 40th home," Macdonald said — quite an accomplishment, she noted, for an organization that will celebrate its 15th year next year.

"Council is really excited about this project," Coombs said.

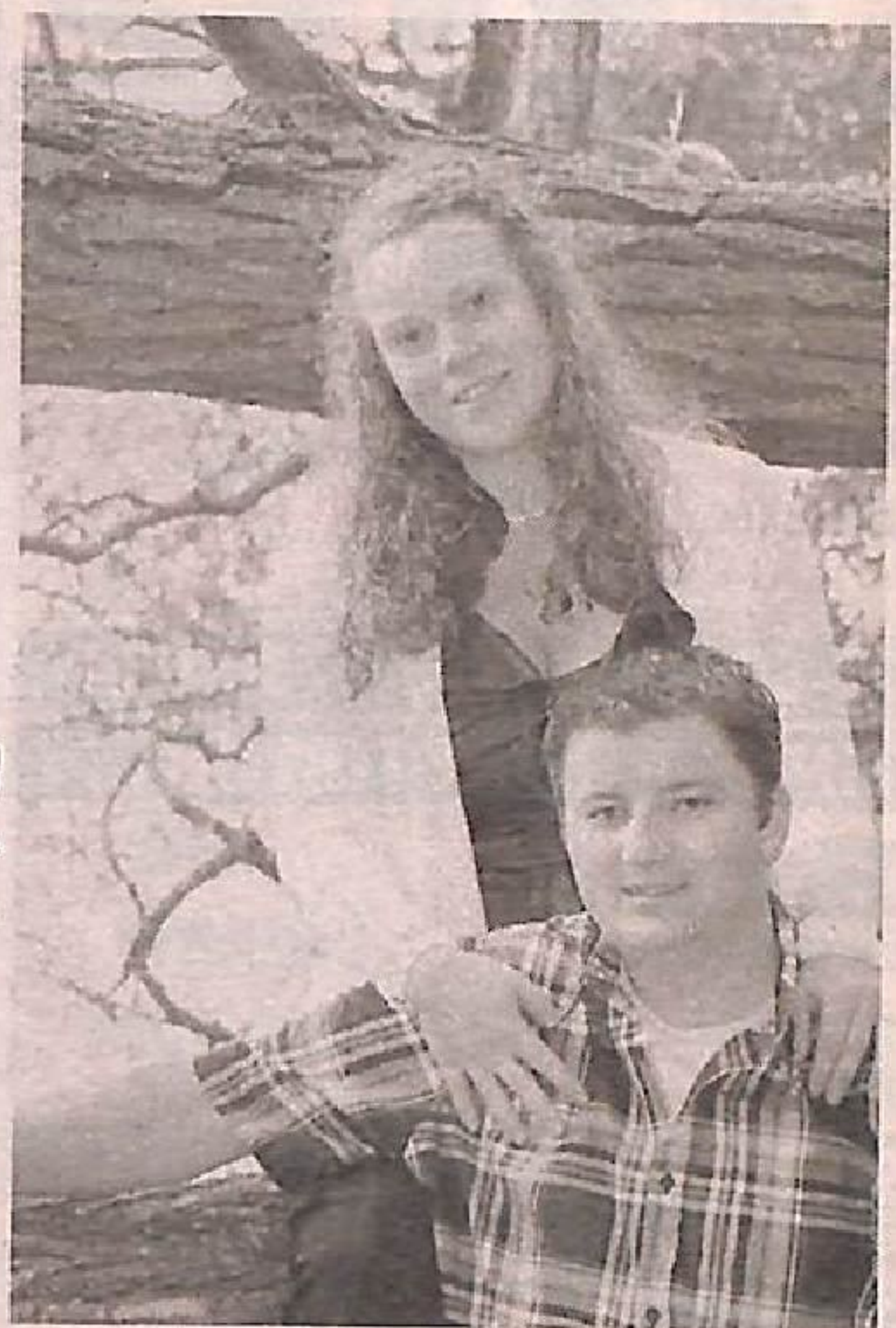
"We have been looking at doing something like this for a number of years. We are so glad to get it started."

"We feel deeply and strongly about Habitat and what it stands for," the mayor stated.

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