

You're invited to Family Fun Night in Castleton

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If you believe in kids, sports, fitness and family fun, mark August 25 on your calendar. That's the day the Castleton Sports Club (CSC) will be presenting their fourth annual Family Fun Night.

According to Fun Night organizer and long-time CSC volunteer Jeff Turney, the decades-old club started out by maintaining a skating rink behind the original Castleton Public School. And it's grown from there.

The sports club, a registered not-for-profit group, boasts one of the nicest facilities in the area and it takes a lot of volunteers and a lot of fund raising along with a lot of donations to keep it that way. Currently, there are two baseball diamonds, complete with clay infields; two full-size soccer fields; two mini-soccer fields; a canteen and washrooms at the site. Programs provided to the community include, youth soccer, adult mixed baseball, volleyball, youth T-ball and baseball as well as a lighted outdoor rink in the winter complete with their very own Zamboni to resurface the ice.

Remarkably, the property is owned by the club, not the township.

Cramahe Township does give the club an annual grant in the range of \$3,000 to help

defray costs. But with an operating budget set at about \$20,000 per year, it's not hard to see how important fund raising and donations are to the bottom line.

"The way it's set up, we have to pay the hydro bill and the property taxes, just like anybody else," says Turney. "It's nice that money comes in, but it goes right back out again."

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The organization is always looking for ways to improve the facilities. Recently, about \$3,000 was spent on upgrades to the infields at the baseball diamonds.

"People work together and make it happen," says Turney. "But it's for the kids in the baseball program, so it's worth the expense."

Amazingly, the day-to-day operations are run by less than two-dozen volunteers. But, says Turney, more will come aboard for special projects.

"We'll use about 32 volunteers for the Fun Night," he said. "Family Fun Night is a family based event. There aren't many fund-

raising events where you can go out as a family, enjoy an evening and support a cause like the sports club."

The proceeds from last year's Fun Night went toward the purchase of an automated external defibrillator (AED). This year, the group could choose from a long wish list.

Future plans include further developments to the playground equipment, adding lights to the baseball diamonds, constructing a concrete pad and boards for the outdoor rink and installing a beach volleyball court.

For only \$5 per person or \$20 per family (maximum of six), there'll be backyard bouncers, a 25-foot rock-climbing wall, a pitching machine, a disc jockey, the inaugural classic 50 three-pitch baseball game and an outdoor movie on a big, inflatable screen along with a fireworks display to wrap up the evening. As well, barbequed food will be available for purchase.

"A lot of things are going on at the same time," said Turney. "You won't be bored, that's for sure."

The Castleton Sports Club Family Fun Night starts at 5:30 p.m. on August 25 at 2278 Spring Street or 150 Cemetery Road, adjacent to Northumberland Hills Public School.

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Colborne Rotary president gets unusual polio fundraiser running

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COLBORNE — Running a marathon to raise money to fight a disease is not new, but Rotary Club of Colborne president Garry Clement is making it more than a one-day event.

Over the course of his year as president, the former Cobourg Police Chief has pledged to run 1,000 miles (1,600 km.) in support of the Rotary International End Polio Now campaign.

It is year 106 for Rotary International and year 63 for the Colborne club, Colborne member Shirley Ross said, and Clement has kicked it off with a running start.

Clement's past support of the club includes a number of annual events, Ross said, including the golf day, the merchants' dinner and the Apple Harvest Auction. However, he was inspired by Ted Koziel, governor of District 7070, who encouraged all presidents in the district to think outside the box in the coming year.

The challenge was made at a Rotary leadership meeting in Chicago, which featured an American district governor named Ann Lee Hussey. Having grown up with the dis-

ease, Hussey shared her personal struggles and achievements.

Now a Rotarian who takes the club motto of Service Above Self to heart, she still pays her own way to Africa to participate in immunization clinics.

"Hearing Ann Lee's story was enough," Ross reported.

"President Garry was committed to raise money for the eradication of polio."

Coincidentally, Clement's doctor had warned him that he had to lose weight. He lost 22 lbs. before he assumed office, and got the okay to begin training. He launched his effort with a 10-km. run at the Rotary Club of Toronto Ribfest on June 29.

Koziel and his wife Maureen attended a recent Colborne Rotary meeting to learn that Clement had reached the 128-mile mark. At the same meeting, assistant governor Mike Parker and his wife Karen announced their generous financial support of his run.

"As Garry's year in office continues, our club will support him with many public events," Ross said.

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Death Notices

HADWEN, JAMES HERBERT at the Northumberland Hills Hospital, Cobourg on Wednesday, August 1st, 2012, age 85 years. Jim Hadwen of Brighton, beloved husband of the late Laura May (Black). Son of the late Herbert Hadwen and the late Hilda (Kemp). Loving father of Gary and his wife Jane of Trenton, Karen Miller and Walter Meadsaac of Brooklin, Brian Hadwen and his wife Darlene of Brighton, Terry Hadwen of Colborne, Marlene and her husband Robert Bird of Whitecourt, Alberta, Gail Callahan of Brighton, Randy Hadwen and Carole Huston of Thunder Bay, and Christopher Paul Hadwen of Belleville. Predeceased by his son Allen Hadwen, and son-in-law Roy Callahan. Brother of Clarence Hadwen of Brighton, Doris Robbins of Guelph, Dorothy Yurchuk of Edmonton, Alberta, and Rosemary Rollins of Seeley's Bay. Predeceased by his sisters Marguerite Kraft, and Dianne Shewman, and his brother, Robert Hadwen. Sadly missed by his twenty grandchildren, his twenty-seven great nephews. Predeceased by grandchildren April Hadwen and Justin Callahan, and great granddaughter Brittany Miller. The family received friends at the Wals Funeral Home, 130 Main Street, Brighton on Monday, August 6th, 2012 from 11 o'clock. Service of Remembrance followed in the funeral home chapel at 1 o'clock. Cremation with interment at Vermonville Cemetery at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer Society, would be appreciated by the family. www.rushmellfamilyservices.com

EDGAR, Robert "Bob" Clayton (WW I Vet) peacefully passed away at the Warkworth Community Nursing Home on Thursday August 2, 2012 in his 94th year. Beloved husband of Grace Edgar (nee Zurett) in their 70th year of marriage. Loving father of Bill Edgar (Anne) of Temiscaming QC, Kory Clark (John) of Peterborough and Sue Taylor (Tony Vandebroek) of Bridgenorth. Dear grand father of Nicole, Aaron, Drew, Krista, Tyler, Curtis and great grand father of Ben, Nathan, Joel and Evelyn. Survived by siblings Ruth Darrington, Doug Edgar and the late Alex and Harold Edgar. Royal Canadian Legion Service will be held on Saturday August 11, 2012 at 1 pm followed by reception until 4 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 360 Warkworth. Donations to the Bridge Hospice Warkworth, St. Paul's United Church or charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences at www.weaverfuneralhomes.com

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