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# Colborne Rotary's Apple Harvest auction has Old West theme

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COLBORNE — An Old West celebration is planned for the 28th annual Rotary Club of Colborne Apple Harvest Auction dinner and dance Sept. 15 at the Keeler Centre.

You'll party yourself black and blue, with dinner provided by locally owned Black Dress Catering and music by Blue Steel, a band that includes local artist Al Brisco.

The theme this year is Back To The Old West, and the posters going up around the area are in the form of an old-fashioned wanted poster (Wanted: Your attendance at the Rotary Club of Colborne's annual Apple Harvest Auction).

Among the features that will make the evening fun and memorable are an old-fashioned country store, bank, sheriff's office and (of course) a saloon.

Members have reached out to a generous community for items to fill the live and silent auction lists.

You can bid on gift certifi-

cates for everything from lunches and dinners to furnace cleanings and will preparation. There are decorative items for every indoor and outdoor style (including a weather vane and horse statue), magnificent pieces from local artists, children's items for every age (including a team-signed Marlies hockey stick and a few tulle outfits for princess cowgirls), garden ornaments and working tools, and maybe even something special for an upcoming wedding, birthday or the holiday season just around the corner.

Doors swing open at the Keeler Centre (80 Division St., Colborne) at 5:30 p.m. Dress in your country best and come prepared for a good time.

Tickets are \$60, and all proceeds support the club's community projects.

For ticket information, call 905-355-3071 or visit [rotaryclubofcolborne@live.ca](http://rotaryclubofcolborne@live.ca).

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## Announcements

### Births



#### BLADE ANTHONY PITCHFORD

Christa Stanley & James Pitchford are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby boy. Born in Cobourg on August 11, 2012, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz and 20 inches long. Thrilled Grandparents are Donna & Bud Pitchford of Stockdale and Terry & Theresa Stanley of Castleton. Great Grandpa Ed Stanley of Bridgewater NS, Great Nanny Jean of Brighton and Great Grandparents Patricia & Ted White of Toronto. Blade is also welcomed by Uncle Adam & Kristina Stanley of Hanover and cousins Aiden, Kayley, Liam and Lily. Thanks to the hospital staff and Doctor Bernard-Thompson.

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The contract was let earlier this year to install meters free to all residences in the Village of Colborne. Much of the cost was covered by grants the township had received for the project which is designed to save water resources.  
 Water and sewer charges will no longer appear on township tax bills. They will come on invoices from Lakefront Utilities, the company which manages the water system. Users will pay a set rate based on the size of their connection, plus a rate of \$1.59 per cubic metre used. Wastewater charges will be 1.15 times the water bill.  
 Charges go into effect on January 1, 2013.

Rotary also operates the annual Merchants Christmas Dinner and holds its meetings in the Rotary Hall in the Keeler Centre.  
 The township does not charge Rotary for the use of the facilities but receives an annual donation from the club.

#### WATER/WASTEWATER RATES SET

Cramahe Township has set its water and wastewater rates for 2013. That in itself is significant as council as hopes that all will be in place to meter residential usage in its system.

to the spring was tossed out by Cramahe Mayor Marc Coombs — and just as quickly discarded. The Rotarians referred to the auction's tradition and the timelines involved in running the auction. The club would not have the manpower available in the winter to organize a spring date.  
 Councillor Pat Westrope suggested that council approve an extension to the end of council's term in 2014. Councillor Ed Van Egmond did one better, noting that it might make more sense to grant them use of the pad past the next municipal election so that the club can plan for the 2015 auction.  
 Club members seemed happy with that and reminded council that there are tickets available for this year's

#### CRAMAHE COUNCIL BRIEFS

##### ROTARY GETS AUCTION EXTENSION

The Colborne Rotary Club got the extension they needed, and a little bit more when they went to Cramahe Council on Sept. 4. A handful of Rotarians were at the meeting to ask council to approve the extension of a deal which expired last year which allowed them the use of the Keeler Centre pad on the third Saturday in September for the annual Harvest Auction.  
 Members argued in favour of the need for continuity and to host the club's major fundraiser in the community where they operate.  
 The possibility of moving the date

# Colborne artist set to reveal her creations

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## Tenderness and honesty on canvas at Colborne Art Gallery

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COLBORNE -- Not getting lost in a word has been the main inspiration for a new art show simply called Paintings.

Described as a small woman who creates large canvases, Deborah Uman-Sures will be presenting her work at the Colborne Art Gallery Aug. 25 to Sept. 30. Fellow gallery co-op member Annie McDonald says the display is like a breath of fresh air.

"I find them to be both powerful and still in equal measure," she said about the work.

Ms. McDonald said most of Ms. Uman-Sures's paintings feature figures or portraits presented in a theatrical space that are intriguing and pull the viewer in.

"She presents wonderfully large faces that fully engage me," she said. "They sit on a knife's edge between representation and abstraction."

Ms. Uman-Sures said art was something that came naturally to her family and was always a topic of conversation at home.

"Art is a natural part of life and a lovely way for a person to express themselves," she said.

Interacting with her environment and breathing in the world around her has always been an inspiration often reflected in her finished products, she said.



COLBORNE — Deborah Uman-Sures show Paintings opens at the Colborne Art Gallery Aug. 25 and continues through to Sept. 30. SUBMITTED PHOTO

"The actual physical act of painting is something I really enjoy," she said, adding that is one of the reasons she likes working on a large canvases.

Having grown up in New York city, Ms. Uman-Sures had many opportunities to experience art on a large scale and, with her

parents, would visit galleries and museums quite often.

Through her travels she has studied and worked in the U.S., England, France, Japan and Canada and she now calls Colborne home after falling in love with its beach.

Being part of a cooperative such as the Colborne Art Gallery is a wonderful partnership

because they truly work together to make the shows happen, she said.

Even though it is her upcoming show that is being featured, she will in turn bring all she has to offer to help the next artist at the cooperative present their work, she said.

"Art is one of life's great pleasures," she added.