

# Harvest Stew competition winners named

By Ray Yurkowski

**EMC News - Colborne** - There were a lot of winners at the 14th annual Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Harvest Stew competition at Colborne last week. Local chefs competed for bragging rights to the best stew in town, BBBS enhanced their fund-

raising efforts and diners got to sample from some remarkable entries.

In order, the judges gave high marks to, individual entries: traditional - Min Naylor, Cheryl Langdon, Helen Lawrie; international - Sophie Kneisel, Barb Keenan, Melissa Charles; most original - Ca-

milla Millar, Debbie Smith, Betty Adams. Commercial winners were: traditional - Grafton Village Inn, Town and Country Salon, Tip Top Realty; international - Helen Charette, Gilligan's Pub, Colborne Rotary; most original - Trinity College School, McAllisters Grill, The Dutch Oven.



Recent Harvest Stew entrants were the recipients of bragging rights recently. Seen here, from the left, BBBS communications co-ordinator Sophie Kneisel, caseworker Cindy Peters and co-op student Kendall Chatterson are ready to dig in. Photo: Ray Yurkowski

## Renowned Canadian author headlining event

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**EMC News - Cramahe Township** - The latest in the East Northumberland Architectural Conservancy Ontario (ACO) heritage information series, this time in conjunction with the Cramahe Heritage Committee, will feature acclaimed Canadian author Jane Urquhart.

Billed as "A Sense Of Place," Urquhart will talk about the spiritual, social and architectural role of churches in 19th century Ontario communities and will be reading from her novel *The Stone Carvers*, to set the tone for the evening.

"When I say 'sense of

place,' what I'm referring to is what one feels about a particular place, a town, or even a rural view," she said in an interview last week.

"I really do love the architecture of churches, in the secular as well as the spiritual way. It's a connection with the notion that there is something spiritual attached to the community."

"There are a lot of things that are tied up in church architecture. While they may have been inspired by the spiritual, they move into the realms of the history of art, the history of the community as well as how the com-

munity operated and the ongoing sense of place as a community centre."

Urquhart will also be speaking about the recent deconsecration and future use of the 169-year-old Trinity Anglican Church in Colborne. She became a leading voice for a local group fighting against the controversial closing of the historic building.

"I remember thinking how odd it would be to have a rural landscape in which there were no more steeples," she said. "And how unsettling that would be, even for those who are not formally attached to a congregation."

"There is an enormous amount of history bound up in the churches of rural Ontario. The Anglican church in Colborne even connects with the Hudson's Bay Company."

In the graveyard behind lies the tombstone for William McMurray, chief company trader and after whom Fort McMurray, Alberta is named.

The church still belongs to the Toronto diocese but says Urquhart; they are in conversation with the township.

"We're waiting to see what the diocese and the township can come up with," she said.

She mentions a front-page story printed in the *Toronto Star* in June, with the headline, "Church ripped out of heart of community."

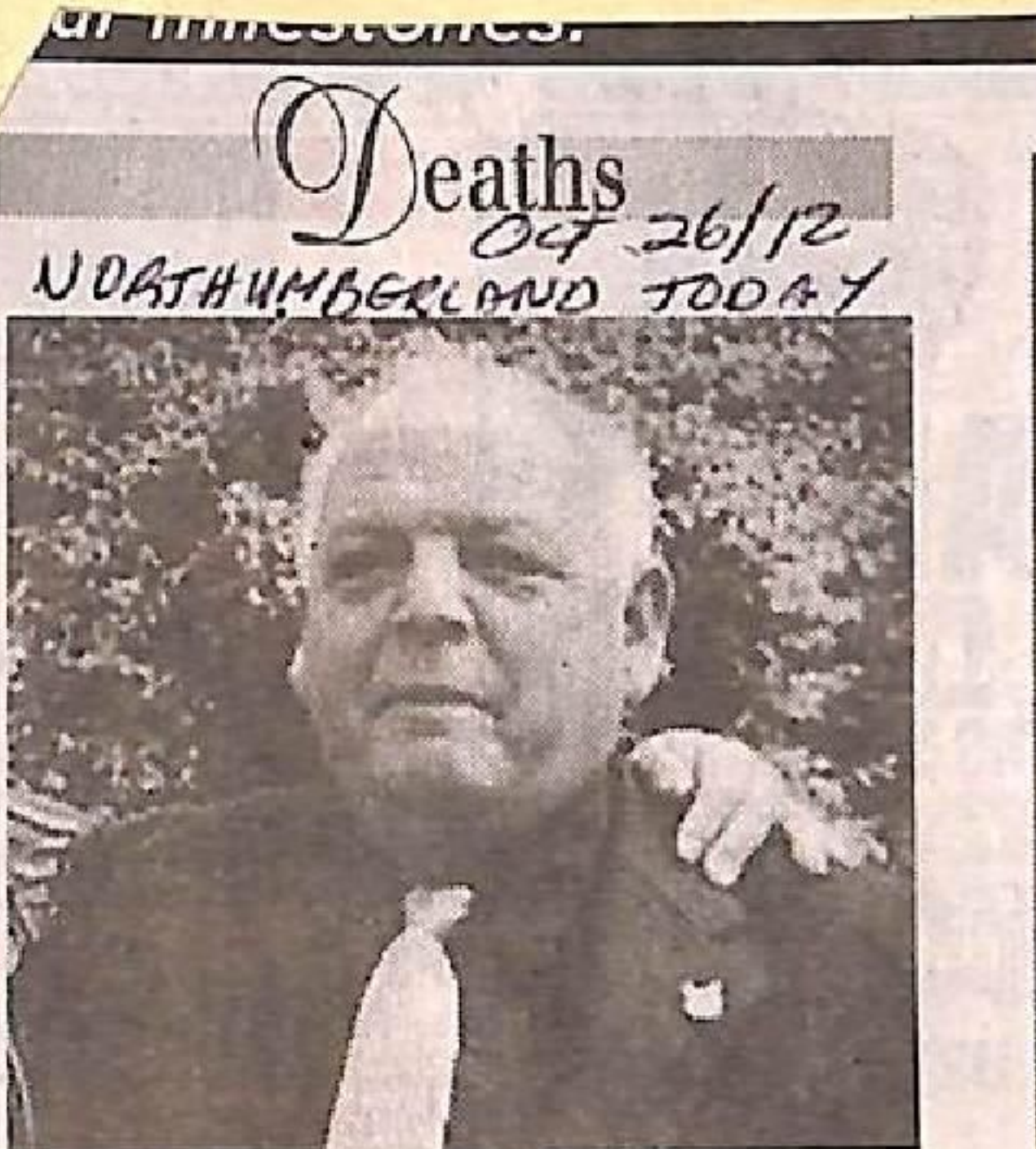
"This was a viable, functioning, fiscally responsible and absolutely beautifully maintained church," said Urquhart. "I'm hoping they will want to see it remain a part of the community that essentially built it."

"And, of course, one has to think about the pioneers in that graveyard and how they would have felt knowing they have been abandoned by the mother church."

"I'm very able to fictionalize that kind of thing," she added. "How one of those people in that graveyard might have felt about this moment."

Urquhart's appearance at the local event comes on the heels of her appearance at the Vancouver Writer's Festival. "A Sense Of Place" begins at 7 p.m. on November 1 at Castleton Town Hall.

Admission is five dollars and everyone is welcome.



**Darrell (Butch) Marsden** passed away peacefully after a well-fought battle with cancer, with his loved ones by his side. He was preceded in death by mother and father, Ruth and Bruce Marsden, and wife Yvonne. He is survived by his dear, beloved Mary Webb, who was lovingly devoted to him; his son and daughter-in-law Jason and Allison Marsden; grandchildren Wesley and Kobi (the little guys); sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Tom Turner; nieces and nephews, Bronlynn and Kyle Eberhardt, Grant Turner, Kimmy and David Csepe; great-nephew and niece, Logan and Colbie; cousin, Jim Bob (his brother) Marsden and wife Jane; and all his family in Canada.

Darrell's interests included golfing with his friends from the American Legion Post 281 and fishing with Larry McCoy, Tony Bittner, and David Bittner. He had a love for animals and will be sadly missed by his dog, Buffy Marie.

A family memorial service with military honours took place at Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Cuyahoga Falls Ohio, on Saturday, September 29, 2012. Per his request, Darrell's ashes will be scattered at his community of Alderville First Nation, Ontario, where his Canadian Memorial for family and friends will take place. A Celebration of Life for Butch will take place October 27th, 2012 starting at 11:30 am at the Alderville United Church, luncheon and greet the family to follow at the Alderville Community Centre.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alderville United Church.

### Deaths



**PRENTICE, Ada Rose (nee Bates)** - Peacefully at Northumberland Hills Hospital, on October 25, 2012, in her 88th year. Beloved wife of 66 years to Donald Prentice. Loving mother of Anne (Wayne), Catherine (Rick), Daniel, Linda (Gary), Susan (Bill), Patricia (Norm), Donald, and predeceased by her infant son Richard. Cherished grandmother of Mike (the late Julie), Cheryl (Jim), Veronica (Bruce), Barbara, Rachel (Pat), Tracy (Mike), Rhonda (Brad), Thomas (Sarah), Beverly (Aaron), Amy Lynn (Shawn), Andrew (Caillie), Rebecca (Carl), Kristen and Sarah. Great grandmother of 20. Dear sister of Harry (Betty, and the late Dorothy), the late Ronald and Jean, the late George and Shirley, the late Ruth and Bert Fritz, the late May, Bruce (Muriel), and Stephen (Karen). Daughter of the late Ronald and Rose Bates. Friends will be received at **MACCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME**, 11 King St. W., Colborne, on Sunday October 28, 2012, from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Service will take place at St. George's Anglican Church (10792 County Rd #2 Grafton), on Monday October 29, 2012 at 2 pm, with visitation taking place one hour prior to service. Interment will follow at St. George's Anglican Cemetery. Donations in memory of Ada, may be made to Northumberland Hills Hospital Palliative Care or St. George's Anglican Church. Condolences received at [www.MacCoubrey.com](http://www.MacCoubrey.com).

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