

**EDUCATION:** School, grocery store work together  
**Apple fundraiser helps provide breakfasts at Colborne PS**

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**COLBORNE** — Students at Colborne Public School are perfecting the art of fundraising.

Colourful posters created by students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are on display at the Foodland grocery store, encouraging shoppers to buy 'apples' for a minimum \$2 donation in support of the school's breakfast program.

Customers can then write their names on the apple-shaped paper cutouts.

The program offers children a full breakfast each morning before classes begin, at no charge.

The apple fundraiser is being coordinated by parent Corinna Hay and will continue to the end of the school year. In the two months since the program began, \$330 has been raised.

"Colborne is the heart of apple

country, so this apple fundraiser is a perfect fit for a valuable program that supports our students' learning," Colborne Public School principal Pamela Buttery states in a press release. "We want to give credit to Corinna Hay for spearheading this project, and thank everyone who has already donated. We are also very appreciative of the support shown by Colborne Foodland in helping to make this happen."

Susan Greenwood, the community development co-ordinator with Northumberland Food For Thought, says the apple fundraiser in Colborne is a great example of how a school and its community can come together to enhance student learning. Because government funding only covers some of the costs, she states in the release, vol-

unteers and school communities have to fill the gap by fundraising and supporting their local programs. "Many local students come to school hungry for a variety of reasons, and nutrition programs ensure they get the food they need to fuel learning and success in the classroom," she states. Northumberland Food For Thought is the non-profit partnership that co-ordinates student nutrition programs at 38 schools across Northumberland County. These programs are free and voluntary, and serve hundreds of students every day. To volunteer, financially support or find out more about Northumberland Food For Thought, visit [www.northumberlandfoodforthought.ca](http://www.northumberlandfoodforthought.ca) or call 905-372-7863.

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force the current bridge, there may be some financial assistance to the township for the upgrade. The proposed bridge would be two lanes and would take four to six weeks to assemble. Much of the structure will be prefabricated, then assembled on site.

**Cramahebriefs**

**BARNES BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED**

**CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP** — Director of operations Dan O'Brien had good news for Cramahe Township Council earlier this month. He, Mayor Marc Coombs and chief administrative officer Christie Alexander had met with officials for CN Rail and received a promise that a new bridge over Barnes Road will be in the company's 2014 budget.

In the interim the company will have engineers look at the existing bridge which has been closed since Aug. 31, 2012, in the hopes that it can be reinforced to allow some traffic over it. If the company can find a way to rein-

**ROTARY TO GET A DISPLAY CASE — PROBABLY**

**CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP** — In December, 2012, the Colborne Rotary Club requested that it be allowed to install a display case at the Keeler Centre in Cramahe Township. The request was deferred until the Feb. 12

meeting of Cramahe Council. Anticipating that a case would be approved, the service club went ahead and bought one which fits in the upstairs foyer between the entrance doors with six inches to spare. Members at the Feb. 12 meeting insisted they are not committed to the one they bought if council decides it is unsuitable.

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in the Lake District landscape (opponents included poet William Wordsworth).

In the 1850s, he was engineer for the construction of the Middlesborough and Guisborough Railway, serving the developing Cleveland iron-mining district. He also oversaw the construction of the Hownes Gill Viaduct on the Stockton & Darlington Railway, which is still standing (unlike a certain bridge over Rice Lake from the same era).

Given his early years in ship building, he would have particularly enjoyed enlarging the Middlesborough Docks while carrying out large groups of marshalling sidings at Shildon and Newport and other new stations.

A member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, he presented two papers: on the Hownes Gill Viaduct in 1862 and on sorting railway trains by gravitation in 1875.

He retired in 1883, shortly after wife's death.

A Quaker, life-long teetotaler and ardent peace advocate, he was active on the hospital and other committees.

He was also a scholar. He translated and privately published Greek and Latin works like Euripides's *The Alcestis* and *The Iphigenia of Aulis* and Homer's *The Odyssey*. And he learned Italian in his 80s in order to read original versions of Dante, as well as being one of the first teachers in the Friends' Adult School in Darlington from age 52 through his 80s.

His son William John Cudworth (1849-1909) followed him into engineering. Grandson William Oswald Cudworth (1885-1954) studied engineering in Manchester, emigrated to Canada and rose in the ranks of the CPR.

He was great-great-grandfather to three more engineers, though none was involved with railroads other than as passengers or modellers.

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the other side of the coin: the cousin who ran a produce store under an assumed name and was the black sheep of the family.

It was her Uncle Gilbert Nelson's oldest son Everett. Uncle Gilbert owned and operated the butcher shop in Warkworth, but moved the family to Toronto in 1924, when their mother died.

In due course, Everett married and started his own family. When his son Everett Jr. and daughter Lenore were just toddlers, he walked out of the house one morning and never returned.

Everett Jr. grew up to marry and become the father of three sons, who were never allowed to ask questions about their grandfather. The middle son, Mike, would later unravel the mystery.

During his research, Mike contacted Makepeace. They pooled information, and Mike made the trip to Florida to locate his Aunt Marguerite. She proved to be another rich source of family lore.

Aunt Marguerite told him that, when his grandfather walked out on his family, he went to Brantford and changed his name. Over the years, she and her brothers had visited him there.

She gave Mike a picture of his father and his Aunt Lenore as small children that had come to her from Everett's second wife Mae, who said he had always carried the photo in his wallet.

Marguerite had no idea why Everett had left. She could only say he was a very unhappy man. She was able to tell



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Mike his grandfather had died on Halloween and what year it was. Armed with this information, he sleuthed out the cemetery where he was buried under the name of George Allan and the original death notice.

From there, he found a home address that he visited just to see if anyone there knew anything about George Allan. No, they said, but they referred him to the long-time residents next door.

The woman who answered that knock remembered George Allan well. She said he was a very grumpy person, but his wife Mae was a very pleasant woman. He'd run a produce store downtown.

Mike mentioned that he knew his grandfather was a lover of spirits. The woman said that this was what had eventually killed him.

George and Mae had no children, she added, and Mae died a few years after her husband passed away.

Mike's information filled in the blanks about Everett Nelson, Makepeace said, but the conclusion is inescapable: a man who walks out on his wife and children and changes his name must be considered the black sheep of the family.

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