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# Mayors prepare to smash \$100,000 mark at annual Cup Challenge

By John Campbell

**EMC News - Northumberland Cty.** - Over the past 12 years the Mayor's Cup Challenge has raised \$97,000 for Community Care Northumberland's regional Hospice Palliative Care program.

So Community Care board chairman Dave Graham was pretty safe in saying, "This year we expect to smash that \$100,000 mark."

The question is how? The seven mayors won't find out how until they arrive at the Brighton Speedway July 27. That's because the kind of race they'll be taking part in is a closely kept secret until

the competition is held.

One year it was bicycles built for two, another year it was wheelchairs, and then there was the time they got around on lawn tractors, said Warden Hector Macmillan, who's won the competition twice.

The challenge for the mayors is two-fold: raise the most pledges, and secure bragging rights by winning the fun-themed race that's held during intermission at the speedway.

Prior to their monthly council meeting May 15, the mayors were presented with thank-you bags that included information about Communi-

ty Care and the handling of pledges, along with individualized Hot Wheels cars bearing a nickname for each. (Brighton Mayor Mark Walas, for example, was given the moniker "Tarmac Attack.")

"We appreciate the support of the Northumberland County Mayors," Trish Baird, executive director of Community Care Northumberland, said in a statement. "This event not only raises funds but provides awareness to the community about the services we offer throughout the County."

To make a pledge online in support of a mayor go to the <www.commcare.ca> donate page. Or you can make a pledge in person by dropping in at a local Community Care Northumberland program office.

On hand for the kickoff was Lou Rinaldi whose raceway hosts the annual event. He brought with him one of the go-karts that will become part of the business next year, using a race track that's being built inside the existing oval.



Mayors, from the left, Hector MacMillan (Trent Hills, as well as warden of Northumberland County), Mark Walas (Brighton), Gil Brocanier (Cobourg), Dalton McDonald (Alnwick-Haldimand), Mark Lovshin (Hamilton Township), Marc Coombs (Cramahe Township) and Linda Thompson (Port Hope) can be forgiven for hoping this year's Mayor's Cup Challenge July 27, won't involve racing tiny go-karts at Lou Rinaldi's Brighton Speedway.

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# Northumberland's heritage venues to open doors June 1 and 2

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**EMC Lifestyles** - Northumberland County's rich heritage will be on display June 1 and 2 when the county plays host for the very first time to a Doors Open Ontario event.

"For [their] long-term survival, heritage assets must be widely appreciated for the important role they play in our communities," Dave Cutler, chair of Doors Open Northumberland, told county council May 15.

Public support for conservation can be strengthened "by demonstrating that heritage assets give our communities a unique sense of place, and we must show that this distinctiveness is vital to the economic and social well-being of our communities," he said.

And there's no better way to pay tribute to what they have to offer than to give the public the opportunity "to get up close and personal with their heritage" at many of the region's landmarks.

Twenty-six sites are taking part in the two-day event, some of them not previously open to the public, Mr. Cutler said.

The attractions include:

- the original 1939 Riverside Dance Pavilion in Hastings, where dance lessons will be held during the day and then put into practice at a dance that night
- the Carousel at Roseneath, built in 1906, that's been restored, where you can ride the wooden horses to the music supplied by a 1934 Wurlitzer organ
- the Annie Currie Observatory at Trin-

ity College School, where visitors will be able to observe the heavens through a telescope

- a restored 1890s bar room in the former Oriental Hotel in Castleton, that's now a private home

- the original 1857 Grand Trunk Railway station that's part of the Memory Junction Museum in Brighton.

Mr. Cutler said Doors Open Ontario boasts a successful track record over 11 years, "facilitating five million visits to heritage sites and generating \$25 million in investment in host communities by out-of-town visitors.

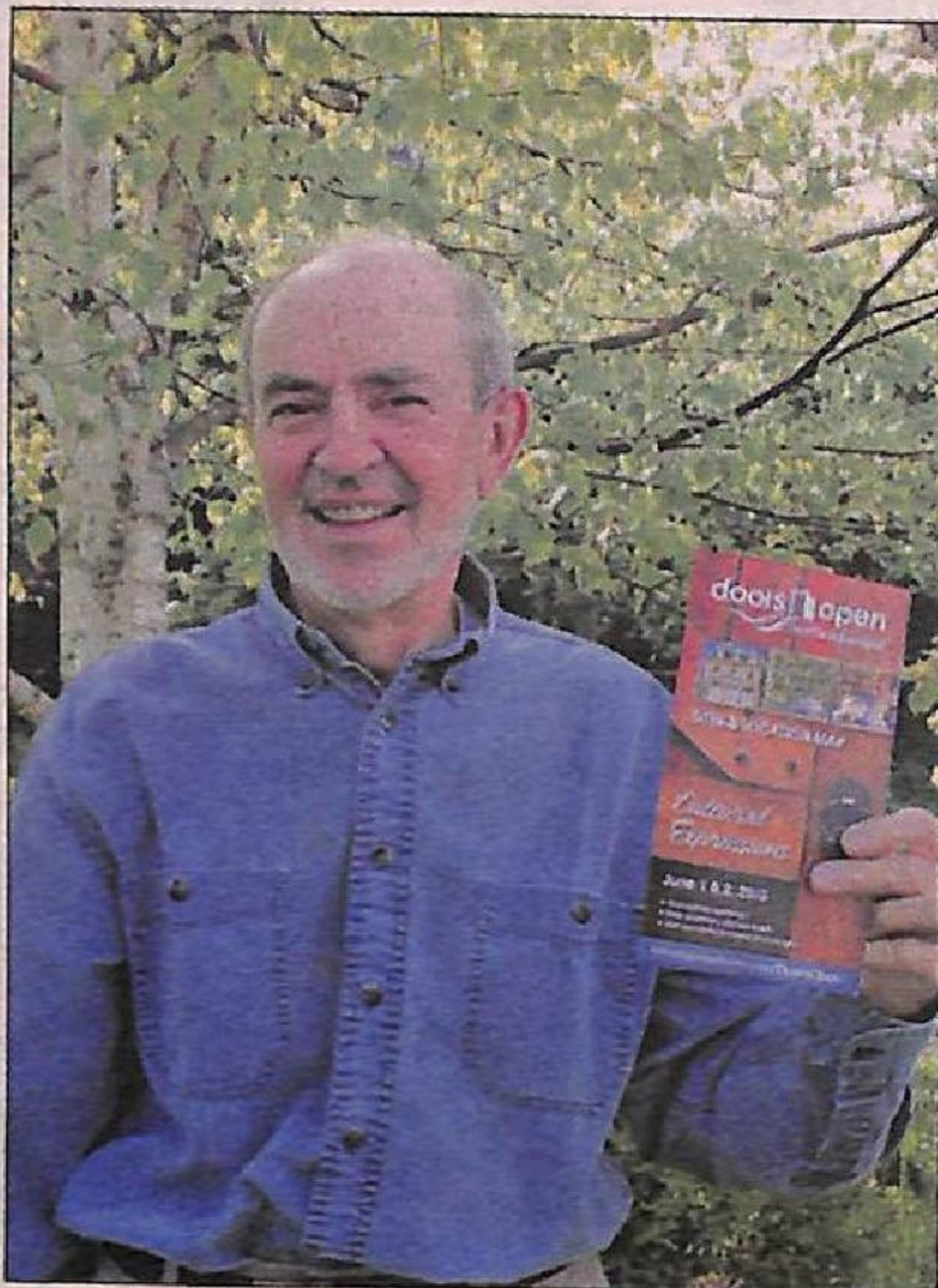
"More and more communities are recognizing the importance of cultural heritage as a leading stimulus for tourism development," he said. It attracts visitors, "who boost the local economy."

A report by the Ontario Arts Council in January stated spending by arts and culture tourists in 2010 totalled \$4.1 billion dollars, and they spent "twice as much per trip as other tourists."

Doors Open Northumberland is a collaboration of the county's tourism department and the Northumberland Heritage Alliance, an informal affiliation of the chairs and other members of the county's seven municipal heritage advisory committees.

Many have had previous experience with organizing a Doors Open event in their community.

Running parallel the same weekend is Trails Open Northumberland, with opportunities to go hiking and bird



Dave Cutler, chair of Doors Open Northumberland, says this year's event, involving 26 cultural and heritage sites across the county, is a first for the county and he hopes it will continue in future.

watching in the Northumberland County Forest.

Admission to all venues is free and most will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To learn more visit <www.northumberlandtourism.com> or pick up a map at a municipal office.

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50th Anniversary Celebration  
For  
Rose & Ellis Sheldrick



Salem Heritage Church  
Sunday, May 26th  
1pm - 4pm

Best wishes only please!