

# OPP recover stolen property valued at \$500,000

Northumberland investigation included thefts dating back *JUNE 26/14* to 2003 *NEWS NORTHUMBERLAND*

NORTHUMBERLAND -- A treasure trove of stolen goods valued at half a million dollars was recovered in an investigation with Northumberland OPP. Since February of this year, the local OPP street response team, in conjunction with the Brockville Police Service, have been investigating thefts dating from 2003 to 2014 in Cobourg, Stirling, Rawdon, Peterborough County, Haliburton County, Centre Hastings, Brock-

ville, York Region, Toronto and throughout Northumberland County. To date they have recovered \$500,000 worth of property, including farm equipment, a truck, a motorcycle, excavator and cargo trailers, said Northumberland OPP Constable Steve Bates. Four people are facing charges but Const. Bates would not confirm if the suspects were working together in a type of crime ring. "They were known to each

other," said Const. Bates. The matter is going before the courts and police can not reveal more detail about the investigation, he added. Joao Rosario Silva Do, 49, of Centre Hastings has been charged with six counts of theft over \$5,000, possession of burglary tools, five counts of possession of property obtained by crime, five counts of remove/destroy/alter a vehicle identification number, and four counts of trafficking in property obtained by crime.

Darrin Taylor, 43, of Brighton has been charged with three counts of possession of property obtained by crime - over \$5,000. Jeff Turney, 40, and Jamie Martorino, 34, both from Cramahe Township, have been charged with theft over \$5,000. Rosario Silva Do and Taylor will appear at Cobourg provincial court on June 25, while Turney and Martorino will appear before in court in Brockville.

- Recovered items:**
- Two Industrial generators
  - John Deere Combine,
  - John Deere tractor
  - An 18 ton dump trailer
  - A four ton scissor lift
  - A 2005 Dodge Ram pick-up
  - A Honda 100 cc motorcycle
  - Honda rotor-tiller
  - John Deere loader/back-hoe
  - John Deere excavator
  - Two Bobcat skid-steer
  - Two 14 foot (4.3 metres) dump trailers

## Awards given out at York Road Women's Institute



Long Service awards and pins were given out recently at the York Road Women's Institute. Honoured left to right are Sharon French - 33 years, Shirley Young - 38 years, Marian McIlveen - 50 years, Trudie Miller - 50 years and Joyce Robinson - 50 years. Photo: Submitted *JUNE 26/14*  
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# Bigger jackpots, added stake classes planned

By Sue Dickens  
**News - Warkworth** - Added stakes classes and jackpots mean more money for participants expected to compete in this year's Warkworth Western Need 4 Speed Gaming Show and video dance. The Percy Agricultural Society will not be hosting the Ram Rodeo this year. Instead the organization is hosting a one-day western event. "Horses and riders will compete in barrel racing, keyhole dash, polebending and relay racing," said Tina Spooner, a director who is chairing the committee organizing the show this year. "The show is open to anybody," she added. She is being helped by members of the Society, friends and students who

volunteer and get their community service hours. In the past the show has attracted riders from as far away as London, but most come from the surrounding area, places such as Peterborough, Bancroft, Belleville and Kingston. "We get as many as 80 or 90 riders," said Spooner. As well the local clubs have riders who compete including those from the Mill Creek Riders, Timber Trails Riding Club and Stars Western Riding Club. Spooner's daughter Amy Newman, 12, has competed for many years and will be in all of the events this year. The Ram Rodeo has been a tradition at Warkworth for the past 15 years but as neighbouring towns and cities brought

the show to their venues, revenues here started to decline, she explained. So the decision was made to focus on the local horse and rider competition which has been a success for the past two years. The rodeo, started by the Percy Agricultural Society, 17 years ago, was turned over to the Warkworth Travelers Hockey Team for a while, but when they decided to retire from planning the event the fair board asked people to volunteer and it was taken on by the board and remains a centrepiece of their fund raising. In the past money raised has been donated to many different worthwhile causes. In 2012 proceeds went to the Do it for Daron (D.I.F.D.) initiative that focuses on raising awareness and inspiring conversations about youth mental health. Daron was a 14-year-old girl in Ottawa who took her life in 2011. Her family and

friends started D.I.F.D. to promote mental awareness to the children and in the schools. The rodeo has raised money for a new score clock and a new sound system in the Warkworth arena and has been used to support local churches, minor sports, the skateboard park, the Santa Claus parade and more. "This year we're doing it because we want to raise money to build a new petting zoo building for the fair on the fairgrounds," said Spooner. The show will feature a new and used tack sale (8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and vendors can get a booth for \$25. There will also be a fund-raising barbecue which will be part of the day-long venue. The age of majority Pyx Country Video Dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets for the dance can be purchased ahead of time for \$10 at Warkworth Farm Supply and Newman Oliver & McCarten Insurance, Campbellford. Cost at the door is \$15. The gaming show begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 26 at the Warkworth fairgrounds. For more information contact Spoon-



Amy Newman won the 12 and under pony category at the gaming show held two years ago. She was riding Belly Stopping Daisy. Photo: Submitted  
er at 705-924-2868, or text 705-653-9119, or email <tinakitsunny@hotmail.com> or to register online go to: <www.warkworthfair.com>.