

# Colborne Chronicle

■ **FUNDRAISER:** Event supports school music program

## Festival of Trees returns to Colborne

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COLBORNE — The fifth annual Festival of Trees will welcome you at Colborne Legion Nov. 21 and 22.

This is the fifth year this important fundraiser has supported the music program at Colborne Public School, allowing children in Grades 3 to 8 to enjoy musical education and the chance to learn on a variety of instruments (which are also well maintained, thanks to these funds).

These funds have also been an important factor in ensuring the school's young musicians excel at competition with the Canadian Drumline Association. They have won at provincial level in their classification for the past three years. Now they look forward to competing in both the Ontario and Quebec championships, while the school's jazz band hopes to compete in local area music festivals.

The event will feature 25 fully decorated Christmas trees to be raffled and auctioned off, plus a very special Memorial Tree with several prize packages.

Trees have been donated by several local businesses and service groups, including Colborne's Lions and Rotary clubs, CIBC, Downey Pharmacy Rutherford Transportation, The Co-operators, Dr. T. Luong's office, Holcim Canada Inc., McGlennon Insurance, Nicole Leach CGA-Allied Associates LLP Chartered Accountants, Know Your Body Best, We Fix U, Tip Top Realty, Northumberland Veterinary Service, Lakeport Power

and Cramahe Now, as well as the Township of Cramahe

Begun in honour of Mitchell Ferguson, a Colborne Public School student who died in a tobogganing accident, this year's festival also honours the lives of six other community children: Lizzy Corbeil, Robyn and Eric Taylor, Kandas Derry, and Kevin and Brandon Cole.

Five prize packages will be raffled off in honour of the seven children, worth a total of \$5,000. Among the prizes are:

- Two Toronto Maple Leafs tickets.
- One night's accommodations at the Marriott Hotel in Toronto.
- Concert-ticket packages for The Venue in Peterborough.
- Gift certificates for local and area restaurants.
- Gift certificate for a day at Ste. Anne's Spa.
- A fishing prize package that includes rods, reels, lures, apparel and tackle boxes.

Tickets are \$10 (or three for \$20), available in Cobourg at We Fix U and Jonesy's Barber Shop, and in Colborne at Turning Heads Hair Salon and Downey Pharmacy. The draw will be made at 9 p.m. Saturday.

In addition to the memorial trees, in-memorial donations of some wonderful silent-auction items include:

- Two tickets to the 2015 World Hockey Junior Championships.
- Two Toronto Maple Leafs tickets plus one night's accommodations at the Royal York Hotel.
- Gift baskets from the Turning Heads salon and from Tim's Auto Supply.

• A special package in memory of Jaylynn Nevaeh Forget.

Organizers also thank Colborne-area corporate sponsors who are donating money directly to the festival in the children's memory. Tim Hortons, Cam Tran, HD Supply, Hoselton Studios, MacCoubrey Funeral Homes and CIBC have donated a total of \$2,250.

Organizers also thank the Colborne Legion for donating the use of their hall free for the festival.

The Legion hall is located at 92 King St. E. in Colborne, and hours for the festival will be 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 21 and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 22.

Friday's program includes a concert at the Legion given by the Colborne Public School Drumline.

On Saturday, the Oak Ridge Percussion, which is comprised almost entirely of former Colborne Public School students, will perform in the Colborne Santa Claus Parade (which starts at 7 p.m.).

For more information, visit [www.colborneps.ca](http://www.colborneps.ca) or contact teacher Chad Morford at [chad\\_morford@kprdsb.ca](mailto:chad_morford@kprdsb.ca) or 905-355-2532.

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Colborne Public School Grade 8 students Cassandra Bayes, Jarred Hall and Tyler Turk get ready for the Festival of Trees which takes place on Nov. 21 and 22 at the Colborne Legion Branch 187.