

Kincardine Family Health Team to open satellite office in Ripley

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"Up until now a lot of the services weren't available to the community or there was a fee for service," Glover said.

The team is made up of Glover; executive assistants Elyse Dewar and Mandy Van Harveldt; finance administrator Sue Doupe; clinical pharmacist Patricia McKechnie; social worker Jennifer Rapley; registered nurses Jannette Diebel and Rhonda Walsh; occupational therapist Pam Rantz; nurse practitioner Ann Marie Webber; and health educator Nancy Payne.

Patients can receive referrals from their family physicians and receive attention quickly through a number of programs and services, including diabetes foot care, medication review,

counselling and fall prevention assessments. Glover said the team of health care professionals is highly qualified and a great asset to the community.

"The family health team is just that; a team that functions as a family," he said. "We have high expectations of one another. It has been nothing less than an honour and a privilege to work with a group of such dedicated individuals."

Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, who was on hand for the opening, said she was thrilled to have the opportunity to see a health care model in effect that is based on identifying local needs and addressing them.

"What we're seeing is a culmination of dedication, time and effort," she said.

Dr. Gary Gurbin, the lead physician for the Kincardine Family Health Team, said the team is attractive for physicians who are looking to re-locate. Kincardine now has 12 physicians, including a full-time general surgeon. Gurbin said it took a great deal of work to get the family health team off the ground, but it was worth the effort.

"We ended up with a terrific product; one that is multi-use," he said.

Gurbin attributed much of the team's success to Glover.

"We were fortunate to acquire the services of Gerry," he said. "We wouldn't have gotten here as quickly or as well if it weren't for him."

The family health team's next objective is to open a satellite office

in Ripley, where Huron-Kinloss residents will be able to receive the same services that are

available in Kincardine. The family health team will hold an information session in the upper

level of the Ripley-Huron Community Centre Sept. 6 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Kincardine Family Health Team expanding to provide added care

By Barb McKay

The Kincardine Family Health Team will receive provincial funding that will allow it to increase its size, says the team's CEO.

Gerry Glover made the announcement at the family health team's official opening in its new offices in the basement of the Kincardine Com-

munity Medical Clinic last Wednesday. Glover said the team doesn't have a solid figure for the amount of funding it will receive, but it will be enough to add a second social worker, a registered nurse and respiratory therapist to its team and offer its occupational therapist a full-time position.

The family health

team has been taking referrals for several months for a number of programs and services that were being delivered out of the medical clinic's offices while renovations were being completed in the basement. Now the team is fully operational in its own space.

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The Kincardine Family Health Team held an open house last week to celebrate the completion of renovations to its offices. From left, are Dr. Art Wiebe, chair; Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson; Kincardine councillor Ron Coristine; lead physician Dr. Gary Gurbin; and CEO Gerry Glover. (Barb McKay photo)

Historic 1860's Dunkeld hotel burns to ground

The historic 1860's era Dunkeld Hotel was razed by fire March 10, after a blaze that started in the rear of the building was thought controlled and later reignited and consumed the entire structure. (HANOVER POST/FACEBOOK PHOTOS)

Rob Gowan
QMI Agency
The historic hotel at Dunkeld, a popular restaurant and banquet hall, was destroyed by fire. The stone structure, that dates from the mid 1800s, was still standing Sunday morning after the overnight fire, but the building reignited and consumed the entire structure later in the day.

Conc. Rd. 6 and Chepstow Rd. was closed from Greenock-Brant Rd. to S.R. 5 S.

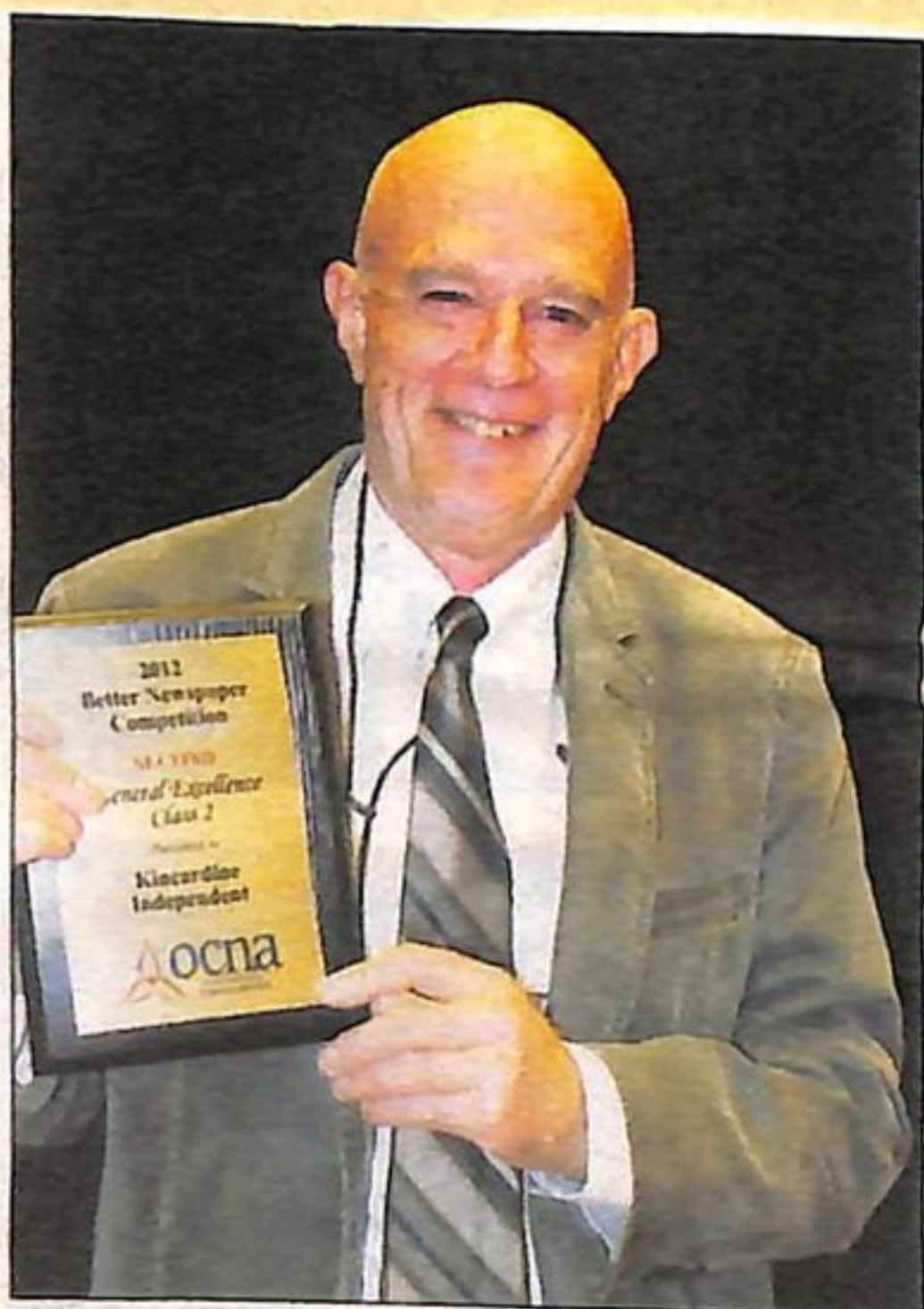
Brockton Fire Chief Mike Murphy said from the scene on Sunday morning that the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal had been called in to investigate because of the extent of the damage. No one was in the building at the time of the blaze.

Abell said he has a lot of memories from the restaurant and it will be unfortunate if it has to be torn down. "It's a landmark in our area," said Abell. "It is going to be a lot different if it goes down."

Abell said the restaurant, which is perched on a knoll along Bruce Rd. 3, just northwest of Walkerton, is a popular spot that almost everyone in the area is familiar with. "Everybody knows about it. It is very unfortunate," said Abell. "It looks like it is in very rough shape."



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Left: Eric Howald accepts the Independent's award for General Excellence.