

NASSAGAWEYA SCHOOL DAYS: Students of what was S.S. #9 on the Fifth Line, north of 25 side Road, are pictured on the front cover of the 2011 heritage calendar released by the Nasagiweya Historical Society. – Submitted photo

## Record checks take time

Anyone who requires a criminal record check should not postpone filing the necessary paperwork.

Many places of employment and volunteer positions have been asking for a criminal record check before they will allow people to work or assist coaching with the local sports team. People head to their local police station and file the necessary paperwork, thinking that it shouldn't take long because they have never been arrested.

County of Wellington OPP would like to caution members of the public to leave plenty of lead time when seeking these checks as requests are on the ride with over 4,000 last year.

In July, the RCMP broadened the require-

to include those working with vulnerable people like coaches involved in minor sports, day care workers, teaching staff and aides at schools and health care providers. Now, people with the same gender and date of birth closely matching those of pardoned sex offenders will be asked to provide fingerprints. This is an effort to identify these sex offenders who have been pardoned and then legally changed their names.

These prints then are forwarded off to the RCMP to compare with those of the offender. These changes have added to a backlog in the paperwork being processed.

With the changes in the process and the number

ments for record checks to include those working with vulnerable people like coaches involved in minor sports, day care workers, teaching staff of checks being requested the County of Wellington OPP are requesting patience. The paperwork is now running in the range of four to six weeks for

processing. If you need these checks for your place of employment, plan ahead and file the papers as soon as possible to avoid delays.

## Farm safety

During this busy harvest time, professional farmers and farmhands are being urged by Wellington OPP to use extra caution when dealing with heavy equipment and machinery. It only takes a brief second of inattentiveness for someone to be seriously injured or killed when operating farm machinery

Frequently injuries happen when pieces of clothing like loose jackets, laces, or straps get dragged into the machinery. Farm equipment should only be used by fully trained and qualified adults who are well rested and alert.

For further information on farm safety and related issues, please tap into the resources found at www.farmsafety.ca

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## Historical School Calendar released

The latest publication from the Nasagiweya Historical Society is its 2011 fundraising calendar, School Days in Nassagaweva, a heritage printing that offers images of all ten of the original one-room schoolhouses of the former township as well as select class photos. The schoolhouses were amalgamated into Brookville Public School on Guelph Line, north-west of the Town of Milton in 1960 (Brookville celebrated its 50th anniversary in October 2010).

Along with the archival photos, Laurie Wells, creator of the calendar and a director with the Nasagiweya Historical Society, has added significant dates from the chronicles of the area that pertain to not only school life, but general history.

"The section schools closed in the 1960s and students moved to Brookville School," Wells said. Purchasers can "relive those bygone days with a trip down memory lane."

Current and former residents may find themselves, a former teacher or distant relative in some of the photos. The 2011 calendar comes on the heels of the release of Nassagaweya Scrapbook Memories: Newsy Bits transcribed from Nassagaweya Scrapbooks.

Joy Simpson, also a director with the Nasagiweya Historical Society, spent countless hours transcribing scrapbook clippings into Nassagaweya Scrapbook Memories, the latest book release from the NHS.

Comprised of engagement, wedding, birth or death announcements, township meetings, notes outside the township and overseas news, "It is from those treasured scrapbooks that the content for this book has been taken," Simpson said.

School Days in Nassagaweya is available for \$15 each at Scotiabank in Campbellville, Rivers in Rockwood, The Bergamot in Acton, or from members of the Nasagiweya Historical Society.

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