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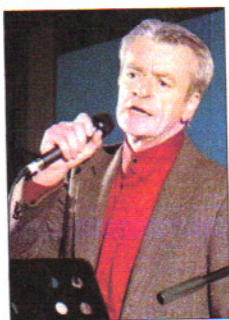
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Keith Mulvihill portrays Randy Travis at the Opry show.
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POLICE



The Renfrew detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is investigating an attempted child abduction Monday in Renfrew. The OPP is seeking the public's assistance.

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Farrell's Landing Road right-of-way stirs debate

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The debate continues over what to do with part of Horton Township's right-of-way on Farrell's Landing Road.

An historical plaque, located at the intersection of River Road and Farrell's Landing Road, tells visitors that on May 26, 1851, Horton Township council passed a bylaw supporting the building of a road across the township from the old wharf on the Ottawa River.

The plaque also notes that the road facilitated travel for early settlers and became known as the Ottawa and Opeongo colonization road.

The monument for the plaque was made and erected, on behalf of Heritage Renfrew in 1991, by Bob Johnston, Beatty Collins and Ralph Eady.

Johnston and Mae Craig are among locals who are spearheading

a campaign to ensure Farrell's Landing Road, (a 20-foot-wide right of way) remains in the hands of Horton Township.

Most of it is a dirt road, but the final 113 feet or so to the river are partly grass and appear to belong to the adjacent residential backyard.

They do not, but the dispute is whether this small piece of property should continue to be owned by the township, or leased or sold to Debbie Grantham and her husband, Dino Di Pietro.

Grantham's family history, which goes way back in Renfrew County, includes her aunt Majorie Lindsay, the long-time historian for the Town of Renfrew, and the fact nearby Grantham Road originates with her family.

Meanwhile, Grantham has been asked to have a lease agreement drawn up for consideration by the Horton planning committee.

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At your service

Mothers everywhere were honoured Sunday for their giving ways. Local emergency services personnel returned the favour and continued their own generous ways Saturday, serving tea at the Lace and Linen Mother's Day Tea hosted by the Catholic Women's League of Our Lady of Fatima parish. Brad Smith serves tea to the oldest guest at the celebration - 97-year-old Lola Mulvihill of Renfrew. Proceeds of the event were shared with the Renfrew and Area Health Services Village doctor recruitment program.

Small levy hike in taxes

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Renfrew taxpayers should expect a minimal hike in taxes following approval of the town's budget Monday evening.

Final figures were not available, because the council meeting carried past press deadline, but the draft budget before council called for a

levy increase of 3.35 per cent on the town's portion of the tax bill. Once county and school board portions of the entire bill are factored in, the levy increase was scheduled to be 1.37 per cent.

That represents a hike of about \$168,000 in taxes, with the town's portion jumping from \$12.2 million to nearly \$12.4 million this year.

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Full house for Linens and Lace Mother's Day Tea

Linen and Lace was an apt theme for a Mother Day Tea. There was plenty of both in Our Lady of Fatima church hall Saturday afternoon as the parish Catholic Women's League hosted a fundraiser that shared its proceeds 50/50 with the Renfrew and Area Health Services Village doctor recruitment program.

The event was so popular, in fact, that at one point the organizers actually ran out of tea, but emcee Pauline Hughes was quick to assure that, "big soup pots of tea are on the go."

An impressive 208 people from across the community participated. To add a special touch, local businesses purchased chair covers for the CWL that can now be used to dress up the chairs for future events in the hall.

"It's been a lot of fun to organize this," said Hughes. "Everyone has been so enthusiastic."

Entertainment opened with Jim Millar singing *Being a Mom*; Cathy Black reciting the poem *The Meanest Mother in the World*; and Mary McCann reading *Love You Forever* by Robert Munch.

Father Ryan Holly offered Grace before an afternoon that also included door prizes and a silent auction.

The servers were Father Holly, Steve Osipenko, Shawn Walters, Peter Whalen, Mark Griese and Brad Smith; and the kitchen helpers were Ian and Lynn Clelland, Jim Miller, Peter Emon and Kevin Hughes.

Tables hostesses were Carol Sulpher, Margaret Whyte, Bernie Mortimer and Kate Thompson, Susan O'Neil, Natasha Bistko and Janet Goulet, Gail Cole, Darlene White and Irene Rekowski, Martha Scott, Mary Hass, Jean Hughes and Beth Brownlee, Liz Mosco and Sheila Sweet, Cathy Hunt, Alana Emon, Darlene Meleski and Nancy Guyea, Margaret Sheahan, Pauline Hughes, Philene Rich-



Saturday's tea was a family affair for many. Enjoying the tea are, from, front row, Marcella Cymbulski and Florence Nesbitt; and back row, Audrey Fleury, Suzanne Lee, Carol Sulpher, Jennifer Hardie and Elizabeth Nesbitt.

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Grace Hill was one of the younger guests at the Linens and Lace Mother's Day Tea.

ard, Wendy Kidd and Mary Richards, Ella Box and Charlotte Cleroux, Debbie Enright, Elaine Turner, Sandi Heins, Sharon Schroeder and Sandra McGregor, and Cecilia Whelan.

Chair covers were purchased by Jane Freemark at Drapery Plus; McNab, Stewart and Prince; Chown and Smith Barristers and Solicitors; Norm Bujold; Sweet's Decor; R&D Insurance Ltd.; Cen-

tury 21 Eady Realty; Humphry, Dewey and Rowley Optometrists; Remax Metro City Realty; and Jim Millar Insurance and Financial Services.

Silent auction items were donated by MEQA Worksafe Ontario, Laurier Optical, Fraser's Clothes, Colleen's Closet, Kate Windle, Bonnehere Bakery, Scott's Shoes, Wallace Jewellers, Hairitage and Pauline Hughes.

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WHAT'S THIS WEEK HAPPENING

Local events and happenings over the coming weeks — free to non-profit organizations

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NOTE: With new press deadlines, only submissions received by noon Friday will make it into the upcoming edition. The Mercury community calendar is a free public service for not-for-profit groups. Include a daytime contact name and phone number for clarification. No posters, please.

SJCHS MUSICAL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School presents The Sound of Music on May 16, 17 and 18 at 7 p.m., a story of struggle and triumph that is entertaining, humorous and appropriate for all ages. Tickets 10 at Aikenhead's Drug Store, Barry Breen Insurance, SJCHS front office and at the door. Proceeds support St. Joseph's High School performing arts program.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

If you or your family are interested in gardening this year but do not have a location, the Renfrew Parks and Recreation Department has the solution. The Oddfellows Park Community Garden has spaces available for residents to grow their own fruits and vegetables. There is no cost to be part of the garden group. Contact Jo-anne Caldwell at jcalldwell@town.renfrew.on.ca or 613-432-3131.

MAY 16

Lady of Fatima Catholic School fun fair 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Games, giant obstacle course, bouncy castle, food, entertainment and silent auction.

The Upper Ottawa Valley Geological Group will be holding its AGM at the Pembroke library on Dickson Street at 7 p.m. Glenn Wright speaks on Great Revelations: Canada, and the Canadian 1921 Census.

MAY 17

Benefit dance for 20-month old Zachary Quackenbush at the Renfrew Legion at 8 p.m. Zachary has been diagnosed with a brain tumour. Dance tickets are \$8 and are available at the door. Anyone willing to help with food donations or door prizes would be greatly appreciated. Contact Laura Warren at 613-717-3959 or Sheila Riopelle at 613-570-9892.

Ladies Auxiliary soup & sandwich, tea or coffee \$4, dessert \$1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Renfrew Legion. Take out 613-432-2329.

Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club's annual tow road from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. All money collected goes to activities in the community.

MAY 18

Dart tournament at Renfrew Legion, two ladies and one man per team. Registration 9 to 9:30 a.m. Play at 10 a.m. \$30 a team. Prizes based on number of teams. Call Rose 613-281-0569.

Kick off Summer 2013 Bogie-style 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Calabogie Community Centre with a day of games, food, live music, mixed three-pitch ball tournament, beer garden, prizes, barbecue and buffet dinner. All proceeds to the Rink Roof Fund. Go to www.bogiestyle.weebly.com for more information.

Plant and bake sale fundraiser at Eganville Seniors Centre. Donations of baking and plants appreciated. Doors open at 8 a.m. BBQ. 613-628-2354.

Yard and bake sale at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Crawford Street, Cobden, 8 a.m. to noon.

The Admaston-Bromley Public Library will be holding a yard-plant-book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bake sale, barbecue, and balloons. For \$15 you can book a table and sell your own items. For more information or to donate items, call the library at 613 649-2576, Ellen Milosek at 613 649-2675, or Lynn Agnew at 613 649-2355. All proceeds benefit the library.

Ham and scalloped potato dinner at St. Andrew's United Church, Matawatchesan, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Includes ham and vegetables, baked beans, salad, rolls and fixings. Matawatchesan pies for dessert. Adults \$12, children 6 to 12, \$6, five years and under, free.

The Whitewater Historical Society in Foresters Falls is hosting Pioneer Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be horse-drawn wagon tours, local entertainment, spinning and woodworking demonstrations, butter churning, barbecue and bake sale.

The Renfrew Farmers Market is now open at the Renfrew Fairgrounds Saturdays from 7 a.m. until noon. Local honey, lamb, pies and other baking and

preserves available.

Matawatchesan Community Market's annual plant sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain or Shine. Home-made lunch and free trade coffee. Market will resume June 29 until Labour Day.

Plant sale at Beachburg Inn, 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by Beachburg Horticultural Society.

MAY 19

RVH Fundraiser: Come celebrate Barbara Symington's 80th birthday party and dance to the great tunes by Southpaw and Dandee Music from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Renfrew Legion. Best wishes only. However, donations to RVH Foundation will be gratefully received.

The Bromley Historical Society holds its second annual Dan Gorman Memorial Talk on at 2 p.m. Noted Renfrew County author and historian Carol McCuaig will be the guest speaker and will make a presentation on The Clare Chain, Immigrants to Renfrew County from County Clare, Ireland.

MAY 20

The Eganville and Area Horticultural Society welcomes Terry Newcombe presenting his techniques for Extending the Growing Season. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Eganville at 7:30 p.m. Social time follows.

MAY 23

Community Living Renfrew County South Spring Fling Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Renfrew Legion. Admission is a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Renfrew and District Food Bank. Light refreshments will be served. Music by Pat Watters and the Mixed Nuts Band.

MAY 24

Renfrew County Fiddlers dance at the Cobden Legion, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Celebrate Bike Month. Cyclists from Renfrew and area are invited to meet at the Rotary Splash Pad at Ma-Te-Way Park at 6:30 p.m. for a group road ride around the area. Distances and destinations will be decided by the group. Celebrate Bike Month. Contact the recreation centre 613-432-3131.

The Silver Chain Challenge Kick-Off is on May 24 at Neat Cafe.

The challenge is a friendly and active competition between Renfrew and Lanark Counties. The Renfrew Parks and Recreation Department is looking for a group of people to bike from Renfrew to Burnstown in the morning. Contact Jo-anne Caldwell at jcalldwell@town.renfrew.on.ca or call 613-432-3131.

MAY 24-25

RCI's sixth annual Relay for Life in memory of Hillary Afelskie. Runs from 7 p.m. Friday, May 24 to 7 a.m. Saturday, May 25. Come out and help make cancer history.

MAY 25

Container planting workshop at Eganville Seniors Centre, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost \$5. Everything included. Register before May 17, 613-628-2354.

Fundraiser for Bernadette McCann House at AFAC Wing in Renfrew. Music by Ambush. Tickets \$20 at 613-732-7776 or at the door. Light lunch, door prizes, silent auction. Theme is blue and white with a splash of glitter. 8 p.m. to midnight.

Renfrew Silver Seniors May ball at the Renfrew Legion. Happy hour 5, dinner at 6 and music by Nelson Towns at 7 p.m. Tickets available from Pat 613-649-2756 until May 20.

Al-Anon Day Celebration at St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall in Arnprior. A.A., Alateen welcome. Panel, discussion, speakers. Wheelchair accessible. www.al-anon-ottawa.ca for more information.

Second annual KatieBears Fun Day at the Eganville Arena, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Activities include KatieBear Idol (adult and kids division), craft show, Ottawa Valley Rc Addicts, remote vehicle display, balloon artist, display by OPP and Bonnechere Valley Fire Department, games, prizes, head shaving, food, refreshments, silent auction, crown and anchor, dunk tank, photo booth, 50/50 draws/lottery hat/\$100 game, dance featuring Faster Than Plaid. See KatieBears second Fun Day on Facebook for more.

MAY 26

Bid Euchre at Eganville Seniors Centre at 1:30 p.m. Cost \$4, 613-628-2354.

MAY 29

Renfrew Rotary Club Lobster or Steakfest at Renfrew Legion hall. Steak or lobster \$25, sittings at 6 or 7:30 p.m. For tickets call Lona Logan-Scully at 613-432-5219, ext 2011 or 613-432-8626. Tickets also from Rotarians or at Scotiabank, Aikenhead's, Money Concepts and Metro Renfrew.

Join the residents, families, volunteers and staff in GEM Hall at Groves Park Lodge at 2 p.m. for the start of the Walk'n Roll-A-Thon for the Renfrew County Chapter of the Alzheimer Society. Pledge forms at the main office where donations can also be dropped off. Walk for an hour. Contact the program department at 613-432-5823.

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