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It hardly seems possible that we are already in March of 2009; time is passing way too fast. To those of you who I have not had the chance to speak to this year, I wish my best and enjoyable success to you and your families in 2009.

I assume most of you are aware of the latest funding announcement as part of the Build Canada Fund. If you are not, I will update you on the details. The Town of Deseronto Council and staff made application for a \$4,500,000 sewer rehabilitation to improve the deteriorating operations of our sewage plant. The application was a 1/3 contribution from the federal, provincial and municipal governments. This rehabilitation would see our plant able to operate at its original Certificate of Approval levels and accommodate a minimal increase in development. On February 20, 2009 the announcement was made by the Build Canada officials that our application was successful. In addition to this funding, the County of Hastings recognized our deficiencies and financial needs and generously allocated \$200,000 to the rehabilitation of our sewage plant. This now leaves the remaining \$1,300,000 to be funded by the municipality. If plans go as expected, the sewer rehabilitation will start in the latter part of 2009.

Continuing on a proactive note, Council would also like to formally advise residents of the formation of the Deseronto Development Corporation. The purpose of this corporation is to assist in creating development in the community at a time when development is paralyzed. The purpose of this corporation is not to create animosity between the Mohawk Council and Town of Deseronto Council but to pursue development options that would benefit the Town of Deseronto and all communities alike. Deseronto Development Corporation is currently reviewing possible options to get a project started in the near future. As per new developments in the Culbertson Land Claim negotiations, it is our understanding that the federal government is awaiting response/correspondence from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Council. It is believed that earlier this year the federal negotiating team made their position clear on the transfer of land and the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Council are exploring their options regarding the government's position. As part of the Specific Claims Policy, the federal government informed the Mohawks that there would be no land changing hands with the federal government's involvement. The Mohawks would receive financial compensation for loss of use and market values. The Band Council could choose to either buy property on a "willing seller, willing buyer" basis and apply to have it returned to "Band Status" or they could invest the settlement dollars into their existing community land base. It is important to note, that the Town of Deseronto Council still is not involved in negotiations (at the table) and this information is relayed to us through the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

As for our direct relationship with the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, I think all residents agree that it's our intent to continue good relationships with the Mohawk Band members. We have had many successful committees, joint ventures, and numerous friends and families in the two communities and other than our difference pertaining to the proposed settlement, we continue to operate with good working relationships. Our Council considers this Land Claim a duty that the federal government must fulfill for the benefit of all Canadians alike, and we trust that they will make all efforts possible to find a compromised solution that will not harm the residents of the Town of Deseronto or any Canadian for that matter.

Moving away from the complications of the land claim, I would like to notify all residents of a community concern that I have. I recently attended an annual meeting for the Deseronto Minor Hockey Association, where a new executive was nominated and voted in. At that meeting, there was an obvious concern for the future viability of Deseronto Minor Hockey. As the mayor, I would ask all residents to consider signing your child up for Deseronto Minor Hockey as a way to assist in healthy activity, social interaction and a chance to represent your community. I would personally ask that not only register a child, but become involved in the association to offer assistance in coaching, organizing or any other way you can assist. At that meeting I made it very clear to the new executive that the Town Council will assist in any way possible to ensure the viability of our minor hockey system. There were questions raised pertaining to players being released to other communities and my understanding is that those players were released on a one year basis and will be returning to town for the 2009-2010 season. This alone should assist our community's registration efforts and jump-start our revitalization efforts.

While we are discussing arena activity, it is important to mention that your Deseronto Storm Junior "A" Hockey Team is now in playoffs and making a push for the Greater Metro Junior "A" Hockey League Championship (Russell Cup). I encourage all residents to come out and support your Storm. Notices of game times and opponents are listed in the post office, arena, town hall and many other local businesses. Like Deseronto Minor Hockey, the Storm relies heavily on volunteer activity. If you are interested in volunteering for the 2009-2010 season, please contact town hall staff or myself with your name and phone number. As part of community interaction and Involvement, I would like to mention another resource we have for our residents. The Deseronto Public Library is continuing to add to its collections to help all residents in many different aspects from education, computer access, research and numerous other personal needs. I encourage all members of the community to become a member of the Deseronto Public Library and stop in to see if they can assist you. I personally know our library staff makes every effort to provide a "first class" library and a comfortable environment for all users.

On a financial note, the Town of Deseronto is currently completing their toughest annual task and that is the "budget". We are expecting to have this finalized near the end of March and would like all residents to know that we recognize the economic and community stresses and will work diligently to minimize any tax increase.

On behalf of Council, I would also like to congratulate our staff as another successful year of operations is in the books. We have taken strides towards a better Deseronto and are constantly working towards a better Deseronto future. On behalf of the residents of the Town of Deseronto we appreciate your service and keep up the good work. As the Mayor of this community I believe that we are all making successful strides towards a better Deseronto. I ask that you continue to assist in future initiatives to make Deseronto an even better place to live, and in time we will be rewarded for our efforts. **Sincerely, Mayor Norman Clark**

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## MUNICIPAL NOTICES

**Dog Tags** - Please be advised that the price for dog tags will be increasing to \$20.00/tag as of Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

**Interim Tax Bill Issued** - The Town of Deseronto interim tax bill was issued on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. The second installment is due by Apr 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Tax Assessment Reconsiderations** - At the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting of Deseronto Town Council, representatives of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), presented their report for the Town. MPAC assesses the value of properties throughout Ontario. Municipalities have no say in the process. The assessed value is based on a January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 valuation date. The previous, province-wide assessment was on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. MPAC was questioned about average increases: the provincial average was 20.85%, Toronto was 22%, Napanee was 28.52%, and Deseronto was 34.84%. This was shocking news considering the Deseronto real estate market has never been as strong as Toronto or Napanee, and during the three-year period the economy of Deseronto has been severely stressed by land claim events. If you feel your property is assessed too high, you can file a 'Request for Reconsideration,' and the way to do this was provided in the assessment information that was provided to every property owner. The deadline for filing is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. If you do not file by this date you cannot appeal your assessment until 2012. You can check comparable property assessments through the MPAC website, which allows up to 24 detailed comparative reports, 100 summary comparables, and properties within a 10 km radius. The town may consider a mass re-assessment so that factors specifically related to Deseronto can be considered in greater detail, rather than relying on province-wide formulas used by MPAC. However, if you are concerned about your assessment, it is strongly advised to submit your own Request for Reconsideration, by the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 deadline. Forms are available on the internet or at Town Hall, located at 331 Main St.

**Animal Control Services In Deseronto** - If you have a concern or issue with an animal in Deseronto, different situations have different contacts. In cases where animals are hurt or in distress and without the care of an owner, lost, or presenting a danger to the public, Davies and Elliott Animal Control provide animal control services to the Town of Deseronto. If a situation arises please call Deseronto Town Hall during regular office hours (Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm). If the situation occurs when the Town Hall is closed, please call Davies & Elliot directly (1-888-663-4443)—their services are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. If you wish to check afterwards about the response, call Town Hall during office hours.

However, if the animal poses an imminent danger to anyone (e.g., chance of attacking or rabies), please call the police immediately!

In cases of cruelty, such as an animal being abused by the owner or someone else, please call the Belleville office of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) between the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm any day of the week. If a situation occurs outside of these hours call the police who may attend to the situation themselves or send the OSPCA. Abuse includes leaving an animal outside or in a car in conditions that are too cold or hot, failing to provide for the animal's needs for food or water, wounding/severely hurting the animal, and abandoning an animal in a building or pen.

If the animal is making noise for too long (disturbing the peace), call Deseronto Town Hall during regular office hours, or the police after hours.

Fixed Fur Life in Deseronto (part of Belleville Fixed Fur Life) works to reduce the overpopulation of stray and feral (wild) cats by arranging to spay/neuter them, and then arrange foster homes while they recuperate and until they are ready to be adopted. Sometimes Fixed Fur Life can also offer resources and programs to assist pet owners with limited incomes or financial hardship to 'fix' their animals and to provide necessary/emergency veterinary care. Approval by Fixed Fur Life is required. Fixed Fur Life is a non-profit charity, run by volunteers, and does not receive government funding. To operate it depends on fund raising, donations of money, services, food and medical supplies, time, and materials. Fixed Fur Life does not euthanize (put down) any of their animals to make room for others. The homeless animals are cared for until they are adopted. If Davies and Elliott Animal Control have an animal from Deseronto that is not claimed by an owner, Deseronto's Fixed Fur Life must be contacted about fostering the animal before the animal is sent to any other animal control agency. Deseronto Fixed Fur Life meets the third Tuesday of the month, at 6:00pm at the Deseronto Public Library, you can become a volunteer or express a concern that the group may be able to help address.



**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Deseronto Town Hall, 331 Main St. Phone: 613-396-2440 Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am – 4:30pm	Davies & Elliot Animal Control Phone: 1-888-663-4443 Hours: 24 hours/day, 7 days/week
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Phone: 1-888-310-1122	Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA), Belleville office – covering Hastings County Phone: 613-968-4673 Hours: everyday 8:00am – 5:00pm
Deseronto Fixed Fur Life Contact: Ma & Paws Pet Store, 360 Main Street, Deseronto, 613-396-5897 Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00am – 5:30pm; Sat 10:00am – 5:00pm Alternate contact: Belleville Fixed Fur Life; 613-966-0203; email <a href="mailto:ffl@fixedfurlife.com">ffl@fixedfurlife.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.fixedfurlife.com">www.fixedfurlife.com</a>	

**Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Special Town Council Meeting** - The January 13th, 2009 Council meeting was held at the Deseronto Public School for the first time in Deseronto's history. Special presentations were made by Principal Vic Roy, Hastings & Prince Edward District School Board representatives, and the Grade 7 & 8 students. In addition, the Grade 8 students put on a fantastic drum performance, playing – believe it or not – on modified plastic pails and containers.



**Left:**  
**At Podium:** Principal Vic Roy  
**Table (Left to Right):** Councillo Donald McMeeken, Deputy Mayor Clarence Zieman, Clerk Bryan Brooks, Mayor Norman Clark, Treasurer Tammy Lloyd, Councillor Dan Johnston, Councillor Edgar Tumak

**Right:**  
Musical Performance by Grade 8 Students, playing on plastic drums and containers



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**Taxi Licensing** - Recently the Town of Deseronto has received numerous inquiries/complaints regarding the status of taxi companies operating in the Town of Deseronto. The inquiries/complaints pertain to the legitimacy and licensing of these operations within the Town of Deseronto.

Currently, the Town of Deseronto has only one registered taxi company. This company is "CHaSE Taxi" and all of their vehicles are easily identified as they are white Chevrolet cars with large orange lettering (CHaSE TAXI). Deseronto Town Council wishes to notify potential unlicensed operators that operating without a licence is punishable under the Provincial Offences Act, and that the Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P) has been notified of the allegations. Council has requested that the O.P.P take an active role in patrolling and monitoring the taxi operations in Deseronto.

Riders should be cautioned that in the event of an injury or accident these unlicensed operators may not carry sufficient liability insurance. In order to be licensed in the Town of Deseronto

the respective company/owner must provide the Town with clean driving records of all operators, annual "clean" background checks completed by the O.P.P and regular vehicle inspections to assist in the safe operation of a taxi company. All properly licensed taxis in the Town of Deseronto have a taxi license in the vehicle at all times. If there is any doubt regarding the legality of the operation you are using, please ask to see the Taxi license. In the event that you have suspicion of illegal operation we ask that you take the licence plate number of the vehicle and contact the O.P.P as soon as possible.

**Town Receives Funding For Infrastructure Upgrades** - On August 25, 2008 the Province of Ontario released funding to all communities in Ontario under the *Investing in Ontario Act*. Under this funding initiative the Town of Deseronto received \$65,469 to be utilized to improve infrastructure in the community. With help from this initiative, Town Council was able to assist in making two purchases to help ensure the safety and efficiency of our Public Works department. The funding allocation aided

Council in securing a 2008 MT6 Trackless Municipal Snow Clearing tractor to be used for sidewalk clearing, snow bank removal etc. as well as a 2000 International Snow Plow to assist with road snow plowing operations within the Town of Deseronto. Both pieces of equipment will help improve the overall operations of the snow clearing efforts by the Town of Deseronto Public Works Department. With improved capital items we increase the dependability of our equipment within our Public Works Department. On behalf of the Town of Deseronto Council we hope you join us in applauding the efforts of the Provincial government for assistance to upgrade the deteriorating infrastructure across Ontario.

### BOOK LAUNCH AND HERITAGE DISPLAY – DANCING IN THE SKY BY C.W. HUNT

Please join us for a Book Launch and Heritage Display

**Saturday, March 7, 2009, 2:00pm at the Deseronto Public Library, 358 Main St.**

**Presentation, Q & A, and Book Signing with Author C.W. (Bill) Hunt** Dancing in the Sky looks back on Canada's contributions to the Royal Flying Corps in the First World War. Deseronto played a key role in the development of the Allied air forces during WWI. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event. If you plan to attend, please RSVP no later than Mar 1, 2009 by contacting Frances Smith at 613-396-2744 or [deserontopubliclibrary@yahoo.ca](mailto:deserontopubliclibrary@yahoo.ca). Refreshments will be served. Hosted by: Deseronto Public Library, Deseronto Archives, Deseronto Revitalization Program, Deseronto Friends of the Library, and Greenley's Bookstore Inc.

### BOOK LAUNCH – SHAVINGS FROM A CARPENTER'S PENCIL BY DESERONTO AUTHOR EARL D. SILVER

**Saturday Apr 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 2:00pm at the Deseronto Public Library, 358 Main St.**

**Presentation, Q&A, and book signing with Author Earl D. Silver** Copies of this book of poetry will be available for purchase at the event for \$15.00 each tax incl. If you plan to attend, please RSVP no later than Mar 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 by contacting Frances Smith at 613-396-2744 or [deserontopubliclibrary@yahoo.ca](mailto:deserontopubliclibrary@yahoo.ca). Refreshments will be served. Hosted by the Deseronto Pubic Library, Revitalization Program and Deseronto Friends of the Library.



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**new library cards** update your registration information and receive your new patron card Membership to the Deseronto Public Library is free. Parents must register their children.

**learn basic computer skills** QLG Skills Training is a Ministry of Training, colleges & Universities funded agency will be holding basic computer instruction at the Library. Call library for details.

**friends of the library:** Come to the Library and inquire about ordering spring bulbs and seeds.

### Fundraising for Literacy

**READING THROUGH THE SEASONS!....WITH MORGAN!** CRAFT N' STORY TIME every Saturday starting at 11:00 – 1:00 available for girls and boys of all ages

**AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP & ACTIVITIES** Available Monday & Wednesday from 3:00- 5:00 and 6:00-8:00. Ask about our One-on-One tutoring

**MARCH BREAK!** Come join in some fun activities! The theme of this month will be "READING AROUND THE WORLD IN SEVEN DAYS!" So come on down to the Deseronto Public Library to see what is going on!

**SATURDAY MARCH 14TH** Hint: South America CRAFT N' STORY TIME: 11:00 - 1:00

**MONDAY MARCH 16TH** Hint: Europe CRAFT N' STORY TIME: 2:00 - 3:00 & 6:00 - 7:00

**CREATIVE MEMORIES SCRAPBOOKING WITH KARRIE** 1:00-3:00 & 6:00-8:00 ages 6-11 costs: \$15.00

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH Hint: Africa FAMILY GAMES & ACTIVITIES & CRAFT N' STORY TIME  
TIME: Pre-school: 10:30 – 11:30 All ages: 2:00 – 4:00 & 6:00-7:00

FRIDAY MARCH 20TH Hint: Asia CRAFT N' STORY TIME: 11:00 – 1:00

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST Hint: Australia CRAFT N' STORY TIME: 11:00 – 1:00

**JACQUELINE RANKINE-VAN WASSENHOVEN TIME: 1:00 – 2:00** AUTHOR OF: A Frog Named Waldor; Who Stole Grandpa's Teeth?; Sundays at Grandmother's House and Three Pumpkin Pies for Three Good Neighbors

FAMILY READING "BAG A BOOK" YOUR LIBRARY! STARTING MARCH BREAK Coming together as a community to encourage families to read to their children on a regular basis to support their early literacy growth and development. Helping children fall in love with books in an effort to boost their lifelong love of learning. For families in the Deseronto and Tyendinaga communities which include children birth to six years. No cost to participate! Participating families receive a book bag, literacy resource tip sheets and chances to win great prizes.



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### REVITALIZATION NEWS

#### DO YOU HAVE TIME, IDEAS, EXPERTISE OR SUPPLIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DESERONTO WATERFRONT FAMILY FESTIVAL?

A small group of Deseronto groups and individuals have partnered to organize a summer festival in Deseronto. However, we can not do it alone, and need the help of all willing groups businesses and individuals.

Your attendance at festival meetings is welcome but not required, for you to assist. There are a variety of ways in which you can contribute to the festival. The goal is that groups and individuals will commit to carrying out certain tasks and complete them independently or with the assistance of others while providing updates to the main festival organizers. This initiative is led by the Deseronto Revitalization Program. If you represent a group or are an individual who is able to assist in any of the above ways, **please contact Dana Valentyne at**

dvalentyne@deseronto.ca or 613-296-2440. A full list of event activities to assist with is available; new ideas are welcome too!

#### Examples of needed assistance and supplies include:

- Supplies for & assistance with organizing carnival style games e.g. ring toss, balloon darts, ball throw
- Individuals with tractors or wagons to drive for transportation &/or hay bails to loan
- Assorted vendors, artists, and entertainers (musical including bands and individual performers, buskers, etc.) for downtown activities
- Coordinating seasonal related recipe contests and food sales (e.g. strawberries, rhubarb) (donations of produce are needed as well)
- Supplies to donate and/or assistance with water related activities e.g. water jousting & other gladiator style games based on the water, bumper boats, fishing derby
- Organizations/individuals able to offer boat fishing & sightseeing tours (must be registered charter/guide operation)
- General assistance with various activities during the event
- Boat owners wishing to participate in boat regatta and/or boat races

- A Soap Box Derby and Build-A-Boat contest are being organized as part of the festival, so start building your entries soon, and be sure to spread the word!

#### Festival Information:

Name: Deseronto Waterfront Family Festival • Date: June 20th, 2009

(A one day event was chosen so that precious volunteer resources aren't over extended, and to avoid long gaps between main festival events and attractions.)

**Next Committee Meeting:** Mar 12th, 2009 @ 7:00pm Deseronto Community/Lions Hall (300 Main St.)

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### Deseronto Yard & Sidewalk Sale

**Date:** May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 **Time:** 8:00am-3:00pm **Location:** Town Wide Event  
Register now for the Spring Yard & Sidewalk Sale! Deseronto is continuing the neighbourhood tradition begun this past September. Yard and business sidewalk sales everywhere in town all happening on the same day for maximum exposure! So start setting aside your unneeded treasures! Maps depicting the sale locations will be distributed again. If you wish to be included on the yard sale map, you must complete the registration form and e-mail it to [dvalentyne@deseronto.ca](mailto:dvalentyne@deseronto.ca) or drop it off at the Town Hall located at 331 Main St. Registration forms are available at the Town Hall, or can be downloaded from our web site at [www.deseronto.ca](http://www.deseronto.ca).

**DESERONTO RECREATION COMMITTEE** - Deseronto Recreation Meetings are March 31st at 7pm and April 21st at 7pm at the Deseronto Arena. All meetings are open to the public.

**BASEBALL REGISTRATION** - Baseball registration will be held at the Deseronto Arena on Saturday March 7th from 9:00 am to 12:00pm and on March 10th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For more information please contact Lisa McNally at 613-396-1055.



### DESERONTO STORM JUNIOR "A" HOCKEY CLUB NEWS

Playoff's are here! Visit the storm web site at [www.deserontostorm.com](http://www.deserontostorm.com) for complete playoff game schedules, team stats, player bios and more. Be sure to catch some great hockey at the next home game located at the Deseronto Arena! The arena canteen is open during all Deseronto Storm Home Games.



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**Volunteers Needed:** The Storm is looking for volunteers to assist with team fundraising and promotion activities. If you are interested in volunteering for this great program please contact Norman Clark at 613-396-2757 or the Town Hall at 613-396-2440 or at [deseronto@on.aibn.com](mailto:deseronto@on.aibn.com).

**DESERONTO YACHT CLUB - Darts Night:** Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m. at the Deseronto Yacht Club. Call Jackie at 613-396-3550 for information. **Memberships:** Are you interested in becoming a member of the Yacht Club? Visitors and new members are always welcome, so please feel free to stop by the Yacht Club, or attend a meeting. Please call Barb Thompson at 613-396-5618 for information regarding membership/volunteer opportunities.

### DESERONTO LEGION BR. 280 COMING EVENTS...

<p>Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2 - 6pm "Troubadours" Christine and Mary Jane An excellent duo performing classic country and folk music</p>		<p>Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2 - 6pm "Jeff Code and Friends" Always a great time with one of our most popular acts!</p>
<p>Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2 - 6pm "Rudy and Saddle Up" Back by popular demand...great rockin' country!</p>		<p>Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2 - 6pm "Texas Tuxedos" Please come and welcome this first time act.. Hot Country music and classic rock!</p>
<p>These are 19 years of age and older events</p>		

**COMMUNITY CARE FOR SOUTH HASTINGS (CCSH)** - CCSH provides services to seniors and adults with physical disabilities. We provide vital services to many residents of Deseronto and Tyendinaga Township. Please drop off all Community Care Closet donations over 2 bags at the Community Care for South Hastings office at 331 Edmon St. between 9am-2pm. We have a variety of programs that need helping hands, feet, and wheels! Our Thrift Store needs hands to help sort items, keep our shop neat and assist our customers. We offer two working shifts (10:00am - 1:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm). Our store is open from Tuesday to Saturday each week. If you are interested in Recycling and Repurposing items then this is the opportunity for you! Our Grandfriends program starts again near the end of March and we need a few more people to volunteer their time. This program promotes Intergenerational learning and brings a lot of happiness to everyone who participates! If you are willing to share your skills and time with some younger members of our community please let us know! We are also in need of additional



drivers. We offer medical transportation to our clients and we also offer Meals on Wheels. We greatly need people to help with both of these essential services. Please step into our office at 331 Edmon St. or give us a call at 613-396-6591 and we can share more information with you about any of the programs we offer or the volunteer opportunities we have.

<p><b>CCSH Deseronto Diners Club's</b> Location: Deseronto Community/Lion's Hall Dates: Mar 4th &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> • Apr 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 15th Time: 12:00 pm • Cost: \$5.00 per person Please bring your own plate &amp; cutlery.</p>	<p><b>CCSH V.O.N. Foot Care Clinic</b> Sponsored by the Deseronto Lion's Club Dates: Mar 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> Location: Deseronto Community/Lion's Hall • Cost: \$19.00 per visit Please call 613-396-6591 for appointment</p>
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## WORKSHOP

Hosted By: Small Business Centre Wednesday April 22, 2009

### What Can Be Done When the Tourists are Gone? “Downtimes Offer Opportunities”

Numerous towns and retailers are affected positively and also negatively by the tourist industry depending on seasonal activities. Markets go from boom to bust and back to boom again throughout the year. Operating a retail store in these circumstances makes it difficult for staffing, expense control, keeping inventory at acceptable levels and maintaining a profit that will allow you to survive. Downtimes offer opportunities if you can be creative and unafraid of change.

This workshop will examine opportunities & alternatives needed to help retailers change downtimes into better times.

Pierre Cliché has been part of business for over 45 years and is the author of Business Strategies for Downtown and Rural Merchants. His book is available at the Books & Company store downtown Picton.

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### A YEAR IN THE ARCHIVES: A REVIEW OF 2008 - Work in the Archives



**John Macfarlane,  
c.1902, one of  
Deseronto's  
'Sons of  
Scotland'**

accessions were packaged in acid-free folders and boxes to afford them better protection. A programme of re-packaging existing materials is also under way and c.200 photographs have been inserted into inert polyester sleeves which protect each image and allow people to view them easily.

The archivist answered a number of inquiries received by email, telephone and from visitors to the Archives over the course of the year. Some of the subjects included: genealogical questions; policing on the Tyendinaga reserve; rum-running; and patents issued to Deseronto people.

**Work to assist Council** Many of the archival materials held in the Town Hall have now been recorded in the Archives' Inventory. A major project this year was the cataloguing of the papers received from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

The Archives Board worked together in editing the web page for the Archives on the new Town website. This was illustrated with images from the Archives' collections. The Board met eight times during 2008. The archivist gathered together a slide-show of historic images of store fronts in the town for a Deseronto Business Breakfast meeting on October 16th on the topic of façade and storefront improvements.

**Promotional Activities** The archivist attended a History Night organised by Cindy Loft at the Elders' Lodge of Tyendinaga Territory in

May and put on a small display of old photographs there. Another display of photographs was set up as part of the Deseronto Sidewalk Sale event on 21 June at the Library.



**Bank of Montreal, c.1905  
DESCOM-06-22**



**The Circle Six Orchestra  
DESHIS-08-04**

From July, a total of 261 scans and photographs of Archives materials were loaded onto the Flickr website (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/deserontoarchives/>). This site allows individuals and organizations to share their photographs. Many libraries, museums and archives are using it to bring their images to a wider audience. By the end of the year there had been 4,670 views of the Deseronto items. They include images of the Bay of Quinte railway, local shipping, Deseronto's mills, churches and stores, some maps of the town and a few documents. Several comments have been added to images by visitors to the site. The Deseronto Archives blog (<http://deserontoarchivist.blogspot.com>), which was established in late 2007, has been regularly updated since then with news about new accessions and items of interest. The Archives Board looks forward to an equally busy and interesting year for the Archives in 2009!

**MEMORIALS - Brandeau, Franklin "Bud"** Went Home to be with the Lord, suddenly on January 15, 2009, at the Kingston General Hospital in his 74<sup>th</sup> year. Husband of Mary Anne Brandeau. Son of the late Alford & Henrietta Brandeau. Loving father of Rose Marie Curran, Jim (Donna), Valerie (Doug) Miller, and Martha (Shaun) Clift. Cherished grandfather of Rebecca (Moudy), Angela, Adam, Daniel (Amy), Benjamin (Elizabeth), Alex (Katherine), Melissa Mae (Jeff), Dennis, Bradley, Kathleen and Dallas. Great Grandfather of Anthony, Mea, Rhiannon, Abigail and Gordon. Predeceased by his brother Charlie Brandeau.. He will always be remembered by his many nieces and nephews and his best friend Reg Badgley and all of the Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. Family and Friends were received at McGlade Funeral Home, on Sunday, January 18, 2009 between the hours of 1-3 & 6-8 p.m. The Funeral Service was held in McGlade Funeral Home on Monday, January 19, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Family and Friends were also received at the Gospel Hall, 1 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, ON, on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 between the hours of 10:30 – 12:00 noon and the Funeral Service was held in the Gospel Hall on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 12:00 noon. Interment followed at St. Thomas Cemetery. For those who wished, memorial donations were made to the Heart and Stroke Foundations in memory of Bud.

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**DESERONTO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** - Fundraising is a big part of what we do – bake sales are very successful, thanks to the help we receive from others. The generous response from the women and men of our community is quite overwhelming. We are so grateful to see our tables full with pies, cakes, cookies, etc., and the eager shoppers who gradually depleted our supply. A special thank you to Dianne Myers for her donation of beautiful crochet items for raffles – much appreciated. All of the funds we raise go towards the enhancement of the library. We have been able to give some financial support to Frances Smith our Librarian/CEO as she promotes various literacy programs for our children. Recently we were able to purchase four easier to handle tables for the library, and are prepared to add some easy to handle chairs. A big "Thank You" to all the folks in our

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**TRIPS**— Monthly shopping trips to Napanee are now being offered by Deseronto Transit. Transit vehicles stop at all major Napanee grocery destinations during these trips, and provide passengers with ample time to shop at each location. Upcoming shopping trips take place on Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, and Apr 30<sup>th</sup>. Please visit the transit page of our web site at [www.deseronto.ca](http://www.deseronto.ca) for a complete schedule, or contact the transit department at 613-396-4008.

## Come & Join Us....DESERONTO OUTREACH PLAYGROUP

**Location:** Deseronto Public School 385 Stanley Ave. **Date/Time:** Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

**Cost:** No Cost to participants

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