



The CABHC Patch

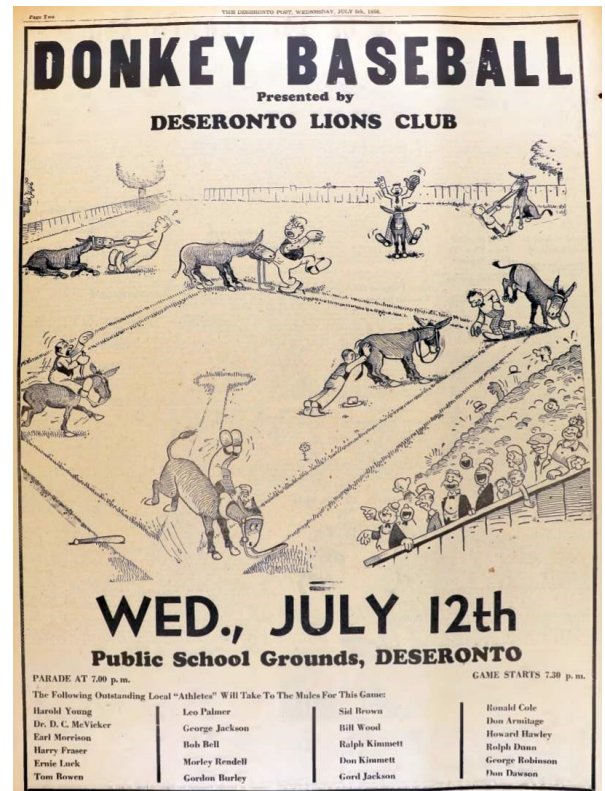
News from the Community Archives

August 2020

Donkey baseball, anyone?

In July 1950, more than 1,000 people attended an unusual game of baseball in the grounds of Deseronto Public School. Local businessmen and officials took part in a game of Donkey Baseball to raise funds for the Lions Club Memorial Park. The event was reported on in the town's newspaper of the time, *The Deseronto Post* on 19 July. (Spoiler: it was not a high-scoring game.)

The Post was published for much of the early 1900s and its news stories covered local events in Deseronto and the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory and sometimes further afield. The Community Archives does not have a complete run of this publication, but there are over 200 issues in our holdings, most of them on paper and some on microfilm. The paper copies are fragile and in danger of further disintegration every time they are used.



CABHC: *Deseronto Post* 5 July 1950

One of the projects we started before the Covid-19 closure of the archives was to scan these newspapers and share them online to help protect the originals. Now we are back, this digitization job is complete. The images for each newspaper page are run through an optical character recognition program and then saved as PDF files. This means that when the files are added to our online catalogue, Discover, the text becomes searchable as part of the catalogue index.

The Deseronto Post is a rich resource for the history of Deseronto and the surrounding area for the first half of the twentieth century. You can use the 'Quick search' option on the newspaper's catalogue page at <https://discover.cabhc.ca/deseronto-post-newspapers> to find names or topics within the various issues.

Recent Additions to the Archives

2020-045 'Visiting your loved one in the time of COVID-19' leaflet from the RAO about long-term care homes, 2020

2020-046 Printed card for 'Keep BCI in the Picture' campaign, 1997

2020-047 Sixteen postcards sent from Deseronto to Dora Mater, 1911-1912

2020-048 Records of Ontario Business College, 1883-1997



CABHC: 2019-009/1 First Belleville Senators' home game, 2017



What's in the Display Case?

This month's display is on the theme of 'Welcome!', to celebrate the reopening of the Community Archives. We are looking forward to welcoming everybody back!



CABHC: HC01047 Dignitaries welcome the Governor General, Victor Cavendish, to Belleville, 14 June 1919



CABHC: 2014-52/95 Welcome sign at Bancroft, 1985

Community Archives reopening

The Community Archives will be reopening to the public and to volunteers on 10 August 2020.

To help ensure the safety of everyone, the following arrangements will be in place:

- ◆ Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 11.00am - 1.00pm, 2.00 - 4.00pm
- ◆ A maximum of two visitors in the public part of the reading room at one time
- ◆ A maximum of four volunteers in the archives at one time
- ◆ Reference materials will be quarantined after use for three days
- ◆ Face coverings must be worn in public areas of the Belleville Public Library and the Community Archives

Appointments are not mandatory, but you can book a seat in advance by calling 613-967-3304.