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A NOTE FROM TOWN COUNCIL – by Councillor Dan Johnston

Traditionally this is the time when we take a moment to reflect on the events of the previous year as well as take a chance to look forward beyond the holiday season. I hope that everyone will enjoy progress, security, prosperity and good health in the new year.

As chair person for the Parks and Recreation Committee for Town Council, I am pleased to acknowledge that, with Ontario Trillium Foundation funding, the residents of Deseronto had the opportunity to enjoy the services of a full-time recreation coordinator, Lisa McNally, throughout 2007. Lisa has been working to improve recreation activities in our community by creating a balanced programme that caters to the needs of everyone of all ages.

We are continuing this momentum into the new year with a wide range of events already planned and many more in the works. For complete programme details and/or a calendar of events please feel free to contact Lisa at 613-396-6464;

lmcnally@deseronto.ca; or stop by the new recreation office located at the Family Housing Complex at 48A Brant Street.

With minor hockey, public ice rentals and the Deseronto Storm Metro Junior 'A' hockey team the Deseronto Arena/Community Centre is a busy place these days. Community Centre staff are taking orders and reserving spots for board sign advertisements. This is an affordable way to advertise your business to a captive audience and an excellent way to support your community. For an estimate and additional information please contact the Community Centre staff at 613-396-3432.

With Centennial Park, Deseronto is also fortunate to have a beautiful waterfront area for all to enjoy. In addition to play equipment for children, and seasonal boat launch, canteen and barbeques, the Town also offers the chance to have trees planted in memory of loved ones. As spaces are limited this will be dealt with on a first come basis. If interested please contact the Town Clerk, Bryan Brooks at 613-396-2440 or bbrooks@deseronto.ca, for details for arrangements.

My thoughts and best wishes to all and I look forward to working for our community throughout the new year.

Dan Johnston, Town Councillor.



DESERONTO BUSINESSES PRIZE GIVEAWAY

Participating Deseronto businesses are offering a prize giveaway. Spend \$5.00 at a participating Deseronto business between now and May 17th, 2008 and receive a ballot to fill out for your chance to win a laptop computer. Customers will receive a ballot to fill out for every \$5.00 spent. The more you spend, the greater your chances of winning! Draw will take place May 17th, 2008, location to be announced.

COMMUNITY CARE FOR SOUTH HASTINGS (CCSH)

Among its many areas of activity, Community Care for South Hastings provides services to seniors and adults with physical disabilities, ensuring vital services to many residents of Deseronto and Tyendinaga Township.

Community Care Closet

The Community Care Closet store located at the corner of Main & St. George streets offers exceptional values for gently used clothing (for women and men) and various household items, while providing revenue to CCSH. Don't forget thought that the store is in need of additional volunteers to help work in the store. Volunteer hours at the 'Closet' are from 10am – 1pm, or 1pm – 4pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Community Care Closet are asked contact Trina or Carolyn at 613-396-6591. Become a valued member of the team.

Thank you for the generous donations made to Community Care Closet. However, due to the shortage of space at the Main Street store, it would be greatly appreciated if all donations over two bags could be dropped off at the CCSH office located at 331 Edmon Street (the old Public Utilities Building across the street from Rathbun Park) between 9:00 - 2:30. Staff will assist you with off-loading.

Diners Club's

Location: Deseronto Lions Hall Dates: Feb 6th & 20th, 2008 Time: 12:00 pm

CCSH V.O.N. Foot Care Clinic

Sponsored by the Deseronto Lions Club – 4th Wednesday of each month

Location: Deseronto Lions Hall Dates: Jan 23, & Feb 27, 2008 Call 613-396-6591 for appointment

Need a unique gift for that special person? Special Gift Certificates are now available for birthdays, for: Meals on Wheels, Frozen Meal Packages, Diner's Club and even Community Care Closet Gift Certificates. Call Trina or Carolyn at 613-396-6591 or drop into the office at 331 Edmon Street (across from Rathbun Park).

DESERONTO YACHT CLUB DARTS

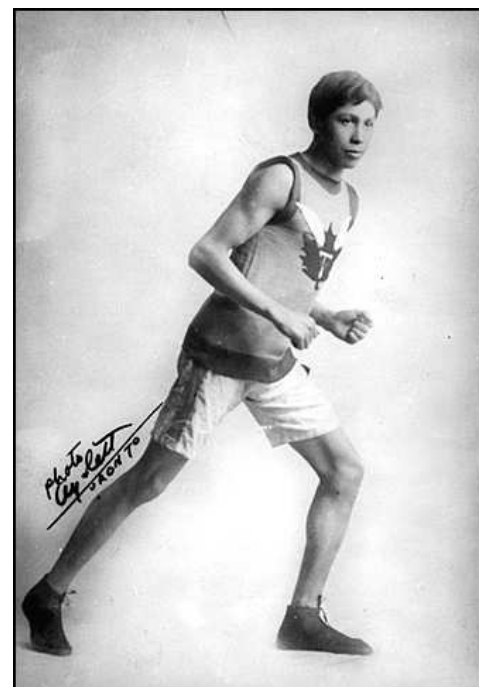
Tuesday's at 7:00 pm, call Jackie at 613-396-3550 for information.

DESERONTO ARCHIVESA Local Love Story – Amanda Hill, Deseronto Archives

As St. Valentine's Day approaches, Deseronto Archives investigates a love story that began on the Mohawk Reserve one hundred years ago.

One of the most famous Canadian athletes of 1908 was Tom Longboat, a marathon runner with a string of successful races to his name. He was born in 1887 to Onondaga parents in the Six Nations of the Grand River Indian Reserve. His first major race victory was at the 1906 Around the Bay Race in Hamilton, Ontario. In 1907 he won the Boston Marathon and the following year he went to London to run in the Olympic Games. Unfortunately he did not manage to complete that marathon, as he collapsed after running 19 miles (30 kilometres) in hot and humid conditions.

Longboat turned professional in November 1908 and it seems to be at about



this time that he met Laretta Maracle, who was described by the *New York Times* as “an Indian school teacher” at the reserve near Deseronto. They planned to marry at Massey Hall in Toronto, after a benefit performance on 28 December 2008. Laretta was an Anglican and the *New York Times* noted on 20 December that Tom was to be received into the Anglican Church the next day.

A last-minute snag was reported in the paper on December 27, under the headline “Ban on Longboat Wedding.” The Archbishop of Toronto, Arthur Sweatman, had written to Rev. Alfred H. Creeggan of Deseronto, who was due to conduct the ceremony and told him not to, as he believed that Tom’s conversion was too sudden and therefore unlikely to be sincere. Other Anglican ministers were also prohibited from presiding over the wedding, but the marriage did go ahead, although it is not clear who officiated.

The union between Tom and Laretta was ill-starred, however, as Tom was reported missing, presumed dead, during the First World War and Laretta married another man. On Tom’s return she decided to stay with her new husband. Shortly afterwards, Tom also married again, to Martha Silversmith, who was from his own Six Nations reserve.

There are no images of Laretta available, but this photograph from Library and Archives Canada (C-014095) shows Tom in his prime.

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At one time, the Legion existed solely to help Canadian veterans and to perpetuate the memory of those who died in battle. While these heroes remain our primary concerns, community service, as well as programs for youth and seniors, are also a vital part of the Legion's mission today.

In 2007, your local Legion branch contributed nearly \$13,000 to area schools for academic and athletic pursuits, to area churches, local food banks, Town parks, the arena, Napanee Sea Cadets and our Deseronto Fire Department. The use of our Branch hall on Main St. was donated to the town and non-profit groups a total of 18 times last year...a value of \$1,875 donated to the community!

The fundraising efforts of our members and friends remains an integral part of our financial stability, and the main reason we are able to continue to serve the Deseronto community.

Your 2008 membership fee, in addition to any time and energy you are able to give, will help us continue to support these many worth causes! Please contact our Branch at 613-396-2016 for details on how you can become a member this year, and help us make a difference.

COMING EVENTS....

Date: Saturday, Feb. 2, 6pm **Details:** annual *WILD GAME DINNER* - A potluck of delicious wild game dishes!

Date: Monday, Feb. 18, 1-6pm **Details:** *New Holiday Monday!* - An afternoon of Bluegrass music for the whole family!

Date: Saturday Mar. 1, 2-6pm **Details:** Back by popular demand... "BOOMERANG" plus MEAT ROLL DRAWS!

NOTE: The downstairs licensed lounge at your Legion Branch 280 is now OPEN EVERY SUNDAY FROM 1 - 5PM!!

DESERONTO REVITALIZATION NEWS JAN - FEB 2008

Revitalization Action Plan

The Revitalization Committee Action Plan was presented to the Town of Deseronto Council during a special meeting on December 18, 2007. Projects and activities highlighted in the action plan will focus on beautifying and developing downtown, park and waterfront areas of Deseronto, and improving the business climate, by adopting programmes and strategies designed to retain and attract businesses and consumers. The action plan should be implemented during the next 1-3 years by the Revitalization Committee, with much of its funded by grants from provincial organisations.

Town Council will consider a request to approve the action plan in February 2008. To date the Revitalization Committee has begun many of the plans and activities that were presented in the Nov-Dec newsletter. Once the committee receives council's approval, it can move forward with all aspects of the plan.

Deseronto Business Owner's Breakfast

Date: Mon., January 28, 2008, 8:00 - 9:30 am

Location: Deseronto Lions Hall (300 Main St.)

Cost: \$2.00/person

Members of the Deseronto Revitalization Committee invite all Deseronto & area business owners, managers, employees, and members of community organizations to attend our first quarterly business breakfast. These breakfasts will provide business owners and their staff with business development information and resources to assist with the future success of their business, a chance to network with fellow Deseronto business owners and organization members, and regular updates about the activities of the revitalization program—things that will benefit all Deseronto businesses and organizations in countless ways.

A continental buffet style breakfast will be served including coffee, tea, juice, fresh fruit, yogurt, granola, cold & hot cereals, breakfast pastries, baked goods and more.

Please join us, your fellow business owners and staff for a great breakfast, and excellent resources to assist with your continued business and organization success. For more information please contact Dana Valentyne at 613-396-2440 or dvalentyne@deseronto.ca.

Event Details

Shoplifting/Loss Prevention Presentation - presenters include: WalMart Loss Prevention Officer: Doug Phaelan, and Constable Jackie Perry of the Ontario Provincial Police (Napane Detachment)

Information and guidelines on prevention, detection, apprehension and arrest in relation to shoplifting, and employee theft.

Visual Merchandising for Businesses

Businesses will receive visual merchandising information to assist with their store design & merchandising efforts.

Revitalization Committee Action Plan

Obtain your copy of the Revitalization Action Plan which presents the projects/activities the committee plans to carry out during the next 1- 3 years.

Holiday Decorations & Decorating Contest

The Revitalization Committee hopes you enjoyed our new downtown decorations, and committee wishes to thank the Deseronto Legion, Deseronto Lions Club and the Town of Deseronto. The new decorations could not have been purchased without their generous contributions. The first annual Holiday Decorating Contest was a big success. The Revitalization Committee would like to thank all the businesses and households that participated. Everyone's store fronts looked fantastic. Thanks for all your hard work!

Business Contest Results

Best Decorated – Ma & Paws Pet Food

Most Uniquely Decorated – Dixie Lee

Most Traditionally Decorated – The Great Deseronto Antique Emporium

Honourable Mentions:

United Restaurant; The Dollar Club; Downtown Variety; Country Temptations; The Blue Cove

Household Decorating Contest Results

Best Decorated – 119 Fourth St. (The Thompsons)

Honourable Mentions:

415 Main St. (the Parkers); 309 Maple Ave. (the Berrys); 101 Fourth St. (the Johnstons); 402 Dundas St. (the MacTaggarts)

Deseronto Logo Contest

In conjunction with the Deseronto Revitalization Program, the Town of Deseronto Council is pleased to announce a "Corporate Logo Contest" in order to develop and select a new corporate logo for the Town of Deseronto.

Contest Duration: Jan 14th, 2008 - March 7th, 2008

Prizes: 1st Place: \$650.00, 2nd Place: \$300.00, 3rd Place: \$150.00

Eligibility: Please contact Dana Valentyne at 613-396-2440 or dvalentyne@deseronto.ca to enter.

- Anyone is welcome to submit an entry;
- We encourage amateur and professional artists/ designers;
- Entrants may submit more than one entry;
- Entrants must complete and sign the contest entry form, and obtain the complete contest details and reference material prior to entering the contest.

Town of Deseronto Website

The new website for the Town of Deseronto will be launched late January – early February! It has taken some time (thanks for being so patient), but we wanted to get something that would be adaptable to changing information, easy/affordable to maintain, and beneficial for all. The website will greatly improve access to municipal information and services to residents, businesses, visitors, and potential investors with current and relevant information regarding all aspects of the municipality. The new site can be consulted at www.deseronto.ca, but at the time of its launch it will still be considered a ‘draft’ or ‘in development’, so please give us your feedback and advice. We hope this will be considered both a way to get maximum community participation and quickest website operation.

Community Revitalization

The Revitalization Program would not be possible without the support and participation from members of the community and the Town of Deseronto. The revitalization committee is always looking for new members as well as volunteers to assist with specific projects. If you would like to be involved or require more information, please contact the program coordinator, Dana Valentyne at 613-396-2440 or dvalentyne@deseronto.ca. This program has been made possible by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Hastings County and TRENVAL: Business Development Corporation.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Please Join the Anglican Parish of Tyendinaga for a delicious Pancake Supper with real Maple Syrup!!! Shrove Tuesday, February 5th, 2008, 5 -7 pm - All Saint’s Church, Ridge Road Tyendinaga, M.T
 Tickets: \$6 Adults \$3 Ages 5 – 13 Free 5 & Under (Proceeds to go to the Parish Rectory Fund)



The Anglican Parish of Tyendinaga is creating a special quilt out of men’s old ties. If you wish to check your closet and donate them (rather than dump them), please contact Bev Hill soon at 613-962-5183 (or leave a voice mail). Thanks.
 If you wish to car pool to Kingston for weekday office/daytime school hours, please contact Paul Robertson, 613-396-5496, tumson@sympatico.ca.

Community Choir – local musicians are starting a choir from Deseronto, Tyendinaga Territory and Township, and the surrounding area, to present a wide variety of music. If you are interested in singing for fun and performance, please contact Steve Lindsay for more information, 613-396-2932; steve_lindsayca@hotmail.com. Practises are Mondays at 7:00 pm. at Deseronto United Church, at Fourth and Thomas streets.



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Tuesday: 6:00pm – 8:00pm (computer assistance)

Wednesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm • 1:00pm - 5:00pm
• 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Friday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Membership to the Deseronto Public Library is free. Parents must register their children.

Deseronto Public Library offers the following:

- Reference Information • Children & Adult Fiction and Non- Fiction books • LARGE PRINT BOOKS • Audio Books • Magazines • Interlibrary Loan...*if we don't have it we can get it* • Videos / DVDs • Accessible computer and Internet Use • Fax Machine • Photocopying • Your library collection on a library automation system • A laminated patron card

Join us each Monday at the library for a Seniors Afternoon from 1 -3 pm.

Deseronto Library Teen Advisory Group - Remember your YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP time counts as community service! If you're between 12 and 19 years of age and would like to get involved:

- Offer suggestions for exciting teen programs?
- Provide feedback on the library's teen collections?
- Contribute web site ideas?
- Meet other teens and offer suggestions?

CALL TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE NEWLY FORMED FRIENDS OF THE DESERONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY IF YOU:

• Would like to be a volunteer on a regular and/or as needed basis	• Have some ideas that would benefit your community library
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• Would like to make a donation of craft supplies, books, videos up-to-date magazines etc.	• Make a donation towards a shelf unit, books, computers, furniture or item of your choice
• Can help with fundraising events	• Helping the Friends of the Library
• Be responsible for the window displays	• Help with Bingo's

DESERONTO RECREATION PROGRAM

The Deseronto Santa Claus Parade Committee wishes to thank the following businesses for their support of our 2007 Parade:

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 280	Deseronto Lioness	Deseronto Lions
Town's Edge Bed & Breakfast	Hair Too	Dr. Meredith (Deseronto Dental Centre)
Pretty Old Things	Hudson's Mill Recycling & Restoration	Deseronto Yacht Club
United Restaurant	His & Hers Hairstyling	Daniels Coffee Den

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped make our parade possible. Special thanks to Michelle Smith, Peter Trousdale, Brenda & Bob Fisher, Sharon & Tony Bartolo, Dana Valentyne, Bill Young (for painting & fixing our float), Sears for the use of the sleigh & reindeer on the float and Joe Carter and his crew for putting up the town tree, Gord McNally & Leroy Vance from Hudson's Mill for helping with the Nativity Scene. Thank-you also to Santa for taking the time to visit with the children after the parade. The committee is already hard at work planning the 2008 parade! I am grateful to you all for your efforts. It's a pleasure working with such dedicated people. Lisa McNally, Santa Claus Parade Committee Chair.

DESERONTO TRANSIT SERVICE - is moving YOU ahead to a better tomorrow!

We are rolling in the New Year with a new service schedule offering trips to: Loyalist College in Belleville, trips to Napanee (Monday to Saturday) with a focus on Thursdays & Saturdays for shopping destinations, as well as, our previous routes for employment. Please call us for your transportation needs (medical appointments, etc.); we are flexible and will try to accommodate whenever possible.

DESERONTO TRANSIT SERVICE RIDERS SCHEDULE - EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 9, 2008

Depart Deseronto	Napanee Route					The County				Belleville Route				
	Wal-Mart	No Frills	John St & Mill St	Medical Centre/Hospital	Deseronto	Picton	Wellington	Picton	Deseronto	Industrial Park	Stream	Loyalist College	Belleville Terminal	Deseronto
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Deseronto Recreation Program Upcoming Events

- Starting January 21st – Ringette – this game played much like hockey takes place at the Deseronto Public School from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It’s open to boys and girls.
- January 25th – Teen Dance 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Deseronto Lions Hall. The cost is \$3.00.
- January 31st – Senior’s Trip to the Thousand Islands Charity Casino. We leave from Edmon St. (across from the fire hall) at 12 noon and return by 6:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00.
- February 1st – PA Day – We’re going to the Napanee Pool. The cost is \$3.00. The bus leaves Edmon St. at 11:30 and returns at 1:45. We will be having a movie (free) at the Lions Hall afterwards starting at 2:00 pm. The movie is Dragon Wars (rated PG). Pizza slices, pop, chips and popcorn will be sold with proceeds to the recreation program.
- February 8th – Movie Night at the Deseronto Lions Hall starting at 6:00 pm. The movie will be advertised closer to the date. The cost will be \$1.00. We will have a canteen.
- February 11th – Seniors Day at the Library. The Recreation Program has partnered with the Library to invite seniors to tea or coffee and we’ll let you know what’s happening in town for you!
- February 22nd – Teen Dance 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Deseronto Lions Hall. The cost is \$3.00.
- February 28th – Senior’s trip to the Thousand Islands Charity Casino. We leave from Edmon St. (across from the fire hall) at 12 noon and return by 6:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00.

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26 DESERONTO ROAD

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DESERONTO STORM JUNIOR "A" HOCKEY CLUB NEWS

The Storm is going strong as they near the end of the 2007/2008 season. With 23 wins and 9 losses, the team is currently third in the overall Greater Metro Junior "A" Hockey League (GMHL) league standings. On January 5th, the Storm hosted an exhibition game against the Moscow Selects in front of over 400 fans at the Deseronto Arena. The Storm was one of the top 7 teams in the league that were selected to play the Selects. It was a fantastic game which resulted in the Selects defeating the Storm 7-1. The Storm's goal was scored by Brad Clark assisted by Andrew Bobas and Corey Watkins (photos by G. Howie).



Puck Drop Ceremony: MPP Leona Dombrowski (centre) with Storm and Select team captains



Team photos of Deseronto Storm & Moscow Selects

So come on out to the next Deseronto Storm game for an evening of exciting hockey played by potential stars of the NHL. And don't forget to pick up some team merchandise so you can cheer on the team in style. Team merchandise including ball caps, clothing, and player/team photos is sold at every home game.

Jan - Feb Game Schedule			
DATE	TIME	HOME/AWAY	VS.
Jan 25th	7:30 pm	Home	Douro Dukes
Jan 26th	7:30 pm	Home	Richmond Hill Rams
Feb 2nd	7:30 pm	Away	King Wild
Feb 9th	7:30 pm	Home	Richmond Hill Rams
Feb 14th	8:00 pm	Away	Douro Dukes
Feb 16th	8:30 pm	Away	Tamworth Cyclones
Playoff Season Begins (Check out the Storm's web site for complete game schedules and team information at www.deserontostorm.com)			
Ticket Prices Adults: \$7; Seniors (55+ yrs) & students: \$6 Kids (6-12 yrs): \$4; Children (under 6): FREE			