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Focus on the Future—Looking Ahead to 2010

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Music on the Axe—Nackawic

As we reflect on the challenges of this past summer, let us look forward with renewed confidence and optimism. In spite of the economic downturn, higher gas prices and new passport requirements, it appears that the “staycation” marketing strategy was very successful and contributed to increasing attendance at many summer events in the Upper St. John River Valley. While we must await official visitation statistics, anecdotally it certainly appears that we again enjoyed a successful tourism season.

Perhaps you noticed, as I did, that many communities added new festivals and events to their municipal calendar while several more significantly upgraded their local fair, community days or summer activities. From a community perspective, these enhanced events have served to greatly increase civic pride and be they centered around art, music or food, these festivals are “product ready” and offer both the travelling tourist or the local citizen entertainment that is uniquely Carleton County in flavour.

There is a growing consensus throughout the Upper Valley that things are indeed happening here. In order to maintain this momentum, our municipalities must continue to improve their promotional materials and must remain committed to producing high quality, first class events.

For me, a highlight of this summer season was the increased cooperation among member communities of the SJRVTA in determining scheduled dates for our various activities. As a result, we experienced fewer conflicts and overall attendance appears to be up because members of the public from neighbouring communities were able to attend functions around our region. If this trend continues, our annual summer schedule should result in higher attendance at all events throughout the region.



Festival of Flavour—Florenceville-Bristol

We must begin now to plan for 2010. As soon as you have confirmed the dates for next year’s events, please contact SJRVTA Coordinator Tobi Pirie so that these events can be included in our 2010 promotional material. We all must work together to ensure the best possible chance for success so please submit next summer’s information as quickly as possible.



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Carleton Victoria Arts Council Presents...

The name Uzume Taiko is derived from taiko, the Japanese word for "big drum" and from the goddess of laughter who, according to legend, first began taiko drumming. Uzume Taiko is Canada's premiere professional taiko drumming group and has been performing nationally and internationally since 1988. With its powerful synthesis of music, movement and theatre, Uzume Taiko has won fans throughout the world. To see Uzume Taiko is an experience. With the choreographed physicality of martial arts, the heart-stopping pulse of the O-Daiko and the rhythmic sensitivity of a jazz ensemble, the drummers of Uzume Taiko put on an exhilarating performance October 21 at Carleton North High School.



Lenny Gallant performance is November 13. This prolific songwriter has released eight albums which have won him a host of awards and nominations from both the JUNO Awards and the East Coast Music Awards. Lennie Gallant uses his wide musical background and varied life experiences as a well from which to draw upon when creating his work. His songs ring true and have touched many from different worlds. In recognition of this, Gallant was recently inducted into the "Order of Canada" where it was said "Gallant has garnered much respect for his hard hitting songs chronicling the lives of people dealing with tremendous adversity and serious issues...and at the same time celebrate the beauty of lifestyle and landscape with their strong poetry and stirring narratives."

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$18 seniors and \$10 students and are on sale at: Acorn Bookstore, Woodstock, Nissen's Market, Perth-Andover, Andrew & Laura McCain Library, Florenceville-Bristol. For more information visit the website www.cvarts.ca.

Fall Bazaar in Nackawic

The Sts. Simon & Jude CCW Fall Bazaar offers the opportunity for families and friends to come together in fellowship and fun. The one day bazaar will be held at the Sts. Simon & Jude Parish Center, Otis Drive, Nackawic, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. on Saturday, November 14th. Lunch will be served. Features for the day include many Games for the Children, Cake Walk, Kid's Penny Auction, Cake Creations—Limited Edition Sale, Silent Auction, Arts & Craft Market, Café for a snack and Country Kitchen (baked items). For further information, please contact 575-2612.



Stickney Rec Council

On Friday, October 9, Stickney Recreation Center will host a children's movie night. The feature is *Monster vs Aliens* starting at 6:45pm.

A Roast Beef Harvest Supper Buffet will be on Saturday, October 24. Supper is 4 pm-6 pm with auction to follow. Cost is \$8.00/person.

Carleton County Toy Run Association

Carleton County Toy Run Association will host a Fall Poker Run on Sunday, October 4. Registration is at 10 am at Tim Horton's (Connell Street~Woodstock). Run will make stops in Burtts Corner, Mac-taquac and Nackawic. \$10 per poker hand. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All money raised goes to helping local children.

Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 31 from 9 pm-1 am at the Royal Canadian Legion in Florenceville-Bristol. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes! Cost: \$5 (must be 19 - ID required).

Walter W. Craig Gallery



The W. W. Craig Gallery in Hartland will be hosting an Autumn Antique Appraisal Clinic on Saturday, October 10th from 10 am–3 pm. Three professional appraisers will be on site. Fifty tickets available for \$10 for three items to be appraised.

The Annual Christmas Home Tour, titled “Christmas' Past & Present”, is Thursday, December 3rd at 6 pm. The guided tour guided visits of area homes. The evening ends at the W.W. Craig Gallery for refreshments and entertainment. Tickets will be available early November for \$12.00 each at the Library. Call 375 -4876 for more information.

Fall in Florenceville-Bristol

Florenceville-Bristol Fall Little Miss (Ages 6-12) Pageant is Friday, October 16 at 7:00 PM at Carleton North High School Theatre. Admission is \$3.00/person and under 6 Free. For more information call Nancy Smith at 392-6021. Proceeds from admission will go to “Phil’s Christmas Miracle”.

The Town of Florenceville-Bristol presents the haunted train, an evening of Halloween fun with a “ZOMBIE” theme at Bristol Shogomoc Railway Site at 9189 Main Street. This event will begin on Friday, October 30 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm (less intense, appropriate for younger children well lit) and 7:30 pm-9:30 pm (stronger theme, appropriate for older/mature children, youth and adults” Parental Discretion is advised”) Cost is \$2.00/person. A new treat venue will be on site.



Riverside Park will have Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins will be lit up with over 150 Jack-o-lanterns carved by local elementary school students. For more information on both events contact Tourism at 392-6763.

There will Halloween Skate on Friday October 30th from 6:15-7:15pm at the Northern Carleton Civic Centre. Come dressed up and helmets need to be worn. Lights will be off and glow sticks will be handed out. Cost: \$2.00

Join Public Skate with Santa on December 20th from 12 pm-2pm. Cookies ,hot chocolate and an opportunity to talk to Santa. Cost is \$2.

Halloween Skate- Friday, October 30-6:30pm – River Valley Civic Centre-Prizes will be awarded for those who have the overall best costumes.

Christmas Bazaar- November 14th-9:00am-12:30pm-Southern Victoria High School-Find lots of great homemade gifts and Christmas items.

Tree Lighting Ceremony -November 20-Perth-Andover Bandstand-7:00pm-Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus

Hospital Auxiliary – Sounds of Christmas Concert & Dessert-November 26th-7:00pm – Perth-Andover Wesleyan Church

Advanced tickets- \$10/adult - \$6/children 12 & under-To purchase tickets contact Trudie Ranger 273-2014.



Light a Memory – Thursday, December 3rd

Since it began almost 10 Christmases ago, the annual “Light a Memory” fundraiser has raised over \$30, 000 for the Hotel Dieu Hospital Foundation. Buy a Christmas light bulb from the Foundation representative for \$10 or 3 for \$25 in memory of loved ones up to the end of November. The bulbs are placed on the outdoor Christmas trees at the Hospital entrance. All the funds raised go to buy equipment for the patients of the Hospital. The Ceremony consists of Christmas carols, Bible readings and the tree lighting, followed by a warming lunch and social time for all, in the foyer of the Hospital. In 2009, the Ceremony will be held at

6:30 PM on Thursday, December 3 at the main entrance of the Hospital.

Bulbs will be on sale in October and November at various locations-eg. Save-Easy, the Hospital foyer, the Andover Elementary School Christmas Craft Sale (Bazaar) . Tax deductible receipts are provided. Check out our new website :www.hdsjf.ca For more information, call 273-2875.

Grease



Woodstock High School presents "Grease" on Thursday, November 19 at 7 pm; Friday, November 20 at 7 pm; Saturday, November 21 at 2 pm and 7pm. Tickets for the show are \$12 available at Woodstock High School Library.

Canterbury News...

The Annual Fall Supper is on Saturday, October 3rd from 4 pm-6 pm the at Trinity United Church in Debec. On Saturday, October 17th, the Canterbury Richmond Pastoral Charge is having a Time and Talent Auction at the Richmond Corner Rec Centre. Viewing at 9am. Auction begins at 10am.

A Day of Remembrance



Each community within the St. John River Valley will recognize Remembrance Day with service on Wednesday, November 11th. Contact your local municipal office to find out the place of each service. Poppies may be purchased from your local Royal Canadian Legion.