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■ VOLUNTEERS: Duke of Edinburgh Awards



Submitted photos

Fifteen members of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards team from North Bay were in Costa Rica. Above: Everything was done by hand for a new building for the rehabilitation centre. At right: No trucks, no bulldozers, no loaders. Students hauled materials to the building site.



Students lend hand in Costa Rica

Nugget Staff

There's nothing quite like hauling construction materials up and down steep hills in the midst of the Costa Rica rainforest.

Just ask any of the 15 members of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards team from North Bay.

The students — most from St. Joseph-Scollard Hall, but

including a couple from Widdifield and one from Montreal — spent 11 days in Sarchi, a small mountain community in the coffee-growing country.

This is the third time they have been in Sarchi. The group was working on an alcohol rehabilitation centre, as well as providing supplies to an elementary school, said local organizer Andy Hazlewood.

Most of the work on the new building, which won't be completed until the end of the year by local labourers, was done by hand.

"Picks, shovels, they had to dig out everything by hand," Hazlewood said. "It was a lot of very hard work."

"The kids had to build the forms" for the foundation themselves, he said, and that

was only after digging the foundation out on top of a 200-metre cliff.

The male students lived on site, while the females had to trudge up and down the steep hills to their base.

During the past two years, the group worked on both the school and the rehabilitation centre.

The school, "probably about

the size of St. Hubert" in North Bay, hosts 700 students every day.

Younger kids attend from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., while the older kids are there from about 1 to 5 p.m.

The group expects to return for at least two more years to work on various projects. Next year, Hazlewood said they will focus on a different school in a

nearby community.

The students have to pay their own way to Costa Rica, as well as raise funds for the various projects. That works out to about \$1,500 each.

This year, in addition to the students themselves, they had help fundraising by students from John XXIII, Corpus Christi and Mother St. Bride elementary schools.

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IGNATIEFF HEADS NORTH

Liberal party leader Michael Ignatieff is planning visits Saturday to Warren and Sturgeon Falls.

Ignatieff is due to attend the Warren Fair Grounds at noon and make his way to Leisure Farms in Sturgeon Falls from 2 to 4 p.m., Joe Cormier, federal Liberal candidate for Nickel Belt, said in a news release.

HAVE YOUR SAY

A North Bay group is reminding the public that its survey to find what North Bay residents find important ahead of the municipal election in October closes Sept. 17.

"Using the survey results, we will track councillors' votes on issues, comparing them to the shared values of the people of North Bay," Peggy Walsh Craig, a steering committee member of the North Bay Civic League, said in a news release.

The release said there have so far been more than 300 responses to the survey and the results will be made public after Sept. 20.

The online survey is available at www.northbaycivicleague.org.

FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

The Centre culturel Les Compagnons des francs loisirs has announced the lineup for the eighth annual Festival du film francophone du Nipissing Sept. 21 to 26 at Galaxy Cinemas.

The opening night gala Sept. 23 will be presenting the film *Le Baiser du barbu* at 7 p.m. followed by a wine and cheese.

The festival will screen: *Piche: entre ciel et terre, Cabotins, Y'en aura pas de facile, Filiere 13* and *Un prophete*.

The films *Jasper, pingouin explorateur, Noemie, le secret* and *Le Journal d'Aurelie Lafamme* will be presented from Sept. 21 to 24 to students across the district.

This year's event is of particular significance as the province celebrates the first official Franco-Ontarian Day on Sept. 25.

Les Compagnons are presenting the festival along with the Toronto International Film Festival Group and Film Circuit.

Tickets are on sale for \$8 each at Les Compagnons at 327 Dudley St., and at the various Caisse Populaire branches in Bonfield, Field, Mattawa, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls and Verner.

On the web: www.fffn.info.

■ ANTIQUE APPRAISALS: Event continues all week



PJ WILSON The Nugget

Boris Shreyberg, right, of the Great Canadian Roadshow, talks about a piece of jewelry with a potential customer on Tuesday at the Best Western North Bay. There was a steady stream of people bringing in heirlooms, jewelry, coins and other items for appraisal and possible sales on the first day. The group will remain in town until Saturday.

■ STOP: Continued

Staff report suggests intersection meets criteria

FROM A1

Council denied the request based on an analysis of traffic data. But a recommendation was made to review the matter in a year after several councillors noted the 2004 traffic data was outdated.

A staff report presented to council, however, suggests that the intersection now meets at least some of the requirements for an all-way stop under the Ontario Traffic Manual.

The report states that the

Clarence and Jane streets intersection meets at least two of three requirements when it comes to traffic volumes.

But it's unknown if the intersection meets the requirement of an average of four collisions per year during a three-year period.

The report indicates only accidents, such as right angle and turning type collisions, which can be reduced with an all-way stop can be considered.

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■ RACING: Continued

Charges for speeding on rise

FROM A1

Police can also issue an immediate seven-day driver's licence suspension and impound a vehicle for a week. Courts can impose a driver licence suspension of up to 10 years for a second conviction, if the second conviction occurs within 10 years of the first.

Const. Merv Shantz of the North Bay Police Service said 10 street racing and aggressive driving charges have been laid since the law was passed.

"The motorist caught in 2009 was travelling 110 km-h in 50 km-h zone," Shantz said.

"We don't lay a lot (of charges) because we're dealing with city driving. But we're taking a zero tolerance approach," he said.

"I notice when I'm driving my personal vehicle on the highway, especially along the Highway 11 corridor and 400

Street racing charges

Ontario Provincial Police

So far in 2010 — 11 charges

2009 — 11 charges

North Bay Police Service

So far in 2010 — 3 charges

2009 — 1 charges

2008 — 1 charges

2007 — 5 charges

series that people are slowing down."

Shantz said in addition to the inconvenience of losing the vehicle and licence there are financial implications beyond the fine.

He said there's a \$150 fee to reapply for a driver's licence, towing and impounding charges and insurance costs.

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BREAK-IN SOLVED

North Bay Police Service solved a break and enter on the weekend.

Thieves entered a garage at a home on Lee Avenue and a storage shed at another residence on the same street Sunday.

Power tools were stolen from both locations.

Later that night, police went to a third residence on Lee where officers recovered the stolen items and arrested a 22-year-old of no fixed address.

He is charged with two counts of break, enter and theft and was held for a bail hearing.

THIEVES STRIKE HOMES

Two North Bay homes were targeted by thieves over the Labour Day long weekend.

Sometime between Thursday and Saturday thieves broke into a home on Riverbend Road.

The home was ransacked and cash, jewelry and personal belongings were stolen.

Thieves also kicked open the front door of a home on Gertrude Street and made off with a PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, Nintendo Wii, liquor and miscellaneous video games.

Anyone with information is asked to call Near North Crime Stoppers at 476-8477.



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■ LOTTERIES

Pick 3: 586

Pick 4: 5582

Encore: 2012645

Keno: 5, 12, 15, 17, 21, 23, 29, 33, 34, 37, 38, 43, 48, 50, 51, 55, 58, 68, 69, 70

* Unofficial results. Encore number is for all games with Encore.

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