



Unexpected encounter

Kyle Brown, Kelly Quigley and two-year-old Iszac Quigley are startled when greeted by Tiny, a Hamilton Tiger-Cats mascot, while out Carden Street on Tuesday afternoon. Tiger-Cats mascots, cheerleaders and the organization's marketing team set up a booth at Guelph Square, drumming up support for the upcoming Canadian Football League season. In the shadow of a giant inflatable football player, the marketing team played games and gave away pairs of tickets to their first exhibition game at Alumni Stadium on June 20. The group will have a booth set up at Market Square each Tuesday for the next five weeks.

at a glance

GUELPH **Police seeking owner of Mercedes damaged in downtown disturbance**

Police are searching for the owner of a vehicle that was damaged in a late-night disturbance downtown. Officers report a newer Mercedes was parked on Macdonell Street near Pierre's Poutine restaurant on Monday night. Guelph Police arrived at the area at around 10:25 p.m. and talked to a witness who said the dark sedan was damaged in a disturbance but had driven off before the officers arrived. Police would like to speak to the vehicle owner. Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call police at 519-824-1212.

GUELPH **Urban climate dialogue workshop will see exchange of ideas**

The City of Guelph and Guelph Hydro are hosting a Transatlantic Urban Climate Dialogue workshop to discuss community energy projects and their benefit to economic development. The half-day session Thursday morning is an opportunity for a select group of policy-makers, municipal leaders, energy experts and academics from Canada, Germany and the United States to exchange ideas and learn from leading communities. Some of the ideas up for discussion include: renewable energy, green transportation technologies, energy conservation programs, low-energy use communities, energy-efficient building standards and initiatives, community-based energy projects as catalysts for economic

development, and district energy systems. Guelph Mayor Karen Fairbridge is the keynote speaker with Barry Chuddy, chief executive of Guelph Hydro Inc., and Colin Anderson, chief executive of Ontario Power Authority also on the agenda. The workshop takes place at Cutten Fields, 190 College Ave. E., from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

GUELPH **Rare, hand-painted map of Guelph going on display**

A rare, hand-painted, map showing Guelph in 1868, has been restored and returned to the Guelph Civic Museum. It will be on display Tuesday, May 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. with assistant curator Kathleen Wall on hand to answer questions. The map was donated to the museum in 2008 but was in rough condition. It was restored by the Canadian Conservation Institute in Ottawa free of charge as part of the institute's commitment to preserving Canadian heritage. The map was produced by James Hobson and shows the Town of Guelph in 1868. The map has not been documented in any historic references and is not located in any other regional or provincial archives, making it a rare find. Also rare is the fact it was hand-painted in watercolour. The institute spent 275 hours over two years restoring it. It will now be stored in temperature controlled archives storage at the museum. It shows an increasingly industrialized Guelph in great detail — every lot, industry and large-scale building project can be seen. The map will be an invaluable resource to researchers and historians.

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Climate change linked to mental health

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GUELPH — As Nunatsiavut, Labrador's ice transforms from a solid white foundation to blue rapids, it also takes with it some Inuit traditions and livelihoods that depend on cold winters.

With changing ice conditions, many Inuit face isolation as they are unable to travel safely by dogsled or snowmobile to visit family and friends, get supplies or go hunting.

These people, whose sense of identity and pattern of life are inherently linked to the environment, are becoming frustrated, angry, sad and even depressed as climate change is dramatically altering their home.

Dr. Ashlee Cunsolo Willox, University of Guelph graduate and McGill University post-doctoral fellow, recognizes that climate change is impacting more than the physical environment. Since 2009, Cunsolo Willox has worked in partnership with Inuit communities to understand how climate change is affecting mental health in Nunatsiavut through interviews and surveys of community members and health professionals.

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