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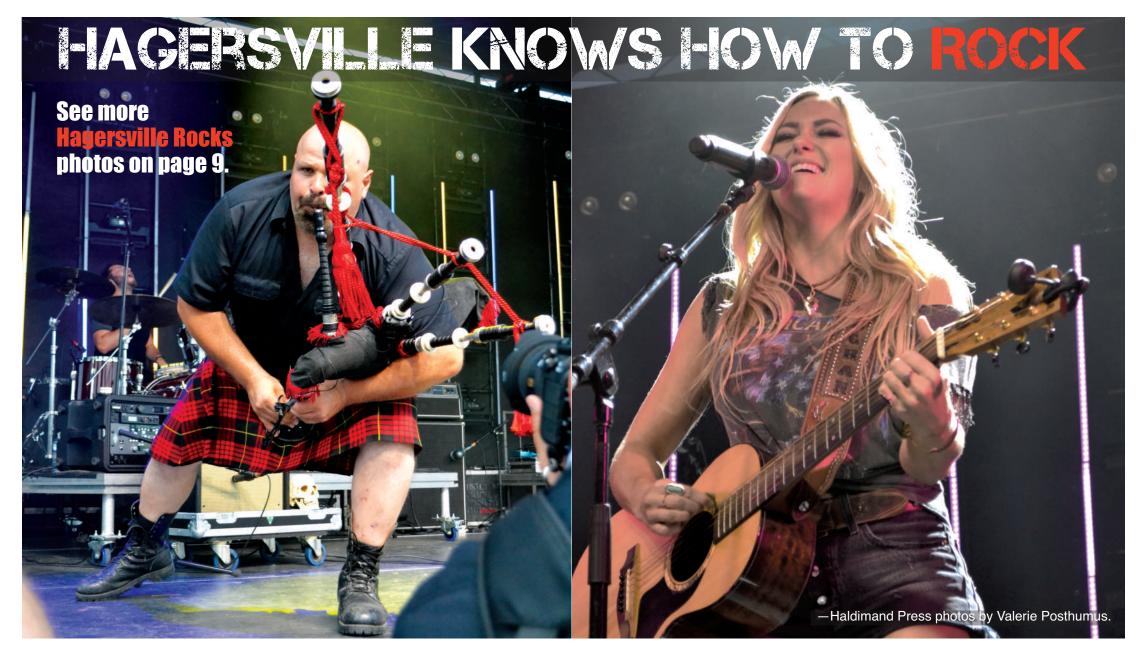
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The End Of An Era: 177-Year-Old Nanticoke Post Office Closed

By Brandy Fulton
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NANTICOKE – As of Thursday, July 27, 2017, there will no longer be a running post office for the town of Nanticoke. The post office, which was located at 2010 Church St., will be closed due to not having a place to move to. Gale Murphy, who purchased the house where the post office resides from Bette Thompson 25 years ago, retired in December. Andrea Montague took over the role as postmaster in the same resi-

dence, but knew the post office needed a new home.

"We are closing because Gale retired and we don't have a place in Nanticoke to move the post office to," said Montague. "She owns the land and the building we are in."

She added that Murphy will expand her house back into the area the post office now occupies.

The closure will affect two employees. Montague will return to the post office in Jarvis, where she came from in December, and the mail carrier will now work out of Selkirk.

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Lake Erie Levels Still Cause Concern

By Brandy FultonThe Haldimand Press

HALDIMAND – In a January 1987 issue of the Haldimand Press, a Selkirk Resident stands on the shores of Lake Erie where, a year prior to the photo, the water levels were at a record high. Once again in 1997 Lake Erie showed its power by washing away shores across southern Ontario. Now, two decades later, the water has risen 46 centimetres (cm) above average this month, soaring above the 1997 levels, although it was nowhere near the 1986 historical high of 91.44 cm.

The April, May and June months of 2017 have been the wettest in a few years. Heavy rainfalls starting over the May long weekend resulted in what seemed like weeks of constant rain and flooding for residents of Haldimand County.

At the beginning of July, water levels were 46 cm above average, which was a huge difference between 2016, where it was a very dry summer, and water levels were only 23 cm above average. The month of June saw higher levels at 49 cm above average and May with a 52 cm level. The levels have dropped 2 cm since the beginning of the month.

However, the rain around Lake Erie is not the only reason behind the high levels.

"Lake Erie is a downstream lake," said Derrick Beach, with Boundary Water Issues for the Government of Canada. "There was a lot of rain around lakes Superior and Huron, so the water likely flowed downstream to Erie."

Lakes Superior and Huron saw 107.8 millimetres (mm) and 128.6 mm of rainfall in June, and Erie saw 96.8 mm.

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