

Come celebrate Day of Peace this week

To the editor

Sept. 21 is the International Day of Peace.

On this day, communities and institutions around the world will celebrate acts of peace and combat zones will participate in a ceasefire. Locally, Arnprior is hosting events to share in the global prayer and plan of action for peace.

On Sept. 20 at 7 p.m., Island View Estates will host a movie night on peace in action. On Sept. 21 at the Galilee Centre, there will be a meditation for peace at noon joining in a global BePeace action followed at 1 p.m. with prayers and reflections at the Peace Pole with refreshments to follow.

The International Day of Peace was first celebrated in 1982. It was established by the United Nations to counter the constant attention to acts of violence and to recall the more prevalent acts of peace.

It is now a global event with a wide variety of activities occurring within municipalities, such as the declaration of the Mayors for Peace. Last year, there were many varied events held all around the world.

In Canada, the Canadian Peace Initiative has been integral in bringing attention to the con-

cept and practices of peaceful means, believing if violence perpetuates violence then peace will bring about peace.

The Initiative has worked to get support for UNESCO's 2000 Manifesto, which describes the principles of a culture of peace and has advocated for the integration and administration of these principles through the formation of a Canadian Department of Peace.

In 2011, an Act to Establish a Department of Peace was submitted in parliament and endorsed by 14 MPs.

The Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Peace Initiative is holding its sixth annual peace festival that runs from Sept. 21 to Oct. 2.

For more information on these events see departmentofpeace.ca or google Ottawa peace festival.

Share the vision and become involved. Visit internationaldayofpeace.org or come out to the events occurring in Arnprior.

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