

Orange Lodge makes donation to Keeler Centre

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money to put away in an organization where it is deemed needed.

"Everyone had the idea that the boys were going to walk away with a big amount of money in their pockets, but they didn't. There was nothing done under the table. I got a lot of comments on it (the sale process) and several members of the Lodge have lost friends over it because of hard feelings the way it carried on for so long. But, it's all over with; we've got it settled."

The municipality paid \$35,000.00 for the hall and 675 feet of waterfront land. Darke said the Lodge plans on donating the interest from its trust each year to

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With that, Darke handed the keys to the hall to Deputy Reeve Lee Dekeyser

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Upon accepting the keys, Dekeyser stated that the property "doesn't belong to council but to the taxpayers of Cramahe Township."

Reeve Jim Williams thanked the Lodge members and offered an invitation to the new arena.

"We hope that the Keeler Centre may become a useful place for activities that the Lodge may have at one time or another."

Wilce took the opportunity to let the public know that the Lodge is still active and now holds meetings at Dundonald Hall.

"Some people may have had the idea that we were closing up but we continue to meet," Wilce stated.

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CRAMAHE BRIEFS

It would cost more than it's worth to create official bike lanes on King Street East Cramahe Township council has decided. Council had asked Urban Road Superintendent Jim Black to investigate the possibility of creating a bike lane on the north side of King Street East.

"I have driven this stretch of road many times trying to think of a good way to solve this problem," Mr. Black reported to council committee January 8.

"The north side lane has the majority of driveways and streets and I believe that making this a bicycle path would create more problems than it would solve. To date, we have had only one complaint about traffic being too close to the sidewalks and we haven't had any reports of accidents caused by this proximity. I have noticed other towns have sidewalks as close to the road as we do.

"Posting signs there could cost upwards of \$1,000," he noted.

Reeve Jim Williams said he had always approached the possibility of establishing bike lanes as a tie in with the Waterfront Trail through southern Ontario. The width of King Street east beyond Victoria Street would accommodate bike lanes, he said.

To establish the lanes would require signage, reduction of drivers and local traffic, it was suggested.

Councillor Ray Kelly balked at the expense for signage. Deputy reeve Lee Dekeyser suggested traffic simply slow down to speed limit in urban area and all traffic - vehicular, bike and pedestrian - is accommodated with comfort.

A new bylaw governing taxis in Cramahe Township was scheduled for approval at the January 15 meeting of Cramahe council. Assistant Bylaw Enforcement Officer Leeanne Latter has been updating municipal bylaws for the township. The taxi bylaw was one of four presented for council's consideration in committee January 8, with subsequent possible approval at council meeting January 15.

In all, up to six taxi licence plates to be paid for on an annual fee basis have been approved for the township. The one existing municipal taxi service has never requested more than two plates.

Taxi licenses issued by Cramahe will not be transferable. If a taxi violates a municipal parking restriction, a vehicle licence of not less than 48 hours or future revocation can be levied by the municipality.

The annual licence fee per vehicle is \$75 per year and \$15 per driver.

The Apple Blossom Tyme Committee reported a \$100 donation (\$50 for each of the past two years) received from Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Four handicapped parking spaces have been officially created at The Keeler Centre. Cramahe Township council was required to establish the spaces by bylaw so the bylaw enforcement officer can levy fines for infractions. The bylaw was approved at council January 15.

- MANDY MARTIN

POLICE

Castleton man arrested following standoff with police

A Castleton man spent a couple of days in custody following a three-hour standoff with police on January 11 in Cramahe Township.

Mark Gaffield, 42, was charged with Uttering a Death Threat, and was scheduled to appear in Cobourg court on January 14 for a bail hearing.

Shortly after 9 p.m. on January 11, a man called 911 and stated he was going to kill anyone who came onto

his property. Police indicated the caller was in a "highly agitated state" and refused to negotiate with police on the phone.

A second 911 call was received from the suspect's parents, reporting he had threatened them as well.

When threatening police, the suspect claimed to have firearms in his residence that he was prepared to use.

Officers set up a containment area around the

Cramahe Township residence and evacuated the houses immediately surrounding the suspect's to ensure their safety.

Joining officers were members of the K-9 unit, Emergency Response Team and the Tactics and Rescue Unit.

After approximately three hours, discussions between Gaffield and police resulted in him leaving his residence voluntarily and being taken into custody without further incident.

Youth charged with arson

Following an incident in Brighton on January 19, a youth is facing a charge of arson.

According to police, they responded to an emergency 911 caller who indicated gasoline was being used on a doorway and porch.

Shortly after the call was placed, the fire was extinguished. Police located the male youth believed to be responsible.

The youth was released

and is scheduled to appear in Youth Court.

Youth charged with mischief

On January 14, police received a report of mischief to property located on Prince Edward Street in Brighton.

The front door entrance to an apartment building had a window pane smashed out and the door lock damaged.

Acting on information they received, police located and arrested a 16-year-old

Trenton youth in Brighton.

The youth was charged with mischief under \$5,000 and is scheduled to appear in Brighton Youth Court on March 5.

License suspended

A 21-year-old Brighton man, who is a G2 driver, had his license suspended and faces a charge under the Highway Traffic Act for driving a vehicle after consuming alcohol.

The incident took place on January 13.