



## Firming up the foundation

Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) Foundation Executive Director Rhonda Cunningham received a cheque for \$5,000 from Rotary Club of Colborne President Graham Norcutt on Monday night. The club co-sponsors a patient room at the hospital. Cunningham told Rotarians and guests that the foundation has raised more than \$16 million, plus \$3.2 million in pledges on hand, since 1993. All NHH Foundation money is used for "key capital needs," Cunningham said.

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## SHRINER OF THE YEAR

Noble Sam Hutnyk (right) was honoured at the Lakeshore Shrine Club's December 2003 meeting with the Shriner of the Year 2003 award, presented by Noble Ambassador Doug Clark (left). The annual award is given at the end of the year to a Shriner who gives quietly above and beyond the regular daily obligations of a Shriner.

**WILLIAMS, HENRY CECIL (CY)**  
Peacefully at the Golden Plough Lodge, Cobourg on Monday, January 19th, 2004 in his 94th year. Beloved husband of the late Mary Wilkie. Loving father of Pete Williams Sr. of Colborne, NESTA WISKIN (Clare) of Kingston and the late Patrick Williams. Dear grandfather of 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Friends are invited to call at the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 11 King St. W., Colborne on Saturday, January 24th from 12 noon to 1pm., followed by a memorial service at 1pm. Spring interment in Salem Cemetery. If desired donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society or charity of your choice. (Cheques Only Please). Condolences received at www.maccoubrey.com  
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## Library membership on the rise

The Cramahe Library Board reported that 2003 saw an increase in membership over the previous year.

An increase of 66 members in Colborne more than offset a decrease of 17 at the Castleton branch. There are now 1589 active members in Colborne and 258 in Castleton.

Circulation in both branches jumped. In Castleton there were 100 more withdrawals. In Colborne, almost 2,400 more items were borrowed in 2003 than in 2002.

In total 18,839 transactions were completed in Colborne and over 4,000 in Castleton.

## Policing costs rise

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Cramahe Township council found out last week it will cost more for police protection in 2004 — and they weren't too happy.

A letter from OPP headquarters in Orillia explained the costs for the upcoming year. Salary increases of 3.5 per cent for 2004 were added to a 4.1 per cent hike last year. The settlement made between the OPP and the province calls for another raise of 3.5 per cent next year.

The net result this year is an increase of over \$51,000, representing an increase of about 7.5 per cent. The police force held the line on other operating costs.

The projected increase is lower than in neighbouring Brighton where the force recommended adding another officer.

Increased policing costs across the county have politicians looking for ways to save money. Cramahe Mayor Lee Dekeyser says policing was discussed last week at county council. The councillors have decided to look at policing in general, and are investigating a county-wide force, he said.

That may help in the future, but Mayor Dekeyser says Cramahe will probably remain with the status quo this year.

He met with a representative of the Northumberland OPP detachment on Wednesday to express council's concerns. He planned to explain that the increase is a lot for a small municipality to pay.

This is the third piece of bad financial news for the township this month.

At the same meeting on Jan. 20, council was notified by the Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority their levy will increase by about \$11,000 in 2004. Earlier in the month council received a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing turning down council's request for funding for a \$1.5 million water tower replacement.