

Fire chief asks for new van

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It took no more than a few minutes for Cramahe Fire Chief Gary Cammack to get what he needed from Cramahe Council last week.

His first request is going to cost. Chief Cammack explained that the 1988 van currently used by the department has a serious knock in the motor and can't be used for emergency responses.

He asked whether council wished to see the vehicle repaired, or wanted to purchase a new or used replacement van.

Mayor Lee Dekeyser empathized with the chief, commenting that there was no use having a van that wasn't working. He felt that repair was out of the question as it would involve thousands of dollars.

It was agreed by all on Council that the township should tender for a new 3/4 ton van. It will be paid for out of the 2005 budget.

Chief Cammack's second item was equally well received.

A pre-Christmas fire in very cold weather resulted in seven damaged masks. Mr. Cammack explained the damage came from moving between the heat of the fire and the outside cold.

Approval was quickly given to purchase new ones.

Charged with youth assault

On Jan. 18, OPP officers responded to an Inkerman Street address regarding an alleged assault. Once on scene, investigation revealed a 15 year old female had thrown a cup at another 14 year old female at the residence.

The victim sustained minor injuries. The accused was arrested, charged with assault, and later released on conditions not to associate with the victim. The accused will appear in Brighton Youth Court on Feb. 22.

Horticultural Society hands out awards

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It was awards day at the Colborne and District Horticultural Society, and even blustery winds and frigid temperatures couldn't keep the aficionados of the floral world away from Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Colborne.

Sandra Compton was the big winner this year, walking off with four of the seven available prizes. Mrs. Compton had the most points in shows last year, earning her the Arthur and Marjorie Rutherford Trophy. Joan and Harold Harnden's Silver Rose Bowl went her way too, along with the Amy Gresham Memorial Trophy and the CIBC Rose Bowl.

Joining her on the podium was Bev Denny for her house plants and Allan Broatch, the novice with the most points.

Gayle Barrett was the recipient of the Ontario Horticulture Association Service Award.

Jackie Baker-Smith collected \$200 as a reward for her community work. She promptly announced she would use the money to spruce up the grounds of the Castleton Fire Hall. In her thank you, Mrs. Baker-Smith acknowledged the volunteer support she had received from Township of Cramahe employees Jim Black, John Jakab, Greg Davies, and her husband Daniel Smith.

Lenna Broatch was confirmed as president for the second year.



Joining her on the executive are secretaries Meredyth Young and Jill Sellers, treasurer, Mary Jackson, and past president, Linda Hall Arnold.

Anne Harrison announced that it is still not too late to buy packages of 10 tulips for \$8. The purple tulips are a club fundraiser in conjunction with the Ontario Horticulture Association which is celebrating its 100th year.

Janet Crosby will speak at the next meeting on February 28.

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TOP: The Colborne and District Horticultural Society installed its 2005 Board of Directors last Saturday. Front, from left: Mary Jackson, Connie Moore, Gayle Barrett, Lenna Broatch, Jill Sellers, Meredyth Young, Gayle Jones. Back, from left: Carol Brown, Anne Harrison, Linda Hall Arnold, Sandra Compton, Glenda Craig, Shirley Ross.

ABOVE: Bev Denny (left), Allan Broatch, and Sandra Compton display some of the hardware they won in 2005 Colborne and District Horticultural Society competitions.

RIGHT: Cicely Scroggs and Gayle Barrett were given mementos to thank them for their years of service to the Colborne and District Horticultural Society.

