

crowds, but I find the acoustics here horrible."

Council voted to return to the Town Hall across from Victoria Square park in Colborne effective May 1.

## Mutton Bridge ownership under review

Ownership of Mutton Bridge is under review.

According to Barry Thrasher, Cramahe Township Director of Public Works, Duncan Bell claims ownership and refuses to allow the municipality to build a deck larger than the existing 13'3".

In order to capitalize on the existing piers, a 17-foot deck is the largest size which can be built. This will allow farm equipment to traverse the bridge safely, but Mr. Bell is not budging.

Mr. Thrasher said the municipality's lawyer is looking into ownership. The matter will come back before Cramahe Township council Apr. 16.

## Transport driver charged

Apr. 8, Northumberland OPP were advised a neighboring detachment had received complaints of a tractor trailer being driven erratically on the westbound 401. The truck was reported going over onto the shoulder and motorists were afraid to pass the truck.

Officers located the truck and stopped it near the Brighton exit. The driver, Reza Shadfar, 37, of Willowdale has been charged with driving with over the legal limit of alcohol.



year-old Cramahe man the evening of March 31.

April 1, OPP responded to a call from hospital that a man, suffering from a serious assault, was being treated for serious, life-threatening injuries. He had been transported by ambulance from 278 Union Road, Cramahe Township.

Charged with attempt murder are 21-year-old Ryan Knapman, and Kaitlyn Lewis, 18, both of Cramahe Township and Mathew Fitzgerald, 22, of Quinte West.

Michelle Cunningham, 43, of Brighton is charged with obstruct justice during the course of a police investigation contrary to section 139 (2) and accessory after the fact

Friday, April 6, Northumberland OPP Crime Unit, under the direction of the Criminal Investigation Branch, made a fifth arrest. Sherry Shepherd, 42, of Brighton has been charged with counseling to commit murder contrary to Sec. 464(a) of the Criminal Code. She was held in custody for a bail hearing April 10.

The victim remains in Kingston General Hospital in serious but stable condition.

The investigation is continuing.

If anyone has information about this incident, they are asked to call Northumberland OPP at 613-475-1313 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS

## Every litter bit targeted for clean up May 5

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"Every year, we hold Litter Clean Up Day and this year we're hoping for an even better turnout," says Cramahe Township bylaw officer Jim Harris.

"We'd like to invite everyone to take part and then stop by Toronto Street for the Northumberland Hills Hospital street hockey fundraiser."

The event will start at 9 a.m. and go until 12 noon.

Refreshments will be provided at the Fire Station on Victoria St. from 11 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. for volunteers.

Last year, about 75 people pitched in to clean up the ditches and roadsides of Cramahe Township, filling approximately 3/4 of an industrial-sized waste disposal container.

"Northumberland County provides the bin for this day free of charge," Mr. Harris says. "It will be placed in the Public Works yard on Victoria Street and people may bring waste picked up that day for drop off."

The object of Litter Clean Up Day is for residents to collect waste from the roadsides and parks, he says. It's not to be used for household waste. As is customary when garbage bags are found littering the countryside, bags will be opened and checked for identification for follow up.

"We will be checking the bags to see if we can identify who put it there," Mr. Harris says.

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PHOTO BY JOYCE CASSIN

Cramahe Township bylaw officer Jim Harris is preparing for Litter Clean Up Day. Garbage picked up from ditches and parks May 5 can be dropped off at the Public Works yard on Victoria Street, Colborne, free of charge — and volunteers may also enjoy a barbecue courtesy of the township.

of the six Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan Easter Sunday. When the procession is to take place was unconfirmed as of presstime.

People are being encouraged to honour the fallen soldiers by standing on bridges crossing Highway 401, as they did above in 2002. For expected times the procession will pass through Cramahe Township, visit the website: [www.northumberlandtoday.com](http://www.northumberlandtoday.com).

Media were not to be allowed into CFB Trenton to cover this week's repatriation of six Canadian soldiers killed Sunday in Afghanistan.

"Some of the family members of the fallen soldiers have requested that no media be allowed on the tarmac and we are accommodating that request," Second Lt. Jennifer Jones of the base's public affairs office said Tuesday morning.

She said base staff were preparing to work with local Ontario Provincial Police officers to prepare for the crowds of local and national media, as well as patriotic civilians, who descend on the base for each repatriation.

Sec. Lt. Jones added it's not known when the service will occur: "We can't confirm an exact date yet this week."

The ban on media coverage of a repatriation is the first since the federal government backtracked on its policy on the matter. Early last year, the new Conservative government said it would not allow media onto the tarmac for the services. But, after a few repatriations occurred amid public outrage over the decision, the government reversed its position, saying media would be invited onto the base — so long as the bereaved families gave consent.

If all six soldiers are repatriated at once, this week's service will be the largest since Canadian troops went increasingly on the offensive in Afghanistan.

The next-largest repatriation was that of five soldiers on Labour Day weekend 2006.

- LUKE HENDRY, OSPREY NEWS SERVICE

## Columbariums proceed

Constructing columbariums appears to be the fashion of the times. A request for a 16-niche columbarium at Union Cemetery, and another at East Colborne Cemetery, has Cramahe Township Mayor Marc Coombs suggesting they may be "saturating the market" by putting one in each cemetery.

However, East Colborne Cemetery's committee chair Joy Gifford says not to worry.

"A lot of people can't afford a funeral and all the expenses that go with it," Mrs. Gifford said. "It's \$1,300 for a niche compared to \$400 for a plot, but cremation is much cheaper than a full funeral."

Partial funding for the columbariums will come from the reserves. Each cemetery will receive \$4,500 towards the approximate \$7,500 expense.

— JOYCE CASSIN