

New Cramahe reading coordinator keen to start summer program

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With Cramahe Township's summer reading camp almost here, coordinator Erica Morris is eager to get started. She has lots of activities on tap for the three age groups who will spend time in the Colborne Library.

There will be clown days, circus days, face painting, mask making, puppets and crafts - all centred on reading. She hopes some of the kids will even stage their own puppet shows. The University of Nipissing Concurrent Education student says they may try mixing up fairy tales, then acting them out.

Everything this summer will fly under the banner "LOL" - Laugh out Loud.

The program will be two-pronged.

The Toronto Dominion Bank is funding many of the materials for the take-home part of the summer reading

fun. The kids in the no-cost reading club will take posters, stickers and an activity book home and read up to six books over the summer. They can come into the library at any time and report on their reading to Erica who will check them off and give them rewards.

Those who participate in the activities program will pay a \$5 fee for the six-week program. The fee is paid when the kids register the first time at the library.

The storytime and crafts activities program for three- to four-year-olds is on Thursdays from 11 a.m. until noon, the five- to eight-year-olds gather at the library from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays and the nine- to 12-year-olds meet on Tuesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. for book club.

Erica says there will be special event times, too.

Any high school students looking for volunteer hours by working at the camp should leave their names at the library.



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Summer reading camp coordinator Erica Morris holds up some of the books kids can enjoy when they participate in the reading camp this July and August.

Cramahe blasts policing rejection

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How can we go hat in hand to the federal and provincial governments looking for infrastructure dollars when we aren't ready to become more competitive ourselves?

"We can somewhat understand the emotional attachment municipalities may have when they have historically had their own police force, but for municipalities that are already policed by the OPP to vote against the county-wide proposal is hard to understand."

Brighton rejected county-wide policing in a 4-3 vote two weeks ago. Three more municipalities followed suit last week. The Town of Cobourg, which has its own municipal police force, voted 4-3 to reject county-wide OPP policing. Hamilton Township, policed by the OPP, rejected county-wide policing. In the

Municipality of Port Hope, which has one ward policed by the OPP and a second ward policed by its own municipal police force, voted 4-3 to reject county-wide OPP policing.

"We feel this is a historic missed opportunity and are saddened that we fell just a few votes short of being able to change the status quo for the betterment of the entire county," Cramahe Twp. Mayor Coombs said.

Lack of local control of the force seemed to be an issue with some in other jurisdictions

which voted against the unified force. Cramahe Councillor Ed Van Egmond would have none of that.

In a post-Cramahe meeting interview, Mr. Van Egmond said, "We have never had control of the force through our local police services board."

He failed to support the argument that

councillors from one municipality shouldn't vote on matters that would affect others. Mr. Van Egmond said it's not his job to look out after his neighbours; he voted to do what's best for Cramahe.

Cramahe stood to save almost a quarter million dollars a year in a proposal which would have seen the disappearance of the Port Hope and Cobourg police forces and all policing in Northumberland handled by the OPP. If the plan had been passed Cramahe would have benefited more than any of the other four rural municipalities.

To be approved, the proposal had to be passed by a majority of the seven municipal, lower tier governments representing at least half of the population of the county. It then would have to be passed by a majority of the seven municipal mayors who constitute

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The Grafton Public School class of 2008: in front, from left, are: Hannah Houston, Ellen Southam, Elona Lee-Russell, Samantha Mackey, Kristen Kent, Ashley Reyns, Alexis Prins. Second row: Kayleen Harren, Kaitlyn Hennessey, Robyn Williams, Maria Godfrey, Lauren Valyear, Abbey MacLean, Kara Cardinell.

Third row: Mitchell Toyne, Aaron Martorino, Jordan Whyte, Lucas Baggaley, Zachary Facey, Kyle Divenanzo, Kyle Clarkson, Brody George.

Behind: Christopher Nelson, D'Arcy Howe, Clayton Kirkpatrick, Aiden Keiffer, Cole McBride, Jesse Miedema, Cody Currin.