

■ **CLASS ACT:** South Cramahe School names students of the month



The students of the month at South Cramahe School recently received their awards. (Front, from left) Olivia Wetherbee, Laura Robinson, Anna Wickens; back: Damien Gill, Austin Thompson, Raine Minnie, and Karen Simpson.

■ **HOSPITAL**

# Collaboration should result ease crisis, Biron says

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Northumberland Hills Hospital has joined forces with Community Care Northumberland in a bid to ease its ALC crisis, hospital president and chief executive officer Robert Biron announced at the February board meeting.

Alternative Level of Care patients are ones who could be discharged but have nowhere to go. These patients are often seniors who could be cared for in a nursing home if space were available, or perhaps even in their own homes if appropriate help were available. In the absence of either, they continue to tie up hospital beds that could be put to other uses and place an inordinate strain on the hospital budget.

Community Care Northumberland is a non-profit agency that co-ordinates volunteers to provide services for the elderly or adults with special needs who need help staying in their homes. It has six local offices throughout the county.

This agency was successful last year in receiving funding from the Central East LHIN Aging At Home strategy. It offers free services to seniors and those with special needs as they settle in at home after a hospital stay. The list includes driving and accompanying a patient home, picking up medications and groceries, preparing a small meal, providing personal care or home-making services, follow-up calls and visits, and making referrals to other community support services.

"This is a welcome addition that will help us address the ALC issue," Biron said.

■ **EDUCATION:** Students take a stand against bullying

# South Cramahe Public School goes pink

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It was a day of pink!

On Feb. 19, South Cramahe Public School had a Day of Pink. Everyone was encouraged to wear pink to support anti-bullying.

The pink movement originated in Central Kings Rural High School in Cambridge, Nova Scotia. A Grade 9 student was threatened after wearing a pink polo shirt on his first day at school in September 2007.

Using the power of the Internet, many of the students at Central Kings organized themselves. Hundreds showed up the next day wearing pink to show their support for the

student and to make a statement about bullying.

It has become an annual tradition to have a Day of Pink at that high school.

Word quickly spread about the incident and the action the students were taking about anti-bullying. Now many schools over Ontario and other provinces have one Day of Pink every year to support anti-bullying.

This year was the first that South Cramahe decided to have a Day of Pink, and the outcome was spectacular. Many more than half of the students came to school wearing the colour of flowers. We hope to continue the tradition and have the same outcome in the future. We would like to encourage the community to also take a stand against bullying and harassment. Bullying is wrong.

## Deaths

**PEEBLES, Frederick Leo** - Peacefully at the Maplewood Nursing Home, Brighton on Wednesday February 25th, 2009. Son of the late James Peebles and Minnie Peterson. Beloved husband of the late Violet Ball. Loving father of Wayne Peebles (Patricia) of Montreal, Patricia Naish (Jack) of Frankford, Richard Peebles (Helen) of Port Perry, Gail Moffat (Charles) of Colborne and Jim Peebles (Brenda) of Oshawa. Dear grandfather of Dawn Marie, Clifford, Cheryl, Susan, Jacqueline, Heather, Brian, Scott, Dana, Steven, Tracy, Philip and Michael, 20 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Brother of George, Jack, Wilber and the late Lula, Lola, Clifford and David. Friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service at Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Colborne on Saturday March 7th, 2009 at 1 pm. If desired donations may be made to Trenton Memorial Hospital. Condolences received at [www.MacCoubrey.com](http://www.MacCoubrey.com).