

CRAMAHE: Retroactive approval granted to cover additional costs

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Castleton library renovation is over-budget

BOB OWEN

CASTLETON — Renovating an old building can be more expensive than planned.

That's what Cramahe Township council learned at its

Sept. 15 meeting when chief building official Natalie Moroz-Cornell tabled her report on the renovations in the basement of the Castleton Town Hall.

Cramahe council approved the contract to renovate the

lower level of the Castleton Town Hall in August at a cost of \$39,310.

The lower level housed the Castleton branch of the Cramahe Library but was closed when the building was undergoing extensive renova-

tions last year.

Construction by Fisher Construction was to begin by Aug. 13 and be complete within 60 days.

When the walls and floor were pulled out, the builder found the floor in one corner had sunk and disintegrated. Moisture had climbed up the wall, ruining the insulation.

Moroz-Cornell told council

the problem was discovered at a time when there was no impending council meeting. After consulting with chief administrative officer Christie Alexander, Moroz-Cornell ordered \$5,000 worth of additional work go ahead. She was at council Sept. 15 asking for retroactive approval.

Mayor Marc Coombs and Councillor Pat Westrope com-

mended Moroz-Cornell for the appearance of the almost-finished basement. By the end of last week, the carpet was to have been laid, leaving only a stair rail to be completed.

After the work is complete, the township will move in under the direction of the Cramahe Library Board. Shelves and equipment will be installed.

policebriefs

THREE CHARGED IN POT BUST

ALNWICK-HALDIMAND TOWNSHIP — Five pounds of dried marijuana plants with an estimated street value of \$44,800 were seized

when the Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau-Drug Enforcement Section executed a search warrant on a Benlock Road residence around 8 a.m. Sept. 21.

Three men, ages 56, 66 and 49, are each charged with one count of

possession for the purpose of trafficking and one count of production of marijuana.

All three were released on a promise to appear and attend Brighton court Nov. 3.

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ART: Exhibit opens Saturday
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Trio of local artists featured at Colborne show

COLBORNE — The Colborne Art Gallery invites you to a group show with Christine Benson, Bill Rowland, and Janita Wiersma and gallery artists. The opening reception is 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 at the gallery at 51 King St. E. in Colborne. The exhibit runs through Nov. 8.

Port Hope artist Christine Benson's works reflect the tensions of living in a technology-oriented world, and the solace that can be found in nature and the rural landscape. Her prints show a fine attention to detail as well as an interest in combining high contrast designs with subtle inclusions of hand sewn elements, delicate embroidery, collage and distinctive papers.

Bill Rowland's work uses functional forms in stoneware and porcelain clays. The

stoneware clay gives darker earth-tone colour values, while porcelain clay gives brighter glazes against the white clay. All pieces are salt glaze-fired which gives the work a textured and pebbled surface.

Janita Wiersma's recent work explores the potential of lines to evoke the feeling of a space defined by its edges and how an emptiness can seem to be infinitely full. She is inspired by the sense of expanse that comes from standing at the edge of a precipice or an open field in the moonlight.

The gallery is open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 905-355-1798 or visit the website info@thecolborneart-gallery.ca.

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Letters to the Editor

Third bridge in Campbellford represents debt

Mega-million-dollar indebtedness for Northumberland County is in the form of a third bridge for the town of Campbellford.

Many homeowners are severely impacted with their lives on hold! Several family homes are slated for the wrecking ball, including a heritage home.

Other families will be forced into living in untenable positions in severe proximity to a three-lane, high-rise bridge with its massive truck traffic.

This bridge would definitely become a bypass truck route for drivers from the Belleville area who would travel straight through and over the Trent River at its widest point.

The third bridge will destroy two family neighborhoods! The indebtedness will impact Cobourg, Port Hope, Hamilton Township, Cramahe Township and Alnwick-Haldimand Township.

Say "no" to this massive indebtedness!

Misty Santana

Campbellford

Jamboree was a hit with the stars, too

Thanks to all our country music friends who helped make our Aug. 27-Sept. 6 Auction Barn Jamboree a success. We sincerely hope everyone enjoyed their weekend in our small community. Special thanks to our local business people who again supported us to make everyone welcome and contributed to the welcome kits that were presented to our visitors — just a little added touch we so much enjoy each year.

For those who attended the Gene Watson shows Aug. 25 and 26, in his words, he has never been treated any better in the world than he was treated here by us and all the fans who attended. He asks I pass this on to everyone. Our sincere thanks for that as we will go down in his records as being second to none. Just a great feeling. Both David Church and Gene Watson feel at home here with us and are grateful for the reception our friends give them. A big thanks on their behalf to all of you. Incidentally, we have

them booked in Calgary in December to be part of a Christmas fundraiser and we will be there reps out there and attending the function with them.

Our work has started on next year and a special thanks to the 200 who have already registered for the sixth annual jamboree. Once again, we will try to bring you a new and interesting show for your pleasure.

Also, special thanks to our bands and those who participated in our open mic. We understand from all the comments it was second to none and had a lot of participation. We will work to maintain this portion as we feel it is an important part of our weekend.

Our schedule for the rest of our jamboree is posted on our website. You can visit that and feel free to join us at all our upcoming events.

If we do not meet over the winter months, have a good one and, for those who travel south, have a safe and happy winter. We will see you again in the spring.

Gary Warner, Linda Grills
Auction Barn Jamboree, Colborne



JANET LEIGH MCVETY -
Born August 28, 1953 -
September 15, 2009.

Daughter of Norma and the late Gordon McVety. Beloved mother of Jamie-Leigh. Grandmother of MaKenna. Friend of Jack Reid. Sister of Dale and Randy Fraser, (twin) brother Lynn and Marie McVety, Deb and Dale Clarke, Rick and Brenda McVety, Tracey and Jeff Easson, Beloved Aunt of many. Funeral took place Friday, September 18, 2009 at MacCoubrey Funeral Home. Interment at Centreton Cemetery.

Loving memories never die
As years roll on and days pass by,
In our hearts a memory is kept
Of the ones we love and will never forget.

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