

**NEW CRAMAHE COUNCIL**



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Cramahe Township's new council members were sworn in Dec. 7 at the Keeler Centre. In his inaugural address, Mayor Marc Coombs spoke of the many accomplishments of the past four-year council term, issues and concerns of residents still to be addressed, and acknowledged the work of the township staff. Front, from left: Councillor Ed Van Egmond, Mayor Marc Coombs, Councillor Pat Westrope; back: Councillor Jim Williams, Councillor Clinton Breau.

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*Death Notices*

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**CANNIFF, ALLAN** - Suddenly at his residence on Monday, November 29, 2010, in his 63rd year. Loving father of Pam Canniff, Allan Canniff (Deanna) and Michelle Canniff (Steve). Cherished grandfather of Kristyna Davey, Max Canniff, Abby Paige Canniff, Robert Canniff and Teresa Canniff. Dear son of the late Shirley Canniff and step-son of John Mellon. Also remembered by Dianna Canniff. At Allan's request, there will be no funeral service or visitation. Those wishing to make donations to the Canadian Cancer Society through the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, Colborne (905-355-2829). Condolences received at [www.MacCoubrey.com](http://www.MacCoubrey.com)

**ONA CARLAW CELEBRATES 90 YEARS!**

December 11th, 2010  
From 2 to 4 P.M.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Warkworth, Ontario



Ona and her family invite you to join them for tea, cake and fellowship to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Presentations at 2:30 pm.

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**VICTORY: Cobourg man's suggestion will become reality**

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**Highway of Heroes coin coming in 2011: Mint**

CECILIA NASMITH  
Northumberland Today

**COBOURG** — The Royal Canadian Mint has agreed to issue a collectors' coin in 2011 that was suggested by Northumberland Today reporter-photographer Pete Fisher.

The Mint announced Wednesday that a Highway of Heroes coin will be issued, as Fisher had proposed in August 2009.

"I think it's absolutely amazing. I am ecstatic about it," Fisher said Thursday in an interview. Following a tour of the Mint last year, he brought forth his idea of commemorating not just the soldiers who give their lives in Afghanistan, but the Highway of Heroes on which they take their repatriation journey — Highway 401 between Trenton and Toronto.

Specifically, he wanted to honour the everyday citizens who show up on overpasses every time, in every kind of weather, to pay their personal respects by their presence, their salutes, their waving of flags in tribute to the sacrifices that have been made on their behalf.

Following a positive initial

reaction, the idea was formally declined Nov. 4 of this year. But Fisher thought the idea was too important to abandon.

He was heartened by the grassroots support of the community for his idea, but he said that he couldn't have turned things around without the efforts of his friend Carolyn McIntosh of Mississauga.



**Pete Fisher** posted an online petition that almost has 2,000 names by now, but she did even more. She contacted municipalities and organizations like the Toronto Fire Department (after which their association came on board).

Another person Fisher said he couldn't have done it without was Trent Hills Mayor Hector MacMillan, the first mayor to endorse the idea. The Trent Hills motion was disseminated coast to coast through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

It gained the support of the Northumberland-Quinte West

MP Rick Norlock and MPP Lou Rinaldi, but the final pieces clicked into place this week.

A meeting had been slated for mid-day Wednesday between the head of the Canadian Mint and the mayors of the three Northumberland municipalities that had endorsed the creation of the coin — MacMillan, Port Hope Mayor Linda Thompson and Cobourg Mayor Gil Brocanier.

The night before, Hamilton Township council voted its endorsement. Wednesday morning, Northumberland County council endorsed it.

The Mint meeting ended up being a conference call with all the county's mayors sitting in.

The specifics of the coin and its release — date, denomination, design — have not yet been decided, Fisher said, but the biggest hurdle is over.

"This was done for all the right reasons — for the soldiers, for their families and for the people on the bridges," he said.

The press release from the Mint promises a status report to county council within four or five months.

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**HERRON, Mae Alice** - At the Northumberland Hills Hospital Cobourg, on Wednesday December 8, 2010, at the age of 87. Mae Alice (nee Jones) wife of the late Wallace Kenneth Herron. Loving mother of Coral and husband William of Huntsville, Fred and his wife Marilyn of RR #6 Cobourg, Sandra and her husband Donald Armstrong of Port Hope, Reg (Louise) of Colborne, Roger and his wife Laura of RR #4, Cobourg and Shelley and her husband Dave Bromley of Colborne. Dear grandmother of 18 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Predeceased by Luke. Sister of Helen Herron of Roseneath, predeceased by her sister Myrtle. Sister-in-law of Peggy Garland. She will also be missed by her cat Cinder. A memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Church, King St., East, Cobourg, on Saturday December 11, at 1:00 p.m. The Herron family wish to express their gratitude to the staff at both the Victoria Retirement Residence and the Palliative Care Unit, Northumberland Hills Hospital. Those wishing may make memorial donations by cheque to the Northumberland Humane Society or to Northumberland Hills Hospital. Condolences received at [www.MacCoubrey.com](http://www.MacCoubrey.com)