

# Trent Hills photographer has animals in focus

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## 'Furred and Feathered Friends' on display

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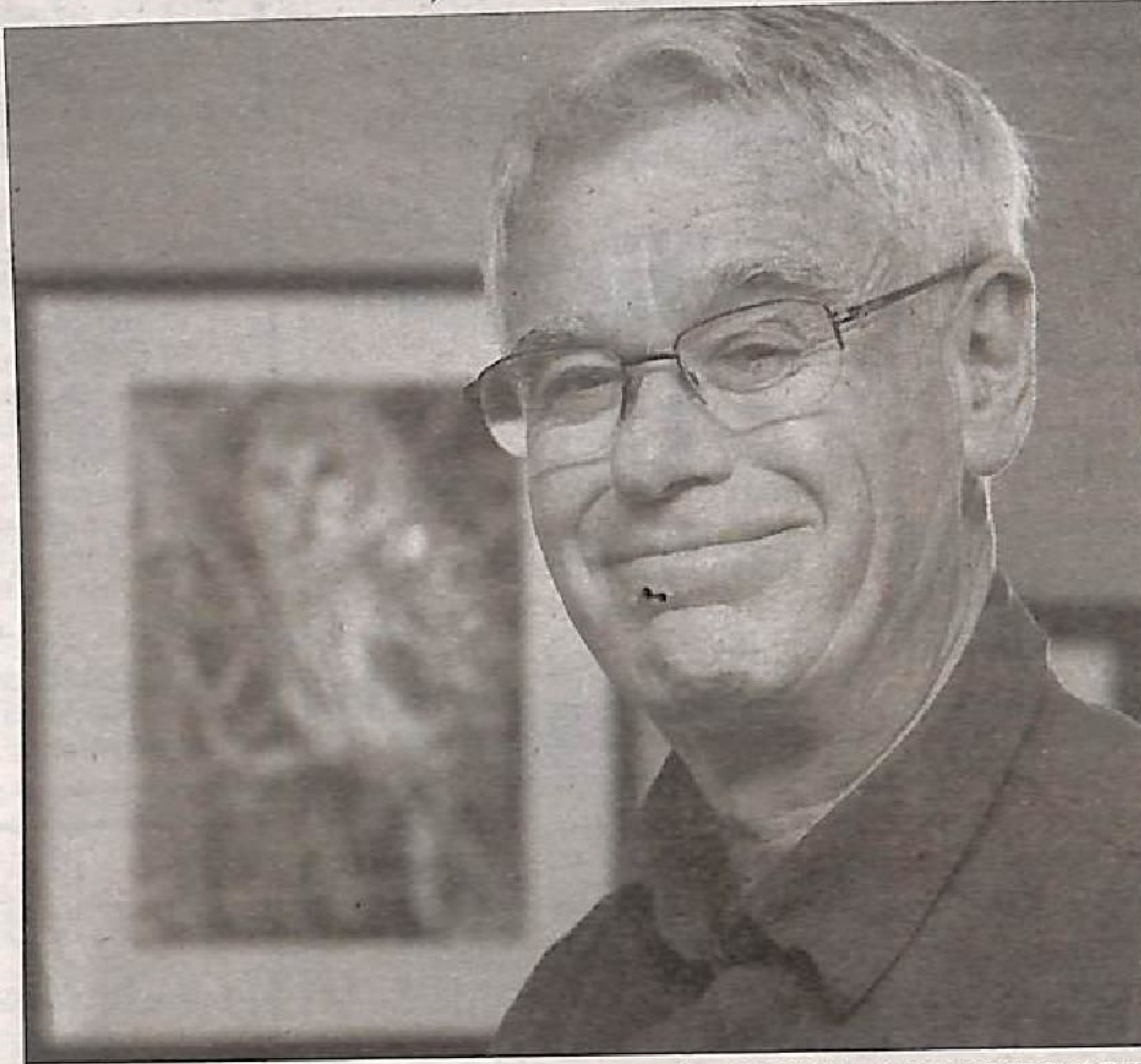
TRENT HILLS -- Photography has been a constant in Tony Crocker's life since the retired high school science teacher was a young boy.

"My dad was an amateur photographer and he had me taking pictures and working in the dark-room from the time I was about 11," he says.

Following his retirement in 1998, Mr. Crocker, 68, earned a certificate in photographic techniques with honours from Humber College, and it became a passport of sorts. He's been to the Amazon, Equador, the Galapagos, England, Kenya, Tanzania, Costa Rica and Panama.

In 2004 he took part in a special project, Focus on Africa. He was one of 142 photographers challenged "to produce a coffee table book that would define the modern safari experience ... everything from tenting to luxury lodges to a luxury train."

Mr. Crocker spent a month in South Africa taking photos, 19 of which made it into the book,



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WARKWORTH -- Tony Crocker is showing a collection of nature photographs at the 100 Mile Diner in Warkworth.

Two pictures from his time there can be seen at the 100 Mile Diner in Warkworth. A selection of his work will remain on display there until the end of March. Titled Furred and Feathered Friends, the Spirit of the Hills presentation includes mostly photos of birds

and animals Mr. Crocker has taken in the Muskoka and Haliburton areas.

"I like to get the detail of the animal in there so you can see lots of the features but I also like to get action when I can, something that shows how the animal

behaves," he says.

"There's a certain feeling you get when you produce a good image, and particularly when you produce an image of something natural. And I love wildlife, I love being in the outdoors and I love to travel, so it all fits."

Mr. Crocker is a recent arrival to the area. He and his partner, Janis Eves, moved to Trent Hills in December.

They own a hobby farm near Petherick's Corners where they keep two horses.

He's in the process of converting a downstairs apartment into a studio.

He's had home studio before. In 2000, Mr. Crocker opened a photography business in Lindsay, where he spent most of his teaching career and was the commanding officer of the army cadets corps.

He also was the official photographer for the Lindsay and District Chamber of Commerce for three years and taught digital photography for the City of Kawartha Lakes' Department of Recreation and Culture for four years.

Mr. Crocker is looking to take on new challenges.

"I look around to try to get nature pictures, of course, but

if anybody has something they would like me to photograph for them, something that is different, that is a bit of a challenge to photograph, I'd love to try it."

## ART EXHIBIT

# 'Walls' come tumbling down at Colborne Art Gallery

COLBORNE -- New perspectives on walls will be on display at the Colborne Art Gallery's upcoming 'Wall Series'.

Guest artist Eileen Menzel's mixed media paintings will explore the significance of walls, including the defensive and protective types. The series depicts

the use of metaphorical walls as various types of problem-solvers depending on the individual's political, social and personal circumstances.

Subject matter, in a variety of styles, includes such wide-ranging topics as Israeli security fences and war-time fronts to the psy-

chological barriers of indifference and denial.

In addition to the series, new works by gallery members will be on display in the gallery's other rooms.

The Wall Series runs from Saturday, Jan. 29 to Sunday, March 6, with an opening reception on Sat-

urday, Jan. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibition will be open for viewing during regular gallery hours on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information contact the Colborne Art Gallery at 905-355-1798 or visit [www.thecolborneartgallery.ca](http://www.thecolborneartgallery.ca).

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Cards of Thanks

Masseys: The family of the late Don Massey would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to friends and relatives for their prayers, cards, donations, floral tributes and support.

Also, thank you to Island Park, Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Valias Funeral Home, St. Paul's United Church and U.C.W. of Warkworth, and Reverend Mark Fearnell for officiating at the memorial service.

Sincerely, Velma Massey and family

Senior's Day Every Wednesday

based capital assistance to small communities to improve water conservation.

Colborne are metered.

Cramahé Township will pay \$102,500 toward the costs if the grant is approved. The funds will come out of the municipal water reserve account. If successful the township hopes to begin work on August 16, 2010 the Ontario government launched the OSWAP program, providing up to \$50 million in merit-

Cramahé Township is applying for a grant of \$205,000 to install water meters on residential properties in the former village of Colborne. Cramahé Council approved a motion on February 1 to apply for the money under the Ontario Small Waterworks Assistance Program (OSWAP). It has until February 15 to file the application. Max Christie of XIE Environmental and Jim McFarlane of Lakefront Utility Services Inc. (LUSI) recommended that the township apply for funding. LUSI operates the water system in Colborne.

It is anticipated that the meters will reduce consumption by 30%. The savings from reduced use will offset anticipated labour charges incurred by LUSI when the meters are read. There will be similar reductions in sewage output. Currently no residences!

# Cramahé to apply for water meter grant

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