

# Cramahe Mayor points to progress

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CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — Mayor Marc Coombs addressed a crowd of Cramahe businesspeople at a breakfast meeting on March 30, telling them how the township has grown in the past few years. Speaking at the township's annual business awards presentation Coombs pointed to the growth of the township industrial park as a pivotal development.

In 2007 the township purchased 45 acres south of Highway 401. Since then, HD Supply has opened a large distribution centre and Real Flex is in the process of purchasing land.

Growth in economic development has led a change in the responsibilities of the township's economic development officer Rebecca Goddard-Sarria. Goddard-Sarria now spends 75% of her time on the development portfolio and 10% on tourism.

The mayor advised the business audience that the first leg of the \$6-million waste water expansion project is nearly finished and expected to be completed in the summer.



(From left) Tamica Potter and Clark Kristmanson of Cree Organics accept the award for Cramahe New Business of the Year for 2010 from Cramahe Mayor Marc Coombs.

Farther north in Cramahe the new Northumberland Hills Public School opened last fall. The mayor feels this is an impor-

tant attraction for potential new companies.

In 2011 the township is updating its roads needs study and

hopes to expand hardtopping in rural areas. Phase two of the township-owned Colborne Creek development is slated to



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Ron Joyce, left, and Jeri Horton-Joyce accept the award for Cramahe Township Business of the Year from Cramahe Mayor Marc Coombs.

begin this year. It will include a Habitat for Humanity home project.

The township plans to meet with small businesses this year to increase economic activity.

The upgrade of County Road

25 from the 401 to Kelwood Drive is a Northumberland County project which will improve the look and function of the now-congested area. It will also bring the first traffic light to the township.

## COLBORNE LEGION LINES

### No joking around: Colborne Legion serving up April Fool's Day dinner tonight

We're not fooling around this April Fool's Day! This Friday's 5 to 6:30 p.m. dinner features our famous roast beef, mashed potatoes, potato and leek soup, two veggies and Joker's Wild dessert (strawberry / rhubarb crisp. Just \$10 per person!

We're pleased we've expanded our bar offerings for all patrons! Starting immediately, you can now purchase a 750ml bottle of red or white Fuzion wine at very

reasonable cost to enjoy with your dinner or in the clubroom.

It's roast turkey for the mid-month dinner Friday, April 15 with all the fixings: mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, turnip, green beans, coleslaw and Ambrosia for dessert. Remember, our meals are all prepared from scratch with our cooky, Marilyn Babcock, leading the team. Served from 5 to 6:30 p.m., the cost

remain at a thrifty \$10 per person.

You can help kids in Kandahar, Afghanistan, with their schooling. Some of our troops are committed to delivering pencils, pens, crayons, erasers and small notebooks to a struggling school there. Please consider donating some of these desperately needed items. Drop your donated supplies off at the Colborne Legion any day after 12

noon. We'll ensure they're taken to CFB Trenton to catch one of the supply flights.

There's a bid euchre tournament at the Colborne Legion the first Sunday of every month. That's Sunday, April 3. Registration, \$5 per person, is from 12 noon to 12:55 p.m. with play beginning at 1 p.m. Cash prizes to be won!

The annual mega-Mother's

Day Breakfast is back May 8. Our men prepare and host this event. Mom's dine for free, \$6 for everyone else. It's a great way to save your kitchen and honour Mom at the same time. From 8 a.m. to 12 noon, enjoy eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, toast, tea, coffee and lots of fun are on offer.

Don't want people touching your junk? Then sell it — at the Colborne Legion yard sale Saturday, May 14 starting at 8 a.m.

We'll even provide the place: rent a table for \$10 to display your stuff. Call 905-355-5479. Donations are gratefully accepted at the branch any day after 12 p.m. They'll be a bake table, too, offering sustenance: homemade muffins, loaves, cookies and savoury breads. On the barbecue will be our homemade hamburgers, fried onions, sausages plus pop, water, tea and coffee. How's that for a beneficial pat-down?