

Get set for Trash 'n Treasures

NORTH UMBERLAND TODAY AUG 9/12

With this being the mid-point of summer, there is still much to do in Cramahe Township, and August appears to be a month of happenings. The Fade Kings appear at Music in the Square this Thurs. Aug. 9, and judging from last year's comments, it's certain to be a great show. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the free show.

Very early Saturday morning, Aug. 11, many people will be out scouring the tables, boxes, and bins for that special find at the 15th annual Trash 'n Treasures yard sale. Many vendors will be set up in Victoria Square, and many locals use will this day as an opportunity to use their driveways and garages to display and sell surplus goods. That bit of trash is often someone else's treasure.

Come and browse, enjoy the fun,



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and go home with a treasure.

Aug. 16, the Donegal Fiddlers Orchestra will be entertaining at Music in the Square from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and come out and enjoy this lively group. Free show.

The following week is the last scheduled event of the Music in the Square summer concert series, and the lead sponsor, Enbridge, is hosting a complimentary barbecue with hot dogs, corn-on-the-cob, pop, and chips. Catering will be provided by the Castleton Sports Club and Colborne Minor.

Hockey. Cold Creek, an upbeat country group, is the entertainment, so come out and join in the fun and thank Enbridge for making all of this possible. The barbecue begins at 6, and music begins at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 25, Castleton Minor Ball and the Castleton Sports' Club will host the 3rd Annual Family Fun Night. It will take place at the sports fields in Castleton and begin at 5:30 p.m. with a barbecue (pay for items), a jumping castle, rock climbing wall, a 50+ 3-pitch game, followed by an outdoor movie and fireworks. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds will be used to enhance and support local recreational activities. Tickets may be purchased onsite.

This leads into the last week of August when the Auction Barn Jam-boree will kick off seven days of musi-

cal entertainment at the Keeler Centre. Rhonda Vincent, recently named America's newest superstar, will headline an all-bluegrass show on Monday, Aug. 27. Joining her that night will be Sweetgrass with Ginny McIlmoyle, Bill White and White Pine, and the Tebworth Brothers. These boys are only seven and nine and are great crowd-pleasers as one plays the fiddle and the other the mandolin. This is certain to be a great show to take in.

The next two nights, Rhonda Vincent teams up with Gene Watson and these two stars will co-produce a fantastic show of bluegrass and country right here in Colborne. Also, on stage that night is the ever-popular Mike Pollard. This is the first Canadian show that Rhonda Vincent and Gene Watson have done together and what better place for this to happen than right here

at the Keeler Centre in Colborne. From Thursday, Aug. 30 to Sunday, Sept. 2, a full line up of entertainers will be taking the stage at the Keeler Centre for the Auction Barn Jam-boree. Many of the entertainers in the line-up this year are new to the immediate jamboree circle, so new and refreshing entertainment is in store.

This event will bring approximately 5,000 people into our community over this seven-day period. Many will be living here in campers, eating here in our restaurants, and shopping here in our local stores. Be sure to welcome them and show them what a great place Cramahe Township is.

For tickets and information, contact Gary Warner at 905-355-2106.

Pat Westrope is a Councillor in Cramahe Township.

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP

Council in brief

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TOWNSHIP HAS ITS HAND OUT

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - Cramahe Township has been one of the more successful municipalities in getting grants from upper level government. On July 17, Council authorized staff to prepare an application through the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

The federal grant money available is for improvements and renovations to public and community areas of the township municipal building located on Toronto Street in Colborne.

The report to council by chief building official Natalie Moroz-Cornell outlines numerous projects which could be covered by the grant money which must be matched with township cash.

Accessible kitchens and washrooms, an enlarged council chamber, replacement of lighting and plumbing fixtures, and a new elevator are all on the wish list. Estimated cost of the work is about half a million dollars.

The grants were announced on July 5 by MP Gary Goodyear. There is \$49.6 million available in southern Ontario over the next two years. Each municipality is limited to \$1 million in grants.

Deadline for application is Aug. 24, 2012.

SLOW DOWN ON DURHAM

Barry and Bridget Lessard have been living on Durham Street North in Colborne for six years. North of their home the road has been zoned at 80 km/h. Prior to the April 3 meeting of Cramahe Council, the speed limit changed part way down the hill in front of their place to 50 km/h.

In a 3-1 vote on April 3, the speed limit was upped to 60 km/h. The Lessards claim that drivers seldom reduce their speed when heading down the hill in front of their place and were at council on July 17 to ask for a reduction to 50 km/h from the top of the hill.

Barry Lessard claims it is a safety issue, citing the fact that children and walkers use the road frequently.

The Cramahe Police Services Board and the OPP appear to agree with the Lessards. Both recommended the speed on Durham Street North be reduced to 60 km/h from Purdy Street to the top of the hill overlooking the Lessard property. At the top of the hill it will be a 50-km/h zone.

The road will be signed in both directions to reflect council's decision.

- Bob Owen

COPS GET THEIR BUCKS

There really was nothing to decide -

even back in December 2011 when the OPP brought its costing proposals to Cramahe Township for review. Minimum standards must be met; the costing formula is set and Cramahe has no control over the wages settlement.

On July 17 Cramahe Council accepted the 2012 bill of \$1,179,901. The cost reflects an annual increase of \$116,000 over 2011. Under the terms of the contract the township pays only for the final six months under the new contract, saving about \$60,000. Because Cramahe's actual costs over the past three years have been low, the contract was reduced by 1.52%.

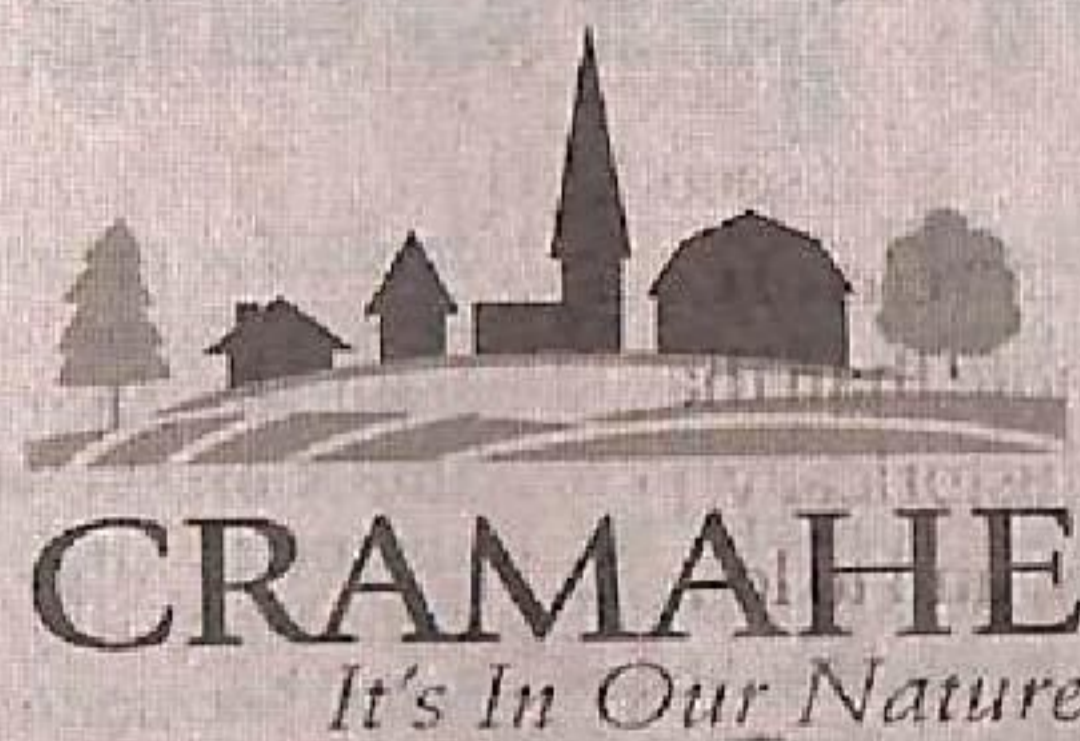
The contract calls for Cramahe to have the equivalent of 7.55 officers. Most of them are constables whose pay levels are calculated to be \$87,240 per year. The contract uses the maximum value to calculate the township cost, then reimburses the township at the end of the contract, based on the actual pay rates of the constables assigned to the community.

Salaries and benefits comprise the lion's share of the contract costs, taking \$925,901. The township pays 27% of the OPP custodian's \$48,000 salary and benefits. These are included in \$138,085 civilian pay and benefits allocated to the township. The remaining \$134,000 goes to operating expenses, nearly half of which is vehicle usage.

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Live Entertainment Thursday

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Notice Township of Cramahe

The Township of Cramahe has submitted a by-law to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 for East Colborne Cemetery, Walker Cemetery, Woods Cemetery, Red Cloud Cemetery and Carr Cemetery. Any interested parties may contract Candice Doiron, Deputy Clerk at 905-355-2821 ext. 222 for information, or to make copies.