



**FORGET, Roger Ronald** - Suddenly at the Trenton Memorial Hospital on Friday December 20th, 2013 in his 73rd year. Beloved husband of Frances Forget (nee Legacy) and the late Patricia Forget. Loving father of Angel (Gary), Faith, Roger (Cheryl), Ronald (Patricia) and step-father of Sandra (Ed), Judy (Martin), Gail (Marco), Keith (Beth) and Wayne. Dear grandfather of Alex, Mandy, Pat, Nick, James, Jake, Angelica, Ryan, Frank and step-grandfather of Alyssa, Cody, Meagan, Nikki, Natasha, Ron, Ricky and Jessica. Brother of Rena, Theresa, Martin, Richard and Gus. Friends are invited to call at the **MACCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME**, 11 King St., W., Colborne on Monday December 23rd from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. A funeral service will be held in the MacCoubrey Funeral Home on Tuesday December 24th at 11 am. Interment in Castleton Cemetery in the spring. If desired donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Condolences received at

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A major ice storm left thousands without power in Northumberland County overnight and into Sunday, Dec. 22. Port Hope Fire Department responded to at least 25 calls for service in a 12-hour period. Hydro lines were taken down by tree limbs overhanging on the lines. North of Port Hope approximately five hydro lines were taken down by the weight of the ice. An ambulance on Dorset Street in Port Hope had a hard time getting to its destination. A person was going to the hospital, but couldn't leave their driveway because of fallen limbs. See Pages B1 and B2 for more storm photos.

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# Ice storm packs wallop

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Northumberland Today

**NORTHUMBERLAND** - Northumberland County will be cleaning up for days following an ice storm that hit the area over the weekend.

Freezing rain started on Friday and continued on the weekend with the worst hitting overnight into Sunday.

Throughout the night, work crews tried valiantly to keep up with the calls of fallen tree limbs throughout the area, but there were just too many.

Firefighters were called out throughout the night to reports of wires arcing. Port Hope firefighters were called out 25 times in less than 12 hours to calls for services

including downed power lines and large trees on homes.

On Sunday morning a plow hit a gas meter on Walton Street in downtown Port Hope. A section of downtown was blocked off as crews repaired the damage.

In some areas of both Port Hope and Cobourg tree limbs buried vehicles still in their driveways.

North of Port Hope several hydro poles toppled over due to the weight of the ice.

Bedford Street resident Graham Moore said he had a sleepless night listening to the trees creaking.

"At about 4:30 a large branch hit the roof and took out our power line," he said.

Moore and other residents slowly came out to look at the

damage on their street.

"We have no heat, no hydro, no phone, nothing," he said.

Moore, whose hydro meter was ripped from the side of his house, can only hope power will be restored soon.

"In speaking with Veridian, they said it would take a while, but said in order to energize the town, they would have to make sure all these downed cables were reconnected because they don't want live power lines hitting the ground," Moore said.

Jeff Lees has a similar problem when a large limb fell on the power line going to his house around 3:30 a.m. The hydro meter, just outside his front door, was ripped from the wall.

"We're just afraid when the power comes up there might be

an electrical fire," he said.

Lees, a member of council, praised the efforts of municipal and emergency workers.

"Everyone's done a great job, but there is not much help for non-emergency things," he said.

Looking over the damage, Lees said he will likely have an electrician come and re-mount the meter.

"Port Hope has a lot of situations going on and a lot of people working on them, but we're doing the best we can," he said.

Sandra Weeks, communications co-ordinator for the Municipality of Port Hope, issued Port Hope's only press release of the day from a Hot-mail account at about 12:30 p.m. Sunday, stating, "We have been advised by both Veridian and

Hydro One that power should be restored within 24 hours. "We are monitoring the situation closely and it is important to note that Port Hope has not declared an emergency at this time. "If you have any questions ease don't hesitate to contact me. You can reach me on this email anytime."

No press releases have been issued by the Town of Cobourg.

Port Hope Mayor Linda Thompson said the Municipality has issued two Rapid Notified announcements through the phone system. Most of the calls from service have been "minor" in nature.

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