

# Taking the Walk of Fame

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Grace Bowen of Grafton was the guest of Canadian hockey legend Hayley Wickenheiser Saturday at the Sony Centre for Performing Arts in Toronto when Wickenheiser was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame. Nine-year-old Grace was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in April. She's a lifelong hockey fan and a mutual friend's request for Wickenheiser to give Grace an autograph has led to a lasting friendship.

**PILLSWORTH, RONALD CHARLES.** On Oct 21st, 2014 Ron stood up and walked to the other side where the spirits greeted him and his soul sang out. In his 83rd year, Ron was predeceased by all eight of his siblings. Ron leaves us as a loving father, grampa, great-grampa, uncle and friend. His life was full and adventurous. Ron's unselfish and generous nature has touched the lives of many people and communities. His stories are his legacy and will be cherished by generations to come. He will be deeply missed.

In keeping with Ron's wishes a Celebration of Life will be held. Please feel welcome to attend a gathering of family and friends to take place at the Colborne Legion on Sunday, October 26th, 2014 from 1 to 4 pm. You are invited to share your favourite stories of Ron. Words of Remembrance will take place at 2 o'clock. Because of his ongoing interest in and concern for the donkeys at PrimRose Donkey Sanctuary, we gratefully direct donations in his memory to the sanctuary. Donation instructions are as follows: Cheque payable to PrimRose Donkey Sanctuary, noting 'In Memory of Ron Pillsworth', and mailed to 1296 Bowman Road, Roseneath, ON K0K 2X0

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NEWS OCT 23/14

## Fire destroys Cramahe Township home

Damage estimated at more than \$150,000

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**CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP** -- A fire destroyed a home late Friday afternoon, causing in excess of \$150,000 in damages.

Cramahe Fire crews were called to the residence on Parliament Street just south of Purdy Street around 4 p.m. on Oct. 17. Neighbours said the only occupant of the home, a man in his 80s, was not believed to be at home. His vehicle was not parked in the driveway at the time of the fire. Police later confirmed the man was not at home and returned later in the evening.

When fire crews arrived, the home was engulfed in flames, said Cramahe Fire Chief Brandon Northrup. It was not safe for fire-

fighters to enter the home and search, he said. Crews from Alnwick/Haldimand Township, Brighton and Trent Hills were called in to assist. The cause of the fire was not yet known, said Chief Northrup.

Neighbour Mandy Martin said the man lived alone and was retired. He used to sell eggs and had a wonderful garden, she said. Ms. Martin was driving home and saw smoke billowing from the home.

"First I could see smoke than we saw the flames coming from the windows," she said. Passersby from Port Hope said they saw the smoke from the road and called 911.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office was consulted and the Northumberland OPP Crime Unit continues to investigate the incident.



**CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP** -- Fire fighters from Cramahe, Alnwick/Haldimand Township, Brighton and Trent Hills battled a blaze on Parliament Street south of Purdy Street in Cramahe Township on Oct. 17.

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