



## Cramahe briefs

### \$5,000 kitchen donation

COLBORNE — A \$5,000 donation from the Colborne Rotary Club was requested to go for Keeler Centre kitchen use. But, in 2013, Cramahe Township council merged the overall Keeler Centre Building Reserve fund with the former Keeler Centre Kitchen Reserve fund.

Municipal staff recommended council transfer the \$5,000 Rotary donation into the overall reserve fund which now stands at \$87,280. Cramahe Township council approved the move at its Oct. 21 meeting.

### Gravel pits money queried

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — It's the pits when the money budgeted for doesn't come through.

For four years (2010-13 inclusive), Cramahe Township council budgeted to receive \$100,000 annually from aggregate production in the municipality. For each of those years, the Township actually received between \$10,300 and nearly \$30,000 above the budgeted amount via the Aggregate Resources Trust.

This year, 2014, Cramahe

upped its expectation to \$130,000 — but it's come in at \$107,393.22. Wondering why the shortfall, township staff called the Aggregate Resources Corporation and were told the pits are reporting tonnage extract is down 25% to 30% from previous years.

The Township can register concern about the numbers by requesting the provincial government do an audit of pit production. There is no cost for an audit but whether or not it's done is at the discretion of provincial authority.

Before the Oct. 21 council meeting, Councillor Pat Westrope called the Holcim quarry to ask if production was down this year. It is, by 4000,000 tonnes from 2012-13 because of equipment failures, which translates to a loss of an estimated \$24,000 for Cramahe Township.

"Maybe we were a little overzealous in budgeting this year," Westrope said.

Councillor Clinton Breau suggested the Township take an average over the past five years of the aggregate production from all pits in the municipality to estimate income for 2015.

Council opted not to request an

audit.

### Santa Claus parade plans proceed

COLBORNE — As organizers of the annual Santa Claus parade, the Colborne Legion requested permission of Cramahe Township council to close County Road 2 from Elgin Street west on King St to Victoria Park and west from Church to Ontario St. south to King St. starting at 7 p.m. Nov. 22.

Cramahe Township council approved the request Oct 21 and have assured the gazebo in Victoria Square Park will be available for Santa to meet with children post-parade.

### Polio campaign flag will fly

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — The Rotary End Polio Now campaign flag will fly in front of the Colborne Municipal Building on Oct. 24. It marks the 25th anniversary of the club's international campaign to eradicate polio worldwide.

Rotary Club of Colborne president Shirley Ross outlined the progress of the campaign to date and presented Cramahe Township

council with a flag to fly.

All this week, the East Northumberland Secondary School Interact Club is holding purple-pinkie awareness events during lunch breaks. Pinkie fingers are dipped in purple dye, the system used to signify polio vaccine has been administered.

Polio is still being reported in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

### Barnes Road bridge

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — The Barnes Road bridge over CN tracks is scheduled to be replaced by Jan. 15, 2015.

"CN has assured they will call by the end of this week to look at the specs for replacing the bridge," Cramahe director of operations Dan O'Brien reported to council Oct. 21.

The municipality will have responsibility for grading on bridge approaches which CN must approve.

Barnes Road runs south of County Road 2 east of Colborne providing access northward for waterfront properties on Lakeshore Road. The bridge was closed last year for safety reasons.

### Train whistles study delayed

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — There's been a delay in gathering train whistle sound levels on Peter Street in Cramahe Township.

Turns out the engineering firm hired by the municipality to prepare a report have not been able to obtain CN permission to stand near the railway crossing because of the speed of the trains passing through. Flagmen are required to be present while readings are taken. That will happen by the end of October. Cramahe Township operations manager Dan O'Brien reported to council Oct. 21.

### Ontario Street upgrade delayed

COLBORNE — Upgrading of Ontario Street south from County Road 2 in Colborne has been delayed by cost. Turns out a stream crossing will require refurbishment and environmental adjustment and approval from the Lower Trent Conservation (LTC) authority.

Cramahe had originally

budgeted \$100,00 for the Ontario Street improvements — overlay and remediation of flooding conditions — this year.

While some work is being done, the 200-metre section involving the waterway has been deferred until 2015.

Work will require hydrological input, the LTC, concrete blocks and culverts. Funds will be drawn from a reserve fund.

### Monday municipal election returns at the Keeler Centre

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — When the municipal voting closes at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, municipal staff will sequester in the council chamber of the Colborne municipal building to tally the returns.

The public and candidates are welcome to gather at the Keeler Centre, Division St. S., for reports of vote results. Plans call for the votes to be posted immediately on the Township's website and also to be relayed to staff at the Keeler Centre who will post results as they come in.

- Mandy Martin

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DINGMAN, Marion Aletha (Kennedy)  
- April 20, 1924 - October 21, 2014.  
Peacefully on Tuesday, October 21, 2014  
at Northumberland Hills Hospital, in her  
91st year. Beloved wife of the late Lyle  
Dingman. Loving Mother of the late Shirley,  
Elizabeth Weese (Doug), Edward (Debra),  
Paul (Victoria), Kathy McGinn (Wayne) and  
Futh McCracken (Gary). Lovingly  
remembered by nine grandchildren and  
thirteen great grandchildren. Predeceased  
by five brothers and a sister. A private  
family service will be held. If desired,  
donations may be made to the Salvation  
Army or the Palliative Care unit of the  
Northumberland Hills Hospital.  
Condolences received at  
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