

It's ironic to have this problem, Smith acknowledged, given the coyote issue other areas are having. He has a friend with a permaculture farm who lost 50 chickens in one night.

Inspecting his garden, he sees that one spinach plant is now broken and will not make it. But he still hopes for a good crop — not only for his own family, but because he strongly believes in donating fresh produce to Fare Share as a nutritious option in addition to the packaged foods they usually receive.

"It's so much better to have fresh lettuce and tomatoes," he said.

Smith understands the cats have to take care of themselves, too.

"But not in my garden," he declared.

In a letter to Cramahe Township council, Smith requested



CECILIA NASMITH NORTHUMBERLAND TODAY

Seen with his girlfriend Sara Wodnisky, Colborne resident Craig Smith takes enormous pride in his garden — though the pests he must protect it against include feral cats.

some kind of cat-control bylaw similar to the dog bylaw now in place.

"I realize municipal budgets are tight, but I feel this is probably a common issue for other residents as well," he wrote to council.

"Ultimately, I'm most concerned with the vegetables I intend to donate.

"I wish the animals no ill will

and feel for their current situation, but I'd like a humane solution to their removal."

Over several weeks of enquiries, Smith sees no such solution. His response from Council was that a cat bylaw would not solve the problem, and that his only choice was to trap the animals himself and transport them to the Shelter of Hope.

The shelter does provide some services to Cramahe. But since that township is not one of its four funding municipalities, they only do what they are contracted for, such as the pick-up of stray dogs.

Shelter manager Elizabeth McKinley said they would provide the same service for cats if there were an appropriate bylaw

and if that service were arranged by contract.

Trapping the cats himself presents the possibility of injury or exposure to disease, Smith said. And even if he successfully trapped them, he has a day job with its own commitments.

"I'm a pretty busy person and don't have time to be running trapped cats all over the county,"

he said.

"My biggest issue is, what if I were an elderly person? The animals are climbing all over my new vehicle, digging in my gardens and yowling all night.

"I'm sure my other neighbours are dealing with the pair of them as well."

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BAILEY, William Bryan "Bill" - Peacefully at his home with his family by his side on Sunday, August 9th, 2015 in his 69th year. Beloved husband of Pauline Bailey (nee Burt). Loving father of Rick Bailey (Christine), Jacqueline Steacy (Brad) and Paul Bailey (Becky). Dear grandfather of Mitchell, Jacob, Skylar, Travis, Bryce and Isaac. Brother of Joan, Mildred, Carol, Laverne, Fred, Pat and the late Luella "Sparky". Bill will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and all that knew him. Friends are invited to call at the **MACCOURTNEY FUNERAL HOME** 11 King St. W., Colborne on Wednesday, August 12th from 6-9 pm. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date in Salem Cemetery. If desired donations may be made to The VON or charity of your choice. Condolences received at www.MacCourtney.com.



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NORTHUMBERLAND TODAY AUG. 11/15

BRIGHTON INDEPENDENT AUG. 13/15 Township is now on Facebook and Twitter

News - Cramahe Township - The Township of Cramahe Fire Department is proud to announce the launch of its newest tool in providing the community with timely and accurate information on fire safety, emergency preparedness information and local

community safety events. Our Facebook and Twitter accounts are now actively operational.

Mayor Marc Coombs stated, "I'm excited to see our fire department taking the lead in social media. There is no doubt this is the way of the future and allows us to communicate with our community in a positive and timely manner."

Chief Brandon Northrup, the facilitator of these accounts,

points out that in times of non-emergency situations, the community can be reminded about seasonal safety tips such as testing your smoke alarms and the requirements regarding burn permits. In times of emergency situations, "being able to provide accurate information promptly to our community in times of emergency, will assist us in becoming a disaster resilient community, which benefits all Cramahe residents" states

Mayor Coombs and Chief Northrup encourage everyone to 'like us' on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Our information for social media is as follows:

Facebook: CramaheFireDepartment

Twitter: Brandon Northrup, @chiefcramahe

Twitter: Cramahe Fire department @cramahefiredept.

NORTHUMBERLAND NEWS AUG. 13/15

12 | New pharmacy opens in Grafton

GRAFTON -- A new pharmacy for Grafton is a welcome addition to the community, according to the mayor.

Grafton Healthcare Pharmacy held an official grand opening on Saturday, Aug. 1 with Alnwick Haldimand Mayor John Logel and Deputy Mayor Gail Latchford welcoming the new business.

The new pharmacy, on County Road 2 in downtown Grafton, is owned by Gurnek Garcha and pharmacist Kiran Garcha.

For more information call 905-349-1120.



GRAFTON -- Alnwick-Haldimand Township Mayor John Logel congratulated the Garcha family at the grand opening of the new Grafton Healthcare Pharmacy.

SARSON, Hettie Mary
Passed away at Campbellford Memorial Hospital on the day of her 98th birthday, August 1st, 2015. She is predeceased by her husband John Sarson. Loving mother of Ray & his wife Andrea, David & his wife Judith, Janet Kopf & her husband Jan and Robert & his wife Joanne. She will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Michael, Brent (Krista), Mark, Laura (Mark), Kristin (Kevin), Kurtis, Craig, Adam and Ashleigh and by her great grandchildren Nathan, Madison, Kaden and Mackenzie. Hettie is survived by her sister Marjorie Baker & her husband Henry. She is predeceased by her brothers Ralph, Stanley, Allan, Charles, MacDonald and Stephen White and her sister Lucy Ledrew. Family and friends are welcome to visitation at the St. Paul's United Church, 60 Main St., Warkworth on Friday August 7th, 2015 from 12 - 1:30 PM. Funeral ceremony will follow in the church at 1:30 PM. Interment Warkworth Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the St. Paul's United Church Memorial Fund or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Online guest book & condolences at www.wearfuneralhomes.com
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