

Gravel pit production and revenues down

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CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP — Cramahe Township is asking the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to review the outputs from the seven pit businesses in the municipality.

For the second year in a row, revenue from the seven sand, gravel and limestone businesses is less than budgeted.

In 2014, it was estimated \$130,000 would be paid by the provincial Aggregate Resources Corporation, the agency that collects the money due from Township aggregate businesses to forward to the Township. Only \$107,393.22 was remitted.

This year, Cramahe again budgeted for \$130,000 but is \$21,055.35

short at \$108,944.65.

Council was told in 2014 that tonnage extraction was down 25% to 30% in Cramahe. The large Holcim pit on the waterfront reported reduced limestone production and shipping from its Lakeport area operation and the council of the day decided not to request a provincial audit.

For 2016, Cramahe staff is recommending the Municipality lower its expectation of income from the aggregate businesses to \$110,000 from \$130,000.

While the Municipality can request an MNR audit, there is no guarantee it would be done. Further, if done, the MNR does not release details of the audit to the Municipality but only whether money is due from a business or businesses.

Coats for kids in Colborne

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COLBORNE — A winter-clothing exchange is taking place the week of Nov. 2 to 7 at Prospect Community Church in Colborne.

Free winter clothing for the whole family will be available at the side door from Monday to Friday that week.

And leading up to the event, organizers are also calling for donations of all kinds — winter coats, hats, mitts, scarves, boots and sweaters, baby- and toddler-sized clothing, warm schoolkids' cloth-

ing and adult clothing as well. These donations can be dropped off at 8 Cedar St. or 19 Church St. E., but organizers ask that you call first (905-355-9995 or 905-355-3886).

Calling itself the church with the big heart at the corner of King Street and Elgin in Colborne, Prospect will be open for the winter-clothing exchange each day of this week from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

As well, evening appointments can be arranged by calling 905-355-9995.

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New planning co-ordinator

CRAMAHE TOWNSHIP - Mayor Marc Coombs, on behalf of the Township of Cramahe Municipal Council, is pleased to announce that Jennifer Solf has accepted the position of planning co-ordinator with the Township.

Solf comes to Cramahe with five years of municipal experience, most recently as the planning administrative assistant for the

Township of Lanark Highlands.

She also holds Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Tourism degrees.

"Jennifer's experience and enthusiasm will be a real asset to the municipality," Coombs states in a press release. "We are pleased to have her join us here in Cramahe."

Solf assumed her duties Monday, Oct. 19.

New day, new vendors for Warkworth Health and Wellness Fair

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By John Campbell

Warkworth — There are all kinds of products and services on offer at the annual Warkworth Health and Wellness Fair but perhaps its most attractive feature is the goodness of heart at the core of the event.

That would be the donation organizer Cherie Whalen makes each year to a worthwhile cause in the community. This year it's the Christmas dinner program that 7 Hills Community Pantry will be providing at St. Paul's United Church.

Last year the fair raised \$600, Whalen said, but "if I get four or five hundred I'm quite happy."

Apart from a few donations, she raises the money through the sale of vendor spaces, minus the cost of renting the Warkworth Town Hall Centre for the Arts, where the event will take place Nov. 29, from 12 to 4 p.m.

There will be 20 vendors as usual, with a few new participants, including a Red Cross certified instructor, a naturopath, a personal trainer, and a retailer of soaps, lip balms and body products. There

will also be a labour doula for expectant mothers and a thanadoula, an end-of-life transition guide who helps people who are dying prepare for death.

"It's just a great opportunity to learn what's in our community within the health and wellness system," Whalen said. "A lot of people don't realize alternatives [exist] to the traditional medical field that we're all used to and that there are other options for personal care and wellness."

In the past Whalen, who started the fair in 2012, has represented Arbonne, a Swiss company that makes skin care products, but this time she'll be there as a esthetician.

"I went back to school [to become qualified]," she said.

Admission to the fair is free. This will be the first time it will be held on a Sunday, rather than a Saturday, the change coming about as a result of Whalen being a hockey parent and having to adjust her schedule.

The event has also been shortened because "some of us found it a bit long" previously, Whalen said.

Honouring Cpl. Marie France Comeau



Lisa-Marie Guernon, founder of Dominion Dogs in Trenton, and Sisi, in training to be a service dog, read the inscription on an honour plaque in memory of friend Cpl. Marie-France Comeau installed on one of over 100 flags lining the roadside along Kingston's Bayridge Drive, from Front Road to Henderson Boulevard. The flags, part of Veterans Voices of Canada / Flags of Remembrance, provide a powerful, visual statement to honour our Canadian military men and women. One-hundred and twenty-eight Canadian flags representing 128,000 Canadian war dead and missing in action, from the Boer War to present, were raised on October 17 and will remain in place until November 14. Flags are accompanied by a plaque recognizing and honouring individual veterans. The heroes named on each honour plaque act as 'guardians' of the 1,000 souls each flag represents.

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