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CRAMAHE MAYOR RECEIVES FIRST POPPY



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Cramahe Township Mayor Marc Coombs received the first poppy of the season in the municipality last Thursday from Colborne Legion Br. 187 Comrade John Ton, who is the acting chair of this year's Poppy Campaign. Upcoming events include the Church Parade at the Church of the Sabbath Rest at the Town Hall in Castleton this Sunday at 10 a.m. On Remembrance Day Nov. 11, the service at the cenotaph begins at 11 a.m. A dinner will be held that evening at the Colborne Legion.

Hoskin hired as new Cramahe operations manager

Castleton resident Jeff Hoskin is Cramahe Township's new manager of operations.

The announcement was made in a press release Tuesday night prior to the Cramahe council meeting.

A mechanical engineering technologist, Hoskin has over 15 years experience including facilities management, construction management and health and safety matters.

Hoskin assumes his new position effective Nov. 7. He will be responsible for the municipal roads, public works and Parks and Recreation (including the Keeler Centre) operations.

"We are excited to have Mr. Hoskin joining us as he brings a wealth of project management and regulatory experience to the Township of Cramahe," Mayor Marc Coombs said.

- Mandy Martin

Seniors searching for meeting space in Colborne

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A Friday afternoon seniors' social group is looking for space to play bingo.

"We used to have a building for seniors — the VBJ (Vourneen Buff Jack) Centre" in downtown Colborne, Thelma Trottman outlined to Cramahe Township council Tuesday night.

Regular dinners were held there until that dwindled out. The building served as a seniors' drop-in centre and that too faded away. Eventually, the township bought the building but it was sold leaving the seniors with no central gathering place, Trottman said.

"We've just been tossed around," she said.

"We've been to the Keeler Centre, even here (in the Colborne

Town Hall) and the (former) United Church but it's too cold there in the winter."

"And the lighting's so poor," added Marj Monaghan.

A space near downtown Colborne is preferred because many seniors must walk to a gathering place, Monaghan said.

The group has approached the Colborne Legion and also the Fellowship Church to see if their

Friday bingo group can be accommodated. They await until after a Nov. 15 Legion membership meeting.

Bingo is the issue for the group of 12 to 18 people. Ontario regulations regard the game as a form of lottery and thus subject to stringent regulations: forms to be filled out, a board of directors, audited books, annual general meetings, etc.

Councillor Ed van Egmond suggested the group think "outside the box" and perhaps call their bingo games "Snakes and Ladders." Much like the former "bid euchre" is now called "Moonshot Euchre," Councillor Tim Gilligan observed.

Mayor Marc Coombs said he would "put in a good word" for the group and check with the Legion to see if something can be arranged.