

# The Creemore ECHO

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News and views in and around Creemore

## ECHO FOOD AND TOY DRIVE



Until Christmas, *The Creemore Echo* is accepting donations of new unwrapped toys for the Salvation Army and non-perishable food items for the Clearview-Stayner Food Bank. We are also collecting cash donations for both local charities during regular business hours.

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## Creemore planning Christmas weekend

by Trina Berlo

Santa will be making the rounds during Creemore's annual Christmas celebrations, the weekend of Dec. 1-3.

The festivities begin with the annual Tree Lighting on the Friday night at Station on the Green, hosted by the Creemore and Area Ratepayers Association and the Tree Society of Creemore, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Children are encouraged to create their own hats for the crazy hat contest and a chance to win the honour of flipping the switch to light the tree. The best hatters will win prizes donated by Cardboard Castles.

Free hotdogs and drinks will be served and there will be carol singing throughout the evening.

Fuel up at Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning at Nottawasaga Creemore Public School. Themed treasure trays will be raffled and the popular kids-only shopping room will be open, where children can purchase gifts for their parents and siblings. The school is still accepting donations for the shopping room. Santa will make an appearance to visit with the children and pose for photos.

On both Saturday and Sunday, there will be a Christmas Market at Station on the Green on both Saturday and Sunday morning, with different vendors each day.

The Creemore Santa Claus Parade, organized by a subcommittee of the Creemore BIA, is at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The parade will start at the Simcoe County Works Yard on County Road 9, head east to Mill Street, continue south on Mill Street to Edward Street turn on Mary Street where it will pass the nursing home before ending its route. Santa will greet guests at the Creemore Log Cabin after the parade. Hot chocolate and treats will be served.

Those interested in entering a float are asked to register online at [experiencecreemore.com](http://experiencecreemore.com) or just show up at the works yard before 1 p.m.



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

**Junior** is suited up in plaid, a dress rehearsal for next Saturday's Santa Claus Parade in Creemore. The miniature horse will be accompanied by **Wendy Eagle** of Wellspring Equine.

Participants and spectators are encouraged to dress in buffalo plaid – black and red check. For full details, see the community calendar on page 2.

The Stayner Santa Claus Parade, organized by the Stayner Kinsmen, is also taking place on Saturday, Dec. 2 beginning at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, St. Luke's Anglican Church in Creemore will welcome **Howard Jones**, who will combine astronomical analysis and modern biblical scholarship to develop a plausible and compelling explanation

for the Star of Bethlehem.

Jones has spent over 43 years in the space and robotics industry. In the last decade he has been engaged in planetary exploration projects, involving the search for water and life on other planets. Howard's interests in astronomy, ancient history and scriptural interpretation came together with his background in celestial dynamics to consider the enigma of the Star of Bethlehem.

The presentation begins at 3 p.m. Coffee, Christmas treats and conversation will follow.

## Newspaper under new ownership

by Trina Berlo

At the encouragement of the Vandewater family, *Creemore Echo* publisher **Sara Hershoff** is taking ownership of the local weekly newspaper.

Hershoff began working at the newspaper in 2002 and worked her way up through the ranks. She said the purchase cements *The Echo's* commitment to community.

"Our family is very excited to be able to sell the paper to Sara," **Sara Hershoff** said **Tom Vandewater**. "It's a vote of confidence, not just for her and her leadership but for all the employees that work at *The Echo*... Our family always wanted it to be a locally owned, locally run community based newspaper and information service and we think Sara is the best and rightful owner of this asset to the community."



Jim Vandewater bought the newspaper in 2006 and after his death in 2009, his son Tom managed the asset. He didn't have a hand in managing the newspaper on a daily basis but was active as chairman of the board and was always very supportive of the newspaper's efforts to be an independent source of news and information for the community.

He described the sale as bittersweet. "Dad bought it because he loved Creemore and wanted to see the paper continue to grow and thrive, which it has. But he's been gone eight years now and the time has come for someone

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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## This Weekend

### Friday, November 24

- **Double Toonie Lunch** at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Caroline Street West, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Homemade soup. Bring a friend and enjoy.

### Friday, November 24 to Friday, Dec. 15

- **Creemore Echo Food & Toy Drive in support of Hope Acres and the Clearview Food Bank.** Drop off your items by Friday, December 15.

### Saturday, November 25

- **Nottawa United Church Christmas Craft and Bake Sale** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh baked goods, handmade quilts, unique crafts, coffee and muffins at the Nottawa United Church, Queen Street, Nottawa.

- **Dunedin's Hanging of the Green** at Dunedin Hall starting at 10 a.m. Come help make our village festive! Enjoy hot chocolate & cookies to keep you warm!
- **Hummingbird Montessori School's 1st Annual Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser** at Stayner Community Centre, 269 Regina Street, Stayner from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas shopping, support local artisans and vendors, all while helping Hummingbird Montessori School raise money for their library! Free Admission, over 25 vendors. Kid's activities, bake sale.
- **Blue Mountain Foundation of the Arts Open House** from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Arts Centre, 163 Hurontario St in Collingwood. Live band. Browse the gallery. Famed cartoonist, Lynn Johnston has graciously donated many autographed items to

help the BMFA raise funds. Enter the draw for a special prize!

### Sunday, November 26

- **Church Services** - see page 5.
- **Creemore Legion Breakfast at Creemore Legion** from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Choice of two eggs or waffle, home fries, toast, sausage or bacon, juice, coffee/tea. Adult \$6, children 12 and under \$4. Hungry Soldier Special \$10. Call 705-466-2202 for more information. 27 Wellington Street West.
- **Harvest Turkey Supper** at Sunnidale Corners Hall, 12391 County Rd 10. First sitting 5 p.m. Second sitting at 7 p.m. (40 people per sitting). Adults \$15. Children under 12 \$8. Contact Mike at mschmidtr6@sympatico.ca.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, November 29

- **Grade 8 Open House at Stayner Collegiate** from 6 to 8 p.m. Stayner Collegiate will be hosting a parent information night to give students and parents a first-hand peek into what high school is all about. Take a tour, discover the unique programs, clubs, and teams available to students at Stayner Collegiate, and hear valuable information from staff and current students. For more information, contact the Stayner Collegiate Guidance Dept. at 705-428-2639.

### Thursday, November 30 to Saturday, Dec. 23

- **The Last Christmas Turkey, the Musical, playing at Theatre Orangeville.** For tickets and showtimes, visit [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca).

### Friday, December 1

- **Performance of Shakespeare's MacBeth** by The Crowded House Puppet Theatre with dinner prepared by Chef Michael Stadlander & Min Young Lee. For details and reservation call Eigensinn Farm at 519-922-3128. Starts at 6 p.m. Only 20 seats available. \$100 per ticket (tax, gratuity & wine not included).
- **Creemore Tree Lighting Ceremony** at Station on the Green at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by the Tree Society of Creemore and CARA. Includes carols, food, refreshments, and silly hat contest for the children with the winner lighting the tree. Free fun for all. Contact 705-466-5064 or [info@treesocietyofcreemore.com](mailto:info@treesocietyofcreemore.com).
- **Stayner Tree Lighting** at 7 p.m. at Station Park Gazebo Enjoy hot chocolate with the Stayner Chamber of Commerce as they light up the downtown Christmas tree.
- **A Christmas Carol** at Centennial United, 234 William St, Stayner, at 7 p.m. Start your Christmas season with a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. A great story for all ages. Freewill offering or donation for Food Bank. Refreshments to follow. Call Centennial United Church at 705-428-3711 for more info.

### Friday, December 1 & Saturday, Dec. 2

- **Creemore Firefighters Association Annual Food Drive.** Friday, Dec. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to noon. In front of Creemore Foodland.
- **7th Annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament** at the Honeywood Arena. Register to join the fun that includes hockey, music, food, and a silent auction. Friday Night: silent auction opens. Saturday: silent auction, dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. with DJ and buffet lunch. If you wish to participate in the tournament through donations, silent auction items, or entering a team, contact Erin Bailey at 519-923-5842, [leitherin@hotmail.com](mailto:leitherin@hotmail.com) or Chester Tupling at 705-627-0672, [chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca](mailto:chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca).

### Saturday, December 2

- **Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is once again proud to host Breakfast with Santa!** Come out and take pleasure in the Christmas festivities, enjoy a wonderful pancake and sausage breakfast. Also, take part in the other fun events such as: Kids Shopping Room, Treasure Tray Raffles, Kids Craft Room, Silent Auction and a visit with Santa! New this year, we are also offering Gluten Free Pancakes! Doors open at 8:30 a.m. until noon. Children \$5, adults \$7, family of 4 \$20, family of 5 \$25.

- **Stayner Santa Claus Parade** at 10:30 a.m. Watch the parade come down Main Street, Stayner, then meet Santa and have some hot chocolate at the Stayner Evangelic Missionary Church. Donations to the Clearview-Stayner Food Bank encouraged. Contact Bill Roskar, Kinsmen Club 705-796-3272.
- **Order of the Eastern Star, Stayner Chapter, Christmas Bazaar** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 213 Louisa Street, Stayner. Lunch starting at noon. Bake sale and lunch. Everyone welcome. Phone Carol Marsden at 705-428-3945 for more info.
- **Christmas in the Valley. Santa Claus Parade** at 1:30 p.m. coming down the main street of Creemore. Meet Santa after the parade and have some hot chocolate at the Creemore Log Cabin.
- **Simcoe County Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society Meeting** at 2 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 79 Ferris Lane, Barrie, for the Annual General Meeting. Participate in Show N Share, sharing new discoveries or artefacts found in your research. Visit [www.simcoe.ogs.ca](http://www.simcoe.ogs.ca) for more info or call 416-489-0734 ext. 328.
- **Kinsmen Corporate Christmas Dinner and Dance** at Stayner Community Centre. 6:30 p.m. \$50 per person includes live band, comedian, dinner & dancing, door prizes. Contact Bill Roskar for information and tickets at [broskar@rogers.com](mailto:broskar@rogers.com) or 705-796-3272.

### Saturday, December 2 & Sunday, Dec. 3

- **Creemore Christmas Market.** A two-day Christmas market experience consisting of different vendors each day. Please join us for the holiday festivities at Station on the Green. Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Sunday, December 3

- **The Star of Bethlehem: did it really happen?** Howard Jones (over 43 years in the space and robotics industry) uses astronomy, ancient history and scriptural interpretation together with his background in celestial dynamics to consider the enigma of the Star of Bethlehem. St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 p.m. Coffee, Christmas treats and conversation will follow. 22 Caroline St. West. Call Rev. Wendy Moore at 705-352-0479 for more info.

### Tuesday, December 5

- **Creemore BIA invites their members as well as other local business owners to attend an information meeting with TD Bank** staff to discuss tools and strategies for business banking in a changing environment. 9 a.m. at Station on the Green. Please contact [sara@creemore.com](mailto:sara@creemore.com) or 705-466-9906 to RSVP.

### Saturday, December 9

- **Creemore Winter Market** at Station on the Green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come see what is new and fresh from your favourite vendors.
- **Handmade in the Valley Craft Sale** at Dunedin Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 20 local vendors. Drop in and get some Christmas shopping done!
- **The Silvershoe Historical Society Food Drive for the Clearview Stayner Food Bank.** Volunteers will be outside Stayner Pet Centre, 7272 Highway 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Anyone who donates non-perishable food or a minimum of \$2 will be entered into a draw for a Christmas wreath. The draw will be held at 3 p.m.

- **The Treblemakers adult community choir proudly presents "A Broadway Christmas"** at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church, Creemore. A series of concerts featuring Broadway hits and Christmas favourites. Also December 7 (Barrie); December 8 (Collingwood); and December 11 (Wasaga Beach). Free. Free will donation (25 per cent raised will be donated to local community groups and charities). A portion of the donations collected will also be used to help support The Treblemakers Choral Workshop programs. To reserve a ticket, or for more information, contact the choir's Music Director, Penelope Dale, at [info@thetrebmakers.ca](mailto:info@thetrebmakers.ca), or at 705-352-4595.
- **Holy Trinity Clearview is holding a "Stories and Carols"** Evening 7 p.m. in support of Clearview and Grey Highlands Food Banks at Holy Trinity Clearview Church in Duntroon (beside the Olde School House). Admission is a non-perishable food item or cash donation. Cheques to Holy Trinity. Welcome to all in celebrating the season for giving. 519-922-2033 or 705-794-9140.
- **Tis the Season with The Sound Investment Community** along with The Orillia Silver Band, under the direction of Aaron Bell, invites you to celebrate the Christmas season with sounds of the season, as well as a carol singalong. CCI choir will sing as well. At Collingwood Collegiate Institute at 7:30 p.m. Adults \$20. Children 16 & under free with ticket purchased. Available Curiosity House Books, Creemore or at the door if still available. For more info call Jill 705-293-0573 or visit [soundinvestmentchoir.ca](http://soundinvestmentchoir.ca).

### Saturday, December 16

- **90th Birthday Come & Go Tea for Gretta Leighton** on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Drop in from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Huron Meadows Club House, 275 Huron Street (at Christopher Street), Stayner. Best wishes only.
- **Sandcastle Theatre presents Potter – the Panto,** a hilarious parody full of magic, laughter and fun for all ages at New Life Church, 28 Tracey Lane, Collingwood from 2 to 4 p.m. \$25 adult, \$20 senior, \$15 child or student age 17 and under available at [www.sandcastletheatre.com](http://www.sandcastletheatre.com).

### Sunday, December 17

- **Eigensinn Farm Christmas Market at Haisai Restaurant** from 1 to 5 p.m. with fire and malt wine. Food from the wood oven and lots of delights for the festivities to buy. No reservations required. For details visit [www.haisai.ca](http://www.haisai.ca).

### Saturday, December 23

- **Creemore Winter Market** at Station on the Green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come see what is new and fresh from your favourite vendors.

### Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

- **Creemore Community Christmas Dinner** at 4:30 p.m. at the Creemore Legion, 27 Wellington St. W. Enjoy a beautiful Christmas dinner surrounded by your community. Everyone welcome. Call to reserve your seat or delivery of dinner. Contact Donna at 705-466-2523 or email [CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com](mailto:CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com). Visit [www.creemorechristmas.ca](http://www.creemorechristmas.ca) for more information.

# Schools adopt traditional land acknowledgments

by Trina Berlo

Students at Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School are now making a daily acknowledgement of the traditional aboriginal lands they are on.

The acknowledgement is read by students each day during the morning announcements. The approved statements will be used at SCDSB meetings and significant events, and daily in all schools to respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous people of this territory, their sharing of the territory and the benefits we have received, as settlers, from that sharing.

“The acknowledgement of traditional territory in schools and at board events is an important act of reconciliation,” states **Stuart Finlayson**, Superintendent of Education Area 1/Indigenous

Education/Parent Involvement. “It is a sign of respect for the First Nations people of Simcoe County, on whose land we stand.”

A land/territory acknowledgement is an act of respect and reconciliation, based on the First Nations’ tradition of acknowledging the land of others when they were guests in that territory.

“Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect,” states SCDSB.

The acknowledgement, approved by the Board of Trustees in

October, was developed in partnership with the SCDSB’s First Nations Education Advisory Committee and local Indigenous partners. It is based on the acknowledgement created by the Georgian College Council of Elders and adapted for use in SCDSB schools.

A more formal acknowledgement was approved for board meetings and significant events.

The initiative was implemented across the county this month to mark Treaties Recognition Week (Nov. 5-11).

“All of us, whether we are Indigenous or non-Indigenous, are treaty people, and we have a responsibility to reinforce that understanding within our school communities,” said Principal of

Indigenous Education **Alison Bradshaw**. “We can all benefit from learning about the histories, cultures, contributions and perspectives of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples in Canada.”

The approved acknowledgement for board meetings and significant events reads: Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. The Anishnaabeg include the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis and Inuit people.

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## Echo remains loyal to local

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else to take the reigns and run with it and see where this thing can go,” said Vandewater.

He said it was very important to the family to keep the paper in the community and not sell it to some larger organizer.

*The Creemore Echo* is managed by its three staff members and residents won’t notice any change to the newspaper.

Hershoff has had the authority to make decisions about the business since becoming publisher in 2011.

“It’s a way of solidifying our commitment to the community and to maintain *The Echo* as a hub for all types of information,” said Hershoff.

“The Vandewaters have been wonderful stewards of the newspaper. We have been so lucky to have them standing beside us as media changes.”

## Stayner Collegiate hosts Grade 8 info night

Stayner Collegiate Institute is holding a Grade 8 information night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29 for those students going into high school in the fall.

In high school there is an emphasis on planning for post-secondary and career pathways, opportunities to get involved in a wide-range of sports, activities and clubs, develop

independence and responsibility, time management and organization.

Simcoe County District School Board says there are many courses to choose from and high school offers students opportunities to try new things, and discover interests, skills and strengths and explore career options.

SCI is located at 7578 Highway 26.

# OPINION & Feedback

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## HEALTH

### What symbolizes Creemore?

In a couple of weeks, Clearview Township council members will be asked to make a contribution to a time capsule.

They are challenged with selecting something that is symbolic of their ward for the year of 2017. The mayor and deputy mayor are asked to contribute an item each that is symbolic of Clearview as a whole.

Not an easy task.

We asked ward councillor Thom Paterson what he had in mind and he said he was open to suggestions.

The obvious choice for Creemore Ward 5, is a can of beer, no? Creemore Springs Brewery, which has undoubtedly had a huge impact on the village and the vibrancy of its main street, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, so the timing is perfect.

Trust us, Thom, there's no shame in showing up to a council meeting with a pint of beer.

We put it to you, our faithful readers, what one object defines Clearview and its individual wards?

Let us know what you think and we will share some of your suggestions.

Council members will be asked to contribute their items to the time capsule during a Dec. 11 ceremony. The capsule will be sealed and kept at town hall, for now, instead of being buried.

The time capsule was proposed as part of the municipality's Canada 150 events and the plan is to open it every 25 years to add items.

We only hope *The Creemore Echo* is still around in 25 years to report on the state of the pint, either aged to 40 proof or having been consumed long ago by a town hall employee after a particularly stressful day at the office.

Send your comments to editor@creemore.com and 3 Caroline St. W, L0M 1G0, or comment online at www.Creemore.com and Facebook/thecreemoreecho.

## Actions have real costs

Editor:

Simcoe County has decided to pursue \$5,000 in legal costs from citizens' group AWARE-Simcoe for defending Beeton Woods. In comparison, I was surprised to hear that Ralph Hicks' letter to Clearview Township decrying the poor state of the Creemore fountain instigated legal costs of around \$500, which the township will not recoup.

Two questions: How much taxpayer money is Simcoe County going to spend to pursue AWARE-Simcoe? If one non-resident can protect a fountain without penalty, why can't 65+ residents protect a forest without penalty?

**Donna Baylis,**  
 Dunedin.

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*All letters submitted to the Echo are not necessarily published. The Echo reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.*

## THE WAY WE WERE



Creemore B PeeWee Baseball team, circa 1982 – Back row, from left: Coaches Marty Wilkinson and John Smart. Centre row: Roxanne Symes, Darcy Balfour, Delbert Mattice, Chris Anderson, Brian Nelitz, Bryan Henderson. Front row: Becky Timmons, Dana Pickering, John Gee, Billy Miller, Pete Kinghan and John Coker. Photo submitted by John Smart.

## Shame on TD for turning its back

Editor:

My family and I have lived in New Lowell for 25 years raising a family and have recently built a new home on our property in the hills of Creemore. We have been a part of the community for some 30 years visiting and taking in the services of downtown Creemore and supporting our town entrepreneurs. Finding out recently that TD bank has decided to relocate to the community of Stayner has left me feeling cheated again by large corporations. For TD this is just a part of doing business but with today's lightning speed information, I feel that TD Bank may encounter much more a negative effect than positive for their decision to relocate.

It is not unheard of for large corporations to become unprofitable in areas of their business due to recessions or economic downturns but TD Bank has been providing service to the community for some 100 years. Why is it that all of a sudden the bank feels that our community no longer is supporting the bank's needs? We are still here and have not turned our backs on TD. Through all the recessions and economic changes Creemore has come through, why now is the TD bank pulling out? It takes many pillars to hold up a roof and sometimes if one key pillar is removed the remaining pillars are left to hold the added load. Shame on you TD Bank for posting your decision on the door in such a cowardly way, forcing the hard

working entrepreneurs to pick up the added load.

It was a class act when Molson bought Creemore Springs Brewery. Here was a big corporation that dug deep into their pockets to work with the community, listening and responding. Now with Molson improvement and redevelopment of their Creemore facility the town has seen much improved levels of visitors. Molson played a major role helping all the other Creemore entrepreneurs in the revitalizing of the Creemore business and community spirit. Molson found solutions rather than running away.

Do you really think that all the current Creemore TD Bank customers will continue to bank at TD? Probably not! I believe that all customers are equally important. As far as I know TD does own the building in Creemore, which is more than most of the supporting public own. Most of us still carry mortgages on our homes, paying interest sometimes well into our retirement years. The reason TD owns their Creemore facility is because of the profits from the paying customers over the past 100 years.

I can offer a few suggestions if TD is having such a hard time making ends meet operating their business in Creemore. If the hydro bill for your Creemore branch is too costly, try investing in yourselves while supporting the local community entrepreneurs and purchase some Photovoltaic (PV) panels and have

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# TD part of Creemore family

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them installed on the roof by local technicians. You will save on your hydro bill and reduce your carbon footprint. Another thing that could be done is purchase and have installed a new energy efficient ground source heating system, change your lighting to LED and make changes to the building's overall efficiency. You may be surprised how fast the payback is and how much money you can save. Going a little green may actually match the color of your logo. Being a leader is hard work, being a follower is not so hard, remember!

So surely a large corporation like TD can maintain the current bank's location in Creemore and be a profitable leader. Look at all us small town folks, we find ways to balance our books and do it all while supporting TD through the past 100-plus years without running out of town. So bear down and find the actual problem in TD, be a leader and correct the problems then stay with us for the next 100 years. You are part of a Creemore community family. Be responsible! Oh, one more thing, yes, we do need you to stay!

**Rob Doucet,**  
Creemore.

# Former Trustee speaks from the Heart

Dear Constituents of Collingwood and Clearview:

This past May my resignation as your Education Trustee was made public.

I continue to receive inquiries concerning the rationale behind this announcement as the news did not align with my character or commitment to public education.

The circumstances behind the resignation announcement were not personal as previously stated.

Last October 2016 I was contacted and asked to bring forward a matter to the Trustees for consideration; a question which I believed warranted the table's attention. I brought this inquiry

forward openly and transparently. A brief discussion was held that evening and then for the next six months business appeared to proceed as usual without any apparent concern regarding the matter that I had previously brought to the table. It should be noted that the subject matter was not in any way related to any recent or past issues at our local schools.

Unfortunately, in May of 2017, this prior act of receiving and bringing a question forward, resulted in my sudden and unexpected need to resign.

What I would like you to take away from this brief letter is that it was my full intention to complete my

term and continue to advocate for the students and parents of Collingwood and Clearview. I was honoured to have the position, enjoyed it fully, and took the responsibility very seriously. Sadly the circumstances were beyond my control. The turn of events were unfortunate and very disheartening for my entire family.

Thank you for your kind support.  
**Annie Chandler,**  
Collingwood.

*Editor's note: Annie Chandler said she could not elaborate on the circumstances of her resignation and that the letter was vetted by her lawyer.*

# Report shows high school is tough on mental health

The move into high school is a tough one for local youth. A new report on the health of young people in Simcoe Muskoka shows that 1 in 4 students in high school feel they have fair to poor mental health, almost double the rate in Grades 7 and 8.

While the teen years are filled with challenges that are creating health risks, the report shows that students also feel strongly connected to their schools, which can help self-esteem and provide support for positive connections in their lives.

Youth Health in Simcoe Muskoka draws on local statistics on students from Grades 7-12, compiled from the

Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS) in 2015.

"This is the first time we have been able to get a comprehensive picture of local youth health," said Dr. **Lisa Simon**, Associate Medical Officer of Health with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit. "We know that the adolescent years are tough ones, but there are some situations here that are particularly striking, and pose a long-term risk to their health."

Physical activity rates are low and drop significantly once students get into high school. During school nights, barely a third of high school students are getting the required eight hours of

sleep.

When it comes to alcohol and drug use, the older students get the more likely they are to have tried marijuana or other drugs. Three-quarters of students in Grades 11-12 have consumed alcohol.

Tobacco use takes a major jump as well. While 7 per cent of students in Grades 9-10 reported smoking cigarettes in the previous year, by Grades 11-12, it had risen to 18 per cent.

While the picture that emerges seems bleak, the health unit has been working with school boards to develop initiatives and programs that encourage students to take leadership positions in their school and their community.

## LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY



**Sunday, November 26**

<p><b>CREEMORE UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE</b></p> <p>This Week: New Lowell Church at 9:45 a.m. and St. John's Creemore at 11 a.m. <a href="http://www.stjohnscreemore.ca">www.stjohnscreemore.ca</a> All welcome • 705-466-2200</p>	<p><b>ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH</b> 22 Caroline St. W. • 705-466-2206</p> <p><b>Sunday Worship Service</b> at 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>Fri. Nov. 24: Toonie Lunch 11:30 - 1 Sun. Dec. 3: The Star of Bethlehem talk at 3 p.m. Social time to follow.</p>
<p>Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin <b>Sunday Service</b> at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Nov. 26: Debra Currie speaking</p> <p style="text-align: center;">705-466-5202</p>	<p><b>THE SALVATION ARMY HOPE ACRES COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Sunday Church Services at 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>998614 Mulmur Tosorontio Townline, Glencairn</p> <p>For more info call 705-466-3435</p>
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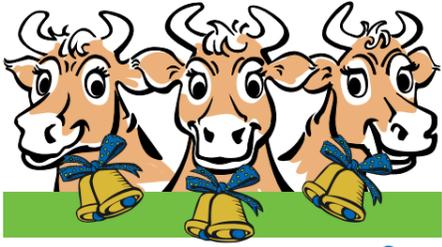
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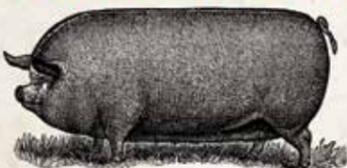
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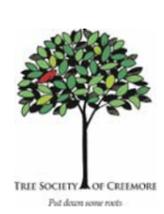
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Worship Brother **Glenn Hoag** (left) and Worshipful Brother **Randy Nieman** pose for a picture with Nitetis Lodge 444, Creemore's newest Masonic member, Brother **Dwayne Wyant** who was initiated into the Masonic fraternity Nov. 20.



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60 Years a Mason: Brother **Wilmer Lawson** celebrates his 60th anniversary as a Mason at the Nov. 20 meeting with his grandson **Ryan Lawson** and son Right Worshipful **Bryan Lawson**. The Lawson family are brethren of Nitetis Lodge 444 in Creemore.

## Curling

*Win-loss-tie*

### Men

Adam Versteegen	2-0-0
Paul Crevier	1-1-0
Russ Flack	1-1-0
Ron Coulter	1-0-0
Al Lambert	1-0-0
Ed Meulendyk	0-2-0
Neil Rowbotham	0-2-0

From The Hack: Men's League curling season began on Nov. 7 with seven teams eager to curl on in competition for the "Gord Miller Trophy". It didn't take long and most players were beginning to find their ice legs and balance and sweeping hard. After the first two weeks of play the Adam Versteegen rink has taken a quick lead in the standings. Still early and some keen competition to overcome between now and the end of the first round of play. Welcome to the newest curler to join the Club, Guy Close.

### Daytime

McDougall	4-1-1
Bell	4-2-0
Coulter	4-2-0
Lambert	3-2-1
Steed	1-5-0
Loranger	1-5-0

From The Hack: On Monday, Team Bell managed a comfortable win over Team Steed and Team Loranger picked up their first win over Team Lambert. Wednesday had Teams Coulter and McDougall continuing with their winning ways. Teams McDougall, Bell and Coulter are all in the running for top team this session.

### Mixed

*Win-loss-tie-by*

Meulendyk	2-0-0-1
Bell	2-0-0-1
Cass	2-1-0-0
Lindsay	1-1-0-1
Crevier	1-1-1-0
Neelin	1-1-1-0
Vorstermans	1-2-0-0
Morby	0-2-1-0
McArthur	0-3-0-0

From the Hack: The first draw of the season is getting off to a good start with nine teams vying for the Jim Steed Memorial Trophy. Welcome back Brian Cass. Skipping this draw, his team won their first two games. Teams skipped by Jim Bell and Ed Meulendyk are also in the hunt for the lead. Stay tuned!

## Ladies

Nov. 6

Team Millsap won vs. Team Steed  
Team Crawford won vs. Team McKay

Nov. 13

Team Steed vs. Team McKay - Tie  
Team Crawford won vs. Team Millsap

Nov. 20

Team Steed won vs. Team Crawford  
Team McKay won vs. Team Millsap

From The Hack: The ladies league has been off to a fabulous start! We have 12 members of the ladies league this year and we will be curling three-on-three. If there are any ladies who are still interested in joining they can contact Melissa at 705-331-7554.

## Big Heart Seniors

Thursday was potluck lunch day. Last month we had many first course dishes and one dessert. This time 19 people enjoyed many first course dishes and just as many desserts. What a feast!

We were sorry to learn that **Lucy Young** has spent more than a week in Collingwood Hospital with pneumonia. She hopes to be home this week. Hurry up and get well, Lucy. We miss you!

There were only 27 present for bid euchre. Thursday weather seems to be setting a pattern again this year. If there are poor conditions, it seems to be on a Thursday.

Those with lucky 50/50 tickets were **Ted Underhill, Marcia Cameron, Ray Leighton, Alinda Bishop, and Art Bishop.**

Moonshots were played by **Jim Rigney, Peter Gubbels, Morris Tymchuk, Roy Veinot, Edith Atkinson, and Dave Smith** with two, getting him the travel prize.

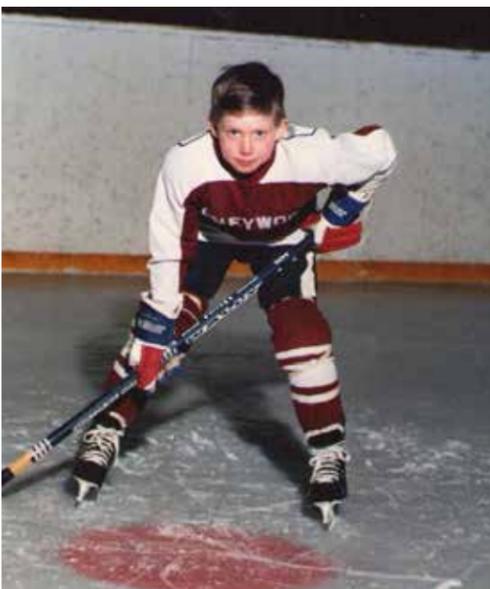
Winners at bid euchre were **Jim Rigney, 356; Isabelle Gubbels, 269; Barb Pilon, 248; Peter Gubbels, 243; and Janice Stephens, 142.**

The lucky chair was empty.

**Jim Rigney** donated his prize money to the candy fund again. Thank you Jim!

Submit community events online at [www.Creemore.com](http://www.Creemore.com)

## Michael Tupling Memorial Hockey Tournament



### Friday Night

Silent Auction Opens

### Saturday

Silent Auction  
Dance 8pm-1am with DJ and buffet lunch

The Seventh Annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at the Honeywood arena. The Michael Tupling Memorial Foundation was established to help encourage youth involvement and leadership in the community. All the proceeds from this tournament will go towards recreation activities and community projects and help provide financial support for youth in the North Dufferin community who may not otherwise have the financial resources to participate. Register your hockey team and come out to join the fun that includes hockey, music, food, and a silent auction.

Through your participation and involvement, we hope the tournament will have another successful year. We look forward to seeing you at this event and appreciate all of your support!!!

**IF you wish to participate in the tournament through donations, silent auction items, or entering a team, Please contact Erin Bailey at 519-923-5842, [leitherin@hotmail.com](mailto:leitherin@hotmail.com) or Chester Tupling at 705-627-0672, [chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca](mailto:chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca)**



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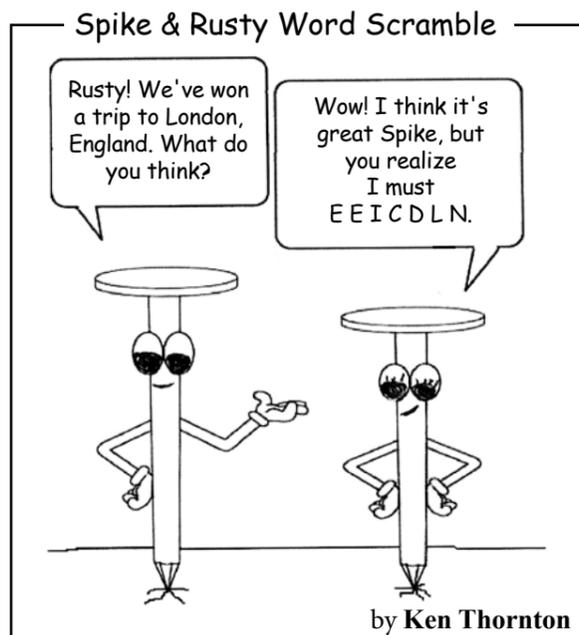
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# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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		5				1	7		
6					9	4			
	2				5				8
	9			8			1	6	

Answer on page 11



Find this week's answer on page 11

## Weekend Weather

### Friday, November 24

A mix of sun and clouds  
High 8 Low 6  
Wind SW 32 km/h  
POP 30%

### Saturday, November 25

Mixed precipitation  
High 6 Low -3  
Wind W 22 km/h  
POP 40%

### Sunday, November 26

A mix of sun and clouds  
High 0 Low 0  
Wind W 22 km/h  
POP 30%

## The AVRIDGE FARM

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## FRED'S FUNNIES

Why can't you say a joke while standing on ice?

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## Canadian Criss Cross

November 24, 2017

### ACROSS

- Relax in the sun
- Shad genus
- Pub missile
- Largest continent
- Canadian brand of coffee
- One of the Great Lakes
- Wound with a knife
- Small tree branches
- Gelatinous substance
- Only what one can take
- Boat used on the waterways of Venice
- Japanese carp
- Very sweet thick liquid
- Jimmy and Julie Cooper's daughter on "The O.C."~
- She played Anne Shirley on the 1972 British mini-series "Anne of Green Gables"~
- Place where you go to work out
- Third largest city in France
- Maliciously sarcastic
- White vestment worn by clergy
- Usually, but not always
- What it takes to tango
- Of thread
- Rapper Flo
- Metal that does not rust easily
- Tributary stream
- "\_\_\_ Sunday"
- Cake covering
- Programming language
- Business enterprise
- Alarm bell
- Exchange premium
- "The Bridge on the River Kwai" colonel
- Army nurse in "The English Patient"
- Clear part of the eye

### DOWN

- Kind of guitar
- Concerning
- Former name for Thailand
- Form of Japanese drama
- Formicaries
- All the rules of conduct
- Japanese sash
- Heavy with water
- Soak up
- Showing no emotion
- Ship used to search for the Golden Fleece
- Monetary unit of Iran
- One trillion prefix
- Plain narrow bed
- One who works in a hospital
- Nocturnal noise
- Boomerang in Western Australia
- Go for a walk
- Jewish month
- The aforementioned
- Lead vocalist for the Canadian rock band I Mother Earth
- Very bright in colour
- Stick with a hook used by fisherman
- With nothing on
- Tropical Asian palm
- Bathroom
- Fatty

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Find the answer to this week's Crossword on page 11.

- Removed soap from clothes
- Tokyo, once
- Canadian model Roberts
- African antelope
- Young bovine animal
- S-shaped moulding
- Money factory
- "Smooth Operator" singer
- He wrote "Come Back, Little Sheba"
- Negative votes
- Here: Fr.
- British thank-yous

## Choir presents A Broadway Christmas

The Treblemakers adult community choir proudly presents A Broadway Christmas featuring Broadway hits and Christmas favourites.

The Creemore performance is at St. John's United Church on Dec. 9. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m.

The is free but free will offerings will be collected, with 25 per cent going to

local community groups and charities. A portion of the donations collected will also be used to help support The Treblemakers Choral Workshop programs.

To reserve a ticket, or for more information, please contact Music Director **Penelope Dale** at info@thetrebblemakers.ca, or 705-352-4595.

## See Harry Potter in panto

There are three upcoming performances of Sandcastle Theatre's Potter the Panto, starring Clearview Township student **Alex Wyant** as Potter.

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Named.

Shows are Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., at New Life Church, located at 28 Tracey Lane in Collingwood. Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for students and are available online at [www.sandcastletheatre.com](http://www.sandcastletheatre.com).

Potter The Panto is an original script by Sandcastle Theatre founder, Stephanie Fowler. The production is directed by **Laura LaChapelle**, with choreography by **Deanne Service** and Musical direction by **Nadia Mear**.

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## RENTALS

**Mobile home for rent.** Close to Duntroon & Singhampton. 1050 sq ft. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Extra mudroom/entry 10' x 10' & sunroom 12' x 18'. Available immediately. \$1500 per month includes heat & hydro. Seasonal rental is an option. Please contact Janet or Debbie at 705-445-3554.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

**The perfect gift for the golfer in your life!** Indoor golf lessons with Debbie Clum at Smith Brothers Baseball Facility. Call Smith Brothers for more info at 705-424-0427.

## WANTED

**Cleaning person wanted** for large house 5 minutes from Creemore. Please respond to tom.hello12345@gmail.com.

**Used VHS tape rewinder.** Call 705-466-3428.

**Storage space needed** for furniture & boxes for 4 months. Call 705-441-6265.

**Creemore Student Wanted:** To shovel or snow blow sidewalk snow. Great extra income! Please call 647-472-1411.

**Do you have an old photo from in and around Creemore that you would like to share with the community in the Creemore Echo?** Drop in with your photo and we would love to run it in the paper. We will scan it and return it to you right away.

## SERVICES

**Elliott Painting and Decorating,** over 30 years experience with excellent references. Interior and exterior painting and wallpapering. Call for free estimate at 705-466-2356.

**Rod the Window Cleaner. You deserve a Clear View.** Winter is here! You know you want it! Residential, commercial, year-round. All windows welcome. Call 705-351-0768. References on request.

## HORSES

Looking for a new place to board your horse? **Peace Valley Ranch** offers riding trails across 200 acres, an indoor arena, large outdoor riding corral, & on-site horse trainers. A non-competitive & relaxed learning environment, with a focus on building the partnership between you & your horse. Outdoor pasture board including all amenities offered at \$300 + hst monthly. Call 519-925-6628. We'd love to meet you and your horse! rawhide-adventures.on.ca.

## CELEBRATION

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Come & Go Tea for Gretta Leighton** on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Drop in from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Huron Meadows Club House, 275 Huron Street (at Christopher Street), Stayner. Best wishes only.

## THANK YOU

Many thanks to Mylar and Loreta's **Restaurant** for providing the lunch following the Singhampton Remembrance Day Service.

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## CEMETERY SERVICE

**Interment for Peggy Cross** on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 11 a.m. at Creemore Union Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will follow at noon at St. John's United Church Hall.

## PLANNING AN EVENT?

**The Creemore branch of the Royal Canadian Legion** is available for rent. The hall will hold up to 400 people, bar can be arranged. Lounge will hold up to 150 people, bar can be arranged. Quiet Room will hold up to 30 people. Call 705-466-2330 to book. Catering is available for any event.

## AUCTIONS

**Bob Severn Auction Register**  
Ph: 519-925-2091  
www.auctionsfind.com/severn

**Kidd Family Auctions**  
www.kiddfamilyauctions.com

**November 25: Firearms Auction** at the Creemore Legion. (a second sale on Feb. 2018)

Watch for details of our first **Timed On-Line Auction, Dec. 1 to 7!**

**December 2: 10 a.m. Antiques and Collectibles Auction** at Creemore Arena. Shop for a unique gift your friends and family will cherish forever.

**\*\*Call right away if you want to be a consignor in one our sales!\*\***

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## CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY

**Donations Requested:** Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is graciously accepting 'new and gently used' items for the Breakfast with Santa Children's Shopping Room on Saturday, December 2. If you would like to donate any items, please drop off your donation at the school. On behalf of School Council, we thank you for your generous donation.

**Donations Requested:** Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is hosting a silent auction at the annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 2. If you would like to donate any items to help support our school, please drop off your donation at the school or contact Michele Boileau at 705-220-8074. On behalf of School Council, we thank you for your generous donation.

**Creemore BIA is planning the annual Santa Claus Parade** to take place on Saturday, December 2 at 1:30 p.m. **NEW THIS YEAR:** online registration and information for floats at www.experiencecreemore.com or contact Fred Mills at 705-772-8072.

## Grade 8 Open House at Stayner Collegiate Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> 6 – 8pm

Starting  
Grade 9  
next year?



Find out what to expect at our Grade 8 Information Night!

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017  
6 to 8 p.m.

Heading into high school next fall? We are excited to welcome all Grade 8 students and their families to our open house evening. Stayner Collegiate will be hosting a parent information night to give students and parents a first-hand peek into what high school is all about.

Take a tour, discover the unique programs, clubs, and teams available to students at Stayner Collegiate, and hear valuable information from staff and current students.

For more information, contact the Stayner Collegiate Guidance Dept.

(705) 428-2639

## This week's answers

Spike & Rusty: DECLINE

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- Sat. Dec. 9, 2017
- Sat. Dec. 23, 2017
- Sat. Jan. 6, 2018
- Sat. Jan. 20, 2018
- Sat. Feb. 3, 2018
- Sat. Feb 17, 2018
- Sat. Mar. 3, 2018
- Sat. Mar. 17, 2018

9 am to 1 pm  
Station On The Green

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

Different vendors each day!

- Sat. Dec. 2, 9 am to 1 pm
- Sun. Dec. 3, 10 am to 2 pm

## EASTER MARKET

- Sat. Mar. 31, 9 am to 1 pm

## SUMMER MARKETS

Sat. May 19, 2018 to Thanksgiving

WANT TO BE PART OF OUR MARKET COMMUNITY?  
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Summer Market - Friday, Mar. 30, 2018

Helen Martin • Market Manager  
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The Millar family home is transported by truck along County Road 91 through Duntroon en route from the Millar Farm to grandson **Chris Millar's** place on the 6th Line. Dalton and **Marie Millar** lived in the original house. They note the permit to move the house, cost the same as the total price of building the house in 1974.

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