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Plant expansion needed to keep up with growth

by Trina Berlo

An aging system, aggravated by pressures from new development has prompted Clearview staff to try for funding to cover a portion of what could amount to a \$9.9 million retrofit for Creemore Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A well-timed engineering report allowed staff to apply for the unforeseen funding opportunity to address possible improvements to the facility.

“That technology does an outstanding job of cleaning water. I don’t know that there’s a better technology but it’s very expensive to maintain and there are newer technologies that we are looking at that may be more affordable, as we expand,” said Director of Public Works **Mike Rawn**. “We thought the plant could handle some of the growth without an expansion and we found out that it can not.”

In a July 15 report to council he wrote, “The Creemore Wastewater Treatment Plant is not functioning



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

The Creemore Wastewater Treatment Plant on Mary Street, seen here from Concession Rd. 3, is in need of upgrades and expansion in order to accommodate the village's anticipated growth.

to its design capacity. The plant should be capable of treating at least 600 cubic metres per day with its current components. Currently the plant is only capable of treating approximately 470 cubic metres per day. With pending building permits,

this is an issue that needs to be addressed.”

Three Creemore developments are currently on the books: Alliance Homes is developing 498 total residential units (25 units in the first phase); 72 condo units are approved

for 80 Edward St.; and there is a proposal under review for 32 single detached dwellings and 30 townhouse units at 101 Edward St. E. and 111 George St.

Back in July, council directed staff (See “Even” on page 3)

Four unions unite for cross-province walkout

by Trina Berlo

All four unions currently in labour negotiations with the provincial government are planning to walkout of the classroom on the same day.

Members of the Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario (ETFO), the Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation (OSSTF), the Ontario English Catholic Teachers’ Association (OECTA), and the Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO) will all strike on Friday, Feb. 21.

“Educators in every school board will not stay silent as the Ford government proceeds to decimate our publicly funded education system,” said ETFO president **Sam Hammond**. “Our unions and members helped

build Ontario’s world-class education system. By not seriously addressing the issues critical to students and student learning, the Ford government has made a sham of contract talks over the last seven months.”

Nearly 200,000 teachers and education workers will strike across 72 school boards, affecting nearly 5,000 schools across the province in protest of the government funding cuts to education.

“It is now evident that the Ford government’s agenda is entirely ideological and not at all concerned with providing quality education,” said OSSTF president **Harvey Bischof**. “They are pulling resources out of the public education system and, with schemes like mandatory e-learning,

laying the groundwork for private interests to profit from our students’ education. We are heartened that so many parents are standing with us against the dismantling of Ontario’s public education system.”

This is the first time since the political protest of 1997 that teachers and education workers from Ontario’s main education affiliates will all be out of their classrooms on the same day.

“We are already seeing the effects of this government’s reckless education cuts,” said OECTA president **Liz Stuart**. “The Ford government is reducing supports for students with special education needs and mental health issues. It is squeezing students into overcrowded classes and forcing high school students to take e-learning

courses. If we allow the government to implement its plan fully, thousands of teaching positions and tens of thousands of course options will be lost.”

A combination of province wide strikes and rotating strikes have caused local elementary schools to close two days last week and the week before.

“It is clear to all four Ontario education unions and our members that the Ford government and Education Minister Lecce care nothing about students or educators and everything about taking money out of the publicly funded education system,” said AEFO President **Rémi Sabourin**. “To achieve their cuts, they have knowingly thrown students, families, educators and the system into chaos.”

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THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, Feb. 15

- **Winter Farmers Market** at the Creemore Legion from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lots of vendors, breakfast available for purchase, a variety of bakers, food vendors and crafters to add to the shopping experience.

Sunday, Feb. 16

- **Free public skating** at Creemore Arena sponsored by the Stayner Lions Club from noon to 1:50 p.m.
- **Church Services** on page 5.
- **Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society Annual General Meeting.** Please join from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Creemore Legion. Cookies and tea will be served.
- **Town Hall Ward 5, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Station on the Green.** Councillor Thom Paterson invites you to participate in a Q & A on many of the important issues facing Clearview council in 2020. Email tpaterson@clearview.ca or call 705-718-4685 for more info.

Sundays, Feb. 9 to 16

- **Public Bible presentations at the Creemore Legion.** Sundays, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., until Feb. 16. The gatherings are quiet and simple. They are about Jesus' life and his teachings. This is a free event and open to everyone. Lead by Gerald Lonsway and Gordon Eady. Email simple.lessons.of.life@gmail.com for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mondays, Feb. 17 to March 9

- **Writing workshop group with Emily Worts** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For adults of all ages and skill levels! Work on new or existing pieces of writing and explore new genres in a fun and supportive environment. At Water First, 178 Mill St., Unit D \$5 a class. Drop-in, no registration required. Email emilyworts@hotmail.com for more info.

Tuesdays, Feb. 18 to March 10

- **Art drop-in for kids with Sara Sniderhan** for kids ages 6-9 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Explore a variety of materials and styles in these drop-in classes. Mill St. Studios, 148 Mill St. \$5 a class, materials provided. (Classes for kids 10+ and teens coming in March) Email sara.sniderhan@gmail.com for more info.

Wednesdays, Feb. 19

- **Toonie Wednesday walk** inside the Legion every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Come walk with us and stay for a coffee or hot chocolate. All proceeds will go to the Legion renovation fund.
- **Creemore Horticultural Society February Meeting** Speaker Heidi Brautigam of Stems Flower Farm will discuss how to "Grow Your Own Cutting Garden." Welcome to the public. Social time at 7 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, Feb. 19 to 26

- **Drawing for seniors with Sara Sniderhan**, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Creemore Legion. Learn techniques for drawing people, animals, still life and landscape in a fun, welcoming environment. This is a drop-in class so no registration required. All skill levels welcome and materials provided. \$5 per class. A program of Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society and the Creemore Community Arts Program. Email sara.sniderhan@gmail.com or call 416-559-6189 for more info.

Thursday, Feb. 20

- **Spaghetti supper and silent auction to support the Clearview Cyberhomies Robotics team** at the New Lowell Legion from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Come out and meet the 2020 team and see their competition robot. Enjoy a fabulous meal and participate in the silent auction. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 4-12. Tickets are available at the door.

Thursdays, Feb. 20 to March 5

- **Music for kids and teens with Brad Holden** on at St. Luke's Church Hall. 6 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. for ages 9-12, exploration of instruments including ukulele, guitar, keys and percussion. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. for ages 13+, learn new songs, techniques and make music as a group. Bring your own instrument or one will be provided. \$5 per class. A program of Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society. Email brholden@gmail.com for more info. *Classes for kids ages 6-8 coming in March.

Saturday, Feb. 22

- **Clearview Community Theatre presents Showcase 2020.** Hear the best of last year's auditions, featuring the incredible talent of our "Joseph" cast. Show starts at 7 p.m. at the Clearview Community Church, Stayner. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information visit www.clearviewcommunitytheatre.ca.

Sunday, Feb. 23

- **Creemore Legion Breakfast at Creemore Legion** from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Choice of 2 eggs or waffle, home fries, toast, sausage or bacon, juice, coffee/tea. Adult \$7, children 12 and under \$4. Hungry Soldier Special \$10. Call 705-466-2202 for more information. 27 Wellington Street West.

Monday, Feb. 24

- **Stayner Garden Club Meeting** – Organic Gardening with Eric Jelinski. At Centennial United Church 234 William St. Stayner. Social at 7 p.m. Speaker at 7:30 p.m. and meeting following the speaker.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- **Pancake dinner at Holy Trinity Clearview, Duntoon** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pancakes, syrup, sausages and pie at the Old School House (beside the Duntoon Day Care). Tickets available at the door. Adults, \$6; Children, \$4; Family \$16; preschoolers eat for free.

Friday, March 27

- **Georgian Triangle Lifelong Learning Institute 6 Week University Level Lecture Series on Canadian Foreign Policy.** Pierre Trudeau, Brian Mulroney, Jean Chrétien, Paul Martin, Stephen Harper to Justin Trudeau. Lectured by Adam Chapnick, Professor of Defence Studies at RMC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Coffee provided. www.gtlli.ca for tickets and details (\$50 for 6 weeks) All welcome – please contact for more info. Live-streamed at Station on the Green, Creemore. Limited walk-ins may be available on the morning of the lecture for \$10 cash.

Saturday March 28

- **The Born Ruffians at Avening Hall.** Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$45 at the door. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.ticketscene.ca/events/27968/ and at the Creemore Echo. Contact Sara@creemore.com or 704-466-9906.



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2019 Small Halls Festival reports financial losses

by Trina Berlo

A new Small Halls Festival financial report reveals that four of the community halls that participated in 2019 event reported losses.

The hardest hit was Brentwood Community Centre, where five events took place during the weekend of Oct. 4-6, including the marquee concert by country band Nice Horse. The hall reported a loss of \$8,830.

“Unfortunately, one of the largest expenses in 2019 is the reimbursement to the Brentwood Community Centre,” reported community culture and tourism coordinator **Amanda Murray**. “The Brentwood country concert struggled with low online ticket sales, practically no door sales, and colder than normal night weather. As a result, the township has reimbursed the hall board approximately \$5,100 to cover the loss [of the concert].”

All of the halls were reimbursed for

their losses.

In the past, Clearview has received grant money from Celebrate Ontario grant, but did not apply this year. The festival did receive \$28,000 in sponsorship funds, down from \$30,000 the previous year.

According to the report, \$46,893 was spent on advertising and marketing, and \$16,200 on a new website. The website was funded through taxation, on top of an additional \$25,000 that council sets aside for the festival during budget deliberations.

“The internal festival operating expenses for 2019 reduced radio, print and digital advertising by several thousand dollars (due to no grant and less sponsorship),” said Murray. “However, since the ticket sales were very slow even in September, we allocated more money towards advertising which resulted in higher than budgeted expenses. Advertising contracts have also changed. In past

years, our advertisers were more generous with matching promotions, but in the past two years there has been a decline in those matching opportunities.”

A total of 833 tickets were sold at a value of \$24,637.

Murray reported that 47 per cent of tickets were purchased by locals (within the LOM postal code) and the remaining 53 per cent were purchased by people outside of Clearview. The data shows that 77 tickets were purchased by people from as far away as the GTA, Barrie, London and Waterloo.

Overall the festival’s revenue was \$95,122 and the expenses were \$97,778 for a total loss of \$2,656.

It takes 300 volunteers to pull off dozens of events in several venues throughout the municipality, with a focus on the six community run halls.

In a presentation to council, Murray said the festival has two key priorities:

to promote Clearview and bring people into the communities.

CAO **Steve Sage** said the goal of the festival is promotion.

“It was never anticipated we were doing it for a profit,” he said, adding that if the township was about making money it wouldn’t do anything, but it does provide service. “There has been nothing that has put this community on the map like Small Halls Festival.”

“I want to thank you Amanda and all the volunteers,” said Councillor **John Broderick**. “It’s a heartwarming event. It’s a good news story.”

Ticket profit and loss by hall

Avening: -\$666
 Brentwood: -\$8,830
 Dunedin: \$764
 Duntroon: -\$1,475
 Nottawa: – no report
 Singhampton: \$450
 Stayner: \$3,099
 Sunnidale: -\$615

Even with funding, final decision up to council

(Continued from page 1)

to engage an engineer to explore solutions.

The technically advanced treatment facility is owned by the Township of Clearview and operated by the Town of Collingwood.

“The plant, built in 1999, was intended to serve an initial population of 1,500 people, with provision for future expansion to serve 2,500 people. In addition, allowances were included to service the community’s commercial core and the Creemore Springs Brewery,” states the report.

The highly technical report says the problem is with the membranes, like filters, they work great when they’re new but degrade. The membranes perform well in the warmer months but when the water gets cold it fouls the membranes more quickly.

It says that the cutting edge technology of the day has proven to be problematic in some respects

The report also states the type of discharge from the brewery is not consistent with the composition of typical municipal wastewater.

“The current daily limits in the over strength agreement are, in general, well above the original design assumptions for the Creemore

Wastewater Treatment Plant and in some cases actual loads are in excess of the limits.”

Rawn said the brewery pays its fair share of its usage of the treatment plant.

“The plant could sustain the brewery and the existing village of Creemore as is but in order to accommodate development and to make the plant more cost effective, we take on more users and we make the plant more efficient. That’s why we are looking at this upgrade,” said Rawn.

Last month, an application was submitted through the “green stream” of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, open to municipalities with populations under 100,000. Clearview is applying for \$2,575,470 and would have to cover the other \$7.3 million, through existing user fees and development charges. Rawn said the costs are built in to the water and sewer rates.

“It is important to note that a council resolution was not required to apply for funding, however, if funding is received, council will have to make decision whether or not to proceed with the project. Funding for the project will require a combination

borrowing, user fees, and developer contribution,” wrote Clearview’s compliance coordinator **Stephanie Schell** in her Feb. 10 report. “The wastewater treatment plant is an

essential part of the servicing infrastructure for the community of Creemore. With development starting, it is imperative a solution to the capacity issues be found.”



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HEALTH

Connecting gut health and hyperactivity disorders

I often treat patients with ADHD, Autism, Hyperactivity and focus issues.

These disorders are all on a spectrum but a lot of them can be linked to gut health. In alternative medical circles it is understood that a happy gut equals a happy mind. I have seen this connection time and time again in practice.

Unfortunately we live in a society where the gut flora and bacteria are easily depleted and compromised. The main culprit in our society is due to overuse of antibiotics but also from the additives in our food, the pollutants that we ingest and breathe in and also the types of food that we choose to put in our bodies.

Here are some interesting facts from Genestra on the connection between gluten and dairy and hyperactivity disorders:

- Up to 50 per cent of Autistic and sufferers of ADHD co-present with intestinal symptoms;
- Proven intestinal pathology alongside Autism and ADHD includes leaky gut, inflammation and overt colitis;
- This gut pathology is related to sensitivity to certain foods especially gluten-containing grains and dairy products;
- Intestinal symptoms and Autism/ADHD severity decrease when exclusion dairy and wheat diets are introduced;
- This link is due to gluten and dairy proteins being broken down in the gut into peptides with opiate properties similar to endorphins and opiate drugs;
- These dietary 'exorphins' are absorbed from the gut and reach the brain where they cause symptoms associated with autism.

Removal of these irritating foods is important but also healing the gut to help the system better digest and limit reactivity.

I frequently use probiotics to do this in order to recolonize the gut with healthy bacteria and flora. This also decreases inflammation and increases the way the brain synthesizes neurotransmitters in the brain.

Our gut health is important for our whole body, but especially our brains.

Kate Hunter is a naturopathic doctor who is practising at Body 'n Balance on weekends. Visit www.katehunternd.com.



HEALTH MATTERS
 Kate HUNTER

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THE WAY WE WERE



Blind Line School, 1946. Back row: Alex Culham, Graham Lougheed, Peter Minduik, Margaret Grummett, Ivan Lougheed, Morris Tymchuk, Dean Lougheed, Elwood Culham. Middle row: Larry Grummett, George Tymchuk, Evelyn Lougheed, Marie Culham. Front: Josephine Lougheed, Melvin Lougheed, Marian Tymchuk. Teacher: Miss Elma E. Quantz. Photo submitted by Marie Millar.

LETTERS

Where there's a will, there's a way

Editor:
 My motto has always been that if I have something good to say, I will say it.
 The new person who now clears Creemore's winter roads is doing a great job.
 It is impossible not to notice the difference; and people do comment, I am pleased to say.
 Since I moved here 10 years ago, I begged the municipality to please not dump the snow and ice at my driveway entrance and I was not the only one who had that problem.
 I was told it was impossible to avoid.

I was housebound a number of times since there was absolutely no way for me to attack those barricades when my helper was unable to clear the way for me to leave.
 The snowplow operator now gets rid of most of the stuff before getting to my driveway. Where there's a will, there's a way!
 The quantity that is left is such that even I, a senior citizen, can clear enough to drive out.
 Thank you to whoever you are.
Ingrid Schilling,
 Creemore.

Correction

In a Jan. 31 letter to the editor (Ward system is failing Clearview citizens, by Peter Lomath) it was incorrectly stated that, "the ward system disallows a choice of the best representatives drawn from across Clearview by requiring that candidates live in specific

ward."
 The Echo apologizes for the error.
 To be qualified to hold office, a person must be: 18 years of age or older; A Canadian citizen; A resident of the Township of Clearview, or an owner or tenant of land in the township, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant.

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Yoga not all about twisting in knots

by Alissa Price

When we think of yoga, images of difficult, and at times, seemingly impossible postures often come to mind.

In the practice, we actively participate in sweating it out, and learn to endure the inner struggle as we experience moments of discomfort, both physically and psychologically.

This is how we usually envision becoming stronger, flexible, and more capable.

There is truth to this; struggle in life can change us in very positive ways and, for most of us, in one way or another, it seems to be an inevitable part of life. But if this effort is all we know, a sense of balance will continue to evade us. We equally need moments of laying everything down, of passivity, of quiet and ease in life; to collect ourselves, to reflect, and to heal.

This other side to yoga that grows our strength in the gentlest of ways is often overlooked in our success-driven culture. It is the lesser known path of surrender.

A restorative yoga practice is a way of paring back physical movement, to create the necessary space to shift our care inward. It is a quiet and introspective practice, and one that is primarily concerned with cultivating our capacity for acceptance; to let go and let things be.

For many of us who live in a constant state of activity, to enter into quiet is a difficult task. As we turn down the outer noise, our inner noise can ramp up, with our busy minds taking stillness and silence



Alissa Price

and twisting it into action: problem solving, looping through our to-do list, fretting about the future, ruminating on the past, and relentlessly commenting about ourselves and the moment. Quiet hardly seems restful. Anyone who has been awake at 3 a.m. with the mind racing knows this first-hand.

We are human, and this is what our minds do. To complicate things, our sense of self is very much wrapped up in what we think, our opinions, our beliefs, and our achievements. To enter into quiet and stillness – to do nothing in the presence of all this mental activity and emotional reactivity – can feel like a threat against our very definition of who we think we are.

The mind is hardwired to avoid this,

for if we are not what we do, and not who we think we are, than who are we?

We begin a restorative yoga practice with gentle, light movement and breath work to settle the body and pacify the nervous system. We then transition ourselves into supported, restful postures that require very little of us; by simply being in the posture and allowing the breath to move to the forefront of our awareness, we begin to open. Our breathing deepens and physical tensions release.

The practice runs much deeper though as we relax, with meditation bringing into clear view the state of our mind. As we soften, let go, and observe within, we touch down on our capacity to be present, even in the midst of the chaotic antics of the mind. We see it all for what it is and, as we can, we choose to let it be; perhaps from time to time experiencing the deep rest, equanimity, and freedom that this affords us.

This kind of willingness deepens an inner stillness that lays the groundwork in our life for meaningful change, not by force, but by way of acceptance and clarity.

In the midst of the current willful and driven climate of our time, this practice is not only a quiet act of inner strength, courage and resilience, it is the grounds of compassion, and our descent into peace.

Alissa Price is a certified Yoga Teacher with a specialized background in mindfulness meditation practice. She teaches the Restorative Yoga at The Sanctuary, www.thecreemoresanctuary.com.

Dufferin residents invited to Official Plan review workshop

Dufferin County is undertaking a review of its Official Plan.

The Official Plan is a key document that establishes the goals, objectives and land use policies to ensure that future needs of the community are met.

On Tuesday, March 3, Dufferin County will host a workshop for the Official Plan Review project. The workshop will provide opportunities for citizens to share their thoughts on important issues such as housing, economic development, agriculture, and the natural environment.

The workshop will begin with an open house format, and will include a brief presentation followed by interactive group activities and stations to gather participant feedback.

The event will take place at Monora Park Pavilion in Mono from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please note that you must RSVP to the event by e-mailing **Jenny Li** at jli@dufferincounty.ca or by confirming your attendance through the Eventbrite page: What's Your Vision for Dufferin County: Find the link under the events tab at dufferincounty.ca.

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Shannon Lougheed photo

Spideyman swung by recently to check out the new WonderBooks that he will be introducing in the Sunnidale Branch of Clearview Public Library at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 14 to kick off March Break. WonderBooks are read-along books with the audio inside. Just open the cover and press the button and the book will read itself to the child. Children will be welcome to have their photos taken with Spideyman.



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Showcase features local talent

by Trina Berlo

During auditions for various Clearview Community Theatre productions, director **Grenville Bray** couldn't help but think it was a shame that only he and a couple others were in the room to witness the incredible performances.

Finding a wider audience for these performers is what inspired him to launch the annual Showcase, featuring the best of the auditions, but not necessarily those who were cast in the show.

More than 70 people, ranging in age from seven to seniors, auditioned last June for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which had a cast of more than 40.

There are only so many principal roles in a show so some of them were invited to be in the chorus, said Bray. "Some of these people, especially the young people, I wanted them to have an opportunity to perform these brilliant audition numbers so that people could see the talent."

For the showcase, 15 performers, age 10 and older, will present a very eclectic mix of music, from wonderfully gut-wrenching performances to the hilariously comedic.

Bray said it was the troupe's first production of *Joseph* in 2012 that increased the popularity of Clearview Community Theatre. Auditions doubled, the audience grew significantly and more volunteers came onboard.

"We are trying to build a reputation for quality theatre but our mandate is to focus on youth and children. I never have a performance go by when someone doesn't say, 'Wow, I had no idea there was this much talent,' or 'I had no idea the youth were so talented.' And they are just amazing," said Bray.

In 2020, he begins his 25th year at the theatre group's helm but there is a succession plan in place for his eventual retirement. He has five groups rehearsing weekly; a children's troupe, a ukulele troupe, an open troupe, a youth troupe for teens, and a youth production of *Godspell*.

To be clear, it is all completely volunteer. Bray says no one gets paid.

So, he does plan to step back a bit and plans are in place to ensure the program is left in good hands.

Bray has committed to directing through the 25th year but then he plans to start slowing down.

The Clearview Community Theatre Showcase 2020 is at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22 at Clearview Community Church in Stayner, at 1070 County Rd. 4. Admission costs \$12, at the door.

The 9th annual fundraising concert featuring the many troupes in the program is happening on Friday, April 24 at 7 p.m., with a 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday, April 25. Both shows are also at Clearview Community Church. Admission costs \$20, at the door.

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Improv duo performing at Quince, guard your plate

by Trina Berlo

What do you get when Mad and Noisy Improv Company and Quince Bistro co-host an event? *Two-Man No-Show* and a three-course meal.

Local improv guy **Peter Madore** has booked the duo of **Ken Hall** (*People of Earth, The Umbrella Academy*) and **Isaac Kessler** (*Man Seeking Woman, Satisfaction*), who are bringing their award-winning 2-Man No-Show to Creemore next week, partnering with chef **Otta Zapotocky** for an evening of giggles and gastroenteric delights.

Like all improvisation, said Madore, audience participation is key but Hall and Kessler are exceptionally generous with incorporating the audience into the experience.

He said the CBC said it best, “If David Lynch married Mr. Bean, their love child would look a lot like *2-Man No-Show*.”

“These guys, their energy level is like spinal tap. They’re going to 11. They’re not going to stop at 10,” said Madore. “Their performances really depends on a lot of audience engagement so it wouldn’t be a shock if someone were to sit down at someone’s table and eat their meal. That’s kind of the draw of what they do, this is their energy. They put the audience in the performance with them.”

He said these two performers have developed a skill set that allows them to work spontaneously with such a high level of energy.

Zapotocky said his motivation for doing these types of events is to cater to the locals and he is planning to serve some favourites from Quince’s fresh, local, seasonal menu including the “Simple salad,” Chicken Marsala and the Chef’s favourite Mischa cake. Vegetarian options will also be available.

Tickets for the show and three-course dinner cost \$69 (excluding alcohol). To reserve a seat, call Quince Bistro at 705-466-9999.



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Isaac Kessler (left) and **Ken Hall** are performing their award-winning improv show *2-Man No-Show* at Quince Bistro in Creemore next week.

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On Wednesday, Feb. 12, two teams from the Creemore Daytime League participated in the annual Mixed Spiel in Stayner. Pictured from left: **Michael Loranger, Joan Morby, Sandy McKay, Al Lambert, Jane Sullivan, Bill McDougall, Marion Gallagher and Doug Quanbury.** Team Lambert on the left and Team McDougall on the right tried their best to beat out teams from Stayner and Collingwood. Both teams finished with a win and a loss. Many thanks go out for the excellent event put on by the Stayner Granite Club and needless to say, the Creemore curlers look forward to, maybe, better luck next year!



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Creemore Curling Club hosted the annual Ladies Bonspiel this past Saturday. Curlers got their groove on with a "Remembering the 70's" theme. Organizers wish to thank The Creemore Village Pharmacy owner Jennifer Yaek for the continued support and sponsorship of the Ladies Bonspiel. The winning team was from King Curling Club: Skip **Shellee Morning**, vice **Veronica Wilson**, second **Kim Battershell**, and lead **Sue Burman**.

Creemore Curling Club standings

Daytime		Men	
Team	win-loss	Team	win-loss-tie
Martens	7-3	Rowbotham	4-1-0
Loranger	7-3	Wilson	4-1-0
Coulter	6-4	Crevier	4-1-0
Steed	5-5	Cober	3-2-0
Bell	5-5	Millsap	3-2-0
McDougall	4-6	Verstegen	2-3-0
Lambert	3-7	Flack	1-4-1
		Lambert	1-4-0
		Hewitt	0-4-1

From the Hack: The remaining games of session 2 have been played. The standings board was mathematically adjusted to reflect that some teams had 2 byes and some teams had 1 bye. As it turned out, 2 teams tied for 1st place with 7 wins each. Then the head-to-head results were reviewed. In this case Team Martens won both matches against Team Loranger which confirmed them as the overall winners - well done Bill, Karen, Joan and Sandy! The last session starts on Monday, Feb. 17, with all lady skips! WOOT! Good curling everyone!

From The Hack: Once again we have a some evenly matched teams and the winner of this draw will have to be decided next week on the final night. Check in next week to see if first time skip Brian Wilson and team will take the trophy or will it be one of the veteran skips and their teams that come out on top.

Ladies	
Team	win-loss
Baylis	5-1
Walker	4-2
Crawford	2-4
Millsap	1-5

From the Hack: Another win by Team Baylis puts them in the trophy game next week against Team Crawford. Will we see a back to back championship for Donna?

On sheet 2 there was some family one upping happening with Christine and Chantelle both throwing take outs of each others rocks. Gayle was happy with a win thanks to her accurate hammer shots.

Big Heart Seniors

February 6

We had six tables for cards. Welcome to Mike Smith.

50/50: **Joyce McQuay, Janice Stephens, Irma Flack, Russell Ferguson.**

Moon shots: **Russell Ferguson, Peter Gubbels** x2. He got the travel prize.

Winners: **Leona Heartling, 290; Barb Pilon, 274; Mike Smith, 264; Ron Laing, 262.** Hidden score was 175. **John vanVoorst** had 180.

Lucky chair: **June Hartley.**

Parents face immunization deadline

Earlier this month the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit mailed more than 2,000 suspension orders home to students in Grades 2 and 8 reminding them that their child's immunization information needs to be updated before Feb. 27.

In Ontario, under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, up to date immunization records are required for all students and it is the responsibility of a parent to report immunizations to their health unit. If records are not up to date, students can face suspension.

Parents can easily update their children's immunization records online at www.smdhu.org/immsonline or

by calling the health unit's Health Connection line. The health unit can support parents who may have questions related to updating immunization for students, and offers immunization clinics for those who need to catch up on immunizations and aren't able to schedule appointments with their health care provider.

To report your child's immunization record, or if you think you have missed any of your child's vaccinations, call Health Connection at 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or see www.smdhu.org/immsonline for more.

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Nominations open for Clearview Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Awards

Clearview Township is accepting nominations for the 2019 Culture & Sports Hall of Fame Awards.

Do you know someone who has made a positive impact on Culture or Sports in Clearview?

There are nine categories of awards: Athlete of the Year Award, Athlete Achievement Award, Builder Award, Team Award, Artist Achievement Award, Festival/Event Award, Community Volunteer Award, Young Leader in Sports Award and Young Leader in Culture Award.

Now in its third year, the awards were created to honour individuals and groups in our community who have made a positive impact on sports and culture throughout the township.

Nomination forms are available at the Clearview Township Administration Centre, Clearview Public Library Branches and at both the Creemore and Stayner Arenas. Nomination forms are also available online at www.discoverclearview.ca/hall-of-fame. Nominations will be accepted until March 31.



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Back: **Kavin Ramesh, Alice Currie**. Middle: **Madi Collver, Daniel Moore**. Front: **Dean Murphy**.

First test of 2020 a success

On Feb. 1 in the first grading of the decade, five students from Maizis Martial Arts Academy tested for their new ranks.

Achieving his Yellow Stripe belt was **Dean Murphy**.

Achieving their yellow belts were **Madi Collver, Daniel Moore, and Kavin Ramesh**.

Achieving her orange belt was **Alice Curry**.

During the grading students are required to be tested on physical endurance, martial arts skills, and history-based knowledge.

“Seeing the benefits of martial arts in my student’s everyday lives makes my heart smile,” said Soke **Michelle Maizis**. “They have better physical and mental health, improved concentration, improved self-confidence and self-esteem, and they are learning self-defence. I am so proud of each of them.”

FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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FRED'S FUNNIES

Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?
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- ACROSS
- Roman numeral for 1200
 - It's common among teenagers
 - Had babies
 - Spanish word for wave
 - Pack tight
 - July birthstone
 - Get pregnant
 - Cleric in France
 - African antelope
 - Incense resin
 - Misfortunes
 - Largest piano manufacturing company
 - Popular pub name in England
 - Desert animal
 - Constellation between Scorpius and Pavo
 - Particular skill
 - Close friend
 - Bishop's tall hat
 - Place where beer is made
 - Irish princess
 - Believe ___ not
 - "Don Juan" author
 - Long winding ridge of sand
 - Side piece of a door frame
 - Having hoofs
 - S-shaped moulding
 - Belgian racing cyclist
 - Goalie's place
 - Give birth to
 - Chart showing generations of a family
 - Roman numeral for 500

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DOWN

- Make fun of in a mean way
- French word for nail
- One who is running in an election
- Highest playing card
- Deep red colour
- Very dark blue colour
- Polishing powder
- Hindu god of creation
- Chafe
- Recede, as the tide
- Give a different colour to
- Select from a large quantity
- Loud unpleasant noise
- To be expected
- It is used in place of "and"
- Listen to
- Friendly country
- Branches
- Greek goddess of discord
- Take into custody
- Eye at the edge of a sail
- What tires are made of
- Sheep's hair
- Take at one's word
- Extraordinary individual
- To ___ (perfectly)
- Network of nerves
- Piece of work
- Length of life
- ___ culpa
- Treat unfairly

Hospice receives long awaited funds to open four new beds

Hospice Georgian Triangle has received approval and funding for the four unopened beds at Campbell House.

Hospice Interim Executive Director **Trish Rawn**, and Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation Director **Janet Fairbridge**, announced last week that the funding has officially been put into place by the Ministry of Health.

They said, the good news was shared in a phone call from the Hon. **Doug Downey**, Attorney General and MPP Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, and details were confirmed by the North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integrated Network (NSMLHIN).

“End of life care is an important part of our healthcare system. Hospice Georgian Triangle provides a dignified and comfortable place for people to spend their last days surrounded by loved ones. This funding means more families will find support in peaceful transitions, surrounded and guided by the caring staff at this hospice,” said Downey.

“We are thrilled to now plan for the official opening of our additional four beds,” said Rawn. “We will be implementing a new, end-of-life respite model of palliative care delivery to help end hallway healthcare for North Simcoe Muskoka.”

“The funding we will receive is the provincial standard of \$105,000 per bed per year, which equates to approximately fifty percent of the operating costs for a hospice bed in Ontario. We will continue to rely on our generous community for their support of HGT’s mission and their donations to fund the other fifty percent to keep our doors open,” said Fairbridge.

“We are very grateful to the NSMLHIN and Ministry of Health for their belief in Hospice Palliative Care. This is very good news for the North Simcoe Muskoka region to have another ten-bed hospice available to those who require exceptional palliative care.”



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Cigarettes are a major source of litter in communities and on beaches.

Breathe easy in conservation areas

Starting in 2020, all forms of smoking will be prohibited in all conservation areas and other outdoor spaces owned and managed by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), except in parking lots.

The restriction on smoking includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing any form of tobacco, smoking, using medical and non-medical cannabis and electronic cigarettes (vaping).

Smoke-free outdoor spaces can help reduce health risks of second hand smoke, as there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, even in outdoor spaces. Seeing and smelling smoke can normalize smoking for youth, and can provide sensory cues, triggering relapse for people who are trying to quit smoking.

Tobacco is also a major source of litter in communities and on beaches. The plastic in cigarette butts are made from a type of plastic that does not biodegrade. It eventually breaks down into smaller components which remains in the natural environment.

“Conservation authorities play a vital role in the health and wellness of communities,” said **Kyra Howes**, NVCA manager of lands and operations. “This new policy strengthens NVCA’s commitment

to the health of the community and also reinforces the importance of living smoke free.”

NVCA Conservation Areas:

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- Minesing Wetlands (Township of Clearview and Township of Springwater);
- New Lowell Conservation Area (Township of Clearview);
- Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area (Township of Clearview);
- Osprey Wetlands Conservation Area (Municipality of the Grey Highlands);
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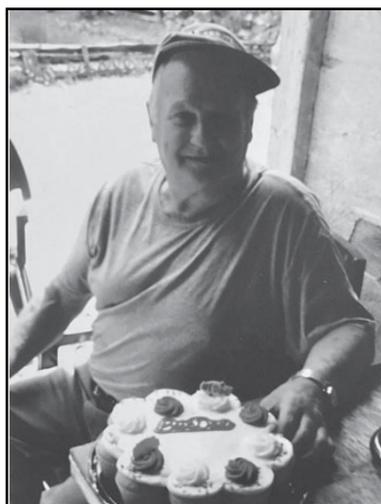
THANK YOU

I wish to thank everybody that ventured out on one of the stormiest days of this winter to make my book launch of "CREEMORE as Remembered by Gerry Blackburn" such a success. I must also thank those, who assisted me in writing this book. They include my dear friend Joan, who not only assisted in editing, but also in coordinating sales. Bill and my family for your editing help and support. Hazel Gilchrist Parrish also for editing and Murray Skinkle for his constant pressure on me to write this book. Also the many others who provided pictures, information and encouragement. To Trina and the staff of The Echo office for their excellent promotional article as well as assistance with sales. And finally my deepest thanks to you who have purchased my book. Thank you all.
Gerry Blackburn

THANK YOU

The organizers of the Ladies Bonspiel would like to thank the many who helped make it a successful event. From the ice technicians to kitchen help, bartenders, decorators and all those who donated delicious food. It was truly a team effort!

OBITUARY



ROWBOTHAM, Lloyd Mervin passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, February 6, 2020 in his 81st year. Beloved husband of Jean; proud father of Wanda Rowbotham, Juanita (Randy) Fournier and Roxane (Grant) Hudson forever cherished grandfather of Issa, Yusef, Sarah, Mohammed, Kareem, Hayley, Alyssa, Samantha and Bradley and great grandfather of Lena, Connor, Carter and Madeline. Lloyd is survived by his brother Donald (Carol) and sisters Norma Johnson (d. Mervin), Marion Kelly (d. Ross), Barbara Cudmore (d. Rod); and Holly Hughes (d. Charlie); predeceased by brothers Claude (d. Ena), Delmer (Marion), Willis, Allen (Joan) and sisters Kathleen Winchester (d. George) and Erma Miller (d. Aubry). He will be remembered by many nieces and nephews. Family and friends were received for visitation on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Fawcett Funeral Home - Creemore Chapel. Funeral service was held in the chapel at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Spring interment at Dunedin Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Knox Presbyterian Church Dunedin would be appreciated. Friends may visit Lloyd's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com.

OBITUARY

LAWRENCE Lindsay, Lawrence passed away in peace with his loving family by his side on Friday, February 7, 2020 at McCormick Home in London. He was born on May 27, 1930 in Orangeville, Ontario, predeceased by his parents Clifford and Erland Lindsay. Lawrence was the ever loving husband of Helen (Nee Kittmer) since May 16, 1964. He was the caring brother of his younger sister Monica. And he was devoted father to his five children Carolyn, Jean, Paul, Allan and Sarah, and endearing grandpa to his 12 grandchildren. Lawrence will be sadly missed by his family, friends and the many in the community who knew him through his life-long passion and gifts for teaching and performing instrumental and vocal musical arts. Visitation was held at Drury Funeral Centre, Alliston on Monday. Funeral service was held at Alliston Christian Reformed Church on Tuesday February 11, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. If so desired memorial donations to CNIB would be appreciated. Thank you for sharing your music with us, Lawrence.

SWANSON, Harvey Bern passed away peacefully on Friday, February 7, 2020 at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital in his 80th year. Harvey will be deeply missed by his wife Amelia and her children Andre Frank and Sarita Crozier. He will be forever cherished by granddaughter Ellen. Harvey was predeceased by his parents Bern and Olive Swanson and by his brother Dave. He will be remembered by his sister in law Barb and nephews Darell (Clair) and Brian (Sarah) and their families. As per his wishes cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. As an expression of sympathy donations may be made to the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation in Harvey's memory. Friends may visit Harvey's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com.

MEEK, Eleanor passed away peacefully on February 7, 2020 at Campbell House Hospice in her 85th year. Beloved wife and best friend of the late Harold Meek. Much loved and respected mother of Len, forever cherished grandmother of Shasta. She is survived by her brother Fred Parry; predeceased by brother Len. Eleanor will be remembered by her extended family and friends. She will be forever loved. At her request a graveside service will be held in the spring. Donations in Eleanor's memory may be made to Hospice Georgian Triangle - Campbell House. Friends may visit Eleanor's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com.

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Responsibilities: Reporting to the Supervisor, By-Law, the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer participates in investigating inquiries regarding Township by-laws and regulations, enforcing Municipal parking by-laws, perform property standards enforcement and zoning enforcement concerns, perform animal control duties, as well as preparing detailed reports and recording keeping.

The preferred candidate will possess a thorough knowledge of applicable legislation, acts, statutes and regulations. As well, they must be able to exercise tact and diplomacy by working independently and as a part of an enforcement team

Experience and proven ability with enforcement, investigation and inspection practices and procedures as well as excellent analytical, problem-solving, interpersonal, conflict management and communication skills are a must.

Salary: The salary range offered for this position is \$54,399 to \$66,120 per year plus a competitive benefits package.

Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township to conduct a criminal background and vulnerable sector check prior to finalizing an employment offer.

Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and covering letter quoting **job # 2020-007** to Human Resources **by February 21, 2020**, to: hr@clearview.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone calls please. The Township of Clearview is an equal opportunity employer.

Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Please visit: www.clearview.ca

Summer Student Opportunities

2020 summer student job opportunities are available with Clearview Township. Details of all jobs and hiring criteria can be viewed at: www.clearview.ca under the News, Meetings and Opportunities section.

- Job #2020-001 Pool Instructors / Lifeguards (6 f/t positions, 1 p/t position)
- Job #2020-002 Pool Lifeguard – Supervisor
- Job #2020-003 Student Water / Sewer Operator (Co-Op position)
- Job #2020-004 Student Roads Workers (4 positions)
- Job #2020-005 Student Tourism/ Culture Assistants (5 positions)
- Job #2020-006 Student GIS Technician

All full time (f/t) positions are 35-40 hours per week (May to August 2020)

All resumes must be received electronically through the Human Resources department, by Friday, February 28, 2020, at: hr@clearview.ca

Please indicate job # in the subject line. If applying for more than one position, please indicate the order of preference.

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Community Maintenance and Beautification Labourer– Temporary Full-time

The Corporation of the Township of Clearview

Clearview Township is currently seeking three (3) temporary full-time Community Maintenance and Beautification Labourers from **April – October**

Key Accountabilities

Reporting to the Supervisor, Parks, Culture and Recreation, the Community Maintenance and Beautification Labourers are responsible for the maintenance of community property and township beautification projects.

The preferred candidates will possess a strong working knowledge of power and hand tools, push mowers, riding lawn mowers, whipper / weed snipper, power washers and street sweeper. They must be a self-starter with strong problem-solving skills and a pride in good workmanship attitude as well the ability to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

Skills and Experience

- Minimum Grade 12 education with 2 years of demonstrated experience in streetscapes, parks and outdoor spaces.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team environment.
- Personal suitability and satisfactory physical condition.
- Knowledge of standard hand and power tools, lawn maintenance equipment and equipment used in maintenance activities and ability to operate such in a safe and effective manner.
- Knowledge of safety standards and precautions for the use of tools and safe work practices.
- Ability to understand, read and follow written and oral instructions.
- Ability to perform heavy manual labour, including bending, stooping, reaching and lifting heavy objects.
- Physical strength and ability sufficient to meet job requirements for extended periods under uncomfortable conditions in all types of weather.
- Ability to climb on ladders and to work in confined spaces.
- Current certification WHMIS
- A valid Ontario Driver's License, Class "G" with a driving record that demonstrates responsible / safe driving behavior

Salary:

The salary range offered for this position is \$18.54 per hour, plus 4% vacation pay.

Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township to conduct a criminal background and vulnerable sector check prior to finalizing an employment offer.

Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and covering letter quoting **job # 2020-008** to Human Resources **by February 28, 2020** to: hr@clearview.ca

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