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The first honorees of the Climate Action Advisory Committee's recognition program attended a ceremony at town hall in Stayner Wednesday to accept certificates, from left: The Keep Refillery co-founder **Andrew Murray**, **Evening Martin**, **Brenna Lattimore**, Friends of the Clearview EcoPark volunteer **Carol Vaughan**; **Adam Pearce**, **Mike Matthews** of Mpowered Solutions, and **Kelly Sinclair** of Highlands Nordic.

Committee recognizes climate action on Earth Day

by **Trina Berlo**

Individuals, community groups and businesses were applauded for their environmental initiatives Wednesday through Clearview Township's inaugural Climate Action Recognition Program celebrating outstanding leadership and inspirational contributions to environmental stewardship and climate action.

The motivation is simple, said Climate Action Advisory Committee chair **Jerry Sampson**, to publicly

recognize those actively pursuing positive climate action in hopes of inspiring others to do so.

- **Evening Martin** was recognized in the student category for her climate action work at Collingwood Collegiate Institute where she has been a member of the environment team for four years and has helped with tree planting, garbage clean ups and raising awareness about recycling. She also runs the school thrift store, second hand holiday market stand,

social media and gets involved with community groups/initiatives outside of school.

Three people were recognized in the citizen category:

- **Adam Pearce** was acknowledged as an advocate for the natural features and protected species at Devil's Glen Provincial Park, going up against rock climbers and park staff to shine a light on the impacts of recreational uses on the sensitive escarpment.
- As the creator of the Clearview

Wildflower Project and a champion for boulevard gardens, **Brenna Lattimore** was recognized for her efforts to protect pollinators, educate about the benefits of native plants, and inspire many other Clearview residents through workshops and public events.

- **Diana Wisniewska** was recognized for creating climate resiliency by way of a home renovation that converted the house to a high-performance, low-

(See 'Businesses' on page 7)

Cost hurdles overcome to clear bleacher build

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

Following an in camera discussion at Clearview Township council on April 13, an agreement has been reached to permit work to proceed on the bleachers at Gowan Memorial Park in Creemore.

When local builder **Gord Zeggil**, of Mountain Ridge Custom Homes, first heard about a campaign to rebuild the bleachers he stepped up and volunteered. With a fundraising

commitment from local resident **Zak Hayward** to cover the cost of materials, Zeggil offered to deliver a bleacher project worth roughly \$125,000 to the municipality at no cost.

Things became complicated when the township asked Zeggil to assume the cost of permits, provide insurance for the project, and post a security deposit. He became frustrated saying, "I'm committed to my community and this project but the requirements,

liability and costs to volunteer are unfair to our community, myself and my company to assume."

Council has since decided that the township will absorb permit costs, and Zeggil's company will not be required to post a deposit.

The township had initially earmarked \$10,000 to replace the old bleachers made of wood and cinderblocks with low-profile aluminum bleachers but a petition circulated by Hayward asking

for the character of the ball park to be preserve garnered more than 500 signatures.

The original \$10,000 allocation will be redirected to the new wooden bleachers with fundraising and donated labour to cover the balance of approximately \$115,000.

The old wooden bleachers were demolished last fall. Zeggil says the site is staked and ready to go, as soon as permits are issued.

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Saturday, April 25

- Rob Roy United Church's **Annual Fisherman's Breakfast, Yard and Bake Sale** from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, toast muffins, juice, coffee and tea. Adults, \$12; children 12 and under, \$6; preschool, free.
- St. John's United Church's **Beef and Lamb Dinner** from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults \$25, youth 6-12 years \$15, and children five and under admitted free. All welcome.
- A special evening performance by the **Deep Tracks Rock Band** at the Stayner Legion from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. 7149 ON-26, Stayner 705-428-3809.
- An afternoon with **Antonio Michael Downing: Small Town, Big Ideas**. Join for an afternoon with Antonio Michael Downing, one of Canada's most powerful new authors from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This event will be moderated by new Shelburne Public Library, CEO, Shannon McGrady at the Museum of Dufferin. Tickets cost \$20. Contact Museum of Dufferin, 519-941-1114, info@dufferinmuseum.com.

Wednesday, April 29

- *Correction* **Double Toonie Lunch** at St. Luke's from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and enjoy delicious soup and visit with your neighbours.
- Creemore Springs Brewery presents **Neighbours Night** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. featuring complimentary samples of the new Winding River West Coast IPA and Lime Gose, a soft pretzel and beer combo, board games, and vinyl music. Bring your favourite records and give them a spin on the new taproom record player.

Saturday, May 2

- **The Big Book Bash** is back, at the Station on the Green from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drop off gently read fiction and non-fiction books, hardcover, paperbacks and puzzles at the Creemore Curling Club between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. For info or book pick-up contact Kate at 416-460-1154.
- Badjeros United Church annual **Scrap Metal and Bottle Fundraiser** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop off at the shed beside the church. All metals, appliances, vehicle batteries, bottles and aluminum cans accepted. For info, contact David Culham, 705-446-7203 or Barbara Black, 705-441-2466.
- In celebration of Mulmur's 175th anniversary North of 89 Alliance invites you to **Run for Honeywood**, a 5km and 10km run/walk and kids relay held in support of the Honeywood Arena. Participants can choose between the 5km or 10km routes or the youth-focused relay. Starting at The Honeywood Arena. For registration and more information, visit zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/run-for-honeywood.
- **Rob Martine The Singing DJ** returns from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All shows no cover, just great music. \$5. Legion beers and hot dogs during the show. Come out and support your local legion. Everyone welcome. You don't have to be a member to attend. Just take your hat off at the door.

Sunday, May 3

- Collingwood **Linedance Flashmob 2026**. Bring your family and friends to kick up your heels, represent the community and fundraise for a great cause. Event is free with optional donation to My Friend's House. Instruction begins promptly at 4 p.m. at the Station Grounds of the Collingwood Station Museum, dance music from 3:30 p.m. Contact Boots At The Bay, bootsatthebay.ca, 647-205-4641.

Wednesday, May 6

- **Weedy Wednesday 2026** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Eco Park 200 Mowat St. N. Stayner. Come out to get involved with the collective gardens where you can learn about gardening. No experience necessary. Should you want your own personal garden, raised and accessible garden plots available at a minimal charge.

Friday, May 8

- **Dunedin Swag night**. Come meet the locals, come be a local. Wear or buy Dunedin swag to support the community hall. New design to be revealed. 19+ event, cash bar, 7 p.m. Facebook @dunedinvillagehall.

Saturday, May 9

- The 39th annual **Ramp Romp** at the Singhampton Community Centre. Dine on luscious leeks, pork, veggies and pie served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adults, \$25; students, \$20; under 12, \$12; under six, free. Cash only bar. No advanced ticket sales. Contact singhamptonhall@gmail.com.
- Creemore Springs hosts Turas Mor, a community focused gravel **cycling event** for eccentric, adventurous cycling enthusiasts, celebrating small town hospitality and fresh beer. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit Creemore Springs Brewery, www.creemoresprings.com/en-CA/turas-mor for more information.
- Ganaraska Mad River Hiking Club interpretive **Mansfield forest hike** from 10 a.m. to noon. Leisurely 6km hike at Main Tract, 937513 Airport Rd. (east side, 5km north of Mansfield). Turn off Airport Road, immediately right, follow driveway south past gate to open field; continue to gravel parking area on left before closed gate. Meet at parking area. No dogs. Waivers required. Register: Sharon, 705-351-1571.
- Stayner Collegiate Institute annual **plant sale** in the greenhouse at the school from 9 a.m. to noon. 7578 Highway 26, Stayner. Cash only.
- **Kate Gur** at the Stayner Legion. This talented musician from Wasaga Beach has played the Troubadour Festival among other big events in the area. Don't miss this show from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All shows no cover, just great music. \$5. Legion beers and hot dogs during the show. All welcome.

Sunday, May 10

- **Mother's Day Breakfast** at the Manito Shrine Club from 8 a.m. to noon. Adults, \$20; children under 12, \$5. 2265 Fairgrounds Rd., Collingwood.

Tuesday, May 12

- Excited or curious about sustainable building? Come to High Performance Design Meets Boots on the Ground, a **networking and education event** about building a better future. Presented by Passive Buildings Canada, Evolve Builders Group Inc. and Clearview Sustainability Network. Tickets and info: passivebuildings.ca/events.

Wednesday, May 13

- Centennial United Church hosts a **fish dinner** from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Fresh fish from Georgian Bay with all the trimmings and assorted pies for dessert. Dine in and take out. Pre-order by Sunday, May 10 by emailing fundraisers@ucstayner.ca or call Valerie at 705-422-1201.

Saturday, May 16

- **David Grossman The Singing Mortgage Broker** at the Stayner Legion from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All shows no cover, just great music. \$5. Legion beers and hot dogs during the show. All welcome.
- Centennial United Church **trunk and table sale**. An unconventional yard sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 234 William Street, Stayner. Start your summer yard sale shopping off with a bang. Email: fundraisers@ucstayner.ca or call Geoff: 519-546-3991 to rent a spot in our parking lot \$20 and sell junk out of your trunk or rent a spot in the church for \$30 and sell treasures off of your Table. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, May 23

- Creemore Farmers' Market **opening day** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Station on the Green parking lot.
- **Local musician** Wayne Fennell performs at the Stayner Legion from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All shows no cover, just great music. \$5. Legion beers and hot dogs during the show. All welcome.
- **The Creemore Echo's 25th birthday celebration** at the Creemore Village Green from 10 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, May 28

- 2026 Municipal Election Candidate and Third Party **information session** presented by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at 5:30 p.m., Clearview Township council chambers.

Friday, May 29

- **Trivia on the Green** gives you a chance to test your general and local knowledge with friends, family and neighbours. Rain or shine, cash bar opens at 6:30 p.m. and questions start at 7 p.m. Maximum of six people per table. Tickets at ticketscene.ca.

Saturday, May 30

- Stayner Garden Club **plant sale** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Stayner arena. Cash only.
- Mad and Noisy Quilt Group is celebrating 25 years of tea parties, quilts and friendship with a **tour and tea party**. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pick up a passport at Creemore Log Cabin. \$10 per person.

Tuesday, June 2

- Escarpment Corridor Alliance's **Annual Community Update** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the The Marsh Street Centre: 187 Marsh St., Clarksburg. Special guest speaker Mike Hendren, executive director of Ontario Conservation Accelerator. Visit eca-community-update-event.raiselysite.com for more information.

Saturday, June 6

- The Creemore Collective **clothing exchange** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Station on the Green. Fill a bag for \$10, or by donation. For more information, visit www.creemorecollective.ca.

Saturday, June 27

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Grant will purchase two emergency generators

by Bonnie MacPherson

If a severe weather event or other disaster should strike Clearview Township, Emergency Services will be ready. The township has been awarded a \$46,828.70 grant from the province's Emergency Preparedness Grant program.

Fire Chief **Scott Davison** says the funds will be used to purchase two emergency generators. One will be installed at the fire hall in Creemore. The other will go to the Creemore Communications Tower on Collingwood Street to maintain service in the event of a prolonged power outage.

Davison says the balance of the money will be used to acquire emergency evacuation supplies such as cots, bedding and rations.

"Because the township is so big, these supplies will be stored in a trailer which

can be moved to wherever they're needed," he said.

The Community Emergency Preparedness Grant supports small- to medium-sized municipalities, local services boards, First Nations communities, tribal councils, and Indigenous service organizations, as part of the provincial government's investment to strengthen emergency preparedness in Ontario. Recipients were selected through a rigorous and competitive review process.

Simcoe Grey MPP **Brian Saunderson** said, "This investment will help Clearview Township strengthen its emergency preparedness and ensure residents are supported when it matters most, from severe winter storms to extended power outages. Having the right equipment and resources in place is essential."

Singhampton park to benefit from Smile Cookies

The Singhampton Community Park has been selected as the beneficiary of the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign by the Singhampton restaurant.

Park volunteers are fundraising for the purchase and installation of a new playground structure with a total estimated cost of \$75,000. So far, \$20,000 has been raised, enough to complete Phase 1 of the park project: the purchase and installation of a swing set with one toddler swing, one accessible swing and two youth swings.

The campaign runs from April 27

to May 3. Proceeds from the Stayner Tim Hortons will go to Clearview Meadows Public School and Minesing Central Public School; proceeds from the Cashtown Corners location will go to Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School and New Lowell Public School; and proceeds from the Tim Hortons at Sunnidale Corners will go to the Georgian Triangle Humane Society.

Anyone interested making a donation to the Singhampton Community Park can email singhamptonhall@gmail.com.

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HEALTH

Health unit returning to schools for Grade 7 student immunizations

Immunization nurses from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) will be returning to local schools to finish the series of routine immunizations for Grade 7 students and offer catch-up opportunities to students in Grade 8 who missed completing their Grade 7 vaccine series.

Immunization remains one of the best tools we have available to protect youth against harmful diseases before they may encounter them. The vaccines offered during the school-based clinics significantly reduce the risk of hepatitis B, meningococcal meningitis and human papillomavirus (HPV) infections.

The health unit recommends following Ontario's publicly funded immunization schedule to stay up to date with vaccinations. Parents and caregivers should be aware that the meningococcal vaccine is required under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). In keeping with Ontario's ISPA requirements, all children and youth in elementary and secondary schools must be immunized against specific diseases unless they have a valid exemption.

While the hepatitis B and HPV vaccines aren't mandatory under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), they're highly recommended to help keep students healthy. The HPV vaccine, in particular, offers strong protection against the risk of several cancers such as cervical and throat cancer and it also prevents genital warts. More information about the HPV vaccine and its benefits can be found in this video from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.

Having up-to-date immunizations helps ensure that students have the best protection against serious vaccine-preventable diseases, reduces the risk of outbreaks in schools and allows the health unit to act quickly to prevent and control outbreaks.

As your local public health unit, our goal is to support the health and safety of youth in our community. We encourage parents to visit smdhu.org/Grade7 or speak with a health unit nurse by calling the immunization program at 705-721-7520 ext. 8827 if they have questions or would like to learn more. This is also where you can find the date the health unit will visit your child's school, along with information about the Grade 7 vaccines and the diseases they prevent.

Correction

Crest Hardware history

March 1, 1949 – Floyd and Marie Freethy bought the hardware store in the Heslip Block beside the drugstore from H.G. Carscadden.

In 1952 it was moved to present location (H.H.).

In 1957 it was remodelled and both sides were used, renamed the Crest Hardware (June 20–21)

Sold in 1962 to G Hill who ran it for a short time

1965 – sold to John Harper

1974 – changed to Home Hardware

1987 – sold to Brian Doran

THE WAY WE WERE



Mrs. Mary Montgomery of Creemore is shown cleaning our her mail box for the last time at Creemore Post Office on Feb. 28, 1974, after 45 years of continuous service. Mrs. Montgomery and her late husband George started delivering the mail on RR4 from Creemore to Maple Valley in 1929 and have been on the job ever since. The late George Montgomery delivered the mail in a horse and buggy, or cutter, in the early years but finally this mode of transportation gave way to the modern-day automobile. Mrs. Montgomery assisted her husband in the early years and assumed the postal route full-time upon her husband's passing in 1956.

LETTER

Worried about appointed warden

Editor:
 I have very strong reservations about an appointed warden for the county.

There does seem to be a definite tendency to say that the 'poor wee' country folk don't know what they really need.

Anyone we seem to elect in a democratic fashion appears to be discounted by the GTA gang.

That annoys me as much as skating judges saying

we didn't need gold level judges north of Highway 7 a long time ago.

When 16 new county councillors are in opposition to whatever the GTA crew proposes, does the appointed 'party hack' ignore the elected vote and go the way of what is wanted? A question for all of us to meditate on for a bit.

Maureen C McLeod,
 Collingwood.

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Library introduces Book Trail Tour Loop

Saturday, April 25 is a very special day at Clearview Public Library as we introduce our Book Trail Tour Loop showcasing all three branches. Visit us to find out what we have to offer you in our library collection in celebration of Canadian Children's Book Week from April 26 to May 2.

LIBRARY NEWS



Michele McKenzie

We also host a free exchange of jigsaw puzzles, interactive activities and in-house boredom busters for quality family time.

Little Free Libraries are located at the community halls in Dunedin and Duntroon. For more information, visit www.clearviewpubliclibrary.ca.

Continue on the Book Trail Tour Loop by visiting our literary friends at local bookstores. Saturday, April 25 is Independent Canadian Book Store Day and special activities will be taking place at Curiosity House Books (122 Mill Street, Creemore), Nottawa Cottage Bookstore (4206 County Road 124, Nottawa), Torn Pages (7318 Highway 26, Stayner) and The Canadian Comic Bin (7278 Highway 26, Stayner).

Can you think of a better way to spend this Saturday or any day of the year by hopping from one book nook to another to discover the diversity of books available in these unique spots found only among the Purple Hills of Clearview Township?

Branches of the Clearview Public Library are located at 165 Library St. in Creemore, 269 Regina St. in Stayner, and 5237 County Road 9 in New Lowell.



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Laura LaFleshe (board member), **Diane Page** (library staff) and **Jenny Ross** (board member) invite you to discover what the Clearview Public Library has on-shelf for the Canadian Children's Book Week as you visit and investigate all the book nook spots on the Clearview Township Book Trail Tour Loop.

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7:00 pm Prana Restore (Tara)

Tuesday:
5:30 pm Creative Flow (Angel)
7:00 pm Restorative Yoga + Sound (Sass)

Wednesday:
10:30 am Gentle Yoga Flow (Sass)
6:00 pm The Fitness Class (Jess)

Thursday:
5:30 pm Strong Flow (Sinead) *new*
7:00 pm Slow Flow + Restore (Sass)
new starting April 16

Friday:
10:30 am Gentle Yoga + Strength (Sass)

Saturday:
10:30 am Yoga Flow (Sass)

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- MAY 24 VETERANS COFFEE BREAK 1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.**
- JUNE 13 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**
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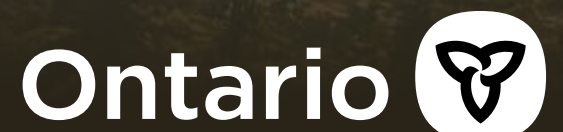
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Mulmur land pledged to escarpment corridor

by Bonnie MacPherson

The Escarpment Corridor Alliance (ECA) is one step closer to its goal of establishing a connected ecological corridor spanning the Southern Georgian Bay region.

Executive director **Jarvis Strong** says a Mulmur landowner has pledged a 152-acre parcel between Ruskview and Black Bank to the land trust.

“We’re referring to it as the Black Bank Highlands,” said Strong. “It’s an area in the Pine River watershed previously cleared for pastureland that is now a mix of mature forest, dense White Cedar swamp, and a thriving meadow.”

He said the property is home to several species at risk including grasshopper sparrow, red-headed woodpecker, snapping turtle, eastern milksnake, northern brook lamprey, bobolink, eastern wood-pewee and eastern meadowlark.

The parcel is connected by a road allowance with the nearby Bruce Trail, and will eventually house a public trail allowing more access to nature and more land protected.

The wildlife corridors will allow animals to move freely across the landscape, and linked habitats including forests, wetlands and shorelines, help to fend off climate change. The human-nature connections support long-term stewardship, preservation and recreation. Ultimately, the corridor will link protected spaces such as provincial parks across Southern Georgian Bay and restore wetlands and other aquatic features that offer essential habitat for biodiversity.

The land will not be officially transferred to the ECA land trust until a \$100,000 stewardship endowment fund is in place to cover management costs, taxes, maintenance and the like. Thus far, Strong says more than \$60,000 has been raised.

The ECA has a goal of adding five nature preserves and/or conservation easements this year. Strong says there are significant tax advantages for donations of ecologically valuable land. “There is a capital gains exemption of up to 100 per cent, with up to 10 years to apply the credit. For someone who purchased land 40 or 50 years ago this can be a huge win,” he said.

As it strives to develop an ecological corridor, the ECA is trying to be very collaborative with the Bruce Trail organization and the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy. He says their goals are well aligned,



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Black Bank Highlands

but the ECA is more local in focus. The Black Banks Highlands will offer something new to local nature enthusiasts, many of whom have hiked the Bruce Trail and the Creemore Nature Preserve multiple times.

With its annual general meeting coming up in May, the ECA is recruiting new board members. Strong says they’d love to see representation from the Creemore and Mulmur areas. Desired skills include expertise in accounting or farming or a science background. Anyone interested in knowing more about the board positions should reach out to info@myescarpment.ca.

A community update event will be held at the Marsh Street centre in Clarksburg on June 2. Registration is open at myescarpment.ca. Admission costs \$20. The guest speaker will be **Mike Hendren**, executive director of the Ontario Conservation Accelerator.

Businesses, volunteers lead by example

(Continued from page 1)

carbon dwelling including dense insulation and a switch to electric heating and appliances.

There were four presentations in the business/organization category:

- The Keep Refillery co-founders **Jacquie Rushlow** and **Andrew Murray** were honoured for providing consumers a choice to reduce their plastic consumption in light of growing awareness about global plastic and microplastic pollution. The Keep offers waste-free products from ‘closed loop’ Canadian suppliers.

- **Mike Matthews** of Mpowered Solutions was nominated for his dedication to reducing energy usage by advising builders and designers on energy efficiency and air tightness best practices while also providing services that quantify the efficacy of such practices in real world conditions. Mpowered Solutions offers testing and analysis and advises about energy related government programs and incentives.

- **Kelly Sinclair** and **Chanse Dionne** were recognized for taking climate action to protect their business, Highlands Nordic. Recognizing the impact of climate change on snow levels, they have undertaken a substantial tree planting program to mitigate climate change by sequestering carbon dioxide and retain snow to better sustain their ski trails. Their outdoor education programs promote an environmental awareness for younger generations.

- Friends of the Clearview EcoPark was recognized for protecting and enhancing biodiversity through tree-planting, community gardening, and events. During the growing season the volunteer group supplies the food bank with produce from the communal gardens.

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The Highlands Trailblazers biathlon team finished 10th out of 30 clubs nationally at the Canadian Biathlon Championships, held March 24-29 in Canmore, Alberta.

Trailblazers finish 10th at Canadian Biathlon Championships

The Highlands Trailblazers biathlon team wrapped up its 2025-2026 season with a strong and competitive showing at the Canadian Biathlon Championships, held March 24-29 in Canmore, Alberta.

Hosted by the Bow Valley Biathlon Organizing Committee, the championships are the premier biathlon event in Canada, bringing together athletes from across the country to compete in a week of high-level racing. The event featured national championship races for IBU and U17 categories, festival competitions across development, masters, and EcoAims divisions, a national alumni race, and opportunities for junior and open athletes to earn IBU qualifying points toward international competition.

A small contingent from the Duntroon-based Highlands Trailblazers, one of the smallest clubs in attendance, travelled west to compete. Despite training in an eastern-based environment on a 10-lane range, the Trailblazer delivered a standout team performance, earning a club aggregate score of 692 points and finishing 10th out of 30 clubs nationally.

“Nationals was an absolute thrill,” said head coach **Chris Skelton**. “Not every athlete from our program was able to attend, but these results reflect the progress and potential of the entire team. After eleven months of training, our athletes showed determination, teamwork, and confidence on a national stage. We couldn’t be prouder.”

Representing Highlands Trailblazers at Nationals were **Nolan Martin Mills**, **Calvin Curtis**, **Jean-Jacques Michener**, **Simon Harman**, and **Malcolm McCulloch**, who competed under the Trailblazer banner while at the Biathlon Alberta Training Centre, along with masters athletes **Paul Hudson** and **Steven Pedersen**.

Earning Individual Aggregate Awards was Martin Mills (U17) and McCulloch (U21).

Biathlon combines high-intensity cross-country skiing with precision rifle shooting, requiring athletes to alternate between skiing full-speed loops and shooting five quarter-sized targets at 50 metres. Missed shots are penalized with additional ski distance, making both endurance and focus critical to success.

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Virtual

Hosted by Dufferin County’s lower-tier municipalities and facilitated by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration: orangeville.ca/CandidateSession

In person

Hosted by Dufferin County’s lower-tier municipalities and facilitated by Clerks on Call. Attend either date. Stay after the session to connect with the trainers and ask questions.

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Monora Park Pavilion,
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Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 10 a.m.

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Notice of Nomination Period for Interested Candidates

Are you thinking of running for office in the next municipal election?

The nomination period for candidates begins on **May 1, 2026** and ends on Nomination Day, **August 21, 2026**. Nomination forms may be led in person by the candidate or by their agent during normal office hours. On Nomination Day, nominations forms may only be led between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The 2026 Municipal and School Board Election will take place on **October 26, 2026**. The deadline to file the required Nomination Forms for the offices of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor and School Board Member is Nomination Day, August 21, 2026.

For more information, contact us.

Township of Mulmur: www.mulmur.ca
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New Lowell flag football player makes Team Ontario

by Bonnie MacPherson

Karrington Nash, of New Lowell, won't be on Team Canada when Flag Football makes its debut at the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles but she has her sights set on the 2032 games.

Nash is one of 15 players selected for the Ontario U19 team, one of 12 in the starting line-up, and has been named most valuable defensive player.

Flag football was only recently sanctioned by U.S. university sports bodies and is relatively new in Canada.

Nash trains in Barrie with the Simcoe North Stars, and also plays in a Monday night house league. Since the Barrie program started three years ago, it has grown to nearly 400 members in boys, girls and youth divisions.

Nash, 17, is a Grade 12 student at Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School in Angus. At various times, she has played softball and volleyball and competed in track and gymnastics, but she especially enjoys the team aspect of flag football. Once she decided that flag football was her thing, she wanted something more.

"I could only learn so much with the Barrie team and I wanted a bigger stage," she said. "I like to be challenged, so I decided to tryout for Team Ontario."

Tryouts started last fall, and in January, Nash got the news that she had made it through the first phase for Team Ontario. She also tried out for the national team, and while she didn't

make the cut this time, she plans to be there when the team is selected for the 2032 Olympics in Australia.

Flag football is a non-contact game where instead of tackling, players stop the ball carrier by removing a flag attached to their waist. The primary objective is to advance the ball down the field and score touchdowns by moving the ball across the opponents' goal line. Nash says the game demands plenty of skill.

"Conditioning matters," she said "but skill and strategy are more important."

She is headed for a training camp in Montreal May 13-14, then will be involved in a tournament hosted at Queens University in Kingston May 15-17. She will be travelling with the Barrie rep team every other weekend throughout June, July and August.

It costs about \$1,800 per year to be on the Ontario team. That covers practise time and accommodations at tournaments. Nash has secured a \$250 pledge from Macs Performance in Barrie. They are excited about sponsoring their first ever female athlete. Her family is responsible for her travel costs. Dominos Pizza in Angus, where she has a part-time job, will host a fundraiser on May 2 where \$5 from each order that uses a special coupon will go to her travel fund.

Nash is one of only two small-town girls selected for the Ontario U19s. Most of her teammates come from



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Karrington Nash, of New Lowell, has been selected for the Ontario U19 flag football team.

larger centres like Toronto and Halton with more established programs. She has been approached by several U.S. colleges about the possibility of studying there and playing flag football

but she would prefer to stay in Canada. She is planning to enter a four-year kinesiology program, then possibly pursue a master's degree to become an occupational therapist.

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Palette of Hope Art Fundraising Event

Supporting CGMH Foundation

May 7 - May 9
Art exhibition & silent auction

Thursday May 7 - 11 to 3:
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Friday May 8 - Gala

All proceeds are entirely to the CGMH Hospital Foundation

ABOUT THE EVENT:

Palette of Hope is a three-day fundraising event hosted by Mountainside Gallery in support of the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation.

The gallery is donating three full days to this event, with 100% of proceeds supporting the hospital's \$100+ million fundraising goal. Because everyone will need the hospital at some point — let's help build the best one possible.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

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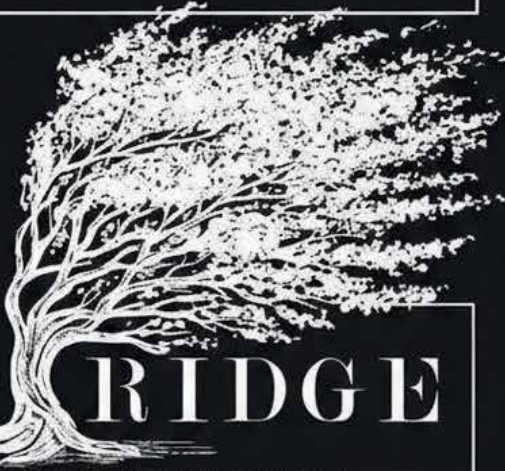
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Brittany Priddle, from Badjeros, and **Tahnee Scott**, from Stayner, play in the Creemore and District Ladies Broomball league, as well as Grey Bruce Storm Elite. The Elite team recently won the Canadian Broomball championship in Alma, Quebec. They were undefeated in preliminary rounds and won the championship game 1-0 in triple overtime.

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Devil's Glen PP plan amended to include rock climbing

by **Trina Berlo**

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved an amendment to the Devil's Glen Provincial Park Management Plan April 13, changing it from recreation class park to Natural Environment.

The new management plan also formally recognizes rock climbing as a use and amends the park boundary to include an adjacent 18 ha parcel of acquired land.

The ministry says the Niagara Escarpment Commission recommended the new classification to recognize the significant natural functions of the park. The stated objective is to protect: provincially rare, provincially uncommon and regionally uncommon plant and animal species, including species at risk; regionally significant incised river valley, as well as ecological features and communities associated with the Niagara Escarpment; and the high-quality cold-water fishery habitat for Brook Trout in the Mad River.

The plan was last amended in 1994 when the 45-site campground was decommissioned. The new classification "recognizes the park's unique life science and earth science features and the recreational values of the park. The previous recreational classification of the park was deemed no longer appropriate given the removal of the campgrounds and facilities and its environmental functions."

No additional camping or picnicking facilities are proposed because the land

is too steep and fragile to be suitable for further development.

Climbing will be allowed only in areas supported by Ontario Parks and designated by the park superintendent.

"It is recognized that the Devil's Glen cliff area is highly saturated with existing climbing routes and the need or capacity to create new route opportunities is generally low," states the plan. "However, if opportunities are identified in suitable areas, Ontario Parks has the sole discretion to determine whether a new climbing area is appropriate. Installation of bolts or other fixed anchors and establishment of new climbing areas of any kind will not be allowed without authorization of the park superintendent."

"This is a major milestone — not just for climbing access, but for how outdoor recreation and conservation can work together. The updated plan includes policies to formally authorize and manage rock climbing in the park, creating a path forward for safe, sustainable access. This is a big step forward, and it sets an important precedent for climbing in provincial parks across Ontario," reads a statement from the Ontario Alliance of Climbers. "This outcome reflects years of work and being a good partner with Ontario Parks, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Ontario Alliance of Climbers (OAC). It's also a testament to the climbing community's commitment to stewardship, safety, and respect for the environment."



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Student teacher **Allias Jones** (from left) shows Stayner Collegiate Institute green industries students **Ethan Lawrence**, **Simeon Perry** and **Brayden Connor** how to tie fly fishing lures. The students are benefitting from a donation of two tie vices from Grand River Outfitting and Fly Shop in Fergus. Students have been learning how good agricultural practices positively impact the watershed and how aquaculture impacts on the health of different fish species.

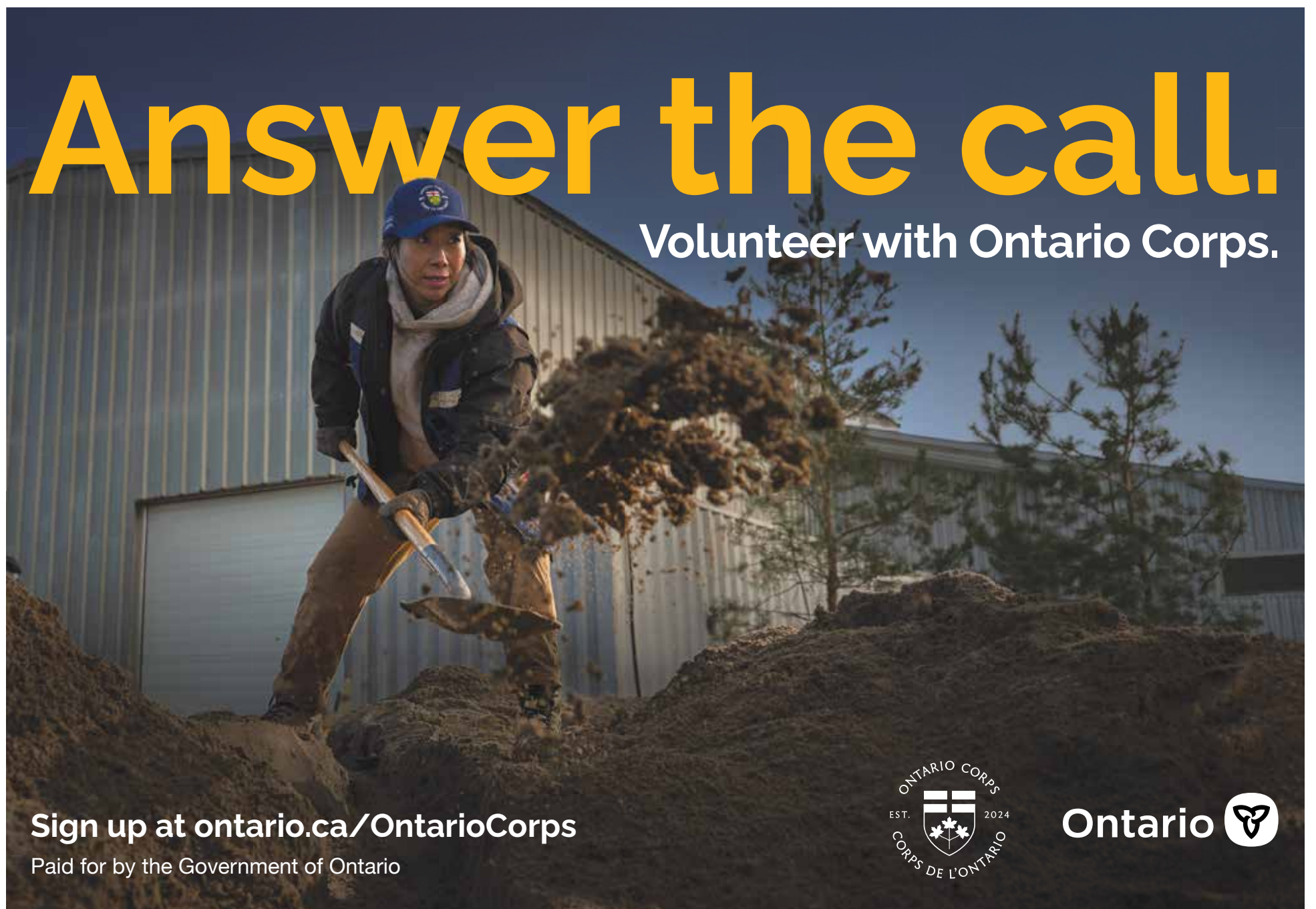


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Clearview Township won top honours at the recent Simcoe County Warden's Bonspiel. Representing Clearview is councillors **Rob McArthur** and **Phyllis Dineen**. Presenting the trophy is Warden **Basil Clarke**, Clearview Township's water and sewer supervisor **Dale Lighthouse** and Councillor **Marty Beelen**.

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Nordic poles now available from lending library

Clearview Township's Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Clearview Public Library have launched the Active Communities Project Lending Library. The pilot project adds to the library's lending catalogue, making active equipment available to library patrons.

Working towards the Active Communities project goal of creating sustainable programs for all ages and abilities, the lending library increases access to physical activity equipment,

beginning with Nordic walking poles, by eliminating cost barriers.

There are 15 sets of walking poles available to borrow through the three Clearview Public Library branches. Borrowers will have access to the Nordic walking poles, carrying bag and instructional pamphlet. The lightweight walking poles use nearly 90 per cent of the body's muscles, including the arms, chest, and shoulders, providing a better upper-body workout than walking alone and increased stability on uneven

terrain, reducing the risk of falls for seniors or those with reduced mobility.


"The library offers more than just books," said Clearview Public Library CEO **Jennifer LaChapelle**. "The new Active Communities Nordic walking poles will expand opportunities for adults and seniors to borrow equipment and try out a new activity."

Manager of Parks and Recreation, **Amanda Murray**, sees the ACP lending library as a natural fit.

"This new initiative supports the goal

of the Active Communities Project. It was a natural fit to partner with the library and reduce the cost barrier to active equipment," she said.

For the past two years, the Active Communities Project has been funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, providing programs that increase opportunities for physical activity for all ages in Clearview Township. If successful, the lending library may be expanded to offer snowshoes and other active equipment.



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- Excellent reading ability
- Must have reliable transportation
- Ability to work in all three library branches located in Creemore, New Lowell and Stayner
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada as a student
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2026 SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Township of Clearview Water Department will be flushing hydrants between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM on the following dates and locations:

- Stayner: April 13- May 15
- Creemore: May 4-6
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Please be advised that there may potentially be water interruptions, and discoloured water could stain laundry during these times. If your water remains discoloured or dirty, run water until clear. It is recommended that water softeners be left in bypass mode during these times.

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Building community shares ideas on efficiency

by **Trina Berlo**

Clearview Sustainability Network has partnered with Passive Buildings Canada and Evolve Builders Group to host a high-performance design event in Creemore.

The May 12 event brings together leaders from design and construction fields to share ideas, network and learn about products and techniques for high performance buildings.

High-performance buildings optimize energy efficiency, durability, and comfort, exceeding conventional building codes, and reducing building energy consumption, and carbon emissions.

Passive Buildings Canada was Canada's first national non-profit organization supporting the passive house community to build a more sustainable Canada and planet.

Passive houses are airtight and have high-efficiency windows and can reduce energy usage by 90 per cent.

Jim Campbell, a member of the Clearview Sustainability Network's building and development committee and founder of Rockside Campbell Design, has been honing his passive house design skills over the last decade. As a member of Passive Buildings Canada he has been attending their "boots on the ground" events and was eager to host one in Clearview Township.

He said the event is geared toward those in the building industry it may be of interest to the general public.

He said the goal is to share resources and ideas about how to build better in the face of a changing climate and to encourage curiosity about sustainable building practices.

Soaring heat, high energy costs, noise, smoky air from wildfires are factors that could prompt home owners to go looking for a passive home, prompting them to seek out builders who can deliver.

Campbell describes Passive Buildings Canada as a community of people who can share resources, information and experiences in support of high performance building.

Boots on the Ground events include snacks and drinks, three 20-minute talks by speakers from the region, and a mini-trade show with passive house products.

The event is at Creemore Station On The Green and will feature three presenters: **Angus Doughty** and **Bruce Green** will share their experience of renovating a Collingwood home to be carbon

neutral; architect **David McAuley** will talk about the construction of his low-carbon, low-tech healthy home between Creemore and Mansfield; and Ed Leimgardt Contracting project manager **Ashley Leimgardt** and Rockside Campbell Design design associate **Andrew Winters** will discuss the critical role of communication and teamwork between design and construction teams in delivering successful high-performance buildings.

The presentations are from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. with networking from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$25. Admission to all Boots on the Ground events is included with a Passive Buildings Canada membership, which is also \$25. For tickets, visit www.passivebuildings.ca/events.

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by Barbara Simpson

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What did the man say when he walked into a bar?
Ouch

Canadian Criss Cross

by Walter Feener

ACROSS

1. Garden vegetable
5. Copycat
9. Cut into a desired shape
10. Cut apart
12. Glossy fabric
13. Having existed from the beginning
15. Right for the occasion
16. Everyone has one
18. Car driven by a chauffeur, for short
19. Driven obliquely
21. Tip laterally
23. Bro's counterpart
24. Dignify
26. Liability's opposite
28. Railroad support
30. Its capital is Tripoli
33. Show fear
37. Historical period
38. Calamitous
40. Its chemical symbol is Fe
41. Small fruit pie
43. It's used with water
45. Increase the quantity of
46. Go for a walk
48. Long-necked birds
50. Spooky
51. Members of the aristocracy
52. In case
53. An award similar to a Gemini

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1. Slat used for fastening down tarpaulin
2. Earlier in time than
3. Well balanced
4. That can be defended
5. Trembling tree
6. According to
7. Wicked
8. Guilty of neglect
9. Rooster raised to be eaten
11. China grass
12. Fill to excess
14. Met with defeat
17. Respected conductor
20. Half-rotten, like timber
22. Variety of cabbage
25. Tapering nail
27. Trucking rig
29. Golden syrup
30. Consents to
31. Infuriated
32. Unit of volume in the oil industry
34. Hard liquor
35. Veins of metal ore
36. Parts left over
39. Bit of land in the ocean
42. Pulled apart
44. High school dance
47. Fleur-de-_____
49. Side piece of a sofa

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Tree Time Outdoor Services is looking for seasonal **PART-TIME HELP**. Must be physically fit. Contact 705-305-4420.

DEATH NOTICE



MCCUTCHEON, Myrtle Evelyn passed away peacefully with family by her side at Dufferin Oaks on Sunday, April 12, 2026 in her 95th year. Loving wife of the late Donald McCutcheon. Devoted mother of William (Delma) and James (Susan). Proud grandmother of Devon, Amanda (Liam) and Katrina (Draydon) and great-grandmother of Julius and Maeve. Predeceased by her parents Delmar and Hazel Stewart and her sister Ruth. She will be lovingly remembered by her extended family, friends and former students. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Warrior's Hall at the Shelburne Legion, 203 William Street, Shelburne on Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with a sharing of memories at 3 p.m. Spring interment at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to 4H Ontario, Dufferin Community Foundation – Mulmur Fund, Headwaters Health Care Foundation or Dufferin Oaks Auxiliary would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com.

THANK YOU

The Avening Community Centre board would like to thank all those who came out to enjoy an evening of music last Saturday. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Amy Millan, Jenny Whitely and their band for a magical performance, to Marty Kinack and Andrew Shropshire for perfect sound and lights, to our bartenders Gavin, Bonnie and Rick, ticket takers Jill and Lisa, ticket sellers Jess and Hillary, the merch team of Trina and Jenny, and to Melanie for keeping it clean in the kitchen. A big shout out to Sara, Bill and *The Creemore Echo* for all they do to make concerts happen in Avening. Hope to see you at the next show!

IN MEMORIAM



YOUNG, Clarence – In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who passed away April 27, 2024. It has been two years since you left us And we miss you so. Those special memories of you, Will always bring a smile. If only we could have you back, For just a little while. You were someone we could talk to, That no one can replace. And now as we pause to remember, How dearly each of us loved you. And Oh! How you loved us all. You are forever in our hearts, And sadly missed by your wife Marjorie, son Keith and his wife Rose and family.

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When the snowflakes of winter plant a kiss on our cheek that kiss might well be you.

Through the promise of the morning and the voice of the wind,

You will always have something to say.

To reflect on the wonderful moments and warm our hearts as we make our way.

All things we were part of will continue to brighten each day making room for the Love you gave us by remembering you're not far away.

Love from the heart,

Your family and friends

This week's answers

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Job Number: #2026-015
 Vacancy Status: New Vacancy,
 Existing Position
 Posting Date: April 13, 2026
 Deadline: April 27, 11:59 PM

YOUTH CENTRE ASSISTANT '1'

Clearview Township is currently seeking one (1) permanent part-time (approximately 25 hours per week) Youth Centre Assistant '1'. This is a unionized position within the CUPE Bargaining Unit. The primary location of work is currently based at the Stayner Arena, located at 269 Regina Street, Stayner; however, day-to-day work locations may vary across the Township or be out of town based on operational requirements or scheduled outings.

Key Accountabilities:

Reporting to the Youth Centre Coordinator, the Youth Centre Assistants are responsible for supporting the safe and smooth daily operations of the Clearview Youth Centre. The Youth Centre Assistants actively participate in youth activities and programs, effectively overseeing, guiding, and directing the youth members. The Youth Centre Assistants are also responsible for ensuring controlled entry access for every youth member arriving, conducting opening and closing procedures, registering and updating new member information, and responding to public inquiries.

Qualifications:

- Secondary School Diploma and a recognized post-secondary certificate in Recreation and Leisure studies, Youth Work, or Social Services with one (1) year of previous related work experience working with youth aged 12 to 17.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, leadership, conflict management, and organizational skills.
- Knowledge of the procedures involved in recognizing youth at risk in accordance with the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, and proven knowledge of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- Ability to handle sensitive situations with innovative thinking, sound judgement, and effective negotiation and dispute resolution skills.
- Ability to work constructively in a team environment and act independently as required.
- Flexibility and willingness to work afternoons, evenings, and weekend shifts, including traveling within the community and out of town as required, to meet operational requirements.
- Current and valid First-Aid, CPR-C, and AED certification required, as well as current WHMIS certification.
- Satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Check.
- Valid Class "G" Driver's License in good standing with a clean Driver's Abstract and reliable personal transportation.
- Experience delivering services within a Youth Centre is a definite asset.
- Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Training and/or Applied Suicide Intervention Skills training is a definite asset.

Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township to conduct a Vulnerable Sector Check prior to finalizing an employment offer.

Wage Rate:

Currently: \$38.90 per hour (2026).

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and a covering letter quoting **job # 2026-015** to Human Resources **by April 27th, 2026, at 11:59 pm** 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 does not use Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology at any stage of the recruitment process. 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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Job Number: #2026-016
 Vacancy Status: Existing Vacancy
 Posting Date: April 13, 2026
 Deadline: April 27, 11:59 PM

SEASONAL ROADS OPERATOR

Clearview Township is currently seeking one (1) seasonal full-time (40 hours per week) Roads Operator from May 15th, 2026, to October 1st, 2026. This is a unionized position within the CUPE Bargaining Unit. The location of work varies based on the needs of the Township; however, the primary location of work is located at the Clearview Public Works Yard, 5833 County Road 96, Stayner, ON.

Key Accountabilities:

Reporting to the Roads Supervisor, the Seasonal Roads Operator is responsible for assisting the Public Works Roads Department with roadside grass maintenance, traffic control, machine sweeping, regular maintenance on tools and roads infrastructure, construction projects, and transporting gravel to and from various job sites. The Seasonal Roads Operator is also responsible for performing other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Minimum Grade 12 education with a minimum of one (1) year of experience operating heavy equipment.
- Valid DZ Driver's License in good standing with a clean Driver's Abstract.
- In addition to operating heavy equipment, must possess the ability to operate utility trucks, pumps, compressors, generators, common hand and power tools, shovels, wrenches, two-way radios, and phones.
- Current WHMIS training.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team environment.
- Knowledge of safety standards and precautions pertaining to 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.
- In case of urgent call-ins, must be able to respond to the workplace within 30 minutes.

Note: The preferred candidate must be willing to provide consent for the Township to conduct a Criminal Record Check prior to finalizing an employment offer.

Wage Rate:

Currently: \$30.96 per hour (2026), plus 4% vacation pay.

How to Apply:

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