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Volunteers have been sorting hundreds of books for the Big Book Bash happening at Creemore Station on the Green this Saturday. With all proceeds going to the community centre for ongoing upkeep and maintenance, residents responded with generous donations of books in all genres – trade paperbacks, wellness, cookbooks, biographies and collectables, along with a pile of puzzles – all being sold for \$5 or less, and lots of children’s books available three for \$1. Organizers expect the May 2 sale, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., will offer something for everyone.

Developer pivots from townhouses to single-detached dwellings

by Trina Berlo

Tribute Communities is revising its plans for the Creemore Commons development, replacing a block of 68 condominium townhouses with 47 single-detached houses, thereby reducing the subdivision’s total unit count from 495 to 474.

The new concept plan shows 438 single detached dwellings, on the existing Gordon homestead, and 0-30 units for future development.

To accommodate the new design, council approved a zoning bylaw amendment and redline revision to allow for narrower lots, increased maximum lot coverage to 60 per cent, and extended height restrictions to allow for three-storers.

In April 2025, Tribute requested a pause in a rezoning to allow for



A 2017 concept drawing for Alliance Homes.

an “opportunity to fully assess the housing market, to confirm the type of homes proposed, and to monitor the township’s preparation of a new Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw as it relates to revised zoning standards,” reported Tribute’s planner **Celeste Phillips**.

Tribute cites a market shift away from condominiums toward freehold, single-detached homes as the reason

for the revision.

The project has been on the books since 2003 when Alliance Homes first pitched plans for Hometown Creemore at the corner of Mary Street and County Road 9. It was the subject of a heated Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) process due to concerns that the development, originally at 527 units, would overwhelm the village, basically doubling the population. There was widespread opposition to the size of the project.

The OMB was settled in 2007, just in time for the economic crisis of 2008.

A pre-servicing agreement was approved in 2017 paving the way for construction of the first 25 units. Over many iterations it has included plans for multiplexes and rentals.

Crash claims six-year-old

Dufferin OPP is asking for the public’s assistance in identifying any witnesses of a fatal collision in Mulmur on April 19, when two vehicles collided at the intersection of County Road 17 and County Road 19 (Prince of Whales Road) at about 1:30 p.m.

The collision involved a passenger vehicle carrying six occupants and a pick-up truck with a lone driver.

As a result of the collision, a six-year-old male was transported to a local hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased. A 30-year-old male, and a two-year-old child were airlifted to a Toronto area trauma centre with life-threatening injuries. Police later confirmed that the two-year-old child who was transported to a Toronto-area trauma centre with life-threatening injuries is now in stable condition.

The lone driver of the pick-up truck and additional passengers from the passenger vehicle were transported to a local hospital with unknown injuries.

Investigators are interested in speaking with anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage from the area at the time of the incident and are asking witnesses to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or report anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

Waste management strategy consultation continues

Dufferin County is inviting community members to help shape the future of sustainable waste management as it continues to update its long-term waste management strategy.

Participants can complete the survey until May 17 at joinindufferin.com or contact the county’s waste services division at wastestrategy@dufferincounty.ca or call 519-941-2816 ext. 2620 for a paper copy of the survey.

The county is hosting two open houses on May 14; one being held at Shelburne Public Library from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and the other at Alder Recreation Centre in Orangeville from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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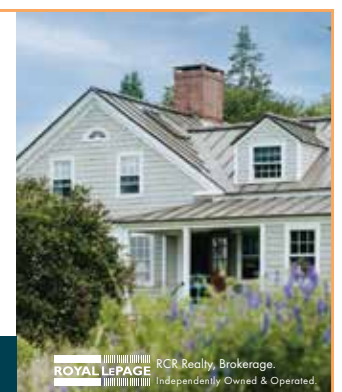
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Saturday, May 2

- **The Big Book Bash** is back, at the Station on the Green from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 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. For info, contact David Culham, 705-446-7203 or Barbara Black, 705-441-2466.
- **Riverside tree plant in Mulmur.** Join the NVCA and Friends of the Mad River for tree planting starting at 9 a.m. Come out and join your community to help plant native trees and shrubs. Visit www.nvca.on.ca to join and sign up.
- **Rob Martine The Singing DJ** returns from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All shows no cover, just great music.

Sunday, May 3

- RAYS invites members of the community to attend the **annual general meeting** at 3:30 p.m. at the Station on the Green. Speakers will include RAYS student award recipients, and members of the board.

Thursday, May 7

- Thanks to Marilyn Badger's generous broom donation, Creemore Springs Brewery hosts **Brooms & Beer Night** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. where participants can paint them in bold, cheerful colours. The finished brooms will brighten the downtown and keep the town tidy for all to enjoy.

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 New Lowell United Church community **yard sale.** 8 a.m. to noon at 5227 County Rd. 9, New Lowell. A pie table will be available, there are no pre-orders, so visitors should come early. Those interested in selling their own items can rent a table for \$10 to sell their treasures. To reserve a spot, call Rose at 705-424-1476.

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.

Saturday, May 9

- 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. Don't miss this show from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All shows no cover, just great music.

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.
- Clearview Ministerial is hosting a **Spring Community Concert** at 7 p.m. at Centennial United Church in Stayner. Free-will offering with proceeds going to the Ministerial to support community outreach.

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.
- **The Voice of Hind Rajab** will be screening at Simcoe Street Theatre at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and include food. Guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item. All proceeds will be sent to families in need in Gaza. Visit simcoestreettheatre.ca for tickets.

Thursday, May 14

- The Stayner Garden Club's **10th Annual Tulip Festival** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Rain date: Friday, May 15) at Fountain Park, Stayner (Hwy 26 and Oak St.)

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.
- 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 at 519-546-3991 to rent a spot in our parking lot – \$20 to 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.
- Stayner Lawn Bowling Club's **open house** at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A free introduction to lawn bowling, just wear your running shoes. 205 Ontario St., south of Hwy 26. For more information visit www.staynerlawnbowlingclub.ca.

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 is 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.

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Plot twist: Council purchases UTV from J&R Cycle

by Trina Berlo

Councillor **John Broderick** had to recuse himself from the council table this week as fellow members debated quotes for a new utility terrain vehicle (UTV) for Clearview Fire and Emergency Services.

Broderick is the owner of J&R Cycle in Stayner, which ultimately won the bid for a Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 Northstar Premium worth \$42,233.47, even though it was not the lowest, when the purchase was discussed at council a second time.

At its March 23 meeting, council directed Fire Chief **Scott Davison** back to the drawing board when members said they preferred not to purchase a CF Moto, which is Chinese-made.

Davison said he had chosen the UTV for the warranty, power, pricing and trailer compatibility.

Councillor **Robert Walker** said he wanted to see more quotes based on broader specs to “open up the field to other dealers... Because we have dealers in our own Clearview Township that weren’t able to even submit a tender on this because of the itemized fine-tuning of the product.”

“It’s frustrating,” said Mayor **Doug Measures** last month. “I want to support local just like everybody else.”

Broderick voiced several concerns about the machine including the number of cylinders and the wheel base, raising its centre of gravity and impacting its

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hill-climbing capability.

“Most people assume that they are all the same, in my opinion they’re not,” he said. “I’m sorry but I just have a lack of confidence in this particular machine. I won’t be supporting it as part of our fire department. I think we need something a little more, in my opinion, dependable.”

When topic was raised again on Monday, Davison presented five quotes for UTVs manufactured by both Polaris and CF Moto, with the lowest bid coming in for the latter from an Uxbridge dealer in the amount of \$37,007.50. In his report Davison recommended the purchase from J&R Cycle because, even though the CF Moto has the same five-year warranty, “the ground clearance, the towing capacity, the horsepower, everything for the Polaris Ranger came out just slightly above the CF Moto specifications.”

“It came down to choosing the Polaris,” said Davison. “There were two kind of comparable in price, one from Allan Byers Equipment, the other from J&R Cycle. But what J&R Cycle did include was the extended five-year warranty as Byers did not. That’s a \$2,000 option, which put J&R’s bid above Byers.”

Councillor **Robert McArthur** was the only member to vote against the

bid from J&R Cycle, coming in at third lowest.

“I must say, I know we’ve talked about procurement bylaws and supporting local and all that stuff, but in my mind, a \$5,000 difference, that’s over 10 per cent,” said McArthur. “So I can’t vote in favour of going with this... I’ve talked to a few people about the CF Moto as far as reliability and whatnot, and I’ve talked to Polaris owners... everybody has their favourites. So I think we should go to the CF Moto bid of \$37,000.”

The Kubota UTV currently in use by the department, valued at about \$15,000, could either be sold as surplus equipment, or may be purchased by or transferred to the recreation department for use in trail maintenance and garbage collection.

Tenders approved

At the same meeting council considered four recreation-related expenditures:

Council approved the replacement of the filtration system at Stayner Centennial Pool at a cost of \$119,500 in the hopes of extending its life.

“Without replacement, the mechanical system’s future is in jeopardy,” reported manager of parks and recreation **Amanda Murray**. “During budget deliberations 2026, it was decided that the capital

replacement will take place after the summer season so that the pool can open in June 2026.”

Staff explained that due to the specialized nature of the work, a single source procurement method was used, with PPL Aquatic, Fitness and Spa Group Inc. being selected as the contractor, the same company that performs regular maintenance of the pool, in addition to the annual start-up and closure.

The job includes the replacement of the circulation pump, two sand filters, the flow meter, all piping and plumbing fixtures, the strainer and gauges. Work will begin in the fall as to avoid disturbance of the summer season, if the mechanical system holds out that long.

Council also approved the purchase of dehumidifying equipment from J.L. Wilson and Sons Industrial Refrigeration, now Carmichael Engineering, for the Creemore arena in the amount of \$89,430.

Two units currently in use at the arena break down frequently and parts are no longer readily available for repairs, reported director of parks and recreation **Terry Vachon**.

The new equipment is expected to significantly improve the atmosphere inside the facility by reducing fogging.

Once again, the equipment was
(See 'New' on page 13)

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HEALTH

Why oral health matters

by Dr. Lisa Simon

As a public health physician, I see that the oral health of our clients and communities is inseparable from their overall health and well-being. In Canada, oral health care is funded separately and to a more limited degree than the rest of the health-care system. This has created barriers to accessing care, leading to outcomes that are visible in our classrooms, workplaces and emergency rooms.

Many people delay or avoid dental visits because of the partial or full out-of-pocket costs. Access has improved in recent years with the welcome introduction of the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP), but barriers remain for those who don't meet the eligibility criteria, as well as for those who do meet the criteria but struggle with affording the co-payments. As a result, oral diseases like cavities and gum disease go untreated, leading to pain, infection and difficulty eating, speaking or attending work or school. Gum disease is also linked to chronic illnesses including heart disease, cancer and diabetes. Early detection and treatment can prevent tooth loss and reduce the risk of more serious complications.

Oral health is fundamental to everyday life. Eating, drinking, speaking, and smiling should not be sources of discomfort or distress. When someone is living with dental pain, missing teeth or an untreated infection, even routine activities become challenging. Pain can make it hard to concentrate, sleep or perform daily tasks, which affects a person's ability to work or attend school. Beyond the physical impacts, oral health also shapes social, emotional and economic well-being. Visible dental issues like missing teeth or obvious infection can affect self-esteem, leading people to avoid social situations, smiling or speaking, or withdrawing from community life. In some cases, they may also face stigma or be overlooked for employment opportunities, further limiting a person's economic stability and well-being.

These burdens are not shared equally. Oral diseases disproportionately affect people with low- and middle-incomes, for whom access to care is more limited. When people cannot access essential dental care, minor issues can escalate into major ones, requiring more complex and costly treatment. This cycle deepens health inequities, increases pressure on the health-care and social assistance systems, and contributes to lost work and school time, reduced productivity and higher personal expenses.

Public health plays a critical role in breaking this cycle. At the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, we work to improve oral health through education, screening, and the provision of dental care services. We provide education on caring for teeth and gums and help individuals and families determine whether they qualify for publicly funded dental programs. These include Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) for children and teens 17 and under, the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) for all ages, the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (See 'Clinics' on page 5)

THE WAY WE WERE



A float in the Avening Centennial parade in July 1960 featured a dog churn, with a dog providing the power to churn butter.

COLUMN

50 floats on parade at Avening Centennial

Imagine a large crowd one weekend this summer in Avening watching a mile-long parade with 50 floats. The usual Airport Road traffic would be backed up as far as Cashtown to the north and as far as Banda on the townline to the south. Imagine the honking and the angry drivers.

But it was different in 1960. Airport Road was away in the future. On July 21-23 Avening celebrated its centennial. Festivities started Friday night with an old time flavoured dance in Avening Hall. Prizes were awarded. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Noble won the prize for the best costume. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhodes received the award for the best dancers of several old time dances.

Saturday was the busiest day. The parade began at 2 p.m. with a 30-piece RCAF band. The star of the 50-float parade was a self propelled steam engine moving at a snail's pace, sparks flying and every once in a while, a loud whistle. Dalton Lowe, of Stayner, recalls that Howard Noble had him go to get a steam engine that was in Wasaga Beach with a float and his truck. Dalton remarked that it was a really good parade and there were a lot of people there to watch. Once Dalton loaded the engine and got on the road the whistle blew. He thought it was from the train whistle but it was from the steam engine.

The Creemore Star reported that there were displays of old and modern machinery. One intriguing float showed

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Helen BLACKBURN

a dog churn with a dog providing the power to churn butter. Another imaginative group in the parade demonstrated that early families had many children. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patton walked with a dozen children and twins in a baby carriage.

The Saturday events make me think that the people of 1960 had tremendous stamina. People could view items of interest and

old photographs in Avening Church. Four hundred people watched the girls' ball game competition. Refreshments and lunches were available in the hall. In the evening a crowd went to the hall for a viewing of a slide show and to hear a children's choir. At dark, Saturday's events came to a close with a display of fireworks.

At the Sunday church service all faiths assembled in the hall. Former rector at Banda, Rev. Walter Dyer, and Rev. Frank Sullivan, previously at Avening Church, addressed the crowd. Community and children's choirs provided music. These were directed by Peter Coates.

One wonders how long it took for everyone to recover from the Avening Centennial, particularly Wallace Timmons, head of all the committees, who did it all with a cast-bound foot.

Helen Blackburn is a retired teacher, avid gardener and a long-time contributor to The Creemore Echo. She writes about local history.

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LETTER

PSA: Download app to assist first responders

Editor:
We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Clearview Fire Department and everyone involved in the rescue during a hiking incident at Nottawasaga Bluffs this week.

After Julie suffered a serious knee injury on the trail, the team responded with professionalism and care. Navigating the difficult terrain, coordinating access, and safely transporting her by stretcher was no small task, and we are incredibly grateful for the calm, compassionate support shown throughout.

A special thank you to Jamie

Hamilton for helping guide first responders into the area, and to all those who assisted along the way.

The dedication and teamwork made a frightening situation much more manageable. We are truly thankful to have such skilled and committed first responders in our community.

We also encourage people to download the app "what3words," which can help emergency services quickly pinpoint your location in situations like this.

Jeannine Murphy
and **Julie Morin**,
Creemore.

Clinics open to eligible children, seniors

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(OSDCP) for adults 65 and older with low incomes, Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) for First Nations and Inuit people, and coverage under social assistance programs.

Beyond these roles, public health also provides in-school brief dental checks, along with education and follow-up with families to help prevent disease before it starts and assist those with low- and moderate-income to apply for funded programs. SMDHU also operates community dental clinics for eligible children and seniors in Simcoe Muskoka at our two clinic locations, in Barrie and Gravenhurst. There are also privately-run dental clinics throughout

the region that may accept patients on one or more publicly funded programs.

Combined, these efforts help prevent and treat dental problems and have the ripple effect of improved quality of life, reduced health-care costs, and healthier, more equitable communities. Oral health is not a luxury; it is a fundamental part of overall health, dignity and opportunity for everyone.

For more information about support for individuals and families, visit smdhu.org/dental.

Dr. Lisa Simon is the medical officer of health and chief executive officer at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.



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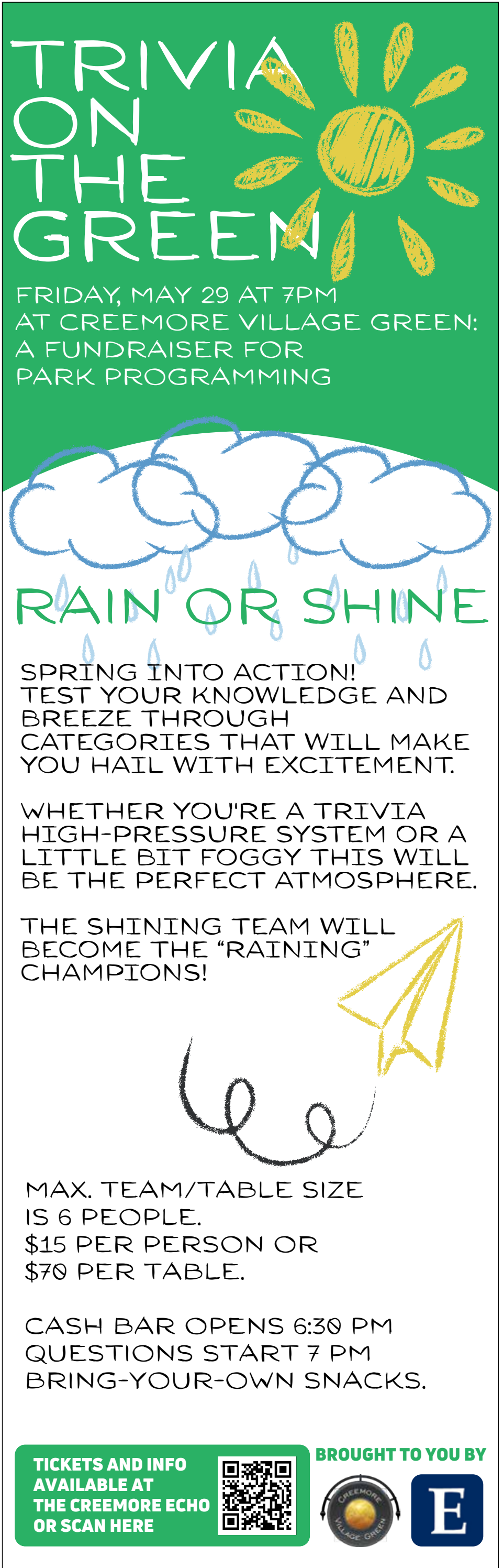
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Cadets take aim at marksmanship competition

Five cadets from Creemore's 1944 Royal Canadian Army Corps put their marksmanship skills to the test and made new friends during the Ontario Cadet Marksmanship Championships held April 18-19 at Canadian Forces Base Borden.

During the weekend, cadet corporals **Kimberly Anderson**, **Hayden Laskosky**, and **Juliet Paniczko**, Warrant Officer **Olivia Ragazzon**, and Master Corporal **Tomas Valderrama Foreo** competed in a provincial marksmanship competition along with 180 of their fellow cadets from across Ontario, after qualifying at a zone competition held earlier this spring. Coaching the team was civilian instructor **Angela Yaeck**.

Cadet marksmanship is a challenging, accessible and competitive sports program accessible to all cadets, conducted at both the local and competition levels. For Foreo, marksmanship has helped him find community in the cadet program.

"This experience of competing at the regional marksmanship competition has helped me to grow as a cadet. It is great to be a part of such a supportive and welcoming environment," he said. "I hope that other cadets interested in marksmanship will find the same positive community that I have."

Safety is always the top priority during marksmanship activities. Cadets use the Daisy air rifle, and activities are conducted under close supervision



Photo by Cadet Sergeant Diego Alvarez Trujillo, Cadet Correspondent

Cadet Master Corporal **Tomas Valderrama Foreo** (left) was one of five cadets from Creemore's 1944 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps competing at the Ontario Cadet Marksmanship Championships held April 18-19, at Canadian Forces Base Borden.

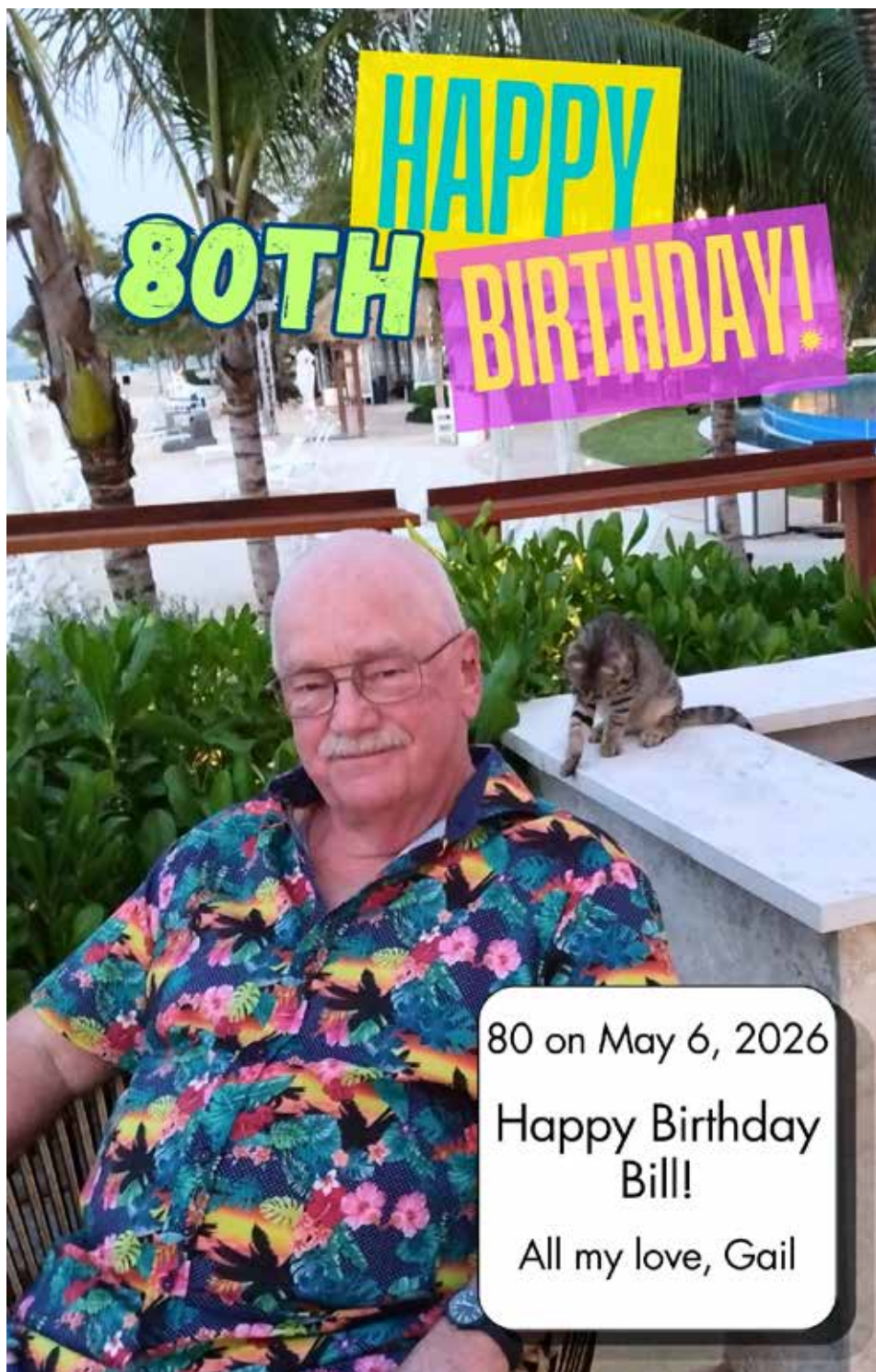
by trained adult staff, ensuring that all safety standards are followed.

Captain **Christopher Whatley**, the commanding officer of 1944 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, was a staff member at the competition as a member of the results team and worked alongside the team coach, Yaeck, to help the team reach the regional level

this year. "This was the first time for these cadets to compete at this level of marksmanship, and it proved to be a great learning experience. With Yaeck coaching the team, we hope to continue developing and qualify for the regional competition again next year" said Whatley.

The program is open to all youth

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Quilters throw anniversary tea party

by Trina Berlo

The Mad and Noisy Quilt Group is celebrating 25 years of tea parties, quilts and friendship.

Linda Cockton, a founding member of the group, said the group has a long tradition of sharing creativity, encouragement and of learning from each other.

Some of the original members are still involved with the group and over the years, she said, and many friendships have been made.

“We’re still carrying on,” said Cockton. “And we still have a wonderful community of quilters.”

Each year the quilters host a tea to share their creations, whether its crazy quilts, wall hangings, or other small projects.

She said the tea has always been a draw because of the China tea service and the yummy homemade treats. This year, a tour will be added with quilted creations shown at two homes, the Creemore Log Cabin and at St. John’s United Church.

It all started when Cockton hosted a party for someone who wanted to demonstrate and sell a new style of sewing ruler. The tea party was so popular that a group of Creemore quilters carried on with monthly meetings and annual celebrations.

The group has a philanthropic side as well. It has donated lap quilts to nursing homes, premie quilts for the hospital and placemats for Meals on Wheels.

The popular tea party in celebration of the milestone anniversary will be held on May 30. The event will include the unveiling of the mystery quilt made by members who follow the instruction of the leader as they work together to collaborate on a quilt without seeing the full pattern.

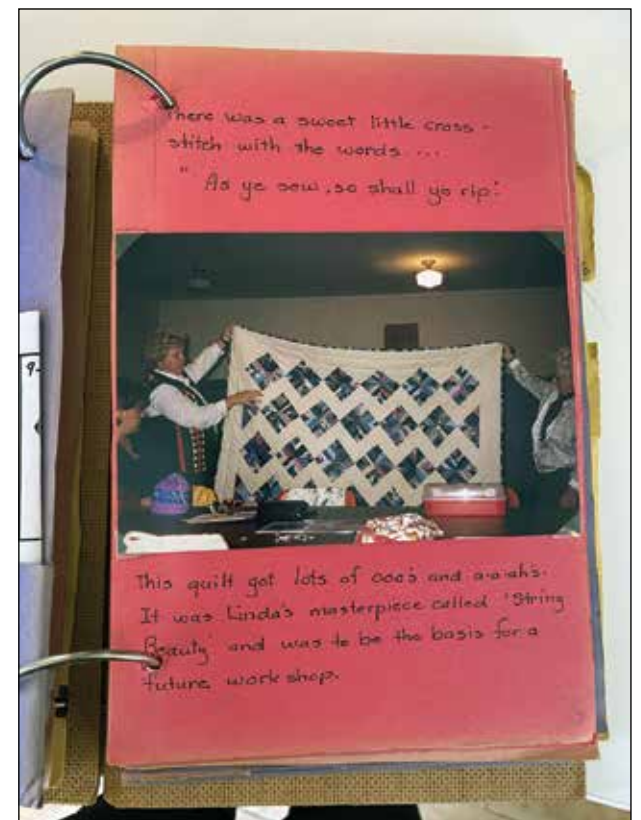
Admission costs \$10. Pick up a passport at Creemore Log Cabin between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. or pay at the church, where tea, sandwiches and desserts will be on the menu.

The passport will include stops at Cockton’s home, where some of her thousands of quilts, wallhangings and other small projects, and Sandy Van Laar’s garden, with quilts on display.

When fundraising was underway for the relocation of the log cabin, the Mad and Noisy Quilt Group made a traditional log cabin patterned quilt to be raffled off. It will be on display at the log cabin during the tour, along with other antique quilts.



Jackie Houston holds up her memory chain quilt with assistance from Marie Kidd during the Mad and Noisy Quilt Group’s foundational years. The early days of the group’s activities are captured in a memory book (below) assembled by Diane Hutchings.



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As approved by Creemore Township, the following **STREET CLOSURES WILL BE IN EFFECT:**

Friday, May 9
 7am – (Sat. May 10) 4pm - Mill St. from Edward St. to Elizabeth St. - Elizabeth St. East from Mill St. to Home Hardware access lane (this lane will not be blocked)

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Please note that during these times, there will be NO PARKING OR VEHICLE ACCESS in or out of these streets to accommodate event set up, safety of event participants and all other visitors to the village of Creemore on this day. We ask that if you park on the closed portions of the roads regularly, to please ensure to park elsewhere, the evening before the road closure. Event set-up will start by 6am on the Saturday. We will do our best to manage noise levels.

As Mill Street will be closed for bike and pedestrian traffic only, we encourage our local business to expand out front of your business to help animate the street and attract visitors. Friends and Family members of the Turas Mor participants will be spending time in the village waiting for the riders to return. They will be looking to shop and dine to fill their time.

Please join us in the festivities planned for the day!

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Assorted native trees, shrubs for sale on Arbour Day

Sixteen species of tree and shrub seedlings will be available for sale at the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's (NVCA) annual Arbour Day sale on May 9, including white pine, red pine, tamarack, red oak, black walnut and black cherry. Trees are sold in bundles of 10 for \$40 per bundle. Quantities are limited and available on a first come first serve basis.

"All proceeds from the Arbour Day Tree Sale support NVCA's forestry program, said **Rick Grillmayer**, Manager of Forestry at NVCA. "We work with property owners across the Nottawasaga Watershed to plant forests to moderate the effects of drought and flooding, reduce soil erosion, provide habitat for wildlife,

and mitigate climate change. They are also an important economic resource as they can become wood products."

Trees sold at NVCA's Arbour Day Tree Sale are bare-root seedlings. While smaller and younger than potted trees, bare-root seedlings are more affordable and establish strong root systems that readily access soil moisture and nutrients.

"If you have a tree or shrub species in mind, come early as half of our trees typically sell out in the first hour," continued Grillmayer. "Line-ups often start well before the sale begins."

The Tiffin Centre for Conservation is located at 8195 8th Line, Utopia. For more information on the Arbour Day Tree Sale, visit nvca.on.ca or call 705-424-1479.



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Talisman buildings to be demolished

by Bonnie MacPherson

Buildings at the former Talisman Mountain Resort will be demolished, making way for a major “rewilding” project at the site. The unanimous decision to tear down the buildings came at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC). The 134-acre property, including 885 metres of Bruce Trail at the top of the Niagara Escarpment was purchased by BTC in November 2025. Plans call for reforestation of the ski slopes, dormant since the resort closed in 2011, and possibly restoration of a buried stream that currently runs beneath the buildings.

Since the resort closed, the land has been the target of large scale development proposals including a Nordic Spa. According to a BTC news release, demolition of the buildings will permanently eliminate the threat of development. The project, which will be known as the Talisman Forest Nature Reserve will involve creation of essential habitats and providing free public recreation along the Bruce Trail.

With this announcement, the BTC has launched a \$7.5-million fundraising campaign to support the permanent protection of the land, demolition of the buildings and ski lift infrastructure, and the restoration



Bruce Trail Conservancy photo

An autumn view from the top of Talisman Mountain Resort.

of 134 acres, including large-scale reforestation of the slope previously used as ski runs. To date, \$3.36 million has been committed with the support of private donors and pledge of matching funds from Environment and Climate Change Canada through the Ontario Land Trust Alliance.

A three-season ecological inventory of the property, is underway making observations about the species and features of the land to refine future restoration plans. In addition to the possibility of uncovering the stream currently running underneath the resort buildings, a process known as “daylighting”, significant reforestation of the slope is being planned, which will eventually close one of the largest gaps in the forest canopy. Ecologists are also considering meadow and

grassland habitats to support the Meadowlark, Bobolink and other species recorded on the property.

“This is a historic moment for the Bruce Trail Conservancy, for the Beaver Valley community, and for nature in Ontario,” according to **Michael McDonald**, Chief Executive Officer of the Bruce Trail Conservancy. “Often, our work involves protecting an untouched piece of our natural heritage. With the creation of Talisman Forest Nature Reserve, we are doing something different; we are reclaiming a scarred place and changing the story of the land to one of renewal, rewilding, and permanent preservation. This is a story that we will work together to create, leaning on the expertise of our ecologists, the dedication of Bruce Trail volunteers,

and the support of our community to transform and restore the land to peak ecological health. In 100 years, when visitors to the Bruce Trail take in the vista over Talisman Forest Nature Reserve, they will look out onto a mature woodland with ecosystems supporting the unique wildlife that makes the Niagara Escarpment so special. There is no better gift we can give to current and future generations than a healthy environment and a way to connect with nature.”

The project is being described as a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reimagine the property, return it to nature and make it available to the public to explore once more.

Donations to the Talisman Forest Nature Reserve can be made at bruce-trail.org/donate-talisman.



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Lights, camera, action!

by Trina Berlo

Submissions open May 1 for the inaugural Creemore Film Festival.

Over three days in January, up to 20 films will be shown across three local venues, with one prize awarded.

Executive director **Steve Lucas** said the goal is to create a premiere cultural event for Clearview Township, turning it into a year-round arts centre, that will offer the community that shared experience of cinema.

A jury of up to two dozen people will select a slate of about 10 short films which will be shown on a rotating basis in the Model A room at Creemore Springs Brewery, and up to nine feature films shown at Creemore Station on the Green and the Legion. The films will be selected based on cinematography, sound and overall quality, giving priority to world and national premieres. The Creemore Audience Favourite Award will go to the feature with the most audience votes, and will receive an encore presentation on the last night of the festival.

Film submissions are to be done through Film Freeway, which Lucas says is used by premiere film festivals around the world.

The festival is soliciting submissions of professionally made Canadian short and feature films made within the past two years that cut across all genres, including a late night horror or cult



Steve Lucas

film for the Howl at the Moon feature.

Canadian filmmakers include citizens, landed immigrants, permanent residents, newcomers, anyone currently living and working in Canada (including international students), and Canadians living abroad. Submissions not in English must include English subtitles.

Works-in-progress are accepted but programmers will review the most recent version available and cannot review multiple versions.

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Gallery Lagom provided the wall space for this year's 10×10 Community Art Show organized by Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society (PHAHS). The show opened on April 24 and the new location has allowed the show to continue until this Sunday, May 3. The show includes about 140 pieces of art in a variety of mediums made by artists of all skill levels, including submissions from the participants in PHAHS's new After-School Art Club.



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Stayner and District Kinsmen Club made a \$3,000 contribution to the Stayner Legion building fund on April 25. The money will go towards purchasing new tables for the recently renovated facility in Stayner. From left: **Gerry Goorts**, **Brandon Ward**, **Bill Roskar**, Stayner Legion president **Jim Seili**, Kinsmen president **Mitch Warris**, **Randy Bonham**, **Jerry McEachern** and **Rick Perry**.

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Pressure on for Stayner boundary expansion

by Trina Berlo

Clearview council has reaffirmed its direction to explore a settlement area boundary expansion for Stayner to accommodate housing, and job creation through commercial and industrial development.

Council passed a motion Monday directing staff to proceed with the Stayner Secondary Plan, in development with consultants, that will examine a study area extending roughly one kilometre around the existing built boundary, for potential long-term growth and development through to the year 2071.

CAO **John Ferguson** recapped that the township signed agreements with three developers for water infrastructure projects that were contingent on the expansion.

“The developers were concerned about the number of homes that they could build and the high cost of infrastructure and sought us to expand our settlement boundary area,” said Ferguson. “So we agreed in our agreements that we would work towards expanding our settlement boundary areas, and the big critical issue for this township is until the settlement boundary area is expanded the developers don’t have to pay their money for the infrastructure until that time period. So it’s an economic issue for the township to move towards expanding the settlement boundaries as soon as possible. Conducting all this work is important, but it’s also important that we pay for this project so it’s a call for an urgent process to get on this and get moving on this as soon as possible.”

GSP Group president **Steve Wever** said a multi-disciplinary team will study the defined radius of the



The Stayner boundary study area is indicated by the dotted line around the built area.

current built boundary of Stayner to determine where that logical long-term boundary should be, noting it is important to get it in the right spot.

“[There are] a whole range of factors that need to really be looked at in detail for all of the land within that study area to determine where that boundary should go and then secondly, in what order should that boundary be grown outwards to address the growlands and the other opportunities for accommodating growth and development in that expanded area,” said Wever.

Cultural heritage conservation and impacts on agriculture will also be considered.

Wever said an agricultural impact assessment is a requirement under the provincial planning statement

because the majority of non-urban land in the township is prime agricultural, including much of the land around Stayner. Soil quality and farm infrastructure will all be included in the assessment.

“The provincial planning statement would prefer, or directs, that municipalities prioritize expanding into non-prime land where possible but where it is all prime land we have to look at those land classifications to determine if some of the land is lower capability for agriculture than other and, if possible, try to orient the urban expansion towards the lower priority land,” said Wever.

The development of the plan, costed at \$674,557, is estimated to take up to 28 months, with opportunities for community input built in.

“Recognizing the critical nature of the project we will work very closely with the township to ensure this moves along at a reasonable pace and that it’s implemented in a timely way to recognize that there is an important tie-in with your infrastructure funding,” said Wever.

In 2025, Clearview Township was allocated \$35 million in provincial infrastructure funding to cover half of a Stayner water servicing project. The Klondike Park Road (KPR) wellfield facility and watermain project is estimated to cost a total of \$70 million, which will be funded in partnership with members of the development community, each committing \$10,077,450, and \$4,772,025 from Clearview.

Mayor **Doug Measures** said, “We have to lay [the plan] out now so that in the future, future legislators that are responsible for this community will have the ability to make some decisions that we’re making today.”

New hospital reaches milestone with official land transfer

Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH), Di Poce Management Limited, and the Town of Collingwood have announced the official transfer of a 54-acre property significant milestone moves the new hospital project forward and strengthens the foundation for modernized healthcare in South Georgian Bay.

“[The] land transfer represents an extraordinary moment for our community. The generosity of the Di Poce family and the strong partnership with the Town of Collingwood have brought us one step closer to the modern hospital our region deserves,” said CGMH board chair **Geoff Davies**. “This milestone reflects what we can accomplish when we work together for the health and wellbeing of South Georgian Bay.”

CGMH, Di Poce Management Limited, and the Town of Collingwood made a joint announcement about the transfer of the site at Poplar Sideroad and Raglan Street last week.

Partners are calling the official transfer of a 54-acre property, the future home of Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH), a significant milestone that moves the new hospital project forward and strengthens the foundation for modernized healthcare in South Georgian Bay.

The late John Di Poce and the Di Poce family donated 30 acres secured through a development agreement with the Town in 2023, as part of the Minister’s Zoning Order for the Poplar Regional Health and Wellness Village. The Town of Collingwood, CGMH, and Di

Poce Management continued to support negotiations and related agreements, leading to CGMH’s strategic purchase of an additional 24 acres.

According to the statement, “This acquisition provides long-term flexibility for future growth, protects local and provincial investments, and supports the hospital’s ability to adapt to the needs of the rapidly growing South Georgian Bay region. It also maintains the community benefits outlined in the original 2023 agreement and enables coordinated development of the hospital site and adjacent village.”

As part of Stage 2 of the capital planning process, CGMH says it is well positioned to meet upcoming planning requirements and continue progressing its detailed design work.

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New dugouts in the works for Gowan Park

(Continued from page 3)

sourced from a specific supplier due to the specialized nature and the need to connect to an existing system.

Council is proceeding with the replacement of the leaky metal roof at the Stayner Tourism Centre at a cost of \$55,932.79.

Back in 2024 staff flagged the need to replace the roof and commissioned an asset management program which gave the roof a poor rating and estimated a replacement cost of \$120,000. Vachon said he is pleased with the decision to postpone the tender in order to get a better price.

Out of 11 bids received, the tender was awarded to Above All Roofing and Contracting Inc.

In addition to the work on the new bleachers at Gowan Memorial Park in Creemore, Mountain Ridge Custom Homes is proposing to add ground level “dugouts” as a second phase of the park improvement project.

The dugouts, budgeted at a cost of \$100,000, would be constructed in the fall of 2026, or in early spring 2027 with \$25,000 raised by the builder and \$75,000 from the Harper Family trust.

At the April 13 meeting, proprietor **Gord Zeggil** was exempted from security deposits, permitting, and insurance costs so he could proceed with the construction of the replacement bleachers after he teamed up with ball player **Zak Hayward** who didn't want to see the old bleachers replaced with

pre-fab metal ones.

The township will pay out the total project cost of \$225,000 and will be reimbursed through the various donations.

“The township asked if the \$75,000 trust support could be donated directly to the township and could this portion be tendered. The business owner stated the trust’s donating condition required Mountain Ridge Homes Inc. to be the builder,” reported CAO **John Ferguson**. “This is a rare circumstance for which the township foregoes tendering a project. Because this is a community gift with donations from various sources the township will be required to purchase the donated items and staff payroll up front, with the recipients donating the exact amount of money they receive from the township back to the township for the township to issue a tax receipt for the donation. The owner of Mountain Ridge Homes Inc. must bear the full obligation of the donated money being donated expeditiously back to the township to avoid unnecessary interest.”

On Monday, council approved adding a ground level dugouts project to the Trust/Lease Agreement with Mountain Ridge Custom Homes Inc. as a Phase 2 to the bleachers project, with the project being completely funded through community donations; and, initiated either in the fall of 2026, after baseball season, or in early spring of 2027, before the baseball season.

Council and staff have yet to see designs for the new dugouts.

Ice storm prompts County of Simcoe to conduct controlled burn in Clearview

The County of Simcoe could be conducting a controlled burn on approximately 12.5 acres within the County Forest ‘Nottawasaga Tract’ located at 793455 County Road 124 in the Township of Clearview. The burn may take place as early as conditions allow in May and is expected to be completed within one day. The exact timing will depend on site and weather conditions and cannot be confirmed with absolute certainty until 12-24 hours in advance.

This controlled burn is being carried out largely in response to the lingering effects of the 2025 ice storm, which left significant debris and brush following the salvage of damaged trees. This material poses a fire hazard and limits the ability to access the site to enable reforestation. A controlled burn will help remove this excess debris and support the restoration of the forest’s natural ecosystem over time. The property will be replanted and remain part of the county’s 34,000 acres of municipal forest.

Lands and Forests Consulting (LFC), who provides highly trained and experienced personnel, has been contracted to conduct the burn, as they have done previously for Simcoe County Forestry. Smoke impacts will be minimized by burning only under specific wind and atmospheric conditions. At certain stages of the operation, a visible smoke column may be observed from several kilometres away.

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FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Canadian Criss Cross by Walter Feener

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- Metric unit of weight
- Bug on a dog
- Finnish steam bath
- Salad dressing choice
- Whalebone
- Provided with a power
- 100 square metres
- Use more of something than is necessary
- A doctor might send you to the hospital for one
- Competed in “Canadian Idol”
- Pedal next to the brake
- Advertising sign
- Make knifelike
- ___ bouche (tidbit)
- Tympanic membrane
- Heat-resistant glass
- Film starring Clark Gable
- Grow together, as broken bones do
- Kind of phone
- Animal that eats grass
- Hard-working insect
- Echo finder
- Hasty escape
- Aquarium fish
- A ___
- They control horses
- Kind of fat
- Prickly-stemmed flower
- Has a craving

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- Kick yourself for
- From scratch
- One who runs a business
- Fingerboard ridges
- Half of a road, usually
- Conclusion
- Keen insight
- Wrestler Stock from Manitoba
- Long-legged, long-necked bird
- Perch relative
- Have supper
- Personification of tiredness
- Say hello to
- Wanderer
- Kiss of peace
- Eavesdropping device
- What kings, queens, princes, and princesses are
- Card game for three
- ___ circle
- Ignore the trash can
- Some gourds
- They make necklaces
- “Coffee, tea, ___?”
- Sheriff’s group
- Without
- Underdone, as a steak
- ___ de Janeiro
- Hombre

Trivia: What nickname did Patrick Dempsey’s character often go by on Grey’s Anatomy?

Clearview fire dept launches upgraded online burn permit platform

Clearview Fire and Emergency Services has launched a new platform where burn permits can once again be purchased online. Community Connect is an upgrade from the previous burn permit platform. In addition to burn permits, residents can opt to provide important information that will assist Clearview Fire & Emergency Services in the event of an emergency.

All property owners interested in having an outdoor fire in Clearview Township are required to purchase a Burn Permit. Permits cost \$10 per property and are valid for the calendar year. As the municipality transitions to the new platform, any 2025 regular burn permits will be temporarily extended until May 21.

Online purchase is encouraged, but permits can still be obtained in person at the Clearview Township Administration Centre during regular business hours.

To create a Community Connect account, purchase a burn permit or learn more about the new platform, visit www.clearview.ca/burn-permits.

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The Creemore Echo is seeking candidates for a paid summer internship beginning in June 2026.
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Minimum 35 hours per week for nine weeks, in-office employment with flexible hours, evening and weekend work required.

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- have access to a vehicle.

Send resume, cover letter, references and two writing samples to editor@creemore.com by May 19.



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Seeking a dedicated **ADMINISTRATOR** for Collingwood Agricultural Society.

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Key duties include scheduling meetings, handling correspondence, maintaining files, and ensuring the smooth running of administrative processes. Applicants should possess strong organizational skills, proficiency with Microsoft Office, Quickbooks Online and excellent communication abilities. This is a contract position, a copy of the job description is available upon request at the email address stated below.

If you are interested in this position, please submit your resume and cover letter to our President Maxine Coutts-Reid via email pres@greatnorthernex.com.

Resumes must be received by May 15, 2026. We look forward to welcoming a new member to our team who values efficiency, reliability, and teamwork.

DEATH NOTICE



PIFER, Ruth Ellen (nee Haystead) entered Heaven's gates to her waiting Saviour's arms, peacefully at Campbell House Hospice, Collingwood on Sunday, April 26, 2026, in her 92nd year. Ruth, of Collingwood, was the beloved wife of the late Harold Pifer. Loving mother of Lillian (Darren), Fred (Peggy) and the late John. Cherished grandmother of Grace, Alicia, Katherine (Colin), Kendra, Zachary and Jason. Treasured great-grandmother of Madison, Marissa, Olivia and Jack. Lovingly remembered by her extended family and friends. Mom grew up in Collingwood and spent most of her life here other than a few years spent living in Sunnidale after marrying our father in 1959. Her career included working at Woolworths, Georgian China, and Ditsons Bakery. Later in life Mom sold Avon. Mom's faith was always centre in her life, and she was a member of Stayner First Baptist Church for over 50 years. A sincere thank you for the outpouring of compassion and care Mom received in her final days. Friends are invited to join the family at the Carruthers & Davidson Funeral Home – Stayner Chapel for visitation on Friday, May 1, 2026 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held at First Baptist Church, 205 Oak Street, Stayner on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior. A reception will follow in the church hall. Interment Westmount Baptist Cemetery, Collingwood. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ruth to First Baptist Church, Stayner would be appreciated by the family. To sign Ruth's Book of Memories, please visit www.carruthersdavidson.com.

DEATH NOTICE



HOCKLEY, James Howard Paul "Jim" passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 17, 2026, at the age of 83. Jim died in the same home where he was born and raised – a place he held close to his heart and took immense pride in throughout his life.

Jim will be lovingly remembered by his three daughters: Lynda Hockley (Hendrik), Lisa Lawson (Dave), and Laurie Mitchell (Joe); and their mother Gayle. He was a proud grandfather (Papa) to Aleshia (Matt), Jameson (Hope), Arden (Ben), Paige, and Kiefer, and a cherished great-grandfather to Laura and Andrew.

He is survived by his brother Rae (Lorna). Jim was predeceased by his parents Dougald and Dora Hockley, sisters Rosella and Doreen, and his brother Jack. He will also be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Jim was predeceased by his loving companion, Dorothy. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his long-time friend Diane. A loyal and devoted friend to many, Jim deeply valued the connections he maintained throughout his life. He kept in touch, cared about others, and always took a genuine interest in what was happening in the lives of those around him. Though he experienced the loss of many dear friends over the years, he spoke of them often and will now be reunited with those who have gone before him.

Jim had a special love for his dogs. Although he will be sorely missed by his companion Tina, he will now be reunited with his cherished Diesel.

Jim's warmth, loyalty, and devotion to family and friends will be remembered always.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Collingwood on Thursday May 14, 2026, from 1-4 p.m. with reflections at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Georgian Triangle Humane Society or a charity of choice. Friends may visit Jim's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com.

FUNDRAISER

FUNDRAISER FOR MSF (DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS) – May 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from the sale of my art by Jody Buda (Bowe-Evans) at my studio located at 1818 Nottawasaga Concession Line 6 South Glen Huron, L0M 1L0 – just north of Smithdale on west side. My studio will be turned into a rentable apartment in June. All money made during this art sale will go to MSF either via myself or directly by you.

This week's answers

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Job Number: #2026-019
Vacancy Status: Existing Position
Posting Date: April 28, 2026
Deadline: May 15, 2026, 11:59 PM

HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT, TEMPORARY

Clearview Township is currently seeking one (1) temporary full-time (35 hours per week) Human Resources Assistant for the period of June 1, 2026 – August 28, 2026. The primary location of work is on-site at the Township's Administration Centre, located at 217 Gideon Street, Stayner.

Key Accountabilities:

Reporting to the Director of Human Resources, the Human Resources Assistant provides support to the department by assisting with key projects and functions, including recruitment activities, department filing, HRIS data entry, and reviewing department documentation. The main duties and responsibilities of the position are in the areas of records and process management, recruitment, health and safety and training programs, administrative support, and department functions.

Qualifications:

- Diploma in Human Resources Management or Business Administration, or related field, together with one to three (1-3) years of experience in a Human Resources administration role, preferably in a municipal environment.
- Demonstrated and thorough working knowledge of municipal government, Human Resources Management, policies, and procedures.
- Thorough working knowledge of Microsoft Windows and Office applications, and ability to produce professional documents using desktop publishing software.
- Excellent administrative, communication, interpersonal, organizational, time management, and public relations skills, and the ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to multi-task, cope with interruptions, and work under pressure to meet multiple deadlines, exercise discretion and good judgment, particularly when handling highly confidential/sensitive information.
- Possess a high level of initiative and personal integrity.
- Knowledge and understanding of database management is a definite asset.
- Ability and willingness to travel within the community and out of town as required.
- Flexibility to work occasional evenings or weekends to attend special events, functions, or meetings.
- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check.
- Valid Class G Driver's License with dependable personal transportation.

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

Salary:

Salary range offered for this position is \$63,064 to \$77,427 per annum.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to forward their resume and a covering letter quoting **job # 2026-019** to Human Resources **by May 15, 2026, 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

2026 LAWN & GARDEN WATERING CONSERVATION

All properties that receive water from the Township of Clearview's municipal drinking water systems are subject to Water Conservation measures under the Safe Water Supply By-Law #26-08.

During the period from May 1st to September 30th each year, the external use of municipal water is permitted:

- On even calendar dates at only those municipal addresses ending with numbers 0, 2, 4, 6, 8;
- On odd calendar dates at only those municipal addresses ending with numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.

Furthermore, the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to place further watering and water use restrictions where it is deemed necessary.

The Director of Public Works is authorized to shut off the supply of water to any Premises, upon reasonable notice to the Owners and Occupants, where the Owners or Occupants of the Premises do not adhere to the watering and water use restriction issued for the area, and that the Water may be reconnected where the Director or By-law Enforcement Officer is satisfied that the Owners or Occupants will begin to adhere to the restriction. If reconnection is completed, a fee shall apply as indicated under the Safe Water Supply By-Law #26-08, Schedule A – Part I Provincial Offences Act Fines.

For more information, contact:

Todd Patton
Manager of Operations
 (705) 428-6230 ext. 302
tpatton@clearview.ca

Dale Lighthouse
Water / Sewer Supervisor
 (705) 428-6230 ext. 303
dlightheart@clearview.ca

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
- New Lowell: May 6-8
- Nottawa: May 13-15
- Colling-Woodlands: May 20-22
- Buckingham Woods: May 25-27

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.

For more information, please contact:

Dale Lighthouse, Water & Sewer Supervisor, Clearview Township
 (705) 428-6230 ext. 303, dlightheart@clearview.ca

CLEARVIEW YOUTH CENTRE YOUTH WEEK DROP-IN PROGRAMMING MAY 4-8, 2026

In celebration of National Youth Week, May 1-7, 2026, the Clearview Youth Centre is offering drop-in programming for Clearview youth from May 4th to the 8th.

National Youth Week focuses on celebrating the contributions of youth to their communities through free, engaging, and diverse activities. Programming at the Youth Centre is offered to youth from Grade 7 to 12, with a special night on Monday, May 4th for youth Grade 6+.

- **May 4:** Hip Hop with The Dance Room & Kitch'n Savvy Dinner
- **May 5:** Cinco de Mayo Fiesta & Gym Night
- **May 6:** Axe throwing with Axed & BBQ
- **May 7:** Give Back Day at Blue Mountain Manor
- **May 8:** YMCA Swim & Learn Transit

For more information, please visit www.discoverclearview.ca/youth-centre.

For more information, please contact:

Felicia Wells-Montgomery, Youth Centre Coordinator, Clearview Township
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