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**DUCK RACES** Clear View Electric won the corporate title at the Stayner Kinsmen Duck Race on May 2. The UFO design flew down Lamont Creek as if it were on a cushion of air. Tim Hortons was in the lead for some time, but, somewhere in a tight meander, the Clear View Electric duck from outer space found its guidance thrusters, took advantage of the sling-shot effect of an eddy in the middle of the course, moving up and eventually taking the lead. More coverage on page 7.

## Race is on: Beelen runs for deputy mayor

by Bonnie MacPherson

Nominations for the upcoming municipal election opened May 1.

Current Clearview Township Ward 5 councillor **Marty Beelen** is the first to announce his intention to run for deputy mayor in this October's municipal election.

Beelen is a long time resident of the New Lowell area. Beelen has a degree in chemical engineering from University of Waterloo. He is retired, has been married 38 years and has two children and four grandchildren.

During his first term on council, he served on the board of directors for Brentwood Hall, Creemore Station on the Green, and the Huronia West OPP Detachment.

He said he is proud of the fact that the current council managed to keep tax increases low, and especially proud of his role in getting a four-way stop at County Road 9 and Centre Line Road. His priority for the upcoming term will be to see the water servicing project completed on time and on budget.

"I think to be an effective deputy mayor we need someone familiar with what's going on both in the township and at the county," said Beelen.

Incumbent Deputy Mayor **Paul Van Staveren** says he has not yet decided whether to seek another term, pending discussions with his family.

Others who have declared their intention to run this fall are **Melanie Walters** and **Robert Thomas** vying to become councillor in Ward 5 and **Ken Walker**, seeking a council seat in Ward 4.

Incumbent public school trustee **Brandy Rafeek**, current chair of the Simcoe County District School Board, will seek reelection and **Eric Lapointe** will run for a seat on the French Public School Board.

## Townhouse condos on the horizon

by Trina Berlo

A notice was posted on May 1 for a new condominium development at 7582 County Road 9 in Creemore.

On behalf of the landowners, Innovative Planning Solutions has applied for an amendment to the Township of Clearview's Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw to eventually allow for condominium townhouses.

A conceptual site plan shows 34 two-storey standard townhouse units; 48 three-storey standard townhouse units; 34 three-storey back-to-back townhouse units; in addition to eight single detached units outside of the condo area.

The purpose of the application is to change the property's land use designation from future development to residential, and rezone portions of the lands from development area to residential multiple low density and multiple medium density exception zones, along with recreational lands.

Other features of the proposed



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

The stone farmhouse at 7582 County Road 9.

condominium townhouse development include a private condominium road network, a private amenity area with an underground stormwater management tank, and 232 parking spaces, including 17 on-street visitor spaces and seven barrier-free on-street visitor spaces.

The property is owned by a numbered company, 2826878 Ontario Inc. – a Mississauga based company with officers listed as **Greg Parsons** and **David Ciekiewicz**.

The subject lands are occupied by a stone house that is set back from

the road, two storage sheds and a barn. The Jardine homestead was also recognizable for the large boat that was built by Donald 'Doc' Jardine. It was moved by his son **Todd Jardine** in 2021, after the sale of the property. Doc died in 2003 but left his mark on Creemore as the developer of Jardine subdivision at the top of town. It was after the death of his wife Laura in 2020 that the house was sold.

The irregular shaped six-hectare property on County Road 9 has frontage on both Collingwood Street and Fairgrounds Road South.

The proposed amendments will be the topic of a public meeting at town hall this month. The May 27 public meeting begins at 5:30 p.m., at the Township of Clearview Administration Centre, located at 217 Gideon St., in Stayner.

A post on the Creemore Caremongering Facebook page has already garnered a fair amount of opposition.

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# COMMUNITY Calendar

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## 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** from 8 a.m. to noon at 5227 County Rd. 9, New Lowell.
- Creemore Horticultural Society Mother's Day **Floral Fundraiser** from 9 a.m. to noon at the Creemore Village Green. One of a kind floral arrangements for mother's day. All funds support beautifying the village.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Camphill 40th Anniversary and **spring fair** at Novalis Hall, 7841 4th Line, Angus, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Features beautiful handcrafted Camphill items, an art and photo exhibit reflecting 40 years of community life, and a shared community art project

## 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.

## Monday, May 11

- Creemore Union Cemetery's **annual meeting** will be held at St. John's United Church, Creemore, at 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, May 12

- **Pub Trivia Night** takes place every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Old Mill House Pub, 141 Mill St., Creemore. A \$10 cover includes entry, answer sheets and a chance to win prizes. For more information, call 705-466-5244, visit theoldmillhousepub.com, or join the Pub Trivia Facebook group.
- 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.

## 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.)
- **Beer and Books** with John Ota at Creemore Springs Brewery from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. John Ota presents *The Dining Room*, a lively journey through iconic dining rooms worldwide. For more info visit Curiosity House Books at curiosityhousebooks.com/events or hello@curiosityhousebooks.com. Tickets are \$25.

## Saturday, May 16

- **Mixed Grove** performs 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.
- Centennial United Church **trunk and table sale.** An unconventional yard sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 234 William Street, Stayner. 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.

## May 16-17

- **Art sale** by Jody Buda/Bowle-Evans at her studio (being turned into a rentable apartment shortly) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. located at 1818 Nottawasaga Conc. Line 6 S Glen Huron – .5 miles north of Smithdale or 4 km south of Hwy 91 on west side – tel 705-466-6337. All money raised will be sent to MSF (doctors without borders) either directly by the buyer or by Jody.

## 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.
- Seven Years at Sea: A Family's Voyage Around the World: A **fireside conversation**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Mansfield Outdoor Centre - Pine River Café. Join Michael Buratynksy and Cornelia Manske as they share the incredible story of setting sail with their three children to circumnavigate the globe. \$20+ tax includes admission, baked goods, coffee and tea. Register at www.mansfieldoutdoorcentre.ca/event/seven-years-at-sea/ events@mansfieldoutdoorcentre.ca.

## 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.
- Save the date: The GNE's **Steak Dinner** at the GNE Fairgrounds. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. dinner at 7 p.m. Dance the night away to music from the 50's and 60's with music by "A Touch of Vinyl." Tickets cost \$50 per person. Tickets available at Mountain Men's Barber Shop in Collingwood, D&L Variety in Nottawa, or e-transfer to admin@greatnorthernex.com.

## Saturday, June 20

- Camphill Communities Ontario and Camphill Foundation Canada will hold their **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** at Novalis Hall, 7841 4th Line, Angus, ON. New members are invited to join; membership is \$15. To be eligible to vote at the AGM, the membership application deadline is May 22.

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On May 4, students received quilts crafted by the Stayner Quilting Club that reflect the significance of Red Dress Day and honour MMIWG2S+.

## SCI, quilters mark Red Dress Day

Observed annually on May 5, the National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2S+, also known as Red Dress Day, honours and brings awareness to the thousands of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people who have been subject to disproportionate violence in Canada. Red Dress Day was inspired by Métis artist **Jaime Black**'s REDress Project installation, in which she hung empty, red dresses to represent the missing and murdered women.

Students and staff at Stayner Collegiate Institute (SCI) are deepening their learning about Red Dress Day and the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ People (MMIWG2S+) in partnership

with the Stayner Quilting Club and the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) Indigenous Education department.

Beginning in March, the Stayner Quilting Club engaged in learning facilitated by the SCDSB Indigenous Education department and SCI administration to ground the project in truth, respect, and meaningful education. This shared learning helped to establish a strong foundation for the collaboration and ensured the work was rooted in an understanding of Red Dress Day and MMIWG2S+. Building on this foundation, students and staff in Grade 8, Grade 9 geography, and Grade 11 English participated in pre-learning led by the Indigenous Education department.



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## COMMUNITY

### Kitten shower: Pregnant cats and kittens in care at Humane Society

The Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) is asking the community for support as kitten season begins and pregnant cats and newborn litters arrive into care.

The GTHS is currently caring for 10 cats who arrived pregnant, with some kittens already born and more expected in the coming days. To help meet the immediate need, the organization is hosting a Kitten Shower appeal from May 2-10, inviting the community to make a donation or send much-needed supplies to support their care.

“Kitten season always brings added pressure, but this year we are seeing that need very early,” said Karen Marsh, executive director of the Georgian Triangle Humane Society. “Pregnant cats and newborn litters require a significant amount of care, space, supplies, and veterinary support. Our team, along with our foster volunteers, is doing everything we can to make sure these cats and kittens have what they need from the moment they arrive.”

The fundraising appeal will help provide essential supplies and support for cats and kittens in care, including kitten formula, food, bedding, medical care, monitoring, and safe, quiet spaces where cats can give birth, recover, and nurse their kittens.

One of the cats currently in care is Chica, who arrived at the GTHS just in time to be placed with longtime foster volunteers Don and Brenda Stockman, who have now fostered 96 cats and kittens over the years, including 81 through the GTHS. When Chica arrived at the Stockman’s home on a Friday afternoon, she was expected to give birth in about 10 days. By Sunday night, her water had broken. By Monday morning, five kittens had arrived.

Chica’s story is one example of how quickly things can change during kitten season. Cats can arrive close to giving birth, and kittens may need care within hours or days. Foster homes play an important role in creating space at the Animal Centre while giving pregnant cats and newborn kittens a quieter environment during their most vulnerable early days.

“Every foster home, every donation, and every item from our wish list helps us respond when animals need us,” said Marsh. “This appeal is about making sure we can be ready for the kittens already here and the ones still on the way.”

Community members can support the Kitten Shower appeal by making a donation, purchasing supplies from the GTHS wish list, or learning more about becoming a foster volunteer.

The Kitten Shower appeal runs until May 10, ending on Mother’s Day - a fitting reminder that, because of community support, these moms are not alone.

To make a donation or send a “shower gift,” visit [gths.ca/kitten-shower](http://gths.ca/kitten-shower).

## THE WAY WE WERE



Creemore Ladies Softball Team 1950s – Back row, from left: Marie MacMullan, Sylvia Thompson, June Montgomery, Verna Coker, Ruth Montgomery, Barb Jenkins and unknown. Front row: Carol Stephenson, Sylvia Jordan (Grant), Joyce Jordan, Linda Cooksey, Gertie Gowan. Coach: Bob MacMullan.

## COLUMN

### Library celebrates lasting love at Tulip Days

by Michele McKenzie

Thursday, May 14 is the date for the annual Tulip Days celebration taking place at the Stayner Fountain Park hosted by the Stayner Garden Club. This date commemorates the liberation of the Netherlands on May 5, 1945 and will feature historical sharing by guest speakers.

But sometimes items tell stories. Here at the Clearview Public Library, we discover the most amazing tales in the most obscure spots. Did you know that wedding dresses were made of parachute silk back in wartime 1940s? Amidst all the wartime destruction and death, love did bloom! In fact, 47,783 Canadian servicemen married while overseas in WWII.

Seventy per cent of these war brides arrived in Canada in 1946 in an immigrant wave that was unprecedented in Canadian History. 43,454 wives and their 20,997 children began arriving at Pier 21 in Halifax in February 1946 – 80 years ago.

Making this journey by ship to a new land, settling in, adapting, raising families and becoming good Canadian citizens was based on a priority passage system sponsored by DND. This included free sea and rail passage from their original homes with a provision of a daily food allowance and free access to medical care on the boats and trains. Operation Daddy resulted in the amazing fact that one Canadian in 30 could claim a War Bride in their family tree back in 2006.

Historical wars have repercussions that reverberate around the war and far into the future. Who knew that a Canadian serviceman (80 per cent Army, 18



Some wartime wedding dresses were made of parachute silk, demonstrated by Michele McKenzie.

per cent RCAF and two per cent Navy) who fell in love, got married and requested a repatriation of their independents (64,451 newcomers) back in the 1940s could change the course of our country’s history today?

The Clearview Public Library will be hosting a booth featuring Clearview Township’s local history at the Tulip Days event and we would love to hear your stories about the war brides who came from the Netherlands to our part of the globe.

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LETTER

# Density clashes with character of the village

Editor:

Building 124 residential units in a rezoned property on County Road 9 is deeply concerning.

Creating so many new units will have an environmental impact from the higher population and loss of green space.

We also don't have proper transit, so more parking spaces will be needed.

This high density clashes with the town's character.

In Creemore, as well as Stayner, there have already been several new housing developments.

They will need more public services and infrastructure, including emergency services and policing.

I question if the town can meet these higher demands.

**Margaret-Hope Miceli,**  
Creemore.

POEM

# Where the heart is

by **Tim Armour**

My Creemore hills  
are as tall as city towers.  
My Creemore glens  
are as deep as lakes.  
My Creemore glades  
are a land of shady bowers.  
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and my soul awakes.

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where the deer lies down in daytime.  
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Clearview Township staff and council members at the unveiling of the trail marker in Stayner on April 30.

# Rail trail extension declared open

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

A newly expanded Barrie Collingwood Railway (BCRY) Active Transportation Trail is much more than a connection between two points, according to **Brandon Matheson**, program supervisor for tourism Simcoe County.

"This is an invitation to slow down and enjoy the scenery, and it strengthens the links between communities," he said.

County and municipal representatives gathered in Stayner last week to officially open a 23-kilometre expansion to the trail. In total, it now extends nearly 34 kilometres from Collingwood to Angus, and passing through Stayner and New Lowell. Matheson says the trail will provide residents and visitors with a safe, accessible route for walking, cycling and other non-motorized uses, while preserving a historic transportation corridor.

"This trail will promote walking and cycling for recreation, support healthy living, boost tourism and ultimately foster a healthier, stronger and more connected county," said Simcoe County Warden **Basil Clarke**.

The project reflects the county's long-term vision to expand its network of active transportation infrastructure, enhance quality of life for residents and

support environmentally responsible travel options. By repurposing existing rail infrastructure, the trail also preserves an important piece of Simcoe County's transportation history while adapting it to meet modern community needs.

The last trains between Collingwood and Utopia operated in 2011. The county purchased this section of railway in 2018 and began the project of creating the active transportation trail.

Matheson says cycling is a major tourism attraction in the area, which is estimated to have injected more than \$2.2 million into the local economy in 2025, including about 5,000 overnight stays.

Clearview Township Mayor **Doug Measures** said the rail corridor has been well known as a snowmobile trail, and will now become a safe, scenic space for non-motorized users the rest of the year.

**Rob Elliot**, general manager of engineering, planning and environment for the County of Simcoe, says the trail cost roughly \$6 million and represents the successful completion of a complex, and highly challenging project.

"It's not just a matter of throwing down some gravel," he said. "For example, rail bridges don't have handrails. We had to consider grading, drainage and accessibility all while respecting the environment and the heritage of the railway."

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# Comfort kits distributed to area fire departments

by Bonnie MacPherson

When **Marc den Bok** was a Clearview firefighter, he saw first-hand how upsetting events like a fire, motor vehicle accident or medical emergency in the home can be for children.

After attending an information session for families with autistic children he realized there was a lot first responders could be doing to reduce the stress and trauma of these events.

Den Bok created the first Comfort Kits for fire departments in Clearview and Collingwood in 2019. Initially, the focus was on non-neurotypical children, but since then, the kits have evolved to serve the needs of all children and young adults exposed to trauma.

The kits contain a variety of items selected to distract children from the upsetting situation and help them relax.

“We’ve got things like breathing cards and a sand timer to encourage regulated breathing, communication cards for children who may have difficulty expressing themselves verbally, ear muffs to deal with sensory issues and a fidget spinner to keep their hands occupied,” he said.

Kit contents have been tweaked since the first versions, with guidance from Childhood Mental Health Advocates and Early Intervention Specialists. Often, the effects of being involved in

or witnessing situations that require first responders can trigger physical and mental systems. The kits have proven effective in managing both immediate and long term effects.

All the contents come in a durable waterproof box designed to be carried on a fire truck or in a cruiser. Since his not-for-profit Comfort Kit Canada pioneered the first kits, many departments have come up with their own version. The Ontario Fire Marshall’s Public Safety Office has created one, and den Bok has assisted departments as far away as Texas to develop their own kits.

The Comfort Kit program also includes training for first responders. Den Bok says fire trucks have long carried teddy bears to help calm children, “The Comfort Kit is an evolution of that approach.”

Each kit costs roughly \$100 to assemble. Initially, den Bok was contacting police and fire services offering the kits at cost. That distribution model has changed in that they now seek out local businesses to donate the kits.

Smart Insulation of Collingwood has stepped up to donate a total of 15 kits to fire departments in Collingwood, Wasaga Beach and Clearview, and the OPP. Clearview will receive five kits, one for each fire station in the township.



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**Marc den Bok** (right) of Comfort Kits Canada, with Clearview Township fire prevention officer **Kent McDonald**.

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**DUCK RACES** Clockwise from above: Everyone at the duck races was invited to play along with the band Hogback Road. Percussionist **Olivia**, atop her dad **Kris**, with sister **Paisley** and mom **Shannon**. Altogether they are the Dobinson family from Stayner; **Lenora Danby** is involved with the Cybergnomes Robotic Team; **Aidan Gamble** and mom **Erin** having a blast on the slide; And the winners are:

School race: Ms. Gregorio's Grade 2 class St. Noel Chabanel (below, left).

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- 1st - Hound (**R Walker**) \$700
- 2nd - **Dannette Szydluk** \$400
- 3rd - **Dave Bates** \$200
- 4th - **Greg Challenger** \$100
- 5th - **Ryan Doner** \$50
- 6th - **Everleigh Mckee** \$50



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# Track star goes the distance for second place finish

by Trina Berlo

Avening's **Anna Carruthers** was the second woman to cross the finish line at the Toronto Marathon on May 3.

In her first marathon, Carruthers completed the 42.2-kilometre race in two hours, 43 minutes and 20 seconds.

"I had a goal, but I didn't fully know what to expect over that distance. Finishing second overall female and running a 2:43:20 was beyond anything I had anticipated," she said. "On race day, everything just seemed to come together. The energy was high, the crowd support was incredible, and having my friends and family there cheering me on made it especially meaningful. There's always some uncertainty going into a first marathon, but I felt strong and controlled throughout the race, which gave me confidence as it progressed. It was one of those days where everything clicks. It's definitely one of my biggest accomplishments so far, and it truly felt like all of the early mornings, long runs, and months of hard work paid off. Crossing the finish line was an incredibly rewarding moment and something I'll always remember."

Carruthers, 24, had numerous athletic successes

in skiing and track at the high school and university level before embarking on her career. A graduate of Western University in London, she completed a Master's in Management at Ivey Business School in 2023, the same year she earned two silver medals at provincials and a fifth place national ranking. She is now living in Toronto and working in wealth management at BMO.

"Athletics have always been a big part of my life. After finishing my varsity career, I was looking for a new goal that would challenge me differently, and the marathon felt like the perfect next step," she said. "The training was definitely different from anything I had done before. It required a big shift toward endurance, with much higher mileage and longer interval workouts."

Carruthers said she designed a training program that included 5 a.m. runs, sometimes as far as 32 kilometres, along with workouts focused on pace and stamina.

"It wasn't always easy, especially during heavier training weeks, but it gave me a real sense of structure and helped me stay focused. In a way, the consistency required for marathon training complemented the discipline needed in my professional life as well."



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**Anna Carruthers**, of Avening, placed second amongst the women in the Toronto Marathon.

# Skydive company approved for new landing site

by Trina Berlo

The newly rebranded Skydive Clearview has been cleared for landing.

The company, formerly known as Skydive Wasaga Beach, has been granted permission to use a township-owned property at 1585 Klondike Road in Stayner as a parachute landing area.

At the time of the council discussion on April 27, the Township of Clearview was in the process of finalizing a five-year lease with owners **Melanie Case** and **Leslie Farkas** who are already operating in Clearview from a base at the Edenvale Airport.

The annual lease structure begins at \$4,000 in the first three years and increases to \$5,000 in the fourth and fifth year.

The month prior, they had made a presentation to council and it was thought that a rezoning would be required but staff is now satisfied that the use is consistent with the intent of the current rural zone, even though a parachute landing area is not specifically defined within the zoning bylaw.

The site, which will accommodate a 100-by-100-metre drop zone and adjacent gravel parking lot, is the location of the Klondike Park reservoir.

In the application, the skydiving company indicated the parachute landing area will be active from May 1 and October 31, with up to 10 flights per day during peak summer months.

With 4,000 annual visitors, proprietors project an economic spin-off of more than \$700,000 per year.



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**MEDALS FOR MADSEN** On May 2, **Andrew Madsen** representing Team Maizis travelled to Kitchener to compete in the Karate Maynia Open Martial Arts Championships. Madsen, who trains at Maizis Martial Arts Academy in Stayner, had an outstanding day. He won silver in 9/10 intermediate kumite, bronze in 9/10 intermediate weapons, and bronze in 9/10 intermediate kata.

# Ice allocation policy cause for concern by long-time users

by **Bonnie MacPherson**

It seems not everyone is on-side with a new township policy regarding allocation of ice time and sports fields. In January, Clearview council adopted a new policy aimed at improving access for minor sports groups, including Collingwood girls hockey. **Gord Zeggil**, speaking on behalf of adult users notes that in some cases, this means that long standing relationships with local users groups will be overridden, in favour of users from outside the township.

“We’re talking about groups that have had the same ice time dating back to the old arena, in some cases for 50 or 60 years. These are local people who pay taxes in Clearview, and who support these facilities.”

Under the new policy, priority order for ice time and sports field allocation will be:

1. Clearview Township programs and services;
2. Clearview minor sport groups that provide programs serving youth 21 years of age and younger and that are not currently in a pre-approved license agreement;
3. Non-municipal minor sports groups;
4. Tournaments and special events;
5. Adult groups;
6. Commercial and occasional groups;
7. Non-municipal groups and occasional users.

Initially, Section 3 of the new policy defined non-municipal minor sports groups as having 40 per cent local participants. An amendment to be voted on at Monday’s council meeting would reduce that to 20 per cent local participants.

“That makes it even easier for them to bump long term users,” said Zeggil.

“I sponsor two girls hockey teams, but I think there is a way to accommodate them without bumping existing user groups. The township is saying they are reacting to extreme pressure on ice time. I’ve spoken with representatives of minor hockey and figure skating who are not predicting growth in their needs, so this is really about Collingwood girls hockey.”

Zeggil says he spent an hour and a half looking at existing ice time allocations, and came up with a schedule that created an additional 2.5 hours per week of ice time. “Currently, there are several groups who are renting 1.5-hour blocks. I spoke with three groups who said they would gladly give up the extra half hour to make more room for minor sports. Clearview is copying a policy from Wasaga Beach whereas eight or 10 other policies that we examined protect existing arrangements.”

The proposed amendment will be presented to council on Monday evening.

# FUN & Games

**Sudoku** by Barbara Simpson

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Answers on page 11

**FRED'S FUNNIES**  
 What's it called when you drop a nacho in mayonnaise?  
 Sinko de mayo!

## Canadian Criss Cross by Walter Feener

**ACROSS**

1. Prescribed amount of medication
5. Sudden surprise
9. High isolated hill
10. Clock radio feature
12. Roof beam
13. Layer of plywood
15. \_\_\_ wiedersehen
16. Outdated copier, for short
18. Farm sound
19. Numerical suffix
21. Slippery one
22. One on your side
23. Road sign
25. Go off on a tangent
27. Afternoon performance
29. Yearly reference book
32. Waterproof coverings, for short
36. Competed
37. Expression of disgust
39. Pass through slowly
40. Canadian high jumper Dawes
41. Memorable things
43. Hit the slopes
44. Means of communication
46. Skin softener
48. Excitement
49. Be the result of
50. One who watches closely
51. Forced to go

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**DOWN**

1. Incompetent one
2. Canadian who plays for the Sabres
3. Tube of a tobacco pipe
4. Spooky
5. Athletics event
6. Margarine
7. Office computer system
8. Stereo knob
9. Canadian maker of hockey equipment
11. Lunch and dinner
12. Pro \_\_\_
14. Starfish arms
17. Health check
20. Wanderer
22. Geographical regions
24. Pallid
26. Come into possession of
28. Arranged in lists
29. Class of birds
30. Extremely angry
31. Unsatisfactory in quantity
33. Fight against
34. Black tea
35. Rotate rapidly
38. Sinuous dances
41. Walking unevenly
42. Painful
45. Vote of no
47. Baking tray

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Send your resume to [2dirtyapron@gmail.com](mailto:2dirtyapron@gmail.com) & a short note about yourself (keep it casual!! We want to get a feel for you) and your availability for the summer.

## This week's answers

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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, [dlighthouse@clearview.ca](mailto:dlighthouse@clearview.ca)

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