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WE'LL HAVE A GREEN CHRISTMAS - Mill Street's busy elves embrace what Environment Canada is calling an abnormal temperature trend.

Stayner renewal proposal ready for public input

By Trina Berlo
Clearview Township CAO **Stephen Sage** has a green light to consult with the public about the development of a town square in Stayner.

At a Dec. 7 council meeting, Sage showed concept drawings for a downtown renewal project around town hall, stretching to Station Park and along the train trail to Centennial Park. A plan developed in-house by a former township employee includes the closure of Gideon Street to through traffic to make room for buildings and park space. Gideon Street would become a town square, possibly with a splash pad in the summer and skating in the winter.

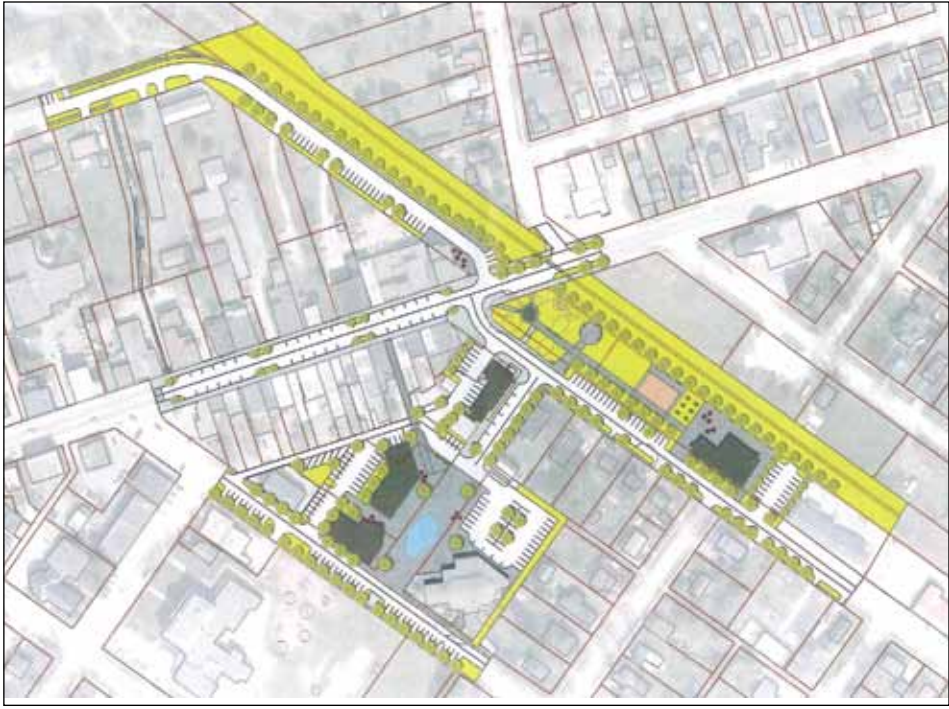
It proposes improvements to the intersection of Highway 26 and Huron Street to make it more pedestrian friendly, and enhance trail access, a renovated visitor centre and a multi-

purpose area for events and farmers' market.

Staff has been given the go-ahead to take the drawings to the public, through information sessions, meetings with local community groups, an online survey and social media.

"Phase one has been identified from just south of the existing park area north towards Centennial Park. Perhaps Phase one will focus more on the park and less on the Kinsmen Park area, but the area to the north is relatively easy to construct and fund," reported Sage. "It is anticipated that the significant changes to the traffic patterns will be a concern for the community. Gideon Street will be closed and both Perry and Huron Streets will have a lowered capacity upon completion of all phases."

Council also voted to direct staff
(See "Gas" on page 3)



A concept drawing shows Gideon Street, in front of town hall in Stayner, redesigned as a pedestrian-only space with a splash pad and park space



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Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- *Creemore Echo* will be closed from today at noon to Monday, January 4, 2016 for a Christmas holiday.
- **Christmas Eve Church Services:** see below.

Friday, December 25 Christmas Day

- **Christmas Church Services:** see below.
- **14th Annual Community Christmas Dinner** at Creemore Legion, 27 Wellington Street West, Creemore. Social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the traditional hot buffet meal at 6 p.m. Bring non-perishable food items. For more information, see www.CreemoreChristmas.ca or contact Donna B. at 705-466-2523 or email CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com.

Saturday, December 26

- **Garbage / Recycling Day** is Saturday this week... and you can put out double the garbage bags – it's "Double-up" week!

Friday, January 1

- **Happy New Year's!**

Thursday, January 7

- **Therapeutic Yoga with Catherine Randall** at Station on the Green. Therapeutic Yoga focuses on functional movement to increase mobility and reduce pain. Thursdays in Creemore. Intermediate class from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., gentle class from 10:45 a.m. to noon at Station on the Green. To register, contact Catherine Randall at cathcreemore@yahoo.ca or 705-818-3400. Cost varies.

Friday, January 15

- **Brereton Field Naturalists Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at North West Barrie United Church, 464 Ferndale Drive North. **Frieda Baldwin** will speak on the many and varied trails in Simcoe County.

Saturday, January 30

- **BA Johnston, Vandeleur and DJ Homecooked** at Creemore Legion. Join Polaris long-listed musician BA Johnston and his friends for a night of unbelievable music and antics at the Creemore Legion. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Show starts around 8 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance available at *The Creemore Echo* and online at ticketscene.ca. \$20 at the door. For more information contact sara@creemore.com, 705-466-9906, www.bajohnston.ca.

Christmas Services

Thursday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long at 4:30 p.m. with Rev. Lorna May
 Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m. with Rev. Jim Wilcox

Mansfield Presbyterian Church

Candlelight Service at 6:15 p.m.

New Lowell United Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight, Carols & Communion Service at 6:30 p.m. At the New Lowell United Church

Christ Church, Batteaux

Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 p.m.

Christ Church Banda

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Eucharist at 7 p.m. with Rev. Wendy Moore

Stayner Brethren in Christ

Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.
 Sermon: Christmas Wish List.

St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Creemore Baptist Church

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

St. James Clougher-Lisle

Christmas Hymn Sing at 7 p.m.,
 Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

St. John's United Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight, Carols & Communion Service at 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Singhampton

Christmas Eve Service at 8:15 p.m.

Church of Redeemer, Duntroon

Christmas Eve Service at 10 p.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

Carolling at 10:30 p.m. followed by
 Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11 p.m.

Friday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Christ Church, Batteaux

Christmas Nativity Feast at 10 a.m. with Rev. Ray Dobson

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

Christmas Day Mass at 11 a.m. (No Evening Mass)

Creedan Valley Leisureworld

Christmas Day Carol Service at 11 a.m.
 Lead by Rev. Lorna May of St. Luke's Anglican Church. All welcome.

Sunday, December 27

St. James Clougher-Lisle

Service at 9:30 a.m.

Mansfield Presbyterian Church

Service at 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Singhampton

Service at 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship at 10 a.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Service at 10 a.m. Sermon: Showing off the Baby.

Stayner Brethren in Christ

Service at 10 a.m.

Salvation Army Hope Acres Community Church

Christmas Service at 10 a.m.

St. John's United Church, Creemore

Joint Service at 11 a.m.

(No service in New Lowell today)

Creemore Baptist Church

Service at 11 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

Mass at 11 a.m.

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Service at 11:15 a.m.

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McClearys close up shop after 40 years in antiques

By Trina Berlo

After 40 years in the antique business, **Richard McCleary** quietly closed up shop this past year.

He and his wife **Kathy**, who retired from her interior design business five years ago, have been operating out of the old general store in Avening. Their sign has been taken down and a small note posted on the window last month informed people they were selling off their inventory.

Richard said he had no intention of retiring and thought he would just keep working away but he was in need of a kidney transplant and when he got the call that an organ was available, he had to go with only four hours notice.

"I was in the hospital for more than a week and I thought to myself, life is too short to keep working," said Richard.

The McClearys specialized in pre-1867 early Colonial. These are pieces hand carved by the best French craftsmen who came to Quebec to do commissions for the Catholic church and did work for the early French settlers. Often made of pine, the most abundant material.

Richard caught the antiques bug when he met Kathy in 1967. Her parents were hobby antique collectors and Richard began learning from them.

He worked in IT for Bell Canada and with Kathy, moved to Montreal for work in the early 1970s. They bought a home and began filling it with antiques.

"We were crazy collectors," said Kathy, with a laugh. "The convert is more fervent than the one who grew up with it."

Richard said he was feeling a bit of burnout from a decade in corporate IT and they wanted to get out of Quebec because of the unstable political climate so they both resigned from their jobs, sold their home and decided to take a sabbatical.

They had more antiques than their home could accommodate so they moved to Cookstown and opened an antique shop. Richard said, the intention was to dabble in antiques for two years, as a break.

Maintaining ties to Quebec, they were dealing in late 18th Century furniture in the tradition of Louis XIV.

"This is at a time when antiques were really hot," said Richard. "We had trouble keeping it stocked and I was making regular trips to Quebec.

By 1985, after 10 years in business, they were doing so well that they set out looking for a bigger shop but there was nothing available in Cookstown. Richard said he tried to get a house adjacent to the commercial district rezoned but the process was so frustrating that they decided to look elsewhere.

With a large client base of weekenders in the Creemore area, Richard and Kathy decided to take a drive north to see what they could find.

On their first outing, they drove through Avening and saw its only commercial building vacant.



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Richard and Kathy McCleary at the old general store in Avening, which has served them well as an antique shop for the past 30 years.

"We didn't even get to Creemore," said Richard. "We called the realtor that afternoon and we bought it."

Before signing though, they made a trip to town hall, and made sure they could get a permit to build a house in the back.

In their first year in Avening, while they transitioned, Richard built a home and fixed up the old store, which had been vacant for a couple of years, while Kathy kept things going in Cookstown.

The business flourished and they maintained good relationships with antique dealers and pickers. There was such a market for the pieces that they would have events when furniture was unloaded from a large truck straight from Quebec and their customers would pick numbers and take turns choosing what they wanted.

Richard also made reproduction pieces to suit his

clients' needs – a table of specific proportions, an entertainment unit that would blend with the décor, a cabinet to fit antique doors or a coffee table because there was no such thing back then.

The antique business slowed down at the time of the recession in 2008, said Richard.

"But people say people aren't interested in antiques but it's not true," said Kathy. "Especially people who have a second home up here and they want an informal country feel."

The McClearys are staying in their home in Avening but they haven't decided what to do with the store, despite several proposals.

There may still be a few antiques in the shop for sale – washstands, a table, a buffet, some chairs and other pieces. To make an appointment with Richard, call 705-466-3019.

Gas tax could help fund project

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to have RJ Burnside complete a site survey of existing utilities.

The township purchased property at 220 Huron St. in 2013 at a cost of \$184,000 and purchased the Perry/Gideon Street property across from town hall, in 2014 at a cost of \$451,145, including related expenses.

"Included in the budget process over the past two years, there were transfers to reserve from the recreation department to be used for the possible

expansion to the park," reported Sage.

The township has \$55,000 in reserves for the project but cost estimates for the overall project have not yet been calculated.

"Recently the federal government has made the necessary changes to allow gas tax funding for recreation capital projects. As a result there are numerous funding opportunities to complete the improvements," said Sage.

Staff will report back to council with feedback from the public.


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EDITORIAL

Emojis; you decide :), :(or ;)

Emoticons are becoming a regular part of our correspondence.

We received a curling report this week from the ladies league containing a smiley face.

We, in the newsroom, think this is a first for us and made us pause to ponder, how will we marry new forms of language (specifically symbols for emotions) with ancient forms of media, like the newspaper.

The Oxford Dictionary brought legitimacy to this conversation in 2015 when it named a pictograph its word of the year.

The 'Face with Tears of Joy' emoji "best reflected the ethos, mood, and preoccupations of 2015," said publishers.

With the increased use of smartphones, the use of emojis has soared in popularity this year. Even the word itself is becoming commonplace.

An emoji is defined by Oxford Dictionary as a small digital image or icon used to express an idea or emotion in electronic communication.

They say it is derived from Japanese and is similar to the English word emoticon (a facial expression composed of keyboard characters, such as the winky face ;).

According to Oxford, "Emojis are no longer the preserve of texting teens – instead, they have been embraced as a nuanced form of expression, and one which can cross language barriers."

'Face with Tears of Joy' was chosen because it was the most used emoji globally in 2015.

Purists will say a symbol is not a word but the truth in all written language is made of nothing more than symbols in the form of letters and language is an ever-evolving beast.

Have you ever noticed that often the tone is lacking in an email or text message?

Something typed with the intention of being friendly or as a joke can be easily misconstrued to be snarky and rude?

Perhaps that is why there is an increasing popularity in the use of emojis. (Although just because you stick a happy face at the end of a hateful message, it doesn't make it hurt less.)

The point is, in a world where all of our correspondence is extremely brief – often 140 characters or less – emojis can be very helpful.

Emojis probably won't be around too long in their current form but we wouldn't be surprised if they are replaced by something similar – like in all areas of language, ever evolving.

So perhaps we will start seeing emojis used in novels, newspapers and other print media. If you haven't explored the different options, you will be amazed at the varied and nuanced facial expressions available to express your every emotion.



THE WAY WE WERE



In the centre of the picture are Avening General Store owners William Garrick (WG) Carruthers and his wife Ellen Tweed. Carruthers was named after a ship called *The Garrick* on which he was born in 1848 while his parents and grandfather were crossing the Atlantic Ocean, emigrating from Scotland to the United States. The family moved from New York to Avening where they cleared the farm known as Clydebank. WG was very adventurous in his early years and worked in the mills and as a clerk at stores in Banda, Creemore and Dunedin. In 1877, he moved his family to Emerson, Manitoba, where he built bridges and operated sawmills. He had a serious accident while on a business trip and was confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life. After returning to Avening, with the help of his brother, he converted the Odd Fellows Hall into a general store, selling groceries and dry goods with his wife. They had a successful business which also included operating the post office for many years. Pictured left is Duncan Carruthers who lived across the street and on the right is family members Mrs. Bob Carruthers, Ellen and George Carruthers.

Rebuttal states you can't have it both ways

Editor:

I have read with interest and some dismay letters to *The Echo* from my friend and neighbour Bill Franks. While there a number of issues on which he and I would disagree, the most significant are these:

He has stated that several deputations against providing a development permit for 26/27 Sideroad were led by non-residents. While I have no knowledge how many deputations were led by non-residents, I think Bill loses sight of the fact that non-residents do not lose the right to speak their minds on matters that affect them because they are non-residents. They get no discount on their municipal taxes because they are non-residents. As a resident, I respect that right.

He offers no reason why County Road 91 west of the 10th Concession north ought not to remain open to all traffic as long as it remains open as a haul route or even until the new quarry is mined out and both

quarries have become lakes.

In his most recent letter he writes that it is disrespectful of the NEC not accept the recommendations of its staff. Rather than being disrespectful, I feel that the members of the NEC were doing as we would expect them to do; that is to think for themselves and to exercise their own judgment. That is what we, the taxpayers, should expect of them.

While I don't believe respect is relevant to the quasi-judicial process per se, would not Bill agree that if, as he contends, the NEC was disrespectful in this instance, the joint board of the OMB was disrespectful of both the NEC and its staff in overturning the original decision of the NEC in effect, refusing approval for the development of the new quarry. He can't have it both ways!

Tony Hendrie,
Duntroon.

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Journey ends and New Lowell begins

The year was 1832. A young Englishman by the name of Samuel Thompson developed a keen interest in the backwoods of what is now the province of Ontario. He found passage on the ship, the Asia, and left England but before they had gone far the ship developed a leak. They had to head for Galway, Ireland, for repairs. Eventually he landed on this side of the Atlantic and found his way to York, now, of course, Toronto. There he was enticed to go to the north and west of Lake Simcoe where he could obtain two hundred acres of land.

His trip to Barrie, the first leg of the journey, involved getting a ride to Holland Landing in an open wagon with no springs, then by a small steamer to Barrie. On landing he found a wharf, a log bakery, two taverns, one of which doubled as a store, and a farm house. Other farm houses were at some little distance, hidden by trees.

Thompson, with two brothers who had travelled with him, went on armed with axes, guns and mosquito nets, starting off for the unknown forest then stretching unbroken from Lake Simcoe to Lake Huron. From Barrie to the Nottawasaga River, eleven miles, a road had been chopped and logged

LOCAL HISTORY



Helen BLACKBURN

sixty-six feet wide. Beyond the river nothing but a bush path existed.

The men walked eight miles and as it was dark they were happy when they came to a clearing. They had been advised in Barrie that this would be a good place to spend the night. In front of them was a mass of felled timber. They could find no way through it so began shouting. From the dark came a shrill cry and soon a man emerged from the brushwood bearing a blazing fragment of wood. The man turned out to be a Vermonter, tall, bony and awkward. He wore uncouth leather leggings tied with deer sinews, loose moccasins, a Guernsey shirt, a scarlet sash and a palmetto hat. He proved to be the landlord for the night, David Root by name.

Thompson climbed over a number of large trunks, stumbling through a network of branches, plunged into a shallow stream and finally reached the tavern. It was a one room building where presided "the wife". The tavern was rudely built with spaces enough between the logs to observe the outdoors. The hearth was bare soil and the chimney a square hole in the roof. Supper was large flat pan cakes and fried slices of salt pork.

Bedtime drew near. A heap of odd

looking rugs and clean blankets were laid out for accommodation on the floor. In spite of the novelty of the situation the travelling men slept well.

After a hearty breakfast the men set out on a trail unmarked by the track of wheels. At the Nottawasaga River they found a log house, the residence of Wellesley Richey, then in charge of the new settlements. Richey provided them with a guide to show them the way to their chosen lot, a good thing as the trail ceased altogether.

The lot they had chosen was a good hardwood one in the centre of the township of Sunnidale, now the site of the village of New Lowell. In time they put up a substantial shanty, roofed with wooden troughs and chinked with slats and moss. The mansion was twenty-five feet long and eighteen wide. At one end there was a fireplace and at the other beds laid out on flattened logs cushioned with hemlock twigs. Their meals consisted of cakes made with flour, fried salt pork, tea and coffee without milk, and with the occasional luxury of a few partridges and pigeons and even a haunch of venison.

This story is taken from Reminiscences of a Canadian Pioneer by Samuel Thompson, published in Toronto in 1884. Next time: Thompson decides to move to Nottawasa township and experience winter there.

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The Creemore Farmers' Market gift basket was won by **Peter Vroenhoven** and picked up by his wife **Lee** (left) and the apron was won by **Elaine Kimmel**.



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Julie Whitley, of Avening, was presented a Christmas feast by Creemore Minor Hockey president **Donna Harper**. Whitley is the winner of a fundraising draw which sold 576 tickets and raised \$840 for the Valley Hawks' hockey club. All of the items, including a 24-pound turkey, were donated by local farmers and businesses.



Staff photo: Sara Hershoff

Basia Regan and **Vicki Bell** hand **Donna Baylis**, first-time organizer of the Creemore Community Christmas Dinner, a donation for \$1160.00. The funds were raised during the Creemore Holiday House Tour sponsored by Locations North Brokerage on November 28, and will be used to help out with the dinner to be held at the Creemore Legion on December 25.

Merry Christmas from The Echo

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for a Christmas holiday.

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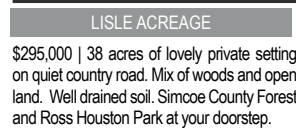
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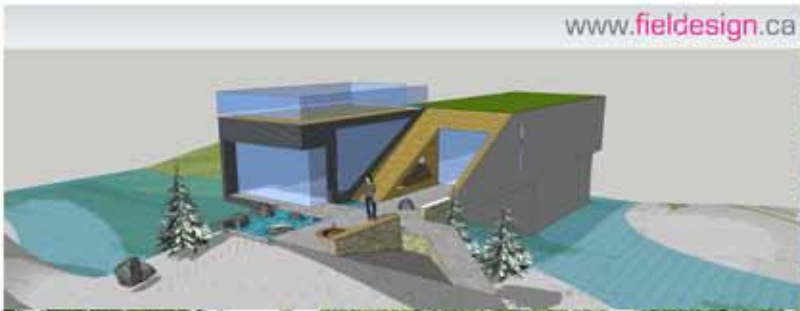
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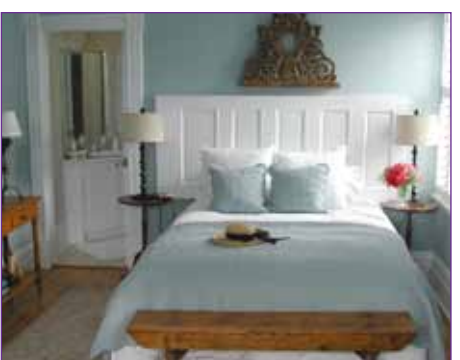
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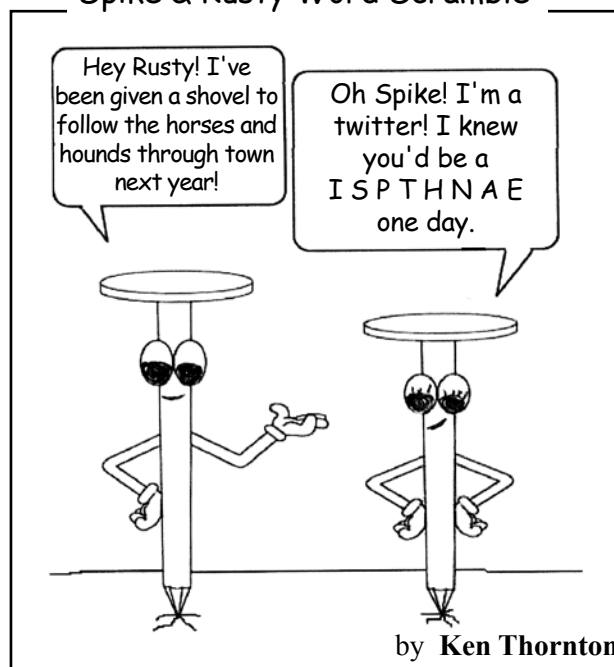
FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on Classifieds page

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



by Ken Thornton

Find this week's answer in Classifieds

Weekend Weather

Christmas Eve

Mainly sunny
High 11 Low -3
Wind SW 30 km/h gusting to 60
POP 40%

Christmas Day

Mainly sunny
High 5 Low 0
Wind E 20 km/h
POP 10%

Boxing Day

Chance of showers
High 5 Low -2
Wind W 25 km/h
POP 40%

The AVRIDGE FARM



by JEFF WILSON

FRED'S FUNNIES

Who helped Scrooge win the football game?

The ghost of Christmas passed!

Canadian Criss Cross

December 24, 2015

ACROSS

1. No longer living
5. Diamond surface
10. Russian emperor
14. Indian queen
15. Immature egg
16. Tortoise's rival in a children's story
17. Seeks an answer to
18. Showed a show again
19. Huron's neighbour
20. Mind one's manners
22. Of marriage
24. Main point
26. Roman numeral for 3
27. Canadian operatic soprano
30. Bed canopy
34. What girders are made of
35. At work
37. Before
38. Land jutting into the water
39. Canadian prov.
40. Canadian who won an Emmy Award for Best Drama Series for his work on "NYPD Blue" in 1995
41. Plural of is
42. Gloomy
43. Painter's primer
44. Stereo knob
47. Protective wall
49. Up to now
50. For well-off people
51. City on the Scheldt River
55. Changes gears
59. Silver salmon
60. Main artery
63. Weight of a container before it is loaded

DOWN

64. Always
65. Easily understood
66. Pelvic bones
67. Hourglass particles
68. Hot drink
69. Arterial blockage
1. Not interesting
2. Comfort
3. Egyptian symbol of life
4. Have a different opinion
5. Shade of green
6. Hail, to Caesar
7. Snappy dog
8. Liveliness
9. Thinness
10. Mother of Achilles
11. Garment worn in India
12. Cantata solo
13. Feel dizzy
21. Lab bottle
23. Baked dish made with fruit
25. Forbidden by tradition
27. Beatles drummer
28. Cone-shaped tent
29. Break of day
31. Give false hope
32. Winner of Canada's Strongest Man in 1990 and 1991
33. City known for its easily obtained divorces
34. Type of jazz singing
36. Handbag part
40. Having a nasty smell
42. Take away a part
43. Deep flesh wound
45. Familiar saying
46. Protection from a storm

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 48. Prayer beads | 56. Take a downward direction |
| 51. Plays a hole in one stroke | 57. Small band |
| 52. ___ Scotia | 58. Chair part |
| 53. At that time | 61. Wine choice |
| 54. Game played on horseback | 62. Slightly |

New Lowell News

Did you hear it? Christmas has come to New Lowell!

The wonderful Christmas joy came from the village of New Lowell as of Dec. 16 when the primary classrooms and junior choir of New Lowell Central Public School performed their Christmas concert with joyous music and drama. The smiles, waves, singing, laughter and yes, some tears were welcomed by anxious and proud parents with every type of recording device that you could imagine. This concert will be seen by all the family members over the holidays. Congratulations to the children for a job well done. To put together an evening/afternoon performance like this is by no means an easy task so a huge pat on the back to the staff for the extra time put into getting the program organized, practice time and making sure everyone enjoyed their date on the stage. Good Job New Lowell Public!

There will be a parent council meeting on Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the school. You are welcome to attend as a community member or a parent. Remember also that the school needs volunteers throughout the day to help with the children for reading and other little tasks. Call the office to make arrangements. You will enjoy working with everyone.

If you want more inspiration for Christmas, take a trip around the village and view the homes that are decorated. Some have lights on every tree and window and some have a simple decorated tree in a window. All are a welcome sight to winter and Christmas (maybe without snow). It sure makes you feel young at heart to look at the festive decorations. Some I noticed welcome Santa and the baby Jesus right together on the front lawn while others have polar bears prancing amidst a multitude of lights.

After the concert on Wednesday evening I walked west towards my car and was inspired by a beautiful sight of the New Lowell United Church aglow with lights. The church has been under accessibility renovations for a few months and it is finally in its last stages. The huge windows at the new front give

NEW LOWELL NEWS



Sandra BEDNAREK

you a view of stained glass windows, which at Christmas seem to have a magical glow.

Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. will be the first service in the building since last spring. This is not the grand opening as that will be at a later date. The building will not have the lift operational until mid January so there still will be stairs to climb into the sanctuary. The next service of worship in the church will be at 9:45 a.m. on Jan. 10.

There will be a combined worship Epiphany service on Jan. 3 at 11 a.m. at St. John's United in Creemore.

The church will be available in February to organizations that wish to hold meetings, seminars, group parties, etc. Please contact the Chair of Stewards **Rose Cambourne** at 705-424-1476 for details.

Happy Christmas Birthdays to a couple of busy ladies in our community. Throughout the years **Joanne** and **Marg** have contributed to this community in many, many ways.

New Lowell does have a very active Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinder groups meeting each week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. For further information, please contact Tammy at 705-424-5252.

At this time of the year, we say thank you to all of our volunteers that help within our community at our schools, library, churches and hospitals. We thank our school bus drivers who take your children safely to and from school each day and to **Laura Macham** who makes sure that all children who cross Highway 9 do so safely. We are also reminded of our fire, police and paramedics that work throughout the holidays so that we can have a safe happy holiday with our families. So please respect the laws and travel safely.

If you have any news from our community that you wish to share please email me at sandra@bednarek.ca or call 705-424-6497 and I will try to meet the deadline of the paper.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Blessings.

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Thank you to **Marg Palujanskas** for the delicious date squares! Thanks to **Karin & Sass of The Sanctuary** for the treats! Thank you to **Robert McMullen** in Alliston for the book of poetry *Images Nestled in a Bed of Leaves!* So nice. Merry Christmas everyone! *Creemore Echo*

DEATH NOTICE

SCRIVER, Bruce George passed away peacefully at Creedan Valley Nursing Home on Thursday, December 10, 2015 in his 88th year. He is survived by his brother Morley Scriver and sister Marian Abbey and their families. Predeceased by parents George and Fern (nee. Metheral) Scriver and brother Elton Scriver. At Bruce's request, cremation has taken place. A private graveside service was held at Dunedin Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Fawcett Funeral Home.

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Email: mlamers@shelburne.ca

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We thank all applicants for their interest and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted

Candy girls remains the same

Today we enjoyed annual our Christmas dinner and there were forty six in attendance.

While appointing new officers last time there were two very important people missed, **Phyllis Seed** will remain as candy girl and **Roy Veinot** will remain our resident bell ringer.

Thank you to **Lloyd Somerville** for bringing us more candies.

We are sad to hear **Judith Turner** and **Lucy Young** are not feeling well. Judith had a fall and had to return from Florida while Lucy has an inner ear problem. Hope both are in the pink soon.

There was a good turnout for cards and Lucky Draws were won by **Marg Falls, Norma Johnston, Melvin Lougheed, Barb Cudmore, Lillian Hiltz, Leona Hartling, Evelyn Warden, Bob McNicole, Effie Taylor, Eileen Nash, Roy Veinot and Alinda Bishop.**

There were five Moon Shots played by **Marj Thomson, Peter Gubbels, Edith Atkinson** with the travel prize to **Dave Smith X 2.**



SENIORS

Evelyn WARDEN

Winners for cards were **Peter Gubbels 302, Marcia Cameron 300, Ruth Lougheed 257, Sherry Lohnes 256** and low went to **Lloyd Somerville 104.**

A young fellow worker at a fast food restaurant found an envelope with three thousand dollars in it along with a receipt. He took it to his manager who then went to the bank and from the receipt was able to return the cash to the right person, who in turn gave the young employee a three hundred dollar tip. The man then posted on social media that he had spoken with the young man and found he was struggling financially with schooling bills. Since then many people have contributed to this fellow's cause to the tune of over eight thousand dollars. Proof that honesty truly is the best policy.

REMEMBER: Always remember you are beautiful, worthy, important, special, unique, wonderful, talented and you are not irreplaceable.

Happy New Year to my readers and their families and wishing you all the best in 2016.

Merry Christmas from your neighbours!

Merry Christmas to my friends & neighbours! (that I may have forgotten to wish already!)
Love,
Florence Bremner

Our warmest wishes to all our family and friends for a Merry Christmas and Love, Health and Happiness in the New Year.
Gertie & Terry Gowan

Merry Christmas everyone!
Helen Blackburn

Merry Christmas! Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Love to all our family and friends.
Fred & Susan Prosser

'Twas the week before Christmas, when all through Duntroon, The children go giddy you'd think there was a full moon. Each morning our darling is delivered to Anita with care, And we don't worry one bit, we know he's safe there. So a big heart-felt thanks to the entire Duntroon team,
From Darrin & Darcia & Benton we mean.
Merry Christmas to all, And to all a good night.

Merry Christmas Grandma Marg & Grandpa Keith, family & friends!
Love, **Justin & Alyssa Rowbotham**

A very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to our Creemore family.
Mary Vandewater & family

Merry Christmas!

This week's answers

Spike & Rusty:
THESPIAN

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To submit your content, please contact:

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Nicest School; Author

Another author came to the school on Monday. His name is **Michael Wade**. He writes the "And Then It Happened" books. He said this: "I visited over 3000 schools across the country, and this is one of the nicest schools I've talked to in a long, long time."



NCPS NEWS

Martin HEWITT

Some classes (Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Floyd) have been able to be a pilot class for the new Minecraft education. However, there were a lot of problems with the program, and few students were able to actually start the program. (At least in Mrs. Smith's class.) The problems are being fixed by the school board.

The annual French plays were shown last Wednesday. They are organized by the school French teacher, **Mr. Johnstone**. He said that the play was very good, and that he is proud of the performing students.

The school's volleyball team got to fourth place in the semifinals for the area recently. They lost against St. Mary's. Of the eight games they played, they won five.

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