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Philippine Heritage Band joins parade

by Trina Berlo
Creemore Santa Claus Parade spectators will be treated to a special performance by the Philippine Heritage Band.

As a member of the business community, **Caesar Guinto** was willing to call on former bandmates and family, to bring the Vaughan-based marching band to Creemore for its Santa Claus Parade.

“As my contribution, to lure them to Creemore, I said I would feed them at the end of the parade,” said Guinto.

“It’s tradition that band members, after having marched sometimes several kilometres in the cold are offered a hearty meal. Because I own a restaurant, they got all excited so it’s going to be a bit of a party for them at the end of the parade at Creemore Kitchen.”

He said if he weren’t cooking for them, he would be marching along with the band.

Guinto joined the band in 1982, when he was 12, along with his brother and sister. Guinto played the trumpet in the marching band and orchestra. His parents have been involved with the band for 35 years are still members of the board.

His mother was a piano player.



Contributed photo

The Philippine Heritage Band is coming to Creemore at the invitation of Creemore resident **Caesar Guinto**, a former member.

“She played by ear and when we were growing up my parents always wanted us to have a background in music. We always played the piano as kids and when we went to Grade 7

we started with our other instruments and continued with them into our adult years,” said Guinto.

He said if he hadn’t become a chef, he would have pursued a career in

music.

Also a drummer, Guinto said he started playing quads in his early 20s and once taught the Philippine
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Vehicle bursts into flames after striking transport truck

by Trina Berlo
Clearview fire crews from Creemore and New Lowell responded to a collision on Fairgrounds Road, just south of the 15/16 Sideroad, at about 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27.

A vehicle had struck a transport truck and when crews arrived they found the vehicle fully involved in flames. The lone occupant was out of the vehicle.

There were some bystanders to assist the driver and she was able to wait for emergency crews in

their vehicle, to keep her warm and minimize the effects of shock.

Deputy Fire Chief **Roree Payment** said the driver was taken to hospital and was said to be in stable condition.

The transport truck was stopped at the time of the collision.

“I will say, the individual driving, was very lucky how it turned out because it could have turned out a heck of a lot worse than it did,” said Payment. “Once again, an excellent job by Clearview fire crews to quickly bring the situation under control.”



Clearview Fire Department photo

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This Weekend

Thursday, November 30 to Saturday, Dec. 23

- **The Last Christmas Turkey, the Musical, playing at Theatre Orangeville.** For tickets and showtimes, visit www.theatreorangeville.ca.

Friday, December 1

- **Creemore Tree Lighting Ceremony** at Station on the Green at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by the Tree Society of Creemore and CARA. Includes carols, food, refreshments, and silly hat contest for the children with the winner lighting the tree. Free fun for all. Contact 705-466-5064 or info@treesocietyofcreemore.com.
- **Stayner Tree Lighting** at 7 p.m. at Station Park Gazebo Enjoy hot chocolate with the Stayner Chamber of Commerce as they light up the downtown Christmas tree.
- **A Christmas Carol** at Centennial United, 234 William St, Stayner, at 7 p.m. Start your Christmas season with a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. A great story for all ages. Freewill offering or donation for Food Bank. Refreshments to follow. Call Centennial United Church at 705-428-3711 for more info.

Friday, December 1 & Saturday, Dec. 2

- **Creemore Firefighters Association Annual Food Drive.** Friday, Dec. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to noon. In front of Creemore Foodland.
- **7th Annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament** at the Honeywood Arena. Register to join the fun that includes hockey, music, food, and a silent auction. Friday Night: silent auction opens. Saturday: silent

auction, dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. with DJ and buffet lunch. If you wish to participate in the tournament through donations, silent auction items, or entering a team, contact Erin Bailey at 519-923-5842, leitherin@hotmail.com or Chester Tupling at 705-627-0672, chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca.

Saturday, December 2

- **Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School is once again proud to host Breakfast with Santa!** Come out and take pleasure in the Christmas festivities, enjoy a wonderful pancake and sausage breakfast. Also, take part in the other fun events such as: Kids Shopping Room, Treasure Tray Raffles, Kids Craft Room, Silent Auction and a visit with Santa! New this year, we are also offering Gluten Free Pancakes! Doors open at 8:30 a.m. until noon. Children \$5, adults \$7, family of 4 \$20, family of 5 \$25.
- **Stayner Santa Claus Parade** 10 a.m. sharp leaving from the Station Park west on Main Street and then running right on Stayner Street taking them to the arena. Followed by skate with Santa from noon to 1 p.m. with free hotdogs and hot chocolate. Donations to the Clearview-Stayner Food Bank encouraged. Contact Bill Roskar, Kinsmen Club 705-796-3272.
- **Order of the Eastern Star, Stayner Chapter, Christmas Bazaar** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 213 Louisa Street, Stayner. Lunch starting at noon. Bake sale and lunch. Everyone welcome. Phone Carol Marsden at 705-428-3945 for more info.
- **Christmas in the Valley. Santa Claus Parade** at 1:30 p.m. coming down the main street of Creemore. Meet Santa after the parade and have

some hot chocolate at the Creemore Log Cabin.

- **Christmas Tree Pick Up at Teddy Bears Picnic** is today. Trees are Balsam Fir or Fraser Fir and range from 6-8ft tall for \$35 to benefit Teddy Bears Picnic.
- Drop by the **Creemore Branch of The Clearview Public Library** after the Santa Claus Parade. Enjoy a hot cup of soup & crafting up some old-fashioned paper Christmas decorations like rose bows, chains and butterfly ornaments. Free.

Saturday, December 2 & Sunday, Dec. 3

- **Creemore Christmas Market.** A two-day Christmas market experience consisting of different vendors each day. Please join us for the holiday festivities at Station on the Green. Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 3

- **Church Services** - see page 5.
- **The Star of Bethlehem: did it really happen?** Howard Jones (over 43 years in the space and robotics industry) uses astronomy, ancient history and scriptural interpretation together with his background in celestial dynamics to consider the enigma of the Star of Bethlehem. St. Luke's Anglican Church at 3 p.m. Coffee, Christmas treats and conversation will follow. 22 Caroline St. West. 705-352-0479 for more info.
- **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Mansfield is hosting a Christmas Cantata "Christmas Hallelujah"** at 2:30 p.m. A choral presentation by Knox Presbyterian Church (Allison) choir and friends of traditional and contemporary anthems. Light refreshments to follow the performance. Free will offering.

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 4

- Visit Frankie the Barber from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 202 Montreal St., (by ReMax) in Stayner. For a \$20 donation to HHART (Haitian Humanitarian Assistance and Relief Team in Dominican Republic), men or women get a **haircut from Frankie and a Christmas Portrait by Bryan Davies Photography** both on the same day.
- **Dunedin Women's Friendship Club Christmas Potluck Dinner** at 6 p.m. at Dunedin Hall. Also making 6 baskets and a donation. All welcome.
- **Collingwood and District Historical Society Meeting "He Shoots! He Scores!" Hockey in Canada and Collingwood.** Roger Hannon, editor, author and hockey historian celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the NHL and the 125th Anniversary of The Stanley Cup. Raffle of NHL hockey memorabilia, receive a souvenir gift. Leisure Time Club, Minnesota Street, at 7 p.m. Admittance is by CDHS membership or \$5.

Tuesday, December 5

- **Creemore BIA invites their members as well as other local business owners to attend an information meeting with TD Bank** staff to discuss tools and strategies for business banking in a changing environment. 9 a.m. at Station on the Green. Please contact sara@creemore.com or 705-466-9906 to RSVP.
- **Creemore Adult Skating Club** from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. running Tuesdays at Creemore Arena through the winter months. \$2 at the door for each skater. Join us for an enjoyable skate with the friendliest people in the area. Call Helen Blackburn at 705-466-5195 for more information.

Wednesday, December 6

- **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church, 202 Ontario Street, Stayner. New members welcome. Call Judy at 705-422-1428 for more info.
- **Wednesday Night Bingo** at Manito Shrine Club, 2265 Fairground Road North (across from the GNE grounds) featuring Larry "The Legend" Smith as your caller. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Start time is 6:45 p.m. Early Bird, regular games & progressive super jackpot. Cash prizes. Snack bar. All net proceeds benefit the Shriners Hospital For Children.

Saturday, December 9

- **Creemore Winter Market** at Station on the Green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come see what is new and fresh from your favourite vendors.
- **Handmade in the Valley Craft Sale** at Dunedin Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 20 local vendors. Drop in and get some Christmas shopping done!
- **Brereton Field Naturalists Club** hike along Barrie's lakeshore at 9 a.m. Meet at Municipal parking lot on Simcoe Street between Maple & Bayfield in Barrie. Easy walking. Call 705-543-1866 for info.
- **The SilverShoe Historical Society Food Drive for the Clearview Stayner Food Bank.** Volunteers will be outside Stayner Pet Centre, 7272 Highway 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Anyone who donates non-perishable food or a minimum of \$2 will be entered into a draw for a Christmas wreath. The draw will be held at 3 p.m.
- **Help celebrate John & Marion Johnson's 60th Wedding Anniversary** at Lisle Legion from 1 to 4 p.m. Come by, share some memories, and offer best wishes. Hope to see you there.
- **The Treblemakers adult community choir proudly presents "A Broadway Christmas"** at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church, Creemore. A series of concerts featuring Broadway hits and Christmas favourites. Also December 7 (Barrie); December 8 (Collingwood); and December 11 (Wasaga Beach). Free. Free will donation (25 per cent raised will be donated to local community groups and charities). A portion of the donations collected will also be used to help support The Treblemakers Choral Workshop programs. To reserve a ticket, or for more information, contact the choir's Music Director, Penelope Dale, at info@thetrebmakers.ca, or at 705-352-4595.
- **Holy Trinity Clearview is holding a "Stories and Carols"** Evening 7 p.m. in support of Clearview and Grey Highlands Food Banks at Holy Trinity Clearview Church in Duntroon (beside the Olde School House). Admission is a non-perishable food item or cash donation. Cheques to Holy Trinity. Welcome to all in celebrating the season for giving. 519-922-2033 or 705-794-9140.
- **'Tis the Season with The Sound Investment Community** along with The Orillia Silver Band, under the direction of Aaron Bell, invites you to celebrate the Christmas season with sounds of the season, as well as a carol singalong. CCI choir will sing as well. At Collingwood Collegiate Institute at 7:30 p.m. Adults \$20. Children 16 & under free with ticket purchased.

Available Curiosity House Books, Creemore or at the door if still available. For more info call Jill 705-293-0573 or visit soundinvestmentchoir.ca.

Sunday, December 10

- **PHAHS AGM** at 1 p.m. at Dunedin Hall followed by free presentation of *One Good Marriage*, a play about a newly married couple. Evening presentation of play at 7 p.m. \$15 tickets available at *Creemore Echo*. \$20 at door. Call 705-466-9906 for info.

Saturday, December 16

- **90th Birthday Come & Go Tea for Gretta Leighton** on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Drop in from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Huron Meadows Club House, 275 Huron Street (at Christopher Street), Stayner. Best wishes only.
- **Sandcastle Theatre presents Potter – the Panto**, a hilarious parody full of magic, laughter and fun for all ages at New Life Church, 28 Tracey Lane, Collingwood from 2 to 4 p.m. \$25 adult, \$20 senior, \$15 child or student age 17 and under available at www.sandcastletheatre.com.

Sunday, December 17

- **Eigensinn Farm Christmas Market at Haisai Restaurant** from 1 to 5 p.m. with fire and malt wine. Food from the wood oven and lots of delights for the festivities to buy. No reservations required. For details visit www.haisai.ca.

Saturday, December 23

- **Creemore Winter Market** at Station on the Green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come see what is new and fresh from your favourite vendors.

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

- **Creemore Community Christmas Dinner** at 4:30 p.m. at the Creemore Legion, 27 Wellington St. W. Enjoy a beautiful Christmas dinner surrounded by your community. Everyone welcome. Call to reserve your seat or delivery of dinner. Contact Donna at 705-466-2523 or email CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com. Visit www.creemorechristmas.ca for info.

Tuesday, January 9

- **Osteoporosis Education** at South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre, 14 Ramblewood Dr, Wasaga Beach from 2 to 4 p.m. Do you have questions about your bone health? Have you been diagnosed with Osteoporosis? Join us for an information session and get your questions answered. Free. Contact 705-422-1888 to register.

Enterprise Bulletin shut down as result of newspaper swap

by Trina Berlo

The Enterprise-Bulletin, published in Collingwood and distributed weekly into Creemore, has been shut down after a swap between publishing giants Torstar Corporation and Postmedia Network.

The newspaper is Collingwood's oldest continuous business. The Enterprise-Bulletin is an amalgamation of the Enterprise, launched in 1857, and the Bulletin, first published in 1872.

As part of the non-cash transaction, Torstar acquired seven daily community newspapers, two free daily newspapers as well as seven other weekly community publications:

the Bradford Times, Fort Erie Times, Innisfil Examiner, Niagara Advance, Pelham News, Inport News (Port Colborne) and the Thorold Niagara News.

The closure of the newspapers, effective Monday, affects 46 full-time and part-time employees, who will receive severance packages, and also marks the end of the Barrie Examiner.

Torstar has "sold" 22 weekly community newspapers in eastern and southern Ontario and the Metro Winnipeg and Metro Ottawa free daily publications to Postmedia, affecting the Meaford Express in this region, resulting in more job losses.

According to a media release, "The decision by Metroland Media to close the newspapers was made after a careful review of the financial performance and Metroland Media's future projections for all the publications acquired from Postmedia. Metroland Media concluded the only realistic option was to close the affected papers due to their falling advertising revenues and Metroland's projections of their future performance."

"The newspaper industry in Canada is facing challenging times due to declines in recent years in print advertising revenues and the fact that newspapers are now facing increased competition for digital advertising

dollars from international giants such as Google and Facebook. Because of that, Metroland Media is seeking synergies and cost reductions where possible.

"By acquiring publications within or adjacent to Metroland Media's primary areas and selling publications outside its primary areas the company will be able to place a greater focus on regions where it believes it can be more effective in serving both customers and clients. This will help allow the company to develop more digital content as well as enhance the operations of the four new daily newspapers that it will continue operating after the purchase from Postmedia."

More news and events online at
www.Creemore.com

Parade weekend begins with tree lighting

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Heritage Band drum line.

The idea started in 1980, when founding member Oscar Farinas saw a need for a band to accompany the singing of the national anthem at a Philippine Independence Day celebration. The Philippino band started very small and has grown to more than 100 members.

Originally, the members were mainly Philippino but the band is open to anyone who has a desire to play music and learn an instrument. Guinto said it's like a big family-oriented organization. Young kids may start out as cymbal players until they progress to an instrument and some participate as majorettes, with the parents and members of the wider community supporting the organization as a whole.

The band travels all over the United States, performing and competing. When Guinto was a member, he travelled to The Philippines to perform

in a parade.

Because it is a Santa Claus Parade, Guinto expects the band will be playing mostly Christmas classics. The parade starts at 1:30 p.m.

Due to a scheduling conflict, said organizers, the Collingwood Collegiate Institute marching band will not be part of this year's parade.

Spectators and businesses are encouraged to adopt a buffalo plaid decor scheme and dress code.

The festive weekend begins with the tree lighting on Friday, Dec. 1 and continues Saturday morning with Breakfast with Santa at Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School, a Christmas Farmers' Market at Station on the Green, both Saturday and Sunday.

Santa will be visiting with children following the parade at Creemore Log Cabin, where hot chocolate will be served.

See page 2 for all the details.

OPINION & Feedback

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EDITORIAL

Committed to community

Thank you. The congratulations and well wishes around my acquisition of this paper have been overwhelming and encouraging.

Your kind words and appreciation for *The Creemore Echo's* work helps bolster the resolve I have as a publisher.

Being a business owner is a risky endeavour and running a local weekly feels even riskier as we watch legacy media crumble around us, but thanks to all of you the decision to purchase *The Echo* was easy. My confidence that Creemore has what it takes to sustain a newspaper is based on our attributes as a community.

This community cares. Our village knows that friends and neighbours are a big part of what makes living here special. We want to know if the Valley Hawks are in the playoffs and who got a moonshot at euchre. We like seeing familiar faces as front page news. We want to know about the births and deaths of people from our corner of the world. *The Echo* is committed to providing a place where residents have an opportunity to share and connect.

This community is engaged. We want to know about local politics. We want a forum for ideas and a place to advocate for what we believe in.

With Trina as our editor this community is given the fair and accurate reporting it needs to be informed and involved. We make it a priority to share this community's opinions. With this *The Echo* supports democracy and good government.

This community is entrepreneurial. Creemore's economy is full of independent businesses and their owners. We are hard workers who value our customers. We know and care about our clients in a way that more distant service providers cannot. *The Echo* provides opportunities for advertising and tells the stories of the people working in our area. By doing this we aim to support local economic development and prosperity.

This community is busy. Every week Georgi is inundated with information about local events and activities. We serve luncheons. We run bazaars. We sing in choirs. We host concerts. We cook up dinners. We read from books and we share art. We come together to celebrate and support our talents and interests. *The Echo* encourages everyone to get out there, do something and have fun.

This community is generous. Thanks to our advertisers, as well as everyone who subscribes, boosts and champions this paper, we can afford to get *The Echo* out each week and maintain Creemore.com but we do not take this generosity for granted. *The Echo* must provide services that are valuable and unique enough to ensure everyone's ongoing support.

So with huge gratitude to Tom and Mary Vandewater and the team here at *The Echo*, I enter into the ownership of this paper with a respect for all this community is and optimism for all it can be.

— Sara Hershoff

THE WAY WE WERE



Cashtown school SS No. 8, 1949. Back row, from left: Donald Lageer, Oscar Weston, Harold Lockwood, Paul Coyle and Mrs. Huish. Centre row: Dallas Black, Norma McArthur, Evelyn Somerville, Roy Atkinson, Lenard Dent, Harold Lockwood, Murray Bell. Front row: Carol White, Elaine Black, Shirley Ann Steele, Lyne ?, Allan Day, Leslie Black and Garth Cubitt. Photo submitted by Donald Lageer.

Information sources narrowing with newspaper closures

Editor:

Local newspapers are going out of business.

Recently we have seen Barrie and Collingwood losing their local newspapers.

Our information sources are narrowing partly because of technology and partly because of falling readership. Democracy requires constant vigilance,

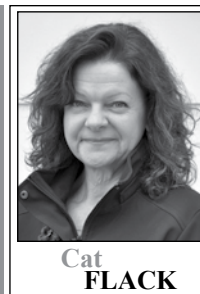
which can only be achieved by multiple informative sources. One of those sources is a local paper which covers local interest. It is up to us to hold on to what we have. The saying, 'use it or lose it' also applies to our local press. It is up to us.

Ray Jackson,
Mulmur.

Wrangling the Blues Brothers, a smelly business

Ahhh, Sunday mornings, the one day of the week I like to lounge in bed having a leisurely cup of tea and read the New York review of books. But, living with the CEO, this is not always the pleasant outcome of the morning. This particular Sunday morning the CEO (having just returned from the Shell Clutch Coffee Club) told me in a stern and commanding tone that I needed to remove my mesh fencing that had circled the wee pasture where the sheep, donkeys and alpaca had spent their summer vacay. Funny how the electric fence never got plugged in this past year, then again not funny when the gang just walks through the mesh fencing to get to the what always looks greener on the other side of the fence.

One particular week day morning the kid said, "Jake and Elwood are standing by the car". What? I looked out the window and sure enough there were the Blues



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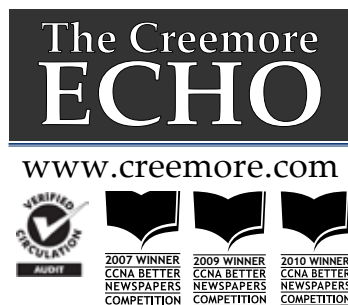
Brothers standing there. I stuck my feet into my new slip on shoes and wrapped my dressing gown about me. They were easy to get a hold of and walk back to the barn, yep, famous last words. Jake the smaller of the two simply trotted off with a devil may care attitude. Elwood, the large and slightly less smart one, followed a little slower.

I went to lunge at him and slipped through a pile of dog doo, which had escaped my

eagle eye due to the length of the grass. Down on my knees I went, the scent of dog doo wafting up.

Setting my mouth into a grim line I went to get some corn in a bucket that usually does the trick. I managed to get a halter and lead rope on Elwood and try to lead him back to the barn, he was having none of it. I tried to get him turned around to lead him back but he simply stepped into me and down again I went...

(See "CEO's" on page 5)



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Himself will keep you laughing and guessing till the end

by Basil Guinane
Himself, by **Jess Kidd**, is a ghost story wrapped in a comedy inside a mystery. It is set in 1976, in the small town of Mulderrig on the west coast of Ireland and at “the arse-end of nowhere”. Returning to the village is Mahony, a Dublin-based petty criminal and orphan who is intent on solving the mystery of what happened to his mother, Orla, who vanished 26 years earlier.

Mahony had always believed that his mother had run off after she abandoned him as a new born on the steps of a Dublin orphanage. He had no idea who she was or where she was from. This is all turned upside down when Mahony is given an anonymous note identifying both her and the village she was from. The note also suggests that foul play may have been involved in

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her disappearance. His arrival in Mulderrig sets tongues wagging and many of the town’s people are more than a little intrigued. Who is this handsome charmer with a face that seems oddly familiar? Why would a Dubliner want to visit such a small town? What is he after? In no time Mahony has allies who want to help him uncover the truth and enemies who are intent on thwarting him. There is the malevolent priest, Father Quinn, who is described as “having a face that inspired a strong and instant mistrust”. Quinn is abetted by, the widow Farelly, a retired nurse, who is made of “steel and bolts”. The widow

Farelly may or may not have helped some of patients to an early grave. They both see Mahony as a threat to the moral fabric of the village and want him gone. His most colourful ally is the ancient, sharp tongued, Mrs. Cauley, a retired actress with a fondness for “medicinal” brandy and no tolerance for meddling priests. Before meeting her, Mahony is warned that she is, “titanic”. In fact she is as small as a child and resembles a “benign, geriatric spider”. However, she possesses an iron will, a sharp mind and a voice, “honed to turn corners, vault walls and open door handles”. She is bent on helping Mahony and concocts an elaborate scheme to uncover the truth about his mother. As a character Mrs. Cauley, with her

wisecracks and barbs, steals the show. Of Father Quinn she says, “When God was giving out charm, that fecker was last in line.” Added to this rich mix is Mahony’s special gift. He can see and talk to dead people. Among them are Johnnie, Mrs. Cauley’s beloved fiancé, Father Jim, Quinn’s predecessor who died under mysterious circumstances and Ida, an eight-year-old girl who may hold the key to knowing what happened to Mahony’s mother. However, the dead are not without their challenges, as Mrs. Cauley knows, “They’re like cats, Mahony. You of all people should know that. They don’t always come when you call.” *Himself* is a story full of surprises and will keep you both laughing and guessing till the end.

CEO’s new ATV no match for 1000-pound donkey with attitude


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 this time other knee in pile of dog doo. As I lay on the ground trying to get my now soaking wet feet under me I did what any frustrated girl would do, start to cry. Then those tears turned to rage and I went to get the big gun. Big blue, the CEO’S ATV; he had just bought it brand new that spring, I hadn’t really had a chance to get acquainted with it, what with all the fancy new stuff. I did however know how to turn the key and rev it up. By this time the donkeys (and Alpaca) had made their way to the back hay field. The hay was due to be cut so

was quite tall and very wet. Elwood was the only one that I had a halter and rope on so I managed to steer the ATV close enough to the rope to drive on it and bring Elwood to a stop. I grabbed onto the rope and tied it to the back rack of the brand new ATV. I could only get the rope to reach the one side so tied it up as tight as I could and proceeded to gun it to get the big guy back to the direction of the barn. Funny thing how a 1000 pound donkey putting all its four brakes on can make an ATV go round and round in a circle, getting absolutely nowhere. I tried again and again, dressing gown

flapping madly in the wind, the smell of dog doo wafting up and my feet starting to freeze from being so wet. In total frustration on both my part and Elwood’s I tried even harder to get him going. The CEO should have bought a bigger ATV. Then there was the sudden release and I really took off flying, the halter had snapped. Elwood gleefully trotted away. In the end I managed to get them into the big coverall and there they stayed till the Whitley moving truck came and took them to their new home.

I couldn’t get the rope undone from the back of the ATV and told the CEO that if he needed to cut it off, to go ahead. He rolled his eyes in that endearing way of his and walked away. A couple of days later he walked into the house and said “thanks, you cracked the back rack of my new ATV”. All I could do was apologize, and yet in my mind I thought, well, how many people can say they get their rack snapped by a jack ass... I will let you take that any way you like.

LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY



Sunday, December 3

CREEMORE UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE This Week: New Lowell Church at 9:45 a.m. and St. John’s Creemore at 11 a.m. www.stjohnscreemore.ca All welcome • 705-466-2200	ST. LUKE’S ANGLICAN CHURCH 22 Caroline St. W. • 705-466-2206 Sunday Worship Service at 11:15 a.m. Sun. Dec. 3: The Star of Bethlehem talk at 3 p.m. Social time to follow.
Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin Sunday Service at 10 a.m. Dec. 3: 1st Week of Advent Speaker: Chris Gray 705-466-5202	THE SALVATION ARMY HOPE ACRES COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday Church Services at 10:45 a.m. 998614 Mulmur Tosorontio Townline, Glencairn For more info call 705-466-3435
Clearview Community Church Creemore branch – Station on the Green Sunday service 11 a.m. Sunday school, Friday night kids program, every 4 th Sunday potluck. 705-428-6543 • Pastor Clayton Culham	The Anglican Parish of Holy Trinity, Clearview Sunday Worship at 10 a.m. 2 St. Clair Street, Duntroon Rev. Ray Dobson 705-794-9140 or 519-922-2033

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Journalist Peter Goddard chases The Great Gould

by Trina Berlo

Driving home one Friday afternoon, a book about Glenn Gould stuffed into my satchel, I heard on the radio Michael Kaeshammer introducing The Goldberg Variations as one of his CBC playlist picks, saying it is one of the best performances of all time.

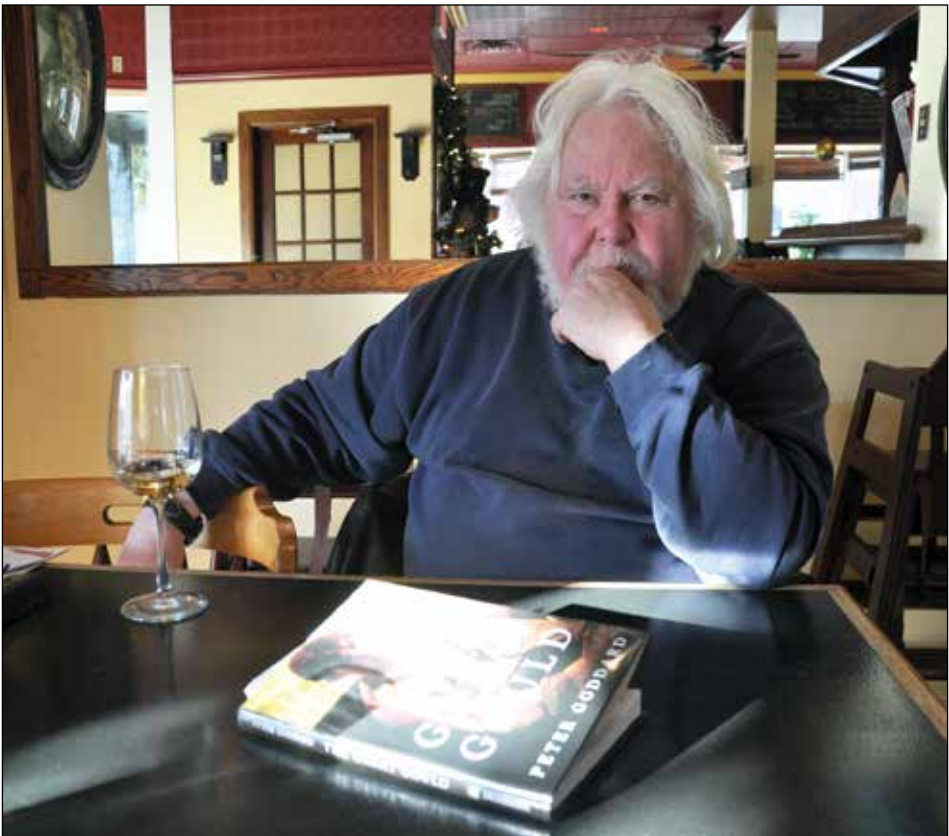
For someone who knows nothing about Gould, it seemed a fortuitous springboard and an emphasis of the influence that **Peter Goddard** is writing about in his new book, *The Great Gould*, which I was to spend the weekend reading.

“The Gould effect and legacy now occupy our minds as much as his immediate history,” writes Goddard.

The author, who has close ties to Creemore, also a pianist and ethnomusicologist, was at the Royal Conservatory of Music when Gould “could still be found walking its halls” and later “crossed paths” with him at the CBC. He also interviewed Gould several times when he worked as a music critic at *The Toronto Star*.

Gould was part of Goddard’s musical landscape in the early 1950s, having been born into a family of piano players.

Goddard said there has been a lot written about Gould but he found that the pianist, being one of the most famous Canadians of all time, was a heavy influence on modern music, sometimes unbeknownst to the musicians, and at the same time was also becoming forgotten.



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Peter Goddard discusses Glenn Gould.

As he delved into the archives in search of some yet uncovered nugget, Goddard said he ended up chasing a man – a very complicated guy.

He writes about Gould as enigma, media star, media manipulator, intellectual, parodist, animal-lover and creator of personas. He describes Gould as a persona “larger than the music itself”.

“How much did he really share? I think he was completely unable to express himself,” said Goddard.

“Many believe the Gould enigma is one code that is not likely to be cracked – a view encouraged by Gould himself,” he writes. “It accounts for the paucity of intimate personal detail in his voluminous notes about, say, his love life just for one instance.”

He says in Gould’s own prolific writing about himself – and that Gould’s favourite interviewer was also himself – that Gould buried the truth and only left clues about the reclusive genius.

He was not a prodigy, a term rejected by Gould, according to Goddard, and his advancement of his skills as a piano player was more gradual. He had an unorthodox way of playing and certainly had his critics, said Goddard. He had a sense of belonging at the CBC, where he had a desk, and the personal approach to this biography includes a story about Gould popping in to one of the editing suites where Goddard was working.

Goddard also explores Gould’s impulse to retreat to the family cottage on Lake Simcoe and his “The Idea of North” as an examination of the condition of solitude, all of which makes a person want to devour any of Gould’s works that have been posted to YouTube.

Goddard is an award winning journalist, having won a Juno and a National Newspaper Award. He is the author of *The Sounding*, a novel, and books about Ronnie Hawkins, the Rolling Stones, Genesis, Michael Jackson, David Bowie, Frank Sinatra, The Who, Cyndi Lauper and Duran Duran.

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Council approves 2018 community grants

by Trina Berlo

Councillors did some last minute tweaking to the 2018 Clearview Township budget Monday, while maintaining an overall tax increase under two per cent.

During the final budget workshop, a \$395,000 rescue fire truck, to be funded from reserves, was deferred to next year. Councillor **Deborah Bronée** asked Fire Chief **Colin Shewell** to come back with a justification for the vehicle. The truck would replace an older vehicle, but would have some add-ons.

Council agreed to add \$40,000 in additional summer staff for general maintenance and \$25,000 from the tax stabilization fund will be earmarked for Clearview's 25th anniversary celebration in 2019.

A grant request from SilverShoe Historical Society in the amount of \$2,700 for ongoing promotion of Bethel Union Cemetery and the restoration of Sunnidale Pioneer Cemetery sparked a conversation about cemetery restoration across the municipality. It was noted that many inactive cemeteries are in need of restoration and that there is new legislation coming down the pipe that will require it.

Councillor **Kevin Elwood** said it was unfair that one organization was being given money and funds should be available equally. He said it was

During the final budget workshop on Nov. 27, council doled out \$24,950 in community assistance grants for 2018. Requests totalled \$43,250. The grant recipients are chosen by a committee of council.

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Georgian Triangle \$1,000 (to provide mentoring programs).
- Breaking Down Barriers \$1,000 (to provide accessibility support/services).
- Brentwood Horticultural Society \$600 (for community beautification projects).
- Clearview Community Theatre \$2,000 (youth theatre production).
- Clearview Stayner Food Bank \$2,000 (provision of food resources).
- Creemore Cats \$1,000 (spay/neuter program)
- Creemore Horticultural Society \$600 (community beautification projects).
- CyberGnomes Robotics \$1,000

(robotics team).

- Duntroon Stayner Road Race \$500 (to promote physical fitness).
- Georgian Triangle Anglers Association \$250 (enhance area fishing opportunities).
- Georgian Triangle Humane Society \$3,000 (spay/neuter assistance program).
- Highlands Youth for Christ/The Door \$1,000 (youth/family outreach programs).
- Home Horizon \$1,000 (counselling/housing for homeless).
- Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation \$2,500 (professional palliative care/support).
- Magic of Children's in the Arts \$750 (children's art programs).
- My Friend's House - Collingwood Crisis Centre \$1,000 (women/children safe refuge).
- Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society \$350 (building community by cultivating and promoting arts and

heritage).

- Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 397 Creemore \$500 (Canada Day Celebration events).
- SilverShoe Historical Society \$750 (promote Bethel Union Cemetery/Sunnidale Pioneer historical site).
- South Simcoe 4-H Association \$250 (youth learning opportunities).
- Stayner Chamber of Commerce \$500 (support Chamber programs).
- Stayner Heritage Society \$300 (promote heritage preservation/appreciation).
- Stayner Horticultural Society \$600 (community beautification projects).
- Stayner Lawn Bowling Club \$1,200 (promote lawn bowling for all ages).
- Teddy Bears Picnic Children's Centre \$1,000 (to support affordable non-profit daycare).

not being budgeted properly.

Bronée said of the inactive cemeteries (those no longer open to burials), "They are going to crumble and disappear if we don't do more than cut the grass."

SilverShoe Historical Society was looking for funds to restore tombstones and the commemorative

arch, add flower beds and interpretive signs.

Councillor **Connie Leishman**, a member of the grant selection committee, said, "When this came up we jumped on it because this will clean it up quite nicely."

At the suggestion of the CAO, a reserve fund was created for cemetery restoration, with an initial contribution of \$5,000. SilverShoe Historical Society was earmarked to receive \$2,000 but that amount was reduced to \$750.



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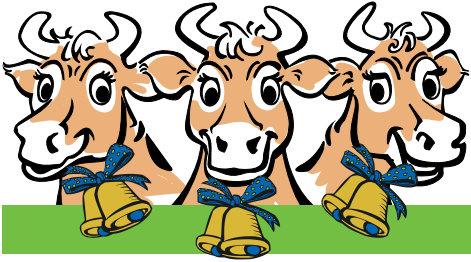
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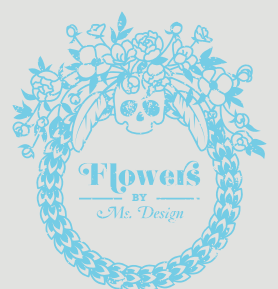


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They held a fight and a dance broke out

"Tell it all. Tell it just the way it was." That has been the advice given to me when pondering if I should tell about the Singhampton dances in the 1950s.

I have hesitated to tell all. I don't want the readers of *The Echo* to think my generation were a bunch of wild hoodlums. But I have been assured by a reputable source that the generations that followed have similar tales. No doubt they were before as well.

The Singhampton dances were held in Hammill's Hall, which was torn down in 1978. It was upstairs in a building that once stood beside Mylar and Loreta's restaurant.

The ground floor of the building housed a store and the post office. To get to the hall it was necessary to go around to the back where the hall was accessed up a long flight of stairs.

For dances, Jack and Mary Hammill sat at the top and gathered the 50-cent admission fee. One then turned to the left, entered a room where coats and boots were left. On the wall was a large mirror which may be seen today on the south wall of Mylar and Loreta's restaurant. A few feet further was the entrance to the dance floor which was claimed to be the best dance floor north of Toronto. At the front was an ample stage.

The hall, built in the late 1800s, saw many village activities. Dances were frequent, also box socials and school Christmas concerts.

A story has come down to us about a man at a box social who bid \$30 on a box lunch when the going rate was \$2-\$3. As a result he impressed a young lady so much she became his bride.

In 1921, the Twelfth of July or the Orangemen's big day, was held in Singhampton. The village was decorated almost beyond recognition with cedar arches. Refreshment stands were set up. The parade was held in the afternoon accompanied with fife and drum bands. To complete the day a dance was held in Hammill's Hall. The orchestra had string and wind instruments and a vocalist sang such songs as, "Yes, We Have No Bananas." In 1934 a celebration was held for W. L. Taylor who was being honoured as the newly elected Warden of Grey County. The program was impromptu. They sang, they danced, then someone was asked to give a speech and then they danced and sang some more. A beautiful supper was served and then they danced again.

But what about the fighting remembered so well

LOCAL HISTORY



Helen BLACKBURN



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James and Georgina Rigney with author Helen Blackburn in front of the mirror that hung at Hammill's Hall in Singhampton, where they used to attend some wild dances. The mirror is now hanging at Mylar and Loreta's restaurant.

by many of us? To describe it I have to digress for a while.

It is necessary to explain the liquor laws of the mid 1900s. Alcohol was strictly controlled. A person had to be 21 before being issued a permit to buy.

The nearest sales outlet was Collingwood and in those days it wasn't easy to get to that town. Not everyone had a car. Often the roads were rough and muddy and in the winter impassable. But where there's a will there's a way.

Bootleggers were conveniently found in most localities. (And that's another story.)

Big brothers would buy supplies for the teenagers around. Places where alcohol could be consumed were strictly enforced. This meant that people illegally drank in their cars. At dances or other events friends slipped out to a car and had a drink or two.

Fueled by such refreshments many young men were ready to take on the world. Small groups from outlying communities would arrive with the attitude, "Our guys are tougher than your guys." These young roosters were not interested in finding a nice girl to dance with.

At most Saturday dances a fight would break out in mid floor, mid dance. Two fighters would glare at one another, snarling threats and clenching fists which were apt to fly any minute. As dancers we stayed clear. Friends would come to help while one or two of the combatants would leave. By the time

the fight ended different people completely were involved. The music would stop. The young men pulled combs out of their back pockets, hair was combed and normalcy reigned.

Sometimes the fighters didn't reach the dance floor. A fracas would break out in the entrance hall near the top of the stairs. The pair would lose balance and tumble down the stairs. End of fight. One night a big scrap broke out outside near the entrance door. A woman associated with the hall climbed up on an upper level and threw a pail or two of cold water on the melee. Again, end of fight. It has been said that often these fights ended in handshakes.

For the 90 per cent of us, or more, we attended the dances to dance. No slow stuff for us and no sitting around on chairs. We liked the lively country music of the time and most of all, square dances. Each of the three square dances in the evening had three changes. Participating in all three was the equivalent of running from Singhampton to Glen Huron, and back.

Those of us who were there have an abundance of happy memories. The fights were just a little exciting sideshow.

And just for the record, I've been told that quite a few young people met their life partners there.

A big thank you to all the people who generously shared their memories and helped straighten out some of my confusion.

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Simcoe county council approves 2018 budget

Simcoe County Council approved its \$510 million 2018 budget Nov. 28.

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Officials say the budget focuses on the resources necessary to maintain existing services and service levels, while continuing to invest in roads, economic development, solid waste management, and social housing.

The 2018 budget also ensures the county continues along a path of long-term fiscal stability, and contains

items that address areas of growth, as well as initiatives directed by council to enhance service levels, increase efficiencies, and prepare for the future.

“Meeting the varied needs of our residents while remaining fiscally responsible and accountable is the top priority for our Council,” said Warden **Gerry Marshall**. “The 2018 budget allows us to build upon our investment in social and community services, health services, and economic development, all the while improving on the many vital partnerships we share with municipal and community stakeholders.”

Highlights:

Total county expenditures for 2018: \$510 million

Ontario Works – \$71 million

Long Term Care and Seniors Services – \$57 million

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Culture, Sports Hall of Fame kicks off in 2018

by Trina Berlo

Clearview Township is setting up a new Culture and Sports Hall of Fame.

“The Clearview Township Culture and Sports Hall of Fame Awards celebrate excellence in the community’s arts, culture and sports. These awards underline the importance of culture to residents, and recognize groups and individuals for their outstanding achievement and contributions to the area’s cultural and sports vitality,” reported **Terry Vachon**, Clearview’s new general manager of parks, culture and recreation.

Council approved the program at its Nov. 27 meeting, “To establish a method for honouring individuals or groups who have made a positive and exemplary impact on the sports and cultural

community in Clearview Township and to promote citizenship, excellence and to preserve the sports and cultural accomplishments of our community.”

The idea for the hall of fame was first presented by the late Shane Sargant.

According to the guidelines, there could be up to seven inductees per year, with the ideal being two athletes, one builder, one team except in the inaugural year, two artists, one festival/event of the year, one community volunteer and two young leaders, representative of culture and sports.

Nominees elected into the Clearview Township Culture and Sports Hall of Fame will have demonstrated a number of common desirable attributes.

They will have exemplary values and personal characteristics of integrity, character, citizenship,

success, leadership and community involvement. The individual, team or event has represented Clearview Township commendably by attaining exceptional results.

The selection committee will be made up of three the staff members (the general manager of parks, culture and recreation, the community, culture and tourism coordinator and recreation clerk) and the mayor and deputy mayor, but the inductees will be given final approval by council.

Vachon said the township will be calling for nominations in the New Year and that the awards will be displayed at the Stayner Arena, in the lobby that is being redesigned as part of the library construction project.

Vachon noted the program will cost \$5,000.

Curling

Daytime

Team	Win-Loss-Tie
McDougall	5-2-1
Lambert	5-2-1
Bell	5-3-0
Coulter	5-3-0
Steed	2-6-0
Loranger	1-7-0

From the Hack: Excellent shot-making from the front ends of all the teams. Teams McDougall, Lambert, Bell and Coulter still in the mix for top spot. Unfortunately, as the author of this piece painfully knows, only one team stuck in the basement! Good curling everyone! BTW - whose turn is it, to bring in cookies?

Men

Team	Win-Loss-Tie-Bye
Adam Verstegen	3-0-0-0
Ron Coulter	2-0-0-1
Russ Flack	1-2-0-0
Paul Crevier	1-1-0-1
Neil Robotham	1-2-0-0
Al Lambert	1-1-0-1
Ed Meulendyk	0-3-0-0

From The Hack: After the first three weeks of curling it appears as though we may have a closely contested round. Although the Verstegen rink currently holds the lead they are one game up on some of the others and will not have their” bye” until the end of this round. Let’s see if they can hold the lead through the final four evenings of play.

Mixed

Team	Win-Loss-Tie-Bye
Meulendyk	3-0-0-1
Cass	3-1-0-0
Bell	2-1-0 -1
Lindsay	2-1-0-1
Vorstermans	1-2-0-1
Crevier	1-2-1-0
Neelin	1-2-1-0
Morby	1-2-1-0
McArthur	0-4-0-0

From the Hack: Team Meulendyk has taken the lead with 3 wins and no losses. Teams Morby and McArthur battled it out for their first win. Morby squeaked out a win by one point!

Ladies

Team Millsap vs. Team Steed - Team Millsap with the win

Team McKay vs. Team Crawford - Team McKay with the win

From the Hack: It was an exciting week at the Creemore Curling Club for the Ladies! Team Millsap faced off against Team Steed and both skips were absent this week! Team Millsap had Ann Huskinson step up to skip, and Team Steed had Diane Kelly skipping for them! Both ladies did a fantastic job and made some stellar shots for their teams! A big thank you to Karen Crevier and Gail Martens for skipping on these teams this week! Team McKay and Team Crawford had all their teammates in attendance and had a nail biting game! Team McKay came away with the win this week but I have a feeling Team Crawford will be out for a win next week!

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Silent Auction
Dance 8pm-1am with DJ and buffet lunch

The Seventh Annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament will be held on December 1st & 2nd 2017 at the Honeywood arena. The Michael Tupling Memorial Foundation was established to help encourage youth involvement and leadership in the community. All the proceeds from this tournament will go towards recreation activities and community projects and help provide financial support for youth in the North Dufferin community who may not otherwise have the financial resources to participate. Register your hockey team and come out to join the fun that includes hockey, music, food, and a silent auction.

Through your participation and involvement, we hope the tournament will have another successful year. We look forward to seeing you at this event and appreciate all of your support!!!

IF you wish to participate in the tournament through donations, silent auction items, or entering a team,
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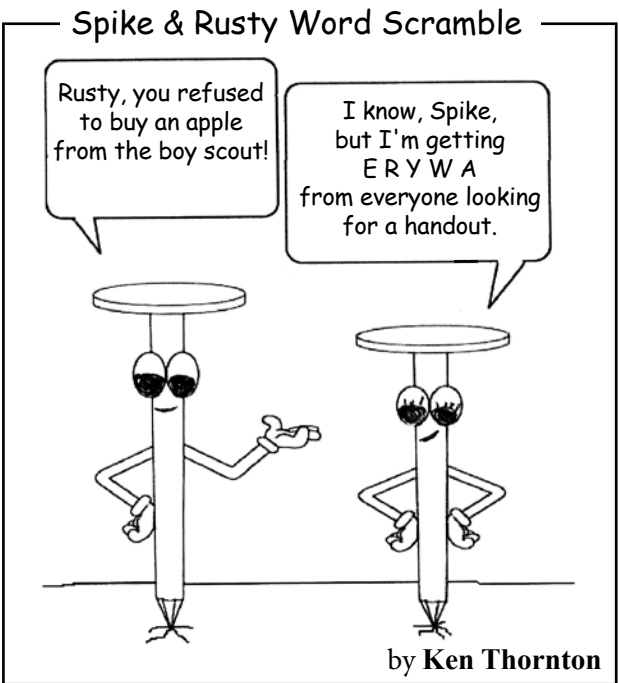
Tank Truck Delivery of Furnace & Stove Oil

FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on page 15



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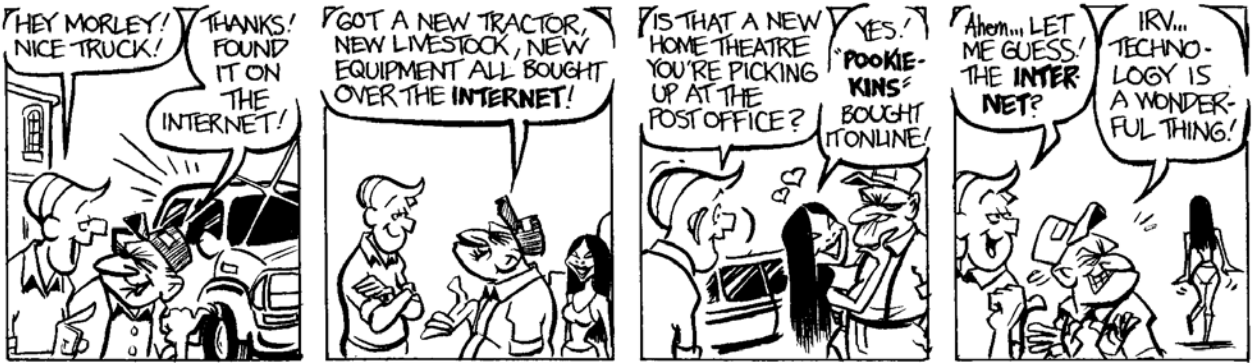
Weekend Weather

Friday, December 1
Cloudy with sunny breaks
High 4 Low -1
Wind NW 18 km/h
POP 30%

Saturday, December 2
A mix of sun and clouds
High 6 Low 1
Wind S 13 km/h
POP 30%

Sunday, December 3
A mix of sun and clouds
High 6 Low 0
Wind NW 21 km/h
POP 20%

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FRED'S FUNNIES

What do you call Santa's helpers?

Subordinate clauses

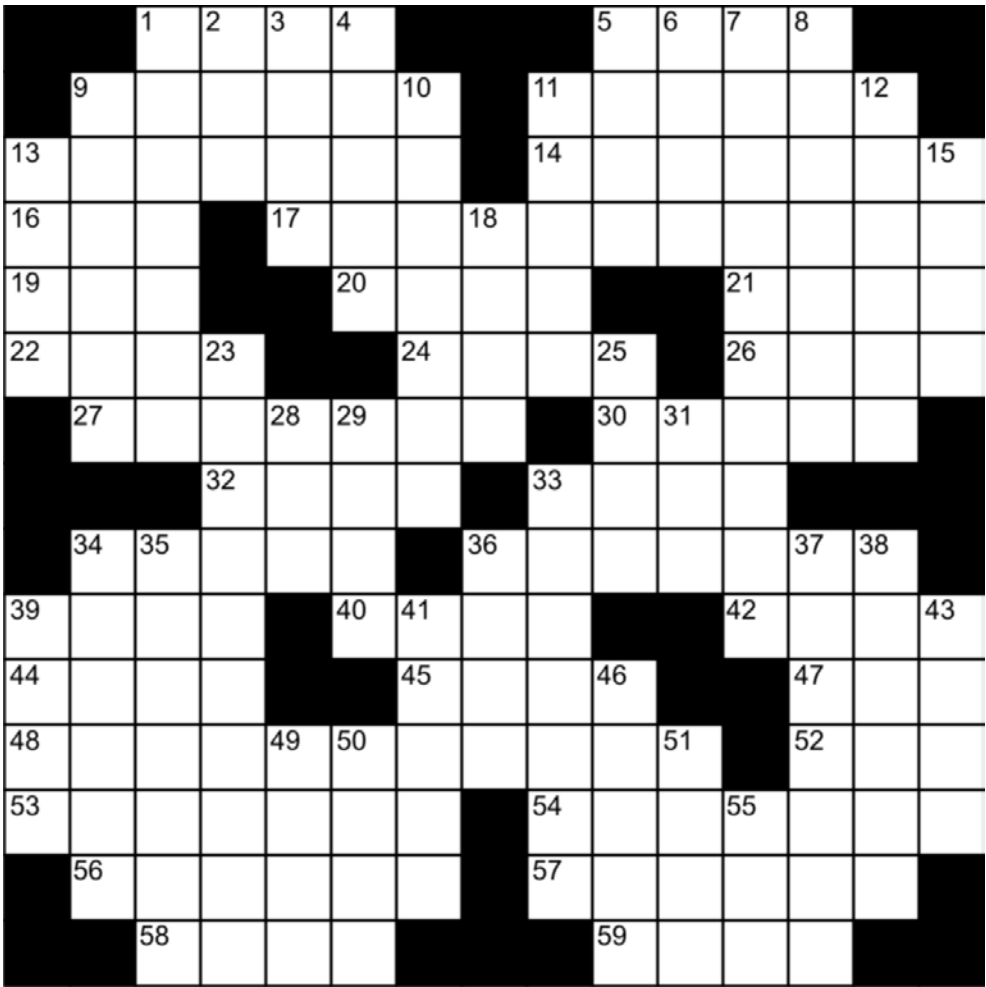
Canadian Criss Cross

December 1, 2017

- ACROSS

 - Mourn for
 - Burrito's kin
 - Well-proportioned
 - Dish made from stuffed intestines
 - First known policewoman in Canada
 - To be likely to
 - Canadian pianist and music educator Hiraly
 - Done on purpose
 - Writings such as poems and stories: abbr.
 - Yin's counterpart
 - Avatar of Vishnu
 - Volcanic crater
 - Handful of straw
 - Canadian cartoonist McCarron
 - Millennium
 - Butcher's waste parts
 - Canadian pair skater Hay
 - Kind of shirt
 - High-quality tea
 - Genus of catfish
 - Mucilage
 - The alphabet
 - Baseball glove
 - Mongolian tent
 - Self prefix
 - Go right
 - Tools used to measure angles
 - Barnyard bird
 - Green cheese
 - Long-tailed Asian monkeys
 - Netherlands city
 - Elevator alternative
 - Mouth off
 - Frittata ingredients
- DOWN

 - Floral emblem of New South Wales
 - Newt
 - Needle case
 - Sleeveless dress resembling an apron (informal)
 - Add colour to
 - Fungal spore sacs
 - It was once widely used in surgery
 - Largest of the Ryukyu Islands
 - Circular diagram used by astrologers
 - Bolt for freedom
 - Name of two books of the Bible
 - Paint choice
 - Thin coating
 - Gusto
 - Geraint's wife
 - They cause typhus
 - Snooker's cousin
 - Brit's bathroom
 - Concept
 - Winter ailment
 - Duel weapons
 - More than one
 - "Madagascar 3: ____ Most Wanted"
 - Rabbit's tail
 - Turkic people of Asia
 - Takes the helm
 - Swedish rock drummer
 - Casino and Donovan's companion Mills
 - Strips for breakfast



Find the answer to this week's
Crossword on page 15

43. Some paper money

46. Make a grand speech

49. X-ray doses
50. Gets older

51. Stocking tear

55. Band booking

Big Heart Seniors

Thirty-four members attended bid euchre this week.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, it was time to decide what donations we were making this year.

After a short meeting, the list was almost complete. Our annual donation of \$500 will go to the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, Hospice Georgian Triangle in Collingwood, and Deacon **Lorna May** for her support of families needing assistance at Christmas time. The Creemore Santa Claus Parade and Clearview Food Bank received \$200 each. Our gracious hosts, the Royal Canadian Legion in Creemore, who allow us to meet 50 weeks of the year, will receive their donation before Christmas.

Many have already paid their annual dues. The remainder will be received in early December.

Melvin Lougheed gave us some very positive and rewarding news about his health.

The lucky 50/50 ticket holders were **Irma Flack, Bob McNicol, Ray Leighton, Jim Rigney**, and **Melvin Lougheed**.

Moonshots were played by **Jim Rigney, Janice Stephens, Melvin Lougheed**, and **June Hartley** who had the travel prize.

Winners in bid euchre today with some high scores were **Art Bishop 312, Wilma Zeggil 303, Melvin Lougheed 301, Morris Tymchuk 293, and Dave Smith 58**.

Dave worked hard all afternoon for his prize.

Melvin Lougheed was on the lucky chair. It was his lucky day!



Bryan Davies Photo

The Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach gave away \$80,000 to 14 local charities on Nov. 27, Clearview's Cybergnomes among them. Rotary Club members **Lorie Hyde** (from left), **Lorrie Good, Angela Piercey**, and (right) **Cathie Hunt**, present a \$4,000 cheque to Cybergnomes team members **Trevor Bronée** and **Cassidy Morgan**. The funds were raised during The Club's Corvette Lottery.

A Christmas Carol

A Christmas Story: The Musical is on stage at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne Dec. 1-10.

Filled with quirky and lovable characters, the show is described as zany, heartfelt, and nostalgic. Buy tickets at lpstageproductionsinc.com or at the Grace Tipling Theatre box office. \$12 for seniors/students, \$15 for adults.

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WANTED

Do you have an old photo from in and around Creemore that you would like to share with the community in the *Creemore Echo*? Drop in with your photo and we would love to run it in the paper. We will scan it and return it to you right away.

CELEBRATIONS

Help celebrate John & Marion Johnson's 60th Wedding Anniversary at Lisle Legion on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. Come by, share some memories, and offer best wishes. Hope to see you there.

90th Birthday Come & Go Tea for Gretta Leighton on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Drop in from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Huron Meadows Club House, 275 Huron Street (at Christopher Street), Stayner. Best wishes only.

THANK YOU

Isabel Iles and family wish to thank dear friends and relatives for the cards, gifts, flowers, calls, and for dropping in to the Come and Go Tea. Your kindness made the 90th birthday celebration extra special and memorable for us.

On behalf of all the organizers of the benefit and the Bronee family we would like to thank everyone who came or bought a ticket for the dance. The amount of support from the community was overwhelming and appreciated. We would also like to thank all the people and businesses that donated silent auction prizes. In particular we would like to thank the New Lowell Legion for the venue, the New Lowell United Church for kitchen support, Country Meat Cuts for the food, Millers Dairy for the milk and cream, Not Ottawa for the live music, darci-que for the balloons, *The Creemore Echo* for the benefit story, Wolf's Den for the bow raffle, and Page Graphics for the printing of the posters and tickets. Thank you again to everyone in the community.

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Sadly missed by Marie, Jerry, Rob,
Eric & families.

PATTON – In memory of our parents:
Mary - Dec 2, 2016
and Maurice – Dec 6, 1994.

You are never far from our thoughts
Always in our hearts
And as we loved you
So do we miss you
In our memory you are near
Bringing many a silent tear
Remembering you, The Patton family

PLANNING AN EVENT?

The Creemore branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is available for rent. The hall will hold up to 400 people, bar can be arranged. Lounge will hold up to 150 people, bar can be arranged. Quiet Room will hold up to 30 people. Call 705-466-2330 to book. Catering is available for any event.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY

Creemore BIA is planning the annual Santa Claus Parade to take place on Saturday, December 2 at 1:30 p.m. NEW THIS YEAR: online registration and information for floats at www.experiencecreemore.com or contact Fred Mills at 705-772-8072 or come with your float to the Simcoe County Work Yard on Cty Rd 9 by 1 p.m. on Saturday!

This week's answers

Spike & Rusty: WEARY



2	3	5	7	9	6	8	4	1
7	4	9	8	2	1	3	6	5
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Echo collecting food, toys for charity

The Creemore Echo annual food and toy drive is underway.

Each Christmas, the Echo collects items for those in need. The gifts will be distributed through Salvation Army Hope Acres and the food will go to Clearview Stayner Food Bank.

Toys are needed for the younger children and gift cards (for stores such as Walmart) are good for older children. Other gift cards, such as movie passes, make good gifts for teens and tweens. The Hope Acres Christmas assistance program distributes to families in Creemore, Everett, Glencairn, Lisle, New Lowell, Mansfield, Rosemont, Angus, Borden, Alliston and all the rural areas in between.

The Echo is also be accepting monetary donations for both Clearview Stayner Food Bank and Hope Acres. Hope Acres Rehabilitation Centre

is an alcohol and addiction treatment centre that gets the bare minimum in government funding and also relies on donations.

The money helps subsidize Hope Acre's budget for its programming and often they must supply boots, coats and winter clothing, they are always in need of mittens and socks, to those staying at the centre.

All food collected during the drive will be distributed by Clearview Stayner Food Bank, operated by the Clearview Ministerial Association.

Anyone in need of assistance from the Salvation Army is asked to call 705-466-3435 ext. 228 and leave a message with a call back number.

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