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Melody Purkis whispers her Christmas wish to the guest of honour at Breakfast with Santa at Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School on Saturday. For more photos of the weekend's festivities, see page 6-7.

'Sing Joy' choral concert in Creemore

The Tecumseth and Dufferin Singers are performing Sing Joy, a Christmas choral celebration in Creemore on Dec. 10, marking the choir's fifth local performance.

The singers look forward to visiting Creemore as St. John's United Church provides such beautiful acoustics and the audience is always so enthusiastic.

The choir, under the direction of **John Wervers** and accompanied by **Louise Gallagher** and **Tanya Fenton**, will present a program of short works and seasonal favourites.

Guest soloists include **Sean Derragh**, clarinetists and vocalist **Katie Thurman**.

The festive event will take place Sunday, Dec. 10 at St. John's United Church, 192 Mill Street at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 and are available at Curiosity Book Store or by calling 705-466-6864.

Tickets and seating is limited.

Farmers' Market season extends through winter

The Creemore Farmers' Market is expanding its season through the winter months.

Market manager **Helen Martin** said the decision to add two markets each month from December to March was made because there was interest from vendors, consumers and downtown Creemore businesses.

"Farmers' markets are a proven local economic driver in all communities and the demand for more markets is growing exponentially every year," said Martin. "That is also true of the Saturday Creemore and Sunday Mulmur Farmers' Markets."

She said over the past few years farmers and producers indicated they wanted to keep the momentum of the summer market season going throughout the winter, to maintain

a year-round connection with their customer base.

"When customers have developed a relationship with a producer they want to buy from them all the time not have to switch to other markets or stores in the off-season. There was much enthusiasm at Thanksgiving when we announced to customers and visitors at the market that a winter market was going to happen this year," said Martin.

"Since some of our producers are also vendors in Orangeville on alternate Saturday mornings, the decision to have our market on the opposite weekends worked out well for them. Winter production is usually done on a smaller scale than summer production, which means that weekly yield does not have to be divided between two

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Woodcarver **Bob Dunn** and wife **Carol Dunn**, of Lisle, at their festive Primitive Antique Carvings booth at the Christmas Creemore Farmers' Market Saturday.

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This Weekend

Friday, December 8

- **“Bee Inspired” Watercolours by Martha Bull.** Opening Reception on Dec. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Collingwood Library in the Free Schools World Literacy Room, 55 Ste. Marie Street, Collingwood. Show runs to the end of February 2018.

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!
- **Curiosity House Books presents author, Peter Goddard,** signing his new book, *The Great Gould*, at Curiosity House Books, 178 Mill St., Creemore, from 10 a.m. to noon.

- **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. To reserve a ticket, or for more info, 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.

Sunday, December 10

- **Church Services** - see page 5.
- **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.
- **Sing Joy! Concert, a Christmas Choral Celebration,** at St. John's United Church, 192 Mill Street, Creemore, at 3:30 p.m. The Dufferin Concert Singers and the New Tecumseth Singers under the direction of John Wervers with accompanists Louise Gallagher and Tanya Fenton. \$20 tickets available at Curiosity House Book Store. Youth under 16 free. Call 519-216-2830 for more info.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 14

- **The Georgian Bay Photography Club Meeting** at the Chartwell Georgian Traditions Retirement Residence (Theatre Room) at 57 Trott Blvd., Collingwood, at 6:30 p.m. Slideshow on Newfoundland. For more info visit www.gbpc.ca.

Saturday, December 16

- **Brereton Field Naturalists Club Christmas Bird Count & Potluck Supper.** Bird counting starts at 8 a.m. to around 2 p.m. with a break for lunch. Call 705-722-1136 for more info.
- **Grand Central Circus** at Simcoe Street Theatre Studio 7, 65 Simcoe St, Collingwood, at 11 a.m. Family friendly circus show with aerial silks, hoops, acro balance & more! Three show times including evening VIP aftershow with aerial bartending and more! \$10 - \$45 depending on age & show time. www.spauldingcircus.com/Tickets or call 705-444-6861 for info.
- **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.

- **Enjoy songs & stories from talented Mulmur residents** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Corbetton Church located at the Dufferin County Museum. Hosted by Mag Ruffman. Afterwards, join us for refreshments in the Museum while taking in the Holiday Treasures Arts & Crafts show. 936029 Airport Road, Mulmur. Purchase \$10 tickets in person or by phone at 877-941-7787. Follow 150inmulmur on Facebook and Instagram for more details.

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.

Tuesday, December 19

- **The re-telling and re-creation of Charles Dickens' Christmas classic, A Christmas Carol** at Trinity United Church, 200 Owen Sound Street, Shelburne, at 7:30 p.m. \$15 tickets available at Shelburne Library, Caravaggio IDA Drugs, Shelburne, Booklore in Orangeville, from any member of Primrose or Trinity United Church, or at the Trinity United Church Office, Shelburne. Contact Trinity United Church at 519-925-2233 or shelburne.primrose.uc@gmail.com or candicebist@gmail.com or 519-925-6466 for more info.

Friday, December 22

- **Bank Burger Night to benefit My Friend's House** from 5 to 8 p.m. at Bank Cafe. \$5 of every order will go to My Friend's House.

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.

Thursday, December 28 & Friday, Dec. 29

- **Creemore Minor Hockey Tournaments.** The Novices will host on Thursday & the Atom locals will host on Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Please come and support our teams. We're looking for participation from our community whether it's high schoolers needing community hours or just the need to spend some quality time at the arena with our terrific hockey community! We welcome any monetary donations to support this event. If you have any interest please contact Kevin Bloemendal at 705-441-0061 or at bloemendal177@gmail.com.

Saturday, February 24 to Sunday, Feb. 25

- **24 Hours of Blue,** a 24 hour ski/snowboard relay comprised of teams of 6-12 people who all participant in seeing how many runs they can accomplish is 24 hours. From noon to noon. Hosted by Blue Mountain. A portion of the proceeds will go to Special Olympics & the Collingwood G&M Hospital Foundation. Registration is \$149 per individual at www.24hbluemountain.ca or bluemountainvillage.ca/events.

Saturday, March 24

- **Jenn Grant in concert** at Avening Hall. Tickets cost \$30 in advance. On sale now at AveningHall.com and at *The Creemore Echo*, 3 Caroline St. W., Creemore.



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100 Women concept harnesses the power of the chequebook

by Trina Berlo

Area women are donating thousands of dollars to local charities.

No muss, no fuss.

100 Women Who Care South Georgian Triangle is not an organization, really. In fact, the goal is to keep administration to a minimum and facilitate donations to area charities with the most efficiency possible. And the idea is spreading.

Members only need commit to four hours and \$400.

"Four times a year we get together and hear from different organizations that have been nominated by the membership and we vote," said steering committee member **Susie McLeod**, a Duntroon area resident and Collingwood Collegiate Institute (CCI) teacher.

"I see it everyday, working with youth, the challenges that families have in this area but for me it's connecting these people new to our area because they don't know that Collingwood and area, Clearview Township, Wasaga Beach and Thornbury-Meaford, there are a lot of families that struggle," she said.

Members donate directly to the selected charity.

At the inaugural meeting in September, more than \$12,000 was donated to Home Horizon's Barbara Weider House, which offers housing and services for homeless youth,

At the second meeting in November, the money went to the Salvation Army's Emergency Assist program.

The concept is spreading through word-of-mouth and personal invitation. At last count, there are 147 members, meaning there is potential for almost \$15,000 to be raised per meeting.

Because each member has the opportunity to nominate a charity, there is an incentive to go out in the

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— Susie McLeod

community and learn about what organizations are out there and learn more about their programs.

Three organizations are chosen by random draw and representatives are invited to attend the next meeting and make a pitch.

"It's a bit of a reveal," said McLeod. "You go to the meeting not knowing who has been selected and who is going to speak."

Members vote based on the pitch and everyone supports the chosen charity.

McLeod said there are spin-off benefits for the organizations that are not selected in that they have had a chance to promote their organization, may gain volunteers and in some cases people are writing cheques to them on the side.

"Eventually they will be selected. I feel their time will come. If they weren't selected and their name goes back into the draw for the next meeting," said McLeod.

McLeod first learned of the 100 Women Who Care concept when she and her mom, **Cyndy Reycraft**, who is also a member, were visiting a friend in Nova Scotia. The friend was talking about the meeting she had attended when they supported an organization that was using the money to purchase fentanyl recovery kits. The organization was founded by a Michigan woman and now, The 100 Who Care Alliance helps connect
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EDITORIAL

Corporations bad for business

We've been biting our tongues as the news of newspaper closures spreads throughout the region.

In a swap, Torstar gave some of its titles to Postmedia and vice versa. In this area, the Enterprise-Bulletin was shut down as a result of the deal, in order to strengthen the Metroland Media papers.

Media corporations are like most other corporations, at the upper levels they measure success in profits alone.

There is a lot being said about who is to blame for the demise of newspapers in general and there is a disturbing amount of blame being put on the reader. But who is to blame for watering down a once relevant community newspaper and rushing to give content away for free on Facebook? To cut costs, corporations amalgamate, close offices, cut staff and then say profits are down. (It reminds us of a certain corporate bank that consistently enticed customers toward the bank machine and then decides to close a branch because customers aren't visiting the teller.)

Like sheep, we let corporations nudge us to a certain behavior and then they blame us for whatever it is we did.

As newspaper people, one may think that we would see closures as removal of the competition but that isn't the case. We see any closure as a disservice to the reader and the community at large. The common sentiment is that people aren't consuming media the way they used to, that they don't want to pay for it and that advertisers are directing their ad dollars online.

And while all those things are true to a certain extent there is still a huge appetite for news and information, especially regarding what affects them most – community.

That's why we are staying true to our roots, attempting to put out an old school newspaper every week. Sure, there isn't a ton of breaking news each week and there is a significant amount of news that we are "not allowed" to put in the paper even though everyone in town already knows (often we feel like we are the last ones to know).

Corporations don't belong in the newsrooms of the nation. They don't know how to do local community news. Once they start printing entertainment news about Lady Gaga and recipes from restaurants 100 kilometres away you know they have lost their way. As readers we can get that content from a hundred other publications.

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All letters submitted to the Echo are not necessarily published. The Echo reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

THE WAY WE WERE



A 1905 Christmas post card from Creemore. Submitted by John Smart.

Parade a wonderful start to the season

Editor:

After seeing such an amazing Santa Claus Parade I was very hometown proud. The floats were so well decorated and the theme of them was easy to read in their personal presentations. The music and marching bands were impressive. I feel the highlights though were the participants in the parade. Three of them were Shawn Davidson's bright Christmas suit, the sweet little calf that my neighbour and friend Brian Fox thought was a real deer and then the bulldog with the doggles on – yes, that is a real word meaning a dog with glasses on.

Santa was a good bonus and Fred Mills did great

leading the parade in costume. My friend Kevin commented after seeing Collingwood and Stayner, Creemore was by far the best.

Early in the day was a well attended Breakfast with Santa at the local school and then we wandered the market at the Station on the Green – not much Christmas there but lots of great people strolling our town and enjoying the weather.

It was a very good way to start the festive season and get all in the mood to shop, bake, decorate and be with friends.

Linda Cockton,
Creemore.

All hail to the hamlet of Perm

All hail to the hamlet of Perm,
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The Gallaughers with a family of seven,
Soon learned that all was nothing like heaven,
They had to clear the land and build a home,
Grow their own food so no more did they roam.

Making sugar and weaving all their own fabric,
Many quilting bees ended with fun and some havoc.
At the Dufferin Museum, one of Hugh's blankets
you'll see,

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Eight generations on the Gallagher farm

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Bethel Methodist Church and homes they had built, Orange Hall and a blacksmith shop, if you will.

Today, in downtown Perm the lilacs still bloom,

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The Gallaghers for one hundred and eighty-five years,

Have tilled the land through blood, sweat and tears.

Chris and Karen, What a wonderful rich heritage they have been given.

All praises are due to those first pioneers, With their steadfast faith in God and hard work through the years.

On April 23, 2017 a bit of history takes place,

To Chris and Megan, a little girl shows her pretty face,

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And so on this family our rich blessings we pour.

Norma Gallagher,
Mansfield.

Perm is located at 10th Sideroad and 4th Line of Mulmur Township.



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

A portion of Mary Street is closed this week as servicing begins in preparation for Alliance Homes. After more than a decade on the books, an OMB process and an economic downturn, Alliance Homes is proceeding with its 498-unit subdivision at the corner of County Road 9 and Mary Street. The first phase of the development will include 15 single detached dwellings, a four-plex and a six-plex, totalling 25 units.

Eight winter market dates set

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markets.”

The winter market vendors, a combination of those from the Creemore and Mulmur markets, will be selling veal, beef, pork, lamb, cheese, pasteurized sheep milk, greens and root vegetables, honey, lavender, cider, sheep and alpaca yarn, preserves,

bread, and other baked goods from several bakers. Vendors will also have hot and cold ready-to-eat food available for purchase.

The winter markets are at Station on the Green in Creemore from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following Saturdays; Dec. 9 and 23, Jan. 6 and 20, Feb. 3 and 17, March 3 and 17.



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Christmas in Creemore

Christmas came to Creemore last weekend, starting with the Tree Lighting Friday evening, hosted by CARA and the Tree Society of Creemore. **Yarrow Sopinka** (above) won the crazy hat contest and won the honour of flipping the switch on the community Christmas tree at Station on the Green. Saturdays festivities started with Breakfast with Santa at NCPS.



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A Dickens of an evening in Shelburne

Charles Dickens' timeless story *A Christmas Carol* is coming to Trinity United Church in Shelburne this Christmas, for one performance only. This is not just a reading, it is a 'telling and re-creation' of the classic tale. **Jeffrey Cottam** will play on stage by giving voice and characterisation to all the characters. His costumes

and costume changes, though, will be focusing on the main character, Ebenezer Scrooge. Local writer, **Jeff Neal**, has adapted Dickens' words to suit a multi-media presentation and will feature specially-staged lighting and other effects. The Dec. 19 performance is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.

100 Women pick next charity in April

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people – whether they are women, men, people, teens or children. McLeod and her mother both liked the idea. By coincidence, McLeod's co-worker, Glen Huron resident and CCI principal **Charlene Scime**, was also interested in the concept and when she looked into it, they discovered that an application had been made to start a local chapter. They were connected with **Catherine Daw**, another Clearview resident, and the rest of the steering committee. "It's been lovely working with

them," said McLeod. "People are from all different backgrounds, some people are local and some are new to the area and want to get involved." She said there are no overhead costs because the Collingwood Legion donates a meeting space. The next meeting is April 25 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Collingwood. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to show up. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visit www.100womensouthgeorgia.ntriangle.com.



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Brother **Walker Coe** (left) was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason Monday. He is shown above with the local Nitetis Lodge Master Worshipful Brother **Randy Nieman**.



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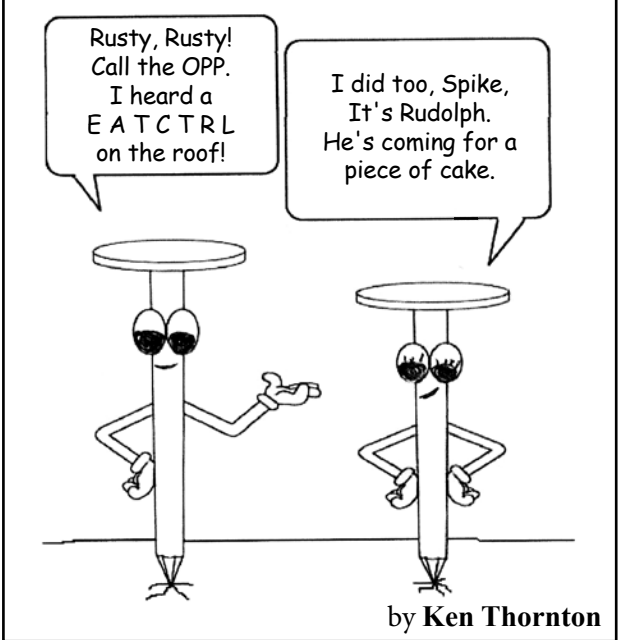
FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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	7	9						

Answer on page 11

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



Find this week's answer on page 11

Weekend Weather

Friday, December 8

A few flurries
High -2 Low -4
Wind SW 35 km/h
POP 40%

Saturday, December 9

Light snow
High -1 Low -9
Wind S 14 km/h
POP 80%

Sunday, December 10

Scattered flurries
High -5 Low -7
Wind SW 19 km/h
POP 40%

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FRED'S FUNNIES

Did you hear that Santa knows karate?

He has a black belt.

Canadian Criss Cross

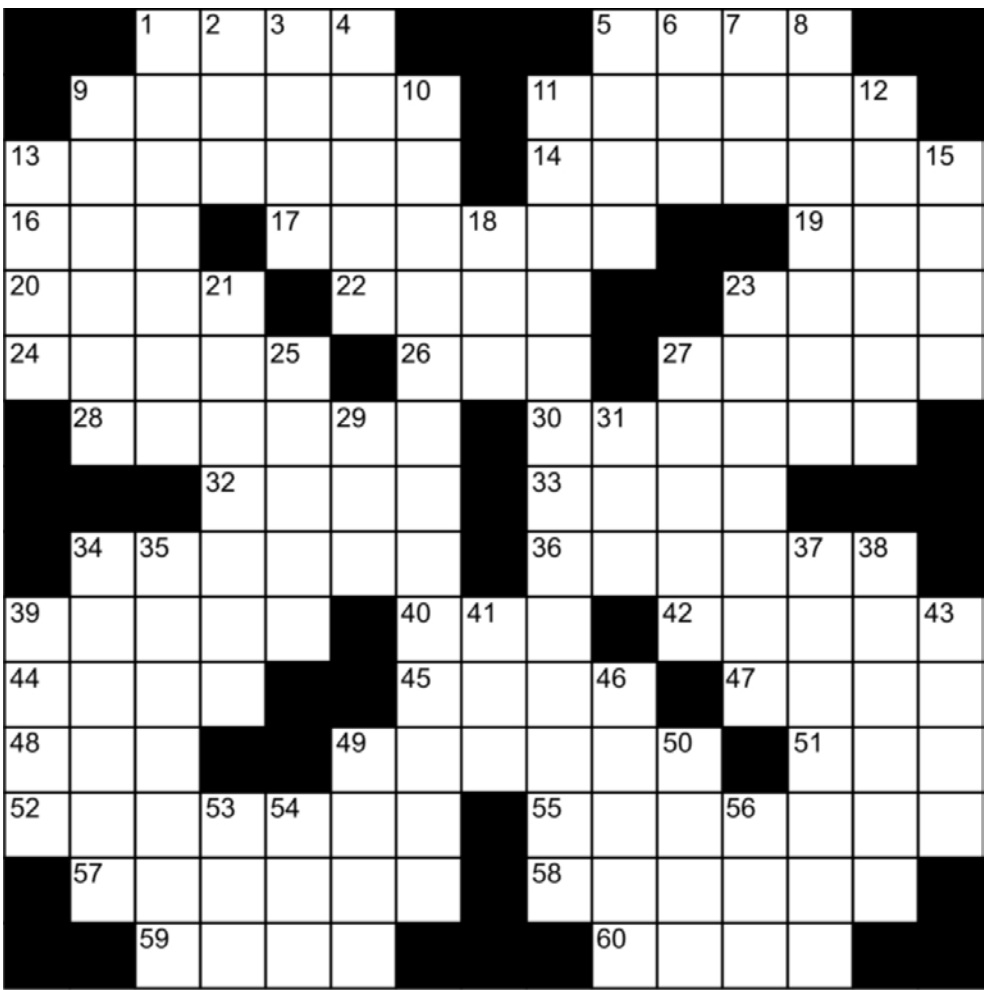
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ACROSS

1. It's used for making furniture more comfortable
5. Nonvocal sound
9. Fastest gait of a horse
11. Choir members
13. Indian oven
14. Mozart's birthplace
16. Worker in Santa's workshop
17. Tweeter output
19. Old taping device
20. Not here
22. Fencing sword
23. Norse trickster god
24. "The Third Man" composer
26. Mismatched
27. Canadian pianist
28. Jim Carrey film
30. Treat unkindly
32. Was filled by
33. Masked critter
34. Having tufts of hair
36. On-off switch
39. Aid in finding sunken ships
40. Air density symbol
42. Watch innards
44. He played Pork, the house servant in Gone With the Wind
45. A psychic may see it
47. Takes to court
48. Filled up on
49. Banded metamorphic rock
51. Football positions: abbr.
52. Noxious
55. Thorn of a rose, for one
57. Develop over time
58. Works of fiction
59. For otherwise
60. Makes lacework

DOWN

1. Trumpet call
2. Worn with use
3. Very much
4. Creator of the CBC National News, later known as "The National"
5. Little grimace
6. "___ for Outlaw" (Sue Grafton novel)
7. Display of emotion that is insincere
8. On pins and needles
9. City in Ireland
10. An outweighing
11. Top student in a graduating class
12. Tool for cutting grass
13. Deck wood
15. Excessively dry
18. Ground for growing plants
21. Veil worn by Muslim women
23. Waiting rooms
25. Apply thickly
27. Hot Swedish wine beverage
29. Keyboard key
31. Gambling card game
34. Slang for a body louse
35. Absent from duty with permission
37. Crowns of victory in ancient Greece
38. Volcano in Antarctica
39. Unwanted e-mail
41. Shade of colour
43. Sound of air escaping
46. Cravat with wide square ends
49. Collapse under pressure



Find the answer to this week's
Crossword on page 11

50. Capital of Fiji
53. Counterpart of Helios
54. League the Vancouver

- Whitecaps FC play in: abbr.
56. Rent out

Curling

Daytime

TEAM W L T
McDougall 6-2-1
Lambert 5-3-2
Coulter 5-3-1
Bell 5-4-1
Steed 3-6-1
Loranger 2-8-0

From the hack: On Monday Teams Coulter, Bell, Lambert and Steed all managed ties in their matches. Team McDougall continued their drive for the top spot with a win over Team Loranger. They had some excellent shot making from all team members. Good curling everyone!

Mixed

W L T bye
Meulendyk 3-1-0-1

Cass 3-1-0-1
Bell 3-1-0-1
Lindsay 3-1-0-1
Neelin 2-2-1-0
Morby 2-2-1-0
Vorstermans 1-3-0-1
Crevier 1-3-2-0
McArthur 0-5-0-0

From the hack: With two games remaining in this draw, four teams are tied for top spot... stay tuned!

Ladies

1st place - Team Crawford
2nd place - Team McKay
3rd place - Team Mi llsap
4th place - Team Steed

From the hack: A great week for the ladies curling league! We had two hard fought battles on Monday night with Team Crawford defeating Team Millsap and Teams Steed and McKay with a tie!

Big Heart Seniors

Rain on the last day of November brought only 28 members out for bid euchre.

An election is necessary, probably in January, to elect a new executive for next year. The afternoon began with a short survey. When asked who might volunteer to be president, vice president, treasurer, candy person, and *Echo* correspondent, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. After the question of who wanted the club to continue next year, mobility renewed and the hands went up. Is that human nature or what?!

Thank you to **Edith Atkinson** for the candies.

It was decided to donate \$200 to the breakfast program which nourishes children who go to school hungry.

Marcia Cameron gave us an update on **Evelyn Warden**, her sister's, condition. Her positive attitude assists her in her struggle with her illness.

The lucky 50/50 ticket holders were **Marcia Cameron, Peter Gubbels, Dave Smith, Wilma Zeggil, and Ray Leighton.**

Successful moonshots were played by **Alinda Bishop, John Van Voorst, Phyllis Seed, Morris Tymchuk, and Janice Stephens** who won the travel prize.

Bid euchre prizes went to **Janice Stephens, 292, Phyllis Seed, 271, Melvin Lougheed, 265, John Van Voorst, 248, and Alinda Bishop,** with a very high low score of 153.

John Van Voorst was on the lucky chair.

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

The Nottawasaga & Creemore Public School's (NCPS) Parent Council, would like to extend an enormous thank you to our community, the area's many businesses and individuals who made last Saturday's (Dec. 2) **Breakfast With Santa Fundraiser** a huge success.

We wish to give a special THANK YOU to:

Miller's Dairy: for the milk, chocolate milk, cream and a sampling of their new eggnog. . . delicious
Stayner/Cashtown Tim Hortons: for their donation of coffee, cups, and sugar
The Bank Café (Nancy Johnston): for supplying and cooking the wonderful sausages
Mark and Abby Hamerton: for their photography services
Stayner Coffee Culture: for their donation of hot chocolate
Creemore Legion: for letting us borrow the extra tables
Affairs Bakery & Café: for donating the gingerbread house to our treasure tray raffles
Last but not least "Santa"!

Many thanks also go to all the fantastic Volunteers, Students and Parents, our Principal: Mark McCain, the Teachers & Support Staff, our custodian: Mr. Charman and the entire Community; for their help, continuous support and donations to our Treasure Trays, Shopping Room and Silent Auction. It takes a village to put on this great event!

We would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the following businesses for their generous donations to our Silent Auction; Somerville Nursery, Stayner Vet, Clearview Library, Stayner Optometry Clinic, The Old Mill House Pub, Scandinave Spa, Belmont Landscaping & Design, Creemore Skating Club, Triple J Tree Farm, Flowers by Ms Design, The Feathered Fawn, Clear Tax View, The Bank Café, Other Half Studios: Jess Tamlin, Hamilton Brothers, Leishman Pottery, Dovetail Interiors, Huron Tractor, Mumba, The Creemore Echo, Creemore Home Hardware, darci-que, Life's a Slice: New Lowell, Panda Express: Angus, Lafreniere Auto Sales & Service, Perk's on Main (Hair Salon), Hair By Sue, Stayner Kabota, TD Bank: Stayner/Creemore, The Door, Exit Realty Stayner: Larry Culham, Clearview Fire & Emergency Services, Rockdell Steakhouse: Collingwood, Lynn Wilkinson, Sherri Ann, Creemore Tea Co., O'Shea's, Cardboard Castles, Foodland: Creemore, Creemore Village Pharmacy, Mitchell Farm, 100 Mile Store, Heirloom 142, Mad & Noisy Gallery, The Sanctuary, Creemore Fawcett's Funeral Home: Jim Henderson, Laura Yates Massage RMT, Dairy Queen: Stayner, Sotheby's: Creemore, Stephens Fuels, Body n' Balance Physiotherapy & Wellness Clinic, Creemore Tennis Club, Giffen's Country Market, Mad Pots, Creemore House of Stitches, Mansfield Outdoor Centre, Duntroon Highlands Nordic, GP Carpentry, Life's a Slice: Creemore, Creemore Auto Detailing, Seasons, Mad River Dental Centre: Dr. W. Hawthorne, Mill Street Art Studio, Creemore Minor Hockey, Strandz Hair & Aesthetics, Devil's Glen Country Club, Friends Pub: Stayner, Carlee Gowan, Mulmur Hills Lavender, Justin & Alyssa Rowbotham, Linda Gummer, From the Blue House with Love, Carolyn Pike, Creemore Legion, Soul of the Game: Mark Duits, Purple Hills Arts & Heritage Society, Ms. Gowan, Mary McCain Photography and our many other "Anonymous" Donations.

Again, THANK YOU, to our wonderful community for your participation. Your endless support is fundamental in helping us achieve our goals for our students including trips, athletic gear, technology equipment and so many other tools that enhance our student's success. Wishing you a great 2018!

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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

Thank You to Everyone for Your Ongoing Support. We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of those who participated in the **7th Annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament**. We had another successful year, with seven men's teams and four women's teams participating. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time preparing and organizing the tournament, score/time keeping, refereeing, bartending, and setting/cleaning up the tournament. Your hard work, dedication, & support are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to those who generously donated silent auction items, monetary donations, and those who showed their support by coming out to watch some hockey games & socialize.

The Michael Tupling Memorial Fund was established to encourage youth involvement and leadership in the community. All the proceeds from this tournament go towards recreation activities, community projects, and help provide financial support for youth in the North Dufferin community who may not otherwise have the financial resources to participate. Thank you again for your continuous support and generosity and hope to see everyone out again at next year's tournament! Sincerely, The Michael Tupling Memorial Fund Committee

Thank you to NN for the sweet treats last week! *Creemore Echo*

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our caring friends as well as to the fire department and paramedics who took care of me after the accident. Thank you to those who called 911. A special thank you to Matt Playne who was the first on the scene and helped me a great deal. Also thank you to Collingwood General & Marine Hospital and nurses and doctors at Sunnybrook Hospital. We also want to thank Neil for all his help. A big thank you to our pharmacist, Jennifer, who has been amazing. Ron and I also appreciate the phone calls, emails and cards as well as the flowers and food that have come to us. We are very fortunate to live in this wonderful community.

Linda & Ron Coulter

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RANSIER – In memory of George Ransier who passed away December 13, 2010.

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Of a father whose worth
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Love Bob, Betty and Grant.

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Wish your family, friends & neighbours Merry Christmas in the December 22 *Creemore Echo* edition for only \$5 plus hst. The deadline to place your greetings is Tuesday, December 19. Call 705-466-9906 or email info@creemore.com.

This week's answers

Spike & Rusty: CLATTER

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Special thanks to yard helpers: Brian Doran, Chris Morby, Chancellor Stamp, Gabe Hall and Rob Sheffer. To Chris and Pat Raible for use of the Log Cabin; Norah Mills; Hamilton Brothers, for donating the Christmas Trees for Santa's float; Cory Freiyrs for use of the Simcoe County Public Works yard; John Harper for his yearly dedication to making Santa's float and to David Millsap for hiding Santa's float. A big thanks to the jolly elf himself, Santa, for giving up an afternoon to delight the village with a big heart.

Thank you also to Creemore Big Heart Seniors, Anne and Bruce Godwin and to Creemore Springs Brewery and Creemore Kitchen for sponsoring the Philippine Heritage Band. Finally, thank you to members of the Creemore BIA Santa Claus Parade Committee for their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations to Hailey Crockett, winner of the participant draw.

Fred Mills, Committee Chair



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