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Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Creemore Echo publisher **Sara Hershoff** (from left) hands off a load of toys to Salvation Army Hope Acres hamper and kettle coordinator **Cathy Cook** and husband **Tom Cook**.

Charities meeting community need this Christmas

by Trina Berlo

The Creemore Echo is collecting toys and gifts on behalf of the Salvation Army near Glencairn, where volunteers have distributed 56 hampers, and counting.

“We are so very excited by the generosity of the community,” said Salvation Army Hope Acres hamper and kettle coordinator **Cathy Cook**. “And it’s not too late to apply. If people are in need, please call, we have the resources and the desire to meet the need.”

The hampers include grocery cards so people can buy their own food, toys, stocking stuffers and gift cards for older children. In addition to the hamper, they also make clothing available.

Cook said the kettle money stays in the community and goes to providing clothing for men in the addiction (See “Salvation” on page 3)

Mulmur council lawsuit settled in final hour

by Trina Berlo

A lawsuit filed by former Mulmur deputy mayor **Rhonda Campbell Moon** has been settled after seven years.

Campbell Moon said she agreed to a settlement in the final hour before going to trial on Nov. 30.

The terms include an undisclosed financial settlement and a retraction of a public statement condemning and denouncing Campbell Moon’s behavior.

“I was looking forward to my time in court. I was very upset with what they did, and that I was wronged and I wanted to reveal what actually went on but I think for the interest of the public, I am satisfied that we were able to settle out-of-court because it

would have been a very big mess,” said Campbell Moon.

Following an in-camera session on Dec. 6, Mulmur council voted unanimously to rescind the previous council’s motion on the condemnation and denouncement of Campbell Moon’s behaviour.

The decision relates to a “media release” in the form of a paid ad that Mulmur published in *The Creemore Echo* on April 29, 2011.

It read, “The motion cited recent instances in which the deputy mayor engaged in undesirable behavior characterized as ‘conduct unbecoming an elected official’. The motion referenced an April 5, 2011 council meeting and an April 14, 2011 Dufferin County council meeting as examples

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of the deputy mayor’s undesirable behaviour.”

At that April 14 Dufferin County council meeting, Campbell Moon voted against a motion that the rail sub-committee be asked to continue to consider options regarding the potential sale of the former rail line. She also voted against discontinuing discussions

regarding the sale of the former rail line in Dufferin County with the Highland Companies, who were planning the infamous megaquarry, the application for which was later withdrawn. On the second motion, Campbell Moon voted against her Mulmur counterpart, Mayor **Paul Mills**.

Mills declined to comment on the settlement, saying he cannot speak to matters of litigation, citing confidentiality.

According to county council minutes, Highland Companies had proposed the purchase of the former rail line from the County of Dufferin and had advised that the track will not be reinstalled on the former rail line until they deem it economically viable.

(See “Mulmur” on page 3)

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This Weekend

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.
- **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

- **St. James Clougher-Lisle** Service of Lessons & Carols at 9:30 a.m.
- **New Lowell Church at 9:45 a.m.**
- **Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin** Communion Service at 10 a.m.

- **St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church** Service at 10 a.m.
- **Salvation Army Hope Acres Community Church** Service at 10:45 a.m.
- **Clearview Comunity Church** Service at 11 a.m. at Station on the Green.
- **St. John's United Church** 3rd Sunday of Advent Service: Lessons & Carols Service at 11 a.m.
- **St. Luke's Anglican Church Service** at 11:15 a.m.
- **Tim Hortons Free Holiday Skate** at Creemore Arena from noon to 1:50 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 19

- **St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner,** Confessions 6 to 6:30 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20

- **St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner,** Mass at 10 a.m.

Friday, December 22

- **Creemore Echo** will close today at noon and reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 9 p.m.
- **Bank Burger Night to benefit My Friend's House** from 5 to 8 p.m. at Bank Cafe. \$5 from every burger ordered will go to My Friend's House.
- **St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner,** Confessions 6 to 6:30 p.m. Mass at 6:30 p.m.

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.
- **Tim Hortons Free Holiday Skate** at Creemore Arena from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- **Christmas Eve Church Services** see below.

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

- **Christmas Church Services** see below.
- **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.

Wednesday, December 27

- **Tim Hortons Free Holiday Skate** at Creemore Arena from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and at Stayner Arena from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 28

- **Tim Hortons Free Holiday Skate** at Stayner Arena from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

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 bloemendal177@gmail.com.

Friday, December 29

- **Clearview Public Library's Free Holiday Skate and Pop-up Library Day** at Stayner Arena from 9 a.m. to noon.
- **Tim Hortons Free Holiday Skate** at Stayner Arena from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- **Special Holiday Pizza & Art** for the whole family from 6 to 8 p.m. Child + adult \$50 or \$35 per adult. Includes instruction, materials & pizza. Negative painting in the most positive way! Pre-registration required. Spots limited. Contact Mill Street Art Studio at millstreetartstudio@gmail.com or 416-546-2555.

Saturday, December 30

- **Clearview Public Library's Free Holiday Skate and Pop-up Library Day** at Creemore Arena from 9 a.m. to noon.
- **Tim Hortons Free Holiday Skate** at Creemore Arena from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and at Stayner Arena from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Christmas Services

Sunday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Trinity Clearview, Duntroon

4th Sunday of Advent service at 10 a.m.
Eve of Nativity Service at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Salvation Army Hope Acres Community Church

Church service at 10:45 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m.

Clearview Community Church, Creemore

Church service at 11 a.m. at Station on the Green.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. at Station on the Green.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

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

St. Luke's Anglican Church

No service in morning today.
Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist &
Carols at 5 p.m.

Stayner BIC

Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. 1152 Conc. 6.

Mansfield Presbyterian Church

No service in morning today.
Candlelight Service at 6:15 p.m.

New Lowell United Church

No service in morning today.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Carols Service
at 6:30 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

No service in morning today.
Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's Maple Cross Presbyterian Church

No service in morning today.
Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Creemore Baptist Church

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

St. James Clougher-Lisle

No service in morning today.
Christmas Hymn Sing at 7 p.m.,
Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m.

St. John's United Church

No service in morning today.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Carols Service at 8 p.m.

Banda Church

No service this year.

Monday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Trinity Clearview, Duntroon

Christmas Day Service at 10 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

Nativity of the Lord Mass at 11 a.m.
(No Evening Mass, No Mass Dec. 26 & 28)

Creedan Valley Leisureworld

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

Friday, December 29

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 31

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

New Year's Eve Mass at 11 a.m.
Solemnity of the Holy Family

St. Luke's Anglican Church

Service at 11:15 a.m. "Memories of 2017
& Dreams of 2018" and Holy Eucharist

Mulmur council votes to rescind condemnation

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"It became a play on words and to me, council was already going after me to silence me so they decided to throw that in there and make it a tempest in a teapot," said Campbell Moon. "There was nothing going on. They didn't like that I was holding them accountable. I was trained in the fire service, and in some of our departments there was not efficient professional training and I was speaking up for that. I had concerns with administrative process and transparency, I was speaking up for that."

Mulmur's "media release" said, "The council motion recognizes that the will of the electorate must be respected, but states that the council 'has the collective oral duty to uphold the integrity of council as a whole and the corporation of the township of Mulmur and that such a duty requires council to hold individual members to

account for their actions'."

"Through its motion, council has demanded that Deputy Mayor Campbell Moon offer a formal and public written apology to the ratepayers of Mulmur Township to the members of council and municipal staff for her recent actions. If no such apology is received by April 26, 2011 the motion provides that the deputy mayor should resign or face other actions to maintain and defend the integrity of council as a whole and the corporation of the Township of Mulmur."

On May 3, 2011, Mulmur council voted that Campbell Moon no longer officially represent council or the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur at social functions, seminars, non-council meetings or conventions.

Comments made during the May council meeting and the subsequent "media release" prompted the first of two lawsuits filed against the



Rhonda Campbell Moon

municipality by Campbell Moon. According to *Creemore Echo* reports of the day, Campbell Moon sued council members **Paul Mills**, **Earl Hawkins**, and **Heather Hayes** for slander and libel. That lawsuit asked for an apology and a retraction of the news release.

"I did nothing that would be conduct unbecoming, nothing. I held council

accountable. I stood for accountability and transparency and that's all that I did and all that action was a way to stifle me and to stop me from doing my job as a council member," said Campbell Moon.

"I voted to stop the discussions and the second vote had no impact at all..." she said. "Under the Municipal Act they are not allowed to tell me how to vote and they were told that by an investigator who wrote a report... that said what they did was not within their authority to do."

A second lawsuit was filed by Campbell Moon in 2013. She was suing the same three council members and the municipality claiming that in or about late 2010 or 2011 the defendants, using township property, services and funds caused a private investigation to be conducted into Campbell Moon's personal and public affairs and procured private and confidential information about the deputy mayor. The resolution of the second lawsuit is folded into the first one and is also considered resolved.

Salvation Army delivers gifts to nursing home

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treatment program and sending children to summer camp.

Donations of hats, gloves and warm socks are very much needed throughout the winter.

The Cooks stopped to collect a load of toys Thursday morning before heading over to Creedan Valley Care Community, the nursing home in Creemore, where they hold a monthly service. For the Christmas service they came bearing gifts, 95 in total, one for

every resident.

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.

Drop all donations off at *The Creemore Echo* office, located at 3 Caroline St. W. The toy and food drive runs until Dec. 15.

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

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EDITORIAL

Opioid crisis hits home

It is an unfortunate reality that local emergency responders are in the thick of the current opioid crisis as they are often the first on scene for such emergencies.

Clearview Fire Chief Colin Shewell has said firefighters and Simcoe County Paramedics have responded to several overdoses in the last few months alone.

Officials say overdoses continue to rise in the Simcoe-Muskoka region.

Associate Medical Officer of Health Dr. Lisa Simon has said the rates of opioid-related overdoses and deaths locally are significantly above the provincial average. There were 46 opioid-related deaths in the region last year, an increase of 50 per cent over the year before. Opioid poisoning deaths have been increasing over the last decade, hitting men ages 25-44 the hardest.

A wide-ranging cross-sector strategy to tackle the opioid crisis in Simcoe-Muskoka is about four months away from completion.

Responding to the opioid issue has drawn in resources from every department in the health unit; as a result opioids will be targeted as an urgent public health issue under the health unit's current strategic plan, taking the health unit into 2018.

In a recent update to the Board of Health, Simon noted that beyond warnings and prevention strategies, tools are needed to reduce the risks for people who regularly use drugs due to addiction. The regional collaborative strategy will help to address educational needs for healthcare providers regarding opioids. As well, awareness campaigns will continue to work toward preventing misuse, while other programs will work with people using drugs to reduce harm from use of tainted street drugs.

Among the initiatives to reduce harm, a study and community consultation is being explored around the possibility of a local safe consumption site (or safe injection site). Safe consumption sites help with safer drug use, and support access to counselling and treatment options for those who want it. Approval for such a site would be required from Health Canada after a local need has been proven.

In the meantime, Shewell has received approval for Clearview firefighters to receive training on how to administer an opioid overdose treatment.

"Recent advancements in the medical field have resulted in life saving drugs for opioid overdoses. After consultation with the County of Simcoe Paramedics, Fire management believe that equipping and training our firefighters to properly administer a drug called Naloxone would save lives. In order to perform this initiative, changes are required to our medical program and training," reported Shewell.

Firefighters would be able to administer Narcan, which is a nasal spray version of Naloxone that blocks the effects of opioid drugs, he said. An overdose of opioid drugs, such as fentanyl, morphine, heroin, methadone or oxycodone, can cause a person's breathing to slow or stop. Naloxone can reverse negative opioid effects so the person can breathe normally and potentially regain consciousness.

THE WAY WE WERE



George Pifher holding an auction in Dunedin. Photo courtesy of Marian Abbey.

Greenbelt expansion, a positive step to protecting farmland, water

Editor:

Food and Water First was pleased to see the provincial announcement last Thursday, Dec. 7, stating that Ontario is taking action to protect important water resources in the Greater Golden Horseshoe by launching a public consultation on expanding the province's Greenbelt. There are seven study areas including parts of Clearview, Mulmur, and Melancthon Townships, among many others. The province states the purpose of this expansion is to protect the moraines, wetlands, and headwaters that filter and store the drinking water of some 1.25 million people living in the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

It was only five years ago that North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) and many other community groups were successful in stopping the Megaquarry, which threatened to turn some 2,300 acres of Class 1 potato farmland in Melancthon into a giant quarry going 200 feet below the water table. While the Megaquarry was successfully stopped, NDACT realized there were no regulations in force in Ontario to stop this from happening again. Realizing that the protection of farmland and source water regions was a province-wide issue, NDACT launched Food and Water First in support of legislation that would permanently protect our disappearing farmland and threatened source water.

Only 0.5 per cent of Canada's land mass is Class 1 farmland and half of that is located here in Ontario. What few people realize is that we have been using it up, along with all our prime farmland, at the rate

of 350 acres a day. At that rate, a child born this year would, by their 90s, live to see all prime farmland gone in Ontario. While the 2016 Canada Census states that rate has dropped to 175 acres a day, a step in the right direction, this is still too much.

This is why last Thursday's announcement by the province is so important as it is a positive step forward that can lead, with public support, to better protection of our farmland and source water supplies. The province is asking for public input on their proposal and will be holding open houses for information purposes throughout January and February of 2018. Further information can be attained by clicking on the "impacts of urbanization on water resources" link at www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page17658.aspx, by e-mail at protectingwater@ontario.ca or by phoning 1-877-711-8208.

Anyone wishing to support this proposal by the province by writing a letter or emailing Minister Mauro can also do this by going to www.protectourwaters.ca, a website supported by a consortium of environmental groups including Food and Water First, for both information and a petition that you can forward to Minister Mauro.

We urge you take positive steps to protect both our disappearing farmland and our threatened source water regions by actively supporting this Greenbelt expansion proposal by making your views known.

Brian Bell,

Creemore.

Chair – Food and Water First

Vice Chair – North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT)

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Housing considered a social determinant of health

by Dr. Lisa Simon

While the need for decent affordable housing is something we can all understand, the connection between housing and health might be less obvious.

Housing is considered an important social determinant of health, a factor that influences our opportunity to be healthy and live a long life. People who are not able to afford safe and secure housing are at more risk for health problems. Unsafe or inadequate housing can cause an increase in illness and premature death from infection, heart disease, asthma, and mental illness, as well as fatal injuries. The high cost of housing can also limit the amount of money people have left over for food, childcare and transportation.

Housing is considered affordable if it costs less than 30 per cent of before-tax household income.

However, in both Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka almost half of renters spend more of their total household income than that on rent.

There are a number of other social determinants that also influence our health. Income, which is directly related to housing, is an important determinant because living in poverty can create chronic stress, and because income influences other living conditions, including access to safe and affordable housing, education, nutritious and affordable food, and health services like dental care. In Simcoe Muskoka, 12 per cent of

the population live with low income, including almost 16,000 children and more than 9,000 seniors. People with less money have higher rates of chronic disease, use the health care system more often and are more likely to die earlier than those with more money.

The good news is that the province, local municipalities and organizations are making great strides in improving access to affordable housing in Simcoe County and the District of Muskoka. For example, Simcoe County's 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy has already created 544 new units towards reaching their goal of 2,685 units by 2024. Similarly, the District of Muskoka also has a 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan, and has created the Muskoka Homelessness Sharing Table to look at conducting a count of those who are homeless and ensuring they receive the services they need.

Locally, there has been a great deal of interest in a living wage - the hourly wage rate at which a household can meet its basic needs, once government transfers and deductions have been subtracted. In Simcoe County the living wage has been calculated at \$17.74; in the District of Muskoka it's \$15.84.

Poverty reduction organizations are strongly advocating for a living wage, a number of local employers have made a deliberate decision to pay their

employees a living wage, and campaigns such as the health unit's Centsless promotion are raising awareness about the need for income solutions to food insecurity.

Another encouraging action is the province's recently launched Basic Income pilot project. This pilot will test how a basic income might help people living on low incomes better meet their basic needs, while improving outcomes in a number of areas, include housing stability and health and health care usage. The pilot will ensure that those participating receive up to \$16,989 per year for a single person and \$24,027 per year for a couple, less 50 per cent of any earned income.

When we think about what makes us healthy, we often think about access to health care, lifestyle choices and our genetics, but our health is determined by so much more. It starts with the social determinants of health.

Dr. Lisa Simon is an Associate Medical Officer of Health with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.

A magical night for women's shelter

Last Thursday evening I had the pleasure of attending a wonderful Christmas party hosted by **Jeanette Poste**. She has this party every year as a way of helping My Friend's House, the women's shelter in our area.

When you ring the doorbell, Jeanette's handsome husband **Russell** greets you in a tuxedo and a pleasant smile and the party begins. Everyone brings toiletries or toys and gifts to be distributed to the shelter later. The house is magical; the tree is 20-25 feet high, decorated to the top. There are mini lights, wonderful treats and punch to enjoy. I noticed there is a lot of visiting and a bit of silly conversation among the guests. One visitor announced they had seen a large wolf in the ditch right near where they parked on the road.

Another guest was showing a picture on her phone

ABOUT TOWN



Linda COCKTON

that her daughter had sent from her travels. She was in a restaurant in front of a lobster tank but the sign said "Lobsters and Crap".

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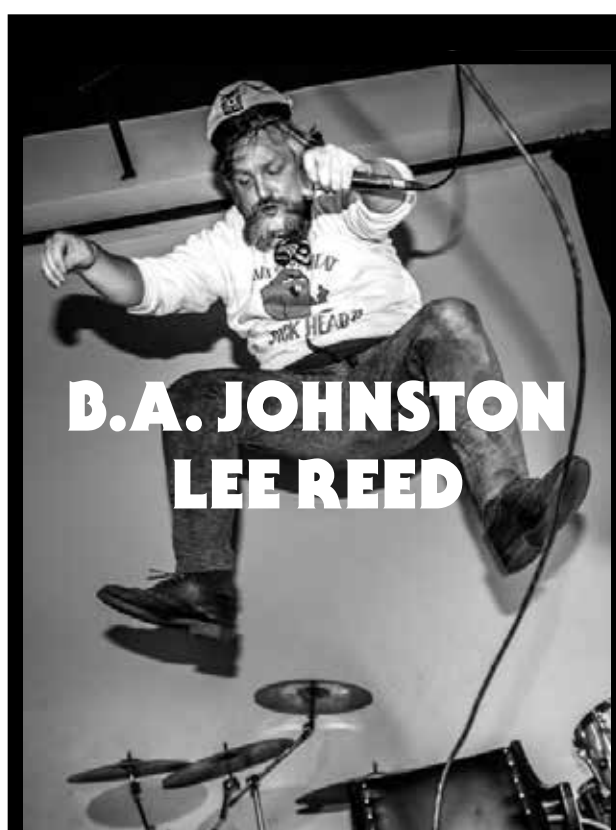
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Clearview council fills Canada 150 time capsule

by Trina Berlo

At its final meeting of 2017, Clearview council entombed several items in a time capsule.

The time capsule was proposed as part of the municipality’s Canada 150

events and council members were asked to select something symbolic of their ward for the year of 2017. The mayor and deputy mayor were asked to contribute an item each that is symbolic of Clearview as a whole. These items will not see the light of day for 25 years, when the time capsule is opened.

Creemore’s Ward 5 council representative **Thom Paterson** added a copy of *The Creemore Echo* and a collage of articles about housing developments, including Alliance Homes then and now, the closure of TD Bank, Canada 150 and the BIA’s 30th anniversary, along with the following message entitled The Hope and the Promise:

“2017 marked the start of a period of long awaited growth in Creemore, Avening and surrounding area and the certainty of real change over the next 25 ears. We include the pin as a symbol of who we are today, residents, merchants, artists and volunteers; collectively ‘the village with a big heart.’ The copy of *The Echo* is included as it is the lifeblood of the area, where residents and visitors alike can take the pulse of daily life and culture in small town Ontario. The hope is that Ward 5 will continue to be that special place to live, work and play as we welcome new families and businesses to the Big Heart. The promise is that we will keep the Big Heart beating. Only time will tell!”

Each council member took a turn adding to the time capsule during a ceremony during the Dec. 11 council meeting at town hall in Stayner.

Ward 1 representative **Doug Measures** contributed a letter, a shirt from Nottawa Elementary School signed by this year’s graduates, hops from a local farm, and OPP badge and a speeding ticket.

Ward 2 representative **Kevin Elwood** added Environmental Review Tribunal documents relating to the revocation of ministry approval of eight wind turbines near his aerodrome and Collingwood Regional Airport.

Ward 3 representative **Robert Walker** added a Reinhart’s toy truck and a history of the Stayner’s places and people.

Ward 4 councillor **Shawn Davidson**, wearing his festive suit, added a street banner promoting Stayner’s Music in the Park.

Ward 6 councillor **Connie Leishman** contributed a photo of Sunnidale Corners Community Centre and current board members, along with a 2017 Small Halls festival pin made by Leishman Pottery.

Ward 7 councillor **Deborah Bronée** added something about the Cybergnomes, an ATV map and a pin from Sunnidale Winterama.

On behalf of the township as a whole, Deputy Mayor **Barry Burton** contributed a Canada 150 flag signed

by township residents and Mayor **Christopher Vanderkruys** had a miniature paddle painted by the Barrie Native Friendship Centre. He also contributed a 2017 coin collection.

On behalf of staff, CAO **Steve Sage** contributed a variety of wood from around the township and clerk **Pamela Fettes** added a brick from the old administrative building.



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Medical Centre in the hands of staff

by Trina Berlo

Clearview council is sticking to its guns on the issue of dissolving the Creemore Medical Centre Service Board.

Deputy Mayor **Barry Burton** tabled a request Dec. 11, on behalf of the board, so it could remain intact for another year, until the end of the current term of council, so it can continue its work to find tenants for the building.

“The Creemore Medical Centre Board has been very involved in ongoing operation of the Medical Centre. The chair of the board was instrumental in her influence with the ROMP (Rural Ontario Medical Program) in convincing them that an additional doctor was required in the Creemore area. Her involvement and the efforts of both the resident doctors

and Clearview staff have made a new doctor to Creemore a reality,” reported Burton.

The board will be dissolved as of Jan.1, along with several others, by decision of council made in the summer to reduce the need for legislative requirements around volunteer committee members.

Burton’s motion to extend the board’s term failed because only Councillor **Connie Leishman** supported it.

“We need to move on and let this go,” said Mayor **Christopher Vanderkruys**.

It was reported that the mayor and staff had resolved the leases and that **Terry Vachon**, general manager of parks, culture and recreation, would be looking after the medical centre from now on.



Rebecca Brown of Clearview Tea Company, and **Debbie Gray** and **Jeff Chalmers** of Heritage Bee Company in Mulmur, share a booth at the One of a Kind Christmas Show in Toronto.

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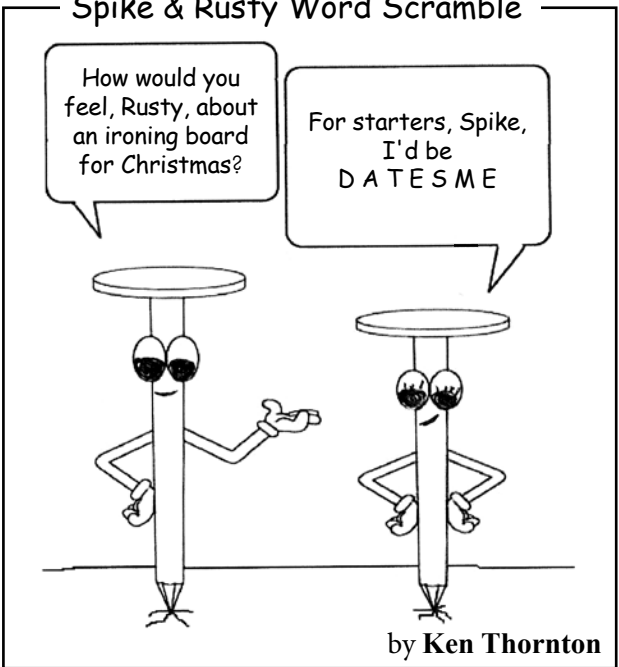
FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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Answer on page 11

Spike & Rusty Word Scramble



Find this week's answer on page 11

Weekend Weather

Friday, December 15

Scattered flurries
High -5 Low -9
Wind SW 20 km/h
POP 60%

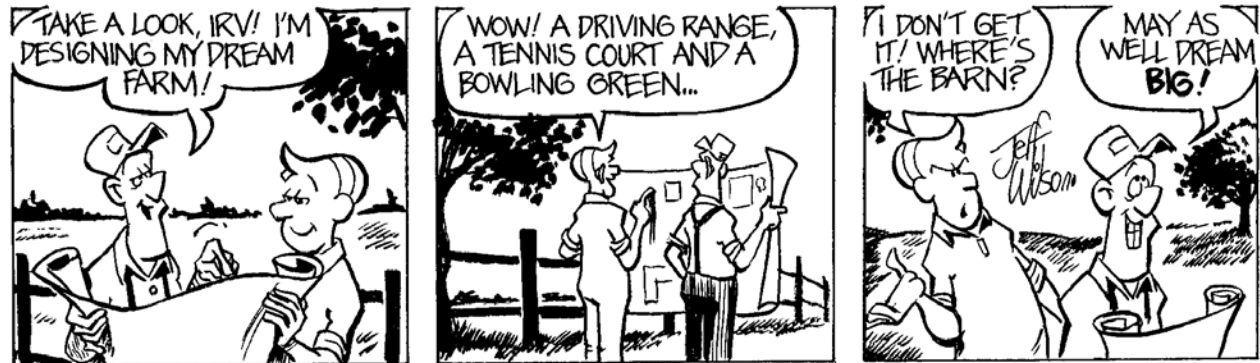
Saturday, December 16

A mix of sun and clouds
High -8 Low -12
Wind NW 19 km/h
POP 40%

Sunday, December 17

A few flurries
High -4 Low -4
Wind SE 14 km/h
POP 30%

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FRED'S FUNNIES

Who is Santa's favourite singer?

Elf-is Presley.

Canadian Criss Cross

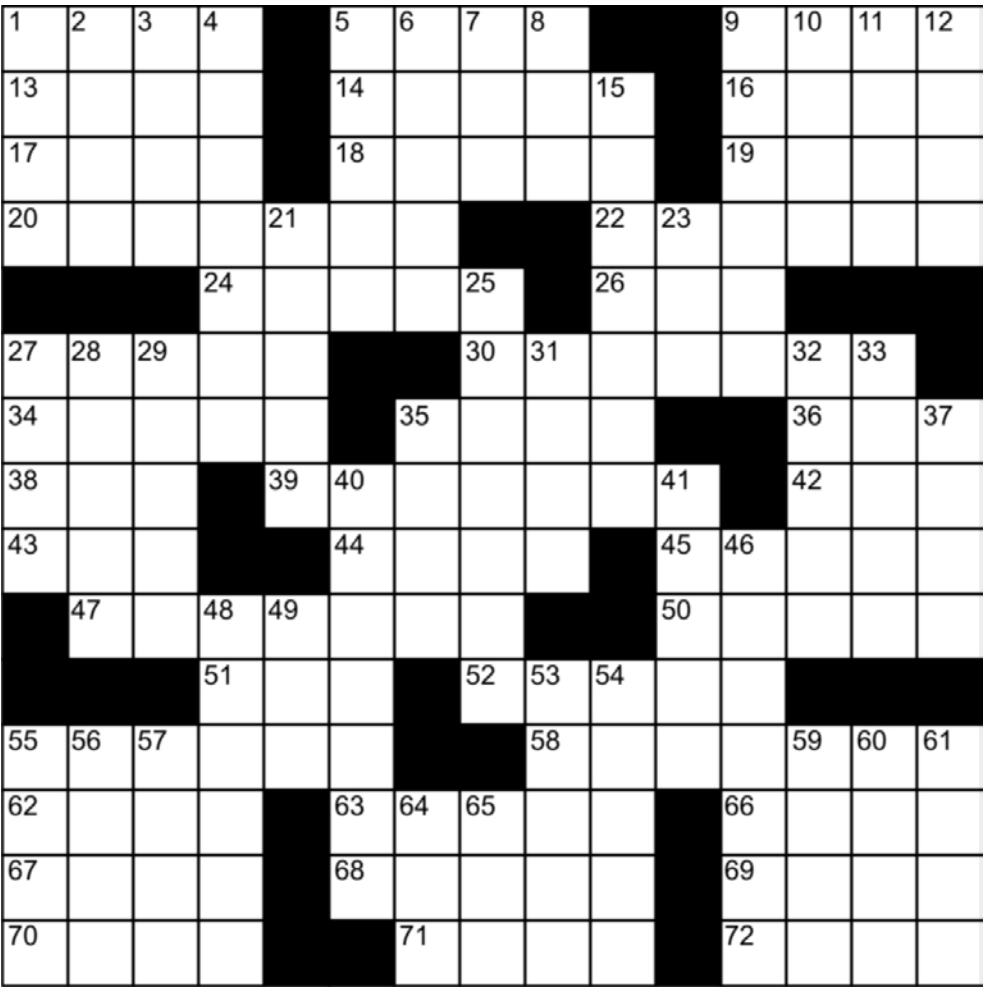
December 15, 2017

ACROSS

- Baseball equipment
- Dot on a map
- Wine glass part
- Touched down
- Place for books
- Kind of list
- Lacquered metalware
- Passageway in an auditorium
- Jose Lins do ____ (Brazilian novelist)
- Ocean of "Danger Bay"
- Literate one
- Like some punches
- Province of Canada: abbr.
- Lancer in the Polish army
- Properly arranged
- Blood pump
- Drawn character
- Divine being
- In the previous month, for short
- Long-legged birds
- Feel bad about
- Digging tool
- German car
- Angle measurement symbol
- Support for climbing plants
- Restaurant patron
- Half of a Canadian women's magazine
- Hotly longing
- Rub elbows with
- Nickname of the Royal 22nd Regiment in Canada (with "The")
- "The Time Machine" race
- Grey wolves
- Hole, in French
- King of the beasts
- Canadian figure skater Stojko
- Throw line, in darts

DOWN

- One prefix
- Miniature whirlpool
- No longer current
- Village in New Brunswick
- Succulent plant
- Make land ready for cultivation
- Like a star
- Sarah's son
- Be bright with light
- French article
- Pipe elbow
- Piece of hair
- Nailed on a slant
- Make one's way through a crowd
- Secure a ship
- Town near the Quebec-Labrador border
- Large ray
- Organ of hearing
- District under a bishop's jurisdiction
- No
- Spartan slave
- After a while
- Christmas
- White heron
- Choice of roads taken to get to a place
- Pith helmet
- High-priced
- Fond of talking
- First Canadian to score more than 8,000 points in the decathlon
- Convertible alternative
- It alters the weather pattern of the tropics



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

49. British bathroom

53. Go around

54. Full of bubbles, like soda

55. Ship's steering mechanism

56. Hodgepodge

57. Welcomed blessing
59. Killer whale

60. Reactions to fireworks displays

61. Source of tallow

64. Bullfight shout

65. Briefs brand

Curling

(Win-loss-tie)

Men	
Ron Coulter	5-0-0
Adam Verstegen	3-3-0
Al Lambert	3-2-0
Neil Rowbotham	2-3-0
Paul Crevier	2-3-0
Russ Flack	1-4-0
Ed Meulendyk	1-4-0

From The Hack: With only one evening of play remaining in the first round the team of Ron Coulter, Bill McDougall, Rob McLeod and Don Metheral has a firm hold onto first place. Next week will be the last evening of curling before the Christmas break.

Mixed	
Morby	4-2-0
Neelin	3-2-1
Bell	3-2-0
Lindsay	3-2-0
Meulyndyk	3-2-0
Cass	3-2-0
Vorstermans	2-3-0
Crevier	1-3-1
McArthur	1-5-0

From the Hack: Too much eggnog? Apologies to those teams whose scores were “altered”. Team Morby is in the lead, but with five teams having three wins and only one game remaining, the Jim Steed Memorial Trophy could be up for grabs. The pressure is on!

Daytime	
McDougall	7-4-1
Lambert	6-4-2
Bell	6-5-1
Coulter	5-5-1
Steed	4-6-1
Loranger	4-8-0

From the Hack: The daytime curlers are about to enter their last week of play for this session, with four teams still in the running for top spot. Could make for some very exciting games. Good curling everyone!

Ladies
This week was a big one for the ladies curling league as everyone was aiming for a win to see who will be playing for the trophy next week. Currently in first place and playing for the trophy is Team Crawford, consisting of Judith Crawford, Glenda Brown and Cathy Meeser.

In second place and playing for the trophy also is Team Millsap consisting of Gayle Millsap, Ann Huskinson and Melissa Ferguson.

And currently tied for third place are Team Steed and Team McKay. Team Steed consists of Marilyn Steed, Diane Kelly and Fred Mills. Team McKay consists of Sandy McKay, Lynn Gowan and Alex Brewer.

Good luck to all the ladies next week!

Habitat builds in Stayner

by **Trina Berlo**
Habitat for Humanity has announced its next build will be in Clearview Township.

The organization’s South Georgian Bay chapter is planning to build a semi-detached house, making two units available for two families, on 212 Quebec Street.

Board chair **Andrew Turnbull** was before council Monday, with executive director **Joy Fleury**, to ask council to defer and or waive the Clearview portion of development fees and building permit costs.

Turnbull said Habitat for Humanity helps people secure affordable housing by setting them up in a modest home with a long-term interest-free

mortgage. “Part of the reason they can’t get into the housing market is because they are paying “astronomical rents”, he said.

Forty-eight applications were received for Habitat’s last build in Collingwood.

“We always keep in mind the level of greatest need when choosing a family,” said Fleury.

Councillor **Kevin Elwood** said he doesn’t think township fees should be waived because it equates to council making decisions about charitable donations with taxpayer dollars.

Turnbull said council could consider it as part of the municipality’s affordable housing strategy, rather than a charitable donation.

Big Heart Seniors

There were 28 members out for bid euchre, making seven full tables.

The afternoon began by singing happy birthday to several with birthdays in November and December.

The Legion Auxiliary Ladies are preparing a Christmas turkey dinner for members and their spouses or guests on Thursday, Dec. 21.

The number attending needed to be recorded before you are reading this. We sincerely hope there will not be a repeat of last year.

There was such a snow storm the day we were supposed to have our dinner that it was unsafe for anyone, even in town, to drive.

The ladies graciously offered to postpone the meal until our usual food day, the third Thursday, in January. It was worth waiting for!

Lucky 50/50 ticket holders were **Alinda Bishop, Isabelle Gubbels, Peter Gubbels, and Leona Hartling.**

Successful moonshots were played by **John Van Voorst, Leona Hartling, and Irma Flack**, who had the travel prize.

Lower than usual scores at bid euchre were **Leona Hartling, 257, Alinda Bishop, 234, Wilma Zeggil, 222, Peter Gubbels, 220, and Marcia Cameron, 106.**

The lucky chair was empty.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We are very proud to announce the newest arrival to the Boake, Walker (and Remax Creemore Hills) families! Congratulations to Markie and Andrew - **Amalia (Molly) Christine Heather Walker** was born on Monday, December 11, 2017.

THANK YOU

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The Creemore Echo staff

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DEATH NOTICES

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McGUIGAN, Debbie (Lawson). October 30, 1961 - December 12, 2017
Wife of Ian. Daughter of William and Mary. Sister of Brenda, Kevin, Tommy, Sadie and Bernadette. Mother to Shannon, Terry and Nicholas. Grandmother to William, Daniel, Olivia, Addison, Cassidy, Grace, Abigail, and Zachary. And a great friend to many, many more! Debbie passed away peacefully in the morning of Dec. 12, 2017, from her long battle with Parkinson’s, at Creedan Valley Nursing Home in Creemore. She was comfortable and surrounded by loved ones.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 at the Creemore Legion from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please no flowers, donations to The Creemore Legion Ladies Auxiliary or the Creedan Valley Nursing Home Resident Activity Fund would be appreciated; two things she held dear to her heart. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Creedan Valley Nursing Home for their above-and-beyond care, kindness and love given to Debbie during her time there. It’s nice to know that when biological family couldn’t be there she had her Creedan family, that took tremendous, very kind and loving care of her. Friends may visit Debbie’s online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com.

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Deadline to place ads for Friday, December 22 paper is Tuesday, Dec. 19. Deadline for Friday, Dec. 29 is Monday, Dec. 18.

This week’s answers

Spike & Rusty: STEAMED

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Casual Relief School Crossing Guards Job # 2017-020
Posting Date: December 7, 2017

Clearview Township is seeking 2 Casual part-time Crossing Guards to provide crossing support beginning immediately. Clearview is seeking casual assistance throughout the township but has a specific need in the Nottawa area.

Enjoy a light work schedule while earning some extra income. Clearview offers full and compensable training to all employees including on-line accessibility and safety training, hands-on and on-the-job training as well as a new employee orientation. Employees are paid their hourly rate of pay for participating in the training.

Responsibilities

- To safely assist children crossing the street, to and from school.
- To be available Monday to Friday during the school year.

Qualifications and Abilities required

- Must be physically fit.
- Able to work outside during adverse weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with and direct children in a clear manner.
- Must be able to provide a clean police background and vulnerable person's check.
- Possess 20/20 vision (with corrective lenses if needed).
- Must have reliable transportation to crossing location.

Wage: \$17.91 per hour plus 4% vacation pay.

Training: All required training and crossing guard apparel is provided by Clearview Township.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resume and covering letter, quoting **Job # 2017-020** to Human Resources at hr@clearview.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Please note: In accordance with the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act**, please contact Human Resources for accommodation inquiries or requirements at 705-428-6230 x. 255 Please visit our website at: www.clearview.ca



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Clearview firefighters from Station 4 in Creemore held their annual food drive in support of Clearview-Stayner Food Bank at Foodland during the Christmas festivities in the village Dec. 1-2.

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