

Teacher seeks cancer treatment in US

by Trina Berlo

When options for ran out in Canada, a beloved area teacher chose to pursue cancer treatment in the United States and the community is supporting that decision.

Mandy Bridson, a teacher at Clearview Meadows in Stayner, is seeking treatment for Stage 4 colon cancer after she was told there would be no happy ending. Surgery was not an option and the chemo wasn't working so she and husband Steve went to check out a clinic in Arizona at the beginning of the month. They decided to stay and begin treatment at Envita Medical Center, where Mandy, 47, is accessing treatments not available in Canada, including chemo, radiation and immunotherapy.

A multi-pronged fundraising campaign is helping to pay the steep medical bills she is facing.

So far, more than \$75,000 has been raised through a You Caring online campaign, but that probably won't cover half of the total cost.

Mandy and **Steve** are both volunteers and past board members with Elephant Thoughts.

The organization's executive director, **Jeremy Rhodes**, said the treatment could cost \$200,000 but an exact cost is not known. "She's been fundamental," said Rhodes. "Elephant



Contributed photo

Mandy Bridson (from right), with daughter **Noa** and husband **Steve**.

Thoughts was created to be an umbrella organization that teachers with passion can use to make a difference. Of anybody, Mandy is the one who really capitalized on that."

He said the Bridsons started the Tanzania arm of Elephant Thoughts; they were there on a yearlong family vacation with their daughter **Noa**, and after having started a kindergarten in India for Elephant Thoughts, they went

to Africa and started working there.

Mandy runs an annual sponsorship drive that supports 150 children from poor families to go to school in India and Tanzania. She knows everything about every child, makes sure they are healthy and educated and provides whatever they need.

Rhodes said it was done through Elephant Thoughts but it was all (See "Community" on page 3)

Two days of hockey tournaments in Creemore

Creemore Minor Hockey is hosting a two-day tournament in Creemore, with novices playing on Thursday, Dec. 28 and atoms playing on Friday, Dec. 29.

There will be 15 teams, made up of about 240 players taking the ice over the two days.

Kevin Bloemendal said Creemore used to host tournaments and they are being resurrected because they benefit the association and also brings people into town.

"Would love to see some support from our locals whether it's just coming to encourage our kids or if it's to show others what a great sport hockey is and get a feeling of how strong the hockey community is in Creemore," he said.

Spectators are encouraged to come out to cheer anytime between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. both days. Volunteers are needed and donations are welcome. Contact Bloemendal at bloemendal177@gmail.com or 705-441-0061.

Reciprocal borrowing for library patrons

Clearview Public Library has entered into a reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Springwater Township Public Library.

This means that any resident of Clearview Township who is a Clearview library patron in good standing, may borrow materials from any branch of the Springwater Township Public Library (Elmvalle, Midhurst, Minesing), and participate in Springwater's programming as well. Clearview residents will need to show their active library card at any Springwater Township Public Library Branch, and follow Springwater's procedures for getting a library card.

Clearview Public Library also has reciprocal borrowing agreements with Essa Public Library and Base Borden Public and Military Library.

TD commits to bank machine

by Trina Berlo

TD Canada Trust officials are working on securing a location to set up a bank machine in Creemore.

"We are committed to having a TD ATM in downtown Creemore. We are working with the area businesses to determine the exact location. Our preference is for Mill Street," said TD spokesperson **Carly Libman**.

Libman said a financial advisor will also be made available to customers after the closure. The idea is to have

someone in town twice per week. They will also be able to help with simple transactions like cheque deposits and transfers, credit applications, investments and help with the ATM.

A date for the information session has been set for Thursday, Feb. 22 at Station on the Green, beginning at 7 p.m.

A couple of TD executives, including district vice president **Tara Clarke**, will be in attendance.

Libman stressed that customers do not have to wait until the meeting to

have their questions answered; they are welcome to visit the branch.

The news comes two months after TD announced it was closing its Creemore branch on May 4, 2018 due to "a number of factors including declining transactions". When the announcement was made in October, residents began writing letters, signing petitions, and working their high level banking contacts in an attempt to save the branch or recruit another financial institution.

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Upcoming Events

Friday, December 22

- **Creemore Echo** will close today at noon and reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 9 a.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.

Monday, January 1, 2018 New Year's Day

- **Clearview Mayor Vanderkruys' New Year's Day Levee** at Brentwood Community Centre from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Light breakfast & desserts. All welcome.

Tuesday, January 2 to Friday, Jan. 5, 2018

- **Camp Tiffin: Winter Nature Day Camp** daily at Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 8th Line, Utopia, 705-424-1479 ext.254 or www.nvca.on.ca for details.

Saturday, January 27, 2018

- **Winter Wonderland Art Competition** at Linke's Local Arts Gallery & Art Supply, 7271 Hwy 26, Stayner, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open to all artists, limit of 2 paintings, \$15 per painting. Deadline for entries January 24, 2018. For more details go to our website linkelocalarts.com. Applications available at Linke's Local Arts or online, \$15 per entry. 705-428-5870.

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.

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Mansfield Presbyterian Church

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New Lowell United Church

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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.

Banda Church

No service this year.

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.

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)

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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

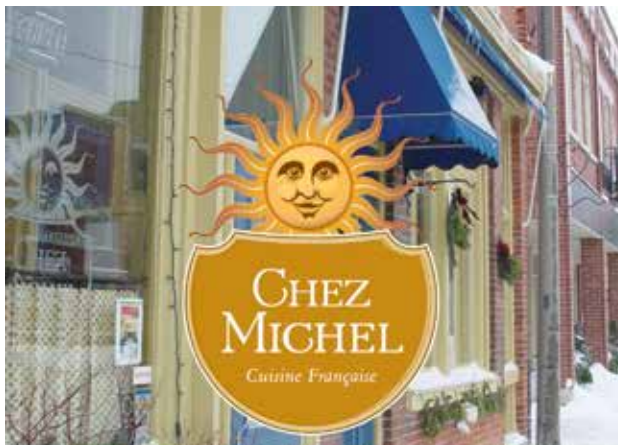
St. Luke's Anglican Church

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

Monday, January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner

New Year's Day Mass at 11 a.m.
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



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Community fundraising to help cover medical bills

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Mandy. Every couple of years she would go back to check on them.

When she heard about a family losing their home in a fire, she raised funds to build one, and when she learned that a young Nepali boy had been abandoned by his mother, she found him a home.

At the end of November, Mandy was unable to eat and was out of options and now she is feeling a bit better, is eating soft foods, although the radiation is making her nauseous.

Having given so much to others, Mandy's champions are now asking the community to support her.

"We are completely in awe at the amazing response we've had to the call out for assistance to help raise money for my treatment! So many people have offered to help and have

been so generous," said Mandy. "About two-thirds of the people we know and another third are people we don't know, they just want to help. The support and kind words people write is so heart-warming and it's really helping us get through the mental part of this journey. The financial assistance of course is so very appreciated. Without it, we would not have been able to afford this treatment and there is no doubt I would have only been around a few more months at best. It's given our family so much hope and the treatment options down here in Arizona are so promising! It's expensive and we'll need more financing somehow but we'll make it. I'm too young to leave this beautiful earth and there's still so much I want to do in this world. So much more to see, so many more people to help! We choose hope!"

A few fundraisers are in the works and former students are putting their talents to work, performing music and making jewellery for example, and donating the proceeds to Mandy.

On Jan. 5, the We Choose Hope Mega Fundraiser, a concert and silent auction organized by **Brooke Girdwood**, is at the Legion in Collingwood from 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 at the door and are also available at Elephant Thoughts, located at 10138 Hwy 26, Collingwood.

On Jan. 13, funds raised at a

Duntroon Hall Trivia night will go to Mandy. To reserve a table for the Know It All Ball, call 705-445-2412 (teams of eight, \$10 per person). The evening will include a silent auction. Cash bar. Bring your own snacks.

Another event is in the works for Feb. 18, when there will be a concert with local musicians at Duntroon Hall.

Former student **Amelia Dutka** is selling handmade jewellery. Check out Amelia Gives Back on Facebook.

To donate, visit www.youcaring.com/mandybridson-1019626.

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's annual Christmas Bird Count for Kids is a fun, family-friendly bird-watching event that contributes to scientific bird count data.

The count begins with a mini-workshop on bird identification. Birding experts from the Brereton Field Naturalists then guide families on a bird count hike through the Tiffin forest. The data collected will be submitted to Bird Studies Canada and included in the national Christmas Bird Count for Kids database.

The bird count takes place Jan. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 8th

Line, Utopia.

All ages are welcome with adult supervision.

To register, visit www.nvca.on.ca and click on Events & Education. A \$5 registration fee (\$7.50 at the door) includes parking fees and hot chocolate. Children 3 and under are free.

NVCA is also offering a winter nature camp at the Tiffin Centre from Jan. 2-5, with daily and weekly rates available.

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EDITORIAL

A little give and take this Christmas

It looks like Creemore will get its Christmas wish.

Some may view it as more of a consolation prize but many people will be happy to know that TD Canada Trust has said it is to retain an ATM in the village, preferably on the main street.

Maybe all those letters to the big guys on Bay Street paid off.

They may not have saved our bank but we will still be able to deposit cheques and get cash. While the ATM is not a perfect solution and will not meet everyone's needs, it will be more convenient than having no access to banking at all within the community.

We hate to get too excited before the bank machine is a reality but with official word from corporate that it is committed to having a bank machine in Creemore, there is reason to be confident that there is a serious intention to make it a reality.

We are told there is still a significant cash economy in Creemore, with people shopping on the weekends, especially at the Creemore Farmers' Market in the summer.

There are many fundraising events that favour a cash bar and charities that benefit from people having some cash on hand.

Which brings us to the topic of giving. We hope everyone has had a chance to support a local food bank or toy drive this holiday season.

We have had a great response to our food and toy drive, with donations being sent to the Salvation Army and the Clearview-Stayner Food Bank. Thank you to all our readers who responded to our call for donations.

There are many worthwhile charities to support at any time during the year but there is something about Christmas that reinforces the desire to share what wealth we have, no matter how modest.

Our cover story this week is about a woman who has given a lot to many people locally and all over the world. She now needs support from her community. There are three fundraising events planned so far to help Mandy Bridson pay for cancer treatments she is undergoing at a clinic in Arizona. People are also donating online through a You Caring crowdfunding campaign.

Whatever the cause, we hope you find it in your heart to give a little extra this Christmas and throughout the year.

The food banks tell us every year that they count on an influx of donations at Christmas to keep them going through the winter months, which is their most lean time so we thank you for your generosity.

From all of us at *The Creemore Echo*, Merry Christmas. See you next year!

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THE WAY WE WERE



Methodist Church, Creemore, Ont.

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Anglican churches unite as Holy Trinity

The Archbishop of the Diocese of Toronto, **Colin Johnson** has recently named the newly formed Parish comprised of the former Anglican Parishes of Batteaux, Duntroon and Singhampton: Holy Trinity, Clearview.

The new Parish of Holy Trinity, Clearview will meet at 5 St. Clair Street, Duntroon (just south of Duntroon Daycare).

With the new parish being formed, Anglican Canons (regulations) call for each of the former parishes to close and then the new Parish opens in the settlement area determined by the Area Bishop, **Peter Fenty** in this case. In doing it this way there ceases to be an "us and them" mindset and there is now just "us".

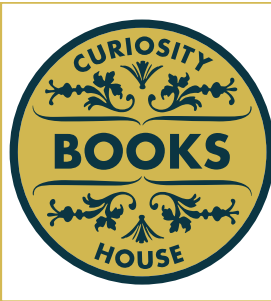
"One of the positives from the lengthy process that the leadership and all parishioners have prayerfully underwent is that Holy Trinity, Clearview will now be able to increase

outreach to the people in need in the area they serve and further afield and for this we are thankful. Also, there surely will be new ways of serving others as we press on together into God's future," said **Rev. Ray Dobson**.

Regular worship time is 10 a.m. every Sunday.

During the 2017 Christmas Season: Sunday, Dec. 24 regular is at 10 a.m. worship and then candlelight services at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Dec. 25 worship at 10 a.m. for the celebration of the nativity. Dec. 31 and thereafter will be at the usual 10 a.m. time.

Additionally, inquirer groups meet at 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays in the Batteaux area, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Mylar and Loreta's in Singhampton and Thursdays 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Creemore area. Please look for information on our Facebook Page or contact the Rev. Ray Dobson at 705-794-9140 or r2dobson@bell.net.



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Purple Hills fosters arts, heritage for 40 years

by **Trina Berlo**
This year marked the 40th anniversary of Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society, the organization behind the Creemore Festival of the Arts, annual studio tour, Tea and History, the village's historical plaques and Artists in the School, to name a few.

For four decades, volunteers with the society have been working to foster the arts and heritage in this community by creating opportunity for people to share local history, for artists to show their work and bring in an audience. The society, over the years, has supported the music program at the school and given bursaries and awards to students in elementary and high school, who excel in arts and history related subjects. It has also funded books about local history and was the organization behind Creemore Mocks.

Over four decades, many people have come and gone from the organization, funded through annual memberships, which pays for all of the projects.

Although under a different name, it is said the origins of Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society begin with a 1977 art show at the school in honour of the Queen's jubilee. The organization, founded by Olive Adams, held art shows, concerts, craft shows and film screenings in the following years.



File photo

Artists in the School program at NCPS.

Potter **Paul Vorstermans**, an early member and past president, said there was some strife on the board in the early years and a mini-revolt resulted in a changeover in board members but the society went on promoting arts and heritage. (Vorstermans also said, ironically, for a heritage society, there isn't a thorough record of its history.)
"People just didn't have the energy

anymore to put on this annual art show on Thanksgiving weekend and do the house and garden tours to raise money, so that's when it fizzled," he said.
In the early 1990s the society wasn't very active but then-treasurer Russ Thornton kept the charitable status active by filing annual statements to the government.
It was revitalized in the mid-1990s.

People recognized that it was a very worthwhile thing to have arts related events in Creemore. That's when the arts festival started again and the studio tour was added. The society had wide ranging programming, from Creemore Mocks and high profile concerts, with the like of guitarist **Liona Boyd**, to bird watching tours and helping to fund local history books.

Since then, the projects undertaken have grown in scope and profile. In recent years, thousands of dollars are distributed to mount arts festival shows that attract significant numbers of art lovers.

In 1985, the society embarked on a project to archive *Creemore Star* newspapers and paid to have them transferred to microfiche.

In the old *Creemore Star* newspaper office, back issues were piled from floor-to-ceiling and they were the only copies, so if something had happened to them, all records would have been lost.

"The microfiche of *The Creemore Star* is probably the most lasting thing Purple Hills did," said Vorstermans. "If that building had gone up in flames or if someone had heard of recycling and got rid of all those papers... that is a lasting thing... that is advantageous to everybody in Creemore."
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Merry Christmas

HOLIDAY HOURS
December 24 • 10 to 4
December 25 • Closed
December 26 • Closed
December 27 • Closed
December 28 to 30 • 10 to 5
December 31 • 10 to 4
January 1 • Closed

Cardboard Castles

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Contributed photo

Gayle Millsap, presents the Alf and Eliza Millsap trophy to Daytime curling winners Team McDougall: Vice **Linda Wright**, Lead **Geoff Parker**, Second **Sandy McKay** and Skip **Bill McDougall**.

Curling

Daytime	(win-loss-tie)
McDougall	8-4-1
Bell	7-6-1
Lambert	6-6-2
Coulter	6-7-1
Steed	6-7-1
Loranger	5-8-0

From the Hack: Congratulations go out to Team McDougall who managed to win the session without needing to play the final game. They were presented the Alf and Eliza Millsap trophy by Gayle Millsap. All the curlers provided food for a great lunch on Wednesday. Merry Christmas to all and good curling everyone!

Big Heart Seniors

Only 29 members were out for bid euchre Dec. 14. We received news that **Lucy Young** is ill in hospital again. We wish her well and home to enjoy Christmas.

Thank you to **Jim Rigney** who brought chocolate treats for everyone on the day of our dinner.

Lucky 50/50 ticket holders were **Marg Falls**, **Jim Rigney**, **Lillian Hiltz**, **Peter Gubbels**, and **Irma Flack**.

Successful moonshots were played by **Dave Smith** x2, **Peter Gubbels**, **Phyllis Seed**, **Gerry Long**, and **Jim Rigney** who took the travel prize.

The comment about low scores last week must have ignited something.


The top scores this week were almost one hundred above the best last time. They were **Roy Veinot**, 351; **Janice Stephens**, 328; **Alinda Bishop**, 313; **Art Bishop**, 285; and **Lillian Hiltz** with a high low score of 142.

Bob McNicol was on the lucky chair.

We wish everyone a very, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Signed by all members of Council.

Mayor Paul Mills voted in favour of the motion.

Deputy Mayor Earl Hawkins voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor Janet Horner voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor Keith Lowry voted in favour of the motion.

Councillor Greg Lloyd voted in favour of the motion.



WINTER BREAK



Clearview Public Library's Free Holiday Skate

The Clearview Public Library is sponsoring free public skating events and pop-up library days this holiday season. These events will be held on:

Dec. 29th @ Stayner Arena (9 am-Noon)
& Dec. 30th @ Creemore Arena (9 am-Noon)

Come out and celebrate the season with us!



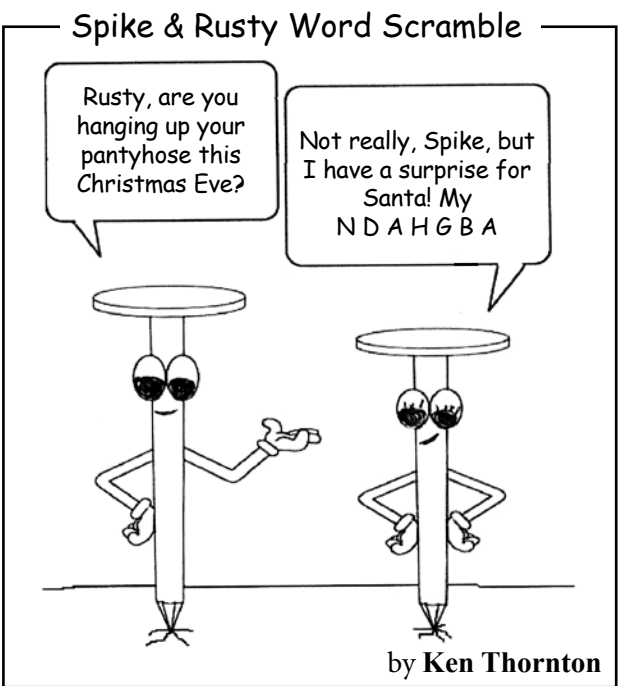
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FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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			2			9		1
9		8			6			

Answer on page 11



Find this week's answer on page 11

Weekend Weather

Friday, December 22

Scattered flurries
High -5 Low -6
Wind SE 17 km/h
POP 70%

Saturday, December 23

Light snow
High -5 Low -6
Wind E 19 km/h
POP 70%

Sunday, December 24

Flurries
High 0 Low -6
Wind W 30 km/h
POP 70%

The AVRIDGE FARM



by JEFF WILSON

FRED'S FUNNIES

What do the elves call it when Father Christmas claps his hands at the end of a play?

Santapplause!

Canadian Criss Cross

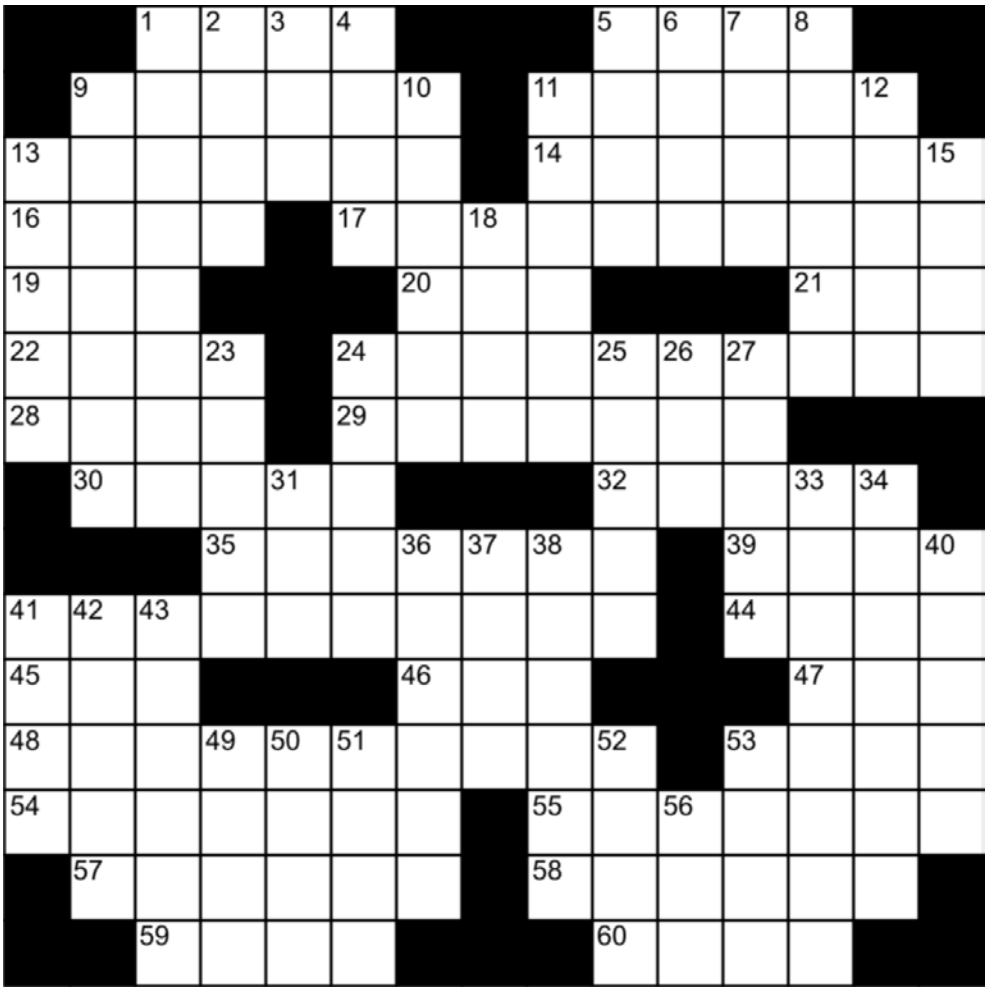
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ACROSS

- Ready to take risks
- Cheese with a red covering
- Ducks down, in fear
- Buddhist shrines
- Town located in the Breadbasket of Canada
- Constellation on the edge of the Milky Way
- B&B cousins
- Lasting for two months
- Spain's El ____
- Greek cross
- It indicates a maiden name
- Aviation org.
- Deserving of time spent
- First capital of Japan
- Dorothy Lidstone's sport
- Gradual recovery from a disease
- Slim, graceful girl
- Chants
- Having wings
- Remove the internal organs of
- Dress worn in India
- Finger count
- Homer Simpson's shout
- Repetitive stress injury: abbr.
- Exact opposite
- Have a conversation
- More crummy
- Former name for Sulawesi
- Swedish sculptor
- Good-looking
- Give information to
- Head of the Roman Catholic Church

DOWN

- Legal line dividing two places
- Big-eyed birds
- The side that faces away from the wind
- Not interesting
- Greek vowels
- Ventilation system part
- Copycat
- Devious Maids actor
- Shaped like a tepee
- Company that wants to take over another company
- Detective
- French writer
- Poisonous protein in castor beans
- Sheltered, at sea
- Grape residue
- Caravan stop
- Use inefficiently
- "Steppenwolf" writer
- Ironically funny
- Tree toads
- Abbreviation in company names
- Forgiving
- ____ Bay (First Nations community in British Columbia)
- Taxonomic groups
- Inner part of a Greek temple
- Morality
- Puts on the line
- And others, for short
- Snake poison
- Know by feeling it



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

- ____ of Man
- Prepare for growing crops
- An end of a loaf

- Creep through the cracks
- Office fill-in
- Zodiac lion



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CELEBRATION

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THANK YOU

Thanks to Deborah of Queen Bee for the flowers and chocolates!
Creemore Echo

LOST & FOUND

LOST CELL PHONE: Lost Monday, Dec. 18 in downtown Creemore. Samsung in a white & grey otter box case. Please email Amieec. xX@hotmail.com if you found it.

LOST EARRING: Oval red jewel on it. If found, call *Creemore Echo* at 705-466-9906.

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- **March 17th** - Antiques, Furnishings and Treasures - Creemore Arena.
- **April 28th** - Outdoor Equipment Sale - KFA Auction Yard, Melancthon
- **May 12th** - Sportsman Auction for Firearms - Creemore Legion

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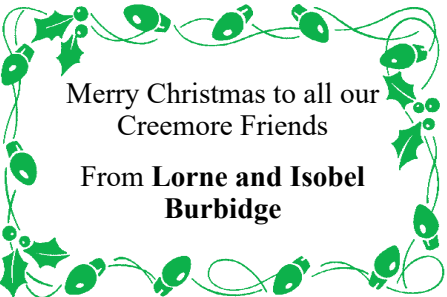
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from Friday, Dec. 22
at noon until
9 a.m. on
Tuesday, Jan. 2

DEATH NOTICE

MILLER – After a long hard fight with pancreatic cancer, **Elizabeth Ann Miller** (nee Mathers), passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2017 peacefully at home at the age of 65.
Elizabeth defied all odds, and after being given only 3-6 months to live, survived an amazing 3 years.
She would not let cancer define her, and still believed up until her last breath that she could beat the disease. Elizabeth loved animals, cooking, Christmas, and the Rolling Stones. She enjoyed her time as a world renowned chef at Giffen's in Glen Huron. She was a strong willed woman who would do or give anything to a person, or animal in need. But most of all, she loved her family; husband Gordon, sons Matthew (Katrina) and the late Christopher and daughter Erica (David Baird). Her world revolved around her grandchildren; Alicia, Nathan, Madeleine and Alexander and she loved her time spent with them playing, teaching, and most of all dancing. She will be remembered by her brother Fred Mathers, sister Joanne Leblanc (the late Wilfred) and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.
Visitation will be held at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel on Thursday, December 21, 2017 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral service will take place in the chapel at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 22, 2017. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Barrie. In lieu of flowers donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Friends may visit Elizabeth's online Book of Memories at www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com.

Merry Christmas from your neighbours!



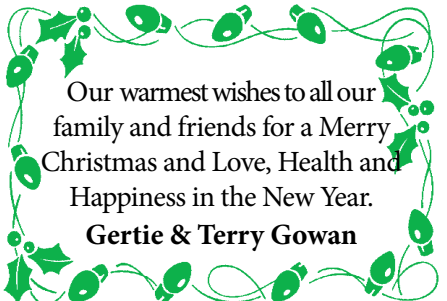
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Season's Greetings

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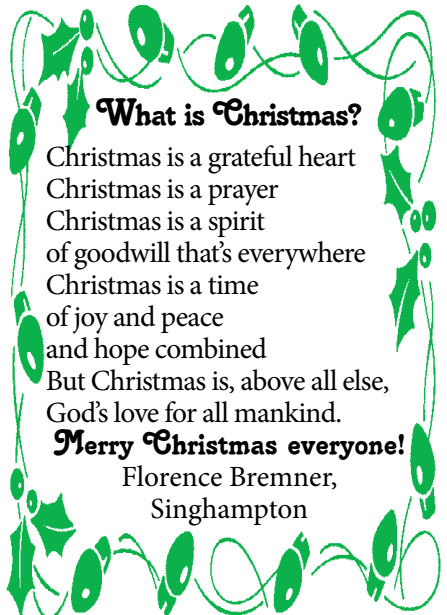


Merry Christmas
everyone!

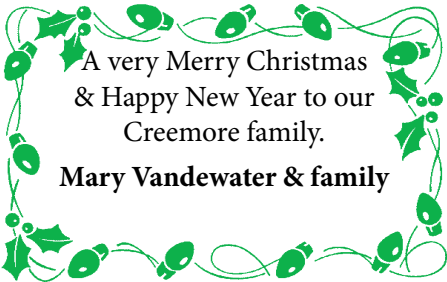
Helen Blackburn



From our home to yours,
Merry Christmas &
all the best in 2018!
The Rowbotham Family
- Andy, Deborah, Justin & Alyssa!



What is Christmas?
Christmas is a grateful heart
Christmas is a prayer
Christmas is a spirit
of goodwill that's everywhere
Christmas is a time
of joy and peace
and hope combined
But Christmas is, above all else,
God's love for all mankind.
Merry Christmas everyone!
Florence Bremner,
Singhampton



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

This week's answers

Spike & Rusty: HANDBAG

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NOTICE

MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION NOMINATION PERIOD – CHANGE OF DATE

Please be advised that the Nomination Period for the 2018 Municipal Election has been shortened due to recent changes to the Municipal Elections Act. Nominations will not be accepted until May 1, 2018. The deadline for nominations will be 2 p.m. on July 27, 2018. Forms and candidate information packages will be available Spring 2018. For additional information, please contact the undersigned.

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Holiday Schedule

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Dec 24: 7am-6pm
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Dec 26: 9am-6pm
Dec 27: 8am-8pm
Dec 28: 8am-8pm
Dec 29: 8am-8pm
Dec 30: 8am-8pm
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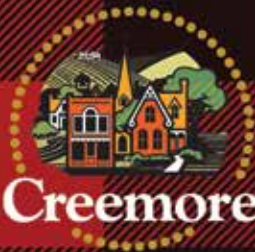
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Dec 23 9-6
Dec 24 9-2 (special order pickups by noon please)
Dec 25, 26 closed
Dec 27, 28, 29 10-5
Dec 30 9-6
Dec 31 10-3
Jan 1 closed
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