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Upcoming Events

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

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.

Sunday, December 31

- **St. James Anglican, Clougher-Lisle,** Service at 9:30 a.m.
- **New Lowell United Church** Service at 9:45 a.m.
- **Knox Presbyterian, Dunedin,** Service at 10 a.m.
- **St. Andrew's Maple Cross Church** Service at 10 a.m.
- **Holy Trinity Clearview, Duntroon** Service at 10 a.m.
- **Salvation Army Hope Acres Community Church** Service at 10:45 a.m.
- **Clearview Community Church** Service at Station on the Green at 11 a.m.
- **Creemore Baptist Church** Service at 11 a.m.
- **St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner,** New Year's Eve Mass at 11 a.m. Solemnity of the Holy Family.
- **St. John's United, Creemore,** Service at 11 a.m.
- **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

- **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.
- **St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner.** New Year's Day Mass at 11 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Friday, January 26, 2018

- **Lighthouse Winterfest** at Devil's Glen Country Club from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It's a PD Day so bring your kids. Breakfast, lunch, skiing, snowshoeing, silent auction, live auction. Birds of Prey demo, ski demo, photo booth. Prices from \$20 to \$130 (\$50 tax receipt available upon request). Purchase at Sporting Life in Collingwood, Skis and Biikes in Collingwood or online at www.lighthousewinterfest.ca. Call Bill Patrick at 705-444-0823 for more info.

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Also, a big thank you to our anonymous champions and boosters! We really appreciate all the support from everyone.

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Helen Blackburn: Keeper of Creemore's history

Helen Blackburn is a cherished resource, the keeper of local lore and the go-to for all things historical.

Where there is history being shared, it is very likely Helen has had some input.

Whether it's a display about Creemore's train station, a second round of historical plaques, a book of remembrance about fallen First World War soldiers, or a display of school memorabilia for the elementary school's 50th anniversary, Helen was a part of it. And that's just this year's projects.

Anyone who wants to know anything about why things are or how they came to be, is referred to Helen.

She is the author of several books about local history and *Creemore Echo* readers know her from her monthly columns, which she submits faithfully and has done so from the beginning.

Volunteer of 2017

She shares stories about everything from personal family history to the village's commerce of yesteryear.

A proud Websterville resident and descendent of its founders – the Websters – for which the old mill town was named, Helen has been an important community member.

In addition to being a history buff, Helen is an avid gardener, hiker and skater. She is involved with the adult skating club, Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society, is a member of the Retired Teachers of Ontario, she is a current Clearview Public library board member and hikes and snowshoes with the local hiking group.

As a teacher and a young single mother, raising two sons, Helen was very dedicated to advancing her studies, eventually doing a master's degree.



Helen Blackburn (right) with the Matchett family at the unveiling of phase 2 of Creemore's historical plaque project.

Helen is also the impetus for the founding of My Friend's House shelter for women and children in Collingwood. She saw the need for a local shelter after her best friend was physically abused

by her husband. Helen wrote to the editor of the Collingwood newspaper and drummed up support for a local women's shelter. She was a member of that founding board for several years.

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Tribunal concludes wpd approval should be revoked

It is difficult to say which is the biggest news story this year; This community has been divided on issues of housing developments, Steer, the fountain and seniors housing. The impending closure of the Creemore branch of TD Bank was certainly a cause that united the community and sent people into action.

TD Bank officials have since said a bank machine will remain in the village. Hopefully we will learn more at an upcoming public meeting on Feb. 22.

While news of the bank's closure is the biggest news to hit Creemore in recent months, the victory over the wind turbines is worth noting as the resolution of an ongoing news story

News story of the year

that has been unfolding since 2012.

An Environmental Review Tribunal recommended in August the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) approval of eight 500-foot wind turbines near two Clearview aerodromes be revoked.

In February 2016, the day before a judicial process to force a decision from MOECC, approved the project; eight 500-foot wind turbines, a \$50 million development referred to as the Fairview Wind project, located west of Stayner.

John Wiggins, Gail and Kevin Elwood, Preserve Clearview and the
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From the front page

The Creemore Echo looks back on some of the news that made headlines in 2017.

Alliance Homes cleared for servicing

Council has approved a pre-servicing agreement for Alliance Homes' Hometown Creemore development.

The agreement allows for a portion of the works to be constructed prior to final approval and registration of the plan of subdivision for the first phase, 15 single detached dwellings, a four-plex and a six-plex, for a total of 25 units.

The pre-servicing agreement is to permit the construction of the sanitary sewers, storm sewers, watermain and road work within Mary Street this fall, in addition to work on the subject lands.

"There would be significant time savings as well as financial savings by allowing the pre-servicing agreement and therefore construction of public works on Mary Street this fall," reported planner **Rossalyn Workman**. "Work in the spring can be delayed by the high water table within the township and can be particularly problematic in Creemore. Construction mean dewatering be costly and construction."

She said that by proceeding at their sole allocation are not given securities are works; and that be met for doing.

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Creemore TD bank branch to close

by Trina Berlo

Many members of the community are angered by news this week that the Creemore branch of TD Canada Trust is closing.

Early this week signs were posted in the branch and customer letters arrived by mail informing people of the "move".

"I'm writing to let you know that your branch located at 181 Mill St., in Creemore will be moving to 7267 Highway 26 in Stayner," writes district vice president **Tara Clarke**. "We regret any inconvenience that the distance to this branch may cause you."

The letter encouraging people to utilize online services and telephone banking goes on to say, "Rest assured that this move will be smooth and the remaining staff on page 3)



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

The Creemore branch of TD Canada Trust will close on May 4, 2018 at 12 hours.

Steer approved

by Trina Berlo

Steer Enterprises has been cleared to develop its new service centre at Cashtown Corners.

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) has dismissed an appeal of Clearview Township council's decision to apply an agriculturally related commercial exception zone to a 10-acre parcel of farmland at the southeast corner of County Roads 42 and 9 that would allow for the development of a diesel engine repair centre. Owner **Tim Young** has said Steer has outgrown its current location in Glen Huron and is looking to build a larger purpose built facility.

"We are certainly excited about the decision that was made," said Young. "We are ready to proceed forward."

He said he felt the OMB decision put to rest any questions about the development.

The appeal process has set the development back about eight months but Steer is now working to finalize the site plan details with the township. The plan is to be open at Cashtown Corners in the fall of 2018.

"Our mission is to finalize

Remedy hearing proceeds for wind turbines

by Trina Berlo

Wpd will be given an opportunity to provide remedial action after a tribunal ruled wind turbines to be located near two aerodromes in Clearview Township threaten the health and safety of pilots, and little brown bats.

The Environmental Review Tribunal

Incorporated to submit evidence and make submissions on appropriate remedies to address the Tribunal's Oct. 7 finding that engaging in the project in question in accordance with the impugned renewable energy approval will cause serious and irreversible harm to animal life, plant life or the

be determined, said township solicitor **Harold Elston**.

Why wpd would want to address the former while accepting the latter, Elston said, "that's The \$64,000 Question". He said there is some speculation that could affect some other project where

Fountain sculptor initiates litigation

by Trina Berlo

Work to refurbish Creemore's fountain is expected to begin this week.

It comes one week after officials at Station on the Green and Clearview Township received a letter from a lawyer demanding that the restoration of the sculpture begin before September.

Station on the Green chair **Bill McDougall** says the timing is coincidental because the fountain maintenance project was in the plans since last year.

The letter was sent at the request of sculptor **Ralph Hicks** who donated the Creemore Children's Dress-up

Newspaper under new ownership

by Trina Berlo

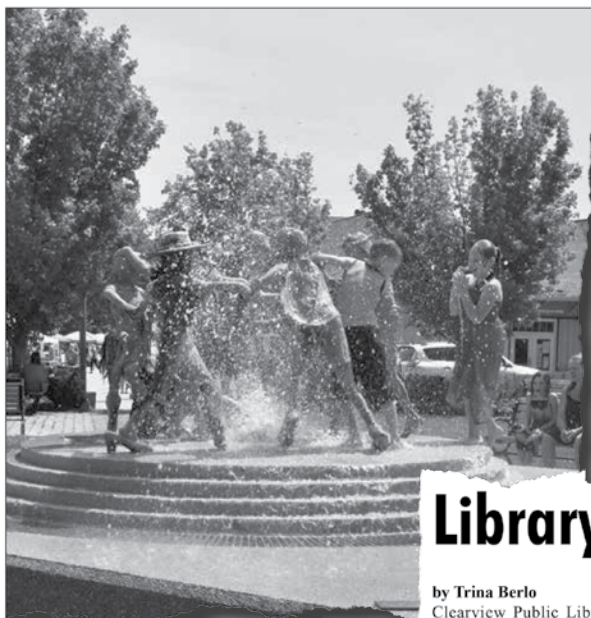
At the encouragement of the Vandewater family, Creemore Echo publisher **Sara Hershoff** is taking ownership of the local weekly newspaper.

Hershoff began working at the newspaper in 2002 and worked her way up through the ranks. She said the purchase of the Echo's commitment to community.

"Our family is very excited to be able to tell the paper to Sara," said **Tom Vandewater**. "It's a vote of confidence, not just for her and her leadership but for all the employees that work at The Echo... Our family always wanted it to be a locally owned, locally run community based newspaper and information service and we think Sara is the best and rightful owner of this



Sara Hershoff



Library unveils plans for new Stayner branch

by Trina Berlo

Clearview Public Library building committee member **Bob Charlton** presented plans for the new Stayner branch at council's June 5 meeting.

Tribunal concludes wpd approval should be revoked

by Trina Berlo

The Environmental Review Tribunal is recommending the ministry approval of eight 500-foot wind turbines near two Clearview aerodromes be revoked.

John Wiggins, Gail and Kevin Elwood, Preserve Clearview and the municipalities of Clearview, Collingwood and the County of Simcoe appealed the approval of the wind turbines based on the grounds that the project would cause serious harm to human health because of the proximity to the aerodromes and serious and irreversible harm to plant life, animal life and the environment.

At this stage in the process the tribunal was making a decision about possible remedial steps that could see the Fairview Wind Project go ahead.

An August 16 ruling by **Dirk VanderBent** and **Hugh Wilkins** states, "...the approval holder has proposed an amendment to the Renewable Energy Approval to include additional curtailment measures designed to reduce little brown myotis (bat) mortalities. The tribunal finds that these additional measures, provided they are amended to require that they be implemented from a distance, are rendered unnecessary."

"This is welcoming news for Clearview Township. The municipality has invested significant resources in staffing, tutoring and private meetings, a community living

of the project. However, as neither the approval holder nor the director has proposed effective means to mitigate the serious harm to human health, as found by the tribunal in its October 2016 Order, the tribunal concludes that the decision of the director should be revoked. As such, an amendment to the REA to address harm to little brown myotis via an amended mitigation plan is rendered unnecessary."

"This is welcoming news for Clearview Township. The municipality has invested significant resources in staffing, tutoring and private meetings, a community living

great to have a final decision," said Mayor **Christopher Vanderkrus** in a media release. "The decision by the ERT to revoke the approval will be very beneficial for both the Collingwood Regional Airport and the proposed Clearview Aviation Business Park. It has been a long fight, but we have managed to preserve our landscape and ensure viable operation for both the airport and proposed development which will create valuable economic impact for Clearview Township as well as the County of Simcoe." The project includes a laptop bar at the north facing floor-to-ceiling winds



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A rendering by Cowden Woods Design Builders shows the potential design of a 24-unit seniors' apartment building proposed for Caroline Street East.

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Library unveils plans for new Stayner branch



Architects Luc Bouliane

The new branch of the Clearview Public Library, which will be an addition to the Stayner branch.

Luc Bouliane through a request for proposal to develop plans for the new Stayner branch. The architect's fee is \$163,080.

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Wind turbine opponents celebrate victory over wpd

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municipalities, including Clearview, Collingwood and the County of Simcoe appealed the approval of the wind turbines based on the grounds that the project would cause serious harm to human health because of the proximity to the aerodromes and serious and irreversible harm to plant life, animal life and the natural environment, specifically bats, triggering the tribunal.

The tribunal found that appellants and their expert witnesses were able to show that based on flight patterns for take-offs and landings, the wind turbines pose a threat to the safety of aircraft operators.

In January, the tribunal ruled that wpd be allowed to make submissions on appropriate remedies to address the serious and irreversible harm to animal life, plant life or the natural environment but none of the parties requested an opportunity to produce evidence or make submissions on the tribunal's finding of serious harm to human health.

Appellants opposed the remedy hearing, saying allowing remedial proposals on one test and not the other is a waste of time and money.

However, the tribunal ruled, "it is not a foregone conclusion that a finding of serious harm under the health test or serious and irreversible harm under the

environment test will always result in the revocation of an approval, even if no additional evidence or submissions are made in a remedy hearing."

The two-week remedy hearing took place in Collingwood in March and in August the ruling stated "...the approval holder has proposed an amendment to the Renewable Energy Approval to include additional curtailment measures designed to reduce little brown myotis (bat) mortalities. The tribunal finds that these additional measures, provided they are amended to require that they be implemented from sunset to sunrise, is likely to significantly reduce little brown myotis mortality over the life of the project. However, as neither the approval holder nor the director has proposed effective means to mitigate the serious harm to human health... the tribunal concludes that the decision of the director should be revoked."

In September, legal notice was received that the board of directors for WPD Canada had decided against appealing the decision of the Environmental Review Tribunal to revoke the Renewable Energy Approval for the Fairview Wind Project located in Clearview Township.

Opponents to the wind turbines celebrated their victory in October with a party at Collingwood Regional Airport.



John Wiggins at a 2012 rally protesting the wpd Fairview wind project.

Open for Business



Businesses open in 2017: Huron Tractor opened at Cashtown Corners (clockwise from above); All Good Things; Best Little Hair House; The Feathered Fawn; Clearview Tea Company; Clearview Community Church Creemore branch; Body n' Balance Physio and Wellness Clinic.

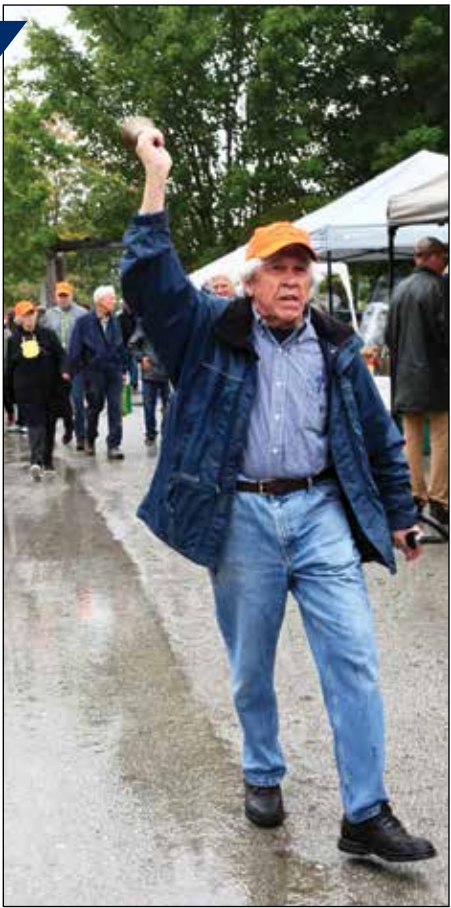


Community Events ★

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2017 events, clockwise from above: GNE completes its new pavilion for the fall fair; Creemore Springs' Turas Mor; Small Halls Festival; 125th anniversary of the Creemore jail; Ride to Hounds; BIA 30th anniversary Founders' Dinner; Sunnidale Winterama; Dunedin Literary Festival.



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Community Events



2017 events, clockwise from above: Creemore Children’s Festival; Miller’s Dairy Day; Apple Pie Contest, NCPS’s Paint the Town Pink; Creemore Classics car show; Creemore Festival of the Arts Owl Show; Creemore Choral Festival; Copper Kettle Festival; Bird Day.



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Just some of this year's local entertainment: **Basia Bulat** (clockwise from above); **Dan Needles**; **Joel Plaskett**; Creemore Skating Club carnival; The Highest Order; The Writes of Spring; Blackie and the Rodeo Kings.



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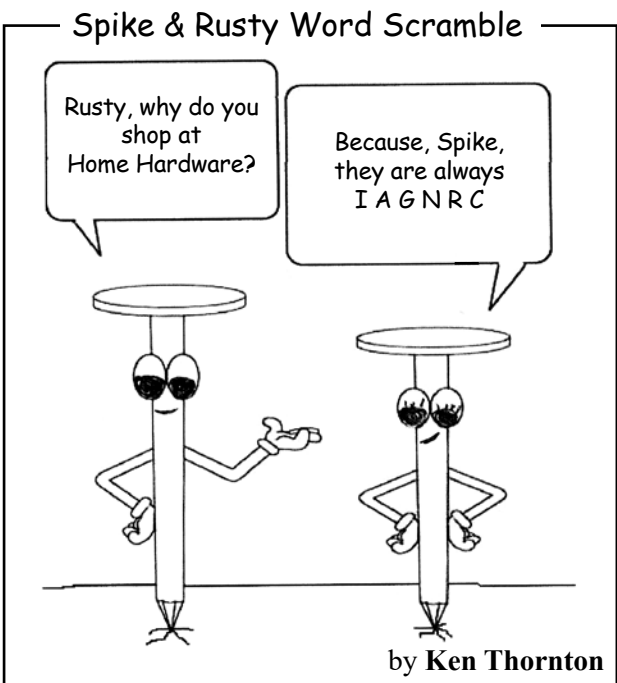
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FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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		8			7		4	

Answer on page 11



Find this week's answer on page 11

Weekend Weather

Friday, December 29
A few flurries
High -11 Low -14
POP 40%

Saturday, December 30
A few flurries
High -11 Low -12
POP 40%

Sunday, December 31
A few flurries
High -9 Low -12
POP 60%

The AVRIDGE FARM

by JEFF WILSON



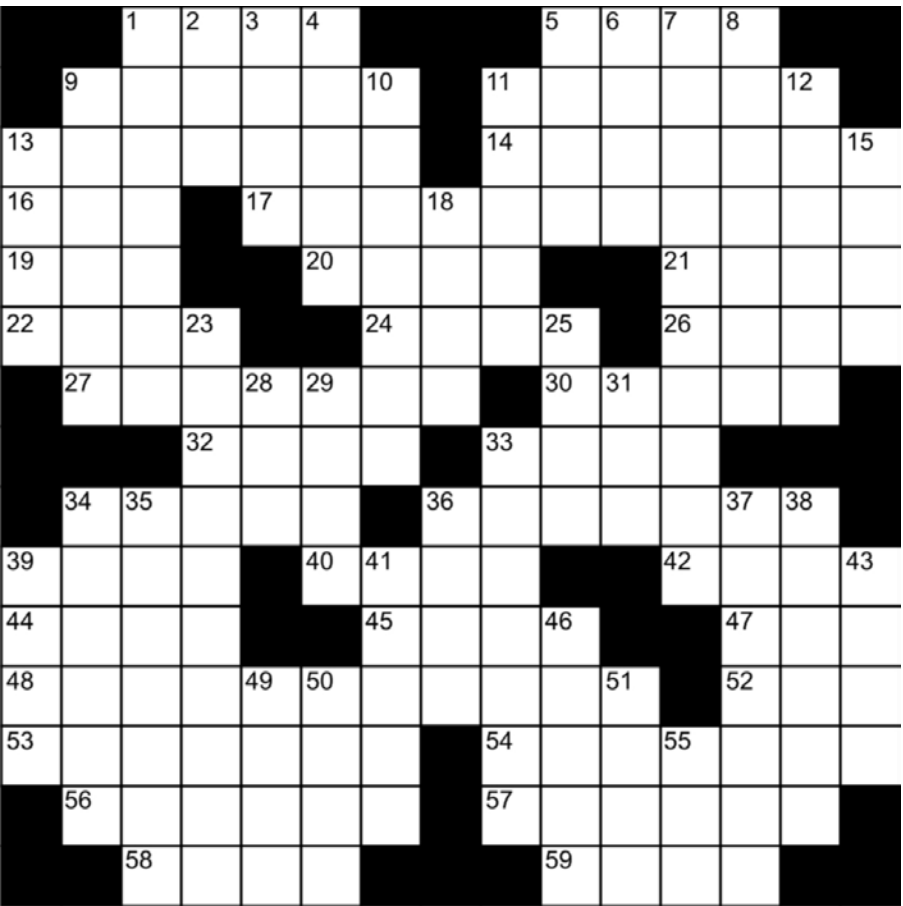
FRED'S FUNNIES

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Canadian Criss Cross

December 29, 2017

- ACROSS
1. Brittle cookie
 5. Jeanne ____
 9. Capital of the Central African Republic
 11. Melting together
 13. Master all over
 14. Nuclear ____
 16. Unit for measuring electric current
 17. Outer part of the earth
 19. Seven, on some clocks
 20. Feline cry
 21. Village in Alberta
 22. Sea eagle
 24. No longer available
 26. One-sidedness
 27. Open to the elements
 30. Hard-hearted
 32. Birthplace of Prince Michael of Kent
 33. Up-to-date in fashion
 34. Fundamental
 36. Unit of refractive power
 39. Match audio and video
 40. Pretty good
 42. Rowing needs
 44. Jason's ship
 45. One of the open spaces of a net
 47. ____ Lanka
 48. Combined effort
 52. Against
 53. Seasoned sausages
 54. In the dark
 56. Fixed reference points, used in surveying
 57. Awards for achievement
 58. Loch ____ Monster
- DOWN
59. Boos' opposites
 1. Fallopian tube
 2. Compass letters
 3. Keffiyeh cord
 4. Jewish holiday
 5. Membership fees
 6. "By yesterday!"
 7. Town in Kent County, New Brunswick
 8. Exclusive group
 9. Stick in the mud
 10. Whole number
 11. Knit your brows
 12. In your right mind
 13. Talk wildly
 15. Stephen and Peggy
 18. Car engine cover
 23. Bishops as a group
 25. Code name for E
 28. Egg cells
 29. One's own person
 31. Cut along the grain
 33. Genus of thistles
 34. Secondary route
 35. One from Luanda
 36. Prescribed selection of foods
 37. Spanky, Alfalfa and gang
 38. Baseball misplays
 39. Pouchlike body parts
 41. Stockpile
 43. Trigonometric function
 46. Bee product
 49. Flightless birds
 50. Eyeglass frames
 51. Nothing
 55. Road leading from one place to another



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

Memorable Moments



Sarah Richardson's *Sarah Off the Grid* aired featuring her Creemore home; SCI students travel to Vimy for the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge; Gillian Yeates announced she would challenge MP Kellie Leitch for the Conservative nomination; SCI hoisted the pride flag; Greg and Meg Young celebrated Claverleigh as a historic site.



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