

# The Creemore ECHO

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At her first birthday party on Nov. 17, **Maggie Morrison's** parents invited family and friends to donate gifts to the Salvation Army, via the *Echo's* toy and food drive.

## Echo toy drive wraps up Monday

Monday is the final day of *The Creemore Echo's* annual food and toy drive.

We have had a tremendous response to this year's campaign. Donations of food and toys are piling up in our foyer.

Gifts will be distributed through Salvation Army Hope Acres and non-perishable food will go to Clearview Stayner Food Bank.

*The Echo* is also accepting monetary donations for both organizations.

Hope Acres' Rehabilitation Centre is an alcohol and addiction treatment centre that gets the bare minimum in government funding and relies on donations.

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

Drop donations off at *The Creemore Echo* office, located at 3 Caroline St. W. by end of day on Monday, Dec. 17.

## Community brainstorms TD bank land future uses

by Trina Berlo

There was a flurry of ideas shared at a public consultation meeting about the TD bank property in Creemore Sunday but it cannot be said there is consensus on what should be done with the vacant building.

More than 150 people crammed into Station on the Green Dec. 9 to take part in a three-part visioning session facilitated by Small, the not-for-profit arm of Toronto-based ERA Architects, at the request of the TD Lands Community Consultation Committee (TLC).

The committee formed in response to mixed reaction from the community when it was proposed that the bank be acquired by a new community foundation and that it be torn down to allow for an expansion to the

Horticultural Park, located between the bank and the grocery store.

Attendees represented a cross section of the Creemore community – entrepreneurs, retirees, young families, weekenders, the old guard were all represented – for the two-hour session.

Participants gathered at tables, when a seat could be found, each assigned a facilitator. The small working groups were asked to consider three specific questions, each one narrowing in focus throughout the session.

“We will start with a big picture conversation and then drill down to the details,” said Small consultant **Heather Campbell**.

Initial questions prompted participants to assess the community's  
(See “Concrete” on page 3)



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TD Lands Community Consultation Committee (TLC) chair **Sara Hershoff** welcomes a full house to Station on the Green Sunday for an idea sharing session about the future use of the TD bank property.

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## This Weekend

- Friday, November 23 to Monday, Dec. 17**

  - **Creemore Echo is Collecting Food & Toys in support of Hope Acres and the Clearview Food Bank.** Gift cards, grocery store cards, cash/cheque donations, non-perishable foods, toys & gifts for all ages are welcome. Drop off your items by Monday, December 17.
  - **Saturdays, December 15, 22 & 29**
  - **Creemore Farmers' Winter Market** at Station on the Green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sunday, December 16**

  - **Church Services** on page 5.
  - **Creemore Legion Breakfast at Creemore Legion is early this month!** 8:30 to 11 a.m. Choice of 2 eggs or waffle, home fries, toast, sausage or bacon, juice, coffee/tea. Adult \$7, children 12 and under \$4. Hungry Soldier Special \$10. **Drawing of the 50/50 tickets will take place at 11 a.m. at the breakfast.** Call 705-466-2202 for more information. 27 Wellington Street West.
- **St. John's United Church** 3rd Sunday of Advent Service: Lessons & Carols Service at 11 a.m. with potluck to follow.
  - **Free Public Skating** sponsored by Stayner Lions every Sunday until the end of December. Creemore Arena from noon to 1:50 p.m. Stayner Arena from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, December 19**

  - **St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner.** Mass at 10 a.m.
  - **Centerpiece Workshop with MS Design.** Explore your creativity and make your own unique Christmas arrangement 6 to 8 p.m. at 5 Francis St. E. \$45 includes natural materials and festive refreshments. Contact 705-466-1131 or flowersbysdesigns@gmail.com. Only 15 spots available. Pre-registration required. Bring your secateurs and gloves.

**Thursday, December 20**

  - **Free Lunch** at Centennial United Church, 234 William Street, Stayner at noon. Come and enjoy a free hot lunch. All are welcome. Email office@ucstayner.ca for more info.
- Tuesday, December 25**

  - **Creemore Community Christmas Dinner** at Creemore Legion at 4:30 p.m. Everyone welcome to dine and/or volunteer. Pay what you can. Donation of non-perishable food item appreciated. Contact Donna at 705-466-2523 or CreemoreChristmasElf@gmail.com to reserve your seat or make special arrangements. For more information see www.CreemoreChristmas.ca and have a Merry Christmas!
- Thursday, December 27**

  - **Canadian Blood Services Blood Donor Clinic** at Angus Recreation Centre, 8527 Cty Rd 10, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. To book an appointment call 1-888-2-DONATE.

**Thursday, December 27 to Sunday, Dec. 30**

  - **Creemore Minor Hockey Tournaments.** The Atoms will host on Thursday, the Novices on Friday & two Jamborees being hosted on Saturday & Sunday. Please come and support our teams. We welcome any monetary donations to support this event. If you have any interest please contact Kevin Bloemendal at 705-441-0061 or at bloemendal177@gmail.com.

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Two presentations were made to long serving members of the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department at the Dec. 5 Mulmur Township Council meeting. Newly inducted Mayor **Janet Horner** presented **Jim Clayton** (left) with a certificate recognizing 30 years of service as a firefighter, 18 of those years as chief. Captain **Dana Prentice** (right) was presented a certificate recognizing 42 years of service.



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The 2nd Annual Christmas Concert in Mulmur Dec. 8 featured local talent. Musician **Bruce Ley** accompanied by **Leisa Way**, kept the crowd swaying to the music as they performed several Christmas songs with conversation and jokes along the way. **Eden Lloyd** played classic Christmas tunes on the flute, **Mikaela Alexander** played guitar and sang us some Christmas favourites and an there was a reading of an original poem, "Christmas in Mulmur".

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## Detailed scenarios presented at next meeting

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past, present and future.

Ideas – too many to list – gave the impression of a village with a rich history, seeing intergenerational change and a cooling economy. Calls for more retail space equaled those for added event and recreational space.

For the final portion of the session, participants were asked to rotate to another table and brainstorm ideas on a map of an integrated area, including the bank, Hort Park and Station on the Green, as if walking through the space, in terms of an everyday experience, to attend a special event, or from a visitor's point of view.

This is where people started looking at the space, with or without the bank, as a whole.

As the news of a community foundation's acquisition of the bank property began to spread through town, a question of whether the building had to be torn down surfaced and a community debate began.

"Our committee felt it was essential

to create an in-depth process and to do this we needed professional assistance. We believe that the comprehensive and inclusive process we are implementing with small's help will ensure our recommendations address all of the considerations associated with the TD lands, and most importantly reflect our community's needs and values," said committee chair **Sara Hershoff**.

At the public meeting it became evident that there is no clear sense of a consensus on the fate of the bank. Some people think it is ugly and should be torn down and others think of it as a useful professional space that should be utilized.

In terms of next steps, the consultant will consider all of the input from Sunday's meeting and also seek input from the municipality, TD corporate, the Creemore Community Foundation, as well as operational and financial considerations before a second round of public consultation on Sunday, Jan. 20, when detailed scenarios will be presented.



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Facilitator **Barb Mann** leads a group session at Sunday's meeting.

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## EDITORIAL

### Bank closure unites and divides community

Even though there was a huge turnout at the public consultation session for the TD Bank property Sunday, a surprisingly large number of people have been eager to find out how it went, saying they really wanted to be there but couldn't make it for one reason or another.

It shows an enormous public interest in what is happening in that relatively small section of Mill Street.

Honestly, the room, as it was set up with tables, couldn't have accommodated many more. As it was, with each table full, there were still people along the edge of the room. There appeared to be a variety of people out, not only the usual suspects, and not all from one specific age group.

It also appeared that there was a high level of engagement. When a question was posed, people jumped in, the many voices causing a din in Station on the Green.

People were there, exchanging ideas, sometimes heatedly, about their vision for the property, which has been offered to the community via a new Creemore Community Foundation.

Yes, the people there were engaged in the process but it would be inaccurate to say that it was a pleasant exercise for everyone.

The proposal to tear down the bank has caused division in the community, that was obvious from the meeting, but also from conversations on the street and also in this newspaper.

It would be a shame if what began as a proposal to raze the bank and create an expanded garden space did more to cause strife within the community, than to provide it a space to come together.

It is perceived that the original intent of the proposal was to tear down a building that does not suit the character of Creemore's main street, thereby removing a building that reminds everyone they were abandoned by their bank. But not everyone agrees. As word of the proposal spread through town, there was an opposing view: Why tear down a quality building when more retail and professional space is needed?

We were united in our opposition to the closure of the bank, but divided in our opinion of what should be done with the building.

It is tricky to judge public opinion on this issue and Sunday's meeting offered no clarity. It could very well be a 50-50 split. Anecdotal, just when it seems public opinion is going one way, there is a slew of counter arguments.

Maybe it would have been easier for the community if TD corporate had put the building on the open market. Now, an opportunity has been dangled in front of us. We have been asked to have a vision and as a result we are open to disappointment should those dreams not be realized.

It is optimistic to hope everyone will be happy with the final outcome but a public consultation process such as this is done with the hope that everyone who participates will understand how a decision was reached, even if they don't agree.

## THE WAY WE WERE



Creemore Santa Claus Parade circa 1965. Submitted by Michael Giffen.

## Limit bump-ups for staff, council

Editor:

At the all-candidate meeting in New Lowell I asked those running what they would accept as their salary in light of the loss of the previously available 30 per cent tax-free component.

The responses provided a very good insight into the moral compasses of incumbent councillors, none of whom pointed out to electors that a company had already been hired to review council salaries and that the process was already underway. New candidates, two of whom were not aware they even got paid, expected (and were happy) to provide their time as a public service for free!

One week before being sworn into office as mayor and just after the previous council voted in the new wage structure for councillors, we have Mr. Measures stating that "it's a full-time job with part-time pay" – Why did he not make that concern for the workload and salary known before asking to be elected?

The mayor and deputy mayor have two income streams, one from Clearview and the other from Simcoe County, in 2017 our Mayor was paid \$16,264 (+ \$3,272 in "expenses") and Deputy Mayor Burton got \$15,779 (+ \$3,407 in "expenses"). Depending on their attendance at county the mayor will be getting over \$53,000 and his deputy over \$43,000 plus expenses and health benefits. Not bad for what really is a part-time job,

Linking council salaries to staff increases is

one way that council can drastically increase their incomes (since they vote upon staff increases outside of any Union contracting) without it looking like they are voting themselves a raise. The beneficiaries of this taxpayer largesse will be both the "million-dollar staff club" and the nine council members (most municipalities in Ontario have five councillors including the mayor and deputy). Once again all discussion of these matters took place in-camera (in the presence of the four newly elected councillors), hiding behind the "excuse for a closed meeting" that they were also determining staff increases which are apparently now already known and yet will not be publicly disclosed until the next budget almost a year from now.

In 2016-2017 CAO Sage was given a 6.89 per cent increase and has received a total of 22.95 per cent in increases from 2014 to 2016 – Is this going to be the standard upon which future Clearview council salaries will rest?

If this new council wants to establish any basis for future trust in this regard, they should limit the remuneration increases for both senior staff and councillors to the same standard that the federal government uses for seniors' pension and benefits.

I hope all of our residents have a very prosperous New Year, our mayor and council certainly will!

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# Second Side Road 26/27 upgrade application filed

by George Powell

The mission of the Blue Mountain Watershed Trust is to “Preserve and Enhance the Blue Mountain Watershed Ecosystem” and in this regard the application to the Niagara Escarpment Commission by Clearview Township to reconstruct Side Road 26/27 and to amend the Niagara Escarpment Plan is a concern and the reason for this letter to you. It is one we would like you to share with your readers.

Our concern arises from the Minutes of Settlement and resulting Road Improvement Agreement between the County of Simcoe, the Township of Clearview and Walker Aggregates Inc. The essence of this agreement is that a portion of the proposed quarry haul route, that is, the section of Simcoe County Road 91 from Grey County Road 31 to a location just west of the intersection of Simcoe County Roads 91 and 124, would be transferred to the Township of Clearview and deemed a Township Road. The portion of Simcoe County Road 91 from Grey County Road 31 abutting the lands owned by Walker would be closed and transferred to them. These are transactions that are rarely done by Counties and/or Municipalities.

The Minutes of Settlement and resulting Road Settlement Agreement had little public input. Alternatives to the loss of County Road 91 as a major cross County artery connecting the Counties of Grey and Simcoe

were never discussed in an open and transparent manner such as a public forum. County transportation master planning, to our knowledge, never addressed this issue.

Truck traffic has increased dramatically in the area since the beginning of aggregate removal from the new Walker and St. Marys cement quarries. The latter quarry located in Grey County is directly across from the new Walker quarry. The proposed Gibraltar Pit Quarry, presently before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal and others proposed in the area will further impact road traffic. It must be stressed that the vehicles used to haul aggregate are the largest and heaviest allowed in Ontario. The haulage roads need to be designed for the heavy wheel loads, larger turning radii and in areas where the roads are steep passing lanes. The winter climate in the Escarpment area of the Blue Mountains is severe and snow removal and de-icing are essential to provide safe driving conditions. Maintenance is very difficult on the steep sections of Escarpment roads.

One of the conditions of the Walker Duntroon Quarry hearing decision of June 12, 2012, was that Side Road 26/27 had to be upgraded before aggregate could be shipped from the new quarry. Contrary to this condition, Walker were allowed by Clearview and the Ministry of Natural Resources to construct a tunnel under County Road

91 and shipping of aggregate from the new Quarry commenced in July of 2016.

Clearview made their first application to the Niagara Escarpment Commission for approval to reconstruct Side Road 26/27 in January of 2014. This application was refused by the Niagara Escarpment Commission on November 27, 2015 by a vote of 12 to 1 for the following reasons:

1. The road project did not meet the test of “essential” as alternatives were not taken into consideration, a requirement of lands zoned an Escarpment Natural Area.
2. A tunnel under County Road 91 was provided making the case for reconstructing Side Road 26/27 as “essential” not the case.
3. Further development of the road would offend the objectives of the Niagara Escarpment’s two most sensitive land use designations i.e., Escarpment Natural and Escarpment Protection Areas.
4. Further development of the road would cause environmental harm to cold-water streams and steep Escarpment slopes.

Clearview appealed this decision to the Ontario Environmental and Land Tribunal in December of 2015. Clearview in the spring of 2016, in carrying further environmental assessment work on the road allowance, disclosed to the Environmental Review Tribunal that additional wetlands not

identified in their first application had been discovered. This further complicated the environmental investigation. To substantiate this concern, we had our environmental expert investigate and confirm the presence of additional wetlands and this will now require Clearview to file for an amendment of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Finally, on Oct. 29, after over three years and some 10 Pre-Hearing Conferences, the Niagara Escarpment Commission has advised they have received the second application for reconstruction of Side Road 26/27, along with an application to amend the Niagara Escarpment Plan. No hearing date can be set until these applications are processed.

A municipality in carrying out road construction in Ontario is required to go through a prescribed Municipal Class Environment Assessment (MCEA) process before they can carry out the work. Clearview chose to carry out the work as a Schedule “A+” project. This schedule of undertaking is the lowest level of MCEA, one reserved for normal operational maintenance activities and projects that have minimal environmental impact. Based on what has transpired to date since the original application, this is obviously not the case and shows a lack of understanding of the purpose of the MCEA process. Reconstruction of Side Road 26/27 is a  
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## LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY



### Sunday, December 16

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OPINION

# Other viable options should be explored

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complex environmental, road design and construction project not a Schedule “A+” MCEA. We believe a schedule “C” undertaking would be more appropriate as it allows for public input and consideration of alternatives. This is what was recommended by several parties to the Walker Duntroon hearing. A key part of a schedule “C” undertaking would be to investigate present and future traffic issues in both Grey and Simcoe Counties. Such a study would provide all interested parties with a better understanding of the serious implications of the course of action being presently proposed by Clearview.

The Niagara Escarpment Commission should request the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks to clarify this concern.

Reconstructing Side Road 26/27 is not a satisfactory solution for the loss of County Road 91. Alternatives need to be studied and there are other viable options available that should have been considered if a proper schedule of MCEA had been followed in the first place. This is the purpose of the MCEA process and would have consulted with the public and addressed the issue in a far fair, timelier and cost-effective manner.

George Powell, P. Eng., is Vice Chair of Blue Mountain Watershed Trust Foundation's Watershed Action Group.

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Staff photo: Trina Berlo

The parlour at A Day at Victoria's, is the white room.

# Tour a linen wonderland

**by Trina Berlo**

Imagine a grand three-storey brick farmhouse, room upon room filled with the most beautiful antique lace, crochet, clothing and drapery. It would take hours to browse through such a place, eyes darting hither and tither, not knowing where to rest.

That is exactly why **Cathy Patterson** has called her textile wonderland A Day at Victoria's.

Each room is sorted by colour and although there is an overwhelming amount of merchandise, everything is piled neatly and in astonishing order.

Patterson has had a life-long appreciation for the finer things. She has been restoring antique linen and lace since she was a teenager, beginning with her grandparents' Christening dresses. She then restored her mom's wedding dress, adding embellishments.

Twenty-one years ago, Patterson started selling linens and baking, and grew a business from there. She now has a houseful of Victorian and vintage textiles and serves Scottish teas from a room off the kitchen, where there is a comfy couch and a woodstove.

Although the linen and lace is abundant, in her

collection of clothing, bedding, tablecloths, and tartan, Patterson also has an extensive inventory of jewellery, lamps, dolls, sweaters, even books and silver.

She said people come to spend the day at Victoria's because the collection sucks people in.

"Don't be surprised if you feel overwhelmed," she says. "Many people have that reaction their first visit."

It is a bit overwhelming because one doesn't know where to look first, and time seems to pass quickly, yet somehow not at all, while going from room to room.

Patterson said some people tuck up in the attic to browse through the books, others meticulously go through piles of blankets or a suitcase of lace. One couple spent an entire day sorting through jars of antique buttons looking for very specific pieces for their collection.

"They found some really great ones that I didn't even know I had," she said.

This is a special year for the Pattersons. It marks 140 Christmases held in the 1878 farmhouse and an eerily serendipitous replacement of an original stained glass window.

The original part of the house was built by Joseph and Elizabeth Culham. Patterson said it was always busy with community and church gatherings (and their ghosts are still active).

The Culhams, and a brother who lived next door, were the first to have phones in Sunnidale Township, having successfully petitioned to allow the phone line to cross the rail line in 1906.

The house was sold outside the family in 1967 and sometime in the 1970s, when the house was being raised, a stained glass window in the dining room was broken. The owner's daughter showed up one day and offered Patterson the window. She took it to Huronia Art Glass to have the glass repaired and

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# House open for Victorian Fairytale Christmas

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reset and they sent it out to have a new frame constructed.

The plan was to hang the restored panel in front of the window. Patterson said she had no intention of trying to reinstall the window because an old house tends to shift and she never imagined it would fit.

So off it went, without any measurements or special instructions.

When it came back, the window sat for a while wrapped in a blanket, while

Patterson prepared the house for the holiday season and then, after some deliberation, she and husband **David** decided to see if it would fit.

"It slid right in," said Patterson with amazement.

She told the glass restorer to tell the man who built the frame, "You let the carpenter know that 'the carpenter' was guiding him. We call that a Godwink in the community."

Being a family of faith, Patterson said they are still revelling in the awe of it.

It all came together in time for A Victorian Fairytale Christmas opening Nov. 24.

In addition to being open in the summer months, A Day at Victoria's is open for a month leading up to Christmas. Until Dec. 24, the house is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and decorated for the holiday with Patterson's ornaments made from vintage materials, and a number of other gift items. Almost everything in the house is for sale, at least those items clearly marked with price tags. All linens are 40 per cent off in celebration of the house's 140th anniversary.

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Staff photo: Trina Berlo

**Cathy Patterson** in front of the original stained glass window that was recently returned to its rightful place.



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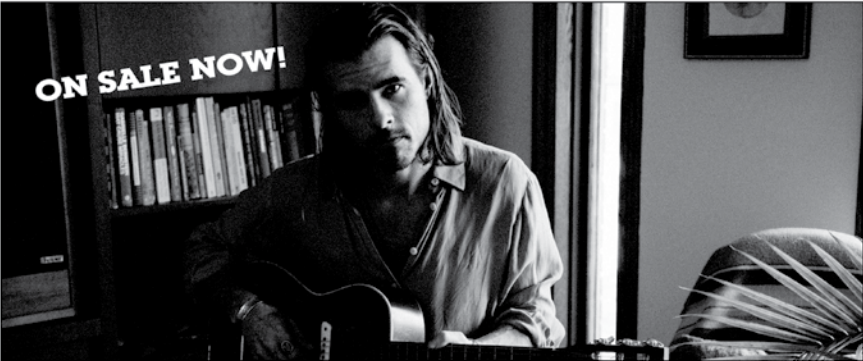
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## Creemore Curling Club standings

### Men

Team	win-loss-tie
Adam Verstegen	4-2-0
Gord Fuller	3-2-1
Bill Neelin	3-3-0
Neil Rowbotham	3-3-0
Dave Millsap	3-3-0
John Millsap	2-2-1
Bill Hewitt	2-4-0
Ron Coulter	2-3-0

### Mixed

Team	win-loss-tie
Bell	4-1-0
Fuller	4-2-0
Crevier	4-2-0
Cass	3-2-1
McArthur	3-3-0
Meulyndyk	2-4-0
Neelin	1-4-0
Baylis	1-4-1

From The Hack: Both the Adam Verstegen and Gord Fuller rinks have won their games and managed to move up in the standings taking hold of 1st and 2nd places while other teams continue to stall. We now have a three-way tie for third place with the Dave Millsap team moving up to join the others in third spot. The John Millsap team, with a game in hand, also advanced with a win remains but cannot afford a loss. With only one game remaining in the first draw can the Verstegen rink hang on to first place in such a close and competitive field.

From the Hack: Team Baylis scored their first win with a victory over Team Bell. Team Neelin won, but lost by default as Bill was the lone team member with three spares. His opponent, Brian Cass, made the TSN shot of the game! With one game left, there are three teams with four wins. Team Bell has played one less game... cancelled as Team Neelin didn't have enough players. Team Bell has defeated both Teams Crevier and Fuller. So.....will Jim's Belles be headed to the Interleague Challenge on Dec. 19?

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## Thanks for sharing YOUR IDEAS

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TD Lands Community Consultation Committee



The TLC extends a heartfelt thank you to the 170 people who attended the **TD Lands Community Consultation** meeting Dec. 9. Your ideas, opinions and insights were inspiring and exciting. These thoughts are being reviewed and we are gathering more information that will lead to the creation of scenarios for your consideration at a community meeting in January.

Thanks also to Heather Campbell and the team from *small*, as well as our table facilitators for ensuring the process went smoothly. As always the work was made light by the many helping hands that appeared without asking. Thanks to all of you for your thoughtfulness.

**If you were unable to attend but would like to have input on the TD Lands, attended the meeting and have further thoughts or you are looking for more information please contact:**  
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**NEXT MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, Jan. 20, 2 pm**

Station on the Green **CREEMORE**, Clearview, ON





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The McArthur trophy was presented by **Milton McArthur** to ladies team Skip **Heather Walker**, Vice **Karen Crevier**, Lead **Debbie Prosser** and 2nd **Rita Madill**.

Ladies

From the Hack: It was a loud and lively championship game on Monday night. Team Millsap and Team Walker both brought their best games. The house was full of rocks each end for precision skip shots, with Team Walker victorious.

Daytime

Team	win-loss-tie
Coulter	9-2-2
Loranger	9-4-0
Bell	9-5-0
Steed	4-9-1
McDougall	4-9-1
Lambert	4-10-0

From the Hack: On Monday, teams Bell and Loranger managed wins over Teams Lambert and Steed respectively. Bill and Diane threw some excellent stones for Team McDougall, forcing top team Coulter, to a tie. Ron and Anne (of Team Coulter fame!) were seen practicing draw and takeout shots on Monday afternoon in anticipation of their upcoming confrontation with their arch rivals Team Loranger. Well, practice makes perfect as Team Coulter was able to beat Team Loranger in a close match, on Wednesday. Good curling everyone!

Big Heart Seniors

December 6

We had 6 tables +1. Welcome back **Marg Hennesy**. Thanks to **John VanVroost** for candy.

50/50: **Marg Falls**, **Leona Hardling**, **John VanVroost**, **Isabelle Gubbels**.

Moon shots: **June Hartley**, **Marcia Cameron**, **Jim Rigney**. **Leona Harding** got the travel prize

Winners: **Roy Veinot**, 299; **Morris Tymchuk**, 274; **Elsie Longson**, 234; **Carol Tymchuk**, 222. Low: **Barb Pilon**, 76. Lucky chair: **Peter Gubbels**.

Creemore Tyke team has strong start to season

On Sunday, Dec. 2 the Creemore Valley Hawks Tyke team opened their season with a home game against Stayner.

Right from the opening face-off the kids were after the puck and attacking the Stayner net. **Thomas Weldon**, **Nate Patterson** and **Keenan Reynolds** filled the Stayner net with goals, while **Otis Harbec** played like a young **Bobby Orr**.

The all girls line of **Katie Gillespie**, **Anna Belle Hamilton**, **Aliyah Ross Kinghan** and **Marin Tamlin** chipped in a couple of goals and played great defense. It was the first game ever for Marin and she had numerous chances to score, all her hard work in practice is paying off.

**Cooper Duits** and **Hayden Goodfellow Oster** showed great stick handling and made some incredible passes to setup their linemates. **Jackson Hutchinson** played net and although rarely tested he made some big saves.

The player of the game was **Reese Fuller** who was also playing his first game ever and scored his first career goal on his first shot.

All the players had a great time from the opening cheers in the dressing room to the final buzzer and we are looking forward to our next game in Owen Sound on Dec. 15.

FUN & Games

Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

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FRED'S FUNNIES

Why did the elf push his bed into the fireplace?

He wanted to sleep like a log.

Canadian Criss Cross

December 14, 2018

ACROSS

1. Toward the mouth
5. Ruth's second husband
9. Unit of money in Argentina
13. Word repeated after "Que," in song
14. Firth of Forth town
16. Vingt-\_\_
17. Mentioned earlier
18. Noncitizen in an ancient Greek city who had some of the privileges of citizenship
19. Front end of a plane
20. Self-confidence
22. City formerly known as Madras
24. Mythical bird of prey
26. Climbing plant
27. Movable indicator on a computer screen
30. Downwind
34. Coniferous tree
35. Tel \_\_\_\_
37. Do what a law says you must do
38. Equal: Fr.
39. Variety of copal
40. Roster listing the rotation of duties
41. Monetary unit of Georgia
42. Cut with scissors
43. Change direction
44. Canadian wrestler Martin
46. Fourscore
49. In the capacity of
50. Three prefix
51. "Don't You (Forget \_\_\_\_)" (Simple

- Minds song)
55. Tax on imported goods
60. Hindu spring festival
61. Before the expected time
64. Two-toed sloth
65. Football positions
66. Uses a towel
67. Glance through in a hurry
68. Prepare potatoes
69. Ark builder
70. Canadian who played for the Jets

DOWN

1. Bones
2. Enjoy the rewards of your efforts
3. Seed covering
4. Groove cut into a board
5. Chopsticks material
6. Flamenco shout

7. Keyboard key
8. Relating to animals
9. First freighter to bring cargo to Canada's newly opened port at Churchill, Manitoba
10. English school for boys
11. Ancient city and capital of Elam
12. "The \_\_\_\_ Love" (R.E.M. song)
15. Carry out successfully
21. Title for a married woman
23. Day before a holiday
25. Narrow opening in a rock
27. It can be smoked
28. River in Venezuela
29. Give up

30. Mollusc which clings tightly to rocks
31. On the subject of
32. Give a new trial to
33. Actress Cannon
34. Wealth acquired dishonestly
36. Roman numeral for 7
39. Guilt-ridden
45. Make an incision
47. Ob River tributary
48. Actress Scala
51. Throat-clearing sound
52. \_\_\_\_ fide
53. Town in Alberta
54. Make, as money
56. Piece of twice-baked bread
57. Black
58. \_\_\_\_ accompli
59. Be overcome with anger
62. \_\_\_\_ de Janeiro
63. Meadow

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DEATH NOTICE



**CHRISTIE, Diane** – Recently diagnosed with Leukemia, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Royal Victoria Regional Health Care Centre in Barrie on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 the age of 73. Loving wife of Ed, cherished mother of Michael and his wife Sandra and Dana and her husband Shawn, Adored grandmother of Matthew, Michael, Kelly and Rachel. Diane will also be missed by her Sister Pat Lunan and her brothers Steve and his wife Cherolyn, Ron and his wife Joanne and Dave and his wife Beattie along with many nieces and nephews. Diane dedicated her life to her grand kids, her home and her love for her horses. A private family service will be held with interment at Trinity United Cemetery. For those wishing to make a donation as an expression of sympathy please consider the Hospice Georgian Triangle or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada. Friends may visit Diane’s online Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com).

DEATH NOTICE



**WIGGINS, Sylvia Joan**, nee van Steenburgh, born December 22, 1933, beloved wife of John R. Wiggins passed away peacefully at the age of 84 on Saturday, December 8, 2018. Cherished mother of Christopher, Sheralie (John) and Lisa (Dan), grandmother of Michael (Elyse), Joshua, Daniel, Taylor, Spencer, Emily and Jonathan, great grandmother of Daxton. She was predeceased by her parents Walter Elgin and Lydia van Steenburgh and brothers Elgin and Walter. Visitation was held at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 2 to 4 & 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service will take place at St. Luke’s Anglican Church at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 14, 2018. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family. Friends may visit Sylvia’s online Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com).

DEATH NOTICE



**HAMILTON, Katherine Anne** passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family at Campbell House on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at the age of 74 years. Katherine, beloved wife of John; proud and loving mother of Tom (Bonnie), Sherri Hamilton-Houston (Laurie) and Terri Hamilton (Michael) will be forever cherished by her grandchildren Alicia, Johnny and Ava. Katherine was born in Peterborough to parents, the late Ken and Barbara Kemp. She is survived by her sister Nancy Chalmers (late Jim) and will be fondly remembered by all who knew her. Visitation was held at Fawcett Funeral Home – Creemore Chapel on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. Funeral service took place at the Holy Trinity Clearview, Duntroon at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Royal Victoria Regional Health Foundation – Simcoe Muskoka Cancer Program would be appreciated by the family. Friends may visit Katherine’s online Book of Memories at [www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com](http://www.fawcettfuneralhomes.com).

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## CHRISTMAS

**A Victorian Fairy Tale Christmas** from Nov. 24 to Dec. 24: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Find antiques, linen & lace, Christmas teas. Come discover a grand Victorian Christmas event & experience the joy of the season. As you share in the history of 140 Christmases in our 1878 country farmhouse. Come celebrate a century's worth of fine linens, laces, quilts & blankets, clothing, jewellery & accessories. Sneak a peak at old world Santas, angels & snowmen while scents of cinnamon & beautiful music fill the air. Choose a perfect holiday gift from our hand knit & crochet items, teddy bears & dolls and our famous honey butters. Visit Victoria's attic of silver, prints, needlework, the reading room and the Scottish room. 40% off all linens. Come enjoy Scottish themed tea & scones or a full Scottish lunch. 24 hour notice required. 2 km east of Stayner on Hwy 26 to Centreline Road. South 3 km to Sunnidale Concession 9. East 1 km to "A Day at Victoria's" Fire# 5681. 705-428-0445 Cathy. Accepting cash and cheques. Bring your slippers!

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## IN MEMORIAM

**VOKES, Christopher** – Remembering a special son, grandson, nephew and cousin, who left us December 18, 2006.

His challenges, and the way he met them, gave us the strength to deal with our own.

Always loved and remembered by Kathy, Eric and family.

**PRIDDLE, Marion** – June 14, 1930 - December 17, 2012.

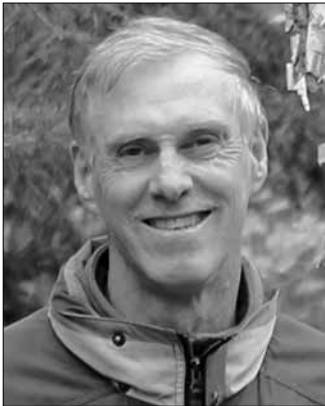
Many a day her name is spoken,  
And many an hour she is in our thoughts,  
A link in our family chain is broken,  
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But not from our hearts.  
Sadly missed and loved always,  
Brian & Marj, Karen and families.

**WILSON** – In memory of **Cecil Wilson** Aug. 27, 1904 - January 25, 1978 and **Mildred Wilson** Jan 3, 1906 - December 15, 1994.

Love Muriel Day (Bill), Marjorie & Delmer Leonard, Alex & Robin Wilson and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May you continue to rest in peace.

## DEATH NOTICE



**ANDERSON, Thomas John** – It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Tom Anderson on Saturday, December 8, 2018 in his 63<sup>rd</sup> year. Tom of Lisle, beloved husband of Jane (nee Montgomery). Loving father of Heather (Shane) Walker, David, and Scott. Cherished Grandpa to Reese and Ryleigh. Brother of Doug (Judy) Anderson and Debbie (Ray) McFadden. Tom will be missed by his many nieces and nephews, family, and friends. Visitation took place at Drury Funeral Centre, 519 Victoria St. E., Alliston on Thursday, December 13, 2018. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 11 a.m. Reception to follow. If desired, donations in memory of Tom may be made to the Royal Victoria Health Centre - Kidney Clinic.

## DEATH NOTICE



**WOOLNER, Paul Robert**  
1940 – 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Paul Robert Woolner announces his unexpected passing on Monday, December 10, 2018 at the age of 78 peacefully with us by his side. Husband of 53 years to his beloved wife Margaret (nee Agnew). Devoted father to Sherri (Neal) and the Late Cathy (2005). Loving and proud Grandpa/Papa to Allison, Ryan and Colleen Howes. Predeceased by parents Cecil Alwood Woolner and Florence Mabel Miller, sister Elizabeth ("Bette") and brother Jim. Survived by several nieces and nephews.

Paul was born and raised in Creemore, Ontario, having worked at the Toronto Dominion Bank in town. He was a proud member of the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1958 – 1971, a civilian member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from 1971 – 1994, and as his retirement career, he was the manager of the RCMP Curling Club from 1994 – 2004. Over the years, Paul had been an avid curler, golfer, philatelist, bird watcher with the grandchildren, genealogist, as well as a car racing and antique car enthusiast (easily recognized driving around Ottawa in his 1931 Model A Ford that he restored). Paul valued the many lasting friendships he made through these interests.

Friends may pay respects at the Kelly Funeral Home Walkley Chapel, 1255 Walkley Road, Ottawa, ON K1V 6P9 613-731-1255. On Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Funeral Service will be held Monday, December 17, 2018 at Rideau Park United Church, (2203 Alta Vista Drive) at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Ottawa Humane Society, or charity of your choice in Paul's name would be greatly appreciated. Condolences and sharing memories at [www.kellyfh.ca](http://www.kellyfh.ca).

## FUNDRAISING

**Friends of the the East Nottawasaga Cemetery** on Fairgrounds Road have begun fundraising for a restoration and improvement project next summer 2019, which will include straightening and cleaning monuments, tree planting, grounds improvement etc. As one of the oldest cemeteries in Simcoe County, many of the pioneers that settled in the area in the mid 1800s are resting here. Contributions towards this project can be made to the "East Nottawasaga Cemetery" c/o Morrison Farm, 1881 Concession 6, Creemore L0M 1G0. Email [warren.morrison@live.com](mailto:warren.morrison@live.com) for more information.

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# Creemore Echo founder Sylvia Wiggins dies at 84

by Trina Berlo

Although Sylvia Wiggins left Creemore in 2011, it was her home, said husband **John**, and where friends and family will gather to mourn her death this week.

Born in 1933, Sylvia grew up in Ottawa where she graduated top of her class and played the violin.

“She was a very bright gal,” said John.

He said they were wed before Sylvia finished a psychology degree at Queen’s University but she went on to earn a teaching degree, which turned out to be one of several careers.

Sylvia made several contributions to Creemore. She had a clothing shop called the Purple Frog in the building that is now home to Creemore Springs Brewery, founded by John, where she sat on the board of directors and served as secretary and treasurer.

John said once arthritis forced him to stop working as a graphic designer, Sylvia became certified as a financial planner and worked in the city but after he got the brewery up and running, he encouraged her to scale back on work and come back to the farm so she could enjoy her horses.

Sylvia had a lifelong love of horses but had her first opportunity to own them once they moved to the farm. John said at the age of 60 she was



Sylvia Wiggins

competing in dressage.

Sylvia was also the founder of *The Creemore Echo* newspaper. When *the Creemore Star* shut down, Sylvia decided to fill the void left in the community – especially with a local election on the horizon. John supported the effort by designing the masthead and drawing the cartoon. Sylvia

launched *The Creemore Echo* in 1997 and was owner/publisher for a few years before turning it over to **Craig Simpson** and **Phil Stevenson**.

“I think she was relieved when the boys came along,” said John.

He said she felt she wasn’t putting the time in and was happy to see someone else take the reigns.

Sylvia was also a strong opponent of the wind turbine project, which has since been cancelled. She and John initiated action against the installation of wind turbines near their farm in 2012.

John said Sylvia was a dedicated volunteer, a great bridge player, career woman but she really lived for her three children; **Christopher, Sheralie and Lisa**.

“She lived for her children. She was a wonderful mom,” said John.


In their retirement they did a lot of travelling, exploring China, Australia New Zealand, Europe and many other places.

“She had a very open mind and an inquisitive mind,” said John.

“She was a wonderful support to me and that was a difficult job because I made a lot of zany moves in life and she was with me all the way.”

Sylvia, who had dementia and spent the last years of her life in care, died on Dec. 8.

Visitation is at Fawcett Funeral Home’s Creemore Chapel from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13. The Funeral service will take place at St. Luke’s Anglican Church, located at 22 Caroline St. W, at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Alzheimer Society.



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