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review  
2018**

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- Friday, December 28

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

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.
- Saturdays, December 29

  - **Creemore Farmers' Winter Market** at Station on the Green from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, December 30

  - **Church Services** on page 5.
  - **Holy Trinity Clearview, Duntroon.** First Sunday of Christmas with Holy Communion at 10 a.m.
  - **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, Creemore.** Memories of 2018 and Dreams of 2019 with Holy Echarist at 11:15 a.m.
  - **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.
- Monday, December 31

  - **St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner.** New Year's Eve Mass at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1

  - **St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Stayner.** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday, January 3

  - **Georgian Triangle Humane Society "Hip Hop Class" Fundraiser** hosted by Alyssa Rowbotham. At The DanceRoom, 236 Huron Street, Stayner, from 6 to 7 p.m. Minimum \$15 donation. Ages 8+ will learn a fun & challenging hip hop choreography.



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# Politicians at all levels make headlines in 2018

*Simcoe Grey saw much political change in 2018 – not in the politics but in the politicians.*

*The riding remains true blue but all three levels of government have made headlines in 2018.*

## Federal

The year began with Conservative Party approval for two Simcoe Grey County residents to challenge sitting MP **Kellie Leitch**.

Area obstetrician and gynecologist **Gillian Yeates** and Essa Mayor **Terry Dowdall** received approval to challenge Leitch for the national Conservative Party nomination for the Simcoe-Grey riding.

Later in January, Leitch announced she would not seek re-election.

In a statement she said she would complete her current term but after that she will return to her career in paediatric medicine.

Hundreds of party members came out to the Simcoe-Grey Conservative Electoral District Association nomination meeting at Stayner Collegiate Institute March 24, where they chose Dowdall as their candidate for Simcoe-Grey in the next federal election over Yeates, **Marc Biss** and **Tim Bulmer** – a third and fourth candidate to join the race.

When Simcoe Grey voters go to the polls in October 2019, it will be Dowdall's name on the ballot for the Conservatives, and given this

## In the News

riding's history, he will likely be the next member of parliament.

### Provincial

Since leaving the Progressive Conservative Party, Simcoe Grey MPP **Jim Wilson** has not made any public statements or appearances.

Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson resigned as Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation.

The announcement that he was stepping down from his cabinet post to seek treatment for addiction issues was made Friday, Nov. 2.

The following week, Premier **Doug Ford** told reporters that he forced Wilson to resign as a result of allegations of sexual misconduct, in addition to addiction issues as had been originally stated. Ford said Wilson had gone to rehab.

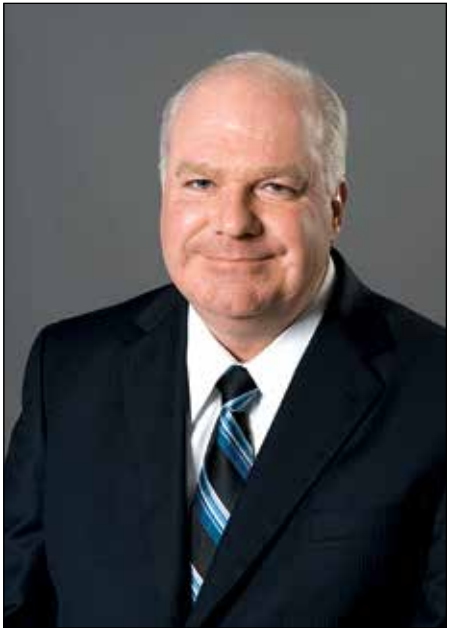
Although Wilson has resigned from his cabinet post, he is still the member of parliament for Simcoe-Grey.

### Municipal

There was some added drama in the 2018 municipal elections when long-time Nottawa councillor **Doug Measures** announced in July that he would be running for mayor and councillor **Janet Horner** decided to run for mayor in Mulmur. And, they both won.



Terry Dowdall and Kellie Leitch



Jim Wilson



Janet Horner



Doug Measures

# Bill McDougall steps away after decade at Station

## Volunteer Spotlight

As a newcomer to Creemore in 2006, **Bill McDougall** got involved with Station on the Green shortly afterward.

This year, he has stepped away from his volunteer duties, after a decade on the Station board.

McDougall started off as a volunteer, doing landscaping, working with neighbour **Paul Ruppel**, learning about how to care for the facility and the fountain. McDougall and Ruppel looked after the building while other board members took care of the other duties. "Gradually you get more involved. You get sucked in," he said.

Twice, the fountain had to undergo a huge overhaul. Volunteers, using dental picks, scraped away calcium build-up to prepare it for re-bronzing.

McDougall said the first time, they installed a water softener to try to minimize the calcium deposits. It wasn't enough to soften the hard municipal water so the second time, they installed a reverse osmosis system.



Bill McDougall

Although he isn't the main organizer, McDougall has spent many days hauling books for the biannual Big Book Bash, the book sale that raises money to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the facility, and keep rental costs down.

McDougall said he is stepping away from his duties at this point to move

on, and make time to do projects at home. But no worries – he has written detailed procedure manuals about how everything works for the next maintenance crew.

He has also been involved with the

executive of the Creemore Curling Club and is still an active member. He has also been involved in politics, working with MP **Kellie Leitch** and the Conservative Party Electoral District Association.

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# From the front page

The Creemore Echo looks back on some of the news that made headlines in 2018.

## NCPs annex goes up for sale on open market

by Trina Berlo  
The Nottawasaga and Creemore Public School annex, more commonly referred to as the old school, is on the open real estate market as of June 29. The school property is listed for \$675,000, with Sutton Group Incentive Realty in Barrie.  
Locals have been speculating what would be the fate of the former Creemore school since it closed in 2014. For the past few years, the Simcoe County District School Board has moved through the process of declaring the property surplus and putting it up for sale.  
The annex is located on 1.8 acres, at the corner of Caroline and Collingwood streets.  
According to the listing, the 11,694-square-foot two-storey 1917 building, with an addition in 1995, is being sold in its current capacity. The



A view of the old school's main entrance.

fully serviced site has parking for 19 vehicles.

Clearview council passed on an advance opportunity to purchase the

property last year.  
At that time, staff reported, overnight accommodation of persons, be it residential or institutional, would not be permitted due to the lands being located in the floodway, as such, the lands are not suitable for the municipality to acquire for a housing project.  
The current Institutional Zoning allows for the following uses: Cancer counselling centre; place of worship; job training centre; library; museum; art gallery; government office or government works building; health care centre (excluding hospitals); cemetery, including an accessory funeral home or a crematorium; or public works yard and facilities with accessory outdoor storage (excluding hazardous substances and gas storage).  
Deadline for offers is July 31. The MLS number is 30665698.

Simcoe County paramedics conduct a patient transfer to an Ornge airplane waiting at Collingwood Regional Airport last Friday, when eight people were seriously injured in a Highway 26 collision involving a bus and a van.

## Eight people injured in severe head-on crash

by Trina Berlo  
Eight people were injured last Friday in a severe head-on crash on Highway 26 near Collingwood.

## Plan tabled to convert bank to park land

by Trina Berlo  
Behind the scenes, a plan has been brewing that would result in a community foundation taking possession of the TD Bank building in Creemore, and razing it to make room for the expansion of the Hort Park.

Tony Arrell and Stuart Lazier have met with officials at TD Bank and although a deal had not yet been inked, they say there are assurances that the bank is willing to gift the building to the community.

The TD Bank building on Mill Street has been sitting vacant since the Creemore branch closed in May, but the building is still used to house the bank machine.

The proposal is in its infancy and



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

## Bondfield library build delayed

by Trina Berlo  
The library construction project in Stayner is about seven weeks behind schedule due to the financial woes of contractor Bondfield Construction Company.

Bondfield Construction Company was in the news recently for construction delays on several big projects, including Union Station, cost overruns and delays in paying sub-contractors. Some projects have been terminated.

The new branch of the Clearview Public Library, being built as an addition to the Stayner arena, is about seven weeks behind schedule, said Clearview Township CAO Steve Sage.

He said he met with Bondfield officials and contractors have been returning to the site.

"As far as the project is bankrupt,"



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

## Businesses seek ways to lift load restrictions

by Trina Berlo

Clearview businesses that rely on trucking showed up at council chambers Monday in full force to advocate for upgrades to two major roadways, therefore negating the need for half load restrictions.

The restrictions are meant to protect roads from damage during the spring thaw by reducing the amount of allowable truck weight to five tons per axle.

For the past year a group of residents, acting as the Clearview Road Upgrade Committee, has been working to find a way to lift the restrictions and they have come forward with a proposal they are hoping Clearview will champion at the county level.

The committee represents businesses most affected by load restrictions on County Roads 9 and 42, also known locally as Airport Road. The goal is to

a corridor that is unencumbered by load restrictions.

Stayner Rental owner Paul Van Staveren and Creemore BIA past president Corey Finkelstein made the pitch Monday, requesting the township ask the County of Simcoe to use a new technology to stabilize a portion of both county roads, bringing them up to full load capacity, at a cost of \$3-million (or \$300,000 per kilometre). The new technology, as it was explained, would add a layer to absorb the weight of the trucks without damaging the road. This could be done at a fraction of the cost of what it would take to re-do the road.

The committee sees it as an investment in economic development that comes with several perks. Load restrictions, reported Deputy Mayor Barry Burton, are costing local businesses in excess of \$1.5 million annually in profits, added

Hort Society can get behind the plan. This all came out at a public meeting hosted by the Creemore BIA Sept. 28, when about 30 people from the business community, and a few from the community-at-large, gathered at Station on the Green to weigh the pros and cons of the plan.

At the meeting, the Hort Society was joined by a foundation, which is in the process of being set up.

"I could tell him we don't want his gift but it would seem to me not too good of a decision," said Arrell.

The Hort Society has been told they would direct the expansion project.

## Creemore bus approved

by Trina Berlo

The Clearview Transit system is expanding to Creemore.

On July 30, council approved a one-year trial of public transit serving Creemore with a connection into Stayner four days a week at seven hours per day, starting as early as possible in 2019, with an estimated cost of \$92,647.36.

Council also directed staff to issue

a cost of \$60 per day and that the trial be funded by taxpayers.

"It's a great step forward," Burton said Monday.

Hendry reported that the Stayner bus has become well used with more than 1,000 riders counted in May and June. Staff has also been working with the County of Simcoe as it develops a plan for a regional transit service, including a leg between Barrie and Creemore.

## Lost dog found shot in rural Clearview

by Trina Berlo

It is believed a pet dog was baited and shot recently in Clearview.

intended as bait.

The dog was shot twice with what is believed to be a 22-caliber rifle. It

Hercules, a 10-year-old American Pit Bull Terrier, was first seen in the area



Staff photo: Trina Berlo

Alliance Homes developer Alex Troop, who is starting on a 498-unit residential development in Creemore, speaks in favour of upgrading a portion of County Roads 9 and 42, with the goal of lifting half load restrictions for trucks at the April 9 Clearview Township council meeting.



Hercules

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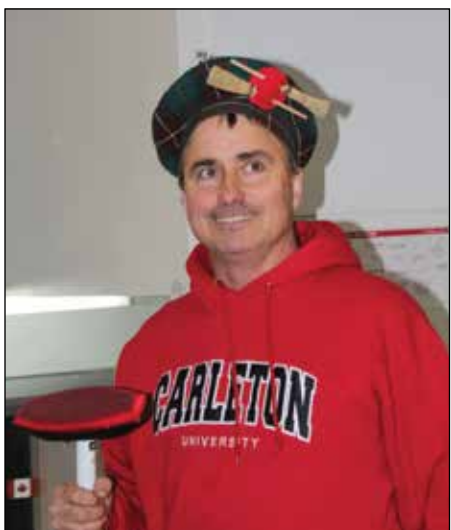
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Helen Blackburn's Founding Fathers show.

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# Performances


Some big names in entertainment come to this little town, and area.




Clockwise from top left: Broken Social Scene, with **Leslie Feist**, at The New Farm's Farms for Change; **Danny Michel** plays Copper Kettle Fest; Whitehorse was just one of several bands that came to Avening Hall in 2018; Shipyard Kitchen Party plays Duntroon Hall for Small Halls Festival; The Paper Bag Princess, **Jim Cuddy** and **Andy Maize** play for CORE; **Dean Brody** films video at private concert in Mulmur.







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# FUN & Games

## Sudoku by Barbara Simpson

		4				6	5	
	1		5	3				
	7				2	9		1
			9		5			7
2								5
1			8		4			
9		1	7					2
				9	3		8	
	4	6				7		

Answers on page 11

## FRED'S FUNNIES

Mary's father has five daughters.  
Nana, Nene,  
Nini, Nono, and ....

What is the fifth daughter's name?

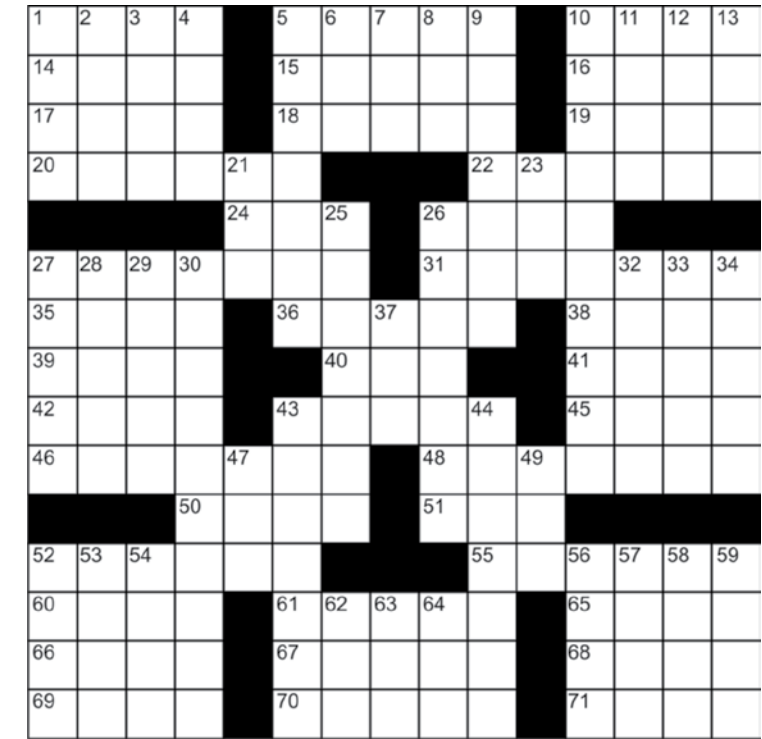
## Canadian Criss Cross

December 28, 2018

### ACROSS

- Group of criminals
- Biblical mountain
- One's distinct individuality
- Kaffiyeh cord
- Species of morid cod
- Correctly aligned
- Half of ten
- Silvery fish
- Without thinking
- Entrance halls
- Plant with dry prickly flowers
- Cattle genus
- Pencil-and-paper game
- A Blue Bombers head coach in the Canadian Football Hall of Fame
- What the Titanic ran into
- Intestinal parts
- Newsstand
- Spoken
- African antelope
- Threaded metal block
- Genus of seabirds in the auk family
- \_\_\_ Lake
- Territorial Park, Northwest Territories
- Having real being
- Senator appointed by Mulroney
- Behave erratically
- River in Panama
- Lion's rumbling cry
- Hold tight
- Short, fast running race
- Shoe part under the laces

- Former Oilers goaltender
- Member of an ancient people of Campania
- Heidi's home
- Brilliantly coloured fish
- Way to go
- Aerial manoeuvre
- Lady's man, for short
- Delicious
- Bearded



- Wish undone
- "The \_\_\_-King"
- One half of the rump
- Town located not far from Regina, Saskatchewan
- Aphrodite's son
- Pear-shaped instrument
- Run your hands over
- Baseball stat
- Summer: Fr.
- A Minister of Natural Resources of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Pair of verse lines
- One who "flies on a broomstick"
- Hawaiian greeting
- Settle a debt
- Buffalo Capital of Canada
- Faulty play in

- baseball
- Move to a higher place
- Protective screen surrounding a hockey rink
- Extinguished
- Place of prayer
- Indian condiment
- Electrically charged particle
- Gone by
- Air pollution
- Bishop of Rome
- Horse colour
- "The Lion King" lioness
- Be radiant
- At the time of
- Catch sight of
- Former French coin
- \_\_\_ laude
- Place to enter a PIN

### DOWN

- Pole with a hook
- Money exchange premium
- All of a country's warships
- Jubilant delight
- Cushion for kneeling
- Measure of electrical resistance



# Open for Business

A number of new businesses and community initiatives started up in 2018.



Clockwise from top left: Gateway Farms Equine Assisted Learning Centre in Mulmur; EarlyON child and family centre sets up at Station on the Green; Malcolm's Place restaurant opens; grand opening help for Bark Park in Stayner; **Liz Van Ryn** opens Creekside Therapy; **Keith Boulter** open law practice; Dufferin Community Foundation launches.



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## AUCTIONS

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**Township of Clearview  
January 2019 Council Meetings**

**Members of the public are invited to attend**

**Budget Workshop #1** - January 7, 2019, 12:30 – 4:30 pm  
**Development Charges Meeting** - January 15, 2019, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
**Stakeholder Meeting** - January 16, 2019, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Budget Workshop #2** - January 21, 2019, 12:30 – 4:30 pm  
Council Chambers, 217 Gideon Street, Stayner  
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**THE COLLECTORS EVENT!!**  
**KIDD FAMILY AUCTIONS PRESENTS THE JAN 5TH GAS, OIL & TOY MEMORABILIA SALE.**  
10 AM START, PREVIEW JAN 4TH 3 - 6 PM.

**FEATURES:** APPROX 400 LOTS FOR THE COLLECTOR. GAS PUMPS, CLOCKS, TIN & PORCELAIN SIGNS, GAS & OIL TINS, MINI OILERS, TIN & CAST TOYS, ETC.

White Rose farm pump; White Rose gas pump, restored w / repro globe; Esso full height, project pump; pump island light; Coke, Pepsi, Sprite, Goodyear, BA, AC spark plugs signs; Archer, Froskil, En-Ar-Co, Cities Service, Golden West, Hudson, Airways, Heavy Duty; Moto-Master, Grand Champion, RedEx, Megatron, Hot-Shot, Kendall, Motor King, etc cans; Black Beauty store display shelf; collectible beer & pop cans; Lincoln, Buddy L, Disney, Dinky toys; Blue Jays cheque; maps & advertising; fire hydrant; licence plates; **NASCAR:** car panels, toys, clothing, memorabilia, etc

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## This week's answers

Fred's Funnies: Mary

G	A	N	G		H	O	R	E	B		S	E	L	F
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6	1	2	5	3	9	4	7	8
5	7	8	6	4	2	9	3	1
4	8	3	9	6	5	2	1	7
2	6	9	3	1	7	8	4	5
1	5	7	8	2	4	3	6	9
9	3	1	7	8	6	5	2	4
7	2	5	4	9	3	1	8	6
8	4	6	2	5	1	7	9	3

  
**Christmas & New Years  
Waste Operations**

**Waste Collections**  
There will be no garbage, organics, and recycling collections on:  
**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018** or  
**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

Collections for the remainder of those weeks shall occur one day later than normal. Have materials at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular day to ensure collection.

*Does not apply to residents of Barrie and Orillia.*

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**Waste Facility Hours**  
Waste facilities will be closed:  
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**Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

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